

Jarrell Wins State 4-H Junior Archery Qualifier

Melody Jarrell, an 8th grade student at Braxton County Middle School recently won the 2022 State 4-H Junior Archery Qualifier held at Jackson's Mill. of the Chapel Hi-Fliers 4-H Club. Melody is the 14 year old daughter of Dennis & Starla Jarrell of Gassaway.



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WVU Braxton/Clay Master Gardeners Host Spring Forward Event

WVU Braxton/Clay Master Gardeners continued their community service by hosting an event at the Sutton Farmers Market on April 23, 2022. The Spring Forward event focused on garden layout and was geared toward both new and experienced gardeners. Master Gardeners had printout materials including information on soil testing, container



Early Voting Has Started

Early Voting for the Primary Election began this Wednesday, April 27 and will run through Saturday, May 7 at the Old Fisher Building on Main Street in Sutton across from the Courthouse. Voters may cast their ballot between the hours of 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday and on Saturdays from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Voters are required by state law to show a form of identification to vote in-person. Voters can present one of the following forms of valid ID at their polling place in order to vote: WV driver's license or other DMV-issued WV ID; Voter registration card; Medicare card or Social Security card; Birth Certificate; WV hunting or fishing license; WV SNAP ID card; WV TANF program ID card; Bank or debit card; Utility bill or bank statement (no older than 6 months of election day); Health insurance card issued to the voter; Driver's license issued by another state; US Passport of card; US Military card; US or WV Government employee ID card; Student ID card; and Concealed carry permit. Primary Election Day will be Tuesday, May 10.

Board of Education Holds Statutory Budget Meeting

Honors Former Educator, Coach and Board Member David Hoover

The Braxton County Board of Education opened their April 19 meeting with a moment of silence to honor David Hoover. Hoover served the county school system for many years as an educator, a coach and as a board member.

The meeting was the statutory budget meeting for the adoption of levy rates. The meeting was reconvened at 6:00 pm from the March 15 meeting. Board member Dr. Martha Dean was absent. On a motion by Dr. Kenna Seal with a second by Evelyn Post, the board approved the adoption of levy rates for the 2022-23 school year.

Superintendent Kathy Hypes informed board members that the WV Supreme Court would be at the Braxton County Middle School on May 3 at 10:00 am to hold a session. Three cases are scheduled to be heard on that date and students from nearby counties will also be in attendance. The Supreme Court had originally planned to hold the session in May 2020 but it had to be delayed due to the pandemic.

She also reminded board members of the special meeting on April 25 at 1:00 pm to discuss the personnel plan for the upcoming school year. Director Linda Sears informed the board no comments or questions had been received concerning the 2022-23 school calendars. The calendars will now go out for voting by staff which will continue to 4:00 pm on April 25. The results of the voting will be brought to the board at the May 3 meeting for approval of the calendar.

Finance Director Ginger Altizer spoke briefly to board members discussing the individual school audits and corrective action plans and the financial audit completed by Sullivan Webb, PLLC.

The annual school audits are a review of individual schools that are based on state code completed by an auditing firm. For the last few years, the Flatwoods Elementary has received "no exemptions" which means the auditing firm has found nothing wrong with the financial books. Most findings are small errors and the corrective action plans for the schools have been made to address those errors. Dr. Kenna Seal commented on the burden of the finances falls on the school secretaries and the county has "top-notch" individuals in those positions. The board approved the individual audits and corrective action plans on a motion by Dr. Kenna Seal with a second by Dolores Wright.

The county financial audit was approved

on a motion by Dolores Wright with a second by Evelyn Post after a brief review. The audit showed the county's financial transactions were completed "reasonably, consistently, and clearly." It also showed the board complied with all federal programs funding guidelines.

Under regular business, the following consent agenda items were approved by the board: approval of April 5 meeting minutes; transportation requests; payment of bills; and budget transfers.

