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State Superintendent speaks to BCHS students

State Superintendent Clayton Burch, Director of Educator Development and Support

Dr. Carla Warren and WV Milken Educator Brian Allman spoke to Braxton County High School's tenth graders about the TeachWV Grow Your Own Initiative. The Grow Your Own Pathway provides high school students with a pathway to pursue a career in education. The intent of the program is to address teacher shortages in West Virginia.

The Grow Your Own Pathway gives students a fast-track into the education field with dual enrollment/Advanced Placement courses and an accelerated pathway in high school. Then the first two years of college, students complete coursework in an education program. For year three, they participate in a yearlong residency as the teacher of record with high levels of support from both the university and the county. Simultaneously, students may complete any remaining university



WV Superintendent of Schools Clayton Burch came to BCHS last week to speak to the sophomore class.

classes in the fall and spring semesters. The county system will provide a cohort supervisor to mentor, coach, and support resident teachers. Students can then graduate with a bachelor's degree in just three years. Participating school districts will give hiring preference for teaching positions, when possible, to graduates of the West Virginia Grow Your Own Teaching Pathway Program.

Benefits of this program for students include: early start on college; reduced time to complete a bachelor's degree; classroom observations and field experiences before college; ability to earn salary, benefits, and seniority in residency year and reduced costs with free dual credit courses.

Braxton County is one of 28 counties in the state that are part of the pilot program. Anyone interested in the program can visit <https://teachwv.com/grow-your-own/> to find more information. (See additional photographic coverage on Page 9)

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2022 High School Prom deemed a huge success

By Shirley Shuman

Approximately 250 students and their guests attended Saturday night's BCHS Prom, which was held in Days Convention Center for the first time in several years. The theme was Saturday Night Fever, a student-generated idea according to Assistant Principal Lori Stover-Williams.

To carry out the theme, each table was decorated with a different color of balloons and neon glow sticks. Favors included 70's themed pop rocks candy, slap bracelets, and mints in collectible tins.

Stover-Williams described the students as "overjoyed to be able to plan, organize, and take part in a school-sponsored Prom after not being able to do so for two years because of Covid restrictions." The assistant principal also felt it "was amazing to see the students laughing, dancing, and socializing in a traditional school milestone." She added, "It was an honor to take part in helping them make memories of their time at BCHS."

Voted on by their peers, Lainey Hunt was crowned Prom queen and Gage Triplett was named Prom King. Senior couples who were interested ran for these honors before the Prom and all attendees voted Saturday night as they entered Prom. The two gave their reasons for running and their reactions to winning as well as their views of the Prom.

Hunt said she ran for queen because it is her senior year and she had never run for anything. She continued, "Gage talked about it all year,



Lainey Hunt was crowned Prom Queen and Gage Triplett was named Prom King for the 2022 event.

and we thought it would be very cool if we won together." Asked about her reaction to winning, she said, "I was so excited. I gave Gage the biggest hug." Hunt called Prom "so much fun" and "definitely the best time [she's] ever had at a dance."

Triplett's reaction to winning was close to Hunt's. After saying that he and Hunt had talked about running "since the beginning of the year," he added, "I was very excited

[with winning] because I love winning." He "thought the Prom was amazing" and explained in almost the same way. (See additional photographic coverage on Page 9)

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Rail-trail offers host of recreational opportunities

By Shirley Shuman

Walk, run, bike, ride: The opportunity for these activities is available on a new rail trail being completed in Braxton, Clay, and Kanawha Counties. A length of the former railroad right of way running parallel to Elk River from Gassaway to Clendenin is being turned into a trail for safe walking, running, bicycling, and horseback riding. The trail, when complete, will extend to Clendenin.

Those who have used the trail are pleased with the scenic view with the trees and other growth on one side and Elk River on the other. Now that spring is here with the trees starting to leaf and wildflowers emerging, the view is already beautiful. One regular walker pointed out that she has noticed some old-fashioned violets and trillium already and looks forward to more.

This individual pointed out several aspects of the trail that she has noticed. For example, she said that the trail south of Frametown



The Elk River Rail-Trail offers lots of scenic opportunities to walkers, bicyclists, and horseback riders. (Below) New, modern restrooms like this is located just below Frametown will be located all along the trail.



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has a smooth surface and added, "You could push a stroller or even a wheelchair on it." On the other hand, the trail from Frametown north to Gassaway has a much rougher surface "like shale," this individual said. However, Clark Mollohan, the sub-contractor on the project, explained that this section will have the same surface as that running south. "The finished trail is covered with limestone sand," he said, "and the rest of the trail will have the same."

Mollohan, whose company, Grandsons' Building and Grading, is doing most of the work on this section of the trail, noted "the state has taken over only the section from Duck to Hartland." Eventually, the state, under the auspices of the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources will take over the trail as the Elk River Trail

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Braxton 4-H/FFA members successful at WV Beef Expo

Ten 4-H and FFA members from Braxton County traveled to the WV Beef Expo to participate in the Stockman's Contest April 8. They were among a total of 368 seniors and 73 juniors; 79 complete senior teams (4 members) and 12 junior teams that participated in the contest.

Braxton County was represented by 6 4-H members in the junior age division (younger than 14 years old). The Braxton County 4-H junior team of Austin Armentrout, Elliott Armentrout, Kalab Wayne and Michael Wayne finished 7th in the junior competition. Eli Friend and Joel Lipscomb also partici-



This year's contest had some added difficulty because of the weather - rain, sleet, and snow fell during the outdoor contest. Most participants headed home before the awards were presented and team photo was taken. Braxton County 4-H 5th place senior team members at the WV Beef Expo Stockman's Judging Contest: left to right: Stephanie Singleton, Ellen Collins, Talan Hamric, coach Debbie Friend (not pictured Kasey Armentrout).

ated in the Junior Division. Individually in the Junior Division, Kalab Wayne was 4th, Joel Lipscomb was 22nd and Michael Wayne was 27th.

Four Braxton County 4-H and FFA members participated in the Senior Division (14 to 18 years old).

Fifth place honors were awarded to the team of Kasey Armentrout, Ellen Collins, Talan Hamric and Stephanie Singleton. Top finishers from Braxton County in the Senior Division were Ellen Collins placing 2nd and Talan Hamric placing 38th.

The youth were coached by Debbie Friend, WVU-Braxton County Extension Agent. At the Stockman's Contest, participants rank classes of 4 beef cattle in order from best to worst; grade 5 feeder cattle; complete quality

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Braxton County High School 2022 Top Ten

Ramsey 3rd in class of 2022, lives a busy life

By Shirley Shuman

Olivia Ramsey, daughter of Jason and Jessica Ramsey, obviously stays active whether in or out of school. Listing her activities in school, she named volleyball, FBLA, HISTA, and National Honor Society. She is president of FBLA and has been president of her class all four years

of high school. In her free time, she enjoys spending it with friends and family and likes to swim, fish, cook and bake. She is also quite active in her church youth group.

Among her classes during high school, Ramsey's favorite was Algebra II. "Algebra I is



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As I See It

By Ed Given



WV Press Association asks legislators to oppose Open Meetings, FOIA exemptions

The West Virginia Press Association, on behalf of the state's newspapers and media organizations, is requesting state legislators oppose exemptions from the Freedom of Information Act and Open Government Proceedings Act in the language for the proposed Unemployment Compensation Insurance Fraud Unit.

WVPA Executive Director Don Smith said the organization and media oppose such exemptions and support transparency and open government.

"State code cited exemptions to FOIA and the Open Meetings Act. Let the Unemployment Compensation Insurance Fraud Unit claim the exemption when it gets a FOIA or has a closed meeting, if an exemption applies, but do not make the unit exempt from FOIA or the Open Meetings Act. There is a differ-

ence," Smith said.

"Why should this organization be granted exemptions from the Freedom of Information Act and Open Government Proceedings Act? Where is the public benefit to such exemptions? We hope our legislators will question the request for such exemptions and strike them from the language."

Smith said such votes on such legislation are important with the election just weeks away.

"How do legislators say they support open government and transparency and then vote to grant these exemptions. We hope voters follow the discussion today. We will share the voting results on the bill."

The WVPA is reaching out to legislators with the following questions:

1 - Why should such exemptions be granted?

2 - Where is the public benefit?

3 - Who does benefit from the exemptions?

4 - How does granting such exemptions maintain transparency and open government?

"We hope and encourage residents to reach out to their legislators today on this bill. We don't need more government in the dark," Smith said.

The proposed Unemployment Compensation Insurance Fraud Unit, with the exemptions, is the fifth item on Monday's special session call: To amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §21A-10-23, relating to authorizing the Commissioner of Workforce West Virginia to create an Unemployment Compensation Insurance Fraud Unit; establishing training

and experience requirements; specifying duties; granting certain authorities necessary to conduct investigations into alleged unemployment insurance fraud; authorizing certain personnel to operate a state vehicle and carry a firearm; establishing training requirements for carrying a firearm; and exempting the Unemployment Compensation Fraud Unit from the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act and the Open Government Proceedings Act, and creating certain immunities for acts of an investigator employed by the unit.

Letters to the Editor: Our policy...

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Just look at this!

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



This rather unusual view of Main Street, Sutton was the product of Janet Six during one of the warm summer days of this weekend.

Even in special session...

The Legislature is at it again. You will note an article on this page from the WV Press Association. For all practical purposes, it will be too late to do more than just read about it, since this is scheduled to be a one-day Special Session, but I felt the topic was important enough to inform our readers. The reason for the lateness is that the call for the extra session wasn't released until late last week.

