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Day use fees to be charged at Sutton Lake beginning May 1

Collection of day-use fees will begin at Sutton Lake on May 1, 2022. The fee amount will be the same charged to use the launch ramp in the past. However, only credit card payments will be accepted going forward - no cash will be collected or accepted. Automated fee machines have been installed in Bee Run and at the South Abutment areas and visitors will be expected to pay the \$5 fee to use the areas. Customers will receive a receipt to display in their vehicle dashboard where the date can clearly be seen. Park Rangers will periodically check the vehicles within the recreation areas to ensure payment. Once the fee is paid, it is

good for all day use areas that day.

The fee machines have been situated along the entry road to make payment quick and convenient to visitors, according to Corps of Engineers authorities. Customers with Annual Passes, Senior Passes, Access Passes or other relevant America the Beautiful Passes, do not need to stop at the fee machines; passes should be properly displayed in the vehicle dash so they can be seen from the outside of the vehicle.

Annual Day Use passes may be purchased at the fee machines for \$40. Customers have 10 days to take their Annual Pass receipt to the Lake Office or to the Gerald R.

Freeman Campground Entrance Station to exchange it for a hard pass.

According to the Corps, boat users have been assessed these fees since 1996 and have competed for parking and amenity usage with other visitors who were not assessed the fee. All vehicles parked in Bee Run and the South Abutment areas will be expected to pay the day use fee. Marina customers should consult with the marina operators for instructions.

Information on the 'America The Beautiful' Passes can be found at: www.recreation.gov/pass. The pass is honored at all Corps operated Day Use Areas nationwide.

Gassaway High School Alumni Banquet to return

The Gassaway Alumni Association has announced the return of their annual banquet. After a two-year hiatus, due to COVID, Gassaway High School graduates and their families will gather at the annual GHS Alumni Banquet on Saturday, July 2, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. at the Days Inn & Conference Center.

"We are just so pleased to be able to hold our event this year," says GHS Alumni Association President Barbara Adams. "Since we have not had a banquet since 2019, we are looking forward to seeing all our friends and classmates who can attend."

This years a "Special" program will commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Gassaway High School. A reflection of the school from the past years to present is being produced and will be narrated by Jared Frame. Scholarship recipients will be recognized along with a host of other activities lead by Dr. Kenna Seal, the evening's master of ceremonies.

There will be a social hour beginning at 4:00 p.m. in the Days Inn lobby. Dinner will be served promptly at 5:00. The banquet fee will be \$30.00 per person for reservations received by June 15th. The fee at the door will be \$35.00.

The Menu will consist of: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Hot Rolls, Dessert, and Beverage.

For those who travel and need hotel reservations, a special rate will be offered if they reserve rooms under the Gassaway High Alumni Banquet block when placing their reservation. For accommodations, interested individuals should contact the Day Inn front desk at 1-866-700-7284.

Anyone wishing to make a reservation may make their checks payable to GHS Alumni Association and send them to: Nancy Carr, Treasurer - 1105 Chapel Road, Gassaway, WV 26624.

WV Caring offering free Advance Directives

Saturday, April 16th is National Healthcare Decisions Day (NHDD), a nationwide initiative that encourages adults of all ages to plan ahead of a health crisis. When health decisions are made ahead

of time, those wishes are put in writing, which brings peace of mind for the individual and their families. "The issue of knowing what to do in a serious health situation helps to eliminate the stress of making tough decisions for you and/or a loved one," says a WV Caring spokesperson. "This takes the burden away from wondering if you have done what your loved one wanted." It is important to enable your caregivers to advo-

cate for you when you are unable to do so for yourselves. That way it is more likely to avoid the difficult situations that are so common when you or your loved become seriously ill, and you are left to guess what they would have wanted.

WV Caring will be available this week to help individuals to do their advance directives for free at each local office. On Thursday, April 14th, the social worker will be available at WV Caring's Burnsville office located at 77 Mike and Ike's Plaza, Burnsville, WV. This service will be available from 11 AM-12 PM. Anyone needing additional information, is encouraged to call WV Caring at 1-800-350-1161.

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The Braxton County Board of Education recognized the county Math Field Day winners at their latest regular meeting. Pictured (L to R) Adam Cosner, 2nd place-9th grade; Owen McCallister, 1st place-9th grade; Audrey Duckworth, 2nd place-7th grade; Holden Lloyd, 3rd place-5th grade; Emma Liston, 2nd place-4th grade; Claire Duckworth, 1st place-5th grade; and Bailey McCallister, 1st place-7th grade.

Board of Ed recognizes Math Field Day winners

The Braxton County Board of Education opened their most recent meeting on April 5 by recognizing Math Field Day winners. All first thru third place winners were announced and recognized for their achievements. Present to receive their awards were the following students, Emma Liston, Claire Duckworth, Holden Lloyd, Bailey McCallister, Audrey Duckworth, Owen McCallister, and Adam Cosner.

The next big item discussed was the approval of the lowest bid for the Braxton County Middle School gymnasium floor and bleachers renovation. The two bids that had been received for the project were presented by Chris Campbell, representative of ZMM Architects. On a motion by Evelyn Post, with a second by Dr. Kenna Seal, the board approved the bid of \$217,412, submitted by City Construction Company of Clarksburg, which will include a refinishing and widening the floor, painting new graphics and new bleachers with the seating capacity of 440 individuals. The winning bid also included two additional bids for the wall safety pads under the

baskets and painting the walls of the gym. Over \$14,000 has been raised to go toward the project which will begin in the summer and should be completed by mid-October.

Campbell also discussed the flooding issue at Flatwoods Elementary. He recommended hiring someone to camera the drainage lines to check for obstructions and blockages. His company recommends then to place a concrete ditch near the playground for water flow to connect to perimeter drain lines.

Rebecca DeNuzzo spoke to the board with the two calendar options developed by the calendar committee for the upcoming school year. The two calendars are very similar with just a few minor differences in the some of the holiday breaks. Graduation is set for May 19 in both calendars.

Two individuals requested to speak to the board. The first, Marcy Westfall, requested she speak to board members in executive session. The board went into the session at 6:34 pm and reconvened at 7:08 pm.

Dylan Johnson spoke to the board next with his concerns on the change of time of the Senior Scholarship

Awards Ceremony. In the past, the awards ceremony has been conducted in the evening allowing parents and scholarship presenters to attend. This year the ceremony has been changed to 1:30 pm in the afternoon. The change was stated to allow for entire student body to see the amount of scholarships available. Johnson noted it will be hard for parents and donors to attend. He asked the board to investigate the matter and have the high school administration change the time back to the evening.

Board member Evelyn Post announced the superintendent search was still ongoing. President DeAnna Whipkey stated the posting for the position would be going out by next week.

Superintendent Kathy Hypes reminded everyone that spring break starts on April 11. Also, the WV General Summative Assessment begins on April 25.

Under regular business, board members approved the following consent agenda items on a motion by Dr. Martha Dean: approval of March 15 meeting minutes.

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Spring Gardening Workshop planned for Saturday, April 23

As the temperatures are warming, buds on fruit trees are swelling, daffodils are blooming and gardeners are yearning to get out into their gardens. The cure for this year's spring fever is "Spring into Gardening" on April 23, from 10:00 a.m. until noon at the Sutton Farmer's Market. The workshop will provide some basic information on gardening for beginning and experienced gardeners alike. The focus will be an activity to get gardeners thinking about the layout and design of their garden - whether they plan to grow flowers, vegetables, fruit or other edibles.

The program begins at 10:00 a.m. with local Extension Master Gardeners giving a brief introduction to soils, site selection, choosing seeds and transplants, companion planting, insect pests and beneficial insects to control pests.

Following the introductory sessions, participants will be provided with items to design a layout of their garden space. This program is planned with both young and old, and new and experienced gardeners in mind.

Seeds and fact sheets about a variety of gardening subjects will be available for participants at no charge. "Spring into Gardening" is sponsored by the Braxton-Clay Master Gardeners, and WVU Extension in Braxton

and Clay counties. For more information or to register for the day, call WVU-Braxton County Extension at 304-765-2809 or WVU-Clay County Extension at 304-587-4267.

Braxton County High School 2022 Top Ten



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#5 - Lainey Hunt enjoys hunting with her father

By Shirley Shuman

Through her high school career, Lainey Hunt played basketball, and she enjoyed it. Another activity—quite different from playing basketball, which she enjoys is hunting with her father. Hunt, who killed a bear a few years ago, has also been successful hunting deer. Asked what she likes

about hunting, the soon-to-be graduate replied, "I enjoy being with my dad, and I like being outdoors."

The daughter of Jason and Rhonda Hunt, she also enjoys shooting basketball and spending time with her family during her free time. In school, in ad-

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As I See It

By Ed Given



Day use fees...

You will read on the front page of this issue that the US Army Corps of Engineers will be implementing a charging system to utilize the recreational areas of Sutton Lake. Yes, they have charged to use the launch ramps for some time, but this will be a first for local residents and tourists to have to pay \$5 per car to park on the paved areas of Bee Run or behind the Dam. That means \$5 if you want to go swimming; \$5 if you want to take your child to the playground; \$5 if you want to go walking or hiking on public property... the list goes on.

The only thing that the \$5 fee does not apply to is the customers at the Marina, that is assuming you can find a space on their already overcrowded gravel parking lot. The lot is too small to accommodate the boat owners and their guests as it is. The Corps has previously refused to allow the marina operator to enlarge the parking area.

Now we have a new Marina owner taking over this year and this can't be good for business. I have seen hundreds of people come to the Marina, buy a hotdog and soda or ice cream cone and walk along the shoreline and enjoy mother nature. Now we will have to pay \$5 for that privilege. How devastating will this be to the local economy?

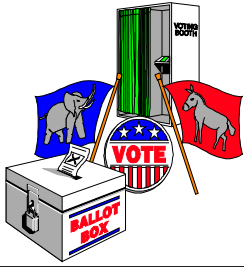
To make matter worse, they only take plastic. You can't pay in cash. A lot of lower-income citizens patronized our lake by taking their children swimming or fishing along the bank. Many don't have credit cards. Regardless, if they want to continue that privilege, it will cost... you guessed it... \$5.

The same will apply when I invite someone to come to my boat for an afternoon. If it's the week-end, they will not be able to park in the gravel lot, particularly now. How much will it cost my children and grandchildren to be able to spend time with us this summer like they have in the past?

It is as if the Corps prefers to have less use of the recreational facilities. Oh, wait, on more then one occasion, I have had people in the upper echelon of the Corps tell me that flood control was their prime directive and everything else fell to a distant second.

In the nearly 50 years I have been behind this desk I have had multiple encounters with the Corps of Engineers. Some have been really rewarding and others... not so much. Way back, a group came up with a plan that entailed use of some property at the mouth of Bee Run. We had a series of meetings with the Corps before they said no. One of the interesting things that came from those meeting was a local resident provided a Master Plan for Sutton Lake, developed by the Corps when they first conceived the proposal of building the Dam. It was obviously a piece intended to soften the blow of condemnation of hundreds of acres of Braxton County property. It was amazing what the Corps promised to provide in exchange for taking the land. Most of those amenities never came to fruition. In fact, that Master Plan seems to have disappeared. Now the Corps is taking it to a new level and going to charge us \$5 a day to swim in our own lake.

While I'm not surprised. I really, really don't like it.



Meet the Candidates...

EDITORS NOTE: This Meet Your Candidate series is a public service of Braxton Newspapers. Items are provided by the candidates and will be published as space permits free of charge. We reserve the right to edit any and all submissions. We thank the candidates for sharing this information with voters. All submissions will be printed by April 15.

Hoover is candidate for Board of Education



I'm Carolyn Hoover, currently a candidate

for a seat on the Braxton County Board of Education. I completed coursework at Glenville State, WVU and Marshall University. I obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education. Also, I have a Master of Arts degree in Education and Educational Administration.

Having been involved in Education for 32 years, I've gotten to experience teaching

in different subject areas ranging from second grade to ninth grade English. Also, I've been involved with Local School Improvement Councils and PTA's. I was part of the faculties in Lewis, Harrison, and Cabell counties, as well as a year with RESA VII. Arriving in Braxton County as a middle school principal, and later as an assistant principal, began some of my most interesting and enduring years working with your children.

