



Emergency responders and citizens lined the bridge at the 57 Exit of I-79 to pay tribute to fallen firefighter John D. Forbush when he body was returned to his home county Wednesday morning.

Local Fallen Firefighter Receives Hero's Welcome

Citizens lined the overpasses of I-79 as Braxton County brought a fallen hero home. A procession escorted John D. Forbush's body from the State Medical Examiners' Office in Charleston to Roach Funeral Home in Gassaway Wednesday morning with hundreds of first responders and volunteers paying tribute to the fallen hero along the way.

Forbush lost his life on May 1st, at approximately 2:30 p.m., when a vehicle plunged into the Elk River, resulting in the death of both vehicle occupants and the off-duty volunteer firefighter, who attempted to provide aid to the victims before emergency responders arrived on scene.

The vehicle, operated by 42-year-old LaTonya Bell of Cleveland, Ohio, drove into the Elk River

near the area of the Braxton County Senior Citizens Center along Route 4. While working less than a mile away, off-duty Gassaway Volunteer Firefighter, John D. Forbush, 24-years-old, heard the initial dispatch call on his department issued radio and responded directly to the scene. Once on scene, Firefighter Forbush communicated via radio transmission that there appeared to be victims trapped inside the vehicle and immediately jumped into the river to render aid. During the rescue efforts, Firefighter Forbush was unable to free the victims from the vehicle, and he also lost his life.

The other fatalities from this incident included 42-year-old LaTonya Bell of Cleveland, Ohio, 8-year-old Havana Pipkins of Cleveland, Ohio.

All three victims were sent to the West Virginia Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in Charleston.

An investigation into this incident by the Braxton County Sheriff's Office has revealed that Ms. Bell intentionally drove her vehicle into the Elk River and has been ruled a murder/suicide.

John D. Forbush selflessly gave his life for strangers in need. He proudly served the Gassaway community for 4 years as a volunteer firefighter. His service to the community will forever be remembered.

Summersville Fire Department, from Nicholas County, also responded to the scene with Dive Rescue resources. Fire departments from throughout the county participated in the rescue/recovery operations.

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 Procious, 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 sen-

tence, 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 Procious, 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.

Braxton Natives Complete Student Teaching for Glenville State University



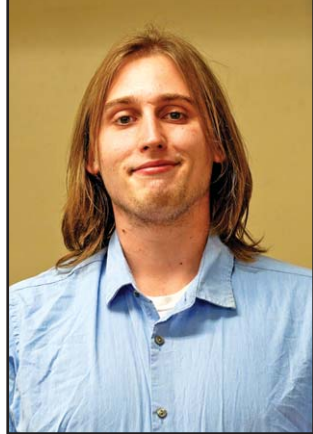
Zachary Cyriacks
Two Braxton County residents have recently completed their student teaching internships for Glenville State University (GSU).

Zachary Cyriacks of Sutton, completed his student teaching in Elementary Education (K-6) and Multi-categorical Special Education (K-6) at Flatwoods Elementary with Missy Strong and at Burnsville Elementary with Isaac Casto and Andrea Russell. Dr. Gerda

Kumpiene and Dr. Will Vann were his GSU supervisors. He is the son of Raymond and Rebecca DeNuzzo of Sutton. He is the father of Olivia and Lowen Cyriacks. Cyriacks graduated from Braxton County High School in 2003.

Chance McTaggart of Gassaway, completed his student teaching in Social Studies Education (5-Adult) at Braxton County High School with Allie Suesli and at Braxton County Middle School with Lori Dittman. Dr. Shelly Ratliff and Dr. John Ivens were his GSU supervisors. He is the son of Susie Hamrick of Gassaway, and Christopher Scott McTaggart of North Carolina. McTaggart graduated from Braxton County High School in 2016.

Senior teacher education students take part



Chance McTaggart
in an internship during their final semester at GSU. At the conclusion of their internship students must complete a presentation illustrating their mastery of the Interstate New Assessment and Support Consortium (INTASC) standards as well as the standards of their particular area of study.
For more information about the Teacher Education Program at Glenville State University, contact (304)462-4119.