As you can read, the Legislative leadership and the Governor want to make another branch of government secret. They don't want the public to know or be able to find out what they are up to. They harp that they want to be transparent for the voters. This portion of this bill doesn't support that claim. It will be interesting to see how this develops. I can only hope it is not the beginning of another government attempt to shield their activities from the public that elected them.

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News from our Capitol

by Delegate Brent Boggs

As I write this Sunday afternoon after church and dinner, I'm preparing to depart for the Capitol office for interim meetings and a planned, albeit brief, one-day special session. This has been rumored since the end of the regular session, as several bills were either hurried through the process or failed in the rush to midnight. We only received official notice of the session last Friday via email. According to the House Clerk, the gubernatorial proclamation includes the following topics:

- Funding for infrastructure and economic development projects (similar to SB 729)
- Providing a Higher Ed Policy Commission rules exemption for Bluefield State College
- Relating to PEIA
- Establishing a special needs trust through Public Employees Retirement System
- Unemployment Compensation Insurance Fraud Unit

- Updating Boards and Commission qualifications
- WVU Rifle team electronic application donation program

- Relating to alternative educational opportunities for elective course credit
- Permitting the use of air rifles while hunting
- Flying while under the influence of drugs or alcohol
- Family Court judges and the Judicial retirement system

- Regarding a limit of two licensed medical cannabis labs in WV

- Advance Practice Registered Nurse prescriptive authority
- Military Authority reimbursable expenditure fund
- Municipal officer and firefighter retirement multiplier

At this writing, I've yet to see the actual bills and I'm not sure which ones will actually have consensus to pass in one day, since a few were unable to complete the legislative process in a 60-day session.

Late last week, the locomotives from the Elk

River Railroad headed east out of Gassaway after several weeks of inspections and repairs needed for their movement. As a career locomotive engineer and one of the many rail workers that worked here when it was a working, revenue-producing Class 1 rail carrier, it brought back lots of memories. Through three generations of my immediate family, we accumulated over 125 years of railroad service. Add in our extended family, and it's considerably more.

I've read much recently lamenting the loss of the railroad line as the rail and ties are pulled and the right-of-way refurbished for a new use as part of a state park. However, the real loss occurred when CSX discontinued service from Gassaway to Charleston in the early 1980's. Then, some years later, the remaining service from Hartland to Gassaway and on to Grafton was eliminated. These were real railroad jobs with a host of support personnel that maintained the right-of-way and communications; operators and clerks; brakemen, conductors, and engineers; not to mention all the local businesses these jobs supported. At its peak, several hundred railroaders worked around the clock in Gassaway.

Meanwhile, years ago, the rail was pulled from everything west of Cowen: the line to Richwood and all the intersecting subdivisions and branches that produced 300 to 500 cars of coal, lumber, and other goods per day, with an equal number of empty cars going the opposite direction. This was big business, but business patterns and markets changed, along with railroads looking to cut operating costs to appease stockholders.

All this was gone decades before the term "war on coal" became a popular refrain. The sad truth is that for decades, the big railroads have been eliminating marginal lines, opting to only keep the major main lines. Everything else is spun off to short lines or abandoned. Often, the railroads did their part to run off business, too. Many small customers were ignored, opting for longer and heavier trains with locomotives that are more fuel efficient and more powerful.

In reality, the actual rail bed, ties and 100-year-old rail on most of what is being pulled along Elk River and many other locations could not begin to stand the stresses of today's locomotives and longer, heavier

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just basics," she said. "Algebra II gets into different things." Asked about her favorite teacher, she responded quickly with "Christy Wood." Explaining why she chose Wood, she said, "She's my homeroom teacher, and she's always there for me. She has motivated me and provided guidance. When I need help, she was always there."

Looking forward, Ramsey will be working toward a career in nursing. "I love to help people. It makes me happy," she said in the explanation of her choice. "I like to spread kindness and any joy I can give people." Her plans include attending Glenville State University to obtain her BSN.

When asked about her preparation for college, Ramsey noted she's a bit nervous. She attributed part of it to the pandemic and distance learning. "I'm a hands-on learner," she said. "I like to learn face-to-face." As a result, she, the same as many of her classmates, feels she has missed part of what she should have learned.

Something of which Ramsey is certain is the support she has had. To explain, she said, "None of this would be possible without my family and God. I relied on Jesus the whole time, and I said lots of prayers."

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lection activities; identify plants and retail cuts of beef; answer 5 questions about the beef cattle they judged and 10 questions about the beef industry. The Stockman's Contest is held annually at the WV Beef Expo at Jackson's Mill.

The participants and their coach would like to thank Hamric Farms for hosting a practice.

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words his partner used. "The highlight of my night was definitely seeing all my friends dressed up and taking pictures."

This year's Prom was a success from the standpoint of almost everyone who had any part in it. It was especially welcome because of the long wait during the pandemic.

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A positive amenity of the project is a restroom a short distance down the trail from Frametown. Molohan said that other restrooms are planned, one between Frametown and Gassaway and others just below Strange Creek and still another before individuals using the trail reach Ivydale. The completed one, walkers noted, is "clean and well kept."

Bikers have found the available parts of the trail south of Frametown more than satisfactory for their sport. Some horseback riders have also used the trail, and, although

apparently no one has done it so far, horse drawn carriages are allowed. Those who want to take a carriage on the trail, however, must obtain permission.

This rail trail has come about through the partnership of the Elk River Railroad, Inc. (TERRI) and the State of West Virginia, and it all began in early 2019. The project has been developed in phases. One phase of interest to local citizens might be the new trailhead in the town of Gassaway. It and the rest of the Duck to Gassaway section are expected to be completed sometime in early May.

Those who have tried the rail trail recommend walkers (even "strollers"), bikers, and horseback riders to join them. The trail is, they say, perfect for all ages and all fitness levels and can be a relaxing venue for a Saturday or Sunday afternoon for those who just want to get out and enjoy nature.

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loads. And, at one to two million dollars per mile to rebuild, it would take a big, long-term contract to justify the investment.

However, as the rail trail begins to expand and grow, it's important to note that the right-of-way is being railbanked. That is, should there ever be a need for renewed rail service on this line, the Surface Transportation Board would allow the line to be rebuilt and a resumption of rail traffic. But realistically, this is highly unlikely, unless a national emergency would trigger some unforeseen need.

Most line abandonments leave no prospects for other uses. We're fortunate that we have something in the rail trail and Elk River that will offer prospects to stimulate and grow our central West Virginia economy. The railroad will always be part of the Gassaway and central West Virginia legacy. As we embrace our past, we can and must look to the future and build on the resources we have. This is a great opportunity to begin planning for new businesses and opportunities to grow and prosper.

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.

Every Acre Counts
By Kevin Gregory
Conservation - Where to Start?

If you have a bird feeder on your porch then you are helping our feathered friends. However, filling a birdfeeder is one small part of conservation efforts you can take on. The WV DNR has the WV Wild Yard Program (<https://wvdnr.gov/plants-animals/conservation-education/>) is a great place to start and you can even get your yard certified as a WV Wild Yard. On the other end of the conservation spectrum is a wildlife management plan written by a habitat consultant which considers every acre you own and what species your property can benefit.

The comprehensive wildlife management plan will include timber species inventories, plant community inventories, wildlife species inventories and a detailed plan of habitat improvements. Generally, whitetail hunters or property owners focused on a recreational property where outdoor activities include hunting, fishing, ATV riding, etc... are important will go this route.

If your property falls somewhere in the middle of these extremes, do your own property inventory. A property inventory can be as simple as walking around your house and taking note of where you have areas you could create wildlife or native plant spaces. Then see what insects, bees, butterflies, etc... are using your existing plants or flowers. If none are present, then plan a couple plants which support butterflies or the bee population. Clover is a great summer bee attraction and milkweed is a butterfly favorite.

Where can you help the local wildlife the easiest? Let's use the

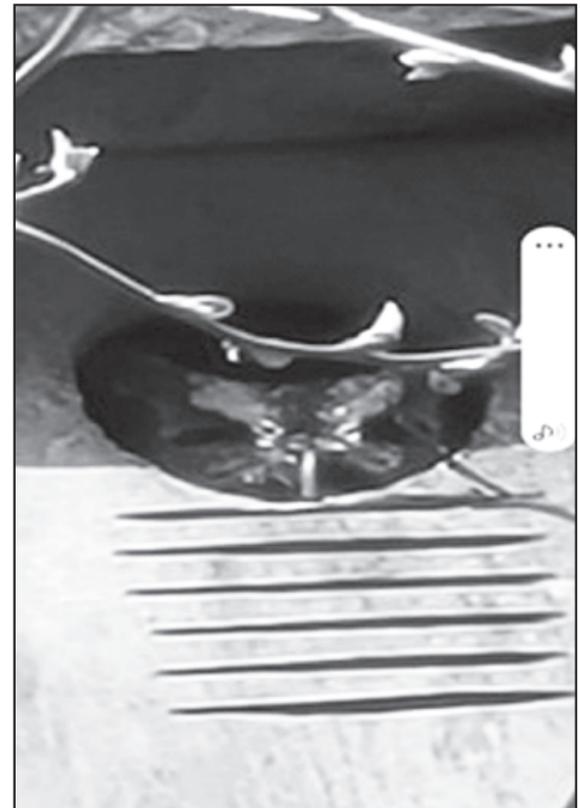
WV Wild Yard for our first example and build two bat boxes to hang on the back of our shed or barn for the local bats. Generally, the Eastern Brown Bat uses hollow trees, barn rafters, etc...for their home. You can use the plans from page 22 of the handbook to create the local bat couple a place to raise their young pups. You will also reckon havoc on the local mosquito population when the bats take flight at dusk. Or you can create a bird house owl box such as this one m friend made for his farm and now an Eastern Screech Owl has made it home.

