



Students work to ready the new BCHS Greenhouse for its' opening on April 29th.

## New BCHS greenhouse to open Friday, April 29

By Shirley Shuman

The long-awaited BCHS greenhouse will open to the public Friday, April 29, agriculture instructor Josh Porto recently announced. The greenhouse, situated at the back of the high school parking lot, is the fulfillment of what Porto called "a labor of love." In the fall of 2018, he explained, he "had an epiphany": The old greenhouse was functional but needed improvement. Those improvements will come later, the instructor said, but he followed the epiphany with the effort to build a new greenhouse. That effort was obviously successful.

Already operative, the new structure, which measures 30' by 63', is "full from door to door," Porto said. Basic-

cally, it contains what the other greenhouse always carried— garden vegetable plants, herbs, flower plants, and hanging baskets. The vegetable plants contain a wide variety of tomatoes and peppers, and the flower plants offer an array from which to choose.

Porto emphasized that all his students "get greenhouse time" and that the approximately 80 students "have done it all." He noted, "I'm the facilitator and even though I do some of the actual seeding and transplanting, the students manage planting the seeds in the lab at the school building, then filling the pots, transplanting the seedlings, and moving those to the greenhouse. Here the instructor explained

that some of his students "find love and passion for the process."

Explaining the advantages of the new greenhouse, Porto noted, "It's more accessible than it's ever been," and added, "With the location of the other greenhouse, there were actually people who didn't know we had a greenhouse. Of course the new one is also larger."

The current site of the new building has three distinct advantages for students. "It's safer now," the instructor said. "We'd been walking through the parking lot and down the road." Students also have more actual time in the greenhouse since the site at the back of the parking lot is much

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## Commission hears update on broadband expansion

Melissa O'Brien with the firm Thompson & Litton was one of the first to address the County Commission at their regular meeting last Friday, April 15. O'Brien's firm has been employed by the Roane County Economic Development Authority to provide engineering services for a project to expand broadband capabilities over 287 miles in a seven-county area which includes Braxton. The Roane based group is working with the local Commission and the Braxton County Development Authority to add just over 31 miles of fiber optic cable that could potentially serve 903 households and businesses.

Commission President Lisa Godwin explained that the Commission and BCDA had requested the engineering firm to revise their original plan to encompass more areas of the county that had poor landline phone service and little or no cellular service. "In times of needs, many are residents have no way to contact emergency services for assistance and we wanted those areas to be a top priority

where possible," explained Godwin.

Funding for the service will come from several sources. Roane EDA has applied for a Federal Grant which will build the backbone of the expansion project. The Braxton County Commission has committed \$1,000,000 of their ARP allotment which will provide the 25% match for a WV Department of Economic Development grant currently being applied for. If successful, nearly \$4,000,000 will go to the local expansion.

O'Brien requested that the Commission provide a letter of support for the project to be sent to the WV Development office as well as similar letter from citizens who currently have inadequate communication services.

First to speak to the Commission last Friday was Addi Facemire, director of BC Drug Testing Services who provided a report on activities of her agency for the month of March. That report indicated that the agency has conducted 73 drug screenings and that 2 individuals had successfully completed the terms of their home confinement and had been

released.

Luke Malensek representing the Central WV Outreach Center, requested that the Commission consider funding assistance for his agency which provides building and household goods to area residents at discount prices. He explained that his group needed assistance in replacing the roof on their 20,000 square foot facility which is estimated to cost \$50,000. He further explained that CWVOC has what they call a "No-charge Program" which assists local residents who do not have the ability to pay the agency's discounted rates. He used a family which lost their home due to a fire as an example. He stated that last year the program cost CWVOC \$43,000 for the materials they disbursed at no cost. Commission President Lisa Godwin stated that the Commission would place the request on the agenda of their next work session for discussion.

Luke Nettles, BC Animal Control Officer spoke to the Commission regarding the need to increase the adoption

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## Town of Sutton's Council has long meeting

The Sutton Town Council met on April 14. The meeting was called to order by Mayor JD Hoover at 6:00 pm.

The first to speak to the council was Johnny King, Fire Forester with the WV Division of Forestry. He discussed fire seasons, the issuing of burn permits, and he went over the regulations of burn piles with council members.

Police Chief Shane Boggs provided an update to council members. He stated the department was recently certified for three years through the WV Juvenile Justice System. Joint training with the Burnsville and Flatwoods Police Departments and the Braxton County Health Department was also completed for certification in certain responses. The department is also in the process of becoming FBI LEEDA certified and will be the only department in the state

with that certification. The department will meet the FBI standards for leadership qualifications across all levels of command. This will also help with receiving grant monies to allow the department to become more self-sufficient.

Mayor Hoover discussed options to monitor the burn pile for illegal dumping. Chief Boggs stated he has been changing his hours in town, including early morning hours, and he would watch that area. The individual that was suspected was seen taking their garbage out Old Woman's Run out of his jurisdiction. He did suggest possibly purchasing trail cams that could be used to monitor that area as well as others as needed.

Municipal Judge Rodney Jamison spoke to the council with an update on municipal court. Court has met three times with one case dismissed and one appeal to a higher level that was bounced back to his court. Summons have been issued for those who failed to show. One individual is doing 40 hours of community service. Court has been set for the first Thursday of the

month from 6:00 to 7:00 pm.

Under regular business, council members approved the minutes of the March 24 meeting minutes on a motion by Beth Atkins with a second by Jon Crum.

Also approved as presented was the payment of bills on a motion by Robyn Dolan and a second by Recorder Laurel Petolicchio. Jon Crum asked about some of the police expenditures and equipment for the garage. Boggs stated the police expenditures had been previously approved by the council. He had been shopping around for some of the equipment trying to find the best price and that was why there was a delay in purchasing.

Recorder Laurel Petolicchio discussed the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. She had been in contact with the state auditor's office to make the needed corrections to the budget. The council will discuss the budget more at the April 19 special budget meeting.



This team coached by James Huffman and Johnny Crockett won 1st place at a Little Pioneer youth league tournament held recently in Glenville.

## Braxton team of elementary school boys wins tournament

A team of seven Braxton County fourth and fifth-grade boys won a four-team basketball tournament played at Gilmer on April 9. The team included players from the Braxton County youth basketball teams and were chosen by James Huffman and Johnny Crockett. The tournament was sponsored by Little Pioneers, a Gilmer County youth group.


Huffman gave a run-down of the games the Braxton boys played and results of those games although he did not have scores for most of the games. Braxton first played the team from Lewis and lost. They defeated Calhoun by a wide margin, Huffman noted, in their second game and were able to go on to the next game.

In their third game, the Braxton boys faced

Lewis for the second time. This time they won, and the win gave them the right to play in the championship game. Braxton's team defeated Gilmer 19-16 to win the championship. Coach Huffman mentioned that the game's low score came primarily because of strong defense. Those on the Braxton championship team were Isaiah Crockett, Rayden

Davis, Cohen McPherson, Jayden Tingler, Lane Lewis, Holden Lloyd, and Kenton Meadows.

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### Fourth in Class of 2022 plans career in pharmacy

By Shirley Shuman

Emily Metheney, daughter of Ryan and Follandi Shaver, plans to become a pharmacist. She explained how she chose pharmacy. "I had considered doing nursing," she said, "but it takes up a lot of time and it's hard to schedule." She added, "I chose pharmacy because I'd like the environment of pharmacy better than nursing. It's more slow-paced."

Her interest in a medical career may have developed from the number of health care classes she has taken. Of those, she especially enjoyed clinicals because the students "get to see

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Steve Facemire stated mowing, weed eating, and trimming of brush along the roadways had begun in the town. He discussed renting equipment to address the issue on 5<sup>th</sup> Street and he is still working on getting the culvert cleaner up and running.

Mayor Hoover and Robyn Dolan discussed posting a notice the town is accepting bids for paving contractors to work on patching and fixing

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As I See It

By Ed Given



Branch banks closing...

I had heard a rumor several days ago that Peoples Bank was going to close their branches in Sutton and Burnsville. The date conveyed in those messages indicated the move would happen in July. I was pretty confident of my source, so I contacted an official of the bank but was told that no decision had been made.

However, that apparently was not correct information since I now understand that bank employees were officially notified within a couple of days of my call. I am disappointed that I was not able to get accurate and timely information to combat or confirm the rumors when I first heard them. I guess that's what happens when local entities are owned by big conglomerates headquartered outside the state.

I guess I'm old school. After 50 years of doing business with the Bank of Gassaway change does not come easy. When John Heater owned the bank, it was much the same. Those 40 plus years ruined me. Premiers' ownership brought about big changes. Some of it was good. I particularly like the electronic banks, even though my initial thoughts were the opposite. Other changes were too drastic for this ole customer. I was hopeful that Peoples would be a positive change. I was told, by people in the industry, that they, Peoples, were very community oriented, and I was optimistic when they took over. I even persuaded one friend not to change his mortgage loan until after the ownership change.

Closing these branches does little to reinforce Peoples' commitment to the local area. I know that the Sutton Branch is highly used. I seldom do normal banking at Flatwoods. Yes, I realize it is close, which is probably the business reason for closing Sutton, but with gasoline over \$4 per gallon, I will not be driving the six-mile round trip for daily office deposits. I have been a devoted supporter of that bank, under all its owners, for five decades and was hoping for better treatment, communications, and service.

In my mind, closing these branches at this time is a bad move. It may be good for Peoples in a business sense, but it certainly stinks in the realm of public service. I know it will be inconvenient for hundreds of customers who patronize the Sutton Branch. Some like me will be left with no alternative but to explore the options.

Obviously, Peoples Banks really doesn't care about my opinion. But, even if they won't talk to me about the change, it doesn't mean I have to like it! Shame on you Peoples... your Sutton customers deserve better.

Beekeeping Workshop planned for May 3

Have you ever dreamed of becoming a beekeeper but are a little intimidated? Join us May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at the Nicholas County Veterans Memorial Park Dining Hall for a workshop to learn some of the basics.

Eric Grandon, owner of Sugar Bottom Farm in Ovapa, WV will be the instructor of the course. Topics will include parts

of a beehive, basic beekeeping terms, parasite prevention and control strategies, important plants for honeybees, beekeeping equipment, proper placement of honeybee hives and installing package bees.

Registered participants will be entered into a drawing to receive beekeeping supplies - a hat and veil combo, smokers and hive tools

to our annual Local Work Group Meeting for the purposes of setting priorities and getting ideas and feedback for our landowner assistance programs for the coming year. This meeting is held annually to solicit ideas from partnering agencies, groups, and individuals, as to what natural resource concerns are of the

and a package of bees (15 participants will receive these items). Hives will be available for purchase for \$165 (story and a half in 8 or 10 frame). Refreshments will be provided.

Farm Service Agency personnel will be on hand to share available programs. Pre-registration is required for the Beekeeping Workshop by calling WVU-

highest priority, and possible solutions, practices/activities, or programs might best address these.

