

# BRAXTON

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## Body discovered in woods just off Salt Lick Road

Braxton County 9-1-1 received a call on Wednesday, May 4 indicating that a logging operation had discovered the body of a human being in a wooded area off Salt Lick Road near Flatwoods. Troopers from the Sutton Detachment of the West Virginia State Police responded.

Upon arrival CPL P.A. Huff, TPR E.W.

Clark and SGT K.W. Huddleston found a deceased male who was not initially identified. The officers' investigation along with assistance from the State Medical Examiner's Office revealed the victim to be 18 year old Isaac Kevin James Canterbury from the St. Albans area.

The death is considered suspicious at this

time. Officers have developed persons of interest and are in the process of collecting and processing evidence left at the scene and other locations. That investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information regarding the incident is encouraged to contact the Sutton Detachment of the West Virginia State Police at (304)765-2101.

## WV Supreme Court hears cases in Braxton County

The Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia heard arguments in three cases last Tuesday, May 3, in the Braxton County Board of Education meeting room, with high school students from Braxton and Webster Counties in attendance.

New Justice C. Haley Bunn joined the court on the bench for the first time at the event.

The LAWS (Legal Advancement for West Virginia Students) docket was scheduled to be held in Braxton County in March 2020 but had to be cancelled due to COVID-19. This will be the first LAWS docket since 2019.

Supreme Court Justice Tim Armstead, a graduate of Braxton County High School was instrumental in bringing the learning experience to central West Virginia. "When I served as Chief Justice I was allowed to choose the loca-



**Supreme Court Justice Tim Armstead (center) questions an attorney during one of the cases heard in Braxton County last week.**

tion for the remote proceedings. I chose Braxton County but COVID delay things," Justice Armstead told a CN Reporter. "I'm glad they were able to get this valued learning tool back on track."

LAWS was established in 1999. Since then, more than 5,800 students in 34 counties have participated. For more information on LAWS, see <http://www.courts.wv.gov/publicresources/student-resources/LAWS/laws-program.html>.

High school students study the cases and the West Virginia court system ahead of the argument docket day with the help of attorneys or judges from their area. This year, Judge Richard Facemire worked with Braxton County students.

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**Dr. James Nolan, (Left) Chairman of the WVU Sociology and Anthropology Departments presents Chad Morrison with his Outstanding Alumni Award.**

## Morrison receives WVU's Outstanding Alumni Award

By Shirley Shuman

Chad Morrison recently received the Eberly College Outstanding Alumni Award in Sociology and Anthropology for his achievements relating to his field of study. Morrison, CEO of Mountaineer Food Bank, graduated from West Virginia University with bachelor's degrees in sociology and anthropology followed by master's degrees in sociology and social research.

The Eberly College of Arts and Sciences established this recognition program to allow the College's departments to acknowledge their alumni for the important contributions they are making in

their professions. Morrison explained that the recipients for the awards are chosen "after being nominated by the chair of the department or a member of the nominating committee. Then the committee decides whether the nominee is worthy of the award."

Morrison's contributions and service are to his community and his cause. Since the Mountaineer Food Bank currently covers 48 of the 55 counties in the state, that community has grown greatly since he became CEO in 2015. As CEO, Morrison is responsible for overseeing the entire operation with 65 employees along with numerous volunteers and with

seeing to the growth of the operation. Since he became CEO, the organization has grown almost 300 percent.

Optimistic about the operation and grateful for the service the MFB provides throughout the state, Morrison said he "loves his job." He added, "It's a wonderful mission and a great place to work, and it's a critical mission right now."

Accepting the Alumnus of the Year Award, Morrison noted, "It's really important that we're able to take those skills that we learned at WVU and use them to bring success back to communities in West Virginia." As CEO of Mountaineer Food Bank, he has done that.

## Shiloh Outreach offers many services to community



**(L to R) Karen David, Mary Donaldson, and Kristy Veltre man the Outreach project housed in the old Red Rooster building on Main Street, Gassaway.**

By Shirley Shuman

In the building formerly housing the Red Rooster restaurant on Elk Street in Gassaway, the Shiloh Outreach has been operating a mission of help to all who need it for the past four years. Pastor Eric Veltre of Shiloh Fellowship Church and his wife, Cristi along with several volunteers strive to help those who need aid in various ways.

Cristi Veltre explained how Shiloh Outreach came to inhabit its current venue. "We were having a yard sale for the church inside the building, and Richie [Roach] came up to me and said what we were doing was good for the community and that it was needed." She added, "He invited the church to stay with no rent. It still do truly has been a blessing."

open, the outreach took donated money and provided Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner. Pastor Veltre explained that they served 900 meals that first year. The first year, the dinners were dine-in, but once COVID came, things changed.

In addition to the meals, the outreach began helping people who needed various kinds of help. That do truly has been a blessing. "Every penny we collect

from donations or sales within the building goes to help. We help pay rent and utilities, we pay for gasoline for those who have families in the hospital or who need a way to get to a doctor. We also provide food for those who can't buy it, and we have a food pantry containing non-perishable food in the building. Anyone who wants to can come in and take whatever food they want," Kristi Veltre explained.

