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Three perish after car plunges into Elk

Gassaway Fireman loses life in failed rescue attempt

Tragedy struck the Braxton County emergency services community Sunday afternoon when a Gassaway firefighter lost his life while trying to rescue a mother and her child from an automobile that had plunged into Elk River.

The call came into Braxton Control at approximately 2:30, May 1 that a car had went into the Elk River near the Senior Center between Gassaway and Sutton. John Dean Forbush, a GVFD member, was at his place of business on Route 4 just north of the accident. Forbush, 24, attempted to enter the river from Route 4 to rescue a mother and child who were trapped in the submerged vehicle. Un-

fortunately, the volunteer fireman never completed his mission due to the cold and swift waters of the Elk. John Forbush is the believed to be the first firefighter to die in the line of duty in the history of Braxton county.

According to authorities, the vehicle entered the water after traveling over the embankment from the Braxton County Senior Center parking lot. Reports indicate that six individuals tried in vain to reach the pair. A Sheriff's Deputy and State Trooper entered the frigid water to help extract those who were trying to assist the accident victims.

Sutton and Gassaway Volunteer Fire Departments coordi-

nated a joint effort that included members from all seven departments in the county. The Summersville VFD Dive Team responded to the scene and were instrumental in recovering at least one of the victims. The last of the victims was pulled from the river at approximately 4:30 p.m.

The Braxton County Sheriff's Office is in charge of the investigation. The Sutton Detachment of the West Virginia State Police, the WV State Fire Marshal's Office are assisting. According to Captain Bryce Scarbro of the Sheriff's Office, the adult female victim was identified as Latonya Bell, 42, of Cleveland Ohio. Her 8-year-old daughter, Havana Pipkins, also of Cleveland was the third victim involved in the Sunday accident.

Judge accepts plea agreements, hears numerous other cases

Several Braxton County Circuit Court hearings have recently been completed by the Honorable Judge Richard A. Facemire. Braxton County Prosecuting Attorney Jasmine R.H. Morton and Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Dara A. Acord represented the state during the hearings. Tyler Morlan, Deandre Williams and Jacob Foster from the Braxton County Probation Office were also present for some of the hearings.

Senior Center officially opens Miniature Golf Course

The Braxton County Senior Citizens Center had a perfect day for their Official Miniature Golf Course Grand Opening. On Thursday, April 28 at 10:00 am, seniors and other community members gathered at the site to participate in the ceremony.

BCSCC Executive Director Mary Chapman opened the event by thanking everyone for coming and for their support during the process. Frank Blake led those in attendance to an opening prayer and Jamie Belknap sang the National Anthem after the presentation of the flags by American Legion Post #33.

Dignitaries including Lynn Jeffries from Governor Jim Justice's office, Brian Aluise representing Senator Joe Manchin, WV Bureau of Senior Services Commissioner Robert Roswall, and Delegate Brent Boggs spoke about the importance of the facility to the community.

BCSCC Board Chairman Evelyn Post spoke about the work to complete the project even through the pandemic.

Gary Rexroad, Facilities Director, talked about the history and the purpose of the golf course during the ceremony.

Kasandra Dawn Utt appeared with her attorney Kevin Hughart for a plea hearing. On the felony charge of possession of methamphetamine with intent to deliver, she entered a guilty plea. The state agreed to stand silent at the sentencing hearing and dismiss other charges in the indictment.

Chester Camden Marsh and his attorney Kevin Hughart came before Judge Facemire for a plea hearing. In the plea agreement, the defendant pled guilty to

possession of methamphetamine with intent to deliver and the state agreed to dismiss other charges and stay silent at sentencing.

Ryan Seth Rollyson appeared in court for a plea hearing. He was represented by Tyler Cottrill. Rollyson entered a guilty plea to the charge of felony failure to appear. The state agreed to dismiss other charges, but will recommend incarceration to run consecutively to any

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WV Commissioner of Senior Services Robert Roswell (Center) prepares to cut the ribbon to officially open the Miniature Golf Course. Others pictured (L to R) Gary Rexroad, Noel "Sketter" Pletcher, Mary Chapman, Evelyn Post, Roswell, Brent Boggs, Jon Dudley, Rene Tyo, Frank Blake and Marilee Bright.

Executive Director Chapman acknowledged special guest and those

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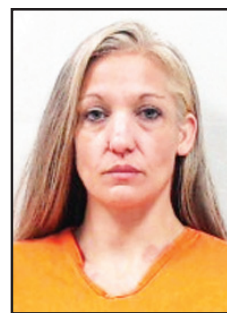
State Police arrest Belle pair following brandishing complaint

Drugs, guns, and cash confiscated

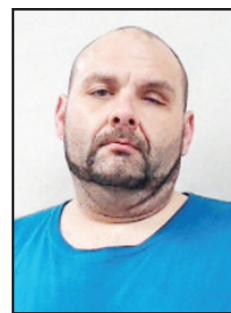
On Saturday, April 30, Trooper E. W. Clark of the Sutton Detachment of the West Virginia State Police received a complaint through Braxton Control that the occupants in a white Chevrolet Cruise had brandished what appeared to be a revolver hand gun at a fellow motorist when passing them on Route 5 near Burnsville. Troopers Clark, along with Troopers C. Harper and J.R. Garrett responded to the call.

The officers located the vehicle and stopped it near the 69-mile marker of I-79. The vehicles contained two occupants. The driver was identified as Phillip R. Mace II. His passenger was Cynthia Dawn Ellis. Both Mace, 37 and Ellis, 39 were from Belle, WV.

The officer's investigation led to the discovery that Mace was not in possession of a valid driver's license. A search of the vehicle revealed a revolver and two additional handguns.



Cynthia Ellis



Phillip Mace II

Mace was prohibited from possessing a firearm due to a felony conviction for conspiracy in a drug related case tried in January 2015. Also located in the vehicle were digital scales with a white powdery residue, multiple baggies and other paraphernalia used to package drugs. The Mountain Lakes Drug and Violent Crimes Unit was notified to assist the responding officers. Officers also discovered information on Mace's cell phone that appeared to document drug transactions.

Both the driver and passenger were arrested and taken to the Central Regional Jail for processing. A search of Ellis by a CRJ Female Correctional Officer revealed two large bundles of

cash hidden on her upper body and a large bag of white crystal-like substance hidden within her body. Officers identified the substance as 80 grams of methamphetamine and

\$3,700 in cash. Mace was arraigned before Braxton County Magistrate Beth Smith on felony charges of prohibited person in possession of a firearm, possession with the intent to deliver, and conspiracy to deliver an illegal substance. He was lodged in the Central Regional Jail in lieu of a \$50,000 cash only bond.

Ellis was also arraigned before Magistrate Smith. She was charged with felony possession with the intent to deliver, conspiracy to deliver an illegal substance, and bringing a controlled substance into a Regional Jail. Her bond too was set at \$50,000 cash only. Both remain incarcerated at the CRJ at press-time awaiting further court proceedings.

Board reviews reductions in staff at Special Meeting

The Braxton County Board of Education conducted a special meeting on April 25 for a discussion on personnel.

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 pm by Board President DeAnna Whipkey. On a motion by Evelyn Post with a second by Dolores Wright, the board went into executive session at 1:03 pm to discuss personnel needs and resource allocation.

The board reconvened at 2:31 pm with no action taken.

On a motion by Dr. Martha Dean and a second by Dr. Kenna Seal, the board approved the following professional recommendations for Reduction In Force/Transfer: professional personnel to be considered for termination by Reduction In Force, none; professional per-

sonnel to be considered for transfer by Reduction In Force, Janice Hughes; and professional personnel to be considered for mutual reassignment: elementary teacher's agreement to reassignment WV Code 518A-4-7a, Melissa Duckworth. No service personnel recommendations for Reduction In Force/Transfer for termination or transfer were presented to the by Superintendent Kathy Hypes.

The following professional and service recommendations for Probationary Personnel Renewals were approved by the board on a motion by Evelyn Post with a second by Dolores Wright: for personnel employed less than 133 days during the 2021-2022 school term to receive a Second-First Probationary

Thomas Jackson, Lisa Legg, Tamara Miller, Rebecca Oates, Shaina Shaver, and Mark Smyth; Third Probationary Contract for Ethan Backus, Randall Brown, Christopher Cunningham, Russell Gray, Robert Lloyd, Christie Skidmore, Kathryn Dean Singleton, Brit-tany White, Dustin Frame, Staci Lynch, Kelly Maynor, and Jeff Shamblin; and Continuing Contract for Natalie Hissam, Clarissa Mason, Ryan Singleton, Kelsie Tonkin, Kyre-Anna Minney, Allison Vaughan, and Grace Wine, Simon Arnold, Kevin Brown, George Dennison, Lori Ferrell, Michelle Jackson, Travis Jagielski, Richard King, Kelly Pritt, Donna Sears, Caleb Shaver, and Lori Showalter.

Board President DeAnna Whipkey ended the meeting providing a brief update on the superintendent search. The posting for the position is open until April 28 at 4:00 pm. Once the applications are received, the board will get guidance from the state board office for screening them and moving forward. She requested the discussion be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

The board adjourned the special meeting at 2:38 pm. The next regular meeting will be May 3 at 6:00 pm.