I married a local

Just look at this!

A weekly photo of opinion in Braxton County... sometimes good and sometimes not so good.



Little Birch Elementary School received a grant from the WV Broadcasters Association to kickstart a student produced news channel. In the award letter, Mr. Barnett indicated that LBE is the first elementary school to be awarded grant funding on behalf of the association. Principal Wine, students, and staff are excited to begin this exciting project as part of new STEAM lab. Members of the Student Leadership Team will be the first to learn the skills of recording, editing, production, and public speaking to highlight the happenings of the Little Birch Pirates.

man, Jon “JD” Hoover. I brought three children into our marriage, and now, we have two grandchildren. Braxton County has been my home for over 30 years.

There appears to be several issues facing Braxton County Schools. One in particular, Learning Education 2025, is an example. As always, finances, facilities, staffing, learning resources for your children are at the top of the list.

Difficult decisions will have to be made. You, as a parent, grandparent or guardian are a necessary part of making our schools successful for children. Putting kids first should be our priority. I appreciate your support.

Letters to the Editor: Our policy...

We would like to remind readers that we welcome letters to the editor.

We would like to reiterate our policy of not publishing letters that do not contain the author's identification. You must enclose a phone number for verification purposes. The number will not be published.

We reserve the right to edit and/or refuse any letter. We do not accept letters refuting or endorsing candidates for any upcoming election.

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News from our Capitol

by Delegate Brent Boggs

When you've been out of town for a few days, it's always a good feeling to know you've been missed. For those of you reading this that have pets, you likely know where I'm coming from. When we picked up Waldo and Buddy from being boarded while in South Carolina for a few days, they were beyond excited to see Jean and me. We've been home a week and they still are sticking close to the door, making sure we're not taking any suitcases to the vehicles. Zip the cat, on the other hand, is less excited at our comings and goings.

It's been two weeks since the GSU Lady Pioneers basketball team won the national championship. Previously scheduled spring break at GSU delayed an on-campus celebration, but the week did not dampen the enthusiasm and appreciation of what this team accomplished. A tremendous celebration was held last Wednesday at the Waco Center and in downtown

Glenville. After the parade, the team was met with a thunderous ovation from residents of central West Virginia, school students from several counties, and the GSU student population. Even WVU Basketball Coach and Hall of Fame Coach Bob Huggins traveled in from his hectic schedule to visit with and congratulate Coach Kim Stephens and the Lady Pioneers players, coaches, and staff.

It was indeed a great day to be a Pioneer. As I write this Sunday night, I've been reviewing information from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs regarding its Asset and Infrastructure report (AIR), released in mid-March. Some of the recommendations are causing concerns across our state for our veteran's population and their families. After reviewing the report, I share their concerns and how it could adversely impact our veterans in West Virginia.

The AIR Commission will conduct public hear-

ings as part of its review of the VA's recommendations before submitting its own recommendations to the president for review in 2023. When these public hearings are scheduled, I urge everyone to voice their opinions in support of keeping current services available at Huntington, Clarksburg, and Beckley VA facilities. Meanwhile, contact the members of our congressional delegation and respectfully insist they do everything possible to ensure our veterans need not travel further for medical care and treatment. Veterans have put their lives on the line for us. They deserve our help and support.

On a different topic, I don't often venture into the personnel decisions of the Executive branch of West Virginia government agencies. but at times over the past twenty-six years, I've called out the less-than-helpful agency chiefs and personnel that fail to assist constituents respectfully, accurately, and promptly. Likewise, I've always been appreciative and vocal in the praise of those senior level workers that go the extra mile to serve the citizens of our state. This week, I'm very concerned over the yet unexplained departure of DHHR Deputy

Secretary Jeremiah Samples.

Over the years, for the hundreds of problems, concerns, and inquiries that have involved DHHR at every level, I've counted on Jeremiah to be a thorough, prompt, and highly knowledgeable source of help and information when trying to navigate the behemoth agency. Prior to his coming to DHHR from the Office of the Insurance Commissioner, DHHR often kept legislators and the public in the dark, stalled on providing requested information, or simply never responded without calling the Governor's office in frustration. Chances are if you've ever asked me for information or help from DHHR, Jeremiah Samples was my first call. I never had to call a second time. In short, he'd tell you what you needed to know; not what you wanted to hear.

Jeremiah has consistently been a great asset to legislators from both parties and the citizens we serve. It would be a terrible disservice if his departure was because he helped everyone, not just one party. His absence at DHHR will be sorely missed. While I do not know the details of whether he left voluntarily

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dition to her classes which include several college courses, she is active as a member of the local chapter of the National Honor Society.

Hunt enjoys most of her classes, but her favorite is algebra with Mackenzie Helmick. Saying she is “good at math,” she explained that “Mrs. Helmick makes it even more interesting.” She chose history instructor Jerry Frame as her favorite teacher. “He builds connections with us,” she said, “and he’s good at explaining. He makes sure we understand.”

Reflecting on her high school career, Hunt named the pandemic as the one event which has had the most impact on her education. “I think the pandemic has impacted me the most throughout my high school years,” she said. “It wasn’t a ‘normal’ high school experience like most people get to have. I didn’t get to experience things most high school kids get to, like prom and sports, or even get to see the faces of my friends every day.”

Lainey Hunt will enter Glenville State University this fall to study elementary education. She chose GSU for her college education because “it’s only 15 or 20 minutes from [her] house, and it’s one of the best teaching colleges in the state.” She continued to explain why she chose teaching as her career. “I love kids and want to make a difference in their lives.,” she said.

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utes; transportation requests; payment of bills; budget transfers and supplements; and treasurer’s report. Board member Dolores Wright asked Facilities Director Brenda Wells to look into the water bill at the bus garage. She noted it was extremely high for this period.

Board members went into executive session again at 7:17 pm to discuss an employee suspension. They reconvened at 7:53 pm. After the executive session, the board approved the fol-

lowing professional, service and extra-curricular personnel recommendations on a motion by Dolores Wright: employment of Melissa Strong, from first grade, Flatwoods to Title I teacher, Little Birch, Jamie Lemon, from LD/BD/MI/AU teacher, BCHS, to history teacher, BCHS, Jami Hefner, extended day transition specialist (part-time), Sherry Moats, substitute aide and substitute cook, Madeline Wankmuller, substitute cook, and Chelsea Hosey, custodian, BCMS/board office; resignations for Leslie Shiflet, teacher, BCHS, Marissa Fagnoli-Peterson, elementary music teacher, and Rodney Pritt, assistant football coach, BCHS; leave of absence for Patrick Facemire, extend unpaid medical leave through end of the school year; and suspension of employee A, teacher, three days without pay.

The board approved Policy 3125: Extra-Duty Assignments-Service Personnel on a motion by Dr. Seal. Superintendent Hypes noted that no comments had been made on the policy that laid out guidance for extra-duty assignments for service personnel.

On two separate motions, the board approved Linda Jenkins as parent volunteer for the BCHS Greenhouse

Mountain State Ground Beef program to be outlined April 18

The Mountain State Ground Beef Program is a partnership between Buzz Food Service/Appalachian Abattoir, the West Virginia Cattlemen’s Association with support from WVU Extension, the West Virginia Department of Agriculture and other educational support organizations across the state.

This team is implementing a WV Branded Ground Beef program to diversify market opportunities for all WV beef producers and meet

Small Ruminant Field Day Planned for May 10

Sheep and goats provide many benefits for livestock producers – added income, brush and weed control, and im-

and the fundraisers that were presented.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 19 at 6:00 pm. As always, members of the Braxton County community are encouraged to attend regular board meetings. Any parent or concerned community member wishing to speak as a delegate or with public concerns may do so by signing in up to 15 minutes prior to the start of the meeting.

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or was forced out... time will tell. All I know is that his expertise at DHHR was unsurpassed. Eventually, the facts will emerge.

Now that the session is concluded until April interim meetings, please contact me at my home office at: 151 Park Street, Gassaway, WV 26624. The phone number is **304-364-8411**. For those with Internet access, my legislative email address is: Brent.Boggs@WVHouse.gov

Remember to thank a Veteran every day for their service and remember our troops - at home and abroad - and keep them and their families in your thoughts and prayers. Until next week, take care.

Way back when...

Long ago in Braxton County



Landmark Studio for the Arts...
This early 1900's photo shows the St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church on Main Street adjacent to the Sutton Volunteer Fire Department. In later years the building became home to the Landmark Studio for the Arts. Note the dirt streets in the photograph. The photo is courtesy of Craig A. Smith collection and is featured in a series of historical

books about Braxton County titled "Looking Back". The five volumes are filled with old pictures and county history. These books, The History of Braxton County, The History of Bulltown and Craig's three cookbooks are available for purchase at the Citizens' News/Democrat-Central Office, 501 Main Street, Sutton, WV. They make great gifts for the history buff in your family!

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OBITUARIES

Chrystal Rose Burns
Chrystal Rose Burns, 39, of Heaters, WV passed a w a y April 5, 2022. She was born on June 5, 1982 to parents Jim and Dottie Burns.

Chrystal is survived by her parents; daughters, Tori Lucas (Wyatt), Addison Burns and Lana Burns (Mark Farnziskakis), sister, Chasity Ware (Jason); niece Lilly Ware; nephew Caleb Ware; companion, Will Fisher, uncles,

Billy Stalnaker (Tammy), John Stalnaker (Beth), Rodney Stalnaker; extended family and church family from the Prophetic House of Prayer.

Chrystal loved doing anything outdoors. She loved buggy riding, fishing, swimming, picnicking, taking her dogs outside to play and going to the river. She loved spending time with her family, especially her girls. Chrystal loved God and was a Christian by faith. She can now sing with the Angels and have peace for her soul.

Service was held on Sunday, April 10, 2022 at 1 pm at Stockert Funeral Home & Crema-

tion, Flatwoods, WV. Visitation was two hours prior to the service from 11:00-1:00 pm. Pastor Sheila Baughman officiated the service.

Stockert Funeral Home & Cremation is honored to serve the Burns family.

Terry Kenneth Riffle
Terry Kenneth Riffle, 72, of Diana passed away on M o n d a y , April 4, 2022 at his home. He was b o r n J a n u a r y 11,

1950 in Diana to the late Leonard and Wilma Hall Riffle and was a coal miner by trade. Terry was an avid Pittsburgh Steelers fan, enjoyed WVU Sports, could quote comedy and movies, and enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother Jim Riffle. Terry is survived by his children, Michelle (David) O'Dell of Nettie, Michael Riffle of Huntington, Kendal Riffle (Adam Foster) of Charleston, and Sierra Riffle (Justin Hines) of Diana; grandchildren, Cassidy O'Dell, Briar O'Dell, Jystin Hines, and Kinsley Foster; sisters Agnes Carpenter of Diana and Jeannie (Ike) Hosey of Webster Springs; family friend Donna Garvin (Harold); and several other extended family and friends to mourn his passing.

Friends joined the family for visitation on Saturday, April 9, 2022 from 6-9 PM at Dodd & Reed Funeral Home. Funeral Services to celebrate Terry's life were held on Sunday, April 10, 2022 at 2:00 PM at Dodd & Reed Funeral Home with Pastor Michael Cool officiating. Interment followed in Big Run Cemetery, Diana.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.doddreedfh.com.

Dodd & Reed Funeral Home is honored to be serving Terry's family.

Gene Richard Nauman, Sr.
Gene Richard Nauman, Sr., 86, of Duck, went home to be with the Lord on March 28, 2022, at his residence.

He was born May 5, 1935 in Lebanon, Pa. the son of the late Victor & Lydia Reese Nauman. Also preceding him in death was his daughters, Dawn Nauman, Jamie Lee Nauman. Gene was a owner and operated of Nauman Garage in Elizabethtown, PA, a Army veteran and a member of Little Birch Southern Baptist Church. He is survived by his loving wife, Jane Campbell Nauman; son, Gene Nauman, Jr. of Lancaster, PA; daughters, Debbie Shank of York, PA, Lorie Snyder of Bainbridge, PA; brothers, Kenneth Nauman of Hershey, PA, John Nauman (Judy) of Elizabethtown, PA; sister, Dorothy Martin of Elizabethtown, PA; 13 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Upon his request the body will be cremated. Greene-Robertson Funeral Home is humbled to be serving the Nauman family.