The most visible aspect of Shiloh Outreach is within the building it-

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**Braxton Circuit Judge Richard Facemire (Center) shown here with Scott E. Johnson, Assistant Attorney General (Front Left) Defense Attorney Robert F. Evans (Front Right) and students from Braxton and Webster Counties.**

## Mother's Day blaze claims elderly woman

An early morning fire on Mother's Day, May 8, claimed the life of an 88 year old Braxton County resident. The blaze, at 93 Jacks Lane near Curry Ridge Road

was detected when owners of cattle who rented a portion of the property came to feed the animals. Their initial call to the Braxton 9-1-1 Center stated that the structure was on the ground at the time of discovery.

Braxton Control dispatched Flatwoods Community Volunteer Fire Department at 7:10 a.m. as well as Sutton and Burnsville VFDs to provide mutual aid.

After extinguishing the blaze firefighters discovered

the body of what is believed to be the lone occupant of the home, 88-year-old Faith Kidd, in what was the bathroom area of the home.

State Fire Marshals were on scene to investigate. The remains were taken to the State Medical Examiners office for positive identification and determination of the cause of death. The investigation into the cause of the blaze is ongoing at press-time.

The six responding members of the Flatwoods VFD along with two apparatuses as well as six member of Burnsville and five from Sutton were on scene for several hours extinguishing the blaze and assisting in the investigation.

## Braxton County High School 2022 Top Ten



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### Valedictorian of 2022 Class likes to stay busy

By Shirley Shuman

When asked what she enjoys doing in her free time, Ellen Collins responded, "I don't like to just hang around. I arrange things so I don't have free time." The valedictorian, daughter of Roger and Christy Collins, continued to explain that she often uses that time to take care of her pet

project, nine breeder pigs.

For several years, as a 4-H and FFA member, Collins showed animals at fairs and other exhibitions. "A couple of years ago, I decided to concentrate on showing pigs, and my interest grew from there," she said. This

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## As I See It

By Ed Given



### A nice visit...

It's been a terribly busy week here at the office. I don't know if the workload is increasing or my ability to deal with it is decreasing. Either way this past week has been a bear.

Our county has suffered more than it's share of tragedy lately. Last week there was the heroic death of John Forbush on the front page. This week's edition bring sad news of an elderly resident losing her life in a house fire and a Kanawha County man's body being found near Flatwoods. Thank goodness there is some more cheerful news in our publications this week as well.

Fortunately, I experienced a very pleasant interlude to an otherwise back breaking week. On Tuesday morning I received a text from Supreme Court Justice and long-time friend Tim Armstead. He asked if I was going to be at the Middle School to cover the Supreme Court's visit to the county. I told him, that reluctantly, I was not personally going to make it, but Janet would be there to take pictures. I explained that I was in the doctor's office for a routine visit and needed to attend to matters at the office. I suggested that we try to find another time to catch up.

As luck would have it my day went rather well, so when Tim showed up unexpectedly at my office in the afternoon it was easy to take time for a visit. I really enjoy talking to him and we covered a wide array of topics. Of course, we first caught up on family and friends, before we strayed to other subjects.

I ask him for his thoughts on today's makeup of the court. He said he felt the current justices all brought valuable assets and experiences to the table and that was the way it should be. His view was optimistic.

Naturally we ventured to the national and state political scene, a little. Surprisingly, we often find common ground, but you can expect that when you respect one another's opinions.

I am proud of Tim's contribution to the Supreme Court. He has worked hard to restore integrity to the office, and I believe his efforts have been successful. The major attribute that I think Tim brings to the court in addition to his legal wisdom and knowledge is his exemplary integrity. Tim Armstead, the man and the Judge, travels very high moral ground. He will not betray the people who elected and trust him... that I am 150% convinced of. We need people like Tim in important positions. I am proud of him and proud to call him my friend. Now if we could just get a few hundred more with his morals and integrity, regardless of their party affiliation, in Charleston and Washington... this world would be a much different place!

## Every Acre Counts

By Kevin Gregory

## Begin your Habitat Assessment...

It is the first week of May 2022, now it the perfect time to begin your local wildlife assessment. Whether it is running a trail camera survey for whitetail deer or recording the daily bird species that visit your yard, May is a great time of the year for wildlife and planning wildlife habitat improvements.

In the bird world, their early summer migration has begun. Birds like the Cerulean Warbler have traveled from as far away at Argentina and Chile to breed here in our woods. Monarch Butterflies will go through their life cycle as high as 4 times during a single year migration to the Mountain State. And Ruby-throated Hummingbirds are beginning to show up at our feeders again.

To begin your habitat assessment, you need only to take note of what species you are seeing in your designated area. Your log can be as simple as a mental note or wildlife diary or as sophisticated as my annual Whitetail Deer spreadsheet. Due to my military experience, I tend to focus on planning, executing, and assessing outcomes. To keep me from guessing or trying to remember what happened at what time last year, I developed a simple spreadsheet laid out by each month. Then I added the areas which I felt were important I wanted to track on the left side, such

as habitat, deer activities, and predator activity.