The meeting will be held at the **Elk Conservation District Office at 738 Airport Rd., Sutton, WV 26601 on Wed. May 11, 2022, at 9:00am.**

If you are able/wish to attend, please notify the Elk Conservation District by phone at

Braxton County Extension at 304-765-2809, WVU-Clay County Extension at 304-587-4267 or Nicholas County Extension at 304-872-7898. Individuals requesting accommodations because of a disability should contact the WVU Nicholas County Extension Office.

This Workshop is supported by USDA's "Pandemic Assistance for Producer's Initiative" USDA-FSA-MULTI-21-NOFO0001104 under Farm Service Agency, and sponsored by Elk Conservation District and WVU Extension.

304-765-2535 or by email at [ecd@wvca.us](mailto:ecd@wvca.us). If you are unable to attend but still would like to comment, please let us know and we can email or mail you a questionnaire to be returned to us. We thank you for your consideration in this matter and look forward to seeing/hearing from you.

Sincerely,  
Clark Mollohan,  
Chairman-ECD District  
Andy Sentz  
District Conservationist  
USDA-NRCS

From our readers

Landowners invited...

The Elk Conservation District and the Natural Resources Conservation Service would like to invite you

Just look at this!

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



*The Pulse Church in Gassaway and the Awaken Recovery Outreach Program conducted alive reenactment of the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ at the 67 Exit of I-79 last Friday in celebration of Good Friday and Easter. Quite a fitting tribute to the real meaning of a very special holiday celebration!*

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.

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News from our Capitol

by Delegate Brent Boggs

Whenever you can get a big portion of your family together for a weekend or even a day, it's a time to be thankful. As I type with the old laptop this Easter Sunday evening, we enjoyed a great day with beautiful weather; Justin, Jen and the twins joined us for church services this morning; blessed by a wonderful cantata by the GBC choir; Jean prepared everyone a delicious Easter dinner meal; and my mom and dad were having a good day and able to join us for lunch and a portion of the afternoon.

While we missed Jessica's family, we were glad to at least visit with them over the phone. As we celebrate the resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ, it's been a day of blessings for which I'm thankful. And, as we watch the continuing evil of Russian leaders inflicting harm on Ukrainian citizens, it makes me even more cognizant of counting the blessings we enjoy.

Despite sending petitions, videos, and letters to

our congressional delegation, it appears at this date they have yet to indicate whether they plan to intervene with the Corps of Engineers on behalf of the citizens that use our lakes. Effective May 1, a daily user fee will be imposed via a credit card only kiosks for visitors that swim, boat, picnic, etc. Based on the local economic conditions and lack of a public swimming pool, charging for use of the lakes sends a poor message to our citizens in central West Virginia. There are still many unanswered questions, and the public deserves answers now.

While I will not give up trying, it's up to our federal representatives to act, as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is a federal agency and unfortunately, the State of West Virginia has no jurisdiction on these plans, which apparently have been in the making for years. While the COE did listen, they just aren't working with the thousands of concerned citizens that use our major impoundments.

Finally, the Governor has

indicated that he intends to call a one-day special session of the Legislature when we are back in Charleston for April interim meetings next week. While we do not have an official proclamation issued by the Governor with his agenda items, there is a list of sixteen possible bills circulating, as of last week. As the session is anticipated to be a one-day only session, any bills that lack the support to pass or insufficient votes to suspend the rules that a bill be read on three separate days will likely be postponed for a session later this year. I'm including the April interim meeting schedule below. A few on the list are technical veto messages, based on a technicality. I imagine that it will likely change when the Governor indicates the date of the session.

**Sunday, April 24, 2022**  
1:00 PM - Legislative Oversight Commission on Education Accountability - Senate Finance  
3:00 PM - Joint Commission on Economic Development - House Judiciary  
3:00 PM - Post Audits Subcommittee - Senate Finance  
4:00 PM - Select Committee on PEIA, Seniors & Long Term Care - Senate Judiciary  
5:00 PM - Joint Legislative Oversight Commission on Dept of Transportation

Accountability - Senate Judiciary  
Monday, April 25, 2022  
10:00 AM - Joint Standing Committee on Finance - House Chamber  
10:00 AM - Joint Standing Committee on the Judiciary - Senate Chamber  
01:00 PM - Joint Committee on Children and Families - Senate Judiciary  
03:00 PM - Commission on Special Investigations - Senate Finance  
04:00 PM - Select Committee on Veterans' Affairs - Senate Judiciary  
05:00 PM - Joint Standing Committee on Education - Senate Chamber  
Tuesday, April 26, 2022  
9:00 AM - Joint Standing Committee on Pensions and Retirement - Senate Finance  
10:00 AM - Joint Committee on Technology - Senate Judiciary  
10:00 AM - Joint Committee on Health - House Chamber  
2:00 PM - Joint Committee on Government and Finance - Senate Finance  
2:00 PM - Legislative Oversight Committee on Regional Jail and Correctional Facility Authority - Senate Judiciary  
3:00 PM - Legislative Oversight Commission on Health and Human Resources Accountability - Senate Finance  
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things done and also get to participate,” she noted. It isn’t surprising to learn that Linda Brooks, the health care teacher at the high school is her favorite teacher. “I had her for four years and really enjoy the way she teaches her classes,” the senior explained.

To achieve her goal, Metheny will attend Glenville State University for her basic classes and then finish her degree at Marshall University as GSU and MU have partnered on a pharmacy program. She chose to begin at Glenville because “it’s close to home” and she likes “the small environment.”

During her high school career, Metheny has been quite active. She belongs to HOSA, the National Honor Society, and FBLA. She recently qualified to compete at the national FBLA convention. She also played volleyball all four years of high school. During her free time, Metheny enjoys hanging out with friends and family although her parttime work at Kroger limits her free time.

Asked what has impacted her education the most, Metheny, as did many of her classmates, answered, “The pandemic.” She explained why. “It was a big change,” she said. “We switched from in-class to online, and that made it more difficult to get motivated to do our work. We also did not learn as much as we would have in class. However, we did the best we could with what we were given.”

One response which Metheny gave quickly was to what impressed her the most during high school. “When the boys made the states and we sent them off with a parade and in a special bus,” she answered.

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fees charged by the Animal Shelter. Nettles stated that the fees had not been increased for some time and in many cases did not cover the costs of care for animals before they were adoptable. He requested that the new rates be set at \$149 for male dogs and

\$169 for females. He explained that this new rate would represent a \$50 per animal increase and in most cases cover the costs incurred by the Animal Shelter. On a motion by Larry Clifton the new rates were adopted.

Nettles also discussed the need to recoat the floors in the Animal Shelter. He stated that the original coating is cracking which creates obstacles regarding sanitation and controlling disease. He stated that his best bid for the work was Appalachian Epoxy costing \$13,810. Melvin Gum introduced a motion to allow Nettles to proceed with the work.

OES Director John Hoffman requested that the Commission cover the cost of five, 5-gallon pails of training foam to be utilized in a county wide training exercise at the airport. He added that the total cost including shipping will be approximately \$570 to \$595. The request was granted.

Sheriff Lou DellaMea requested permission to advertise to hire a part-time, temporary employee due to an extended absence of a full-time employee. Larry Clifton’s motion authorized the Sheriff to proceed with the advertisement.

Beth Adkins, representing the Town of Sutton spoke to the Commission regarding the Town’s discussion concerning the removal of parking meters in the downtown area. She stated that the plan will not work if county employees occupy the existing parking spaces on the street. She requested that the County instruct their employees not to park at the metered spaces. Commission President Godwin stated that the Commission would inform the department heads of the request.

The Commission approved the short form settlements as presented by the Fiduciary Supervisor for the following: John L. Berry, Thelma Beverage, Frances Joan Bias, Lola V. Harris, Diana B. McAllister, Sharon Elaine Miller and Jeffrey A. Steele.

Applications for correction of erroneous assessments were approved for Mary Dotson and Frame Insurance

Agency, Inc.

Three purchase orders were approved via separate motions. They included: Dell for an OptiPlex 5090 SFF for the OES Office at a cost of \$1,824.92; \$885.99 for license for Sophos AV for Braxton 9-1-1; Two Dell OptiPlex 7090 computers for the Prosecutor’s office at a cost of \$2,897.04.

It was also Gum who made the motion to purchase a Heart Defibrillator for the Health Department at a cost of \$1,919 plus shipping.

The Commission approved the purchase of carpet cleaner for the courthouse at a cost of \$649.99.

A discussion was held concerning John Forbush’s request to be placed on the County’s Wrecker Rotation list. John Hoffman stated that he needed to review the lease Forbush has for storage of vehicles before reporting back to the Commission. Larry Clifton stated that with the current volume of calls he didn’t feel adding another service was needed at this time. He made a motion, which passed, that the application be denied based on that need. He added that if Hoffman’s examination of the application is satisfactory that Forbush be first in line to fill any vacancies that may arise in the future.

Larry Clifton made a motion to enter into an agreement to purchase property near the courthouse at 402 Riverview Drive at a cost of \$135,000.

Gary Davis was appointed to the Braxton County Solid Waste Authority on a motion by Commissioner Clifton.

The Commission set July 1 at 10:30 a.m. for a hearing on an objection to claim in the estate of Susanna Rose.

The Commission approved an internal budget revision requested by the Sheriff’s Office.

Following a review both the County and EMS bills as well as the minutes for the Commission’s April 1 meeting were approved via separate motions.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Braxton County Commission will convene on May 6 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

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ing roads owned by the town. The state is currently working on patching state owned roads. Work will continue by the state department including work North Baxter and North Main on Town Hill.

Beth Atkins asked about recycling options for businesses. One business has had an issue with the cardboard blowing around and getting wet before it can be picked up. Council discussed contacting the business and any others about the recycling and the manner the recycling should be placed for pick up.

Jon Crum looked into options for replacing the lighting in the town building. Through his research, he found the lights could be fixed for approximately \$10 each in materials. Mayor Hoover discussed contacting Hickman’s for an updated quote for the 45 lights in the building.

Beth Atkins discussed the Elk River Trail. The organization is requesting a letter of support be submitted by April 20 for the Appalachian Regional Commission grant of \$1.5 million. A summary of what would be completed with the money was provided

to the council. The council approved the letter of support on a motion by Beth Atkins and a second by Catherine Hoover.

Mayor Hoover briefly discussed a letter of request from an individual asking council members to submit letters to be sent to Senator Joe Manchin opposing the nomination of Gigi Sohn for the FCC.

Council approved Jon Crum to sit on the Farmers Market committee on a motion by Beth Atkins and a second by Recorder Petolicchio.

Council approved the construction permit for 210 Riverview Drive on a motion by Steve Facemire with a second by Robyn Dolan. Motion passed with Recorder Petolicchio abstaining due to personal involvement.

Council discussed updating the town ordinances. Council decided to get current ordinances converted to an editable document. Once that is complete, council then can change and edit them as needed for updating.