Resources for projects which improve your property for wildlife are considerable and many can be done as fast as you can plant a new bush or flower or construct a bird house. It can also be as big as converting 10 acres into prime deer bedding and fawning habitat or turkey poult rearing habitat or restoring Ruffed

Grouse habitat. The Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) is an organization which falls under the US Department of Agriculture and is a great resource for practices supporting wildlife conservation. Their website is <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/site/wv/home/>. Know for helping farmers through the county ag offices as well as major timber land projects, the NRCS has a number of cost share programs where the work you do on your property can put money in your pocket while you are improving your property for the wildlife. Timber Stand Improvement, Brush Control, Wildlife Brush Piles, etc... are just a few practices that earn the landowner moneys while completing the work each year.

There are many resources online and at the local agriculture offices and extensions where subject matter experts can help you with your projects and improvements. We will do a deeper dive into each of these resources and more in coming articles.

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OBITUARIES

Jerald David Hoover

Jerald David Hoover died peacefully at home April 6th, 2022.

He was a member of Christ Church United Methodist, Sutton.

Left to cherish his memory his wife, Catherine; sisters, Robin (Gary), Leslie (Matt); brother-in-law, David Boggs (Christi); extended family and the blessings of many friends.

A memorial service will be held April 30th, 2022 at Christ Church United Methodist in Sutton. Visitation 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Service at 1:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers/gifts, family would be more appreciative of donations to West Virginia Caring, P.O. Box 760 Arthurdale, WV 26520

Four Ways to Look When partaking of the Lord's Supper

Inward for guilt
1 Cor 11:28-30

28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. 29 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. 30 For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.

This makes taking the Lord's Supper an individual responsibility

Upward for help

Our minds should be on Jesus Christ who died for us and what it means to us in terms of salvation.

Acts 1:9-11

9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. 10 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; 11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

Backward for inspiration:

Matt 26:26-28

26 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. 27 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; 28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

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1 Cor 11:26

26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

With the eye of faith we see Jesus in the garden, we see him before Pilate, we see him being beaten, humiliated and on the cross bearing the sins of mankind in his own body.

Forward for comfort:

Matt 28:1-6

28:1 In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. 2 And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. 3 His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: 4 And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men. 5 And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. 6 He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

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1 Cor 15:55-58

55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? 56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

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1. INWARD FOR GUILT

2. UPWARD FOR HELP

3. BACKWARD FOR INSPIRATION

4. FORWARD FOR COMFORT

Acts 20:7

7 And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread,

Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow, and continued his speech until midnight.

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Even though we look at our Mother's picture after she is gone, and to do so regularly throughout the years, to you it never becomes common or out of place the same is true concerning the Lord's Supper.

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(minister) Danny Lambey
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Greene-Robertson Funeral Home is honored in serving the Hoover family.

Margret Ann Willey

Margret Ann Willey, 78, of Burnsville, WV passed away on Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at Reynolds Memorial Hospital in Glen Dale, WV. She was born in Burnsville, WV on March 4, 1944 to the late Harry Wilson and Ressie (Vankirk) Wilson. Margret was united in marriage to Ben Willey who preceded her in death.

Margret is survived by one daughter Cynthia Warren and husband Jason of Burnsville, WV, 3 step children: Gary Willey of New Martinsville, WV, Scarlet Deuter of CA, and Barney Willey of New Martinsville, WV, 9 grandchildren: Ethan Warren, Alyssa Warren, Reese Warren, Angelina Warren, Skyler Deuter, Kira Fetty, Joey Willey, Amanda Hendershot, and Kevin Willey, several great grandchildren, 1 sister: Wanda "Sue" Strader of Coraopolis, PA, 3 brothers: Terry Wilson of Coraopolis, PA, Jerry Wilson of Burnsville, WV, and Randy Wilson of Frametown, WV, and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, Margret was preceded in death by a sister Dixie Ratliff, and a brother Harry Wilson, Jr.

Margret was a graduate of Burnsville High School. She was a hairdresser in Burnsville. Margret was a volunteer at the Burnsville Public Library. She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW Post #3757 of Burnsville, Friends of the Burnsville Lake and "Burnsville" Kanawha Alumni Association. She enjoyed sewing. Margret will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Family and friends gathered at Hardman Family Funeral Home 730 N. Main Avenue Weston on Friday April 22, 2022 from 5PM-7PM. A private family burial was held on Saturday, April 23, 2022 at the Morgan Family Cemetery in Porters Falls, WV. In lieu of flowers,

the family request donations to be made to the Burnsville Public Library at 235 Kanawha Avenue Burnsville, WV 26335. Online condolences and life stories in memory of Margret may be expressed at hardmanfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Hardman Family Funeral Home of Weston considers it an honor and a privilege to serve the family of Margret Ann Willey.

Sherry Lynn Wiblin, 68, of Birch River, home to be with the Lord on April 18, 2022 at Braxton County Memorial Hospital, Gassaway.

She was born January 29, 1954 in Sutton, the daughter of the late Warren Earl & Mae Marie Campbell Rose. Also preceding her in death was her son, Flavy Hugh Sparks; brother, Paul Rose.

Sherry worked at Sheetz in Summersville and was a member of Mt. State Baptist Church, Summersville.

She is survived by her husband, Dennis Wiblin; son, Jim Edward Sparks (Bonnie) of Salt Rock, WV; Teresa Lynn Keene (Benjamin Smith) of Birch River; brothers, Joe Rose of Frametown, Roger Rose (Genny) of Birch River, Terry Rose (Eva) of KY; sisters, Linda Miller (Danny) of OH, Geraldine Crosson of GA; 12 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held 7:00 pm Thursday, April 21, 2022 with Rev. Mark Seacrest officiating. Friends called 5 to 7 PM, Thursday, at Greene-Robertson Funeral Home, Sutton.

Greene-Robertson Funeral Home is humbly serving Wiblin family.

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

Patricia Dunbar Powell, 87, of Sutton, WV passed away on Friday, April 15, 2022. She was born in Charleston, WV on May 26, 1934 to parents Aubrey "Dale" Dunbar and Beatrice Withrow Dunbar.

Patricia was preceded in death by her parents; Husband, James Robert Powell; Sister, Betty Twohig; and Grandson, Jamie Woolwine. She is survived by her Daughter, Rebecca Powell and Husband, James Pettigrew; Granddaughters, Sierra Jones (Rachel) and Taylor Ann Jones.

Patricia was a retired secretary at Carbide in Charleston, WV. She en-

joyed gardening, tending to her apple orchard, was an avid reader and a Methodist by faith.

Graveside service were held 2pm, Saturday, April 23, 2022 at Handschumacher Cemetery, Upperglade, with Pastor Justin Phillips officiating.

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

Adams-Reed Funeral Home, Cowen, is honored to be serving the Radcliff family.

Richard Lane "Spike" Wilson, 57, of Frametown passed away on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at home.

He was born October 18, 1964 in Gassaway, WV to the late Raymond Spencer Wilson and Dolly Beural Cash Wilson.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his brothers, Raymond Wilson and Raben Wilson; and sister, Diana Wilson.

Spike was a graduate of Braxton County High School. He worked as a heavy equipment operator. He enjoyed spending time with friends, listening to rock and roll music, hunting, fishing and four wheeling.

He is survived by his brother, Dale Wilson and wife, Darlene Ray, of Salisbury North Carolina; aunt, Dottie Carr of Frametown; nephews, Christopher Wilson and wife, Jaden, of Byesville, Ohio, and Joshua Wilson of Frametown; sisters-in-law, Crystal Wilson of Frametown and Tara Wilson of Frametown. He also leaves behind several cousins and friends.

Spike will be cremated and there will be no services at this time.

Arrangements by Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway.

Words of comfort and fond memories may be extended to his family and friends at www.roachfuneralhome.com.

Christ Church United Methodist is proud to announce the re-opening of Christs Cantina on May 4, 2022. As before the pandemic shut us down, we will be open every Wednesday at 11:00 A.M. to

serve a delicious lunch and distribute fresh foods in conjunction with the Mountaineer Food Bank. This is free and open to everyone. We do not discriminate in any way. Please join us every week.

The family of James Rollyson would like to express our sincere thanks to all our family, friends and neighbors for their kindness and support during our time of sorrow.

Many thanks for all the calls, cards, flowers, gifts, visits, kind words, prayers and those that came to the funeral home showing your respect and support for James and our family.

Sincere thanks to the nurses and staff of WV Caring for their utmost kindness and loving care that was always given and touching our lives with their compassion. A special thanks to Ryan and Heather Roach with Roach Funeral Home for sheltering us with their warm hearts and kindness and the amazing job with the services. Thanks

to the Lloyd Boys for opening and closing the grave and those that helped. Thanks to our family, church members, neighbors and friends for the food and supplies brought to us before the service and those that helped put the meal together after the services.

Thanks to Pastor Rick Price and Chaplain Lynn Keener for the comforting message and beautiful singing for the services.