Josh Porto, Ag Instructor and FFA President Ellen Collins officially cut the ribbon to officially open the new Braxton County High School Greenhouse.

New BCHS Greenhouse Now Open For Business



Delegate Brent Boggs, Commissioner Kent Leonhardt, Josh Porto, with BCHS Ag students.



Josh Porto welcomed those in attendance.



Rick Garavaglia made the first purchase at the 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 and thanked everyone who helped to complete the project.
FFA President Ellen Collins led everyone with the Pledge of Allegiance and Rick Garavaglia provided an opening prayer to start the event.
Delegate Brent Boggs spoke briefly to the small crowd about the importance of the greenhouse and the CTE programs at the high school for the students. He stated work needed to continue in building the CTE programs, academics and athletics at the high school.
Ag Instructor Porto and FFA President Collins used a set of hedge shears to cut the ribbon on the new greenhouse to end the ceremony.
Those in attendance were invited to look through all of the beautiful flowers, plants, and succulents and to make purchases once the ribbon was cut; and several went home with greenery.

Legislative Update

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 co-pays 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, Superintendent

Kathy Hypes, Braxton Co. Board of Education members, WV Ag Commissioner Kent Leonhart and Sen. Bill Hamilton. The new facility replaces the old, less accessible greenhouse that will be repurposed in the future.

Congratulations to BCHS teacher and FFA sponsor Josh Porto and his students for leading this project. Josh left no stone unturned in search of funding sources, grants, donations and in-kind contributions from businesses and utilities to bring this important project to fruition. Plus, it's a great business experience for FFA members in growing and selling greenhouse flowers and plants to the public. I have no doubt, in my following this project through to completion, the students are just as excited as Josh at its completion and opening. This will be a functional asset to BCHS and the community for decades to come. Congratulations!

I want to conclude this week by honoring a dear friend, honored veteran, and friend to all, James Lee Wine, who passed away last week. I was saddened at the news,

but if ever there was an example of a life well-lived, James Lee exemplified the term. His deep faith, love of family and friends, service to our nation, and an always cheerful outlook both before and after the passing of his beloved wife, Helen, was an inspiration to family and friends. His work ethic, gardening and canning skills, and devotion to making the community a better place inspired everyone. He will be greatly missed and well-remembered as one of the Greatest Generation. Jean and I send our sincere condolences to the family.

Now that the session has concluded, 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.

Central WV Riding Club 2022 show dates

The Central WV Riding Club has announced the show dates for 2022.

Be sure to write these dates out in your calendar and come out to support the club.

2022 show dates: May 21, June 25, July 16 -Youth Show, July 23, August 27, September 24, and October 8. Trail Ride October 16 @ 1:00 p.m. on Sugar Camp Rd (John & Kathy Given's) Gassaway.

All shows are held at Holly Gray Park and start at 5:00 p.m. Show-



bill will be posted after the February meeting.

Anyone interested in joining or sponsoring a class contact the Central West Virginia Riding Club Facebook page with an address or

email address to send it to and which form(s) you need.

Membership is \$5 per person and \$10 per family. Sponsorship is \$40 for Silver Sponsor and \$100 for Gold Sponsor.



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

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 respect, 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

Obituaries

Numan Laco Mace
Numan Laco Mace, 89, of Frametown, WV passed away on April 23, 2022 at HospiceCare at CAMC Memorial in Charleston, WV due to complications from Alzheimer's Disease.

He was born in Gassaway, WV in 1932 to the late Edward N. and Lefa Wilson Mace. In 1951, he married to Virginia Pearl Frame and they enjoyed life together for 64 years until her death in 2015.

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

Laco was a dedicated Christian and provider for his family. He was also a friend, mentor and colleague to many in region having spent more

than 50 years travelling West Virginia in the construction industry. Laco was a long -time member and deacon of Hope Baptist Church in Frametown.