Council revisited the parking meter discussion. Recorder Petolicchio stated she had spoken with Bill Hopen and he did not want to leave his sculptures up on the parking meters but just out for special occasions. Steve Facemire noted the removal of meters needed to be looked into deeper. He noted a system needs to be in placed to monitor the 2 hour parking and delegate parking spaces for those living in apartments on Main Street. Council decided to buy bags noting 2 hour parking to cover the meter heads temporarily to see about enforcement and possible issues before moving forward on the removal.

Chief Boggs suggested moving Officer Jason Boggs over to more monitoring of the meters as it has previously been an office employee task. He noted over 12,000 parking tickets written

since 2016 have been found in boxes. The problem is the old administration did not have proper organization or records of the tickets and he cannot tell if they have been paid or not. He estimates that it is approximately \$6000 in revenue that is unknown if it has been accounted for properly or not. By shifting Officer Boggs, the town can work on fixing those issues and have better records on the parking meter revenue. The issue of courthouse employees parking on Main Street was also discussed. Beth Atkins and Recorder Laurel Petolicchio will attend the County Commission meeting to discuss that with the Commissioners. Parking at the Landmark was also discussed and the need for them to comply with ordinances and parking regulations.

Council briefly discussed the adoption of ICC Title 87-4-7 State Building Code Compliance. The code was recommended for approval by the state fire marshal. The code however is more for new builds and does not directly help with addressing the issue of derelict buildings. Steve Facemire discussed getting more information on the “zombie” bill passed in state legislation in order to address those issues.

Council went into executive session at 7:57 pm. They reconvened at 9:10 pm and adjourned immediately following.

The next regular meeting is scheduled April 28 at 6:00 pm.

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5:00 PM - Joint Committee on Natural Gas Development - House Chamber

5:00 PM - Joint Standing Committee on Energy - House Chamber

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.

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closer than the site of the original building. Then, too, students are seeing a more modern structure. This structure has a full irrigation system, and it also has a hard plastic shell while the original one is covered with two layers of plastic film which must be replaced every five years. The updated covering will last 15 to 20 years.

The FFA advisor/teacher began working toward this greenhouse by studying and writing grants. His first success was \$20,000 from Weyerhaeuser. Next he approached the Braxton County Board of Education, whose members “were on board with it,” he said. After that, he continued soliciting funds from many sources to reach the original goal of \$80,000. In 2021, with BOE approval, he began soliciting bids for the construction. That effort was successful, and construction began.

Porto says that the is “really happy” with the results and hopes that those who shop for plants there will appreciate the new structure and its contents. He estimates that the greenhouse will be open two to three weeks and suggested that the best way to stay up to date on what’s available and the hours is to go to the FFA Facebook page.

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7:00 am - 10:00 am

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# OBITUARIES

## Kathern Louise Stout

Kathern Louise Stout, 62, of Gassaway, passed away on Sunday, April 10, 2022 at WVU Ruby Memorial Hospital, Morgantown.

She was born in Cleveland Heights, Ohio on July 26, 1959 to the late Darcy Dale and Mary Ellen Nottingham Brady.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, Stevie Ray Stout (1999); son, Donnie Ray Stout (2017); brother, Roger Dale Brady (2021); and grandson, Joseph Chance Carroll.

Kathern worked as

an EMS dispatcher for many years. She was deeply involved in her grandchildren's lives. She loved being called "Nan Nan". She enjoyed flower and vegetable gardening, and you could often find her canning vegetables that she grew in her garden. She also enjoyed cooking and baking and teaching others what she had learned over the years. She made famous hot rolls with a recipe that has been passed down to family and friends. In her spare time she loved vacationing in Florida at the beach with her son and grandkids. She was a great neighbor and would help anyone. She had a wonderful smile and beautiful blue eyes. As a mother and friend to many, she will be deeply missed.

Left to cherish her

memories are her son, Leonard Ray Stout and wife, Gemma Michelle Stout, of Navarre, FL; daughter, Tammy Lynn Stout Morris of Gassaway; brother, Russell Lee Brady and wife, Michelle, of Cleveland, OH; grandchildren, Lexie Michelle Stout, Sydnee Michelle Stout, Samantha Denise Morris, Gabriella Marie Morris, Lillian Grace Morris, Cody Ray Stout, and Titus David Workman.

Funeral service was 1 P.M. Thursday, April 14, 2022 at Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway with Pastor Richie Propst officiating.

Interment was in the Sugar Creek Cemetery, Gassaway.

Visitation was two hours prior to the service at the funeral home.

Words of comfort and fond memories may

be extended to the family at [www.roachfuneralhome.com](http://www.roachfuneralhome.com).

## Martha Lee Baisden

Martha Lee Baisden, 39, of Rosedale, passed away on Sunday, April 3, 2022 at her home.

She was born in Logan County on February 26, 1983 to the late Robert Lee Baisden and Tilda Bell York Austin.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Elsie Fay York and William Riley York; aunts, Esther York Meadows, Barbara York Bailey, Helen York Hagger, Oma York Harris; and uncle, James York.

Martha enjoyed being at home. She loved to craft, color and do beading. She enjoyed tending to her flower garden. She loved fishing with her father when he was living.

Martha enjoyed all animals and leaves behind her dog, Wet Rock.

She is survived by her boyfriend, Adrian Collins, of Rosedale; sister, Elsie Dillon of Rosedale; half brother, Danny Wayne Austin II; stepsister, Kristy Vance of Shegon; stepmother, Dolly Baisden; aunt, Duke York; uncles, William Joe York, and David York.

Martha was cremated and there will be no services.

Arrangements by Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway.

Words of comfort and fond memories may be extended to the family at [www.roachfuneralhome.com](http://www.roachfuneralhome.com).

## Orden Maynard May

Orden Maynard May, 82, of Big Chimney, passed away on April 14, 2022 in Bluefield, VA.

He was born August 18, 1939, in Elkridge, WV to the late Bill and Lura Holcomb May.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his sister, Kathryn May Cutright; and brother, Billy May.

On the first day of school in 1954, Maynard May met "the prettiest girl he ever saw" when the school bus stopped to pick up incoming freshman Ella Delores "Dukie" Walker. She became his high school sweetheart and eventual wife of almost 64 years.

After graduating from Gassaway High School in 1957, Maynard learned to jump out of perfectly good airplanes in the U.S. Army 82nd Airborne Division. He said the Army was "a million-dollar experience, but I would not want another penny's worth of it."

He worked most of his life as a welder. Following the example set by his father, a UMWA coal miner, Maynard was a staunch union man and retired member of the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Ship Builders, Blacksmiths, Forgers and Helpers. He sacrificed his back, his knees and his hearing for the wellbeing of his family while working in power stations all over West Virginia and some in South Carolina and Kentucky. But his favorite place to be was his home at Big Chimney.

After he retired at age 57, you could generally find Maynard in his garage working on an antique car, sneaking a cigarette, handing out penny candy to neighborhood children or just shooting the breeze with visiting buddies. A lifelong Democrat, he decorated that garage with posters from the Mondale/Ferraro and Clinton/Gore campaigns. All his possessions – garage, lawn mowers, tools, truck – were marked with his trademark Stickman.

Maynard loved the antique cars he rebuilt, Louis L'Amour, Merle Haggard, WVU football, his family and Dukie. Not necessarily in that order.

His survivors include his son, Doug May of Big Chimney (companion Donna Kay Chambers), who cared for both his parents with love, kindness, good humor and patience for many years; daughter, Pam May McGee (husband Doug) of South Charleston; Quasi-son, Ronnie Moore (wife Stacey) of Big Chimney; two grandsons, Morgan Shillingburg of Big Chimney and Todd Shillingburg (fiancée Hannah Howes) of Charleston; sisters-in-law, JoAnn Truman of Serbia and Vonnice Moore of Big Otter, brother-in-law, Jim Walker of Frametown; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Maynard's preference was to have no memorial service, but if you are so moved, please make a donation in his memory to Medical Services of America Hospice, 1935 Front Street, Richlands, VA 24641.

Arrangements by Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway.

Words of comfort and fond memories may be extended to the family at [www.roachfuneralhome.com](http://www.roachfuneralhome.com).

## Dee Mollohan

Dee Mollohan, 50, of Frametown, WV, was called home to be with the Lord on Thursday, April 14, 2022.

Dee

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OFFICIAL BALLOT OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY

BRAXTON COUNTY, WV

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER

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NATIONAL TICKET

FOR U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
1ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
(Vote For ONE)

JAMES EDWIN HOUSER

Mount Nebo

Nicholas Co.

SCOTT FULLER

Kenova

Wayne Co.

CAROL MILLER

Huntington

Cabell Co.

ZANE LAWHORN

Princeton

Mercer Co.

KENT STEVENS

Milton

Cabell Co.

STATE TICKET

FOR STATE SENATOR  
11TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT  
(Vote For ONE)

BILL HAMILTON

Buckhannon

Upshur Co.

FOR MEMBER OF HOUSE OF DELEGATES  
63RD DELEGATE DISTRICT  
(Vote For ONE)

LORI COWGER DITTMAN

Gassaway

Braxton Co.

DUANE WILLIAMS

Little Birch

Braxton Co.

FOR STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
11TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT  
(Female)  
(Vote For Not More Than TWO)  
Two males can be elected and two females can be elected, but not more than two people (male or female) of any one county can be elected.

LINDSAY BEVER

Buckhannon

Upshur Co.

CRISTIN C. DUSENBURY

Elkins

Randolph Co.

AMY KARNES

Helvetia

Randolph Co.

KAREN G. MCCOY

Hillsboro

Pocahontas Co.

LISA WEESE

Belington

Barbour Co.

Write-in, If Any

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PRIMARY ELECTION

STATE TICKET

FOR STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
11TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT  
(Male)  
(Vote For Not More Than TWO)  
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MAX GROVE

Belington

Barbour Co.

GREGORY T. MURPHY

Volga

Barbour Co.

GARY CONNELL

Buckhannon

Upshur Co.

ROBERT KARNES

Helvetia

Randolph Co.

CARL "ROBBIE" MARTIN

Buckhannon

Upshur Co.

PHILLIPS B. KOLSUN

Elkins

Randolph Co.

RHETT P. DUSENBURY

Elkins

Randolph Co.

Write-in, If Any

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COUNTY TICKET

FOR CIRCUIT CLERK  
(Vote For ONE)

NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER  
(Vote For ONE)  
Not more than one resident of any magisterial district may be elected.

NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED

FOR COUNTY CLERK  
(Vote For ONE)

NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED

FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
1ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
(Female)  
(Vote For ONE)

NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED

Write-in, If Any

MAY 10, 2022

COUNTY TICKET

FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
1ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
(Male)  
(Vote For ONE)

NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED

Write-in, If Any

FOR SENATORIAL DISTRICT  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
11TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT  
(Female)  
(Vote For ONE)

NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED

Write-in, If Any

FOR SENATORIAL DISTRICT  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
11TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT  
(Male)  
(Vote For ONE)

NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED

Write-in, If Any

FOR DELEGATE DISTRICT  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
63RD DELEGATE DISTRICT  
(Female)  
(Vote For ONE)

NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED

Write-in, If Any

FOR DELEGATE DISTRICT  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
63RD DELEGATE DISTRICT  
(Male)  
(Vote For ONE)

NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED

Write-in, If Any

VOTE BOTH SIDES

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## High Knob Cemetery Donations for 2021

We want to thank the following people for their donations for 2021. These people are the ones the keep are cemetery mowed.