An executive session was called by Evelyn Post with a second by Dolores Wright to discuss an employee suspension at 6:03 pm. The board reconvened at 6:32 pm. Once back in session, the board approved the following professional recommendations: employment for Chloe Martin, instructional tutor (\$10/hr-not to exceed 10 hours per week), Little Birch; and the suspension of Employee A, teacher for two days without pay. The board approved the copy paper bid for the upcoming school year and fundraisers as submitted on separate motions by Evelyn Post.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 pm. The next regular meeting is May 3 at 6:00 pm. The board will have a special meeting at 1:00 pm on April 25.

Braxton Magistrate Report

Magistrate Beth Smith

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

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

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

April 20: Carla J. King

of Orlando, no proof of insurance, dismissed proof provided.

Magistrate David Singleton

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

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

Robert A. Jarvis of Frametown, obstructing an officer, dismissed, possession of controlled substance, dismissed, defendant has other charges pending.

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

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

Legislative Update

By Delegate Brent Boggs

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

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

- Unemployment Compensation Insurance Fraud Unit

- Updating Boards and Commission qualifications

- WVU Rifle team electronic application donation program

- Relating to alternative educational opportunities for elective course credit

- Permitting the use of air rifles while hunting

- Flying while under the influence of drugs or alcohol

- Family Court judges and the Judicial retirement system

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

- Advance Practice Registered Nurse prescriptive authority

- Military Authority reimbursable expenditure fund

- Municipal officer and firefighter retirement multiplier

At this writing, I've yet to see the actual bills and I'm not sure which ones will actually have

consensus to pass in one day, since a few were unable to complete the legislative process in a 60-day session.

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

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

and branches that produced 300 to 500 cars of coal, lumber, and other goods per day, with an equal number of empty cars going the opposite direction. This was big business, but business patterns and markets changed, along with railroads looking to cut operating costs to appease stockholders.

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

In reality, the actual rail bed, ties and 100-year-old rail on most

of what is being pulled along Elk River and many other locations could not begin to stand the stresses of today's locomotives and longer, heavier loads. And, at one to two million dollars per mile to rebuild, it would take a big, long-term contract to justify the investment.

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

Most line abandonments leave no prospects for other uses. We're fortunate that we have something in the rail trail and Elk River that will offer prospects to stimulate and grow our

central West Virginia economy. The railroad will always be part of the Gassaway and central West Virginia legacy. As we embrace our past, we can and must look to the future and build on the resources we have. This is a great opportunity to begin planning for new businesses and opportunities to grow and prosper.

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

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

Until next week, take care.

Meet a MFB Food Banker

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

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

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

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



Joe Dever.

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- **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

Obituaries

Jerald David Hoover

Jerald David Hoover died peacefully at home



and Jerry Hoover who preceded him in death.

He graduated from Braxton County High School Class 1979. Graduate of Fairmont State College and was a Brother of Tau Kappa Epsilon Theta Delta Chapter.

He retired from Braxton County Schools and later served on Board of Education from 2010 to 2021. His love of Coaching began at Sutton Middle School, then onto Braxton County Middle School and Braxton County High School.

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

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

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

In lieu of flowers/ gifts, family would be more appreciative of donations to West Virginia Caring, P.O. Box 760 Arthurdale, WV 26520 or Christ Church Memorial Fund, 156 Main St. Sutton, WV 26601.

Your thoughts and prayers means so much to this family, but please no online condolences.

Greene-Robertson Funeral Home is honored in serving the Hoover family.

Richard Lane “Spike” Wilson

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



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

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

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

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

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

Arrangements by Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway.

Words of comfort and fond memories may be extended to his fam-

ily and friends at www. roachfuneralhome.com.

Bobbie Radcliff

Bobbie Radcliff, 79, of Nettie went home to be



town.

Born February 1, 1943 in Arcola, Webster County, he was the son of the late Roy and Ruth (King) Radcliff. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his loving wife, Elaine; and his siblings: Wavalene, Emogene, Vada, James, Ronnie, and Randy.

He was a Truck Driver for 32 years. Bob enjoyed Hunting and Fishing. He held a strong belief in Jesus Christ and had previously attended church at Fellowship Hall in Cleveland, OH whenever his health permitted.