Braxton County High School 2022 Top Ten



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Salutatorian saw benefits in distance learning

By Shirley Shuman

Unlike many other students, Carly Given, the salutatorian of the BCHS graduating class, found benefits in the distance learning associated with the pandemic. Given, the daughter of Jamie and Ashley Given of Sutton, explained how working from home helped her. "Personally, it helped

me to build confidence and helped me improve my time management skills," she said. "Distance learning helped me to prepare for some of the harder classes offered online at school. Because of distance learning, I was prepared for those" she added.

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As I See It

By Ed Given



A very sad day...

Before I get the main topic of this writing, let me remind everyone that we are in our last week of early voting. Anyone wishing to vote may do so at the Old Fisher Building, adjacent to the Sutton Firehouse and across the street from the Courthouse. The special polling place is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 Monday through Friday of this week and on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Of course, if you miss early voting or choose not to take advantage of it... you can still cast your ballot on election day, May 10 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. at your local polling precinct.

I had planned to talk about the election in this column, but in the wake of Sunday's tragedy, I'm simple not in the mood.

The firefighting community of Braxton County suffered a major loss Sunday afternoon. As you will read on the front page of this issue, John Forbursh lost his life trying to save a woman and child from Elk River.

I have asked, and this is believed to be the first fire fighter death in the line of duty in our county's history. After nearly 50 years in the fire service, that's a mile-stone I had hoped we would never see.

I knew John, but not really well like many in my department and others. I have done business with him and provided our services for his business. It has all been good. However, due to my semi-retirement from firefighting, I have never worked with him in the field. With that said, I know of his determination to help others and his commitment to his fellow firefighters and community.

Unfortunately, this tragedy brings a lot of things to the forefront of this ole fireman's mind. I spend the last half of my career primarily trying to keep the other members of our department out of serious danger and get them home safely. I have always realized how dangerous this work is. It is easy to forget the risk when adrenaline gets to flowing in the heat of the battle. Loosing John Forbush is a tragedy that will weigh heavily on many in the fire community far into the future. I hope that a little good can come from John's sacrifice in reminding all that answer the call for help, whether it be fire, EMS or police, that we can never let our guard down. Live can be very short. We must continue this work because there will always be friends, neighbors and our fellow man in need. Don't let John's death be in vain... stay safe!

Every Acre Counts

By Kevin Gregory

4-Fun with the Family...

On my annual bird list 2022, I have just recorded an Eastern Whip-poorwill, Rose-Breasted Grossbeak, and several different warblers. My list now stands at 85 species for 2022. My personal goal this year is to identify over 200 species in and around WV. The multiple warblers, vireos and thrushes will assist me in my mission in the coming months.

You may or may not find birds fascinating, but many of the habitat projects you do for song-birds also benefit deer, bear, grouse and so on. While many birds come in and out of your feeder each year, some species will not visit feeders except on rare occasions. The fact that they don't visit your feeder doesn't mean they aren't living near you. For example, the Eastern Phoebe is a flycatcher so it spends time chasing insects in the bushes and field edges around your home. It and the Eastern Wood-Pee-wee frequent very similar habitats but will not visit your feeder unless you have a fresh supply of insects buzzing around it. However, they have been noted to visit a bug-zapper on occasion.

For our birds to call your home their home,

you need a diverse habitat. Four acres of pristine mowed lawns is great for curb appeal and a few species of swallows and robins. However, one acre of lawn, with one acre of successional growth and brush with sporadic brush piles and one acre of wildflowers bordered by some mature trees will provide habitat for the over 140 species of birds that visit WV each year.

Last year, West Virginia University biologists conducted a song-bird species study on habitat areas where landowners had made such improvements. One practice they reviewed was a clear cut created in a mature hardwood forest. The clear-cut was approximately one acre in size and given a year to regrow native plant species before the songbird count was conducted. The results tell the story of the importance of managing your habitat, in one-hour the WVU Biologist recorded 46 different bird species using the clear-cut. Ground, brush, mid-story and upper canopy species thrive in disturbed forest settings. By creating a one acre clear-cut in a mature forest, the habitat diversity provided at



Eastern Towhee in a brush pile.

tracts multiple species not commonly seen in a mature forest setting.

We have allowed our forests to return to a mature forest setting where the understory is limited thereby limiting food, cover, and concealment for many species. I have landowners tell me, when I wear my business hat, that they want more deer and better bucks or to be able to hunt grouse again on their properties. I tell them, just as this study and hundreds of others have highlight, that closed canopy mature forests do not provide quality wildlife habitat and in order to increase the quality and quantity of your wildlife you must create diversity in your landscape. For 100% of the landowners I have dealt with across the state, that has meant cutting trees and making sections of the woods ugly with downed trees, brush piles, feathered edges and other practices, but it has also driven their wildlife numbers higher in all cases and provided for better quality animals.

Walk out in your yard and look around, how diverse is your landscape? It is 4 acres of mowed land with a creek with no shading and not a thick ugly brush pile or feathered field edge in sight, then you are not supporting your local wildlife – you are part of the issue of habitat loss. If you have a wood lot, I will ask you try this simple test this June, throw a soccer ball or

basketball into your woods. If you can see it from where you are standing then you have poor habitat. If you can see 100 yards through your woods, then you have the opportunity to change it and see your own wildlife explosion.

Diversity is the key to building a habitat many species would like to inhabit and it doesn't take 1000 acres to make a difference because **Every Acre Counts!**

Next week we will get back to setting our habitat goals and then focus on laying out a workplan to accomplish them.

Letters to the Editor: Our policy...

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

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

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

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News from our Capitol

by Delegate Brent Boggs

Last Tuesday, a special session concluded in conjunction with the April interim meetings. Projected to last only one day, it was Tuesday before all business was wrapped up. Bills that passed and await the Governor's signature include:

HB 210 Relating to permitting the use of air rifles when hunting

HB 212 Relating to including family court judges in the Judges' Retirement System

HB 214 Relating to APRN prescriptive authority

HB 215 Creating a special revenue account - the Military Authority Reimbursable Expenditure Fund

HB 216 Relating to increasing the multiplier for use in determining accrued benefit in the West Virginia Municipal Police Officers and Firefighters Retirement System

HB 217 Expiring funds to the balance of Miscellaneous Boards and Commissions, Water

Development Authority, West Virginia Economic Enhancement Grant Fund

SB 2001 Relating to funding for infrastructure and economic development projects in state

SB 2003 Relating to service credit, retroactive provisions, and refund of accumulated contributions for certain members of PERS

SB 2004 Allowing retirants in PERS to designate irrevocable special needs trust as beneficiary

SB 2005 Authorizing Commissioner of Workforce West Virginia to create Unemployment Compensation Insurance Fraud Unit

SB 2006 Relating to qualifications for members of boards, commissions, and other entities

SB 2007 Relating to WV Real Estate License Act

SB 2008 Relating to WVU Rifle Team Electronic Application Donation Program

SB 2009 Establishing alternative educational opportunities for elective course credit

SB 2013 Relating to flying under influence and

other aviation offenses

The list of what was not on the agenda was even more striking.

• Broadband legislation - to hold telecoms accountable and avoid misuse of funds for expansion.

• Affordable insulin copays for diabetics.

• Tax relief for our citizens – in the form of a temporary state gas tax holiday

• Funding for volunteer fire departments

• Foster care reform

These would have been low-hanging fruit much needed by our communities and citizens. I believe they could have passed easily had they been placed on the special session agenda by the Governor Justice and vigorously worked by the Governor and his staff, both leading up to the session and during the short two-day session.

I'm certain the Governor will call us back in in the coming months to take up supplemental appropriation bills. However, with a projected budget surplus of up to one billion dollars by June 30, the topics and bills listed above are in dire need of a boost prior to the 2023 session.

Last Thursday held two unique events in the district. First, the Braxton Senior Citizens Center dedicated the newest

addition to their facility – a challenging miniature golf course for use of senior citizens, their families, and the public. Bureau of Senior Services Commissioner Robert Roswell was in attendance, along with the throng of seniors, local and state officials, and guests from around the area.

While not your usual amenity associated with a senior center, several factors make it a good fit. First, our area sorely is lacking in recreational opportunities for all age groups. This challenging but very accessible venue will provide a great family opportunity. As mentioned during the grand opening, over a five-year period beginning in 2017, the number of grandparents and great-grandparents raising grandchildren skyrocketed, increasing by nearly 85% during that period. The course will be a wonderful grandfamilies recreation opportunity. Finally, there's no charge to use the course. Congratulations to Senior Director Mary Chapman and the entire BCSS staff and Board of Directors.

Later in the day, Jean and I attended the much-anticipated ribbon cutting for the Braxton County High School's new FFA greenhouse, along with numerous supporters and students,

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bilitation Center. He was born March 23, 1942 in Diana to the

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife Anna J. Williams and brothers Clyde, Stanley, Pete, Jacob, Bradley

Dodd & Reed Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Wil-

Online condolences

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his step grandson, Dylan Grose.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorial donations be made to HospiceCare, 1606 Kanawha Blvd West, Charleston, WV 25387 (www.hospicecarewv.org) or to the Braxton County Animal Shelter, 10 Animal Shelter Lane, Sutton, WV 26601.

Christ United Methodist Church (next to the movie theater), Sutton, will be hosting a youth night opened to the youth of all ages. The first youth nights begin May 6, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. and ends at 9:00 p.m. Various games (board games, ping pong, air hockey, etc.) will be available. A light snack will be provided. Information on the youth night and permission slips will be provided on May 6th. We hope to see everyone on May 6th, 2022!