Jerry Mae Stalnaker, Nancy Fields, Jeff Agee, Homer Eubank, Robert Lively, Marlon and Renell Moats, Carol King Schott, Becky Cochran, Carol April Dean, Johnnie Parker, Lola Malcomb, KT Motsinger, Oleta King Robinson, Ronald Clark Spaur, Lorraine Gregory Wine, Mildred McCoy, Duke and Judy Harris, and Carolyn Wellman.

If you have a loved one buried at High Knob, please make a donation to: High Knob Cemetery Fund.

Mail donations to Delmas (Duck) Harris, 65 Beamer Drive, Sutton, WV 26601.

Thanks again for the donations that were sent.

## Little Birch Elementary host 2022 Spring Flower Swap

Little Birch Elementary School will host their Annual Spring Flower Swap on May 7th from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. at Little Birch Elementary. Three rules to follow while attending the event are 1. Bring at least one plant or as many as you want. 2. Do not exchange money. 3. Do no start exchanging plans until 9:00 A.M. New for this year there will be a

10:00 A.M. class on Hydrangeas presented by Marian Agostino, Master Gardener of Clay County and Braxton County, also a member of Judy's Garden Club. For questions and additional information, please contact Sue at (304) 678-9670 or Barb at (304) 765-2049.

## Riffle Reunion 2022

The Descendants of Samuel Peyton Riffle and Elizabeth Bragg, also, Asa Riffle and Phoebe Hinkle, we hope this finds you well. Due to Covid-19/Coronavirus Pandemic we will not be having Our Reunion this year. We're hoping everything subsides so we can have Riffle Reunion 2023. If you'd like to help with the Reunion next year or have any questions, feel free to call Richard Barnette (President) at (304) 701-8840 or Vivian Bishop (Treasurer) at (304)644-4379. We hope you have a safe and blessed year.

## Braxton County Senior Citizens Center miniature Golf Course Grand Opening

Join us on Thursday, April 28 at 10 am for the "Grand Opening" of our mini golf course. There will be door prizes, refreshments, and a nice lunch after the ribbon cutting ceremony. BCSCC - helping seniors stay healthy for years to come!

## Kniceley McCray Cemetery clean up

On Saturday, April 30 (weather permitting) starting at 9:30 am we will be having a spring cleanup and work day at the Kniceley McCray Cemetery. Anyone interested, we would greatly appreciate your help. Any questions please call 304-765-5214 or contact the trustees, Rich King, Michael Bright, Austin Bleigh or Chris Kniceley. Hope to see you there.

## Braxton County Redskins Youth Football

We are now accepting letters of interest for our coaches for the upcoming 2022 Season. If you are interested in being a head coach or assistant you must submit a letter of interest to amcpherson@k12.wv.us. There is also still a board position open of Equipment Manager. Message this group if you have any questions.

## National Day of Prayer

The National Day of Prayer is May 5, 2022. The theme is "Exhalt the Lord, who has established us" Col. 2:6-7. The BCMA would like for everyone who can to pray on that day at 9:00am; as this is the time that the nation will be praying. We would like for you to pray for: our nation, our state, our county/communities, and for families. Pray for healing of our nation, peace around the world, and a cure

for the drug problems in our communities.

## Donations needed

Donations are needed for the mowing and upkeep of the Otter Hill Cemetery. In care of: Revelea Lemon, 1125 Cutlip Fork Road, Gassaway, WV 26624. Thank you for the ones who have already paid.

## Burnsville Freedom Festival

Food & product vendor spaces are available for the Burnsville Freedom Festival to be held on July 2nd at the Burnsville Dam. Cost per space is \$25.00. Call 304-853-2605 or stop by town hall for a vendor form

## OBITS

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was born on February 11, 1972 to Francis Atsberger and Orville Carrie "John D." Mollohan Sr.

He is preceded in death by his stepfather, Raymond Atsberger; nephews, Daniel Linsinbigler and Dillon Sears; sister, Karen Nottingham; uncle, James "Buddy" Duffield; paternal grandparents, Charles Ivan Mollohan and Elsie Ernestine Sutton Mollohan and maternal grandparents, Owen Duffield and Edith Loraine Pierson Duffield.

Dee spent his free-time playing video games and watching the Discovery and History channels. He was a wealth of knowledge and had facts for every occasion that he loved to share with everyone. He loved music, the music channel, and music videos. Dee built model cars and had a fondness for NASCAR. He had a vast collection of memorabilia from his favorite NASCAR driver, Dale Earnhardt, Sr. He loved his little dog, Molly, who never left his side and sweet cat, Smokey. Once you got past the gruff exterior, Dee always had a smile on his face and a laugh to share. Dee's heart was kind and caring; he was more than happy to help anyone, in any way that he could. Dee loved children, especially his daughter, Katie; she was his pride and joy.

Left to cherish his memory are his dear loving wife of 23 years, Canza Mollohan, of Gassaway; loving mother, Francis Atsberger of Sutton; dear daughter, Katie Lauren James of Gassaway; father, John D. Mollohan; stepmother, Judy Craft; sisters, Carrie "Sue" Hannah of Sutton, Cynthia Phillips of Sutton, Valerie Linsinbigler of Daytona, Florida, Sarah Bender of Flatwoods and Carrie Mace of Frametown; brothers, Jay Atsberger of Ohio, Larry "Binky" Duffield of Lorraine County, OH, Charley Mollohan of Ohio, Johnny Mollohan of Duck; and uncle, Johnny Duffield of Flatwoods, WV; and adopted sister, Jennifer Rhodes of Sutton. He is also survived by many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Visitation was 6 to 8 P.M. Sunday, April 17, 2022 at Roach Funeral Home, 708 Braxton St., Gassaway, WV with Tony Ferrebee officiating.

Funeral service was 11 A. M. Monday, April 18th at the funeral home.

Interment followed in the Sears Cemetery, Nebo.

Words of comfort and fond memories may be extended to the family at [www.roachfuneralhome.com](http://www.roachfuneralhome.com).

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DISTRICT TICKET					
FOR COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SOUTHERN DISTRICT (Female) (Vote For ONE)					
<div><input type="radio"/> NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED</div> <div><input type="radio"/> Write-in, If Any</div>					
FOR COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SOUTHERN DISTRICT (Male) (Vote For ONE)					
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VOTE BOTH SIDES					

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# COMMUNITY CORNER

COUNTY STORIES

By: JEANNETTE RIFFLE

## Run Little Squirrel, Run!

Recently, I wrote about us hiring a couple guys to take down some old dead trees here, in the low part of the woods beside us. Well, our dog got after a squirrel and it had a hard time finding a tree still standing to go up. When it ran into the woods to go up a familiar tree, it was on the ground. Finally, that confused squirrel found one that was still standing and it scurried up that tree. We had a strange squirrel in our back yard recently. It

had a white stripe all the way up it's back. We got a picture out the back window of it. Woody Woodpecker found his old dead tree this past week and pecked into it for what might be inside to eat. They sure can peck big holes into a tree. I also wrote about a red fox here a few years back that just disappeared. This past week Hubby saw one on the hill across the creek from us. He was sitting in his recliner and noticed movement out the back window, on the hill. It was on the flat up the hill. At first, he thought

it was a coyote but the bright red showed up when he looked closer. He went to the back door to see where it was going and it had turned and was going in the opposite direction and was "flyin low." He looked to see if something was after it but he didn't see anything. It went down to the creek bank but didn't cross over. It just ran on up creek. We have been back to the farm now for 29 years and this is only the third red fox we have seen. We had a gray fox in the apple tree last fall. They will climb a tree but we have never heard of a

red fox climbing a tree. We see a lot of wild life here. Well, the sarvis and the red-bud are in bloom, now. It has to snow on the sarvis before spring comes. Our temperatures are still going back and forth; warm like spring one day and maybe frost that night. Last year we went from winter weather into hot summer. I will wrap

this up for this time. Our granddaughter is fixing supper for us this evening and it is about ready. Until next time, may the good Lord bless and keep you in His care.

PAT'S CHAT

By: PAT RIDPATH



A t church yesterday Pastor Daniel Venegas brought Sheri Sapp up front and shared with all of us the Certificate Sheri had gotten for her fifth anniversary of her work at Walmart. We all love Sheri and she helps us so much, getting the bulletins typed and duplicated each week and many other such chores. She is always eager to help in any way she is needed. Her willingness and abilities have helped our church activities to run smoothly. She is always available to play the piano or organ. She has been playing only the piano since I was staying away from church for almost two years now, hoping NOT to get Covid-19. I had the vaccinations and booster, but still at my age, I didn't want to take any chances. Therefore there was no one to help with the music so Sheri could play the organ. Although I have a piano at home, I have had very little piano practice the last two years. (I have no good excuse for that.) I think it went pretty well with me at the piano,

and Sheri at the organ. It was so good to see some of my church family. I have missed the actual church, but it was also good to see them on ZOOM, those of us who had our Zoom church each week, as well as three other meetings through the week, and occasional board meetings. If you would like to review any of our church meetings and have ZOOM on your computer, all you need is the meeting number, the same number for any of the meetings, Saturday at 10 a.m., Tuesday at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday and 7:00 p.m., Friday at 7:00 p.m. Board meetings are 5:30 p.m. Meeting ID for any of these is the same 961 2015 7208. If you do not have ZOOM, you can get the audio by calling 1 (301) 715-8592# (with the pound # sign), or on YouTube. A nine-year-old young lady sat with her family behind me yesterday, up close to the piano. My heart was so touched when she handed me a note she had written: "Dear Pat I'm verely sorry about Marriann but death happens I Bet she's with Jesus now. One day you'll be with her. Sencerliy (she printed her name but since I have had no time to ask if I could use her name in my chat, I am not using it.) dautger" PS. Jesus loves you! In Jesus' name made by a nine year old." (I want you to notice that, although she misspelled some words, she never missed the apostrophes where needed. I am so proud of her. On the other side of the paper she drew a picture of a girl (woman) with a halo and wings (I think) behind her. The words "Angle pat" are beside her (maybe my guardian angel?) Jesus was written in several places, with one saying, Jesus loves you 100% and another saying Jesus Rock's. Plus Pat Ridpath written in darkened larger letters. I felt very blessed by this sweet young lady. If I remember, I will ask her if I can use her name and tell you in next week's Pat's Chat (if I remember to do that - I do forget things at my age.) What a peaceful and wonderful Easter today. Weather was good, sunny, but cool. My son, Chuck, and his wife, Pam, invited us to eat with them. She is a good cook and one of her sisters came with coconut cake, another sister sent a delicious lemon meringue pie, Pam had cookies and brownies besides, and chocolate-covered strawberries. I try not to eat dessert, but I had a piece of the pie, about a tablespoon of the cake, a small cube of brownie, after I had eaten too much of her delicious dinner. Robin had to leave earlier than I wanted to, so she went home, then later, Pam's sister went home, so Chuck and I started watching a story based on Dr. Ben Carson's life, Gifted Hands. What an amazing story! I really enjoyed myself and they wouldn't let me help them clean up things. I have never really gotten over my knee problem, so it was wonderful to relax and enjoy being spoiled.