We are a blessed family to have so many wonderful people that continue to pray, call, and lend helping hands and so many that enjoyed receiving phone calls many times a day and communicating with the many topics and history that James Rollyson had so much interest in.

Wishing God's blessings on each of you.

The Rollyson Family

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- Obituaries are accepted from funeral homes or funeral directors. Obituaries may also be provided from other publications or family members.
- Obituaries may be edited to conform to the newspaper standards and deadlines.
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Robinson Reunion

The Robinson Reunion will be held on Sunday, May 29th at 1:00 P.M. at the Flatwoods Community Center. Please bring a covered dish and enjoy the fun.

Fairview Cemetery

If you have family buried in one of the cemeteries at Fairview, please donate to the cost of mowing and maintenance. Checks need to be made out to Fairview Cemetery and contributions mailed to Sharon Craft, 48 Nicholas Run Rd, Gassaway, WV 26624. We very much appreciate your help.

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.

2022 Spring Flower Swap

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 not 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. BC-SCC - helping seniors stay healthy for years to come!

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 Lemmon, 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

BC Memorial Cemetery Cleanup Day

Joins us for a cleanup day at Braxton County Memorial Cemetery on Saturday, May 21, 2022 from 1:00 P.M until ?? All help is welcome and appreciated. Cleanup consist of picked up branches, trash, old floral arrangements, weed eating, etc. Please bring weed eaters, leaf blowers, rakes, brooks and any tools you think may be useful. Bring work gloves! Feel free to bring Memorial Day grave decorations as well. No matter your skill level or strength, you are welcome and needed. Cleanup Day is hosted by Trustees of Braxton County Cemetery Association P.O. Box 342 Flatwoods, WV 26621 We look forward to seeing you. Contact Clark Greene with questions at (540)392-0169

Elizabeth Chapel

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

Hoover Cemetery

Its spring again and time to start mowing

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

Ramp Dinner

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

AA - Recovery Meetings

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

Jackson Cemetery Little Birch

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

Braxton County Cemetery donations

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

Jacob Shaver Memorial Cemetery meeting

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

Local Wellness Central WV Riding Club 2022 show dates

The Central WV Riding Club has announced the show dates for 2022. Be sure to write these dates out in your calendar and come out to support the club. 2022 show dates: May 21, June 25, July 16 -Youth Show, July 23, August 27, September 24, and October 8. Trail Ride October 16 @ 1:00 p.m. on Sugar Camp Rd (John & Kathy Given's) Gassaway. All shows are held at Holly Gray Park and start at 5:00 p.m. Showbill will be posted after the February meeting. Anyone interested in joining or sponsoring a class contact the Central West Virginia Riding Club Facebook page with an address or email address to send it to and which form(s) you need. Membership is \$5 per person and \$10 per family. Sponsorship is \$40 for Silver Sponsor and \$100 for Gold Sponsor.

Burnsville Freedom Festival volunteers needed for 2022

Due to the growth of our festival we need more volunteers to help plan, fund raise and help during the

event. We have some phenomenaQ1 bands and other events already lined up for this year and we need your help. Please call 304-853-2605 or private message the Freedom Festival Facebook page for more details.

"The Journey"

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

Sutton Public Library Create to Donate

Don't forget that our Create to Donate drop-in class has re-started! Join us every Thursday from 12:30-2:30pm. All the materials are provided, just show up! No previous experience required.

Burnsville Public Library Board of Trustees meetings

Burnsville Public Library Board of Trustees meets the second Monday of each month at 5:00 pm at the library. Meetings

are open to the public. During the pandemic, if you would like to attend but don't feel comfortable attending in person please reach out. We could arrange a way for you to attend virtually.

Mountaineer Food Bank volunteer opportunities

The Mountaineer Food Bank will have volunteer opportunities every second Saturday of the month. The MFB will take up to ten individuals in two hour increments. Each volunteer station will be sanitized between each time slot and masks will be provided. Please give time if you can! Call the Mountaineer Food Bank a call at 304-364-5518 to get scheduled.

Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery helps with all Hurts, Habits, and Hangups. Every Thursday evening, meet at 6:00 PM for light meal and fellowship, large group meetings begin at 7:00 PM with samll group meetings immediately following. Meetings held at the Pulse in Gassaway. If you have any questions please call Pastor Doug Smailes.

Burnsville Community Center event bookings

Are you looking for a place to host an event? If so, the Burnsville Community Center is available for bookings. Reasonable rates with or without kitchen. For more information or to book your event, please call 304-853-2605 Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm.

Meeting notice

The 'Courage to Change' Al-Anon

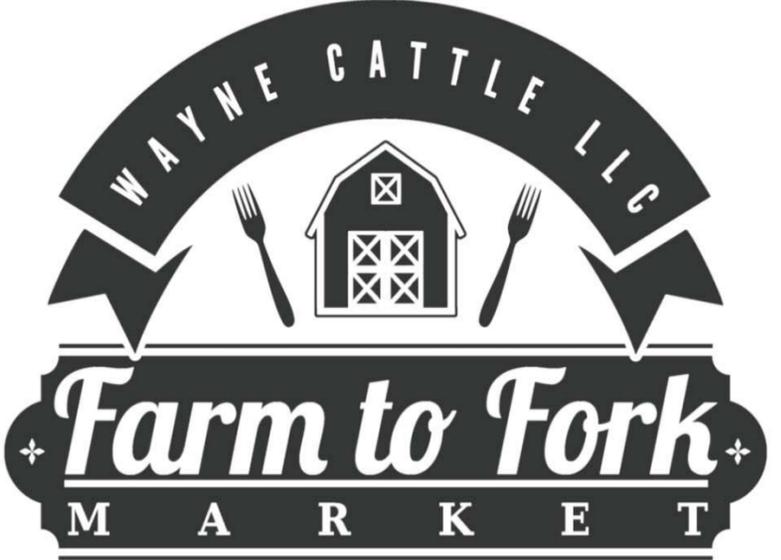
meeting is held weekly from 5 to 6pm on Tuesdays at 506 Main St., in the Sutton Baptist Church, Kidd Annex. All friends, family and loved ones of a problem drinker or addict are welcome. Al-Anon is a mutual support group of people who share their experience in applying the Al-Anon principles to problems related to the effects of a problem drinker (or other addict) in their lives. No matter what relationship you have with an alcoholic, whether they are still drinking or not, all who have been affected by someone else's drinking or drug addiction can find solutions that lead to serenity in the Al-Anon fellowship.

Public Sevice Announcement

Since the outbreak of Covid 19 in the US, both addiction and alcohol use are on the rise. Alcohol sales showed a tremendous increase as on line alcohol sales skyrocketed. While short term alcohol abuse can have its own serious consequences, regular, heavy use of alcohol can result in long term damage to the body. Learn more about alcohol addiction and what can be done by visiting: <https://www.narcononewliferetreat.org/blog/signs-that-alcohol-use-is-getting-dangerous.html>

Addiction Screenings

Narconon can help you take steps to help those suffering from alcoholism. Call today for free screenings or referrals. 1-800-431-175



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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 dependent 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 a mother cat, Chessie, and three foster kittens looking for homes of

their own. 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.



Chessie: Two year old bold calico female, short-haired, found pregnant and abandoned. Delivered 5 kittens 3/10/22. Spay/rabies scheduled. Social, very sweet.



Nutmeg: Six week old female tortoiseshell offspring of Chessie. Born and raised indoors.



Tipper: Six week old female tortoiseshell offspring of Chessie. Born and raised indoors.

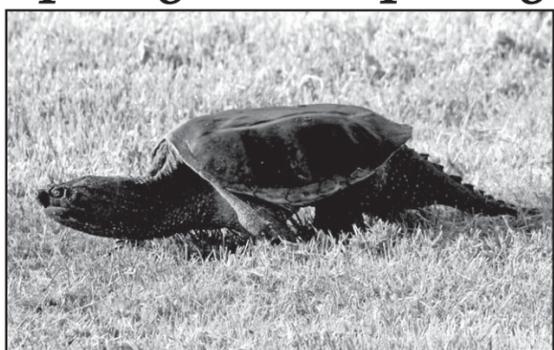


Tippy: Six week old long-haired white male, with gray spot on top of the head and the tip of his tail. Raised indoors. Only one of a litter of six still available for adoption

COUNTY STORIES

By: JEANETTE RIFFLE

Spring Has Sprung



Hard shell snapping turtle

By: Jeanette Riffle

Spring has sprung, or at least this guy thinks so. The sun had warmed the mud up enough, in the ditch across the road from us, that this big snapper was making his way across our field to the creek behind us. We had come home from church and I was at the kitchen window looking out and noticed something moving out on the field. I yelled at Hubby and told him there was a big turtle out there. He went for his camera and got a couple pictures. He said, "Rascal does not want to mess with that." I checked on the dog and he was asleep in his dog house. This hard shell,

snapping turtle, was bigger than the one we have seen in years past. The head and neck were longer and the legs were longer. It was moving along pretty fast. We have never seen one that looked like this before. It will stay in the creek and eat fish until fall and then make it's way back to the mud to hibernate for the winter.