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INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER				STATE TICKET				COUNTY TICKET			
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FOR MEMBER OF HOUSE OF DELEGATES 63RD DELEGATE DISTRICT (Vote For ONE)				NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED				FOR DELEGATE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 63RD DELEGATE DISTRICT (Female) (Vote For ONE)			
LORI COWGER DITTMAN Gassaway Braxton Co.				FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER (Vote For ONE) Not more than one resident of any magisterial district may be elected.				NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED			
DUANE WILLIAMS Little Birch Braxton Co.				NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED				Write-in, If Any			
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LINDSAY BEVER Buckhannon Upshur Co.				NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED				NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED			
CRISTIN C. DUSENBURY Elkins Randolph Co.				FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 1ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT (Female) (Vote For ONE)				Write-in, If Any			
AMY KARNES Helvetia Randolph Co.				NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED							
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I, the undersigned County Clerk of Braxton County, West Virginia, do hereby certify that the foregoing are true and correct Official Sample Ballots for the May 10th, 2022 Primary Election, containing all of the candidates to be voted for. I certify these Official Sample Ballots this 7th day of April, 2022 by affixing my signature hereto.

Original Signed
Braxton County Clerk

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Gibson Cemetery donations needed

Money is needed for mowing and upkeep of Gibson Cemetery. Thank you to the ones that paid last year. Please send to: Deborah M. Campbell, 888 Gibson Road, Flatwoods, WV 26621-8104.

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.

Braxton County

Senior Center May Lunch Menu

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, Cole-slaw, Fruit. Tuesday 10 Holiday Center Closed. Wednesday 11 Stuffed Green Peppers, Scal-oped Potatoes, Dinner Roll, Fruit. Thursday 12 Pepperoni Roll, To-mato Soup with Ched-dar Cheese, Crackers, Fruit. Friday 13 Spa-ghetti with Meatballs, Garden Salad, Garlic Bread, Fruit. Monday 16 Beef Vegetable Soup, Cornbread, Broccoli Casserole, Fruit. Tues-day 17 BBQ Chicken, Baked Beans, Macaroni Salad, Fruit. Wednes-day 18 Sausage Biscuit with Gravy, Roasted Potatoes, Fruit. Thurs-

day 19 Cornish Pas-ti, Peas, Dinner Roll, Garden Salad, Fruit. Friday 20 Beans and Greens, Cornbread, Beets, Fruits. Monday 23 Chili, Sweet Pota-toes, Crackers, Fruit. Tuesday 24 Baked Salmon, Pasta with Peas, Stewed Tomatoes, Fruit. Wednesday 25 Veterans Celebration Hamburger Steak with Onion Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Spinach, Din-ner Roll, Fruit. Thurs-day 26 Breakfast Bake, Hash Browns, Biscuit, Spiced Apples, Juice. Friday 27 Lasagna, Garden Salad, Gar-lic Bread, Fruit. Mon-day 30 Holiday Center Closed. Tuesday 31 Hot Dog with Chili, Tater Tots, Baked Beans, Fruit.

Robinson Reunion
The Robinson Re-union will be held on Sunday, May 29th at 1:00 P.M. at the Flat-woods 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 mainte-nance. Checks need to be made out to Fairview Cemetery and contri-butions mailed to Sha-ron 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 Live-ly, Marlon and Ren-ell 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, Sut-ton, WV 26601. Thanks again for the donations that were sent.

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/Coronavi-rus Pandemic we will not be having Our Re-union this year. We’re hoping everything sub-sides 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 Barnettte (President) at (304) 701-8840 or Viv-ian Bishop (Treasurer) at (304)644-4379. We hope you have a safe and blessed year.

Braxton CountyRed-skins Youth Football

We are now accept-ing letters of interest for our coaches for the upcoming 2022 Season. If you are interested in being a head coach or assistant you must sub-mit 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.

Donations needed

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

Elizabeth Chapel

Its spring again and time for mowing and upkeep of the ceme-tery. 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, Sut-ton, WV 26601 (304-765-2360).

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: Ce-cil and E. Lynn Rose, Nancy Friend, Herb and Becky Cogar, Anna Do-drill, Shelby Bowyer, and Bernard and Patty Mollohan. Send your donation to: Patty Mol-lohan, PO Box 61, Little Birch, WV 26629.

Braxton County Cemetery donations

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

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

Sue Ann Rutherford
Original Signed
Braxton County Clerk

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Braxton County High School Greenhouse Grand Opening

The Braxton County High School Greenhouse is now officially open. Community members gathered on April 28 at 1:00 in the afternoon for the ribbon cutting ceremony. Josh Porto, Ag Instructor welcomed those in attendance who helped to complete the project.



Josh Porto, Ag Instructor welcomed those in attendance



Ribbon cutting ceremony.



Several attendees went home with various greenery after the ribbon cutting ceremony.



Delegate Brent Boggs spoke briefly to the small crowd

Children of Town of Gassaway holds fundraiser for Gassaway Public Library

Gassaway Public Library employees had a wonderful surprise Tuesday, April, 19 2022. The children of our community had a fundraiser for Gassaway Public Library on Friday. They had worked very hard Thursday and Friday preparing cookies, donuts and various other delightful treats to sell. Along with the baked goods, they also sold delicious hot dogs prepared and served by Davis Wolverton. Their fundraiser donated over \$1,000 to the library. We appreciate your service to your community. Thank you so much from the Gassaway Public Library.



BCHS-FFA Greenhouse
SPRING PLANT SALE

Bedding Flowers
Florals - Angelonia, Geranium, Marigold
Petunia, Snapdragon, Vinca, Zinnia
Herbs - Basil, Dill, Parsley

Vegetables
Tomatos - Beefsteak, Hillbilly, Roma
Peppers - Carolina Reaper, Lady Bell
(Not all varieties are listed)

6 Pack Flowers	\$3.50
Flat of Flowers (8 - 6 Packs)	\$28.00
4" Potted Asst. Flowers	\$2.00
Assorted Larger Planters	\$20.00
Hanging Basket	\$15.00
Fern Hanging Baskets	\$15.00
6 Pack of Vegetables	\$2.00
Flat of Vegetables	\$16.00
3.5 Succulents	\$5.00
Asst. Decorated Clay and Ceramic Potted Succulents	\$7-12.00

Specials

Hanging Baskets
2 for \$28.00

MONDAY TUESDAY FRIDAY 8:30 - 4:00
WEDNESDAY THURSDAY 8:30 - 5:00
SATURDAY MAY 7TH 9:30 - 2:30
(LOCATED AT BCHS PARKING LOT
200 JERRY BURTON DRIVE GUTTON, WV

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Our goal is to give the families that we serve, a warm and relaxed home to come to at a difficult time when compassion, sincerity and professionalism are paramount.

Ryan M. Roach, LIC
708 Braxton St.
Gassaway, WV 26624
304-364-2231

COMMUNITY CORNER

PAT’S CHAT By : PAT RIDPATH



I mentioned Mother’s Day in last week’s Chat, so I have a few things to add because I started a whole week early. I told you that all three of my siblings have left me in a very short time: My brothers, Sonny (Harry Vernon Wiant, Jr.) and Sammy, (Samuel Woodrow Wiant, II) died within weeks of each other in 2020. That was difficult for both my sister, Mary Ann Bucklew and me. Less than two years later my only sister died on March 19, 2022. I suddenly feel like an orphan. But my own two sons live here in Buckhannon and my daughter lives with me. I also am fortunate to have one grandson living here, too, with his parents, my son, Scott and his wife, Carol. I thank God for that.

I did not tell you that Sammy was named after our Dad’s only brother, Samuel Woodrow Wiant, I. At the time Uncle Sam and his lovely wife, Sarah Nell Fisher Wiant (of Sutton) had no children. Uncle Sam always teased Dad about having so many kids so quickly. Soon he had to eat those words because he and Sarah Nell were blessed with four children (two of them a set of beautiful twins). The first was Sandra, then Sharon, finally the twins, Sheila and Shirley.

I have some of my McNemar relatives here in Buckhannon, though I see them seldom. I pray that they and all my other relatives and friends will have a peaceful and Happy Mother’s Day.

Our church service on April 23 was presented by the delightful couple who call themselves “A Better Covenant – A Timeless Tour.” Their testimony is heart-touching. If you want to get them to come to your services, go to www.abettercovenantband.com. You will love them and their music.

On the first Saturday

in March the church invited many to come for the devotional and fun, calling it “Crazy Hair/Hat, at Night”. Everyone young and old alike seemed to have a great deal of fun. We had a short devotional time to start the evening and then they sang, played different board games, musical chairs, Chess, and many more. Everyone liked it so much that they are going to try to have some special time on the first Sabbath evening of each month.. Tomorrow evening it will be “Flower Power” and 70’s dress-up night. Bring out your fringe vests, peace signs, bell-bottom jeans and

other things with the 70’s theme. REMEMBER, WE WILL BE HAVING SOMETHING SPECIAL EVERY FIRST SABBATH OF THE MONTH. Sabbath starts at sundown on Friday and lasts until sundown on Saturday (see; Leviticus 23:32.)