**Habitat Tracking** - Under habitat I focus on current projects (like hinge-cutting bedding areas or feeding areas), liming to increase pH in my food plot areas, and timber stand improvement or thinning.

I also record under habitat what food is available to my deer in each month. This is important for ensuring I am providing 12 months of food for my deer herd. White Oak Acorns are great for 3-4 weeks a year, but what I am providing my deer herd the other 47-48 weeks - and no corn doesn't count as much as we like to think it is helping our deer herd.

Finally, I record what food deer are using during each month through my personal observations or trail camera surveys and browse inventories.

**Deer Activities** - Under the header of deer activities I break my assessment into two

sections - bucks and does. I track feeding, breeding, and birthing for the deer on my property. As an example, I have three does clans that physically live on my property in different bedding areas. I know how many does and who is with each group and what they eat and where they bed - all my does are transitioning from a heavy woody browse diet to fresh "green up" plants - black berries, clover, fresh stump sprouts, etc.... and hitting my early cereal grain plots hard along with the turkeys.

For the Bucks, I track individual bucks as much as possible. From antler drop to the fall core area transition of my mature bucks, I try to understand what they are doing and why and how can I improve their lives from a nutrition standpoint.

**Predator Activities** - Finally, I track predators for all my game species as best I can. Sightings of foxes, coons, opossum, bobcats, coyotes, and bears are all of importance to me. If you have a large predator population, you likely have a good small game population - rabbits, squirrels, grouse, etc....will bring in the predators. Turkey eggs

are a favorite of opossums and coons and coyotes and bears are awaiting fawn drop to increase their odds. By knowing what predators, I have on my property, I can decide on acting or letting them continue to keep my eco-system in balance.

A simple spreadsheet allows you to "see" your wildlife, property, and the critical needs of the wildlife. Since starting this practice, I have been able to assess what food my landscape is providing throughout the year and what I should try to add or adjust. Should I clear cut another acre for re-gen feeding or new grouse habitat or build brush piles for small game protection or songbird nesting attraction? All are important and attainable with a little effort.

In our quest to improve our dwindling habitat, we must remember the "why" - our next generation. I want my children and my grandchildren to hear the flush of a ruffed grouse or the song of the whippoorwill and that will only happen if we do our part - remember **Every Acre Counts!**

### Letters to the Editor: Our policy...

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

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

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

Letters should be mailed to: Editor, Braxton Citizens' News, P.O. Box 516, Sutton, WV 26601. Those wishing to email should send them to: [editor@bcn-news.com](mailto:editor@bcn-news.com)

		Jan	Feb	Mar
Habitat Improvements		Cut +1 Acres of Beech (Gma Field)	None	None
Invasive Work		Frost Seeded Cereal Rye into previous JSG areas - great results		
Construction Work		Nothing to report		
Food Plots		Frost seeded Cereal Rye is growing		
Woody Browse	Estimate	15 Acres = 35.7% (+4%)	13 Acres = 31%	13 Acres = 31%
Forbes	Estimate	None	None	None
Hard Mass	Collection	Only Rotten Ones Left	<10% Red Oak Acorns	None
Soft Mass	Estimate	Permissions Gone by 15 Jan	None	None
Water	Status	Good	Good	Good
Food Plots	Actual	<1 Acre - Cereal Rye	<1 Acre - Cereal Rye	<1 Acre - Cereal Rye

2022 Home Based Property Tracker				
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
Good	Good	Good	Good	Good
1 Acre - Cereal Rye (Mature)	<1 Acre - Buck Wheat	<1 Acre - Buck Wheat	<1 Acre - Buck Wheat	<1 Acre Cereal Rye, 25 Acre Brassicas, and Purple Top Turnip
5 Acre of Bi-Color Legumes & Clover	5 Acre of Bi-Color Legumes & Clover	5 Acre of Bi-Color Legumes & Clover	5 Acre of Bi-Color Legumes & Clover	5 Acre of Bi-Color Legumes & Clover
Deer Activity				
Browse Feeding and Feeding daily on food plots - hitting minerals daily				Monthly weather feeding/10% field
Single Sighted				
Buck Activity				
Antler Development - In Open Areas - Daytime Sightings Regular				1st Week of Sept - Velvet Loss Followed by Core Area Shift
Shift to Open Summer Range				Shift to Fall/Winter Range
Predator Activity				
0	0	0	1	1
1	2	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1
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## News from our Capitol

by Delegate Brent Boggs

This week, I'm getting a head start on my column in the early Mother's Day Sunday afternoon, after church and dinner with my dad, mom, and Jean. While the kids were unable to visit today, we plan to see them later in the month for a belated Mother's Day celebration. I'm thankful for being able to celebrate the day with two great moms...my mom and Jean.

Only a few days ago, most of West Virginia experienced a rash of spring flooding, including in central West Virginia. Locally, many streams left their banks and temporarily blocked some roadways. DOH workers have been cleaning up damage, slips and slides, and assessing needed repairs since the flooding occurred late last week. Compared to some prior weather events over the past several years in central West Virginia, this could have been

much more severe.