A few years back in the spring, Hubby was weed eating on the lower end of our property and a big snapper came up out of the mud in the ditch down there. It went for the creek. Dad brought in a turtle one time and cleaned it up and told Mom to cut the pieces up and fry it like a

chicken. It was good. I was fishing with Dad and the boys at the creek across the road from our house. I got tired of not catching anything and told Dad I was going back up to the house. He stuck my pole in the mud beside him and it was my fish hook that caught that snapper. Dad said he had a hard time getting it out of the water. He thought he had a monster of a fish until he pulled it up far enough to see it. That one had already made it's way to the creek. In the spring, Mom picked greens and Dad fished. Mom was afraid one of us kids would get choked on a bone and she always picked the fish apart and took bones out for the little boys. I learned how to do that and took care of the fish on my plate. Folks used to think that if you drank cow's milk when you ate fish, it would make you sick. We could have iced tea or water but no milk.

I will close for this time. I hope everyone is well. There are nasty viruses going around out there.

Take care and God bless!

PAT'S CHAT

By: PAT RIDPATH



I am hoping to improve my Pat's Chat preparation. I get so confused with the changes that show up when I use Word.

It will be Mother's Day next week and I want to share with you something about my mother. She was, of course, the best mother in the world. Although she died just before she would have turned 52, she was still the best mom and granny, neighbor and friend anyone could ask for. There are many people who would claim that their mother was the best in the world. We are very blessed by God if we truly feel that about

our own mother.

Mom had such love for all of us that each of us knew without a doubt that we were her favorite child. There were four of us, Sonny, me, Mary Ann and Sammy. It was usually said more poetically as "Sam, Harry, Pat and Mary" foregoing the chronology of it. Sonny (Harry V. Wiant, Jr.), Patty Sue (Patricia Sue), Mary Ann and Sammy (Samuel W. Wiant, II). Mom sang many songs about us, such as, "Rub-a-dub-dub, four kids in a tub, Sam, Harry, Pat and Mary." She read to us, would put us lying side-by-side beside her in our long porch swing, two on each side of her. She would sing many songs like, "Two Little Orphans," "The Wreck

of the Ninety-Seven," and many, many more. Of course, we outgrew the swing, but she read Bible stories to us or bedtime stories or made-up stories of her own and filled our home with love..

Our home was always a cozy, safe place to be. It is so sad that not everyone has such memories of home and parents. If you are blessed with children, let them know you love them. And if you are fortunate enough to have parents still living, remember them, too. Father as well as mother.

Sadly, we lost her at such a young age. It has been a loss to each of us. Then in 2020, four days before he would have been 88, Sonny died. December 15 of the same year, Sammy died at age 84, then Mary Ann died on March 19 this year at age 86. I am left with none of my immediate family. Thankfully, all three of my children now live in Buckhannon and one of my grandchildren. I am very blessed.

After our mother died in 1967, Mary Ann and I sent each other Mother's Day cards nearly every year just in memory of our own mother. My message to you today is, don't forget to send your mom a card, and call up your siblings and remember the good times you have had together.

Praise God for His love to each of us. His love is greater than a mother's or a father's love. He IS Love and He loved us each so much that we could be like I and my siblings were. We could each just KNOW that we are His favorite child. We are, you know. He loves each one of us a if we were the ONLY ones whom He has to love. He would have died on the cross for you if you had been the ONLY one to believe and have faith in His love. Let Him know you love Him. Maranatha



One of the new Little Free Libraries coming to Braxton County is located at the downstream restroom of the Sutton Dam.

A new Little Free Library will be located at the downstream restroom of the Sutton Dam.

It was built by the Braxton County High School Building Construction Class taught by Robert Lloyd.

The Sutton Library will be partnering with the U S Army Corps of Engineers to supply

books throughout the year.

Be on the look out for more Little Free Libraries popping up around our town thanks to the Friends of the Library and the Braxton County High School Building Construction Class. The libraries are excited to get even more books into the hands of our community!

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"This program provides us with the opportunity to build a connection with the families of future Braxton County students," said Joyce Floyd, Books for Babies Facilitator. "We enjoy seeing them grow and seeing their smiling faces each time they pick up their packets."

"They've grown up with us, and we've watched them from birth and as they enter preschool. We welcome several new babies this year, and will enjoy watching them grow up as well," said Anne Johnson, Books for Babies Facilitator.

"We hate to see it come to an end for the year. We've enjoyed watching you all so much and doing all of the fun activities!" said one Books for Babies parent.

Although April marks the end of Books for Babies for this school year, follow our Braxton Books for Babies Facebook page for upcoming events.

Braxton Books For Babies celebrated the Earth during their final online meeting.

Braxton County Books for Babies recently held its last program of the school year. Books for Babies provides parents with tips that encourage preliteracy skills, along with engaging and educational activities for children from birth to preschool. The focus of the program is to instill at an early age the importance of literacy, and each packet contains books for toddlers. Each month 75 families received packets, and some months over 100 babies were reached.

Parents register their child for the program each month, packets are picked up at the Board of Education, followed by a Facebook live event, where the parents and their children participate in toddler-focused activities, such as song and dance videos and a read aloud of one of the month's book selections. Some of the themes focused on have been feelings and emotions, shapes, colors, counting, and various authors, incorporating fine and gross motor skills into the activities. The end-of-the-year finale was held on Earth

Town of Gassaway continues 90 day community clean up

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

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

in order to fulfill the regulations and requirements in our ordinances.

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

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

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

Ireland Lions Club Pancake Breakfast



Ireland Lions Club Members cooking pancakes at their Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser this past weekend. Wayne Marple, Kevin Gregory, Eddie Williams, and Jim Clutter all cooked up a storm for the event. Kevin Gregory noted, "We raised \$804 and Over 75 attended the fundraising event and all proceeds will be used for the work we do for our local communities."



Donny Craig and Bernice Ann Craig showing off their regular and Buckwheat Pancakes with Betty Blagg. As always, the Lion's Club Breakfast food was enjoyed by all who attended the event.



Ruth Singleton of the Lion's Club watches Robert Chumney and Gene Newlon getting ready to head back for seconds on Pancakes and sausage. Ruth collects the money for the Lion's Club Events in Ireland.

THIS WEEK IN WEST VIRGINIA HISTORY

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



April 27, 1978: An accident at the Willow Island Power Station on the Ohio River killed 51 men. The scaffolding that had been erected for use in the construction of a new cooling tower collapsed, sending them plunging to the ground.



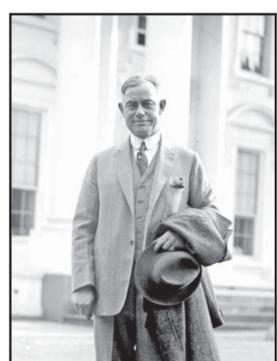
April 28, 1914: An explosion at the Eccles No. 5 mine in Raleigh County killed 174 men. The mine connected with Eccles No. 6, operating in another coal seam, and nine men in No. 6 died of injuries and of afterdamp, the deadly gas left after a mine explosion.

April 28, 1920: The Monongahela National Forest was created by presidential proclamation. It is the only national forest that is completely within the boundaries of West Virginia.



April 28, 1924: An explosion ripped through the Benwood coal mine south of Wheeling, killing 119 miners.

April 29, 1863: Confederate General William E. "Grumble" Jones waged a battle at Fairmont that involved a force of 500 regulars, home guards, and volunteers. The Confederates prevailed, burning the personal library of Francis Pierpont, governor of the Restored Government of Virginia, and exploding an iron railroad bridge across the Monongahela River.



April 30, 1871: Coach Fielding Harris "Hurry-Up" Yost was born in Marion County. He was a tackle on West Virginia University's football team in 1895 and 1896, while earning a law degree. In 1901, Yost's first season as coach at University of Michigan, the Wolverines compiled an 11-0 record, including the 49-0 defeat of Stanford in the first Rose Bowl.

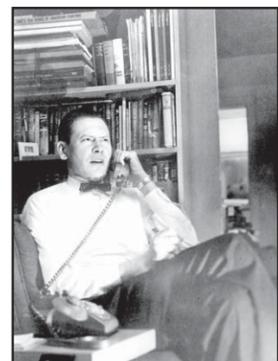


April 30, 1927: An explosion roared through the Federal No. 3 mine owned by New England Fuel and Transportation Company of Everettville, Monongalia County. The

explosion, the subsequent fire, and gas in the mine killed 97 men.

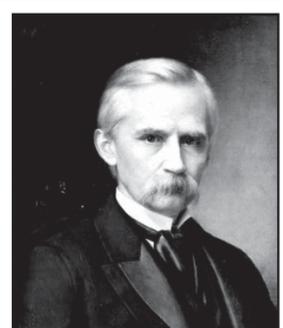
May 1, 1788: Pendleton County was created from Rockingham, Augusta, and Hardy counties. The county was named for Virginia statesman Edmund Pendleton (1721-1803).

May 2, 1900: State founder Waitman Willey died in Morgantown. Willey is remembered for the Willey Amendment, which provided for the emancipation of slaves as a precondition for the creation of West Virginia.



May 2, 1925: Flying saucer investigator Gray Barker was born in Riffle, Braxton County. Barker became interested in unidentified flying objects in the 1950s after investigating the sightings of the Flatwoods Monster.

May 3, 1843: U.S.



Postmaster General William Lyne Wilson was born in Smithfield, Jefferson County. Wilson joined President Cleveland's cabinet as postmaster general in 1895. In the following year, he introduced Rural Free Delivery in Jefferson County, an experiment which was quickly instituted nationwide.

May 3, 1917: Fire destroyed the West Virginia Preparatory School in Keyser. The school was rebuilt, and it evolved into the institution now known as Potomac State College.