Mother’s Day Brunch (lunch) AT 9:30 A.M. ON MAY 8TH. Invite any mothers you know to come to this meal at our church building dining hall. The meal will be prepared and served by the men of the church (who will also clean up afterward). Men, please let Pastor Daniel know if you can make it in an hour before serving time. to help

WV Department of Health and Human Resources announces Emergency Energy Assistance Program for low income residents

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) announced applications for the Emergency Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) will be accepted beginning today, Monday, May 2, 2022, through Friday, May 13, 2022, or until funds are exhausted. The federally funded program assists eligible state residents in paying home heating bills.

Residents whose pri-

mary source of heat is either gas or electricity must provide their shut-off notice when applying for Emergency LIEAP. Those using other primary heating sources or bulk fuel may qualify for assistance if their heating fuel is at a low level during the application period.

Households that received direct payment of regular LIEAP benefits must verify that the payment was used for home heating by submitting a current receipt with the Emergency LIEAP application. Failure to submit verification of payment may result in a denial of the application.

Eligibility for LIEAP benefits is based on income, household size and whether the household is responsible for paying its heating bill. Income limit for fiscal year 2022 is 60% of the State Median Income. In situations where a heating emergency exists, applicants must be seen by a DHHR worker.

To qualify, households must meet all program guidelines and be in an emergency that will disrupt the primary heating source if not met.

The maximum allowable gross income levels for Emergency LIEAP Fiscal Year 2022 are listed below:

Household Size
Monthly Allowable Income

1 \$2,005, 2 \$2,621, 3 \$3,238, 4 \$3,855, 5 \$4,472, 6 \$5,088, 7 \$5,204, 8 \$5,583, 9 \$6,150, 10 \$6,718

For each additional person, add \$567. Households whose income exceeds the maximum amount are not eligible; however, some types of income may be excluded for LIEAP. Social Security and Veterans income will be excluded for the current LIEAP application period.

To apply, residents must go to their local DHHR office. A list of local offices may be found at <http://www.dhhr.wv.gov/bcf/Documents/DHHR.BCF.LocalOffices.pdf>.

Christs Cantina reopens May 4th

Christ Church United Methodist is proud to announce the reopening 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.

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Martha Dean

Candidate for

Braxton County Board of Education

As an experienced Educator, I have served as Teacher, School Counselor and School Administrator.

I appreciate your vote and your support as we work to make Braxton County Schools the best they can be!

For Our Students



Paid for by Martha Dean, Candidate for Braxton County Board of Education

COUNTY STORIES

By: JEANETTE RIFFLE

How They Survived

By: Jeanette Riffle

We were talking about the groundhogs being scarce anymore and my husband said during the Great Depression, people ate wild meat and his Grandpa Riffle started seeing big holes all over his place on Bear Fork where dogs had holed a groundhog and someone had dug down after it. Grandpa was afraid his cow would step in a hole and not be able to get out, so he had to put a stop to it. I remember people eating coons, groundhogs, rabbits, squirrels, grouse, pheasants and that one time that Dad brought in a big turtle out of the creek. I had a friend from Kentucky who said they ate crow.

We didn't have many

deer. People got excited if someone even saw footprints of one that was passing through. Like I have said before, my Dad went several counties away to deer hunt where he had Stewart relatives and he stayed with them while he hunted. Both my parents had gone through the Great Depression and they told stories of how people survived. Mom said they had a hog and when the pork was gone, her aunt, Lula Lowe, was always good for her fried potatoes, creamed tomatoes and hot biscuits. Her aunt was a wonderful cook and Aunt Alpha could make a gravy out of anything. She took left over food from a meal, that could be put into a gravy and added it to a skillet of poor man's gravy. Then she made a big pan of biscuits.

People knew what was edible that grew in the wild and they had gardens and canned everything they could get their hands on. Duane's aunt, Susie Perrine, told of man who came to visit them on Bear Fork, when she was still at home. He was so hungry that he grabbed a cold biscuit on the table and used it to dip in the meat grease that was left over in a dish. He ate that cold grease.

People knew how to bury vegetables in holes that were straw lined. I saw my Grandmother Stewart dig up some cabbage one time down in the flat land by the barn. She dug down and got a head of cabbage and covered the rest back up with straw and dirt. People didn't trust the banks and they also hid money. Mom told of an uncle who had a rug over a trap door in the house and he had money down under the floor in a box. Dad said he ate turnips one whole winter but he never got tired of them. They had potatoes, brown beans and cornbread, too. Mom said that sugar was so expensive they couldn't buy much. No body had much money and they only used it for cooking and baking. She said she pinched the lumps out of the brown sugar when no one was looking. She knew they wouldn't miss that. She was always like a child over candy when I was growing up at home and all through the years.

I had asked her if they made fudge when she was growing up. She said sugar had to be saved for the other things. Many stories about this subject but I will wrap this up for now. Everyone continue to stay safe and stay well. We will all be so thankful when that virus is over and life can get back to normal. Take care and God bless.

Sutton High School Alumni meeting

If you've read the local newspaper, you've seen where the traditional Sutton High School Alumni Get Together, usually scheduled for July 1st weekend has been discontinued. There are several individuals that have expressed interest in continuation and therefore an open meeting has been set for Sunday, May 22, 2pm-4pm. This meeting will be held at the old Fisher Auto Parts building (the building adjacent to the old Sutton General Hospital). If you are interested in the continuation of some sort of "Get Together," please try to attend this meeting. All ideas and help toward this endeavor will be appreciated. We would like to have a representative from each class so that we can get started. Questions, please call Marsha Lloyd at 304-765-2414, Charlotte Chidester at 304-765-2192 or Dairell/Sally Browning at 304-364-8293.

Tesla Cemetery Donations needed

Donations are needed for the upkeep of Tesla Cemetery.

Please send donations to: Jim Morris, 5506 Appalachian Corridor, Sutton, WV 26601.

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LISA RATLIFF
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KEVIN F. GREGORY
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FOR CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR
(Vote For ONE)

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LINDA L. BROWN
Flatwoods

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WESTERN DISTRICT
(Female)
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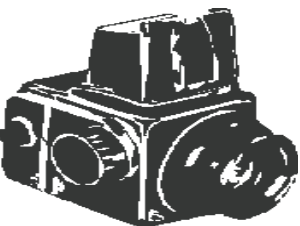
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Sue Ann Rutherford
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May 3, 2022



A Photographic Look at...

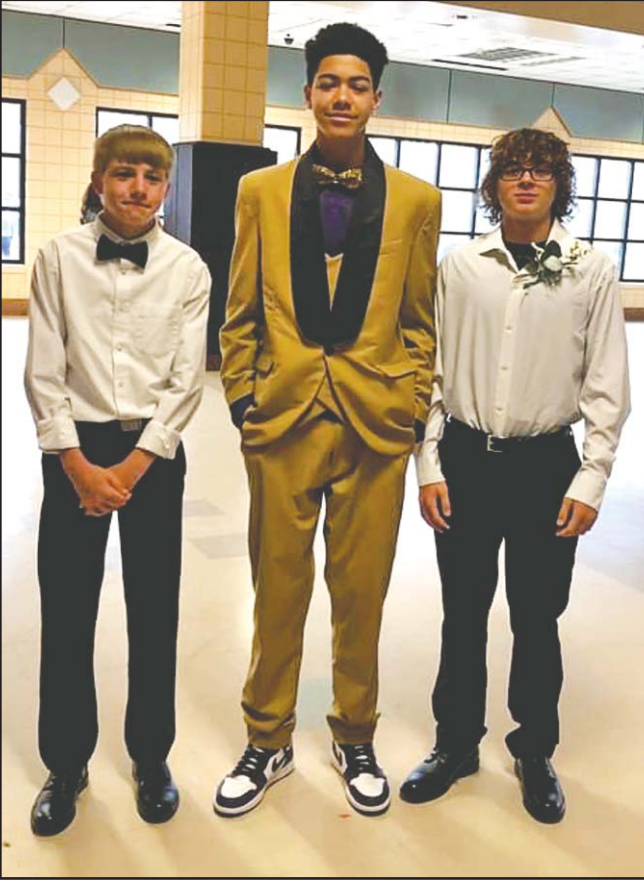
Braxton County Middle School Spring Formal



BCMS Formal Court consisted of 7th grade prince, Brady Toler and 7th grade princess, Brooklyn Paletti. 8th grade king was Brodie Smarr, and 8th grade Queen was Novalee Bennett.



Braxton County Middle School held their annual Spring Formal last Saturday. This year's theme was the "Knight Club".



Students came dressed to impress and had excellent behavior throughout the dance.