Online condolences may be sent to: greene-robertsonfuneralhome.com

Charles Emerson Kessler
Charles Emerson Kessler, 83, of Webster Springs w e n t home to be with the Lord on S u n d a y , April 3, 2022 in the comfort of his home.

Born March 30, 1939 in Marfrance, WV, he was the son of the late Earl and Tressa (Nutter) Kessler. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers: Benny (and wife, Linda) Kessler, John Kessler, and Tom Kessler; and his sister-in-law, Shirley Kessler. Charles took great pride in his roots, always telling stories of growing up on Williams River and graduating from Cowen High School in 1958. He was a very giving soul and always pitched in to help with the community and church. Charles was a member of the Addison Town Council, the Webster Springs PSD Board, and was instrumental in bringing the Baker-Addison Pool to fruition. He was a jack of all trades. He worked as a lineman, a coal miner, and an electrician. In addition, he was a Mason and enjoyed wood work and construction. He was involved in the building of several homes, and The Grassy Creek Cabin. He enjoyed taking backroad drives, strolling in the woods, hunting, and wrestling matches with his granddaughter. A member of the First Baptist Church of Webster Springs, he was a Godly man and attended whenever his health would allow. Charles loved his family and was very proud of everything that they were involved in.

Left to cherish his memory are his loving wife over 60 years, Connie (Lough) Kessler; his daughter, Marie (Karl) Zimmer of Gray, GA; grandchildren: Amber (J.J.) Morris of Lexington, SC; Robyn (Tommy) Arnhart, and Blaine Zimmer, both of Knoxville, TN; great-grandchildren: Dalton Morris, Savannah Morris, Brayden Arnhart, Elijah Arnhart, Bryson Zimmer, and Carson Zimmer; siblings: Clifford (Margie) Kessler of Summersville, Agnes (Dave) Wilson of Weston, and Carolyn (Roger) McCoy of Webster Springs; sisters-in-law: Jennifer Kessler and Deloris Kessler; and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

Services to celebrate Charles' life were held 1pm, Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at Dodd & Reed Funeral Home, Webster Springs, with Pastor Shawn Frame officiating. Burial followed at West Virginia Memorial Gardens, Calvin. Friends joined the family for visitation from 11am-1pm on the day of the service.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.doddreedfh.com

Dodd & Reed Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Kessler family

Carl Allden West
Carl Allden West, 78, of Huron, passed a w a y in his home on F r i d a y , March 18, 2022 after a lengthy illness.

He was born on March 25, 1943 in Charleston, WV to the late Allden and Helen (Walker) West. Carl grew up and attended high school in Gassaway, WV. He was a United States Army veteran, honorably serving from 1960-1963. He retired from Ford Motor Company, where he served many years as a supervisor. Carl and his recently late wife, Cynthia, loved to snowbird. They took their camper/RV south to a different spot along the Gulf Coast each year. Carl and Cynthia loved dogs, especially Pugs and rescued 12 of them during their time together.

Carl is survived by his children, Heather Bernice "HB" West, of Georgia, Russ (Terra) Tansey, of Michigan, Frances (John) Korhel, of Vermilion, OH, and Sissy Tansey, of OH; six grandchildren; sister Marian W. Smith of Kansas City, MO and brother James Stephen (Laura) Walker of Morgantown, WV.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by Cynthia West, on March 4, 2022; and daughter, and Peggy Tansey. Visitation was from 5-6 P.M. on Thursday, March 24 at Toft Funeral Home.

Services to celebrate Carl's life were held 1pm, Wednesday, March 29, 2022 at Toft Funeral Home, Huron, with Pastor Roland Ramsey officiating. Burial followed at Toft Cemetery, Huron. Friends are invited to attend the service. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.toftfuneralhome.com

Toft Funeral Home is honored to be serving the West family

Carolyn Sue "Susie" Luzader
Carolyn Sue "Susie" Luzader, 77, of Glenville, WV; departed t h i s earthly life in the evening of Wednesday, March 30, 2022 at her residence with her loving family by her side.

She was born November 3, 1944 in Harrison County, WV; daughter of the late Raymond and Alta Bush Davis. Susie was an equipment operator, laborer, and flagger for the Department of Highways and attended Sunday services Little Kanawha Independent Church in Burnsville. She is a Christian by faith and in her spare time, Susie enjoyed spending time with family and friends, caring for her loved ones anytime she was needed, tending to her flower garden, working with horses and pack mules, and caring for her cats and dogs.

On April 17, 1999 she was united in marriage to Roger Lee Luzader who survives at their Glenville home. Surviving are her 2 loving sons, Fred Dennison and wife Wendy of Tooele, UT; and Kevan Dennison of Amarillo, TX; and 2 step-children, Jessica Ramsey and husband Jason of Burnsville, WV; and Bryan Luzader of Charleston, WV; and a special niece, Diane Rine of Ohio.

Also surviving are 7 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and many other wonderful family and friends.

Along with her parents, Susie is preceded in death by 2 sisters, Ruth Anne Simmons and Sharon Mortinsen, and 5 brothers, Blair, Donnie, Ralph, Kenny, and Dennis Davis.

A funeral service was conducted at the Ellyson Mortuary, Inc., 2 Vanhorn Drive, Glenville, WV; 26351 at 1:00 p.m.; Saturday, April 2, 2022 with Rev Ronzel Roberts officiating. Burial followed in the Sand Fork Cemetery in Sand Fork, WV. Friends were received from 11:00 – 1:00 Saturday at the Mortuary in Glenville.

In lieu of flowers the family request memorial contributions be made to the West Virginia Caring Hospice in honor of Susie. Ellyson Mortuary, Inc., is honored to assist the family of Carolyn Sue "Susie" Luzader with arrangements.

Good Friday Service
There will be a Good Friday Service at 6:00 PM at the Burnsville Methodist Church.

Weese family note of thanks
The family of Alan Weese would like to thank everyone that has shown love during this difficult time. A special thank you to Roach Funeral Home, the Annabelle

Restauran, Encore, and everyone who sent food, flowers, photos and more. Our rebel angel would have loved his send off. Sincerely Hope Weese

Change, is it possible?
It means to become different, different from what you are now and to become different in a better state of mind, body and soul. Why do people want to make a change in their lives, could it be that they have seen exactly who and what they have become and do not like the image that they see because they have literally met themselves? What do I mean by that statement, it means that they have taken a look at themselves in the mirror of life, and they are ashamed of what they see, it means that they are sick and tired of themselves and what they have become. Three areas of change, why, how and when, why do I want to change, how do I change and when do I change. A person must define within themselves why they want to change, most people see themselves in a state that makes them ashamed, they see in their life that where they are headed is not good and may be fatal to themselves and maybe to a loved one. Rom 6:23 23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. KJV Examples of people who made a change to their lives Paul the Apostle, Gal. 1:1-13 Paul was guilty of delivering early Christians so that they could be put to death Peter the Apostle was guilty of denying the very Christ the son of the living God Luke 22:60-62 60 And Peter said, Man, I know not what thou sayest. And immediately, while he yet spake, the cock crew. 61 And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. 62 And Peter went out, and wept bitterly. The prodigal son was guilty of bringing shame to his father's house and name Luke 15:11-31 Luke 15:17-19 17 And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! 18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, 19 And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants. KJV How do I change? You start exactly where you are in life and make a determination within yourself that leads to a better you, and you do that with making a decision to be with God. Saul of Tarsus or later know as Paul the Apostle started with God. Acts 9:3-5 3 And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven: 4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? 5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. Peter: Matt 26:75-27:1 75 And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly. Prodigal son: Luke 15:17-18 17 And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to span, and I perish with hunger! 18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, When do I start, the answer is immediately Heb 12-1-2 12:1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, 2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of Cod KJV Heb 10:31 31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. KJV James 4:14 14 Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. KJV Change is possible, the question is do you want to make the change?

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Burnsville Good Friday Service

There will be a Good Friday Service at 6:00 PM at the Burnsville Methodist Church. Pastor Roland Ramsey will bring the message. Community welcome.

Revival

Revival meeting will be May 9-13, 7:00 pm each night at the Long Run Baptist Church. Evangelist Marck Secrist will bring the message. Special singing each evening. Everyone welcome.

Sunrise Service

North Sutton United Methodist Charge will be having Sunrise Services at 6:30 am, Easter Sunday, April 17 at the Mt. Hebron United Methodist Church, Vernon Road, Sutton, WV. Please join us as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Saviour. Pastor John McQuain.

Elizabeth Chapel

Its spring again and time for mowing and upkeep of the cemetery. Thank you to all that donated last year. Please mail donations to Ronald L. Facemire, 910 Two Lick Road, Sutton, WV 26601. For questions, call 304-765-7824.

Hoover Cemetery

Its spring again and time to start mowing and working to upkeep the cemetery. Thank you to all that donated last year. Please mail donations to Rhetta May Facemire, 910 Two Lick Road, Sutton, WV 26601 (304-765-7824) or Harold Batton, 8078 Bug Ridge Road, Sutton, WV 26601 (304-765-2360).

Easter Sunrise Service

There will be a Sunrise Service at the First Southern Baptist Church (located on the hill above the Senior Center) April 17, 2022 starting at 6:30 A.M. Service will be presented by Pastor Dave Merryman .There will be music by the Community Choir consisting of members of the First Southern Baptist, Christ Church, United Methodist Church of Sutton and the Sutton Baptist Church. There will be a breakfast provided after the sermon. Everyone come and bring a friend.

Sunrise Service

The First Baptist Church of Burnsville will be holding Sunrise Service on Sunday, April 17. Sunrise Service will be at 8:00 am; breakfast at 9:00 am; and Sunday School at 10:00 am. Everyone is welcome to join in the service and celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Rummage Sale at Burnsville

The Burnsville United Methodist Charge will host a Spring Rummage and Bake Sale Friday and Saturday, April 29 and 30. We will be taking donations of new or gently used items if you have things you no longer need. Please call to arrange a drop off appointment at the church as we do not want items left at the door of the basement. The sale will be open from 9:00am til 5:00pm each day. Come out and browse the tables that will be full of a variety of wares, dishes, tools, decorations, toys, and much more. 304-853-2815

Good Friday Service at Burnsville

There will be an ecumenical Good Friday

Service on April 15 at 6:00pm. The Burnsville Baptist Minister, Roland Ramsey, will be preaching at the Burnsville Methodist Church that evening. The service is open to anyone who would like to come and reflect upon the sacrifice that was made for the sins of man. We invite everyone to come, share, and celebrate together.

Easter Sunrise Service

The Burnsville Methodist Charge will be hosting an Easter Sunrise Service at the Church on April 17 at 7:00am. The event is open to everyone as we come together early in the morning on the first day of the week to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Breakfast will be served in the basement afterward. We would love to see you there.

Good Friday Service

There will be a Good Friday Service at the Engel Chapel Community Church in Gassaway, on April 15th at 7:00 P.M. Rev. Tom Harper, Pastor. Evangelist Dennis Estes will bring the message. Jimmy Howson will be the special singer. Everyone is welcome. Come out expecting a blessing.

Baked Steak Dinner

The Gassaway Public Library will be hosting a baked steak dinner on Saturday, April 23 at the Braxton County Middle School from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Eat in or carry out. The cost will be \$10.00 each. All proceeds benefit the Gassaway Public Library.

Ramp Dinner

The Frametown Fire Department will host a ramp dinner on Sunday, May 1st from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. The menu will consist of Ramps, Bacon, Fried Potatoes, Eggs, Brown or White Beans, Cornbread, Desert, and a drink. The cost will be \$15.00 for adults, kids 5 to 12 will be \$8.00 and children 4 and under are free.