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.

Braxton County Senior Center May Lunch Menu

2% Milk served with each meal. Menu subject to change due to food availability.

Monday 2 Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Broccoli, Dinner Roll, Fruit. Tuesday 3 Chicken Ala King, Rice, Dinner Roll, Fruit. Wednesday 4 Garlic Tomato Shrimp Pasta, Garlic Bread, Honey Glazed Carrots, Fruit. Thursday 5 Taco Salad with Chips, Black Beans, Corn, Fruit. Friday 6 Open Face Turkey Sandwich, Stuffing, Corn Fruit. Monday 9 Pork BBQ Sandwich, Sweet Potato Fries, Coleslaw, Fruit. Tuesday 10 Holiday Center Closed. Wednesday 11 Stuffed Green Peppers, Scalloped Potatoes, Dinner Roll, Fruit. Thursday 12 Pepperoni Roll, Tomato Soup with Cheddar Cheese, Crackers, Fruit. Friday 13 Spaghetti with Meatballs, Garden Salad, Garlic Bread, Fruit. Monday 16 Beef Vege-

table Soup, Cornbread, Broccoli Casserole, Fruit. Tuesday 17 BBQ Chicken, Baked Beans, Macaroni Salad, Fruit. Wednesday 18 Sausage Biscuit with Gravy, Roasted Potatoes, Fruit. Thursday 19 Cornish Pasti, Peas, Dinner Roll, Garden Salad, Fruit. Friday 20 Beans and Greens, Cornbread, Beets, Fruits. Monday 23 Chili, Sweet Potatoes, Crackers, Fruit. Tuesday 24 Baked Salmon, Pasta with Peas, Stewed Tomatoes, Fruit. Wednesday 25 Veterans Celebration Hamburger Steak with Onion Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Spinach, Dinner Roll, Fruit. Thursday 26 Breakfast Bake, Hash Browns, Biscuit, Spiced Apples, Juice. Friday 27 Lasagna, Garden Salad, Garlic Bread, Fruit. Monday 30 Holiday Center Closed. Tuesday 31 Hot Dog with Chili, Tater Tots, Baked Beans, Fruit.

First Southern Baptist Church Spring Yard Sale

First Southern Baptist Church (located on the hill above the Senior Center) will have their Spring Yard Sale Friday May 13th 9:00 A.M. - 4:P.M and

Saturday May 14th from 9:00A.M. -3:00 P.M.

If you would like to drop off any items to donate call 765-3628 and leave a message

Heaters CEO Club thank you

It is with sincere gratitude and deep appreciation that the Heaters CEOs club members wishes to thank all our dear friends and neighbors who gladly made food, provided drinks and monetary donations last Friday, April 8, 2022 for our Community Dinner at the Heaters Community Building.

We especially want to thank the crew of workers who came out to help serve and to clean up following the meal.

Lastly, we want to thank all who came out to eat and support the dinner. The combined efforts of all of us working together shows what can be accomplished when we do work together.

Kniceley McCray Cemetery clean up April 30th

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.



M.Dennison, P. Mcpherson, Brenda Moore, future NGC President in 2023, B. Atkins, T. Moore

Judy's Garden Club Presentations and Awards



4th graders at BES with pine tree seedlings



Smokey Bear Poster winners at Sutton Elementary School.

Judy's Garden Club, Appalachian district, recently presented 4th grade students in Braxton County with healthy pine tree seedlings. The seedlings were provided by the Elk Soil Conservation office, a donation which is greatly appreciated. This is an annual event that allows JGC members and students an opportunity to discuss the importance of planting trees for environmental benefits. Members Suzanne McGowan, Marian Agostino, Beth Atkins, Melissa Dennison, and Britany Butcher visited the elementary schools and advised the students on planting procedures and wise planting locations. Home school students were included in the distribution. Pine tree seedlings for 4th graders is one event of JGC that involves students.

Another annual project that encourages youth to be respectful of the environment is the Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest. Judy's Garden Club member, Trisha Gregory, spoke to the students at Sutton Elementary

School about the part students can play in preventing wildfires and pollution, then using that knowledge, they created posters for the WVGCI contest. All participating students were recognized. In early April, four JGC members traveled to Canaan Resort for the annual WVGCI Conference and to be awarded with recognition for the applications submitted by the club. Three of the Smokey Bear posters that were submitted by SES students won at the state level and Rileigh Samples poster will go on to be judged at the Regional level! Judy's Garden Club is proud of the poster winners and are confident students have learned about caring for their world!

Judy's Garden Club members conduct numerous beautification projects throughout the county and these projects were recognized at the WVGCI Conference. One JGC meeting/activity focused on recycling projects. Britany Butcher, JGC member, Appalachian District, led the members in creating planters by utiliz-

ing recycled containers. This event earned a WVGCI award, and the application will also be judged at the Southern Atlantic Regional level!

Efforts at Gerald Freeman Campground earned two awards. The Beautification Award and Go Green Container Awards were presented for the JGC members who planned, donated plants, plant and maintained the areas all summer with Karen Huffman leading the watering/deer deterring efforts.

The Pressbook Award for variety and quality of newspaper/publications featuring JGC was compiled by Beth Atkins with most of the articles being submitted by Christi Boggs. This application will also be judged at the regional level. Judy's Garden Club President, Pat McPherson, Beth Atkins, Vice President, Melissa Dennison, past President and super Master Gardener, and Trish Moore, Fundraising Chair, proudly accepted the awards for JGC.

Judy's Garden Club will begin a new year with a gathering in June. We are planning more activities to involve Braxton County youth. If you are interested in being instrumental with beautifying areas of the county and enjoying fellowship with this fine group, please reach out to any JGC member. Information is also available at the Sutton Library.



Friends of Sutton Library and volunteers who created the peanut butter eggs! (some are missing)

Friends of the Sutton Library note of thanks

Another successful and delicious season of peanut butter egg making is complete for 2022! Friends of the Sutton Library offers a special thanks to all those who purchased eggs, even with a necessary price increase. Donations of over \$500 went toward the purchase of ingredients this year. The loyal band of volunteers worked two days a week for three weeks to produce the 1544 eggs for this season. The "makers" group and the "dippers" group worked on different days but gathered for a well-deserved celebration lunch at Bulk Foods in Flatwoods.

The peanut butter egg production to support the Sutton Library has evolved from a group that created 300 eggs in 2001. Over the last 21 years various volunteers have stepped up to enjoy the fellowship involved in this fundraiser, the feeling of accomplishment when the eggs are enjoyed and the pleasure of seeing the library has the needed funds. There have been several locations used to create the eggs, the Friends have purchased more industrial mixers and have a routine to make the production as smooth as possible. The current location at the Sutton Baptist Church has been ideal in providing the space and convenience for the process. The Friends are very grateful to the Church for sharing the facility. To date the Friends and volunteers have made over 21,000 eggs with no sign of slowing and always welcoming new volunteers to the process.

An unexpected incentive this year to



Robin Smith as winner of bonus quilt drawing for peanut butter egg purchasers.

those who purchased eggs was that they were entered in a special drawing for a sweet quilt created and donated by the "Create and Donate" sewing group which meets at the Sutton Library on Thursday afternoons to share their sewing and quilting talents (or teach newcomers). This unadvertised raffle led to the drawing of Robin Smith's name as the winner of the quilt. Alice Ware, who is the original "peanut butter egg creator", drew the name at the celebration lunch. The Friends appreciate the sewing group, providing a special treat to the egg purchasers!

The Sutton Library is grateful for those who visit the library and take advantage of the variety of programs offered. The Friends of the Sutton Library are a dedicated group that sup-

ports the library with fundraising activities: the peanut butter sale, the fall dinner sponsored by the Moose Lodge, RADA products and aligning Kroger cards with the Sutton Library. The Friends are gearing up to coordinate "Oceans of Possibilities", the Summer Reading Program on Mondays in June and July. Look for details soon. There will be new Little Libraries popping up around Sutton, compliments of the Friends in conjunction with the BCHS Construction class, the Sutton Corps of Engineers, City National Bank and other local businesses. If you would like to be part of this dedicated Friends group you are invited to attend the next meeting on Thursday, April 28 at 10:00 in the Library. You are very welcome!

Meet a MFB Food Banker

This week, the Mountaineer Food Bank is highlighting Joe Dever!

Joe has been employed with Mountaineer Food Bank for nearly five years. In his first four years at the food bank, Joe served in the warehouse as a dry puller. In late 2021, Joe took a position in the Agency Relations Department where he now works with our member agencies.

In his free time, Joe enjoys spending time with his wife and two children, as well as volunteering to coach pee-wee football and basketball.

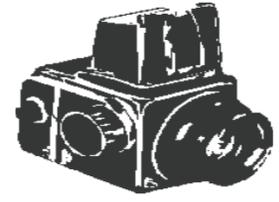
Thank you, Joe, for all you do from all of us here at the Mountaineer Food Bank.



Joe Dever.

ELECT GREGORY FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION
 Paid for by Eddie and Sharon Williams

April 26, 2022



A Photographic Look at...

Braxton County High School Prom



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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
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.
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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.

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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 SHER-
IFF'S DEPARTMENT, Petitioner,
v.
U.S. CURRENCY IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$716.00,
1992 GMC Model K15K BEAR-
ING VIN 1GTFK16K7N730170

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 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 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 day of 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 matter 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 Braxton 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 SHER-
IFF'S DEPARTMENT, Petitioner,
v.