Left to cherish his memory are his three children: Bobby Lee and Debra of OH, and Eddie of TX; brothers: Bill Radcliff of OH and Mike Radcliff of VA; sisters: Rosalee Hisson of Buckhannon, Kathleen Meadows of Canvas, and Pamela Myers of Gassaway; several grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends to mourn his passing.

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

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

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

Sherry Lynn Wiblin

Sherry Lynn Wiblin, 68, of Birch River, went home



to be with the Lord on April 18, 2022 at Braxton County Memorial Hospital, Gassaway.

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

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

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

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

Greene-Robertson Funeral Home is humbly serving Wiblin family.

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

Patricia Dunbar Powell

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

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

Patricia was a retired secretary at Carbide in Charleston, WV. She enjoyed gardening, tending to her apple orchard, was an avid reader and a Methodist by faith.

Graveside service were held on Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 11:00 am at Braxton Memorial Cemetery, Sutton, WV. Pastor John McQuain officiated the service. In lieu of flowers, family request donations be made to Kanawha Hospice Care, 1606 Kanawha Blvd, W., Charleston, WV 25312 or Mt Hebron United Methodist Church, Attn: Helena Linger, 410 Vernon Rd, Sutton, WV 26601.

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

Margret Ann Willey

Margret Ann Willey, 78, of Burnsville, WV



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

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

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

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

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

to be made to the Burnsville Public Library at 235 Kanawha Avenue Burnsville, WV 26335. Online condolences and life sto-

This Week in West Virginia History

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



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



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

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



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

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



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



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

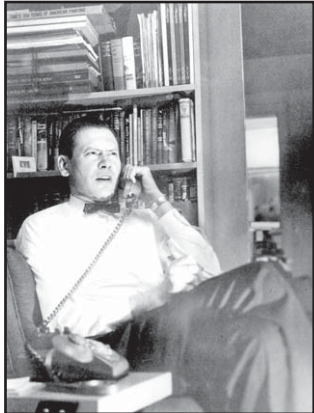
ries in memory of Margret may be expressed at hardmanfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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

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

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



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

First Southern Baptist Church 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

Fairview Cemetery donations

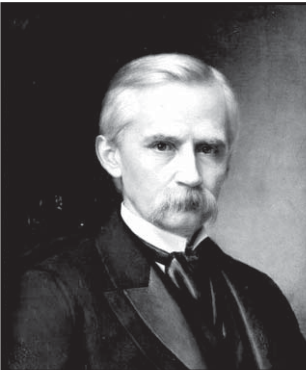
If you have family buried in one of the cemeteries at Fairview, please donate to the cost of mowing and maintenance. Checks need to be

Rummage Sale at Burnsville

The Burnsville United Methodist Charge will host a Spring Rummage and Bake Sale Friday and Saturday, April 29 and 30.

The sale will be open from 9 am til 5pm each day. Concessions and homemade baked gods

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



May 3, 1843: U.S. Postmaster General William Lyne Wilson was born in Smithfield, Jefferson County. Wilson joined President Cleveland’s cabinet as postmaster general in 1895. In the following year, he introduced Rural Free Delivery in Jefferson County, an experiment which was quickly instituted nationwide.

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

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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.

made out to Fairview Cemetery and contributions mailed to Sharon Craft, 48 Nicholas Run Rd, Gassaway, WV 26624. We very much appreciate your help.

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Stories from the Braxton County Animal Shelter

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



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 opportunity to potty outside when walked.



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 adventurous 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 before adoption.



This Momma is **Jessie**,

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



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



How about these hound dog eyes?! This pretty lady **Dahlia**. She is a four year old female redtick weighing approximately fifty pounds. She is easy going, quiet in her kennel, walks well on a leash and gets along well with other dogs. Dahlia came to our shelter as a stray so we don’t have any history on her but we know she’s a gem.