Last Wednesday morning, a solemn escort of law enforcement, firefighters and first responders accompanied the body of GVFD Firefighter John Forbush from Charleston to Gassaway, awaiting his funeral services on May 10. As the procession rolled up I-79, overpasses were lined with first responders and flags to pay their respects.

Just hours prior to submitting my column last week, I had received word of the tragic events that unfolded with a car entering the river at the Braxton Senior Center; the subsequent loss of life by the occupants; and the drowning of one of our brave and selfless first responders, John Forbush of the Gassaway Volunteer Fire Department. This is a tragedy on so many levels and as more information unfolded, it was even more distressing.

No matter where you live, work or travel in West Virginia, you are likely protected by one or

more volunteer fire departments daily. They respond 24/7/365 to all manner of emergencies - from fires, car accidents, water rescue, forest fires, chemical spills, missing persons and more. When we lose a firefighter, EMS worker or law enforcement officer, it brings the public back to the reality that their jobs are fraught with danger every time they respond to a call, no matter how routine it may appear.

It would be remiss not to mention the heroism displayed by multiple other first responders and law enforcement personnel who responded to the scene and selflessly plunged into the cold water to attempt in rescuing the victims in the automobile. Each one deserves our appreciation for their service and sacrifice.

Last Saturday morning was a first for Pioneer graduates at Glenville State. This was the first commencement class of Glenville State University. I'm pleased to have been part of the work that led up to attaining university status through the enacting legislation passed earlier this year. It's been a memorable 150 years for the institution

and the future looks bright, indeed. Please take time to congratulate the GSU Class of 2022 and all those completing their degree work in colleges and universities all across the State.

Finally, by the time you read this column, the polls will be closed, and results should be in for the 2022 Primary Election. I hope every eligible voter took the time to cast their ballot either by absentee, early voting or on election day. For School Board members, this was the election. For other races, I'm watching with interest as the field narrows for the General Election in November. These are important decisions that will impact our counties, central West Virginia, and our State.

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@WVHouse.gov](mailto:Brent.Boggs@WVHouse.gov)

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



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decision, she noted, had the biggest impact of anything which has occurred in her life during the past four years. She explained why.

“This decision had the biggest impact because my family told me if I wanted to breed pigs, I’d have to do it on my own. They wanted to see me learn,” she said. “As a result, I had to learn how to ‘process’ pigs. That is, when they are first born, I must dock their tails, notch their ears, and vaccinate them.” Here she explained that the whole affair gave her “freedom to do what I wanted but required that I learn what I needed to in order to succeed.”

The fact that Collins plans a career in veterinary medicine follows naturally. She will complete her undergraduate work at West Virginia University and obtain her master’s at an out-of-state school.

Collins is also active in school. Being president of the local chapter of Future Farmers of America and a member of the local chapter of the National Honor Society occupy much of her out-of-class time. She has also competed in many FFA events and last year won the regional extemporaneous speech contest.

Academically, she has taken several college classes. At Braxton, her favorite class was US History, a college history class. Collins liked the class because students “took notes, and the teacher [Jerry Frame] explained everything so we could remember better,” she said. Although she chose a favorite class, Collins chose not to name a favorite teacher. She explained. “Each does things differently and there is no way to compare them,” she noted.

Ellen Collins looks forward to being as busy during her college career as she is currently. Of course she also anticipates a busy career as a veterinarian.

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dents and Judge Jack Alsop worked with Webster County students. Both are judges in the Fourteenth Judicial

Circuit serving Braxton, Clay, Gilmer, and Webster Counties.

Students attended the argument for the case they studied and then had an opportunity to meet with and question the attorneys who argued that case. The students also had lunch with the Justices.

The cases heard in Braxton County were State of West Virginia v. Quenton A. Sheffield, No. 21-0114; State of West Virginia v. Scotty Joseph Byers, No. 20-0706; and 12:30 a.m. State Farm Fire & Casualty Company v. Nathaniel Realty, LLC, and Howard L. Shackelford, MD, No. 21-0044.

The LAWS docket was recorded and will remain on the West Virginia Judiciary

YouTube channel ( h t t p s : / / www.youtube.com/c/wvsupremecourt) so all West Virginia students have the opportunity to watch during their normal class times.

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self. An array of donated items are displayed in the front section of the structure. These include many basics such as clothing for children and adults, cookware, tableware, bed lines, towels, and many other items such as beautiful glassware and some pottery. One policy of the outreach is to give each individual looking for suitable clothing a bag. For each full bag, the individual is asked to donate only one dollar.

Another service which the outreach provides is a backpack program to provide necessary items for children who are unexpectedly put in foster care. “Sometimes, children are sent to foster care from school, and they have nothing but the clothing on their backs,” Veltre explained. The outreach program fills backpacks with clothing, personal and hygiene items and takes them to the DHHR to give to these children. They also send clothing to children in the Philippines.