Laco is survived by his two children and their families; Lynn Hamrick (Gary) of Sutton, WV and Lane Mace (Carrie) of Frametown, WV. He had four grandchildren: Greg (Amanda) Hamrick of Sutton, Lane (Janell) Mace of Bridgeport, Racheal (Jason) Grose of Charleston and Sam (Carrie) Mace of Heat-ers and two step grandchildren, Gracyn Grose and Lawson Grose of Big Otter, WV. He had seven great-grandchildren: Terrance Hamrick, Preston Hamrick, Easton Hamrick, Annelise Mace, Ethan Mace and Finn Mace. He had one great-great-grandchild, Ocie Hamrick.

Funeral service was 12 Noon Wednesday, April

27, 2022 at Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway with Reverend Rich Demastus and Pastor Jim McCune officiating. Interment followed in the Sugar Creek Cemetery, Gassaway.

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

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.

Janet Elaine Salisbury
Janet Elaine Salisbury, 62, of Sutton, passed away on Friday, April 29, 2022 at United Hospital Center, Bridgeport.

She was born October 16, 1959 in Sutton, the daughter of the late Harley Leroy &

Rosalene McCourt Roupe. Also preceding her in death was her son, Tracil Lee Salisbury, Jr; daughter, Shaunna Marie Roupe.

Janet was a homemaker and was a member of Kingdom Hall Jehovah Witness.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory her husband, Tracil Lee Salisbury; daughters, Mackenzie Elaine Greene (Michael) of Sutton, Gena Rae Tinnel of Summersville, Brittany Nicole (Nikki) Tinnel (Brian Shaw) of Craigsville; brothers, Hillis Leroy Roupe, James Roupe both of Little Birch, Danny Roupe of Maryland; sisters, Sue Almony, Darlene Salisbury, Sheila George and Angie Cutlip all of Sutton; grandchildren, Joshua, Jazman, Aaden, Nevarah, Mason, Zayne.

Funeral service will be held 2:00 pm, Thursday, May 5, 2022 with Elder Donald Lilly officiating. Friends may call 12:00 pm till 2:00 pm at the funeral home.

Greene-Robertson Funeral Home is humbled to be serving the Salisbury family.

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

Brooklin Paige Moore
Brooklin Paige Moore, 9, of Sutton, passed away on Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at Ruby Memorial Hospital, Morgantown.

She was born July 20, 2012 in Morgantown, WV the daughter of Amanda Wriston Moore.

Brooklin is survived by her mother, Amanda Moore; brother, Mason Bragg; sisters, Zoey Moore and Lexie Moore; great grandmother, Jackie Wriston of Sutton; maternal grandparents, Roy & Mary Beth Wriston of

Floyd, VA; uncle, James Lee Wriston; aunt, Mary Ann Wriston.

Private family services were held for Brooklin.

Greene-Robertson Funeral Home is humbled to be serving the Moore/Wriston families.

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

Douglas S. Williams
Douglas S. Williams, 80 of Webster Springs, went home to join his Lord on Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at Braxton Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. He was born March 23, 1942 in Diana to the late Raymond "Burb" and Lillian Rose Williams.

He enjoyed going out metal detecting, driving around, spending time with his buddies at Vickie's Restaurant, and going to church at United Pentecostal Church of Webster Springs.

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

He is survived by his son, Douglas Williams, II; brothers Robert, Paul and Thomas Williams; numerous nieces, nephews, special friends, and other extended family to mourn his passing.

Funeral Services to celebrate Doug's life were held on Saturday, April 30, 2022 at 1:00 PM at Dodd & Reed Funeral Home with Brother Paul Rounds officiating. Interment followed in Lick Run Cemetery, Hacker Valley.

Friends joined the family for visitation one hour prior to service time at Dodd & Reed Funeral Home.

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

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

James Lee Wine
James Lee Wine, 97, of Bragg Run Road, Burns-ville, WV passed away April 29, 2022 with his loving family by his side. He was born at home in Copen, WV on March 15, 1925 to the late James Lewis Wine and Eula Marguerite Singleton Wine.