The Rollyson Family Note of Thanks

The family of James Rollyson would like to express our sincere thanks to all our family, friends and neighbors for their kindness and support during our time of sorrow. Many thanks for all the calls, cards, flowers, gifts, visits, kind words, prayers and those that came to the funeral home showing your respect and support for James and our family. Sincere thanks to the nurses and staff of WV Caring for their utmost kindness and loving care that was always given and touching our lives with their compassion. A special thanks to Ryan and Heather Roach with Roach Funeral Home for sheltering us with their warm hearts and kindness and the amazing job with the services. Thanks to the Lloyd Boys for opening



These two handsome dudes are **Joe** and **Pete** who are littermates looking for brand new homes. Their momma is a German Shepherd and we can’t be sure about the daddy so they are listed as German Shepherd mixes. They are five months old (born July 13th) and will likely mature into big dogs. They have never lived indoors and are learning to walk on a leash but they are very smart and are learning quickly. These guys love to romp and play with each other and would do well with puppy siblings. They especially love a good tug of war with a rope and some belly scratches. Braxton County Animal Shelter has been given the opportunity to provide five free dog spay surgery vouchers per month, to low-income Braxton County families.

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

Thank you for your continued support of our shelter pals!

and closing the grave and those that helped. Thanks to our family, church members, neighbors and friends for the food and supplies brought to us before the service and those that helped put the meal together after the services. Thanks to Pastor Rick Price and Chaplain Lynn Keener for the comforting message and beautiful singing for the services.

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

Wishing God’s blessings on each of you.

The Rollyson Family

Christ Church United Reopens Methodist of Christs Cantina

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.



LEGAL NOTICES

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WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

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Call	Contract	State Project	Federal Project	Description
004	2022870001	S387-REC/AL-22. 00	STBG-2022(035)D	PAVEMENT MARKINGS D-7 Recall Striping DISTRICTWIDE COUNTY: BRAXTON, LEWIS, OTHER, UPSHUR

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

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Call	Contract	State Project	Federal Project	Description
018	2020000716	S304-19-27.56 00	STP-0019(505)D	RESURFACING BULLTOWN-FALLS MILL RD 0.12 MI S CO 19/20-CO 19/6 COUNTY: BRAXTON

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Just One Generation Kitty Korner

Just One Generation cat rescue was formed in 2013 to help address the severe feline overpopulation problem in our area. In the years since, our program has been adapted based, in part, on our available resources and help. Presently, our priorities are to serve as an emergency placement option for 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 available, and we are dependent on the support of our community and the willingness of people to open their hearts and homes to our animals. All of our adoptable cats and kittens are social, have been vaccinated, dewormed, and received topical flea protection. Spay/neuter/rabies is included with our modest adoption fee, and older kittens and cats may already be done at the time of adoption.

This week we feature a mother cat, Chessie, and three foster kittens

looking for homes of their own. More adoptable animals can be viewed on petfinder.com by entering a search for CATS at location 26623, or by LIKING our Facebook page.

Additional details or information can be obtained by calling Sally Stewart at 304-364-4136.

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



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



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



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



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

BC Senior Center May Lunch Menu

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

Monday 2 Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Broccoli, Dinner Roll, Fruit. Tuesday 3 Chicken Ala King, Rice, Dinner Roll, Fruit. Wednesday 4 Garlic Tomato Shrimp Pasta, Garlic Bread, Honey Glazed Carrots, Fruit. Thursday 5 Taco Salad with Chips, Black Beans, Corn, Fruit. Friday 6 Open Face Turkey Sandwich, Stuffing, Corn Fruit. Monday 9 Pork BBQ Sandwich, Sweet Potato Fries, Coleslaw, Fruit.

Tuesday 10 Holiday Center Closed. Wednesday 11 Stuffed Green Peppers, Scalloped Potatoes, Dinner Roll, Fruit. Thursday 12 Pepperoni Roll, Tomato Soup with Cheddar Cheese, Crackers, Fruit. Friday 13 Spaghetti with Meatballs, Garden Salad, Garlic Bread, Fruit. Monday 16 Beef Vegetable Soup, Combread, Broccoli Casserole, Fruit. Tuesday 17 BBQ Chicken, Baked Beans, Macaroni Salad, Fruit. Wednesday 18 Sausage Biscuit with Gravy, Roasted Potatoes, Fruit. Thursday 19 Cornish Pasti, Peas, Dinner Roll, Garden Salad, Fruit.