LEGAL NOTICES

Braxton Citizens' News Page 10
May 3, 2022



LEGAL NOTICE

Please be advised that the next meeting of the Braxton County Local Emergency Planning Committee is scheduled on 5/17/22 at 12:00 noon at 3 Girls Dinner Restaurant. Please advise us if you plan to attend. If you have any questions regarding this meeting, please feel free to email at braxtonlepc@gmail.com 05-03-05-17b

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. 4-26 5-3b

NOTICE OF FILING OF ESTATES

TO THE CREDITORS AND BENEFICIARIES OF THE WITHIN NAMED DECEASED PERSONS: I have before me the estates of the following deceased persons and the accounts of the fiduciaries of their respective estates:
DECEDENT: ALAN R. WEESE
FIDUCIARY: REBECCA WEESE
227 RIVER ST. GASSAWAY, WV 26624
DECEDENT: JEAN MACCORD
CLARK
FIDUCIARY: JEFFERSON
CLARK

200 N. SKIDMORE RD. APT 1
SUTTON, WV 26601
DECEDENT: KENNETH LEE
WINE
FIDUCIARY: BARBARA WINE
1187 BURNSVILLE RD
BURNSVILLE, WV 26335
DECEDENT: MINNIE JEAN NOT-
TINGHAM
FIDUCIARY: BRANTIE NOT-
TINGHAM
629 NOTTINGHAM MOUNTAIN
DUCK, WV 25063
DECEDENT: VELMA LYNN CLIF-
TON
FIDUCIARY: LARRY CLIFTON
86 MCGREGOR DR.
SUTTON, WV 26601
DECEDENT: RAYMOND E.
HUFFMAN
FIDUCIARY: TERRY L. HUFF-
MAN
123 KESSLA WAY
SHINNSTON, WV 26431
DECEDENT: LAWRENCE BRAN-
NON DODGE
FIDUCIARY: JARNET E. DODGE
900 OLD TURNPIKE RD
SUTTON, WV 26601
DECEDENT: BETTIE L. JARVIS
FIDUCIARY: CHELSIE
ROLLYSON JR.
930 SOUTH STATE ST.
GASSAWAY, WV 26624
DECEDENT: LOIS DIANE ALLEN
HEATER
FIDUCIARY: JULIE BATTEN
8688 OLD ELKINS RD
BUCKHANNON, WV 26201
DECEDENT: FRANCH STE-
PHEN BEANE
FIDUCIARY: STERLING BEANE
SR

267 SHADY PINE LANE
GASSAWAY, WV 26624
DECEDENT: GLEN EDWARD
HERRON
FIDUCIARY: DAWN DARLENE
HERRON
1834 OLD WOMANS RUN
SUTTON, WV 26601
DECEDENT: VIOLET LORRAINE
COGAR
FIDUCIARY: CAROLYN COSNER
2477 FRAMETOWN RD.
FRAMETOWN, WV 26623
DECEDENT: ERLESS M. CON-
LEY
FIDUCIARY: STEPHEN A.
RATLIFF
23459 STAUNTON TURNPIKE
SMITHVILLE, WV 26178
DECEDENT: RODNEY ALLEN
TETERS
FIDUCIARY: LORENA TETERS
213 FOURTH ST.
GASSAWAY, WV 26624
All persons having any claims
against the estate(s) of any of the
above-named persons whether
due or not, are notified to exhibit
the same with vouchers thereof,
legally verified, to the fiduciary of
such deceased persons as shown
herein within 60 days from the first
publication or on or before the 2nd
day of July, 2022; otherwise, any
or all such Claims may by law be
excluded from all benefits of said
estate(s). All beneficiaries of
said estate(s) may appear either
before the above-named fiduciary
by the date first above shown or
thereafter before the Fiduciary
Supervisor by the date last above
shown to examine said claims and

NOTICE OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF ESTATES

TO THE CREDITORS AND BENEFICIARIES OF THE WITHIN-NAMED DECEASED PERSONS: I have before me the proposed final settlement of the estates of the following deceased persons, which shall be presented to the County Commission of Braxton County, West Virginia, at the courthouse thereof, in the city of Sutton, on the 20th day of May, 2022; at 9:00 o'clock a.m., which settlements I have either approved or have not approved as indicated below:

APPROVED: ARGLE E. SHAVER, DECEASED
RETA ANN DAVIS, DECEASED
DONNIE CARL CARSON, DECEASED
RICHARD A. ROSE, DECEASED
MARIE B. HENLINE, DECEASED
ARABELLE P. LONG, DECEASED
PAULINE RICHARDSON, DECEASED
VERNON R. HAMRIC, DECEASED
WILLARD CREED LAKE, DECEASED
ELMA B. CUTLIP, DECEASED

NOT APPROVED: None

Any persons having any interest in the estate of such deceased persons, may appear before the County Commission at the time and place hereinabove specified and thereupon protect his or her interests as they may appear or else may be forever thereafter barred from asserting such interests.

Given under my hand this the 2nd day of May, 2022.



***Jessie Pennell, Executive Secretary of the WV
Cattleman's Association***

Braxton Co. Farm Bureau April 2022 Guest Speaker

The Braxton County Farm Bureau met on Monday, April 18, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Debbie Friend, WVU Extension Specialist introduced our Speaker for the evening, Jessie

Pennell. She is the Executive Secretary of the WV Cattleman's Association and works for the WV Farm Bureau among other hats.

She spoke about the Mountain State Ground Beef Program that is a partnership between Buzz Food Service/Appalachian Abattoir, the WV Cattleman's Association with support from WVU Extension, WV Department of Agriculture as well as several others.

This program is intended for mature market cows; farmers will be paid on the hot carcass weight with a 5% premium over the prior day USDA report. Kroger has already signed on to sell the ground beef. Farmers must join the program in order to sell—sign up is free.

If anyone is interested in the program you can contact Jessie through the WV Farm Bureau office in Buckhannon at 304-472-2080 or contact the local extension office at 304-765-2809.

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.

Braxton County Memorial Cemetery Cleanup Day

Joins us for a clean-up 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, brooms 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

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Braxton County Lady Eagle Seniors Brooklyn Sargent, Savannah Bender, Chyanne Martin, Breann Baultrippe, and Hayden Luzader

The Braxton girls saw plenty of variety in their games last week. After losing a close game to Nicholas Monday, they beat Calhoun Tuesday. Herbert Hoover handed the Lady Eagles a one-sided loss on Wednesday, and Thursday Braxton beat Williamstown in their LKC placement game. Eagles' coach Amanda Gum was especially pleased with the win over Williamstown. "I was very proud of the way the girls played against Williamstown," she said. "Williamstown had played and beat a few teams which had beat us. It was an awesome and well-

deserved win.”

The Nicholas game went down to the last play of the game. Unfortunately, the play was a two-run homer by Nicholas in the bottom of the seventh which broke a 7-7 tie and gave the Grizzlies the 9-7 win.

Nicholas's pitcher had a complete game in which she allowed seven runs on 16 hits. She struck out nine and walked one. On the mound for the Eagles, Brooklyn Sargent pitched 6.2 innings. She allowed nine runs on seven hits and walked one while recording two strikeouts.

Emmalee Jarvis led the Eagles' hitting as she went 4 for 5 at the plate. Others who contributed to the 16-hit total included Erica Nicholson, Chyanne Martin, Sargent, Rylan Prunty and Lacie Wright.

Tuesday, the Eagles outscored Calhoun 8-3 with Sargent pitching a complete game. She struck out 10 while allowing three runs on seven hits. Calhoun's pitcher, in six innings, gave up eight runs while allowing 11 hits.

Herbert Hoover defeated Braxton by a huge margin Wednesday. Starting pitcher Baultripp was replaced by Sergeant who had three strikeouts. Martin had Braxton's only hit against Hoover.

The last game of the week was the highlight of the week. In an LKC placement game, Braxton held off a comeback effort by the Williamstown Lady Jackets to win 6-4. After trailing throughout most of the game, the Lady Jackets scored four runs in their comeback effort, but the Lady Eagles were up to the challenge and took the win. In their four-run comeback effort, Williamstown scored the runs on a double by Kameron Beck, an error, and a single by Maggie Siley.

Braxton scored first when Wright doubled to bring in one run. The Lady Eagles had eight hits in the game with Jarvis and Wright leading the hitting.

Sargent started on the mound for Braxton. She gave up four runs on seven hits over eight innings. Sargent struck out three. Lady Jackets pitcher Lindsey Keller gave up five runs on eight hits. She struck out 13.

The Braxton County Redskins will host three sign up dates for the 2022 season for youth football and cheerleading.

Sign ups will be located at Flint Field on June 21 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, July 9 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, and July 13 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Registration fee will be \$40.00 for first child, \$30.00 for additional.

A Sports Physical, Well Child and Birth Certificate is needed at time of registration.

Follow us on Facebook at Braxton County Redskins Youth Football for more information.

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SPORTS

Reporting Braxton County's sports action

- Youth
- Middle School
- High School

Eagles win three of five baseball games, go 9-0 in LKC East



Braxton County Eagle Seniors Adam Dobbins, Jesse Flint, Isaiah Mowery, Tyler Baldwin, Beau Liston, Braden Clark, and Kolton Kniceley.

Braxton's baseball team had a busy week last week with five games. They came out of the week with three wins, including their ninth win in LKC competition. The Eagles are undefeated in the Eastern Division of the conference and will play a semifinal game this week although Coach Jamie Lemon has not been notified of the opponent yet.

Lewis defeated the Eagles 11-8 in Braxton's first game of the week, one which Coach Lemon stressed they should not have lost. Braxton led 8-3 after the top of the fourth. Lewis came to bat in the bottom of the inning and scored six runs to go up 9-8. The

Minutemen added two in the bottom of the fifth. Braxton's coach pointed out that his team had scoring opportunities including a bases-loaded situation and another with runners on second and third in which they did not manage a run.

Three Braxton pitchers saw time on the mound against Lewis. Kolton Kniceley started and went four innings. He gave up two earned runs and walked seven. Isaiah Mowery, next on the mound, allowed two earned runs and walked three in part of an inning. Pitching the last two innings, Logan Baldwin gave up one hit.