Another service which this mission provides is termed The Journey of Hope and Restoration. A counseling program, meetings are held every Monday night at the Rock Wall in

Gassaway. Dinner is served at 5:30, and class

Board of Ed host regular meeting

The Board of Education for Braxton County held their most recent meeting on May 3. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Board President DeAnna Whipkey.

President Whipkey opened the meeting thanking the West Virginia Supreme Court for their visit to the middle school earlier in the day. The visit was part of the LAWS (Legal Advancement for WV Students) Program. Students from both Braxton County High School and Webster County High School were able to sit in as the Supreme Court Justices heard three cases. She thanked the central office staff, Braxton County Sheriff’s Department, cooks and all of those involved for the work they put in to make the event successfully for the students.

Superintendent Kathy Hypes recognized Welding Instructor Chris Cunningham for his work with his students this year and the opportunities he has facilitated for them. Two of his students, Chasen Nottingham and Spencer Bosely, recently competed in a welding competition in Kentucky and both are in Wyoming for another competition.

Braxton County High School CTE Director Lori Stover-Williams provided the board with an update on the CTE program and the NOCTI testing. The state testing is an evaluation of the students in all areas CTE program on their work force readiness. She provided numbers and the data on each of the CTE programs. She noted 110 of the 129 students graduating will be completers. BCHS’s CTE students are above the state and national average on completers and NOCTI scoring.

Under regular business, the board approved the following consent agenda items on a motion by Evelyn Post with a second by Dr. Kenna Seal: approval of April 19 and April 25 meeting minutes; transportation requests; payment of bills; and treasurer’s report. Dr. Seal requested the personnel list from the special meeting on April 25 to be attached to the minutes.

The following professional, service and extra-curricular personnel recommendations were approved by the board on a motion by Dolores Wright with a second by Dr. Martha Dean: second-first contract for Robert Mitchell; employment for Carol Young, Leigh Ann Meadows, Randall Brown, and Lindsey Morris, summer teachers-core instruction, Clifton Long, Shawn Crow, and Robert Lloyd, summer teachers-enrichment/activity, Patricia Dean and Robert Lloyd, summer teachers-credit recovery, Joshua Porto, Patricia Dean, and Robert Lloyd, summer substitute teacher, and Lisa Chenoweth, substitute cook; and resignation for Mary Beth Smith, flag & majorette coach, BCHS.

The board also approved Option 1 calendar for the 2022-23 school year. School will begin on August 16 for students and end May 23. This option allows for a full week off for both Thanksgiving and Spring Break with December 22 to January 2 for Christmas break. The calendar was approved on a motion by Evelyn Post with a second by Dr. Martha Dean.

On a motion by Evelyn Post with a sec-

runs from 6-8 p.m. For further information,

contact Pastor Eric or Cherie Jenkins at Veltre at 304-689-0065 304-365-8757.

ond by Dr. Kenna Seal, the board approved the out of state field trip request for the BCHS FBIA National Leadership Conference to be held June 28-July 3 in Chicago, IL.

The board approved the posting of three teachers and three aides for the Kinderboost summer program funded through Save the Children on a motion by Dr. Martha Dean and second by Evelyn Post.



(L to R) Gracie Greenlief and Kendra Lunceford BCHS students, along with Gassaway Lions Randy Foster and Bob Sowa conducted eye screening at Davis.

Gassaway Lions conduct screening at Davis Elementary

May is Healthy Vision Month

The National Eye Institute has declared May the Healthy Vision Month. It is a good time to get a comprehensive eye exam.

At the request of Principal Kyre-Anna Minney and Nurse Stephanie Moore, the Gassaway Lion’s Club sponsored an eye screening of Davis’ 141 students, of which 21 were referred to an optometrist.

- Did you know:
- An estimated 93 million adults in the United States are at a high risk for serious vision loss, but only half visited an eye doctor in the past twelve months.
  - The annual economic impact of major vision problems among the adult population 40 years and older is more than \$145 billion dollars.
  - Vision disability is

one of the top ten disabilities among adults 18 years and older and one of the most prevalent disabling conditions among children.

• Early detection and timely treatment of eye conditions, such as diabetic retinopathy, has been found to be effective.

• 90% of blindness caused by diabetes is preventable.

• 1 in 11 people has diabetes.

Braxton County High School students attending the Eagle Care Center (Jaida Napier, Gracie Greenlief and Kendra Lunceford) used two Plus Optic Eye Screening Machines for the testing. The machines were purchased by Clay Lion Don Jarvis through the West Virginia Lions Sight Conservation

Foundation at a cost of \$6,000 each. The Clay Lions Club has allowed the Braxton County School nurses and the Clay County School nurses to use the machines in screening students of all ages.

To become “Knights of the Blind in the Crusade Against Darkness” was Helen Keller’s plea to the Lions Club International Convention at Cedar Point, Ohio, in the 1920’s. Since then, the Lions remain committed to assisting the blind and visionally impaired, and to help prevent blindness through vision care, rehabilitation and research.

“When is the last time you had a comprehensive eye exam,” asked Gassaway Lions President Randy Foster.



from...

Central West Virginia Outreach Center

...giving from the heart

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for with God, all things are possible.