On July 4, 1947 he married Helen Scarff Wine. They were married 69 years at the time of her passing in 2016.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife: Helen Wine; brothers: Charles V. Wine, Omar J. Wine and Gerald L. Wine.

There wasn't anything James Lee couldn't do or fix. He had numerous occupations in his lifetime. He was a coal miner, spent 11-years driving a school bus, built homes during the day with Erlo Baker until time to make his bus run, he worked 29 years at Equitable Gas Company and retired as Station Supervisor. He was a proud Navy Veteran, one of the oldest in the county. He served in World War II and the Ko-

OFFICIAL BALLOT OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY					
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SAMPLE BALLOT DISCLAIMER
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



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.

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 with the cooking for the ladies. Call Pastor Daniel at 1-770-880-5502 if you can be there to help or if you have any questions.

Don't forget our Prayer Line on Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. with Bonnie's devotional reading, Prayer meeting each Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m., Sabbath School After Dark each Friday evening at 7:00 p.m.

The Sabbath School at 10:15 on Sabbath morning, with Church Service to begin at 11:15 a.m.

Each of the meetings are Zoom meetings with the same ID (96120157208) or dial 1-301-715-8592#.

Maranatha

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.



Sutton Moose Lodge 825
(304)765-5270



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donations
totaled over
\$63,000**

Early Bird - 6:30 | Food & Refreshments | Public Welcome

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A Whiff of Spring

By: Joseph J. Mazzella

The up and down, back and forth, twisty and turny weather of March had carried over into the first few weeks of April this year. We had clouds and sunshine, rain and snow, below freezing frost in the morning and t-shirt wearing 70 degree sunshine in the afternoon. Even the heater and AC unit were taking turns in my house. But at last we seemed to get enough sunshine and warmth for Spring to “really” arrive here. Apple and Cherry blossoms appeared on the trees. The grass started to green and grow again. And the flowers finally started to shoot up through the dirt and bless us with their beauty and wonderful scents. Just this morning I took a nice, slow stroll in the sunshine through my neighborhood. In it I saw yellow daffodils, purple phlox, crocus, hyacinth, and multi-colored tulips all blooming at once. I also saw hillsides covered in thousands upon thousands of dandelions with their little, yellow faces smiling in the sun. I could even smell the “Spring” in the air. After a long winter of smelling only smoke from wood stoves it was a pure joy smelling all of these flowers again. I even got down on my knees and bent down close to enjoy the smell of each one. I was amazed too at how God gave each species of flower it’s own unique scent.

I walked back home with a smile on my face and a peace in my heart. This whiff of Spring had lightened my spirits, brightened my day, cleared my mind, warmed my heart, and touched my soul. I felt the Love of God in every living thing and I thanked God for Love, for this world, and for this life.

Like a flower in the field each one of us is unique as well. We are special. We are beautiful.

We are a part of God’s creation and we each have our own unique talents and love to share. Let this world get a whiff of who you really are then. Make your life a gift to everyone.

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On the Other Side of the Mountain



Sandor and friend.

By Verena Sava

The dogwood is blooming, looking like delicate fine lace spread along the edges of the woods. The may-apples are up. There is a hint of tender green in the tops of the trees in the forest. The handsome wood thrush has returned from its winter quarters, but nothing is as wondrous as hearing the whippoorwill at night and very early in the morning. It seems that he is right out-

side our bedroom window. For a brief moment during his performance we get the feeling that everything is going well. It is miraculous that this shy bird shows up every year, kind of confirming that things appear to be normal. I hope this made your day, Charlotte. I remember you are also fascinated with whippoorwills. As we are all aware, it is election time. Maybe I am just incredibly stu-

pid, but somehow I don't get a confirming message from the campaign ads in the paper. Why would board of education members who want to be elected, show up amid construction sites of future schools? I would be more interested to learn what solutions they have in mind to solve the financial dilemma for the building of the proposed schools. I look at it from the farm perspective. If our tractor does not work, is broken, I don't take a picture of Greg with screwdrivers, wrenches, vice-grips, a hammer, a can of motor oil, hoping he can fix it. He needs to determine what the cause of the problem is, then take action. A dysfunctional tractor is no comparison with the financial dilemma that is delaying the schools' constructions, but still I would like to see some ideas. The computer generated images of the pro-