Beau Liston and Braydon Helmick had good nights at the plate. Liston was 2 for 3 with three RBIs, and Helmick went 3 for 3 with three RBIs.

Wednesday Braxton defeated East Fairmont 4-2. Mowery, the Eagles' starting pitcher, went five innings and allowed two earned runs on four hits and one walk. He struck out six. In relief, Logan Baldwin gave up two hits. He had one strikeout.

Braxton's 9-3 win over LKC rival Gilmer came on Thursday. In that game, Braxton scored five in the bottom of the second and three in the bottom of the third and never looked back. Tyler Baldwin, who got the win, started and pitched two innings. He allowed three runs on five hits. In relief, Kniceley struck out four in four innings. Finishing the game, Liston struck out the side in the top of the seventh.

Kniceley led the offense with three hits in four at-bats. Tyler Baldwin was 2 for 2 and drove in two runs. Helmick, 2 for 3, accounted for one run, and Ward, 1 for 4, drove in two.

The Eagles played two games in the Bridgeport Connect Saturday. In the first one, Robert C. Byrd outscored Braxton 8-3. Braxton defeated Lincoln 12-2 in the second. Against RCB, the Eagles took a 2-0 lead on a double by Ward. RCB scored once in the bottom of that inning and added three in the bottom of the third to go up 4-2. Braxton's last run came in the top of the fifth.

Tyler Baldwin, in a complete game, gave up five earned runs on 11 hits and three walks. He struck out three. In that loss, the Eagles had only five hits and committed four errors. Offensively, Kniceley was 2 for 3 at the plate, Logan Baldwin 1 for 2 with an RBI, and Ward 1-3 with two RBIs.

In a short game, the Eagles defeated Lincoln 12-2. Mowery pitched four innings and struck out three while allowing one hit. Dobbins, on the mound for the last inning, struck out two. He gave up one hit.

Dobbins, 3 for 3 with three RBIs, led Braxton's hitting. Mowery, 1 for 3, drove in two runs, and Liston, 3 for 4, accounted for one run.

On Braxton's schedule was the completion of an unfinished game at North Marion followed by a regularly scheduled game Monday night. The Eagles' regular season ends with tonight's game at Webster. Braxton will also have an LKC game against the second-place team in the western division of the conference Thursday.

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Eagles compete in Tudors AA Relays at Laidley Park

Seven Braxton girls placed in six different events at the Tudors AA Relay last week. Laura Cain, who had the

Cain and Bethany Payne each placed in three events, and Heidi Payne placed in two. No Braxton boys placed.

Cain and Bethany Payne each placed in three events, and Heidi Payne placed in two. No Braxton boys placed.

Noting that this meet was for AA schools only, Braxton coach Robert Lloyd said, "To me, that was a preliminary state meet to see where we sit as individuals and

as a team.” He added, “There is a lot of talent out there this year from other schools, and we will have to be on top of our game when it comes to regionals and states in order to place.”

Braxton has the LKC meet Friday at Doddridge. Regionals are scheduled on May 11 at Lewis County.



Crews would load the tires and debris in a jon boat and transport it to the Bulltown Campground Boat Launch Ramp, which was used as a staging area.

Crews at Bursnville Lake remove approximately 400 tires from lake bed



The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Burnsville Lake is committed to keeping the lake clean and safe. This winter, Maintenance Mechanic Jason Meadows, along with employees of the maintenance contractor, Misfit Landscaping, tackled the major task of removing debris from the lake while the water level was at winter pool. The Burnsville Lake crew removes drift every year, but this cleanup was extremely needed.

Drift and debris are a never-ending issue when you manage a lake. Everyone should do their part to help make sure our public lands and waters stay clean and safe. Anyone that lives upstream of the lake is reminded to keep waste out of and away from any waterways. Most of the tires that were removed from the lake were brought in by visitors staying in the Bulltown Campground. Visitors bring these tires to use on the shoreline to protect their boats from being damaged by rocks. Visitors need to be made sure that any materials that are brought into the campground to protect their boats are properly secured and removed after their stay.

The lake cleanup crew worked numerous days and long hours to complete this huge undertaking. During this cleanup, the crew was able to remove approximately 400 tires and two truckloads of garbage from the lakebed. The crew would load the tires and debris in a jon boat and transport it to the Bulltown Campground Boat Launch Ramp, which was used as a staging area. Burnsville Lake partnered with the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection REAP Program to have the tires removed from the area and disposed of properly. Crew members also cleaned up and removed drift around the major areas of the lake.

Burnsville Lake remains committed to keeping our land and water clean and free of debris. This cleanup not only made the lake look better, but also promoted better water quality and aquatic habitat. We can all do our part to protect our natural resources and keep our parks clean.

***Photos courtesy of the
Bursville Lake, U.S. Army
Corps of Engineers
Facebook Page.***

Burnsville Freedom Festival Vendors

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.

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May 10th we will be electing new members to our Board of Education. I would like to recommend two candidates for you as voters to consider.

Carolyn Hoover and Kevin Gregory

I worked under the supervision of **Carolyn Hoover** at the Middle School. She is well qualified for the job. I feel she would make good decisions and add many ideas to help make goals met to improve education for our students.

I watched **Kevin Gregory** grow up, finish school, join the Armed Forces and serve his country. He did several months of substitute work at the high school and has some ideas for improvement for our students.

Please **vote** on **Tuesday, May 10th** and consider these candidates

Paid for by Martha Taylor

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.

May 4, 1896: The Children's Home Society was formed by a group of Charleston ministers at the YMCA. Their goal was to place orphaned and neglected children with caring families rather than crowd them into county poorhouses.



May 5, 1923: A fire started by welders working on a new swimming pool destroyed most of Luna Park, an amusement park in Charleston. Although Luna's owners announced that

they would rebuild, the park never reopened.

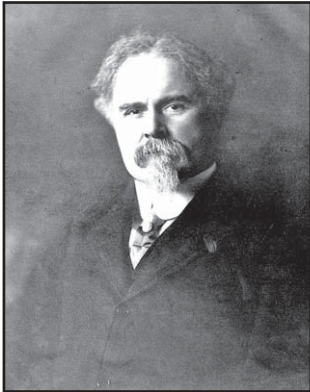
May 5, 1923: Golfer Bill Campbell was born in Huntington. He won more than 30 championships over a seven-decade career and is considered one of the best amateur players in history.



May 6, 1812: Activist and physician Martin Robison Delany was born in Charles Town. In February 1865, he

was commissioned as a major in the U.S. Colored Troops. He was the only African-American Civil War officer to be given a field command.

May 6, 1968: A continuous miner machine at the Gauley Coal & Coke Saxsewell No. 8 mine cut into an adjacent mine, which was filled with water. The resulting flood drowned four miners and trapped 21 others.




May 7, 1857: William Alexander MacCorkle was born in Rockbridge

County, Virginia, on his father's plantation. He served as West Virginia's ninth governor.

May 7, 1928: The Keith-Albee Theater opened in Huntington. The opening program featured a comedy called "Good Morning, Judge," a newsreel, and five stage acts. But the theater itself, with its elaborate interior, clearly was the star of the evening.

May 7, 1983: The New River Gorge National Park and Preserve began operations when the first visitor center opened near Fayetteville.



May 8, 1864: Clarence Wayland Watson was born in Fairmont. Watson was a prominent coal baron and served in the U.S. Senate from 1911 to 1913.



May 8, 1998: Senator Jennings Randolph died at the age of 96. He was first elected to Congress in 1932 and served for 40 years.



May 9, 1843: Confederate spy "Belle" Boyd was born in Martinsburg. On July 4, 1861, Belle shot a Yankee soldier and started her spy career.

May 9, 1863: Confederate raiders arrived at Burning Springs, Wirt County. There they set fire to 150,000 barrels of oil, oil tanks, engines for pumping, engine houses, wagons, and oil-laden boats.



May 10, 1908: The first official observance of Mother's Day was held at Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton and simultaneously in Philadelphia. The holiday resulted from a vigorous campaign by Anna Jarvis who wanted to commemorate the spirit of her mother's work as a social activist.

May 10, 1960: John F. Kennedy defeated Hubert Humphrey in the West Virginia primary. It dispelled the widely held belief that being a Roman Catholic was a crippling handicap for a presidential candidate.

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CAROLYN HOOVER
Sutton
Eastern Dist.

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LARRY E. HARDWAY
Gassaway
Western Dist.

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LISA RATLIFF
Frametown
Southern Dist.

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KEVIN F. GREGORY
Ireland
Northern Dist.

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FOR CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR
(Vote For ONE)

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LINDA L. BROWN
Flatwoods

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FOR COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
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KITTY KORNER:

Affordable, Adoptable, Fixed Feline Friends

Just One Generation cat rescue was formed in 2013 to help address the severe feline overpopula- tion problem in our area. In the years since, our program has been adapted based, in part, on our available re- sources and help. Pres- ently, our priorities are to serve as an emer- gency placement option for ownerless cats and kittens that are sick, injured, or endangered in their present location. We also offer spay/ neuter assistance for community residents who need help to see that their pets are not contributing to this problem. We have limited space and funds avail- able, and we are depen- dent on the support of our community and the willingness of people to open their hearts and homes to our animals.