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



Pat's Chats

By Pat Ridpath

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

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

Mom had such love for all of us that each of us knew without a doubt that we were her favorite child. There were four of us, Sonny, me, Mary Ann and Sammy. It was usually said more poetically as "Sam, Harry, Pat and Mary" foregoing the chronology of it. Sonny (Harry V. Wiant, Jr.), Patty Sue (Patricia Sue),

Mary Ann and Sammy (Samuel W. Wiant, II). Mom sang many songs about us, such as, "Rub-a-dub-dub, four kids in a tub, Sam, Harry, Pat and Mary." She read to us, would put us lying side-by-side beside her in our long porch swing, two on each side of her. She would sing many songs like, "Two Little Orphans," "The Wreck of the Ninety-Seven," and many, many more. Of course, we outgrew the swing, but she read Bible stories to us or bedtime stories or made-up stories of her own and filled our home with love..

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

Sadly, we lost her at such a young age. It has been a loss to each of us. Then in 2020, four days

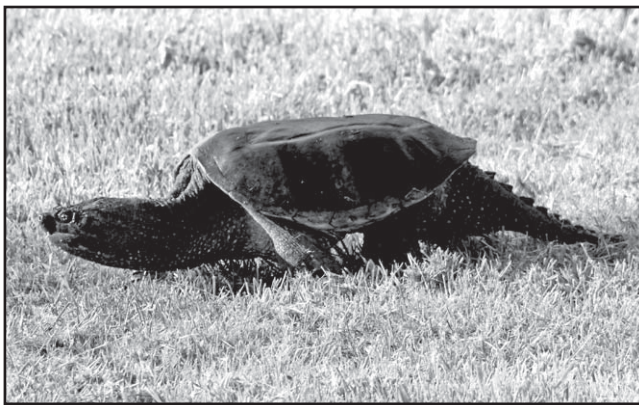
before he would have been 88, Sonny died. December 15 of the same year, Sammy died at age 84, then Mary Ann died on March 19 this year at age 86. I am left with none of my immediate family. Thankfully, all three of my children now live in Buckhannon and one of my grandchildren. I am very blessed.

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

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

Maranatha

Spring has sprung



Hard shell snapping turtle

By: Jeanette Riffle

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

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

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

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

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

Take care and God bless!

The Monkey Road Shooting Range



By Larry Knight

The picture is of a part of the Braxton County Gun Owners Club. by a mere amount of \$25.00 annual membership dues, a person can become a member in good standing. This is a place where there are rules to abide by and will be strictly enforced. This is a private range and is much different than the range along the Airport Road. Again this is a private range, private owned and operated. The range along the Airport Road is a public range and is operated by the D.N.R. No membership fee is required to use this

range.

The Braxton County Gun Owners range has some simple rules to follow and must be followed for the sake of the safety of everyone. An example would be a member can have only (1) guest with them. This means (1) non member. The rules are not complicated and are easy to understand. Things can get complicated when a person breaks a rule. Breaking rules can endanger yours and other persons lives. This is not the reason we go there. We go there to have an enjoyable day, you know have fun, socialise with other

folks.

This is a place to come if you like to shoot in competition. The range is set up for both centerfire and rimfire shooting. During the warmer summer months the range has a scheduled match:

Sheet of upcoming matches in both rimfire and centerfire.

Many people have left the matches over the years feeling the agony of defeat. Including myself. But still the range is a good place to come even just watch the way the matches are run. There was a time when we held matches for the little jr shooters. Everyone shooting got some sort of prize. They walked around showing these items to other folks just as proud as peacocks.

There have been some high scores shot at this range in the rimfire matches. Now this is world records set, this is a place to become famous if you are lucky. The times may be hard now but a person can stil have a good time at the range. A day at the range is always better than one at work. This is a place where you can relax and watch the activities or participate in the shoot. Also it is good for the moral. You can meet other people from other ranges in the state. You will probably find a few folks from other states there. The southern Appalachian states are usually well represented during a big match. The rimfire matches seem to draw the bigger crowds from around the country. You need a rifle you say. I'll bet there is someone at the match can sell you one, or knows someone that has an extra rifle. Joe Biden is not a good place to look for a rifle.