posed schools looked impressive. It reminded me more of an entrance to a fancy resort than a school, which opens another question for me. If the designs were so forward thinking for the new school constructions, why not incorporate alternative energy sources like solar panels? There may be plenty of grants available for this. I don't envy any member who will be elected for the board of education. Playing the game of blaming each other or FEMA does not solve anything. Mistakes have been made. What's done is done. Where to "find" the missing millions or where to make cuts in construction will be a tremendously hard task. As of this writing I saw the newest ad and any hope to think of rationality, reflection, fixing past mistakes, reconciliation have vanished in seconds. It seems that

egos have to be protected. Then there is Mr. Vince Deed who believes in everything including the kitchen sink, running for State Senate. One of his proposals is "eliminating all income taxes". Sure it would be nice not having to pay any taxes, but let me know how we would maintain our roads, our schools, broadband extensions and any other infrastructure. This is just plain out crazy, irrational and stupid. Better turn my attention to gardening. It is important for our health, for added flavors in our cooking to plant some herbs. The easiest herb to grow, I think, is basil. There are many different kinds of basil, estimated around 50 or more, some mention 150 varieties. Who knows? Not all of them taste like the basil we are familiar with, but some are similar, like Thai Sweet, Dark Opal, Cinnamon basil and

many more, but the one that is used the most in western cuisine is Genovese, Italian or large leaf basil. They are all sweet and immediately recognizable for what we conceive as basil flavor. It is an annual herb, tender and very sensitive to frost. The soil has to be warm enough (middle to end of May) for it to be seeded outdoors. We can start it inside in March to get a head start, then transplant it outside in May. I plant enough to dry some for use in winter, also to make pesto. I use a favorite recipe from a friend. You need 2 cups of firmly packed basil leaves, 1 cup of walnuts or pine nuts, 5 cloves of garlic, 1 cup of olive oil, 1 and a quarter cup of Parmesan or Romano cheese, a small dash of salt and pepper to taste. Process the leaves, nuts and garlic in a food processor till they are smooth then add the olive oil and the rest. It is great as a base of a cheese sandwich or applied as a bottom layer of a homemade pizza, small portions added to salad dressing, incorporated in pasta dishes, used in wraps, or spread on toast. It can easily be frozen. I wrap small portions in plastic and put the bunch in a ziplock bag. The small amounts give me the option of using one or more in winter. Another annual is dill, also seeded when the soil has warmed up. It will grow fairly quickly and turn into a feathery plant. It pairs well with salmon, and potatoes, but can also be added to salads. First its feathery growth can be chopped for the recipe in use, but later it will form a seed head with dill seeds on top. I use them for canning my dill pickles, which requires usually one head of seeds per quart. Dill also attracts black and Anise Swallowtail butterflies, providing food for their caterpillars. Another annual is marjoram. It looks similar to oregano, but tastes different and is a rather low growth herb. The same principles for growing adhere to it as to basil and other warm weather plants. Since it is a relative of oregano, it can be used in the same dishes, tomato sauces, meat, pizza, lasagna and of course always in a salad. It does not cater to one specific pollinator, but when it blooms it is a favorite of many, especially bees. The next annual has a love or hate relationship with its consumer, I am talking about cilantro. It has a soapy taste and some folks apparently have a special olfactory gene that allows them to strongly perceive the soapy flavor aldehydes of this herb and it becomes repugnant to them. Of course some people love it and use it in rice, poultry dishes, chutneys and many more offerings. Next time I will mention some perennial herbs. Even if we use these plants in moderate or small amounts they pack a lot of essential nutrients that other foods don't offer. I talked about some of our bird population at the beginning. In newspapers and on the internet some epidemiologists recommend that we stop feeding our feathered friends, empty bird baths because of the bird flu danger to them, but as always the information is contradictory.