All of our adoptable cats and kittens are social, have been vac- cinated, dewormed, and received topical flea pro- tection. 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 fea- ture a courtesy post on behalf of a retired couple from Glenville needing to rehome four beloved gentle pets due to the declining health of the wife and the need for them to move into an assisted living facility. All are spayed/neutered and up to date on im- munizations. Available for inde- pendent adoption with fees waived in exchange for loving homes.Please call owner, Joel Curry, directly for details and information at 304-904-

9714 . More adoptable ani- mals can be viewed on petfinder.com by enter- ing 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.



GYPSY: Female, 10

year old bold calico.



MICKEY: 2 year old

tabby male.



BULLETT: 2 year old black male.



ELLIE: 10 month old dilute calico.

Stories from the BCAS

Are you looking to add a four legged, tail wagging member to your family? Rescues from the Braxton County Ani- mal Shelter are looking for their final “Furever” homes and are anxious to meet you. There is a reason we call them man’s best friend. We can learn so many things from a dog’s be- havior, personality, de- meanor, resiliency, and most importantly, the willingness to provide their family members with unconditional love, loyalty, and compani- onship down to their very last breath. BCAS is

open Monday through Friday from 10-3. There is no charge to surren- der a dog, but donations toward their care are appreciated. Adoptions are \$99.00 for male dogs and \$119.00 for female dogs, and include spay/ neuter, rabies vacci- nation, parvo/distem- per vaccination, kennel cough vaccination, flea treatment and deworm- ing. No dog will leave the shelter unfixed and we are very willing to work with reputable 501c3 rescues. Please call the shelter for vet pricing and ask for our adop- tion/rescue coordinator



Mia Female (Front) and **Manny** Male (Back) were picked up by animal control be- cause sadly, their owner passed away. They look like they could be lit- termates but we have no detailed history or information about them. They seem bonded. And they are very social and affectionate, they like to give a random kiss on your chin every now and then. They seem to have been well loved (slightly overweight). Mia has a spay scar but Manny isn’t yet neutered. We are estimating them to be three years old. They walk great on a leash and we believe they are house trained because they take the oppor- tunity to potty outside when walked.



Bella is a three year old spayed female long haired German Shep- herd looking for her new forever home. Bella is excellent with kids and loved playing with the neighbors lab at her previous home. She was recently adopted but didn’t socialize well with her adopters male GSD. She was originally surrendered because she does not do well with farm animals. She wants to chase them and hold them down. She walks great on a leash and knows her name, sit and lay down. She has lived mostly outside and has never stayed in a crate. Bella is a good girl with the best of intentions and is looking for an ad- venturous family that she can love without outside critters like goats, rabbits, cats, etc. We would like to see Bella go into an only dog home, or do a meet and greet with potential adopters other dogs be- fore adoption.

The Braxton County Animal Shelter is in need of bleach dona- tions. To keep the shel- ter clean and our pups healthy, we sanitize our kennels with bleach and use it quite often. Follow the link to the BCAS wishlist on Ama- zon: <https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/238VIEAY1J4MW...> Thank you for your continued support of our shelter pals!

OFFICIAL BALLOT OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY

D	BRAXTON COUNTY, WV	E	PRIMARY ELECTION	F	MAY 10, 2022
OFFICIAL NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE BRAXTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION					
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VOTE BOTH SIDES					

MAGISTRATE COURT

REPORT

Magistrate Beth Smith's Court

April 25: Virginia M. Scarberry of Worthington, KY, expired MVI, dismissed proof provided, no proof of insurance, dismissed proof provided; John H. Westfall, Jr. of Birch River, speeding, guilty plea, no proof of insurance, dismissed proof provided, fine/court costs assessed; Brenda Ann Jarvis of Exchange, no

seatbelt, guilty plea, no proof of insurance, dismissed proof provided, fine assessed and paid; Hollie Justice Nassif of Frametown, speeding, guilty plea, fine/court costs assessed and paid.

April 26: Preston L. Derringer, Jr. of Clendenin, no proof of insurance, dismissed proof provided; Robert Conrad of Orlando, driving suspended-3rd offense, \$1500 personal recogni-

zance bond; Aaron Scott Frame of Frametown, no seatbelt, no contest plea, fine assessed and paid; Edwin O'Neal of Gassaway, violation of protective order, no contest plea, violation of protective order x30, dismissed per plea, prohibited person in possession of firearm, no probable cause found, 12 months of jail with credit for time served of two days, remainder suspended and place on one year unsupervised probation, fine/court costs assessed; Everette Kurtis Meadows of Rosedale, destruction of property, dismissed, trespassing, dismissed, victim does not wish to pursue charges; Barbara Singleton of Exchange, expired MVI, dismissed proof provided; Donna Lynn Stout of Sutton, cell phone violation, no contest plea, fine as-

essed.

April 27: Emilie Marie Rhodes of Sutton, possession of controlled substance x2, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$25,000 cash or surety.

April 28: Eric Shawn Duffield of Duck, assault x2, dismissed by motion of prosecution; Robert Thomas McDowell of Bristol, TN, possession of meth, guilty plea, 28 days of jail with credit for time served 28 days, fine/court costs assessed, fugitive from another state, transferred to circuit court; Johnathan Dewayne Noe of Brandland, speeding, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; Terry E. Zieres of Jeffersonville, NY, speeding in construction zone, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; Zachary R. Wells of Catlettsburg, KY, speeding in construction zone, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed.

April 29: Lamar James of Carolina, domestic battery, dismissed, disorderly conduct, dismissed, ob-

structing an officer, dismissed, felony indictment in circuit court; Ian Allen Smarr of Sutton, driving suspended, guilty plea, no proof of insurance, dismissed proof provided, fine/court costs assessed; Kalla D. Phillips of Bickmore, possession of controlled substance x2, no contest plea, fines/court costs assessed and paid; Rodney K. Drake of Flatwoods, expired MVI, improper registration, no proof of insurance, no seatbelt, not guilty plea; Samuel Adam Tanner of Frametown, no proof of insurance, no contest plea, driving suspended, no contest plea, fines/court costs assessed; Christopher James Kessling of Gassaway, no seatbelt, expired MVI, dismissed proof provided, fine assessed; Trampis Lee Canfield of Duck, driving suspended, no contest plea, no proof of insurance, dismissed per plea, 30 days of jail with credit for time served of 30 days, fine/court costs assessed.

May 1: Phillip R. Mace, II of Belle, prohibited person in possession of firearm, possession of meth with intent to deliver, conspiracy, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$50,000 cash only; Cynthia Dawn Ellis of Belle, possession of meth with intent to deliver, conspiracy, bringing controlled substance into jail, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$50,000 cash only; Raymond DeNuzzon, homeless, shoplifting-1st offense, more than \$500, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$1500 personal recognizance.

Magistrate David Singleton's Court

April 22: Rodney Isaac Hickman of Sutton, expired MVI, dismissed proof provided; Bobby Fisher of Sutton, expired registration, dismissed proof provided, expired MVI, dismissed proof provided, failure to produce operators, dismissed proof provided; Kimberly A. Samples of Sutton, possession of controlled substance, guilty plea, fine/court costs assessed; Donald Lee Skinner of Glenville, no operators, no contest plea, no proof of insurance, no contest plea, fines/court costs assessed; Frederick J. Jenkins of Gassaway, expired MVI, dismissed proof provided.

April 23: Gordon Dale Davis of Sutton, driving suspended-3rd offense, warrant issued, bond set at \$3000 cash or surety.

April 26: Kelly G. Smallwood of Sutton, domestic battery, dismissed victim does not wish to pursue charges; Jonathan L. Reeder of Sutton, expired MVI, dismissed proof provided; Roger Allen Gregory, Jr. of Summersville, expired MVI, dismissed proof provided, expired registration, dismissed proof provided, no proof of insurance, dismissed proof provided, no seatbelt, no contest plea, fine assessed and paid; Danny Ray Mcle of Gassaway, expired MVI, dismissed proof provided; expired registration, dismissed proof provided, no proof of insurance, dismissed proof provided; William Lee Regal of Tampa, FL, obstructing an officer, no contest plea, willful disruption of government process, dismissed per plea, credit for time served of six days, fine/court costs assessed.

April 27: Brady A. Reymond of Culloden, expired MVI, dismissed proof provided, no proof of insurance, dismissed proof provided; Earl Blaine Long of Duck, expired MVI, dismissed proof provided, no proof of insurance, dismissed proof provided; Brian Marcus McClain of Dilliner, PA, possession of controlled substance, dismissed-deferred sentence, paid court costs; Darius G. Davis, II of Gassaway, driving suspended-general, dismissed.

Holly Gray Park Yardsale

There will be a park wide yard sale at Holly Gray Park on Saturday, May 7th starting at 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Come shop and find great deals.

If you are interested in setting up as a vendor, set up begins at 7:00 AM. You'll be shown a spot on the day when you drive in. The charge is \$15.00 to set up. Table are available to rent for \$5.00 a table.

Helpful items to bring include one and five dollar bills and quarters to make change. Chairs, Canopy for rain or sun and grocery bags for clothes or smaller items.

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BRAXTON COUNTY, WV

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PRIMARY ELECTION

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MAY 10, 2022

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Northern Dist.

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FOR CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

(Vote For ONE)

LINDA L. BROWN

Flatwoods

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

Sue Ann Rutherford

Original Signed

Braxton County Clerk

04-19

Braxton County Soccer Club U10 Braxton Flames



U10 Braxton Flames.