In the picture the long row of benches is a part of the rimfire range. Center right are the benches for the centerfire range. This is a neatly kept range and is used on a regular basis by membership only. Come see us sometime.

Call President Mike Hibbs for Rules and Membership information.



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

Friends of the Sutton Library note of thanks

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

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

An unexpected incentive this year to those who purchased eggs was



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

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

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

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

Sutton Moose Lodge 825
(304)765-5270

Sutton Moose Lodge 825 donations totaled over \$63,000

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

Judy's Garden Club Presentations and Awards



Smokey Bear Poster winners at Sutton Elementary School.

Judy's Garden Club, Appalachian district, recently presented 4th grade students in Braxton County with healthy pine tree seedlings. The seedlings were provided by the Elk Soil Conservation office, a donation which is greatly appreciated.

This is an annual event that allows JGC members and students an opportunity to discuss the importance of planting trees for environmental benefits. Members Suzanne McGowan, Marian Agostino, Beth Atkins, Melissa Dennison, and

Britany Butcher visited the elementary schools and advised the students on planting procedures and wise planting locations. Home school students were included in the distribution. Pine tree seedlings for 4th graders is one event of JGC that



4th graders at BES with pine tree seedlings

involves students.

Another annual project that encourages youth to be respectful of the environment is the Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest. Judy's Garden Club member, Trisha Gregory, spoke to the students at Sutton Elementary School about the part students can play in preventing wildfires and pollution, then using that knowledge, they created posters for the WVGCI contest. All participating students were recognized.

In early April, four JGC members traveled to Canaan Resort for the annual WVGCI Conference and to be awarded with recognition for the applications submitted by the club. Three of the Smokey Bear posters that were submitted by SES students won at the state level and Rileigh Samples poster will go on to be judged at the Regional level! Judy's Garden Club is proud of the

poster winners and are confident students have learned about caring for their world!

Judy's Garden Club members conduct numerous beautification projects throughout the county and these projects were recognized at the WVGCI Conference. One JGC meeting/activity focused on recycling projects. Brittany Butcher, JGC member, Appalachian District, led the members in creating planters by utilizing recycled containers. This event earned a WVGCI award, and the application will also be judged at the Southern Atlantic Regional level!

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

ring efforts.

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

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



Rebecca Denuzzo continues building skills with her new players during the 2022 spring season.

Braxton County Soccer Club U6 Orange Tigers

The U6 Orange Tigers have worked very hard building their skills this season.

All players except one returning player are brand new to the sport.

They have learned how to handle and control a ball, dribbling, stopping, and good body movement. Learning coordination at this age is as important as the skills needed to play.

We play lots of games live Sharks and Minnows, tag, and fruit salad that seem very chaotic but help develop the coordination and motor skills needed for the game.

The Orange Tigers are all about hustle and are beginning to understand formation and positions. They work very hard and our first two games this season went very well.

As a soccer coach being able to watch these young players developing skills and then using them on the pitch during a game makes coaching an exciting and rewarding sport. I'm sure this young team will continue to improve each week as the season goes on.



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,

Early Voting or Absentee Ballot

ask for the Democratic ballot and

Vote to Re-Elect Commisioner Godwin

Let's work together to keep Braxton County moving forward



Paid for by the candidate

ELECT GREGORY FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION

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On the Other Side of the Mountain

We did get our Easter snow! A day late, but still an Easter snow!

Easter is not a set date, but determined by our nearest celestial body, our moon. Easter falls on the Sunday after the first full moon, following spring equinox. The period between equinox and the full moon is considered to still be a winter moon, even-though spring arrived around March 21st. A winter moon means plenty of cold spells, freezes and frosts. The earliest Easter date is March 22, which happens rarely and occurred last in 1818 and will happen again in 2285, which, I guess, none of us will be around to celebrate. If the first possible Easter date is March 22nd, the last date is April 25th, you can see that the later the date is, the longer the winter moon exercises its regime. That’s where the saying, “Early Easter, early spring” originates.