Braxton Gilmer Christian School 2022-23 Enrollment

The Braxton Gilmer Christian School will be holding enrollment on April 22nd and 23rd from 3:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. at the Chapel Community Center. Email braxtongilmerchristianschool@gmail.com. Telephone (304)462-8106. Location Chapel Community Center, 4077 Chapel Road, Gassaway, WV 26624. Grades K – 8. More information may be at the school website is 62117754d7c4f.site123.me. If you are interested in being a teacher, please submit a letter of intent and resume through the school email or by mail to Colin Sprouse 8736 Gassaway Road. Normantown, WV 25267. If you would like to support the school, please send donations to Wilda Gerwig 9892 Gassaway Road Normantown, WV 25267 or to Colin Sprouse 8736 Gassaway Road. Normantown, WV 25267

Easter Egg Hunt

The Bulltown Association will host its Second Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16th at the 3:00 P.M at the Bulltown Historical Area. There will be four age groups with two prize eggs in each group. Candy bags for all participants.

AA - Recovery

Meetings

AA – Recovery Meetings will be held on Tuesdays, 7pm at Spruce Grove Church, 44 Spruce Grove Rd., Frametown, WV 26623. Contact: Ed Rollyson 304-435-9333

Newville Cemetery Spring Clean-Up Day

On Saturday, April 23, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. the families and friends of loved ones resting at the Newville Cemetery will meet at this special place for Spring clean-up day. We will clear the cemetery of debris in preparation for the mowing season. Any loose flowers or decorations not secured on a grave or monument will be discarded. All interested folks are encouraged to come and visit and help with this annual project. Rain date for this activity will be April 30, 2022. All donations to the Newville Cemetery are greatly appreciated.

Praise & Worship Service

The Old German Community Church on Chapel Road in Gassaway will be hosting a Praise and Worship Service April 13-15 at 7:00 pm each night. Pastor Rick Hart

Jackson Cemetery, Little Birch

It is time to start mowing and working to upkeep our cemetery. Thanks to those who donated last year: Cecil and E. Lynn Rose, Nancy Friend, Herb and Becky Cogar, Anna Dodrill, Shelby Bowyer, and Bernard and Patty Mollohan. Send your donation to: Patty Mollohan, PO Box 61, Little Birch, WV 26629.

Braxton County Farm Bureau meeting

Please plan to attend the Braxton County Farm Bureau meeting on Monday, April 18, 2022 at 7 PM at the Flatwoods Community Building. We have some items to take care of at this meeting---the most important is choosing the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place WV In Agriculture posters from the Flatwoods Elem. 4th graders. Also remember to bring some canned goods to be given to the Ronald McDonald houses. Looking forward to seeing many more of you in attendance. Linda Brown, BCFB.

BCMA Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Braxton County Ministerial Association on April 11, 2022, 9:00 am at Luzader’s 3 Girls Diner in Flatwoods. Any pastor who is interested in getting any information is invited to come to the meeting.

Trustees of the Braxton County Cemetery accept bids on 2022 mowing season

The Trustees of the Braxton County Cemetery located on Route 15 near Holly Gray Park are accepting bids for the 2022 mowing season. Please mail bid for mowing and weed eating services to Braxton County Cemetery, PO Box 342, Flatwoods, WV 26621. Must have your own equipment. All bids must be postmarked by April 20, 2022. For further information or questions please call 540-392-0169 or 304-765-5965.

Braxton County Cemetery donations

The Trustees of the Braxton County Cemetery located on route 15 near Holly Gray Park are accepting donations for mowing and upkeep of the cemetery. Please mail donations to Braxton County Cemetery Association, PO Box 342, Flatwoods, WV 26621. Thank you for your sup-

port.

Burnsville Lake’s Fifth Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Burnsville Lake is hosting its Fifth Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16 at 1:00 P.M. Due to a cancellation in weather, make up date is Saturday, April 23. This free family friendly event will be held at the Burnsville Lake Downstream area. There will be prizes for each age group and an “egstravagant” amount of eggs to search for. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Burnsville Lake and the Burnsville Lake, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. For questions and additional information, please contact the Friends of the Burnsville Lake and the Burnsville Lake, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Facebook page.

Braxton County Jamboree April Music Schedule

The Braxton County Jamboree has announced its music schedule for April 2022. April 1 Retro Country, April 8 Whiskey River, April 15 Jessica Schoonover Anderson and Rick Tincher and The Birch River Band. April 22 Frank Conn and the Partners, April 29 Buck and Company (Bluegrass) Concessions will be available for purchase. No Alcohol Permitted at any event. The Braxton County Jamboree is Handicap-Accessible. The Braxton County Jamboree is located at 258 Parsons Dr, Gassaway, WV 26624 For more information and to follow the Braxton County Jamboree please visit Facebook or online at <http://braxtoncountyjamboree.WebStarts.com/> You may also contact Lena Parsons at (304) 364-5577 or by

email at e-mail--lparsons804@gmail.com

Jacob Shaver Memorial Cemetery meeting

The annual membership meeting of the Jacob Shaver Memorial Cemetery will help at the cemetery May 28, 2022 at 1:00 P.M. Donations for cemetery maintenance greatly appreciated.

Local Wellness Committee virtual meeting

Braxton County Schools is proud to announce that our Local Wellness Committee will be meeting virtually this year. Local School Wellness began when the Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004 required all districts to establish local school wellness policies by School Year 2006-2007 with a goal of promoting student health, preventing childhood obesity, and combating problems associated with poor nutrition and physical inactivity. Braxton County Schools is looking for community members at large that would like to participate in our Local Wellness Committee. If you are interested please contact Kelly Wilmoth the Executive Secretary of Technology and Child Nutrition at 304-765-7101 extension 728. The virtual meeting date left for this year is 04.25.2022.

Central WV Riding Club 2022 show dates

The Central WV Riding Club has announced the show dates for 2022. Be sure to write these dates out in your calendar and come out to support the club. 2022 show dates: May 21, June 25, July 16 -Youth Show, July 23, August 27, September 24, and October 8. Trail Ride October 16 @ 1:00 p.m. on Sugar

Camp Rd (John & Kathy Given’s) Gassaway. All shows are held at Holly Gray Park and start at 5:00 p.m. Showbill will be posted after the February meeting. Anyone interested in joining or sponsoring a class contact the Central West Virginia Riding Club Facebook page with an address or email address to send it to and which form(s) you need. Membership is \$5 per person and \$10 per family. Sponsorship is \$40 for Silver Sponsor and \$100 for Gold Sponsor.

Burnsville Freedom Festival volunteers needed for 2022

Due to the growth of our festival we need more volunteers to help plan, fund raise and help during the event. We have some phenomenal bands and other events already lined up for this year and we need your help. Please call 304-853-2605 or private message the Freedom Festival Facebook page for more details.

“The Journey”

It is called “The Journey” of Hope and Restoration, these studies are through the “Living Free” program curriculum. These studies are done in a small group setting that meets each Monday at 6:00 pm. The lesson that we are currently studying is “Coping with Losses of Life”. This is a biblically-based study and everyone is welcome to participate. We serve food at 5:30 PM each Monday at 602 Elk Street, Gassaway, WV. We have many areas that we are able to minister to others as well such as the areas of destructive behaviors, harmful emotions, negative attitudes, unhealthy relationships, and substance abuse. To register or if you have questions you can call Pastor Eric Veltre at 304-689-0000.

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COUNTY STORIES

By: JEANETTE RIFFLE

Fox On Capital Hill

We saw on TV news this past week where a fox had gotten on Capital Hill and had bitten six people. It had rabies. Now, those people are being treated with shots. I Googled rabies and it is a deadly virus. It is spread through saliva of a bite from an animal. Some of the most common ones to get the rabies in our country are bats, coyotes, foxes, stray dogs, and coons. We had the scare of rabies when I was growing up but I never knew where it came from and didn't know that it was a virus. Treatment for people used to be a long series of shots. One of my cousins on the Stewart side, came up to me on the play ground at school one time, and told me he was waiting for his school bus to come along to pick him up, and a fox came out of the woods, came up to him, and bit him. He looked around for something to club it with but he didn't see anything. He was taken for help and ended up getting a series of shots in the stomach. That isn't normal for a fox to act like that. They are afraid of people and stay their distance. If one acts strange and comes towards you, you better look for something to fight it off with. Dad always told us they froth at the mouth. The information I got from Mayo Clinic said there is excessive saliva and the rabies virus is in the saliva. My cousin's name was Winston Collins and he lived on Grass Run in Gilmer Co. His grandma, Lou

Stewart, had married his Grandpa Winston Collins. Lou was a sister of my grandpa, Frank Stewart.

We were in elementary when that fox incident happened. That would be a very frightening thing to go through. It scared me when he told me and the thought of getting needles in the stomach made me cringe. We had a gray fox up in an apple tree here last fall. It had climbed the tree and was eating apples. Hubby heard our big dog barking and went out with a light. As soon as he shined that light up in the tree, that fox ran back down the tree, crossed the road, and went up the hill in front of us. So, that tells us that we have gray foxes over there. We knew there had always been a fox den on that hill but we hadn't seen a gray one. We had seen a red one. It showed up in the white snow. Once we saw it on the lower end of our property but it always stayed it's distance. It was the typical "sly ole fox," just sneaking around. Also, a dog does a lot to keep the critters away. That one just disappeared.

Until next time, I want to wish everyone a Happy Easter. Get out to church on Sunday and enjoy a good dinner afterwards with family. Stay safe and stay well. May the Lord bless and keep you in his care!

Braxton County Memorial Cemetery Cleanup Day

Joins us for a cleanup day at Braxton County Memorial Cemetery on Saturday, May 21, 2022 from 1:00 P.M until ?? All help is welcome and appreciated. Cleanup consist of picked up branches, trash, old floral arrangements, weed eating, etc.

Please bring weed eaters, leaf blowers, rakes, brooks and any tools you think may be useful. Bring work

gloves! Feel free to bring Memorial Day grave decorations as well.

No matter your skill level or strength, you are welcome and needed.

Cleanup Day is hosted by Trustees of Braxton County Cemetery Association P.O. Box 342 Flatwoods, WV 26621

We look forward to seeing you. Contact Clark Greene with questions at (540)392-0169

Mon Health Hospitals Encourage Autism Support and Education

Throughout the month of April, the staff of Mon Health System encourages the public to learn more about autism, one of the fastest growing developmental disabilities in the United States. Supporting, educating, and advocating for autistic individuals will make a difference in the lives of the patients the System serves.

"Autism was considered to be very rare when I started working in this field in 1985," said Marc Ellison, Ed.D., LPC, Executive Director of the WV Autism Training Center at Marshall University. "The prevalence then was estimated to be 4 to 5 per 10,000 children. Today, CDC studies show prevalence rates in 8-year-old children to be 1 in 44. As we've learned more about autism over the years, we've learned to better identify, diagnose, and assess need."

Autism, or autism spectrum disorder (ASD), refers to a broad range of conditions characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, speech and nonverbal communication. Characteristics typically appear during the first three years of life.

Fortunately for those

in West Virginia, the WV Autism Training Center (WV ATC) was established in 1984 at Marshall University. The Center provides services to those with autism spectrum disorder as well as their families, educators, and others significant in their lives. Since its inception, the Center has served nearly 4,000 families and over 5,000 educators

"There are several important considerations a family makes when a child is first diagnosed with autism, one of the most important is finding available resources," Dr. Ellison continued. "Resources – such as skill-building therapies, speech and language training, and occupational therapy – can be challenging to access here. The Center provides several types of services statewide, and one of those is facilitating periodic cohorts for parents of newly diagnosed children. These cohorts help parents better understand autism, identify resources, and offer an opportunity to become part of a community of people who share their experiences."

A second resource available is the Autism Society of West Virginia, a state chapter of the Autism Society of America.

The state society is made up mostly of parents and caregivers and is focused on helping parents find and access services. Parents may register with the WV Autism Training Center by calling 304-696-2840. Christine Fair, President of the Autism Society of WV, can be reached at 304-224-2769.

As part of educating West Virginians about ASD, the Center is providing a screening for the award-winning documentary "In A Different Key". An extraordinary narrative history of autism: the riveting story of parents fighting for their children's civil rights; of doctors struggling to define autism; of ingenuity, self-advocacy, and profound social change. The viewing will be on April 19 from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM at the Marquee Cinema, Pullman Plaza in Huntington.