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FOR COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE EASTERN DISTRICT (Female) (Vote For ONE)					
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LEGAL NOTICES

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WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS  
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia until May 10, 2022 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project(s):

Call Contract	State Project	Federal Project	Description
004	2022870001	S387-REC/AL-22.00	STBG-2022(035)D
			PAVEMENT MARKINGS
			D-7 Recall Striping
			DISTRICTWIDE
			COUNTY: BRAXTON, LEWIS,
			OTHER, UPSHUR

DBE GOAL: 5% OF CONTRACT BID AMOUNT. BIDDER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCE OF MEETING GOAL ON FORM IN PROPOSAL.

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

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. The deferment, delay, postponement and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened will be available on www.bidx.com.

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

West Virginia Department of Transportation  
Division of Highways  
Gehan M. Elsayed, P.E., Ph.D.  
Chief Engineer of Programs and Performance Management  
Deputy State Highway Engineer

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

CASE NO.: 22-P-11  
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,  
ex rel.,  
BRAXTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S  
DEPARTMENT, Petitioner,

v.  
U.S. CURRENCY IN THE  
AMOUNT OF \$716.00,  
1992 GMC Model K15K BEAR-  
ING VIN 1GTFK16K7NJ730170

SEIZED FROM ANTHONY PAL-  
ETTI AND STOCKERT PALETTI  
FUNERAL HOME, Respondent.  
TO ANY CLAIMANT TO THE  
WITHIN DESCRIBED PROP-  
ERTY:  
You are hereby notified that a  
petition for forfeiture has been  
filed in the Circuit Court of Braxton  
County in the above-styled action  
which prays for an order of the  
Court directing forfeiture of the  
hereafter described property to  
the State of West Virginia, and  
vesting ownership of such prop-  
erty in the State of West Virginia.  
You are hereby notified that all  
persons having a claim upon  
said property, either as owner,  
lien holder or holder of a security  
interest, have a right to file such  
claim clearly stating the identity  
of the claimant; the nature of the  
claim; and an address where the  
claimant can be served with legal  
process. Such claim must be  
filed in writing with Jasmine R.H.  
Morton, Prosecuting Attorney for  
Braxton County at P.O. Box 118,  
Sutton, West Virginia 26601 no  
later than the 31st May, 2022.

1. The property seized and sought  
to be forfeited in this action is:  
(A) 1992 GMC Model K15K and  
(B) \$ 716.00 in U.S. currency.  
You are hereby notified you have  
the right to file an answer to this  
Petition, setting forth your title in,  
and right to possession of, the  
property, within thirty days of this  
order and notice. If you fail to file  
an answer, a final order forfeiting  
the property to the State will be  
entered, and such order is not  
subject to appeal.  
You are further notified that a  
hearing has been set in this mat-  
ter for the 13th day of June, 2022  
at 10:00 a.m. in the Circuit Court  
of Braxton County, at the Braxton  
County Courthouse, 300 Main

Street, Sutton, West Virginia.  
Susan Lemon  
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Brax-  
ton County  
Braxton County Courthouse  
300 Main Street  
Sutton, West Virginia 26601  
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ORDER OF PUBLICATION  
AND NOTICE OF HEARING  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF BRAXTON COUNTY,  
WEST VIRGINIA

CASE NO.: 22-P-12  
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,  
ex rel,  
BRAXTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S  
DEPARTMENT, Petitioner,  
v.  
U.S. CURRENCY IN THE  
AMOUNT OF \$1,287.00  
SEIZED FROM JERRY HART  
and BRIDGETTE BENDER, Re-  
spondents.  
TO ANY CLAIMANT TO THE  
WITHIN DESCRIBED PROP-  
ERTY:

You are hereby notified that a peti-  
tion for forfeiture has been filed in  
the Circuit Court of Braxton Coun-  
ty in the above-styled action which  
prays for an order of the Court  
directing forfeiture of the hereafter  
described property to the State of  
West Virginia, and vesting owner-  
ship of such property in the State  
of West Virginia. You are hereby  
notified that all persons having a  
claim upon said property, either  
as owner, lien holder or holder of  
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to file such claim clearly stating  
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dress where the claimant can be  
served with legal process. Such  
claim must be filed in writing with  
Jasmine R.H. Morton, Prosecut-  
ing Attorney for Braxton County  
at P.O. Box 118, Sutton, West

Street, Sutton, West Virginia.  
Susan Lemon  
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Brax-  
ton County  
Braxton County Courthouse  
300 Main Street  
Sutton, West Virginia 26601  
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PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRON-  
MENTAL PROTECTION  
DIVISION OF WATER AND  
WASTE MANAGEMENT  
WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT  
OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTEC-  
TION'S, PUBLIC INFORMATION  
OFFICE, 601 57TH STREET,  
CHARLESTON SE, WEST VIR-  
GINIA 25304-2345 TELEPHONE:  
(304)926-0440.

APPLICATION FOR A WEST  
VIRGINIA NATIONAL POLLUT-  
ANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION  
SYSTEM WATER POLLUTION  
CONTROL PERMIT  
Public Notice No.: L-33-22

Public Notice Date: April 19, 2022  
Paper: Braxton Citizens' News  
The following has applied for a WV  
NPDES Water Pollution Control  
Permit for this facility or activity:  
Appl. No.: WV0072249  
Applicant: APPALACHIAN TIM-  
BER SERVICES, LLC  
393 EDGAR GIVEN PKWY  
SUTTON, WV 26601  
Location: SUTTON. BRAXTON  
COUNTY  
Latitude: 38:39:14 Longitude:  
80:41:34  
Receiving Stream: Elk River/  
Kanawha/Ohio  
Activity:

To operate and maintain a com-  
plete recycle system and best  
management practices to prevent  
the discharge of process water  
used in the process of wood  
preservation into the Elk River a  
tributary of the Kanawha River.  
Also, to operate and maintain dis-  
posal systems and best manage-  
ment practices for the direct dis-  
charge of untreated non-contact  
cooling water via Outlet No. 001  
to the Elk River of the Kanawha  
River, the direct discharge of  
treated (sand filtration and sedi-  
mentation pond) storm water run-  
off via Outlet No. 003 into the Elk  
River of the Kanawha River and  
untreated storm water runoff via  
Outlet No. 002 into an unnamed  
tributary of the Elk River.  
An anti-degradation review has  
been conducted and Tier 1 pro-  
tection is afforded for the uses  
specified in 47 CSR2.  
Business conducted:  
Wood Preservation  
Implementation:  
N/A

On the basis of review of the  
application, the "Water Pollution  
Control Act (Chapter 22, Article  
11-8(a)),"  
and the "West Virginia Legislative  
Rules," the State of West Virginia  
will act on the above application.  
Any interested person may submit  
written comments on the draft  
permit and may request a public  
hearing by addressing such to  
the Director of the Division of  
Water and Waste Management  
within 30 days of the date of the  
public notice.

Such comments or requests  
should be addressed to:  
Director, Division of Water and  
Waste Management, DEP  
ATTN: Lori Devereux, Permitting  
Section  
601 57th Street SE  
Charleston, WV 25304-2345  
The public comment period be-  
gins April 19, 2022 and ends May  
19, 2022.

Comments received within this  
period will be considered prior to  
acting on the permit application  
Correspondence should include  
the name, address and the tele-  
phone number of the writer and a  
concise statement of the nature  
of the issues raised. The Director  
shall hold a public hearing when-  
ever a finding is made, on the  
basis of requests, that there is a  
significant degree of public inter-  
est on issues relevant to the Draft  
Permit(s). Interested persons may  
contact the public information of-  
fice to obtain further information.  
The application, draft permit and  
any required fact sheet may be  
inspected, by appointment, at  
the Division of Water and Waste  
Management Public Information  
Office, at 601 57th Street SE,  
Charleston, WV 25304-2345,  
between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.  
on business days. 4-19b

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sue Ann Rutherford, Braxton  
County Clerk, hereby gives notice  
that in compliance with WV Code  
3-4A-13(b), the members of the  
Braxton County Commission and  
the Board of Ballot Commission-  
ers will  
convene at 1:00 PM on Friday,  
April 22nd, 2022 at the office of  
the Clerk, in the County Court-  
house, located at 300 Main Street,  
Sutton, WV to inspect the Ballots,  
Vote Recording Devices, and  
Tabulating  
Equipment to be used during the  
April 27t through May 7th Early  
Voting period and for the May 10th  
Primary Election. This examina-  
tion is open to any candidate, one  
representative of each political  
party on the ballot, and the public.

Please turn to LEGALS  
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OFFICIAL BALLOT OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY

D	BRAXTON COUNTY, WV	E	PRIMARY ELECTION	F	MAY 10, 2022
OFFICIAL NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE BRAXTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION					
NONPARTISAN BOARD OF EDUCATION (Vote For Not More Than THREE) Maximum eligible to be elected from the districts: Southern Dist. (2); Eastern Dist. (1); Western Dist. (2); Northern Dist. (1)					
<input type="radio"/> BRADLEY SHINGLER Little Birch Southern Dist.					
<input type="radio"/> MARTHA DEAN Sutton Eastern Dist.					
<input type="radio"/> CAROLYN HOOVER Sutton Eastern Dist.					
<input type="radio"/> LARRY E. HARDWAY Gassaway Western Dist.					
<input type="radio"/> LISA RATLIFF Frametown Southern Dist.					
<input type="radio"/> KEVIN F. GREGORY Ireland Northern Dist.					
<input type="radio"/> Write-in, If Any					
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OFFICIAL NONPARTISAN BALLOT					
FOR CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR (Vote For ONE)					
<input type="radio"/> LINDA L. BROWN Flatwoods					
<input type="radio"/> Write-in, If Any					
DISTRICT TICKET					
FOR COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WESTERN DISTRICT (Female) (Vote For ONE)					
NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED					
<input type="radio"/> Write-in, If Any					
FOR COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WESTERN DISTRICT (Male) (Vote For ONE)					
NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED					
<input type="radio"/> Write-in, If Any					
				VOTE BOTH SIDES	
D		E		F	

SAMPLE BALLOT DISCLAIMER

I, the undersigned County Clerk of Braxton County, West Virginia, do herby certify that the foregoing are true and correct Official Sample Ballots for the May 10th, 2022 Primary Election, containing all of the candidates to be voted for. I certify these Official Sample Ballots this 7th day of April, 2022 by affixing my signature hereto.