U.S. CURRENCY IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$1,287.00
SEIZED FROM JERRY HART
and BRIDGETTE BENDER,
Respondents.

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NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENGINEERING SER- VICES

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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ACCEPTING BIDS

The Town of Sutton is now accepting bids for paving on Town Hill: North Third Street, approximately 466 feet; North Laurel Street, approximately 300 feet; and one alley way, approximately 300 feet. Deadline for bids is May 6, 2022. Please call Robin Smith, Municipal Clerk at 304-765-5581 to submit bids or for more information.
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MAGISTRATE COURT

R-E-P-O-R-T

Magistrate Beth Smith's Court

April 15: William David Workman, Jr. of Sutton, domestic assault, no contest plea, 30 days of jail with credit for time served of 28 days, fine/court costs assessed; Harley D. Hall of Nettie, expired MVI, dismissed proof provided, expired registration, dismissed proof provided; Cody T. Dobbins of Gassaway, cell phone violation, guilty plea, fine assessed and paid; Paula Lavaughn Hamrick of Webster Springs, no seatbelt, guilty plea, fine/court costs assessed and paid; Ristie Nicholas of Gassaway, possession of controlled substance, guilty plea, destruction of property, dismissed per plea, 90 days of jail with credit for time served of 22 days, remainder suspended and placed on eight months unsupervised probation, fine/court costs assessed.

April 18: James Denver Criner of Frametown, driving revoked for DUI, preliminary hearing waived, transferred to circuit court, possession of controlled substance, dismissed-felony pending in circuit court; Stacy E. Jirles, II of Gassaway, no proof of insurance, dismissed proof provided.

April 19: John E. Phillips of Birch River, shoplifting, dismissed due to age of citation; Karen Ann Vladiff of Webster Springs, no MVI, dismissed proof provided.

April 20: Carla J. King of Orlando, no proof of insurance, dismissed proof provided.

Magistrate David Singleton's Court

April 18: Roy Benton Moore of Gassaway, speeding, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed and paid; Alisa Murdock of Oak Hill, speeding, guilty plea, fine/court costs assessed and paid.

April 19: Gary Lane Hacker of Gassaway, no seatbelt, guilty plea, fine assessed and paid; Danny Ray Lambert of Shock, no MVI, dismissed proof provided; Brad Proctor of Prociuous, no MVI, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; Ryan Lee Shaver of Exchange, expired registration, dismissed proof provided; Jacoba Lynn Bragg of Flatwoods, DUI with minor, dismissed, possession of controlled substance x2, dismissed, defendant completed terms and conditions required by the court; Emilie Marie Rhodes of Sutton, petit larceny, guilty plea, trespassing, dismissed per plea, credit for time served of six days, fine/court costs assessed; Amber N. Dyer of Sutton, driving revoked for DUI-2nd offense, guilty plea, driving revoked for DUI, dismissed per plea, 180 days of home confinement, 12 months unsupervised probation, fine/court costs assessed; Charles W. Woods of Erbacon, possession of controlled sub-

stance, dismissed-deferred sentence, paid court costs; Robert A. Jarvis of Frametown, obstructing an officer, dismissed, possession of controlled substance, dismissed, defendant has other charges pending.

April 20: Billy Lee Yost of Rosedale, no seatbelt, no contest plea, fine assessed and paid; Robert Eugene Triplett of Sutton, expired MVI, dismissed proof provided; Ashley Nicole Heater of Sutton, cell phone violation, no contest plea, fine assessed; Franklin Christopher Moore of Prociuous, grand larceny, dismissed per plea in Clay County courts; Wanda Lou Justice of Burnsville, possession of controlled substance, guilty plea, obstructing an officer, dismissed per plea, disorderly conduct, dismissed per plea; William Lee Regal of Tampa, FL, obstructing an officer, willful disruption of governmental process, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$2000 cash or surety.

April 21: Stacy L. Fox of Sutton, no MVI, dismissed per plea; Andrea Jo Tanner of Frametown, expired MVI, dismissed proof provided, expired registration, dismissed proof provided; Jeffery Earnest Mollohan of Duck, no proof of insurance, dismissed, expired MVI, dismissed, defective equipment, dismissed, improper registration, dismissed, defendant did not own vehicle.

WELCOME

Morgan McKinney, CNM Midwifery



Accepting New Patients

304.637.3948



Davis
Medical Center

Women's HealthCare
812 Gorman Avenue • Elkins

PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR A MASK

SPORTS

Reporting Braxton County's sports action

- Youth
- Middle School
- High School

Eagles beat Nicholas Grizzlies in only baseball game of week

Braxton, ranked in the top 10 in AA baseball teams, outscored Nicholas 11-9 in a home game Friday. The Eagles' other three scheduled games were cancelled because of weather and field conditions. Braxton coach Jamie Lemon explained that his team could have played one of those if the Braxton field had lights. "We could have started later because the field had dried out enough to play, but no lights," he said. Continuing, Coach Lemon noted that he and his team are responsible for all of the upkeep of the baseball field except the mowing. "I spent two days of Spring Break working on the field so we could play," he said. "We're responsible for everything, even lining the field."

In the game, the Grizzlies scored two in the top of the first, but Braxton answered in the bottom of the inning with four to take the lead. The Eagles added two more in the second to go up 6-2. The Grizzlies scored one in the third and two in the fifth to pull within one run. Braxton added one in the bottom of the fifth to lead 7-5. Nicholas led for the first time with four runs in the top of the sixth to go up 9-7. Braxton made it 11-7

with four in the sixth and took the win.

Tyler Baldwin, the starting pitcher for Braxton, went 4.1 innings. He gave up 5 earned runs on 11 hits and walked two. Baldwin had six strikeouts. In relief, Kolton Kniceley pitched 2.2 innings. He gave up three hits and four earned runs. Kniceley, who got the win, struck out three.

Leading hitters for Braxton were Kniceley, 2 for 5 with three RBIs; Isaiah Mowery, 2 for 3 with 1 RBI; and Beau Liston, also 2 for 3 with 1 RBI.

Braxton is scheduled to play Monday through Friday this week. Last night they played at Lewis, and tonight they're supposed to be home against Calhoun for Senior Night. Wednesday, they host East Fairmont, and if Tuesday's game was cancelled, will celebrate Senior Night. Thursday they are home against Gilmer, and Friday they play Robert C. Byrd in the Bridgeport Connect Classic.

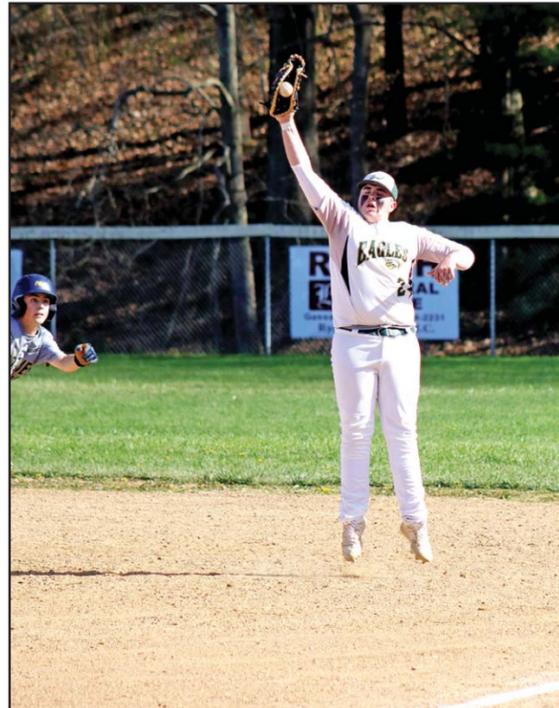
Coach Lemon explained that if Tuesday's and Wednesday's games are both cancelled, he may ask Calhoun to play Saturday afternoon so the Eagles can celebrate Senior Night then.



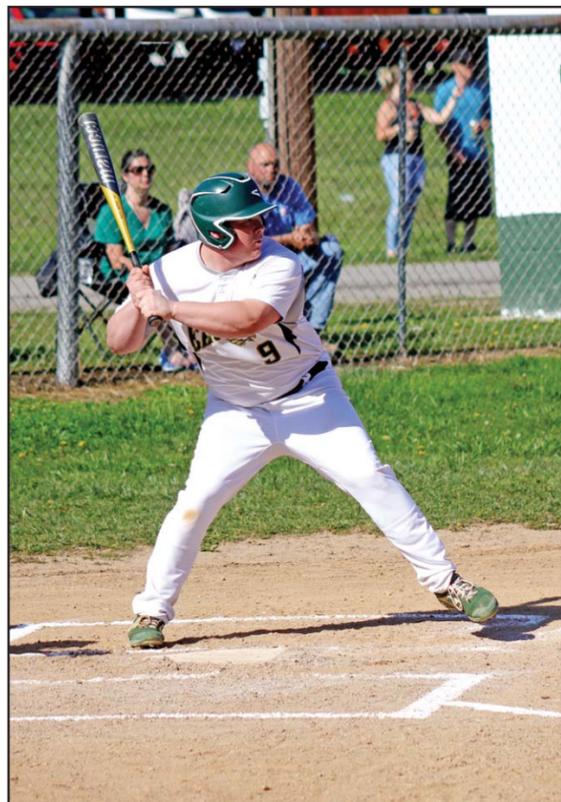
Braydon Helmick continues the play in the outfield.