The Training Center is sponsoring a series of meetings for parents of children diagnosed with ASD. Meetings will be held virtually via Zoom from Noon to 1 PM each Wednesday beginning April 13, 2022. If you have any questions, please contact Julie O'Malley at 304-696-2838 or lynch29@marshall.edu.

Town of Gassaway continues 90 day community clean up

The Town of Gassaway mandated a 90-day cleanup of our community during March, and is continuing into April and May 2022.

All property owners, including property owners of rental properties, are expected to cooperate with this manner in

order to fulfill the regulations and requirements in our ordinances.

Work will have to be done by the property owners and some work may be done by the Town of Gassaway with federal funds that have been received, so we are asking the owners to come before

the town council on either March 24 or April 28 at 6:00pm at the community building in Gassaway.

These meetings are open for the public to talk about their situations for cleaning up their property in compliance with these ordinances and codes.

WIC encourages increased fruit and vegetable purchases with Enhanced Benefits

West Virginia's Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), within the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources' Bureau for Public Health, announced that the U.S. Congress has extended funding for enhanced WIC benefits through September 30, 2022 for the purchase of fresh, frozen, and canned fruit and vegetables.

As part of the federal enhanced WIC benefits, children receive \$24 per month, pregnant and postpartum participants receive \$43 per month, and breastfeeding women receive \$47 per month. Without the federal enhanced increase, the benefits are usually \$9 for children, \$11 for pregnant and postpartum, and \$16.50 for breastfeeding women.

"The WIC benefit in-

crease is one of the most effective investments that helps children get a healthy start," said Heidi Staats, director of the West Virginia WIC program. "WIC families want healthier options for their children. In West Virginia, we collaborate with our retail business partners to highlight the nutritious options and enhanced WIC benefits that not only help families but also stimulate local economies."

The WIC cash value benefit increase has resulted in more than triple the amount of fruit and vegetable purchases in retail locations, a greater variety of produce redeemed by WIC families and increased fruit and vegetable consumption for young children. WIC has provided enhanced fruit and vegetable benefits to more than 32,000 West Virginia women and children.

To continue these

great outcomes, the West Virginia WIC Program has partnered with authorized WIC retailers to highlight fresh, frozen and canned fruit and vegetable options available for purchase with WIC benefits. WIC branded cooler and floor decals share the message of "Fuel Up with Fruits and Veggies." Retailers may request additional decals from the WIC Vendor Management Unit by calling 304-558-1115 or emailing dhhrwicvu@wv.gov.

WIC provides nutrition counseling, parenting advice, breastfeeding support, food assistance and referral support to help families live healthier lives. WIC services are free for pregnant, breastfeeding, and non-breastfeeding postpartum women and children up to the age of five. Learn more and apply at dhhr.wv.gov/WIC.



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LEGAL NOTICES

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April 12, 2022



NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Town of Gassaway
416 Elk Street
Gassaway, WV 26624
304-364-5111

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Town of Gassaway.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or after April 28, 2022, the Town of Gassaway will submit a request to the WV Community Advancement and Development Division (WVCAD) of the WV Department of Economic Development for the release of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Public Law 93-383, as amended, to undertake the following project:

Project Title: Gassaway Demolition

Purpose and Location: Demolition of 318 Elk Street structure.

Estimated Cost: HUD grant funding will be \$ 225,000 and the total project cost is estimated at \$225,000.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Town of Gassaway has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the Town of Gassaway office at 416 Elk Street; Gassaway, WV and may be examined or copied weekdays 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Town of Gassaway. All comments received by April 27, 2022, will be considered by the Town of Gassaway prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Town of Gassaway certifies to the WVCAD that Richard M. Roach in his capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The WVCAD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Town of Gassaway to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The WVCAD will accept objections to its release of fund and the Town of Gassaway's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Town of Gassaway; (b) the Town of Gassaway has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the WVCAD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the WVCAD Office at 1900 Kanawha Ave, East; Building 3, Suite 700; Charleston, WV 25305. Potential objectors should contact the state office to verify the actual last day of the objection period.
Richard M. Roach, Mayor 04-12B

NOTICE OF FILING OF ESTATES

TO THE CREDITORS AND BENEFICIARIES OF THE WITHIN NAMED DECEASED PERSONS: I have before me the estates of the following deceased persons and the accounts of the fiduciaries of their respective estates: DECEDENT: NELVA O. SQUIRES FIDUCIARY: TIMOTHY SQUIRES 1977 SCOTTS FORK BONNIE ROAD EXCHANGE, WV 26619 DECEDENT: ROSEMARY CASTO FIDUCIARY: STEPHEN BOGGS 193 NORTH BAXTER ST SUTTON, WV 26601 DECEDENT: NORMAN LEE HART FIDUCIARY: RICHARD HART 5225 CHAPEL RD.

GASSAWAY, WV 26624 DECEDENT: LESTER C. SINGLETON FIDUCIARY: RICKY L. SINGLETON 137 WALNUT ST. WEST MILFORD, WV 26451 DECEDENT: WILLIAM T. SINGLETON FIDUCIARY: DANIEL ARNOLD 2579 GEM RD BURNSVILLE, WV 26335 DECEDENT: JOHN C. SQUIRES FIDUCIARY: BARBARA SUE SQUIRES 207 BIRCH ST. GASSAWAY, WV 26624 DECEDENT: JAMES E. ROLLYSON FIDUCIARY: KARLENE HUGHES 296 UPPER SLEITH RD. FRAMETOWN, WV 26623 DECEDENT: ROSE ANN DENNISON FIDUCIARY: GEORGE DENNISON 2601 OLD WOMANS RUN RD SUTTON, WV 26601 DECEDENT: WALKERIA JOY HUDKINS FIDUCIARY: TIMOTHY HUDKINS 3245 WILSIE RD FRAMETOWN, WV 26623 DECEDENT: JOHN WILLIAM SHAW SR FIDUCIARY: LISA CLARK 5141 NEWTON FALLS RD LOT 107 RAVENNA, OH 44266 DECEDENT: WILLIAM LLOYD JACKSON FIDUCIARY: KIMBERLY SUE CURRENCE PIERSON 7962 HEROLD RD. SUTTON, WV 26601 DECEDENT: JEARL HARRIS FIDUCIARY: WILMA BLY P O BOX 54 SUTTON, WV 26601 DECEDENT: ELSIE FAYE SHREVES FIDUCIARY: WILLIAM LEON SHREVES 4588 WILSIE RD FRAMETOWN, WV 26623 DECEDENT: LOUIS RAYMOND PETOLICCHIO FIDUCIARY: LAUREL LYNN PETOLICCHIO 400 4TH ST. SUTTON, WV 26601 ANCILLARY ADMINISTRATION: DECEDENT: JOSEPH A. NICKEL, III FIDUCIARY: MARY T. NICKEL 10204 SALEM WAY WACO, TX 76708 DECEDENT: WANDA B. RATLIFF FIDUCIARY: SHEILA R. RIEDEL 6168 GREENWICH RD. SEVILLE, OH 44273 All persons having any claims against the estate(s) of any of the above-named persons whether due or not, are notified to exhibit the same with vouchers thereof, legally verified, to the fiduciary of such deceased persons as shown herein within 60 days from the first publication or on or before the 3rd day of June, 2022, otherwise any or all such Claims may by law be excluded from all benefits of said estate(s). All beneficiaries of said estate(s) may appear either before the above-named fiduciary by the date first above shown or thereafter before the Fiduciary Supervisor by the date last above shown to examine said claims and otherwise protect their respective interests. Given under my hand this the 4th day of April, 2022
TAMERA FACEMIRE
Fiduciary Supervisor 04-05 04-12b

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BRAXTON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

In Re: THE ADOPTION OF M. B., an infant Civil Action No. 21-A-27 Judge Facemire In the matter of M. B., an infant and the unknown address of Brian C. Barrett, biological father of M. B. Notice of Petition for Adoption Notice of Hearing To: Brian C. Barrett Notice to Brian C. Barrett, whose current address is unknown, that a Petition has been filed and a hearing has been scheduled in the above-referenced matter in the Circuit Court of Braxton County, West Virginia. You have the right to Answer the Petition for Adoption. Said hearing is set for Monday, April 18, 2022, at 9:15 a.m. before the Hon. Richard A. Facemire, Circuit Court Judge, at the Braxton County Courthouse, 300 Main Street, Sutton, West Virginia, at which time any interested parties may appear and take such actions as you deem appropriate. This matter may be rescheduled without any further notice. A copy of Petition may be obtained in Circuit Clerk's Office at the Braxton County Courthouse.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE is hereby given pursuant to and by virtue of the authority vested in the Substitute Trustee, WV Trustee Services, LLC, by that certain Deed of Trust dated February 10, 2017, executed by Borrower(s), James Brian Ratcliffe, to Marc J. Slotnick, the Trustee of record in the office of the Clerk of the

County Commission of Braxton County, West Virginia, in Book 244, at Page 697. At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of 400 Rock Cliff Ln, Duck, WV 25063. WV Trustee Services, LLC were appointed as Substitute Trustees by APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE dated March 23, 2022, of record in the Clerk's Office. The borrower(s) defaulted under the Note and Deed of Trust and the Substitute Trustees have been instructed to foreclose under the Deed of Trust. Accordingly, the Substitute Trustees will sell the following described property to the highest bidder at the front door of the Courthouse of Braxton County, in Sutton, West Virginia, on the following date:

5th day of May, 2022 at 11:30 a.m. All the following described real estate, together with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate along West Virginia Route 4 and on the waters of the Elk River, Birch District, Braxton County, West Virginia, and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a 5/8" rebar with a red plastic cap stamped "Convey Eng. 7652723", hereinafter referred to as a rebar, set, from which point a plugged gas well bears S 30-28-30 W at 195.08 feet; thence S 81-17-10 W 307.93 feet to a rebar, set; thence N 08-51-50 W 351.75 feet to a rebar, set; thence N 73-27-20 E 128.13 feet to a rebar, set; thence N 36-50-00 E 344.54 feet to a rebar, set; thence N 58-24-40 E 226.14 feet to a rebar, set; thence N 79-40-00 E 313.62 feet to a rebar, set; thence S 26-50-40 E 270.80 feet to a rebar, set; thence S 11-53-00 W 353.72 feet to a rebar, set; thence S 57-35-20 W 379.72 feet to a rebar, set, from which point said plugged gas well bears S 61-12-50 W at 342.09 feet; thence N 46-40-40 W 108.97 feet to a rebar, set; thence S 59-35-30 W 140.96 feet to the place of beginning, containing 11.88 acres, more or less, as surveyed by G. A. Covey Engineering PLLC, in September 2002, and as shown on a Plat of Partition Survey, titled "Plat of Partition Survey for Brent Nettles", which Plat is of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Braxton County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 533, at Page 804. And being the same property conveyed unto Robert L. Smith and Tonya L. Smith from Raymond C. Payne, Jr., by Deed dated May 16, 2014, of record in the aforementioned Clerk's Office in Deed Book 600, at page 6. There is also granted unto the parties of the second part, their heirs, successors, and assigns, the right to use that certain 30' right of way as shown on the Plat for ingress, egress and regress from West Virginia Route 4 to the property conveyed herein. The parties of the second part shall have the right to grade, maintain, and repair the aforesaid right of way. The maintenance of the right of way shall be the responsibility of the users thereof and the party of the first part shall have no responsibility to help and assist in the maintenance of the right of way. Being the same property conveyed to James Brian Ratcliffe and Melissa Dawn Ratcliffe by the Deed dated May 23, 2017 and recorded in Deed Book 619 at Page 747 in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Braxton County, West Virginia.