Sue Ann Rutherford  
Original Signed  
Braxton County Clerk





LEGAL NOTICES

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ORDER OF PUBLICATION  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

# JOB FAIR

& Open Interviews

April 21, 2022  
9am - 3pm

Central West Virginia  
Aging Services

## IN-HOME CAREGIVERS NEEDED

Part-time and Full-time positions available.

Qualified Caregivers receive competitive rates and an excellent benefits package!

\$25 Walmart gift cards drawn every 30 minutes

101 2nd St., Sutton  
304-765-3668

**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 has been filed with this Court and that a hearing will be held in the matter before the Honorable Judge Richard Facemire on the 5th day of May, 2022, beginning at 9:00 a.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.  
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Susan Lemon  
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Braxton County 4-12 4-19b

**NOTICE OF REQUEST  
FOR QUALIFICATIONS  
FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES**  
The Burnsville Public Utility Board (BPUB), Braxton County, West Virginia is in the process of obtaining statements of qualifications

from qualified engineering consulting firms to provide engineering services for a water extension project. Professional services to be provided may include, but will not be limited to, the following: preliminary engineering report; project design; preparation of all necessary permit applications; preparation of construction plans, specifications, and bidding documents; assistance during bidding; construction administration services; and construction inspection services.  
Sources of funding for these projects may include, but not limited to, the WV Community Development Block Grant Program, USDA Rural Development, Appalachian Regional Commission, US Environmental Protection Agency, WV Drinking Water Treatment Revolving Fund, and WV Infrastructure & Jobs Development Council.  
Procurement of said services will be in accordance with Chapter 5G of the WV State Code and 2 CF 200. All firms interested in being considered for this selection must submit at least five copies of a proposal detailing qualifications, technical expertise, management and staffing capabilities, related prior experience, and professional references.  
The goal of the competitive process is to objectively select the firm who will provide the highest quality service. Accordingly, technical expertise and related past experience will be weighed heavily. The candidates judged most qualified based on a review of the statements of qualifications will be interviewed. The firm determined to be the most qualified based on an evaluation of the interviews will be asked to prepare fee proposals for engineering services as project scopes are finalized. Please submit five copies of all requested information to: Burnsville Public Utility Board, PO Box 306, 54 Buckeye Alley, Burnsville, WV 26335. Hand delivered proposals can not be accepted.  
Proposals will be accepted until 4:00 p.m., Friday, May 6, 2022. The Board reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all submissions. All work will be performed in accordance with the regulations issued by State and Federal agencies relative hereto. The selected candidate will be required to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Executive Order 11246, Section 109 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1974, Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Conflict of Interest Statement, and the Access to Records provisions. The Board shall ensure, to the fullest extent possible, that positive efforts are made to utilize small businesses, including those in rural areas, minority-owned firms, and women-owned business enterprises. The Board will afford the full opportunity to women and minority-owned business enterprises to submit a show of interest and response to this request and will not discriminate against any interested individual or firm on the grounds of race, creed, color, sex, age, handicap, or national origin in the award of the contract.  
Jerry McPherson, Chairman  
Burnsville Public Utility Board  
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Burns family  
thank you

Our family would like to take time to thank “EVERYONE” for your support during the loss of our daughter recently. Thank you all for the food that was brought to our house and for the cards and phone calls. Thank you for your condolences and for all of your prayers. We never before had so many people praying for our family in this very difficult time. All of your acts of kindness and generosity and love is greatly appreciated and will never be forgotten.

Also thanks to everyone that sent flowers to the funeral home and thanks to everyone that came to the funeral home showing your respect and support for Chrystal and our family. It was a blessing to see so many people there that day.

Thanks to Pastor Sheila Baughman for doing the service and thanks to Stockert Funeral Home for doing a very good job in handling the arrangements. May God bless you all!

Thank you again. Everything you all did for us helped us get thru the hardest time in our life. We love you all.

GPL 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.

OFFICIAL BALLOT OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY

D	BRAXTON COUNTY, WV	E	PRIMARY ELECTION	F	MAY 10, 2022
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<b>OFFICIAL NONPARTISAN BALLOT</b>					
<b>FOR CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR</b> (Vote For ONE)					
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<input type="radio"/> Write-in, If Any					
<b>DISTRICT TICKET</b>					
<b>FOR COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NORTHERN DISTRICT (Female)</b> (Vote For ONE)					
<input type="radio"/> <b>PHYLLIS GROVES</b> Heaters					
<input type="radio"/> Write-in, If Any					
<b>FOR COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NORTHERN DISTRICT (Male)</b> (Vote For ONE)					
<input type="radio"/> <b>KENNETH GROVES</b> Heaters					
<input type="radio"/> Write-in, If Any					
<b>VOTE BOTH SIDES</b>					

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I, the undersigned County Clerk of Braxton County, West Virginia, do hereby certify that the foregoing are true and correct Official Sample Ballots for the May 10th, 2022 Primary Election, containing all of the candidates to be voted for. I certify these Official Sample Ballots this 7th day of April, 2022 by affixing my signature hereto.

Sue Ann Rutherford  
Original Signed  
Braxton County Clerk



April 19, 2022

# Sweethearts of Easter Pageant at the Landmark

**By Fernando Rodriguez**  
The cold, windy, and rainy April Saturday did not deter the 60+ entrants at the Sweetheart Productions 2022 Sweethearts of Easter Pageant, another spectacular event brought to the Landmark Studio by Gary Beamer.

Contestants of all ages walked among the many tables full of shiny and colorful trophies, Easter Baskets, stuffed animals and gifts, and of course, the much-coveted Crowns, which would later rest upon the beautiful brows of the winners.

Contestants of all ages, ranging from months old to 60s compete in the many categories including Queens, Division Supremes, Most Beautiful, Best Attire, Best Smile, Most Photogenic, Most Talented, Butterfly Supremes, Fan Faves, People's Choice, and for the males, Boys Overall Most Handsome. This Pageant also included a Mommy and Me category, and what I thought

was super-entertaining, a moment when past Queens selected a member of the audience to dance to "I'm Too Sexy," You know, too sexy for my shirt, too sexy for this place, etc.

Another added feature to this Pageant was a talent spot, where entrants had an opportunity to showcase their individual abilities. Some sang, some danced, some recited.

The Division Supreme Winners included: Aubrie Simmons-Months old division; Peyton Cogar, 1 year division; Karson Mullins, 2-3 years division; Mia Enkee, 4-5 years division; Aryeya Estep, 6-7 years division; Kenna Marple, 11-17 years division; Cindy Martin, Mrs. division; Kendra Lambert, Ms. division; and Division Supreme male was Mason West. Ultimate Division winners were Ellie Hillen, months to 5 years, and Hazelee Williams, 6 to 17 years.

The community owes Gary Beamer a hearty thank you for bringing

a lot of class, color, and beauty to the stage of the Landmark for all to enjoy, as well as a round of applause to all that support and help Gary stage the events.

Thank you to all the contestants and def to their support network.

If you wish information about becoming a contestant or helping,

visit Gary's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/gary.beamer.10/about>

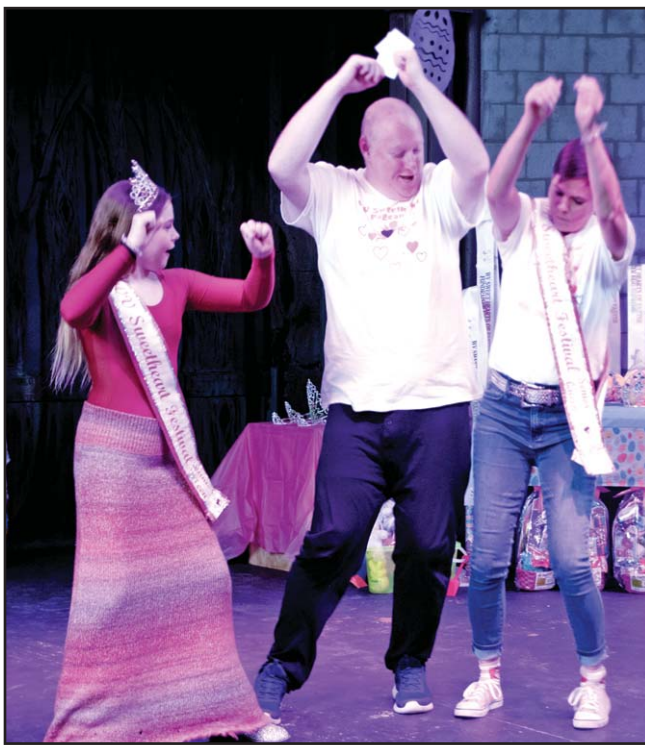
In addition, visit the WV Association of Fairs & Festivals Pageants Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/WVAFF> and [Https://www.facebook.com/groups/818688524927587](https://www.facebook.com/groups/818688524927587)



Judges of the Sweethearts of Easter Pageant prepare for the tough task of electing winners.



A heated moment in the "I'm Too Sexy" dance show.



Gary Beamer shows everyone how it's done!



Contestants in the different divisions model for the judges.



Hazelee Williams Sweethearts of Easter Most Talented and Sweethearts of Easter Ultimate Queen.



Karyson Mullins, Sweethearts of Easter Division Supreme Queen 2-3 years.



Kendra Lambert, Sweethearts of Easter Division Supreme Queen Ms.



Shyeanna Riggerbach, Sweethearts of Easter Queen Mrs.





**WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS  
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia until May 10, 2022 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project(s):

Call	Contract	State Project	Federal Project	Description
018	2020000716	S304-19-27.56 00	STP-0019(505)D	RESURFACING

BULLTOWN-FALLS MILL RD  
0.12 MI S CO 19/20-CO 19/6  
COUNTY: BRAXTON

DBE GOAL: 4% OF CONTRACT BID AMOUNT. BIDDER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCE OF MEETING GOAL ON FORM IN PROPOSAL.

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

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. The deferment, delay, postponement and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened will be available on www.bidx.com.

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

West Virginia Department of Transportation  
Division of Highways  
Gehan M. Elsayed, P.E., Ph.D.  
Chief Engineer of Programs and Performance Management  
Deputy State Highway Engineer

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**All Classifieds, Legal Ads, and advertisements are due  
by BCN Deadline Each Thursday at 4:00 P.M.  
Email editor@bcn-news.com Mail 501 Main St. Sutton WV 26601**

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 20, 1863: President Lincoln issued a proclamation that in 60 days West Virginia would become a state. This occasion was marked 100 years later during the state's Centennial celebration with a special ceremonial session of the West Virginia legislature on April 20, 1963, in Wheeling.

April 20, 1909: Fiddler Melvin Wine was born near Burnsville. A favorite of old-time music enthusiasts nationally, he was chosen as a National Heritage Fellow in 1991 by the National Endowment for the Arts, the highest recognition given to a folk artist in the United States.

April 20, 1939: Poet Irene McKinney was born in Belington, Bar-



bour County. Governor Gaston Caperton appointed her state poet laureate in 1993, and she served in that capacity until her death in 2012.