Sophia Boggs going for the goal.



Maci Jarrell fighting for the ball.

Braxton Flames took a coe-ed team from Lew- is County this week, and although they lost 0-2, the referee Pat- rick Varah was quoted as saying, “You have a tough all girls team.”

The girls, many of which are first season soccer players are learn- ing skills, developing a soccer IQ and having a lot of fun. The Braxton Flames are coached by Burton Spaur and Matt Rollyson.

National Day of Prayer held May 5th

The National Day of Prayer is May 5, 2022. The theme is “Exhalt the Lord, who has es- tablished 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/communi- ties, and for families. Pray for healing of our nation, peace around the world, and a cure for the drug problems in our communities.


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 in- dividuals in two hour increments. Each vol- unteer 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.

Why you should elect

RONALD L (RON) FACEMIRE

COUNTY COMMISSIONER



I am

Ronald L (Ron) Facemire

Candidate for Braxton County Commission

If elected:

I will maintain an open door policy

- **I will** take the time to talk and listen to every citizen and do my best to assist when possible.
- Courtesy to all that I come in contact with.

While I may not be able to fulfill all the requests, **I will** constantly strive to treat everyone with re- spect, compassion, and understanding.

I will work diligently to see Braxton County grow

- **I will** push to bring business’s into Braxton County.
- **I will** work to improve the recreation at Holly Gray Park since it has been closed for two years.
- **I will** work with new water projects and other infrastructure projects.
- **I will** support the Fire Departments, Libraries, and the School System.

If elected, I will work to make Braxton County a better place to live and work.

Your vote and support on May 10th will be greatly appreciated.

Paid for by the Candidate, Ronald L (Ron) Facemire

Sin, how far will it take you:

Luke 15:11-16

11 And he said. A certain man had two sons: 12 And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living. 13 And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living. 14 And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want. 15 And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. 16 And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him. KJV

In this passage of scripture we have what is often called the prodigal son because of his depart- ure from his father’s house. This son has decided that he needs to leave his father’s house for various reasons, maybe he thought his father was too strict, maybe he thought his father was unfair, maybe he thought his father didn’t understand what it was like to be young, maybe he thought that he was out of touch with the times, it could have been a number of things we are really not told the exact reason as to why, but we do know the source of him wanting to leave, it was the allurements of sin. He had heard the devil calling him to leave and most everyone has heard the same call in their lives. The devil promises everyone something great, maybe it is freedom, maybe it is worldly pleasures, maybe it is riches, maybe it is power. The devil knows exactly what to tempt every person with because he has studied us, he probably knows us better than we know ourselves.

1 Peter 5:8

8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: KJV

The devil studied the son of God here on earth and this passage of scripture shows us how closely he watches us.

Luke 4:1-3

4:1 And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, 2 Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered. 3 And the devil said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread. Moses said that there is pleasure in sin Heb 11:24-25

24 By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter. 25 Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season.

There are three things that sin will do, take you farther than you are willing to go, keep you longer than you are willing to stay and make you pay more than you are willing to pay and it is demonstrated in Luke chapter 15.

Farther

1 Peter 5:8

13 And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a FAR country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living.

Keep you longer than you are willing to stay

14 And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want.

Make you pay more than you are willing to pay

Luke 15:15-17

15 And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. 16 And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him. 17 And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father’s have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

Sin had taken everything away from this young man and now after that the devil sifted his life from all that was good he left him to die in the hog pen of life. This is what the nature of sin does it destroys. The story doesn’t stop here, it does have a happy ending

Luke 15:17-18


17 And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father’s have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! 18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,

Luke 15:20-24


20 And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. 21 And the son said unto him, Fa- ther, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. 22 But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: 23 And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry: 24 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

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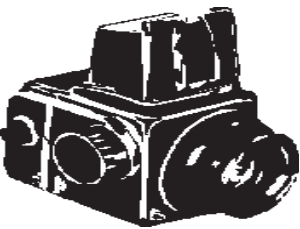


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Larry E. Hardway

Candidate for Braxton County Board of Education

Why you should vote for me:

I am committed to:

- Improving & expanding the academic, athletic and technical training opportunities for all Braxton County Students.
- Ensuring that Braxton County is a place where families want to live, work and play. High quality school systems benefit parents, singles and couples alike.

I am:

- A BCHS graduate, class of '73
- Graduate of United Electronics Institute
- HVAC Technician
- Experienced athletic coach
- Proud grand parent raising a grand child

Elect Larry E. "Granddad" Hardway
Board of Education

For the future of our youth
Let's move Braxton County forward!

Vote: May 10, 2022

Paid for by the candidate

Vote to Re-Elect

Lisa Mace Godwin

Braxton County Commissioner

We hear it all the time - politics and party lines
Lisa Mace Godwin will continue to vote
for whats best for *all* Braxton County citizens

◆ **Hard Working** ◆

◆ **Dedicated** ◆

◆ **Conscientious** ◆

Independent or No Party Affiliation Voters:

Whether you vote on Election Day,
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ask for the Democratic ballot and

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Commisioner Godwin

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Characters come to life in LYTE's staging of Disney's Beauty and the Beast



he Beast (Tyler Garret) sings of his woes and confusion.

A young Prince's arrogant rejection of a nefarious sorceress earns him a spell that turns the prince into a hideous beast and his castle servants into walking and talking tea pots, wardrobe, candelabras, forks, spoons, knives, teacups, and others. The cursed characters, all dressed in colorful and elaborate costumes of the era, plot to help the prince into finding the antidote to return them all to human form. The remedy is for the beastly prince to learn to love and be loved in return.

During my second viewing of this performance, I was able to appreciate even more the beauty and complexity of this performance, of the passion the young actors display in their roles. One cannot help but become involved in the magic of the story. I also learned to further value the efforts that were invested in creating the beautiful sets and backdrops, the amazing costumes, the choreography and

voices, and the direction, which provided an even flow and air of professionalism to the play.

This stage performance is the first to the Landmark stage in more than two years, and I admit that Director Becky Conrad, Choreographer and Tech Director Jamie Jarvis managed to make a comeback with vengeance, in my opinion, the most beautiful, entertaining, and professional production I have had the pleasure to witness on the Landmark stage.

The quality of this performance could not have been achieved without the tireless efforts of the dedicated volunteers that contributed to the production. They will be given the credit they deserve at a later date.

The May 5 and 6 performances will sell out. Secure your seats at www.landmarkstuton.com, do it soon!

The Landmark Studio for the Arts has been hosting stage performances, musical



The cast takes a bow to the standing ovation audience.

performances, historical characters reenactments, workshops, etc. for the community for over three decades. It is managed by an all-volunteer Board of Directors, and it's

always in need of donations, volunteers, and creativity. Donations can be mailed to PO BOX 74, Sutton, WV 26601-0074, or at the donation box inside the Landmark.



Belle (Holly Belmont) is curious about the makings of Madam De La Grand Bouche (Emma Rose)



Various characters gather around Madam De La Grand Bouche (Emma Rose), at center, to entertain Belle (Holly Belmont) while she eats.



The Beast (Tyler Garret) is enraged by Belle's (Holly Belmont) lack of cooperation. Looking on are, from left Mrs. Potts (Kodie Conrad) Lumiere (Kaden Kennen), Cogsworth (Paisley Hamrick), and Madam De La Grand Bouche (Emma Rose)

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WVU Braxton/Clay Master Gardeners clean up their Adopt-A-Spot.

WVU Braxton/Clay Master Gardeners Adopt-A-Spot Cleanup

WVU Braxton/Clay Master Gardeners met on Saturday, April 30, 2022 at their Adopt-A-Spot in Clay County. The volunteers met and prepared with signage,

safety gear and other items needed for a successful and safe clean-up worked the area. All necessary items required for their clean-ups are provided by the Clay County DOH. The group gathered 12 bags of trash and debris.

WVU Braxton/Clay

Master Gardeners involve themselves with various community service projects. The group appreciates your support. If you would like to join in, please contact your local extension office. The gardeners would love to meet you.

Burnsville Community Educational Outreach Service Club (CEOS)

The Burnsville COS Club met April 13th 2022 at the Mayor's Office in Burnsville with Shirley Kelley Hostess. The meeting was called to order with roll call and flag pledge by all.

For devotions Pat Drake read two poems entitled "The Golden Chain of Friendship" and "The Jelly Bean Gospel."

The secretary/ treasurer read the minutes from previous meeting and reported on the bank statement.

Both were approved. There were no com-

mittee reports and no cards were sent.

Reading for the Eva K. Bauer Scholarships will be April 21st, 2022 at the Braxton County High School 10am. Show and Share Day will be May 19th 2022 at Heaters Community Building 10am. Check the blue book for your club duties.

Beverly Monroe presented the lesson this month on Mounds of West Virginia. One of the largest in the country is in Moundsville and there is also one in Charleston. Very interesting.

We had ten members present today and missed those who couldn't make it. We also had two guests—a nice little girl with Girl Scout Cookies and Mr. Dusenbury-- District Representative to Alex Mooney of the US House of Representatives.

Next meeting will be May 11th 2022 at the Mayor's office in Burnsville, 10am with Jeannette Dean Hostess.

You are most welcome to come out and spend the morning with us.