TERMS OF SALE: 1) The property will be conveyed in an "AS IS" physical condition by Deed containing no warranty, express or implied, subject to the Internal Revenue Service right of redemption, all property taxes, prior Deeds, liens, reservations, encumbrances, restrictions, rights-of-ways, easements, covenants, conveyances and conditions of record in the Clerk's office or affecting the subject property. 2) The Purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the transfer taxes imposed by the West Virginia Code § 11-22-1. 3) The Beneficiary and/or the Servicer of the Deed of Trust and Note reserve the right to submit a bid for the property at sale. 4) The Trustee reserves the right to continue sale of the subject property from time to time by written or oral proclamation, which continuance shall be in the sole discretion of the Trustee. 5) The Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the property to vacate said property, and any personal property and/or belongings remaining at the property after the foreclosure sale will be deemed to constitute ABANDONED PROPERTY AND WILL BE DISPOSED OF ACCORDINGLY. 6) The total purchase price is payable to the Trustee within thirty (30) days of the date of sale, with ten (10%) of the total purchase price payable to the Trustee at sale. WV Trustee Services, LLC, Substitute Trustee

BY: Dionne Reynolds, Limited Signifying Officer WV Trustee Services, LLC McGuire Office Center 618 Tenth Street, Suite 108 Huntington, WV 25701 (304) 853-3336 dionne.reynolds@wvtrusteeservices.com 03-29 04-05- 04-12b

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE BRAXTON COUNTY SCHOOLS 2022 - 23 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Please take notice that Braxton County Schools will hold two (2) public hearings on the 2022 - 2023 School Calendar. Dates: April 5, 2022 April 19, 2022 Location: Braxton County Board of Education 98 Carter Braxton Drive Sutton WV 26601 Time: 6:00 p.m. 4-5 4-12b

ORDER OF PUBLICATION IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BRAXTON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

Case No.: 22-JA-10 In the interest of: H. R., a child born on December 30, 2021 TO: HANNIBAL RYAN, IV, the Adult Respondent Father of the Child You are hereby notified that an adjudication of the parental and custodial rights of the respondent father to the above-named child has been filed with this Court and that a hearing will be held in the matter before the Honorable Judge Richard Facemire on 21st day of April, 2022, beginning at 1:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the same may be heard, in the Circuit Courtroom at the Braxton County Courthouse, 300 Main Street, Sutton, in the State of West Virginia, at which time you may appear and defend any such rights. It is Ordered that you do serve upon the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, by and through its counsel, Jasmine R. H. Morton, Prosecuting Attorney of Braxton County, P.O. Box 118, Sutton, West Virginia, 26601, any answer, response or objection in this matter otherwise said action will proceed as scheduled and your parental rights, if any, may be terminated. A copy of all pleadings may be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at this office. Susan Lemon Clerk of the Circuit Court of Braxton County 4-12 4-19b

ORDER OF PUBLICATION IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BRAXTON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

Case No.: 22-JA-15 In the interest of: M. P., a child born on March 20, 2013 TO: The UNKNOWN FATHER of the Child. You are hereby notified that an adjudication of the parental and custodial rights of the respondent father to the above-named child

Resources, by and through its counsel, Jasmine R. H. Morton, Prosecuting Attorney of Braxton County, P.O. Box 118, Sutton, West Virginia, 26601, any answer, response or objection in this matter otherwise said action will proceed as scheduled and your parental rights, if any, may be terminated. A copy of all pleadings may be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at this office. Susan Lemon Clerk of the Circuit Court of Braxton County 4-12 4-19b



Allison Marks was chosen as Student of the Month for April at Little Birch Elementary School.

Allison Marks announced as LBE Student of the Month

Little Birch Elementary School Principal Grace Wine is pleased to announce that Allison Marks has been selected as the LBE Student of the Month.

Allison is a 3rd grade student in Mrs. Montgomery's class. She is part of the Student Leadership Team

and looks forward to helping with the broadcasting program next year.

Allison is an optimistic student who is kind, well spoken, and eager to learn.

Keep up the great work, Allison. We're proud to call you a model pirate," says the Principal.

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Assessor's office closed

The Braxton County Assessor's Office will be closed for business the week of April 25th through April 29th 2022. We will open for one hour each of these days from 8:00 – 9:00 A.M.

The limited schedule is due to state required training on the new tax system which will be implemented during July 2022. We will return to our normal schedule Monday, May 2, 2022.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



The group of volunteers helped remove 39 bags of garbage, approximately 250 lbs. of scrap metal and 26 tires from Corps property.

The Corps of Engineers at Sutton Lake and WVDEP’s REAP Make it Shine program host clean up at Sutton Lake

The Corps of Engineers at Sutton Lake partnered with WVDEP’s REAP Make it Shine program to hold a litter pick up along Corps trails near Sutton Dam. The event on April 9th was a success with 23 volunteers. This included 211 and 2021 local Scout troops along with the women from the American Daughters Conservation West Virginia Chapter group. The group of volunteers helped remove 39 bags of garbage, approximately 250 lbs. of scrap metal and 26 tires from Corps property. WVDEP provided the litter pick up materials for the event and disposed of the collected litter. We appreciated all the help and the impact they made on improving the area and helping get Sutton Lake Cleaned up.



Volunteers picked up litter along Corps trails near Sutton Dam on April 9th.

Judy’s Garden Club welcomes new members during April 2022 meeting

Judy’s Garden Club, Appalachian District, held its regular meeting on April 9, 2022 at club member, Melissa Dennison’s residence. Regular business was discussed and various reports were read and approved. During this meeting members were given a tour of Mrs. Dennison’s home which is also her business. The tour included being educated on various plants, shrubs and trees being

grown on the property. Club members were then treated to a tour of the greenhouse. In addition, a delicious lunch was served and enjoyed. The club welcomed Courtney Smith and her daughter Kamryn, representing a local Girl Scout troop. Mrs. Smith discussed the various activities the troop is involved with including Make America Shine. This is a project that involves a lot of hard work picking up litter and

debris. The troop is very busy this time of year with several cleanups. Judy’s Garden Club members were very impressed and will be assisting the troop with an evaluation of their Adopt A Spot in Frametown with a beautification effort that will include suggestions and assistance with plantings at the spot. The next scheduled meeting of Judy’s will be May 14, 2022. Tentative plans are to visit a local

gardener and their high tunnel. Judy’s members are a part of many community activities

and events. Please join us anytime in our efforts. We would love to meet you.. Judy’s Gar-

den Club thanks you for your support. From Judy’s Garden Club, Happy Easter.



Members of Judy’s Garden Club enjoyed a tour of Mrs. Dennison’s home and welcomed new members into the group during the April meeting.

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April 12, 2022

Wrestlers treated to luncheon along with recognition

Last Friday was a special day for Braxton County wrestlers as they gathered with their coaches and others for lunch at Luzader's Three Sisters Restaurant. Head coach Sterling Beane explained that the lunch was a gift from a BCHS alumnus. He and the other wrestling coaches decided they would take the opportunity to recognize the team members for their accomplishments this past season.

"When we had our wrestling tournament, some of our 1984 alumni attended. One, Ray Addie, paid for a meal for the wrestlers and coaches at Three Sisters Restaurant. The other coaches and I decided to use that time to recognize our wrestlers along with individuals who had contributed to the program throughout the season," Coach Beane, who presided during the recognition, said. The first gift, a floral

arrangement, went to Canna Drake for her supervision of the hospital-ity room at Braxton's annual tournament. Coach Beane noted that she also sold 100 tickets to the wrestlers' fundraising dinner held at the Braxton Moose Lodge. Dr. Tony Minney received "an appreciation award" for his help, and Lori Stover-Williams received one for all she did while serving as athletic director. Coach Beane

also presented plaques to assistant coaches Rick Jarvis and Jamie Given "for all their services." The two assistants presented a green vest to the head coach commemorating his 50 years of coaching

wrestling. Next the coach presented certificates to several different groups of wrestlers for special achievements. In addition, each individual wrestler—from the fresh-

men through the seniors, received a participation plaque.

The different groups who received recognition certificates were: State Qualifiers: 113 Braydon Helmick, 126 Anthony Currence, 138 Blayne Jarvis, 152 Logan Bennett, 160 Jackson Davis, 170 Bryson Spell, 182 Bryce Leegan, 195 Colton Moore, 220 Justin Bishop, 285 Ryder McLaughlin,

State placers: 138 Blayne Jarvis 3rd, 160 Jackson Davis 5th, 182 Bryce Leegan 5th, 195 Colton Moore 2nd,

LKC champions: 138 Blayne Jarvis, 152 Logan Bennett, 170 Bryson Spell, 182 Bryce Leegan, 195 Colton Moore, 285 Ryder McLaughlin

Regional champions: 113 Braydon Helmick, 138 Blayne Jarvis, 160 Jackson Davis, 195 Colton Moore, 285 Ryder McLaughlin.

Not pictured Bryce Leegan



Seniors: Left to Right: Coach Beane, Bryson Spell, Colton Moore, Andrew McCallister, Assistant Coaches Jamie Given and Rick Jarvis.



Juniors: Left to Right: Coach, Logan Bennett, Andrew Brandt, Anthony Currence, Jackson Davis, Justin Bishop, Ryder McLaughlin, Jamie Given, Rick Jarvis.



Sophomores: Left to Right: Coach Beane, Cody Stout, Braydon Helmick, Blayne Jarvis, Jamie Given, Rick Jarvis.



Freshman: Left to Right: Coach, Steven Deal, Brett Bender, Jamie Given, Connor Facemire, Ethan Campbell, Rick Jarvis.



State Qualifiers: Back row Left to Right: Justin Bishop, Colton Moore, Bryson Spell, Jackson Davis, Blayne Jarvis, Front Row L to R, Ryder McLaughlin, Logan Bennett, Anthony Currence, Braydon Helmick.



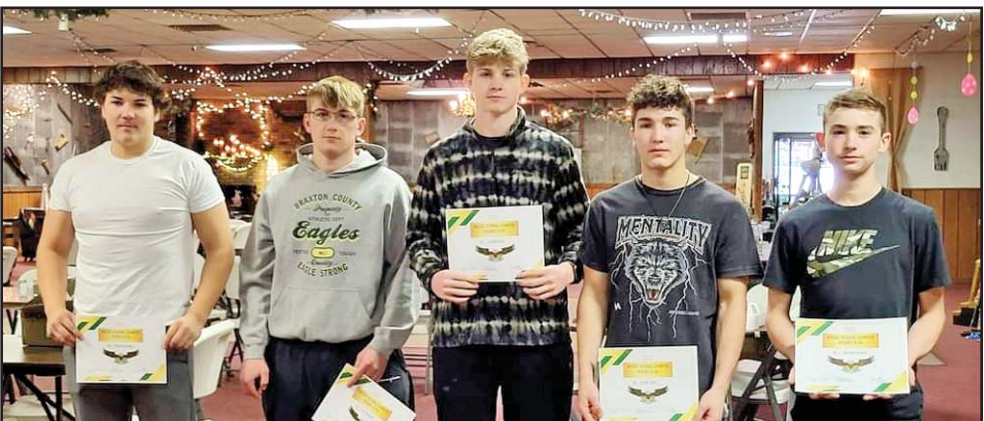
Mikaya Moore, matmaid.



Coach Beane was presented a vest to commemorate 50 years as Head Coach.



LKC Champs: Left to Right: Bryson Spell 170lbs, Logan Bennett 152lbs, Blayne Jarvis 138lbs, Colton Moore 195lbs, Justin Bishop 220lbs, Ryder McLaughlin 285lbs.



Regional Champs: Left to Right: Ryder McLaughlin 285lbs, Colton Moore 195lbs, Jackson Davis 160lbs, Blayne Jarvis 138lbs, Braydon Helmick 113lbs.



State Placers: Left to Right: Colton Moore 2nd 195lbs, Jackson Davis 5th 160lbs, Blayne Jarvis 3rd 138lbs, Not Pictured Bryce Leegan 5th 182lbs

Little Birch Elementary School Students Celebrate i-Ready Growth

The Little Birch Elementary Pirates continually learn that hard work truly pays off. At the end of March, students took an i-Ready Growth Monitoring assessment. Each month, students strive to beat their own personal record in reading and math. Students who meet the minimum growth expectation receive a surprise reward and certificate.