April 21, 1908: Traditional musician Phoebe Cottrell Parsons was born in Calhoun County. Parsons's traditional claw-hammer banjo style, unaccompanied ballad singing, riddles and storytelling have influenced countless numbers of younger musicians.

April 21, 1936: President Roosevelt established the Jefferson National Forest. The West Virginia portion of this forest includes 18,530 acres in Monroe County.

April 22, 1908: Marshall "Little Sleepy" Glenn was born in Elkins. Glenn coached basketball at West Virginia University from 1934 to 1938 and football from 1937 to 1940. He was inducted into the WVU Sports Hall of Fame in 1992.



April 22, 2003: Activist Judy Bonds, a Raleigh County native, received the Goldman Environmental Prize for her fight against mountaintop removal. Her efforts inspired thousands and turned a local issue in West Virginia into a national cause.

April 23, 1857: Andrew Summers Rowan was born in Gap Mills, Monroe County. Rowan, a military officer, was chosen as the messenger when President McKinley wanted to send a message to Cuban General Calixto Garcia. The 1899 pamphlet, A Message to Garcia, made the incident famous.

April 24, 1865: The McNeill's Rangers surrendered to Union troops at New Creek (now Keyser). The Confederate guerrilla force probably never numbered more than 100 men at any time, but they managed to do damage to Union operations.

April 25, 1863: About 1,500 Confederate soldiers under Gen. William "Grumble" Jones advanced through Greenland Gap, a deep pass through New Creek Mountain in Grant County. The Confederates encountered 87 Union soldiers who held off several assaults before finally surrendering.

April 25, 1923: Union leader Arnold Ray Miller was born at Lee-wood on Cabin Creek in Kanawha County. In December 1972 he defeated Tony Boyle to become president of the United Mine Workers.

April 26, 1816: General Alexander Welch Reynolds was born in Lewisburg. He served in the armies of the United States and the Confederacy. After the war, Reynolds accepted a commission as a colonel in the forces of the khedive of Egypt, the ruler of Egypt under the Ottoman Empire.

e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia is a project of the West Virginia Humanities Council. For more information, contact the West Virginia Humanities Council, 1310 Kanawha Blvd. E., Charleston, WV 25301; (304) 346-8500; or visit e-WV at www.wvencyclopedia.org.

OFFICIAL BALLOT OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY

	A	BRAXTON COUNTY, WV	B	PRIMARY ELECTION	C	MAY 10, 2022
	<b>INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER</b>  1. To vote you must darken the oval ( ● ) completely next to the candidate or issue of your choice.		<b>STATE TICKET</b>  <b>FOR STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 11TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT (Male)</b> (Vote For Not More Than TWO) Two males can be elected and two females can be elected, but not more than two people (male or female) of any one county can be elected.		<b>COUNTY TICKET</b>  <b>FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 1ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT (Male)</b> (Vote For ONE)	
	<b>NATIONAL TICKET</b>					
11	<b>FOR U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 1ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT (Vote For ONE)</b>					
12	<input type="radio"/> <b>MR. LACY WATSON</b> Bluefield Mercer Co.		<input type="radio"/> <b>FARUKH KHAN</b> Elkins Randolph Co.		<input type="radio"/> <b>NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED</b>	
			<input type="radio"/> <b>FRANK P. BUSH, JR.</b> Elkins Randolph Co.		<input type="radio"/> Write-in, If Any	
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41	<input type="radio"/> <b>KEVIN CARPENTER</b> Sutton Braxton Co.		<input type="radio"/> <b>RONALD L. "RON" FACEMIRE</b> Sutton Southern Dist.		<input type="radio"/> <b>NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED</b>	
42			<input type="radio"/> <b>LISA MACE GODWIN</b> Burnsville Northern Dist.		<input type="radio"/> Write-in, If Any	
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	<b>FOR STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 11TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT (Female)</b> (Vote For Not More Than TWO) Two males can be elected and two females can be elected, but not more than two people (male or female) of any one county can be elected.		<b>FOR COUNTY CLERK (Vote For ONE)</b>		<input type="radio"/> <b>FOR DELEGATE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 63RD DELEGATE DISTRICT (Male)</b> (Vote For ONE)	
	<input type="radio"/> <b>BRENDA WEESE</b> Elkins Randolph Co.		<input type="radio"/> <b>SUE (SINGLETON) RUTHERFORD</b> Sutton		<input type="radio"/> <b>NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED</b>	
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51	<input type="radio"/> <b>EMILY STARKS</b> Philippi Barbour Co.		<b>FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 1ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT (Female)</b> (Vote For ONE)		<input type="radio"/> <b>FOR DELEGATE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 63RD DELEGATE DISTRICT (Male)</b> (Vote For ONE)	
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***Chyanne Martin gets into ready position waiting for the pitch.***

It snows. Last night the team traveled to Greenbrier West. Today they are at home against South Harrison. That game begins at 5:30. They have a doubleheader scheduled against Richwood at home Wednesday. Friday they go to Midland Trail.

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This week Braxton has four games scheduled although Coach Lemon is doubtful about being able to play the first two because of weather and field conditions. All four games are at home. Tonight the team is scheduled to play South Harrison, and Wednesday they will go up against Herbert Hoover. Thursday they host Doddridge, and Friday they play Nicholas.

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ond goal. With minutes left Braxton only had to hold their ground. As the whistle blew, the Goal Diggers cheered winning their first game of the season.



The Braxton County Senior Citizens Center will host a Miniature Golf Course Grand Opening Thursday, April 28th at 10:00 A.M. There will be refreshments, and a nice lunch after the ribbon cutting ceremony. Please come out and join in on the fun.

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MAGISTRATE COURT

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**Magistrate Beth Smith's Court**  
April 4: Edward Wayne Wine of Flatwoods, expired MVI, dismissed proof provided; expired registration, dismissed proof provided.  
April 12: Melissa Sue Thompson of Sutton, petit larceny, no contest plea, six months

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.

of jail with credit of time served of 25 days, remainder suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation, fine/court costs assessed; Cody T. Dobbins of Gassaway, no proof of insurance, dismissed proof provided.  
April 13: Sarah Lynn West of East Bank,

domestic assault, victim and defendant have reconciled, brandishing deadly weapon, dismissed, defendant forfeited firearm; Hailey Flint of Sutton, possession of controlled substance, dismissed-deferred sentence, obstructing an officer, dismissed-deferred sentence, defendant successfully completed six months pre-trial diversion; Elijah Lanagan of Birch River, obstructing an officer, dismissed-deferred sentence, destruction of property, dismissed-deferred sentence, domestic battery, dismissed-deferred sentence, domestic assault-deferred sentence, defendant successfully completed 12 month deferred adjudication agreement; Kevin Lyle Dean of Flatwoods, petit larceny x2, dismissed-

deferred sentence, defendant successfully completed adjudication agreement.  
April 14: Jody Lynn McCartney of Ireland, cell phone violation, no contest plea, fine assessed; Cody Nathaniel Mace of Sutton, no seatbelt, guilty plea, fine assessed and paid; Tyler N. Dobbins of Sutton, expired MVI, dismissed proof provided, no seatbelt, guilty plea, fine assessed and paid;

Allen Jay Demastus of Burnsville, violation of bond, warrant issued, bond set at \$6000 cash or surety.  
April 15: Joseph W. Skeens of Cowen, driving revoked for DUI-2nd offense, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$3000 personal recognizance.  
April 17: Kimberlyn Rachelle Carr of Gassaway, indecent exposure, warrant issued, bond set at \$750 cash only; John David Keen-

er, II of Charleston, DUI (intoxicating substance), warrantless arrest, bond set at \$1500 cash only.

Magistrate David Singleton's Court

April 9: James Denver Criner of Frametown, possession of meth, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$2000 personal recognizance, driving revoked for DUI-3rd offense, warrant issued, bond set at \$10,000 cash only.

KITTY KORNER:

Affordable, Adoptable, Fixed Feline Friends

Just One Generation cat rescue was formed in 2013 to help address the severe feline overpopulation problem in our area. In the years since, our program has been adapted based, in part, on our available resources and help. Presently, our priorities are to serve as an emergency placement option for owner-

less cats and kittens that are sick, injured, or endangered in their present location. We also offer spay/neuter assistance for community residents who need help to see that their pets are not contributing to this problem. We have limited space and funds available, and we are depen-

dent on the support of our community and the willingness of people to open their hearts and homes to our animals. All of our adoptable cats and kittens are social, have been vaccinated, dewormed, and received topical flea protection. Spay/neuter/rabies is included with our modest adoption fee, and older kittens and cats may already be done at the time of adoption. This week we feature two mother cats and one kitten in search of a forever home. More adoptable animals can be viewed on petfinder.com by entering a search for CATS at location 26623, or by LIKING our Facebook page. Additional details or information can be obtained by calling Sally Stewart at 304-364-4136.

This week, we have several great kittens available, any of which would make a wonderful addition to your family.



**Molly:** Recently found abandoned in Gassaway. Short-haired dilute calico female. Presumed mother to Sampson.



**Samson:** Male, short-haired orange and white tabby. 6.5 weeks.



**Precious:** Found pregnant and abandoned last January. Mother to 6 kittens born at a Just One Generation foster home on 2/22/22. Kittens now placed. Momma is spayed, immunized and looking for someone to care for her in the same excellent way she cared for her babies.

OFFICIAL BALLOT OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY

D	BRAXTON COUNTY, WV	E	PRIMARY ELECTION	F	MAY 10, 2022
OFFICIAL NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE BRAXTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION					
NONPARTISAN BOARD OF EDUCATION (Vote For Not More Than THREE) Maximum eligible to be elected from the districts: Southern Dist. (2); Eastern Dist. (1); Western Dist. (2); Northern Dist. (1)					
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<div><input type="radio"/> CAROLYN HOOVER Sutton Eastern Dist.</div>					
<div><input type="radio"/> LARRY E. HARDWAY Gassaway Western Dist.</div>					
<div><input type="radio"/> LISA RATLIFF Frametown Southern Dist.</div>					
<div><input type="radio"/> KEVIN F. GREGORY Ireland Northern Dist.</div>					
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OFFICIAL NONPARTISAN BALLOT					
FOR CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR (Vote For ONE)					
<div><input type="radio"/> LINDA L. BROWN Flatwoods</div>					
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DISTRICT TICKET					
FOR COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NORTHERN DISTRICT (Female) (Vote For ONE)					
NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED					
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FOR COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NORTHERN DISTRICT (Male) (Vote For ONE)					
NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED					
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VOTE BOTH SIDES					



### Glennville State University Commencement Ceremony to be held on May 7

The 148th Glennville State University Commencement Ceremony will take place on Saturday, May 7 at 10:00 a.m. in the GSU Waco Center.

The Glennville State University class of 2022 will walk across the graduation stage to receive their degrees in a variety of programs including business, education, land resources, criminal justice, science, music, and more. The prospective grads hail from throughout West Virginia and several other states.