This week is a good time to start lettuce outside. I usually seed two 4’ rows of Green Ice, one row of black seeded Simpson or oak leaf and 2 rows of head lettuce. The head lettuce takes longer to mature and needs thinning to form beautiful, full heads. Each head lettuce is a one time harvest, while the other types are loose-leaf lettuces that will regrow after each cutting. Loose-leaf lettuce will mature in 45 days, head lettuce takes 55 to 80 days depending on the variety. I usually make sure to pick some green and red types to make the salad bowl look pretty. Loose-leaf lettuce can be cut again and again. It will regrow in a week or 10

days. After several harvests, maybe five or six, it should be pulled. Plan ahead for the end of the harvest and seed a new crop 2 weeks before. Usually when the first spring lettuces come to an end, the outside temperatures have increased a lot. The next seeding should be considering varieties that can stand the heat, like Romaine or Cos, Marvel of four season (head lettuce), Salanova, Muir, Magenta, Ruby Sky and good old Green Ice. These greens can stand the heat better than other types and they bolt (going to seed and turning bitter) at a slower rate than their cousins.

Germination in summer can be an issue, but it is easily solved. Seed the lettuce, water the area and place wooden boards on the seeded rows to keep the soil cooler. As soon as germination occurs, usually after about 5 days, the boards have to be removed immediately. Eating a salad every day is healthy and completes a meal. Refrain from adding extra carbohydrates like bread croutons, but add herbs like basil, sage, oregano, rosemary, dill and chives. If you want to spice it up, crumble some dried tomatoes over it, or add some olives, some nuts or a few slices of avocado. Lettuce has many uses besides using it in a salad. It can be cooked, put in a sandwich, integrated in a wrap with eggs or cheese, or some bacon or meat. The variations are endless.

Of course it is also time to seed some peas. I never want to shell peas, I am too lazy, so I only plant snap peas, sugar snaps, Sugar Ann and similar types.



Marvel of 4 Seasons.



loose leaf lettuce.

The shells are tender and we can eat shell and pea together. They are usually extremely sweet and I always eat a few as I pick them. This is a great vegetable to try for the kids. They love the crunchiness, the sweetness and the experience of picking something and savoring it right then and there. Snap peas can be cooked and served with a little butter added to them. If there is an abundance, they freeze easily. Kids also love radishes. They are crisp, but sometimes a little on the hot side, but they are crunchy. Always encourage small children to try something new. As a kid, my grandfather used to pull a small rhubarb stalk and sprinkle some sugar on the part I was to bite off at the end. It was a taste experience I will always remember, this extreme sour-crunch-sugar combi-

nation. By the way, never eat rhubarb leaves, they contain a large amount of oxalic acid. It is a natural substance found in many plants, such as leafy green vegetables, some fruits, nuts, seeds and cocoa, but never in concentrations as in rhubarb leaves. The rhubarb stems also contain oxalic acid, but the high concentration is in the leaves. Don’t worry, your child will not overdose on rhubarb stems, they are way too sour, even if you sprinkle sugar on them. However make sure to bake some rhubarb pie with or without strawberries. It is delicious and it is not available all the time, since we should stop picking rhubarb by mid June. Always serve with a generous amount of whipped cream.

Of course it is also potato planting season. I would never dare to give



Green Ice.



Head lettuce, sown the same time as all the others.

any advice on potato culture in Nicholas county, the reigning potato authority on anything potato. The only thing I know is that the right, no ,the perfect time to plant the spuds is good Friday and I hope I am right.

The past two years I started a new experiment. I cover the bed where I intend to plant tomatoes in May with black plastic. I had seeded a cover crop in fall, using annual rye. It is rather tender, not as tough as winter rye or vetch. I spread the plastic over the area in February, holding it down by laying wooden posts and rebar pieces that I use for staking on it. The idea is that we don’t need to till in the cover crop.