Kindergarten
Most Growth in Reading – Owen Jamison +43 points
Most Growth in Math – Clayton Utt +26 points
Growth in Reading & Math – Clayton Utt, Hayden Morrison, & Carter Rhodes
Growth in Reading – Shelby Bender, Owen Jamison, Hayden Morrison, Carter Rhodes, & Clayton Utt
Growth in Math – Mya Gregory, Maddox Martin, Hayden Morrison, Carter Rhodes, Denzil Shingler, & Clayton Utt
1st Grade
Most Growth in Reading – Brently Edgell +39 points
Most Growth in Math – Marlee Schrader +15 points
Growth in Reading & Math – Marlee Schrader & Mason Bragg
Growth in Reading – Mason Bragg, Brently Edgell, Lucas Hall, Marlee Schrader, & Arden Snodgrass
Growth in Math – Mason Bragg & Marlee Schrader
2nd Grade
Most Growth in Reading – Jasmine Sartin +26 points
Most Growth in Math – James Bragg +24 points & Levi Jamison +24 points
Growth in Reading & Math – Jaden Rhodes
Growth in Reading – Mackenzie Morrison, Jaden Rhodes, Jasmine Sartin, & Daisy Williams
Growth in Math – James Bragg, Levi Jamison, & Jaden Rhodes
3rd Grade
Most Growth in Reading – Brayden Pritchard +44
Most Growth in Math – Gabe McCourt +13
Growth in Reading & Math – Adium Rose
Growth in Reading – David Bragg, Kristopher Mace, Brayden Pritchard, Bentley Reynolds, Adium Rose, & Violet Williams
Growth in Math – Chelsie Kesling, T.J. Markle, Gabe McCourt, & Adium Rose
4th Grade
Most Growth in Reading – Aiden Dorsey +33 points
Most Growth in Math – Aiden Dorsey +41 points
Growth in Reading & Math – Austin Brooks, Aiden Dorsey, Simon Harman, Brenna Hoard, & Brayden Rose
Growth in Reading – Austin Brooks, Aiden Dorsey, Simon Harman, Brenna Hoard, Addisynn McCombs, Brayden Rose, Shechaniah Rose, & Blake Woods
Growth in Math – Austin Brooks, Aiden Dorsey, Simon Harman, Brenna Hoard, Mallory Putnam, & Brayden Rose
Miss Harper's 4th Grade class surpassed their i-Ready growth goal for the year and celebrated with a pajama day and surprise pizza party!
Keep up the good work!

5th Grade
Most Growth in Reading – Audrina Pugh +116 points
Most Growth in



Kindergarten recipients received a surprise award and certificate.



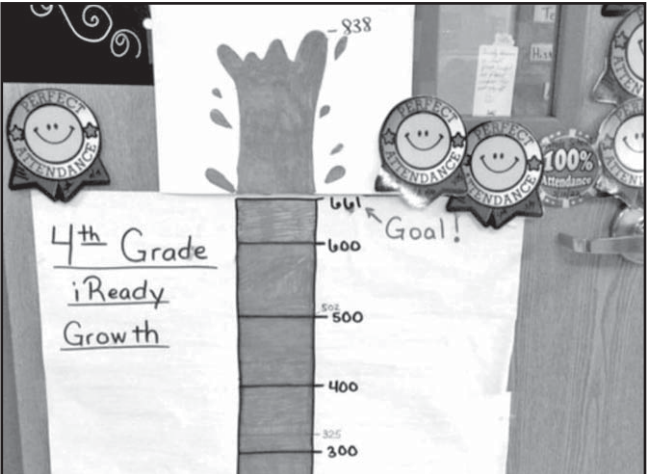
First grade i-Ready students show off their certificates after their surprise reward.



Second grade students excelled in bringing up their reading and math scores on i-Ready.



Third grade students with their certificates.



Miss Harper's 4th Grade class surpassed their i-Ready growth goal for the year and celebrated with a pajama day and surprise pizza party!



Fifth grade students show off their i-Ready certificates.

Math – Maddison Marks +13 points
Growth in Reading & Math – Audrina Pugh
Growth in Reading – Kyia Hermison, Audrina Pugh, Hunter Sartin, & Wyatt Stackhouse
Growth in Math – Destani Edgell, Maddison Marks, Lydia Gerwig, Audrina Pugh, & Cole Salisbury

MAGISTRATE COURT R-E-P-O-R-T

Magistrate Beth Smith's Court

April 1: Jessica Sue Belknap of Paris, OH, DUI-controlled substance, joyriding, no operators, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$3000 cash or surety.
April 2: Robert Quinton Given of Sutton, entry of building other than dwelling, burning personal property, unauthorized dumpster use, prohibited stopping, prohibited burning, petit larceny x2, warrant issued, bond set at \$15,000 cash or surety; Natole Tingler of Strange Creek, no MVI, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed.

Magistrate David Singleton's Court

March 30: Jessica L. Albright of Sutton, expired MVI, dismissed proof provided, no proof of insurance, dismissed proof provided.
April 4: Britney Marion McEvers of Sutton, possession with intent to deliver x3, conspiracy, preliminary hearing waived, transferred to circuit court; James A. Stewart of Sutton, possession with intent to deliver x3,

conspiracy, preliminary hearing waived, transferred to circuit court; Joseph Mugo Wainaina of Waterloo, ON, speeding, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed and paid; Curtis Layman of Oakland, MD, overweight vehicle, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; Matthew J. Robey of Burnsville, disorderly conduct, guilty plea, obstructing an officer, dismissed per plea, battery on officer, dismissed per plea, fine/court costs assessed; John D. Umanetz of Exchange, expired registration, no contest plea, no proof of insurance, dismissed proof provided, fine/court costs assessed and paid.

April 5: Coty Lee Prunty of Burnsville, obstructing an officer, speeding, no operators, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$6000 cash or surety.

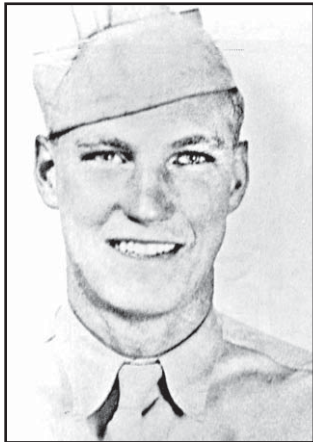
April 6: Rishanda M. Thomas of Nettie, driving suspended, no contest plea, no proof of insurance, no contest plea, fines/court costs assessed; Amber Beth Eberly of Gassaway, no proof of insurance, no contest plea, driv-

ing suspended-general, no contest plea, fines/court cost assessed; Jaquelyn Danielle Davis of Gassaway, no seatbelt, no contest plea, fine assessed and paid; Bradley Mollohan of Rosedale, no proof of insurance, dismissed proof provided; Gregory T. James of Bluffton, SC, speeding, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed and paid.

April 8: Coty Lee Prunty of Burnsville, speeding, dismissed per plea, no operators, dismissed per plea; Eric George Patrick of Frametown, expired MVI, dismissed proof provided; Ladonna D. Jenkins of Copen, no seatbelt, dismissed at officer's request; Allen Jay Demastus of Burnsville, domestic assault x2, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$600 personal recognizance; Mary A. Ware of Flatwoods, possession of marijuana, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; Guiritchy Saint-Gerard of North Baldwin, NY, speeding, guilty plea, driving suspended-general, no contest plea, fines/court costs assessed.

THIS WEEK IN WEST VIRGINIA HISTORY

The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia at www.wvencyclopedia.org.

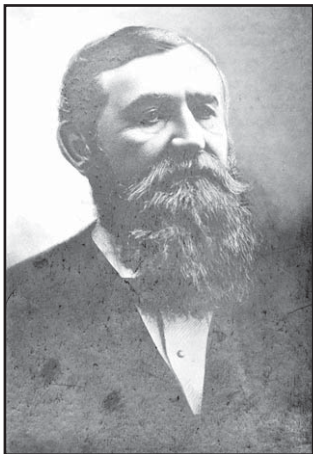


April 13, 1923: Medal of Honor recipient Jonah Edward Kelley was born at Rada in Mineral County. Sergeant Kelley died while leading his squad in repeated attacks on a German position during World War II.



April 13, 1873: Lawyer, diplomat, and presidential candidate John William Davis was born in Clarksburg. Davis argued 141 cases before the U.S. Supreme Court. His last case was one of the most controversial, when he argued in 1952 for the continuation of racial segregation in South Carolina.
April 14, 1774: Surveyors met at the mouth of the Kanawha River to establish military bounty claims in Kentucky. They became involved in several skirmishes with Indians in the region. This was the start of Dunmore's War, the name given to the conflict in the Ohio Valley in the spring of 1774.
April 15, 1872: Peter Godwin Van Winkle died in Parkersburg.

Van Winkle was a member of the Governor's Council of the Reorganized Government of Virginia, 1861–63, under Gov. Francis Pierpont. On August 4, 1863, Van Winkle was elected as one of the first two U.S. senators from the new state of West Virginia.



April 16, 1829: Jacob Beeson Jackson was born in Parkersburg. In 1880, he became West Virginia's sixth governor.



April 16, 1923: Arch Moore was born at Moundsville. He was the first governor in 100 years to serve a second term, and he returned later for a third.

April 17, 1827: Outdoorsman William "Squirrelly Bill" Carpenter was born on the Elk River near the mouth of Laurel Creek. Carpenter guided prominent West Virginians, including Governor MacCorkle, through the wonders of the Elk Valley.
April 17, 1871: West Virginians approved the Flick Amendment, which allowed former Confederates to vote. The amendment also applied to former slaves, but they had been enfranchised already by the 15th Amendment to the U.S.

Constitution.



April 18, 1912: The Paint Creek-Cabin Creek Strike of 1912–13 began when coal operators rejected the demand of their unionized workers for a wage increase. The strike that followed was one of the most dramatic and bloody conflicts in the early 20th century labor struggles in southern West Virginia known as the Mine Wars.



April 19, 1896: Writer Melville Davisson Post was born in Harrison County. His best-known works are the Randolph Mason series, published in three volumes, and the more successful collection, Uncle Abner: Master of Mysteries.

April 19, 1902: Author Jean Lee Latham was born in Buckhannon. She wrote a number of children's books, including Carry On, Mr. Bowditch, which won the 1956 Newberry Award.

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SPORTS

Reporting Braxton County's sports action

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Lady Eagles went 3-2 on softball field last week

Braxton's softball girls won a doubleheader against Webster and beat Midland Trail last week. Gilmer defeated the Lady Eagles in both games of a doubleheader.



Rylan Prunty at bat for the Lady Eagles.

The week with a 7-3 win over Midland Trail Monday evening. Braxton took an early lead and went on for the win. Their first run came on a double by Breanna Baultrippe and a passed ball

during Rylan Prunty's at bat in the second inning. Midland Trail scored a run in the top of the third for a tie, but the Lady Eagles answered in the bottom of the inning on Baultrippe's RBI single.

Braxton had a four-run inning to pull away for good. Baultrippe doubled on a 3-2 count to drive in two runs, and the Lady Eagles scored two more on a Trail error. Brooklyn Sargent got



Brooklyn Sargent pitching for the Eagles.

the win. She gave up three runs on 10 hits while striking out four. Braxton's seven runs came on eight hits. Baultrippe, LaCie Wright, Kayleigh Mays each had two hits.

Tuesday was a different story as the Lady Eagles lost both games of a doubleheader against Gilmer. Braxton coach Amanda Gum reported that both games were played in a steady, pouring rain. Gilmer took an early lead in the first game on a homer in the first inning. Baultrippe, on the mound for the Eagles for two innings, gave up four runs on five hits. Gilmer had three home runs in that game. Emmalee Jarvis, Wright, and Sargent accounted for Braxton's three hits

Gilmer won the second game 20-2. Braxton's two runs came on a single by Wright and Jarvis' home run. Gilmer's

20 runs came on nine hits.

Thursday's doubleheader against Webster went well for the Lady Eagles. Braxton won the first game 3-2. Webster took a 1-0 lead in the first, but Braxton pulled away with two in the third scored on a Webster error. Baultrippe started on the mound for the Lady Eagles. She gave up two runs on one hit. For Braxton, Jarvis, Wright, Sargent, Baultrippe each had one hit.