Spaghetti Dinner Benefit & Silent Auction

Proceeds to replace the Central WV Outreach Center Warehouse Roof

When: Saturday, June 11, 2022

Where: At the Warehouse

Time: 12:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Menu: Spaghetti, Meat Balls, Garlic Bread, Dessert & Refreshments

Dinners by Donation - Take out available

New Arrivals:

- New Load: Interior Door Slabs
- New Load: Ceiling Tile
- New Load White Paint -Satin, Flat, 5 gal & 1 gal
- New Load: Butcherblock Countertops – Acacia & Beech
- New Load: Vinyl Flooring
- New Load: T1-11 siding 5/8" & 11/32"
- New Load: Ceiling Tile
- New Load: ¾" Plywood
- New Load: Metal Roofing 8', 12' & 16'
- New Load: Poly ISO Insulation 4'X4"
- New Load: Windows, various sizes
- New Load: Sliding Patio Doors
- New Load: 11/32" Beadboard Siding

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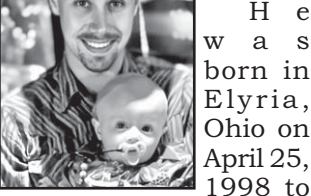
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# OBITUARIES

**John Dean Forbush**  
John Dean Forbush, 24, of Gassaway passed away on Sunday, May 1, 2022.



He was born in Elyria, Ohio on April 25, 1998 to Dean Robert Forbush and the late Kristina Lynn Stewart.

In addition to his mother he was preceded in death by his stepfather, Donald Lee Richardson; and grandfather, John William Stewart.

When John was younger and living in Ohio, he and his brother, William, spent most weekends competing in turkey shoots and fishing tournaments. In 2011 he and William moved to WV to live with his grandmother and step grandfather. On September 25, 2011 he was baptized and became a member of Gassaway Baptist Church.

Around this time, his passion for working on engines started early when at Gassaway Days one year he participated in the garden tractor pull. He fired up an old Sears lawn mower and painted it so many times it was believed to be held together with paint. He had several good friends and mentors who helped him build and hone the skill of competitive engine pulling. At 15 he started flipping trucks and bringing them back to working order for himself, friends and others who asked him. It wasn't long before John had worked and made 50 trucks better. He bought, traded and sold until he had a truck that he wanted, a diesel Power Stroke. He eventually realized he would only be satisfied working for himself and he made it happen. He became the owner and operator of Braxton Auto and Diesel Repair Shop on Route 4. He also loved animals and particularly had a self-taught passion for showing horses. He and his fiancée had quarter horses and participated in competitive barrel racing, poles, and Western Pleasure.

John was President of the West Fork Riding Club. He was a member of the Gassaway Fire Department Station #2. For a time he announced youth basketball games and also moved the chains for football in support for his little brother, who was on the team. Last year he tried his hand at the Demolition Derby.

Their daughter was born in 2021 and he reveled in his new role as father. He had a really good sense of humor and loved to joke and kid around. Anything that he set his mind to, he became passionate about. John had a helping heart who never met a stranger and he touched the lives of individuals in our county as well as in other states.

John will be forever remembered by his fiancée, Amber Lynn Frame and daughter, Krislynn Grace Forbush of Gassaway; brother, William Alan Forbush of Gassaway; grandparents; Ruth Ann and Dave Samples of Frametown; father, Dean Robert Forbush; aunt, Rachel Boskovitch and husband, Frank, of Ohio and aunt, Rachel Collins of Ohio; his fiancée's parents, Vern and Marshall Frame of Gassaway; and best friend, JC Hoard. He is also survived by several aunts, uncles and cousins.

His visitation was from 3 to 8 P.M. Monday, May 9, 2022 at Gassaway Baptist Church.

Fireman's funeral service will be 11 A.M. Tuesday, May 10th at the church with the Reverend Mark Stump officiating.

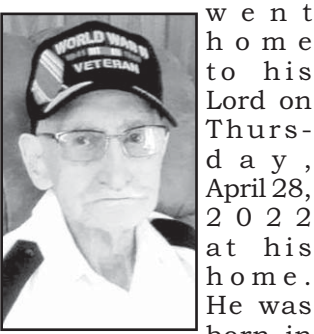
Interment will be in the Frame Cemetery, Stumbo.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial donations be made to Gassaway Volunteer Fire Department, 105 Fifth Street, Gassaway, WV 26624

Arrangements by Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway.

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

**Willard James "Red" Prince**  
Willard James "Red" Prince, 98, of Jane Lew



went home to his Lord on Thursday, April 28, 2022 at his home. He was born in Lake Lane in Braxton County on October 7, 1923: son of the late John Luther Prince and Alice Rosie (Brown) Prince. On October 5, 1945, Red married the love of his life, Mary June (Eubank) Prince, who preceded him in death.

Red will be forever cherished by one daughter Deborah Ellen Prince

of Bridgeport, one son Edwin J. Prince of Cleveland, OH, 7 grandchildren: Christy, Chad, Sarah, Nicole, Justin, Benjamin, Meredith, 24 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. He also left behind his best friend Jack Heffinger and caregiver Dennis Gaunt.