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FOR CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR
(Vote For ONE)

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LINDA L. BROWN

Flatwoods

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



The cast takes a bow to the standing ovation audience.

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.

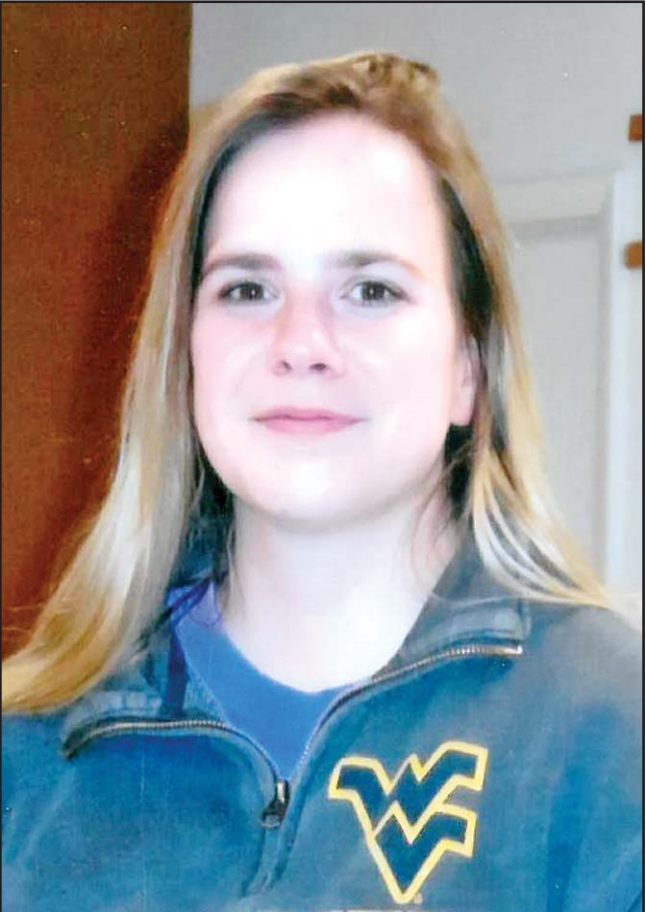
This stage performance is the first to the Landmark stage in more than two years, and I admit that Director Becky Conrad, Choreographer and Tech Director Jamie Jarvis managed to make a comeback with vengeance, in my opinion, the most beautiful, entertaining, and professional production I have had the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

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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 thru the WV Farm Bureau office in Buckhannon at 304-472-2080 or contact the local extension office at 304-765-2809.

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

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

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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.



Braxton Healthcare Center Photos Contest

Braxton Healthcare Center is looking for community help to make the local facility beautiful.

The Center is asking any amateur photographer submit regional photographs to be displayed in the facility. Ideally, the photographs will capture Braxton County's local beauty. Photo prints can be either 5x7 or 8x10, but must be high resolution with the ability for larger size prints.

Stone Run Cemetery Thank You

We would like to thank all of those donating last year for the upkeep of the cemetery: Lewis Stewart, Jay Kniceley ,Katie Spaur, Lynn Comex, Louise Roth, Kathleen Holcomb, Brenda Kniceley, Pam Stump, Doris Cowger, Dawn Allea Anderson, Tom Berry, Loren Knicely, Bill and Loretta Hutchinson, Bertha Dent family, Larry Hutchinson, Donna Knight and Lois Kelly.

Hope we got everyone. We really appreciate each and every one You may send this year's donations to: Stone Run Cemetery. c/o Knight 1617Stone Run Road Flatwoods, WV 26621

Have a safe and good summer. God Bless

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.

Craft and Vendor show May 7

There will be a craft and vendor show on May 7th at the Flatwoods Community Building from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

There will be 18 craft vendors to visit. Those set up will include Scentsy, Ring Bomb, Pete and Lucy Clothing for kids, Farmasi Makeup and skincare products, Handmade Soaps, Handmade Décor, Freshies, Flower Arrangements, Shirts made to order at time of show, Expoxied Tumblers and so much more!