In recognition of an ongoing tradition at Glennville State, alumni who graduated fifty years ago have been invited back to campus to join the current graduates at the ceremony. Members of the class of 1972 will be recognized as “50 Year Graduates” during the event.



**The decorated cap of Glennville State University graduate Haley Cottrill, pictured here at the spring commencement ceremony in May 2021, stands out among a sea of Pioneer graduates. The spring 2022 ceremony will take place on Saturday, May 7 at 10:00 a.m. in the Waco Center.**

The keynote address will be delivered by Andy Knicely, Publisher of WV News. WV News encompasses several publications in North Central West Virginia and beyond, including the Exponent Telegram, The State Journal, Blue Gold News, NCWV Life Magazine, Fairmont News, and WVnews.com.

Graduates are permitted to bring as many guests with them as they like and no tickets are necessary.

For more information about the Commencement Ceremony, visit [www.glennville.edu](http://www.glennville.edu) or contact (304) 462-4115.

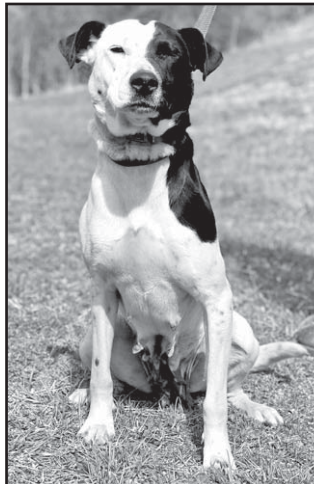
### Stories from the BCAS

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

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



This little doll 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.



**Lacy** is a five year old female treeing walker coonhound. She was found as a stray. This girl seems to always have a smile on her face. She’s a happy go lucky personality that prances around with her head in the clouds. Lacy gets along with everyone she meets dogs and people alike. Lacy has likely never lived indoors before. She walks great on a leash and doesn’t seem to be afraid of anything.

The Braxton County Animal Shelter has been donated three brand new bikes (two trail bikes and one tricycle) and three helmets to raffle as a shelter fundraiser. These bikes could be a wonderful addition to any household with the construction of the new rail trail in Braxton County and spring weather on it’s way! These bikes are convenient because they fold in the center for better storage and transport. All proceeds will go toward care of Braxton County Animal Shelter’s furry friends!

Tickets will be on sale at the Braxton County Animal Shelter during business hours. (Check or Cash in person) Paypal ticket purchases will also be accepted at PayPal.me/BCAnimalShelter

Tickets can be purchased now through April 29th. A livestream video drawing will take place on the animal shelter facebook page on April 29th at noon.

Tickets are \$5 each for 5/\$20. This package is a \$750 value.

Our deepest thank you goes out to Gretchel Bartlett for this wonderful donation to help out our shelter friends!

OFFICIAL NONPARTISAN BALLOT

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INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER

1. To vote you must darken the oval ( ) completely next to the candidate or issue of your choice.

OFFICIAL NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE BRAXTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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LARRY E. HARDWAY

Gassaway Western Dist.

LISA RATLIFF

Frametown Southern Dist.

KEVIN F. GREGORY

Ireland Northern Dist.

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OFFICIAL NONPARTISAN BALLOT

FOR CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR (Vote For ONE)

LINDA L. BROWN

Flatwoods

Write-in, If Any

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# Friends of Burnsville Lake host Annual Easter Egg Hunt

On Saturday April 16, the Friends of Burnsville Lake hosted their annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Burnsville Dam. Sixty-four children participated in the Happy "EastRAWR" Egg Hunt.

Two winners from each age group received an Easter basket filled with goodies, while one winner from each age group received a \$25 Walmart Gift Card.

We would like to thank the Burnsville Methodist Church for their gracious donation of the Walmart Gift Cards.

The FOBL would also like to thank two very special visitors, Rory the Dinosaur and Bobber the Water Safety Dog, for participating in the fun!

From prize and candy filled eggs to dinosaur eggs that had to be cracked open for cash awards, everyone seemed to have a "DINO"mite time!

We hope to see you next year! Happy Easter from the FOBL!



The Annual "EasterRAWR" Egg Hunt was a successful event at the Burnsville Dam



Funds raised go to the Tiffany Jackson Membership Scholarship that the CWVRC awards to a high school senior every year.

## Central WV Riding Club hosts Shooting Match at Holly Gray Park

The Central West Virginia Riding Club sponsored a shooting match at Holly Gray Park in Sutton on Saturday, April 9th.

The shooting match started at 10:00 A.M. where avid 12 and 16 gauge shooters of all ages competed for five hams, five turkeys, and ten money rounds.

Winners of the 12 and 16 Guage matches were Paxton Smith, Brock Schoonover, Sam Moore ,Jim Wilson, Brandon Drake, Nathan Short, Rodney Weaver, Eric Bragg, Eric Bragg, Ron Drake, Paxton Smith, Paxton Smith, Homer Schoonover, Rodney Weaver, Jim Wilson, Rob White, JD Mullins, Homer Schoonover, and Larry Wilson.

A .22 shoot was held at the end of the match. Winners of the 22 matches were Hunter Short, JD Mullins, Daniel Moore, Jaxon Short, and Doug Wood

Follow the Central West Virginia Riding Club on Facebook to keep up with the most up to date information for the next shooting event.



Shooters enjoyed a cool morning putting their skills to the test.

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Candidate for

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- **Deep roots** in Braxton County
- Raised by parents who taught me the importance of **family**
- Want to help make Braxton County a better place for **our kids**
- **Difference maker** in the first 5 years of my term as County Commissioner
  - **Support** for local organizations, community buildings, and libraries
  - **Responsible** budgeting

Fair Professional Proven leader

Honest Respectful Trustworthy

Your last day to register to vote is April 19, 2022

Make your voice heard: **VOTE** May 10, 2022

**Lisa Mace Godwin**  
Braxton County Commissioner

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**HELP WANTED**

**HELP WANTED:** Braxton County Sheriff's Department is seeking a temporary, part-time tax office employee. Applications are available at the BCSD Tax Office, Braxton County Courthouse, 300 Main Street, Sutton, WV 26601. Deadline for applying is April 29, 2022. 4-19 4-26b

**HELP WANTED:** Charleston Filter Service, a locally owned and operated business located in Gassaway, is taking applications for a full-time service technician for changing out filters in HVAC units and body shops. This position does not include any type of repairs on HVAC units so no special certifications are required. We are looking for someone who is hard working that is wanting to stay and learn and grow with our company. A clean driving record is required. This position is Monday through Friday with competitive pay, benefits and insurance available. Resumes may be sent to charlestonfilter@hotmail.com and anyone interested can call Jeff at 304-546-9703, please leave a message if you get voicemail and your call will be returned. 04-12 04-19B

**HELP WANTED:** The Braxton County Board of Education, Sutton, WV, seeks applications for Braxton County Schools Superintendent. The Braxton County Board has retained the West Virginia School Board Association to conduct the superintendent search. Deadline to apply is 4:00 p.m., April 28, 2022. Visit <http://wvsba.org> for the application process. 04-12 19 26B



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**WANTED**

**WANTED:** Contents of old gas stations-cans, signs, pumps. Contents of old barns & houses. Indian arrowheads. Call Theo at 304-644-6700 or 304-472-5821. 4-19 5-12p



**???? MISC.**

**OFFICE CUBICLES** are now available for internet usage at G.A. Covey Engineering in Sutton, WV. Each cubicle contains a desk and chair and Wi-Fi and wired internet is available. Cubicles can be rented by day, by week or by month. Fees are \$5/day, \$10/week or \$25/month. Call our office at (304) 750-2203 for more information or to rent a space 04-12 19b

**ATTENTION: NOTRESPASSING** on any and all property owned by Mary Jane, Julie, and Makila Carr on Dessie Clem Road and Upper Sleith Road. 4-12 5-3p

**NO TRESPASSING** on our property on Road Run in Sutton, West Virginia. Michael A. Westfall (Tony) and John Henry Westfall, JR. (Tarzen). Legal action will be taken for trespassers without written consent by owner. 3-29 4-19p



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and deliver educational programs designed to promote community engagement, improve leadership capacity, and contribute to overall community health and wellness. The position will work with WVU Extension staff and volunteers to facilitate educational programming in family and community development as well as identify and support 4-H youth development and agriculture programming in the county. The successful candidate will build strong partnerships with local organizations, governmental units, and businesses to address community needs. Visit [careers.wvu.edu](http://careers.wvu.edu) for full job description and to apply. 1-888-918-8270 today!

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# Meet a MFB Food Banker

This week, the Mountaineer Food Bank is highlighting Jacob Ferrebee.

Jacob serves as a Mountaineer Food Bank Transportation Supervisor and has been employed with MFB since 2019.

Jacob started as a truck driver for the organization and enjoys his experiences giving back to his own community through his work.

In his free time, Jacob is an outdoorsman and enjoys camping and fishing on the Elk River. He especially enjoys spending time with his wife, Allison.

Thank you, Jacob, for all you do from all of here at the Mountaineer Food Bank.



Jacob Ferrebee.

# Luke Nettles recognized during BCAS Animal Care and Control Appreciation Week

The Braxton County Animal Shelter spent April 10th through the 16th celebrating Animal Care and Control Appreciation Week.

The Braxton County Animal Shelter would like to recognize Braxton County's Humane Officer, Luke Nettles for being a voice for the animals in our county.

Nettles covers the entire county, he does a great job of ensuring happy, healthy homes for Braxton County's furry friends, is there in emergency situations and makes sure justice is served. November will make six years on the job at Braxton County Animal Shelter.

Thank you, Luke, for all that you do for so many at the Braxton County Animal Shelter. You've gone above and beyond for our county.



Luke Nettles, Braxton County Humane Officer.

# Two Braxton County youth sportsmen harvest gobblers during West Virginia's Spring Gobbler Youth weekend

West Virginia's spring gobbler season opened on April 18th and continues for five weeks to May 22, according to the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR). Hunters can harvest one bearded bird per day with a season bag limit of two.

This year's youth season was the weekend of April 16-17. Youth under the age of 18 could harvest one bearded bird, which counts toward their season bag limit of two, during the two days of hunting.

All hunters 15 and older are required to have a valid West Virginia hunting license, unless hunting as resident landowner, and a valid form of identification while hunting. A West Virginia hunting license can be purchased at retail agent across the state or online at WVhunt.com.

WVDNR officials remind sportsmen and women that hunting turkeys with bait and killing hens is illegal. Turkey hunters are encouraged to report any such activity to their local Natural Resource Police Officer or call 911 to report the violation. In addition, the West Virginia Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation pays a \$100 reward for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of anyone using bait to kill wild turkeys.

For all season details, refer to the 2021-2022 West Virginia Hunting and Trapping Regulations Summary available online at WVDnr.gov.



Grady Casto harvested his turkey on April 16th with his father Steve Casto. The gobbler had a 9 1/2" beard and 7/8" spurs.



Levi Wood harvested this gobbler with his father Toby on the 17th in Nicholas County. It had a 10" beard and 7/8" spurs.

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