In addition to his parents and wife June, Red was preceded in death by two sons Steven Prince and Donovan Craig Prince, one grandchild Donovan Ashley Prince, 4 brothers: Garl, Ernest Luther, Earl and Denzil Prince and 5 sisters: Virginia "Virgie" Blake, Elsie Moats, Sara Davis, Mary Theda Prince and Myrtle Prince.

Mr. Prince was a graduate of Burnsville High School with the class of 1942 and a graduate of Weston Business College. Red then entered the United States Army during World War II where he received the rank of Sergeant. He was proud of his time served, where he was in the Battle of the Bulge and Red received a Good Conduct Medal, European African Middle Eastern Service Ribbon, American Theatre Ribbon, Meritorious Unit Award and World War II Victory Ribbon and was very proud to tell anyone about. After his service, Red owned and operated Prince's Service Station of Jane Lew from 1948-1986.

Red was a lifetime member of the American Legion Post #166 of Jane Lew, the General Lightburn VFW Post #5131, where he had been first commander and past commander, and a life time member of Weston DAV #51.

Red was an avid NASCAR and football fan. He started playing music at a young age and continued playing throughout his life. He was especially known for playing the dobro and steel guitar. Red could tell a story that would leave a lasting impression. He had 3 furry cat companions who will miss him dearly.

Family and friends gathered at Hardman Family Funeral Home 730 N. Main Avenue of Weston on Sunday, May 1, 2022 from 1PM-3PM. The funeral service began at 3PM from the funeral home chapel with Reverend Ron Brown officiating. Interment followed services at Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens of Jane Lew with full Military Honors conducted by the United States Army and the Lewis County Honor Guard. Online condolences and life stories in memory of Red may be expressed at [hardmanfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://hardmanfamilyfuneralhome.com).

**Richard Donald Nettles**

Richard Donald Nettles, 78 of Sutton, WV passed away on Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at Braxton County Memorial Hospital after an extended illness.

Richard was born April 24, 1944 to the late Donald Cecil Nettles and the late Evelyn Jarvis Nettles-Williams.

After graduating Sutton High School in 1962, Richard joined his parents' business, Elk Valley Motor Sales,

eventually taking over the businesses as they expanded to include Elk Valley Motor Sales (Towing & Salvage), Elk Valley Dodge-Chrysler-Plymouth-Jeep (Auto Sales & Service), U-Save Auto Rental, and Elk Valley Pre-Owned Auto Sales & Rental. Richard also owned and managed several rental properties and storage units all of which are located in Sutton. Richard was a member of Christ Church United Methodist in Sutton and a long time member of the Sutton Moose Lodge.

In addition to his parents, Richard was preceded in death by son, Shawn E. Cutlip, and several aunts and uncles.

He is survived by his wife and devoted caretaker, Linda L. Cutlip Nettles; sons, R. Marc Nettles and Clifford C. Nettles (Tammy Sue), both of Sutton, M. Shayne Cutlip (Bridgett) of Salem, OH; daughter, C. Suzette Steele (Douglas) of Burnsville; grandchildren, K. Danielle Moore (Jeffrey) of Servia, Corey Nettles of Sutton, Grace Hines & Phillip Steele both of Burnsville and Skylar & Caleb Cutlip of Salem, OH; great grandchildren, Lilly, Layden & Lanette Hines, Addison & Lane Moore and Braelyn Nettles. Also surviving are many nieces and nephews.

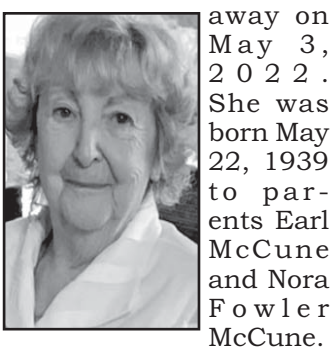
Funeral services were held 11:00 am, Saturday, May 7, 2022 at Greene-Robertson Funeral Home, Sutton with Rev. Be Be Marshall officiating. Friends called one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Richard was buried along side his beloved mother at Braxton County Cemetery on Airport Rd. Sutton.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Richard's name to: Just One Generation Cat Rescue, 4397 Elk River Rd. Frametown, WV 26623 or The Braxton County Animal Shelter, 10 Animal Shelter Ln. Sutton, WV 26601.

Greene-Robertson Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Nettles family.

Online condolences may be sent to: [greene-robertsonfuneralhome.com](http://greene-robertsonfuneralhome.com)

**Sonja Cooper**  
Sonja Cooper, 82, of Gassaway, WV passed



away on May 3, 2022. She was born May 22, 1939 to parents Earl McCune and Nora Fowler McCune.

Sonja was preceded in death by her parents; husband: Carl C. Cooper; brothers; Earl McCune, Jr and Donnie McCune; grandson: Ben Cooper and daughter-in-law Patricia Cooper.

She was a Baptist by faith and a lifelong resident of Braxton County. Sonja enjoyed cake decorating, gardening and growing flowers, bird watching, she loved animals especially cats, spending time at the beach and watching the sunsets, and most of all she loved spending time with her family.