Concessions will be available such as pulled pork BBQ sandwiches, chips, drinks and desserts.



WVU Braxton/Clay Master Gardeners

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

cleanup worked the area. All necessary items required for their cleanups 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.

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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 committee 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.

Beverley 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 Jeanette Dean Hostess.

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



NOTICE
The PY's 2022-2023 Operational/ Business Plan modification for the Region VI Workforce Development Board (WDB) is available for public comment beginning May 2, 2022, through May 13, 2022. It can be viewed on the Region VI WDB website at www.regionviwv.org under the Public Information tab. A copy of the plan may also be requested by calling the Region VI WDB office at (304) 368-9530. Public comments on the plan can be mailed to: Maria Larry, Executive Director / Region VI Workforce Development Board, 17 Middletown Road, Fairmont, WV 26554. Equal Opportunity Employer/

Program
Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities / WV Relay 7-1-1 5-5 5-12b

**NOTICE
Emergency Precinct Change Request**
The Braxton County Clerk's Office advises that there will be an Emergency Precinct Change for the upcoming Tuesday, May 10, 2022 Election. Voting Precinct 23 (Gassaway Firehouse) will not be available for use as a polling place. The Gassaway Mayor's Office, located directly in front of the Fire Department, is the most convenient option for the public

and is available to secure as the polling place for that precinct. Thank you for all your attention in this very important matter.
Sue Ann Rutherford
County Clerk 05-05b

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 05-0505-17b

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Mon Power's 2022 Tree-Trimming Program Underway

Mon Power, a subsidiary of FirstEnergy Corp. (NYSE: FE), has begun its 2022 tree-trimming program and will clear vegetation around nearly 5,200 miles of power lines as part of its ongoing efforts to enhance service reliability for West Virginia customers.

Maintaining proper clearances and removing dead or

diseased trees around electrical equipment can help reduce the frequency and duration of power outages, especially those associated with severe weather. Clearing incompatible vegetation under power lines also results in easier access for company personnel to inspect and maintain lines and make repairs faster if an outage oc-

curs.

Since the launch of the tree-trimming program in April 2014, Mon Power has cleared vegetation along more than 31,000 miles of power lines and has trimmed more than 3.7 million trees across its 34-county service territory. As a result of these efforts, total customer outage minutes have dropped by more than 40% since the first full year of the program in 2015, including during major storm events.

"Vegetation management is crucial to our reliability efforts and one of the most effective ways we can reduce the impact of tree-related service interruptions for our customers," said Jim Myers, president of West Virginia operations for FirstEnergy.

As part of Mon Power's \$58 million program, trees are inspected and pruned in a manner that helps preserve the health of the tree while maintaining safety near electric facilities. In some cases, trees that are diseased or pose a threat to power lines or equipment may be removed. Similar work will be conducted along 363 miles of the company's high-voltage transmission power lines as part of a \$10.5 million program.

Mon Power's program also includes the removal of deteriorated ash trees damaged by the Emerald Ash Borer along larger distribution lines and lines near substations. Since the start of the program, Mon Power has removed more than 110,000 damaged ash trees identified as potential hazards.

Mon Power will be conducting tree-trimming work in Heaters, Servia, and Sutton in Braxton County.

The vegetation management work is conducted by certified forestry experts under the company's direction, including Asplundh Tree Expert, GF Tree Service, Hazlett Tree Service, Penn Line, The Energy Group, Townsend and UAL.

Mon Power works with municipalities to inform them of tree-trimming schedules, and customers living in areas along company rights-of-way are notified prior to vegetation management work being done.

Mon Power serves about 395,000 customers in 34 West Virginia counties. Follow Mon Power at www.mon-power.com, on Twitter @MonPowerWV, and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/MonPowerWV.

FirstEnergy is dedicated to integrity, safety, reliability and operational excellence. Its 10 electric distribution companies form one of the nation's largest investor-owned electric systems, serving customers in Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, West Virginia, Maryland and New York. The company's transmission subsidiaries operate approximately 24,000 miles of transmission lines that connect the Midwest and Mid-Atlantic regions. Follow FirstEnergy online at www.firstenergy-corp.com and on Twitter @FirstEnergyCorp.