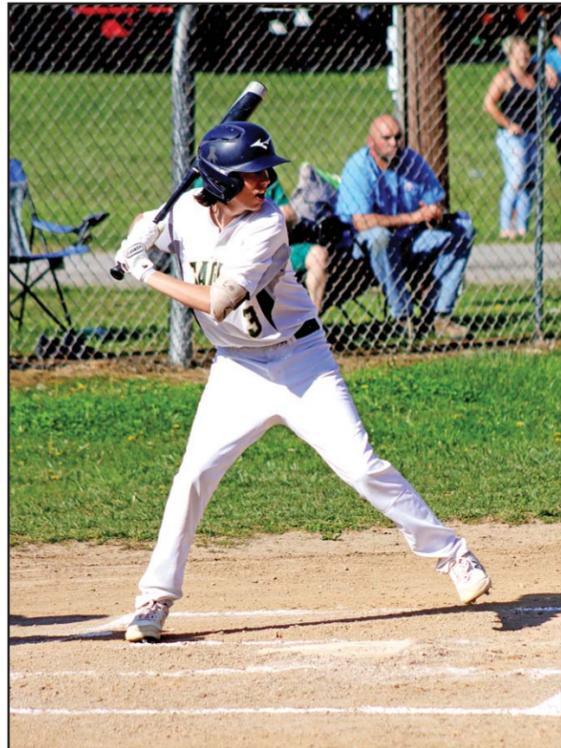
Tyler Baldwin pitching for the Eagles.



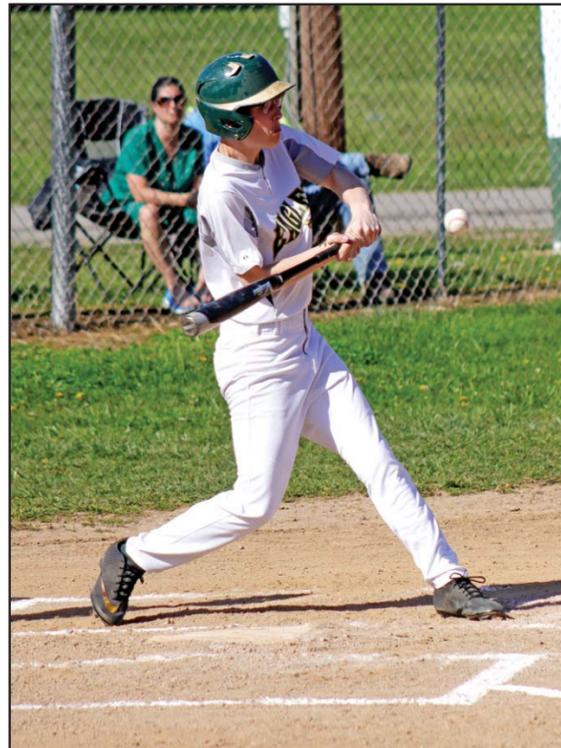
Eli Ward reaches high for the ball.



Isaiah Mowery



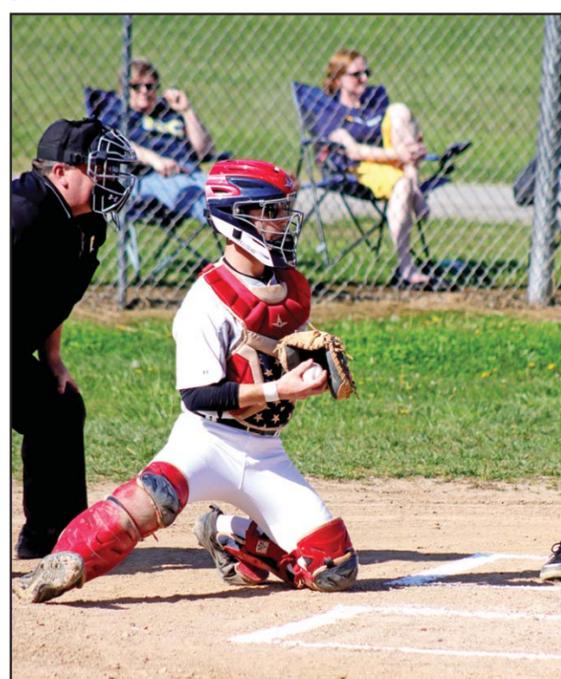
Logan Baldwin



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Kolton Kniceley catching for the Eagles.

Braxton League knocks opening day out of the park



Opening Day for the Braxton County Little League was underway on Saturday, April 23rd. Teams of all ages put their skills to the test as they played their way through the first games of the season.

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Lady Eagles continue to improve, go two for three on week

Braxton's softball girls split a doubleheader with Richwood last Wednesday and went on to defeat South Harrison Friday.

In one game of the doubleheader, Richwood scored a 13-2 victory. The Lumberjacks began their scoring early and then went on for the win. A single and a Braxton error gave Richwood a run in the first inning. Four runs in the sixth inning added to Richwood's lead, and Braxton failed to stop them from adding to that. In addition, the Lady Eagles couldn't manage to score and had only five hits in the game.

Brooklyn Sargent started on the mound for the Eagles. She pitched

five innings, giving up 12 hits and nine runs. Sargent struck out four and allowed no walks. Breann Baultrippe finished the game. Rylan Prunty led Braxton hitters as she went 2 for 4 at the plate.

Although the runs didn't come early for the Eagles in the second game of the doubleheader, Braxton defeated Richwood 22-7 in that one. Going into the bottom of the third, the game was tied 7-7. Lacie Wright scored a run after walking to put Braxton up by one. In the fourth inning, the Eagles came up with 12 runs. Wright, Emmalee Jarvis, Hayden Luzader, Sargent, Baultrippe, and Prunty all came up with

RBIs in that inning.

The Eagles had 17 hits in that game. Prunty led Braxton's offense as she went 4 for 4 with a grand slam in the first along with two doubles and a single in

the fourth. Jarvis also had four hits. In addition, Savannah Bender, and Luzader each had multiple hits. Braxton was hot on the base paths in that game with multiple steals. Prunty

recorded four.

Sargent, who went four innings, was the winning pitcher. She gave up seven runs on 10 hits, walked one, and struck out two.

Friday, Lacie Wright started Braxton's offensive threat with a home run in the first inning to score two runs in the Eagles' 10-2 win over

South Harrison. Braxton added three runs in the second with Baultrippe and Prunty picking up RBIs. The Eagles had nine hits against South Harrison.

In the pitcher's circle against South Harrison, Sargent pitched a complete game. She allowed two runs on four hits and struck out seven.



Brooklyn Sargent pitching for the Lady Eagles.



Erica Nicholson continues the play.



Chyanne Martin catching for the Lady Eagles.



Savannah Bender ready for the pitch.



Kendall Bender returns the ball infield.

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Four Braxton girls place in the Patriot Invitational Meet



Allie White on the shot



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Braxton's track teams saw tough competition in the Patriot Invitational on Laidley Field Friday, but four of the girls placed. Two won their events. Coach Robert Lloyd pointed out that the meet "was great for our athletes to compete." He added, "While we had several to place, we also had several just out of the top six."

Two Braxton girls, Bethany Payne and Laura Cain, placed first in one of their events. Payne won the high jump with a distance of 4'10". Laura Cain finished the 3200-meter run in 13:12 for first. Each placed in at least one other event with Payne getting third in the 400-meter dash at 1:04.11 and Cain finishing third in the 800 meter and also in the 1600 meter. Her time for the 800 was 2:47 and for the 1600 6:01.

Heidi Payne's time of 6:08 gave her fourth in the 1600 meter run. She ran the 3200 meter in 13:57 for third. Emily Garrett finished sixth in the 100 meter hurdles at 19.07.

Coach Lloyd commented that the Braxton boys "had a strong showing as well but came up just short of placing [although] they showed improvement."

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Harper's 4th grade class also participated in the STEAM category by expanding their knowledge of robots and technology to create the next Mars rover. Each team's rover was powered by a robotic sphere and tested in a simulation exercise to demonstrate mobility.

Mrs. Hughes and Miss Valerie led Pre-K students in a unit about West Virginia.

Students worked together to create the display of facts about West Virginia and collage images of the state. Each student shared their knowledge of the state bird,

animal, and flower with the judges.

Several other students in grades 2-5 provided submissions for the science and social studies fair. Topics ranged from

the solar system and slime to the Civil War, Homelessness in America, and Susan B. Anthony. Some students entered the fair in the individual category, while others competed as pairs or a small group. In the Social Studies category, top scores were awarded to Destani Edgell, Colton Putnam, & Naddley Stevens.

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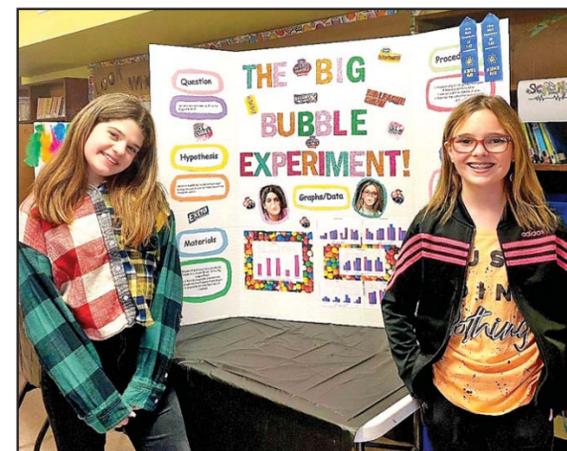
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