Nine runs in the first inning powered Braxton's 16-1 win in the second game of the doubleheader. Six Braxton players---Wright, Sargent, Jordan Erdman, Prunty, and Chyanne Martin all picked up RBIs. Wright and Martin each had three hits in the game. In four innings, Sargent gave up one run on two hits. She struck out five.



Emmalee Jarvis at the ready on third base.

One-one week puts Eagles' baseball team at 7-3 on season

The Eagles lost to Nicholas last Monday but came back the following night to win at Gilmer. Nicholas's 2-1 win came in the

bottom of the seventh on a walk-off run. In that game, Braxton's

lone run came in the top of the sixth as Logan Baldwin's fielder's choice ended in the Eagles' scoring.

Going into the seventh, the game was tied. Braxton did not score. In the bottom of the seventh, Nicholas loaded the bases. Braxton's outfield, Coach Lemon explained, had pulled in to be able to make a throw home. The next Nicholas batter hit a ball over the heads of the outfielders, and a walk-off run gave the Grizzlies the game. On the mound for Braxton, Isaiah Mowery gave up two runs on eight hits.

Playing in a steady rain, the Eagles won 8-4 against Gilmer the following night. Tyler Baldwin, in a complete game, allowed four earned runs on seven hits and one walk. He struck out 11. The Eagles had only one error in that game.

Against Gilmer, Braxton scored two in the top of the first. Gilmer came back with one in the bottom of the inning, but the Eagles put four runs on the scoreboard to go up 5-1. After three innings, the Eagles were up 6-4. Coach Lemon pointed out that "both teams went cold" at that time. Braxton's additional runs did not come until the top of the sixth. The Eagles' eight runs came on nine hits. Three players---Kolton Kniceley, Adam Dobbins, and Tyler Baldwin, went 2 for 4. Dobbins and Baldwin each had one RBI, and Kniceley had two.

The Eagles have four games scheduled this week. Today they travel to Clay. Wednesday, they play North Marion, Thursday Roane, and Friday Richwood. The last three games are at home.

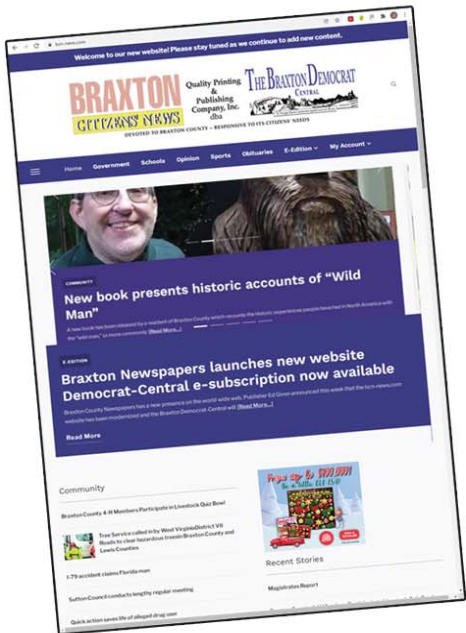


Savannah Bender keeps her eye on the ball.



Erica Nicholson gets the ball back into play after catching a fly ball to right field.

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BCHS teams competed in two track meets last week

The Eagles' track teams competed in the Frank Young Memorial Meet last Wednesday and a large meet at St. Mary's Friday. The girls' team placed third at the Frank Young meet at Nicholas. Braxton coach Robert Lloyd discussed the two meets and the results of Braxton's efforts.

Lloyd said that the coaches had "every athlete scheduled for four events to maximize team points" and added, "On the girls' side, it worked really well. Almost every girl stepped out of her comfort zone in order to do well as a team."

"St. Mary's was a huge event," Coach Lloyd said. "There were over 20 teams." He went on to explain that most events had qualifying rounds, and that Bethany Payne qualified for the finals of the 100 meter and 200-meter dashes. He added, "Once again we had some athletes step out of their comfort zone and compete in events they normally would not have on short notice. Zoey Moore is one of those athletes in giving her all."

Coach Lloyd pointed out some of the girls who achieved progress at the St. Mary's meet. He referred again to Bethany Payne's qualification for the finals in two events. who qualified for the finals in two events. Her time was 14.30 for the 100 and 29.08 for the 200. She also received fourth place in the high jump at 4'10". Her coach pointed out that she "was jumping to clear 5', which would have tied Braxton County High School record for females."

Laura Cain, with a time of 12:48, finished sixth in the 3200 meter run while Emily Garrett was 1/100th of a second from making finals round in the 100 meter hurdles. The coach also mentioned that Heidi Payne threw the discus for the first time and achieved a distance of 65'9" and achieved a PR time of 19.40.



Laura Cain, Heidi Payne, Teagan Huff



Bethany Payne on the high jump.



Alisa Louk on the hurdles.



Mason O'Dell on the long jump

Braxton placers in the Frank Young Memorial Meet:

Event	Athlete	Place
100 m. dash	Bethany Payne	2nd
200 m. dash	Bethany Payne	1st
400 m. dash	Bethany Payne	1st
800 m. run	Laura Cain	2nd
1600 m. run	Laura Cain	3rd
3200 m. run	Laura Cain	3rd
	Heidi Payne	6th
100 m. hurdles	Emily Garrett	4th
300 m. hurdles	Emily Garrett	4th
4X200 relay	Kasey Armentrout, Heidi Payne, Teagan Huff, Lindsay Tetrick	5th
4X400 relay	Nicole Bramble, Lindsay Tetrick, Anna Wyne, Kasey Armentrout	5th
4X800 relay	Anna Wyne, Alisa Louk, Allie White, Alyson Marshall	2nd
Shuttle hurdles	Nicole Bramble, Alisa Louk, Emily Garrett, Mayson Shingler	5th
Long jump	Laura Cain	5th
High jump	Heidi Payne	3rd
	Bethany Payne	5th



Robbie and Cade work together on defense.

BCSC U10 Wolf Pack take on Summersville in first game of the 2022 Spring season

Opening day for the U10 Wolf Pack was filled with goals, cheers, sweat, and quite a few memories.

This was the first test of an all-boys U10 team filled with new players as well as a few veterans.

The Wolf Pack descended onto the BCSC fields just after lunch to face their Summersville opponents, but the hunger was still in their eyes.

With teeth baring, the whistle blew, and the game was on. The Wolf Pack struck first, with a pair of goals from Mid Right Silas Young.

"They had a pretty good goalie, I was worried he would stop it but I was hoping I would make it, because if you think you can then you can, if you think you can't then you can't", explained Silas.

Goals from both sides started piling up and it was a tough fought game, but in the end the Summersville's experience deemed to much and took the game 8 to 5.

Scores go to Silas Young with 3 and Brantley Coyer with 2.



Connor Goodwin battles for possession.



Jackson Smyth sends the ball down the field.



Braxton County Soccer Club U4 Lil' Monsters.

BCSC U4 Lil' Monsters eat up the cookie jar goals in first match of the season

The Braxton County U4 Soccer team, the Lil'Monsters, kicked off the season with their first match on April 6, 2022.

With Blue monsters versus Red monsters, collaboratively the teams collected 12 goals, or put "12 cookies in the cookie jar", as the team likes to refer to goals.

Coached by Naccoal Ransbottom, Joal Ransbottom, and Lindsey Casto, this team is learning the basics of soccer through fun and games.

But the end of the season, the coaches know they are going to have some great little soccer players, who will be ready to compete on a U6 team in the fall.



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PIPER: short-haired tuxedo female, Born and raised indoors, 7 weeks old.



JOSIE: long-haired tabby female, born to feral momma



but domesticated indoors, 7 week. **MATTEA:** long-haired black female, born to feral momma but domesticated indoors, 7 weeks.

Valerie Jarvis announced as Little Birch Elementary Staff Member of the Month



Valerie Jarvis

Valerie Jarvis has been named the April Staff Member of the Month.

“Miss Valerie” is loved by her students and has worked at Little Birch Elementary for three years.

This is her first year as a preschool aide with Mrs. Hughes.

Miss Valerie’s favorite part of the job is watching the children learn new things and being a part of their excitement.

In her off time, she enjoys kayaking, swimming, working in her flower garden, and being with her family.

Little Birch Elementary is honored to have her on board.

Stories from the Braxton County Animal Shelter

Are you looking to add a four legged, tail wagging member to your family? Rescues from the Braxton County Animal Shelter are looking for their final “Furever” homes and are anxious to meet you. There is a reason we call them man’s best friend. We can learn so many things from a dog’s behavior, personality, demeanor, resiliency, and most importantly, the willingness to provide their family members with unconditional love, loyalty, and companionship down to their very last breath. BCAS is open Monday through Friday from 10-3. There is no charge to surrender a dog, but donations toward their care are appreciated. Adoptions are \$99.00 for male dogs and \$119.00 for female dogs, and include spay/neuter, rabies vaccination, parvo/distemper vaccination, kennel cough vaccination, flea treatment and deworming. No dog will leave the shelter unfixed and we are very willing to work with reputable 501c3 rescues. Please call the shelter for vet pricing and ask for our adoption/rescue coordinator Megan at (304)765-2200

We have puppies available for adoption! Momma is a Dalmatian mix, Daddy is a Norwegian Elkhound mix and these puppies are now ten weeks old. There are three males and four females



named **Juno** came to us as a stray. She weights fifteen pounds and she’s a little older by the looks of her teeth we’re guessing seven to eight years old. Juno was brought in after she got into chasing some chickens so she would need a home without them. Juno is still playful and friendly as can be with other dogs, walks great on a leash and is quiet in her kennel. She’s curious and never stops sniffing around unless you’ve got a treat handy because she is super treat motivated.



Beck is a two to three year old male (yellow leash) who was picked up as a stray in the Bee Run area. He is now available for adoption and searching for their forever homes. Beck is quiet in the shelter and a very sweet dog! He is affectionate and love all the attention he gets. Beck is great on a leash, clean in his kennel, dog friendly and we imagine he would be gentle with children as well.



This Momma is **Jessie**, the dalmation mix mother of our litter of puppies. She is around one and a half years old weight fifty-five pounds,. Jessie loves to go on hikes, having kids to play with, going swimming, and she’s super dog friendly. Jessie is a happy-go-lucky girl and would love a big family to give her love to. She walks well on a leash and is quiet in her kennel too.

This little doll



How about these hound dog eyes?! This pretty lady **Dahlia**. She is a four year old female reddtick weighing approximately fifty pounds. She is easy going, quiet in her kennel, walks well on a

leash and gets along well with other dogs. Dahlia came to our shelter as a stray so we don’t have any history on her but we know she’s a gem.



Rico is a nine month old male hound who was found stray at around 6 months and fostered until we had available kennel space to bring him into the shelter. He was staying in a home with three other dogs so we know he is dog friendly, playful and sweet with other dogs. He knows sit and no. He loves to ride in the car and play ball! While being fostered he has become completely house trained. He is crate trained and did well in a crate but they hadn’t needed to crate him while they weren’t home for over a month now because he was a great house guest and well behaved. Rico also respects a wireless collar. He’s an overall great guy! We love him. If you would like to meet Rico stop by during business hours or give us a call to set up a meet and greet!



These 3 handsome dudes are **Sam, Joe and Pete** who are littermates looking for brand new homes. Their momma is a German Shepherd and we can’t be sure about the daddy so they are listed as German Shepherd mixes. They are five months old (born July 13th) and will likely mature into big dogs. They have never lived indoors and are learning to walk on a leash but they are very smart and are learning quickly. These guys love to romp and play with each other and would do well with puppy siblings. They especially love a good tug of war with a rope and some belly scratches. Update: Sam (lightest brindle) has been adopted!

Braxton County Animal Shelter has been given the opportunity to provide five free dog spay surgery vouchers per month, to low-income Braxton County families.

Braxton County Animal Shelter has zero vouchers available for April. Watch this column for weekly/monthly updates for April 2022.

The Braxton County Animal Shelter is in need of bleach donations. To keep the shelter clean and our pups healthy, we sanitize our kennels with bleach and use it quite often. Follow the link to the BCAS wishlist on Amazon: <https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/238VIEAY1J4MW...>

Thank you for your continued support of our shelter pals!



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