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BRAXTON COUNTY, WV

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PRIMARY ELECTION

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MAY 10, 2022

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BRADLEY SHINGLER
Little Birch
Southern Dist.

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MARTHA DEAN
Sutton
Eastern Dist.

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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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OFFICIAL NONPARTISAN BALLOT

FOR CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR
(Vote For ONE)

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LINDA L. BROWN
Flatwoods

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Write-in, If Any

DISTRICT TICKET

FOR COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SOUTHERN DISTRICT
(Female)
(Vote For ONE)

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NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED

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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. Al-

though Luna's owners announced that they would rebuild, the park never reopened.

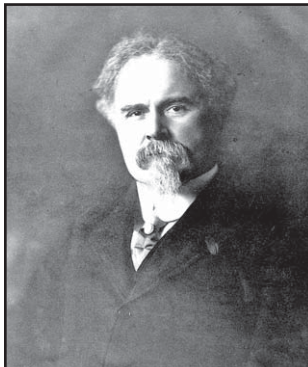
May 5, 1923: Golfer Bill Campbell was born in Huntington. He won more than 30 championships over a seven-decade career and is considered one of the best amateur players in history.



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.

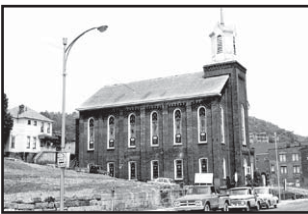


May 8, 1998: Senator Jennings Randolph died at the age of 96. He was first elected to Congress in 1932 and served for 40 years.



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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Braxton County Soccer Club U6 Minnie Mice



BCSC U6 Minnie Mice coached by Burton "Coach B" Spaur.

The U6 Minnie Mice, coached by Burton "Coach B" Spaur, have been working on improving skills and learning to love the beautiful game. Team members include Brooklyn Berry, Morgan Collins, Eleanor Harman, Logan Helmick, Corinna Liston, Maeleigh Smailes and Blair Spaur. Their next game is tonight, Thursday, May 5th.



Maeleigh Smailes going for a goal.



Minnie Mice learning soccer skills.

**Morrison
United
Methodist
Church
Cemetery
Thank You**

Morrison United Methodist Church Cemetery would like to thank those who supported the Cemetery fund in 2021.

We recognize donations for Harold I. Morton, and from Max Jay and Pam Lockard, Eddie Stewart, James Rodney Craft, Arawanna Cooper, Alvan Brown family, Dale and Violet Cunningham, Shelva and Charles Webb, Jimmy McQuain and Donna, Reveala Hart, Ricky and Janice Brown, Maxine Marlow, Clyde K. Woodell, Gary and Sharon Gillespie, Nick and Sherry Smyth, Thurman and Katie Spaur, John and Linda Morrison, Jerry and Linda Jackson, Barbara J. Lott, David and Julia Singleton, Daniel Cogar, Caroline Kidd, Freda E. Boggs, Mildred P. McCoy, Loran and Geraldine Kniceley, John David and Barbara Jordan and Lako Rogers.

Donations may be sent to Dale Cunningham, c/o Morrison United Methodist Church, 4836 Airport Road, Sutton, WV 26601

Mountaineer Food Bank Mobile Food Pantry Dates

Mobile Pantries provide food to “food deserts” where food accessibility is limited and/or scarce. Fresh, healthy food tends to have a short shelf life. To make sure food gets to our clients as quickly and fresh as possible, they are transported to selected locations and distributed by Mountaineer Food Bank. Mobile Pantries can provide a variety of fresh fruits, vegetables, dairy products, and baked goods to people in need.

Hosted by churches, schools, and community centers, a Mobile Pantry can feed between 100 and 1,000 households.

Dates for Braxton County residents are as follows from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Holly Gray Park: June 7, 2022, August 12, 2022, October 4, 2022 and December 6, 2022

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