The plastic intensifies the heat underneath, decomposing the rye and at the same time sterilizing the soil, eliminating pos-

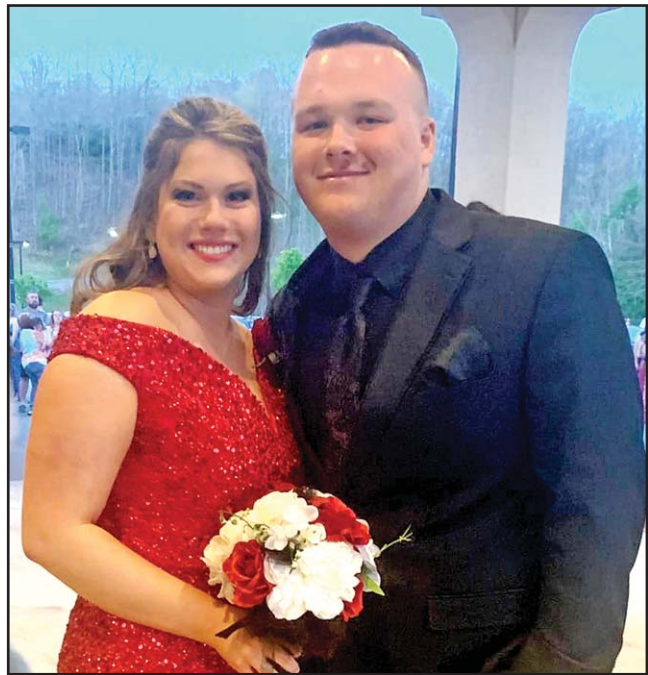
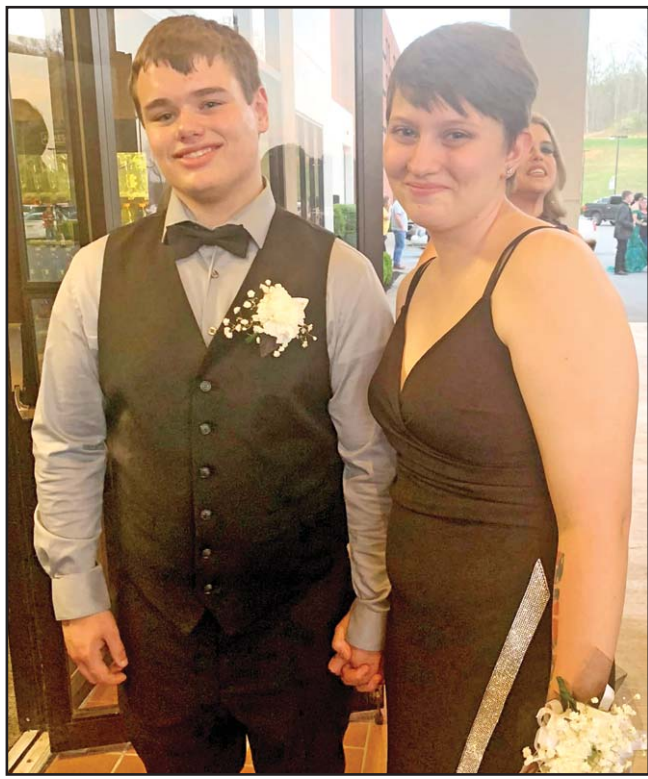
sible soil born diseases. I will see how it works out.

I find it interesting that we establish social structure around holidays, mostly based on religious events, but this does not seem to satisfy our need to have special days, like honoring Lima Bean Day (April 20th), National Hangover Day, National Introvert Day, the weirdest probaly, Don’t-make-your-bed Day and Jan.16th National Nothing Day, where we don’t celebrate, observe or honor anything. I find it amusing that we are in such need of always honoring something, even if it is of no significance. As far I am concerned, I sometimes have a hard time recognizing what day of the week it is, let alone the coinciding date. Maybe there should be a day for the clueless like me.

Braxton County High School Prom 2022



Lainey Hunt and Gage Triplett were crowned as King and Queen of the 2022 Prom.



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