Sonja is survived by her sons: Rickie A. Burrows, Sr. (Sherry), of Gassaway, WV, Gary W. Burrows (Patti) of Star Tannery, VA; Audy E. Burrows of Bruceton Mills, WV; stepsons: DeWayne Cooper of West Union, WV and Kenneth Cooper of Fairmont, WV; brother: Paul McCune of Wellsboro, PA; grandchildren: Rickie A. Garavaglia (Tracy), Nicole A. Grose (Robert), Gary W. Burrows III (Lindzey), Joshua P. Burrows (Angel), Zack A. Burrows (Ashley),

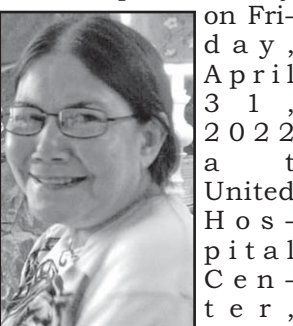
Amber D. McFarland (Mike), Brian Cooper and Shannon Cooper. great-grandchildren: Adison J. Garavaglia, Matthias A. Garavaglia, Trebor C. Grose, Colieauna A. Grose, Autumn H. Gust, Seth A. Burrows, Caleb N. Burrows, Xander J. Burrows, Adeline R. Burrows, Grady R. Englehart, Rylee E. Englehart.

Service were held at 1:00 pm, Friday, May 6, 2022 at Stockert Funeral Home & Cremation, Flatwoods, WV. Visitation were two hours prior to the service from 11:00-1:00 pm. Pastor's Rickie Garavaglia and Gary W. Burrows, Jr. officiated the service. Interment was in the Sugar Creek Cemetery, Gassaway, WV. In lieu of flowers, family requests donations be made to the American Cancer Society.

Stockert Funeral Home & Cremation is honored to serve the family of Sonja Cooper.

**Janet Elaine Salisbury**

Janet Elaine Salisbury, 62, of Sutton, passed away



on Friday, April 31, 2022 at a 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.

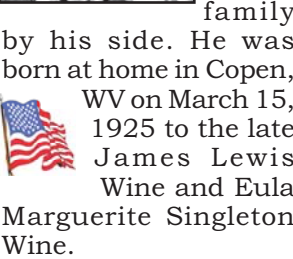
Funeral service was held 2:00 pm, Thursday, May 5, 2022 with Elder Donald Lilly officiating. Friends called 12:00 pm till 2:00 pm at the funeral home.

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

Online condolences may be sent to: [greene-robertsonfuneralhome.com](http://greene-robertsonfuneralhome.com)

**James Lee Wine**

James Lee Wine, 97, of Bragg Run Road, Burnsville, 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 Korean War onboard the USS Artic, USS Bassett and the USS Republic.

James Lee had many interests including beekeeping, gardening, canning, cooking, carpentry but most of all doing for others. He always loved raising his chickens. And then there was Dolly Parton. He always loved kids and was a wonderful son, father, grandfather, husband and neighbor.

He served on the Burnsville Park & Recreation Board, was a caretaker of the Burnsville Community Building for years. In the past, he was a member of the Burnsville fire department and served as chief. He served on the PPR committee, was a member of the Jackie Knight Post 3757 VFW and served as their Commander. He was a Christian by faith and attended Right Hand Fork United Methodist Church. He was the 1995 Town of Burnsville Citizen of the Year, the 1998 Town of Burnsville Citizen of the Year and 2013 Christmas Parade Marshall.

He is survived by his children; Sondra Wine Casto (Larry) of New Martinsville, WV, Norma Jane Wine Freshour (Charles) of Burnsville, WV, Cheryl Ann Wine of Burnsville, WV, Carol Lynn Wine Bucklew (Bruce) of Jetersville, VA, and Sean Lee Wine (Anne) of Sunnyside, NY; grandchildren: Michele Casto, Marla Casto Cumpston (Corey), Michael Casto, James Clinton Freshour, Alex Wine, CW Freshour, Ryan Bucklew and Ashley Williams; great grandchildren: Alexis Muha, Shana Hogue, Olivia Johnson, Mason Casto, Trevor, Madison and Landon Freshour, Crew, Aven, Reeve and Adah Williams; great-great grandchildren: Jaxon Casto and Myra Blackmon; brothers: Leroy G.Wine (Linda) of Colorado and Letcher "Newt" Wine (Darlene) of Tennessee.

Service was 2:00 pm Saturday, May 7, 2022 at Stockert Funeral Home & Cremation, Flatwoods, WV. Pastor John David Bush officiated the service. Visitation was held on Friday, May 6, 2022 from 4:00-8:00 pm at the funeral home. Interment was in the Little Kanawha Memorial Gardens, Heat-ers, WV

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

**Adrian Don Collins**

Adrian Don Collins, 46, of Rosedale passed



away on Sunday, May 1, 2022.

He was born June 1, 1975 in Amherst, Ohio to Darrel and Ma-

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rie White Collins. Adrian was preceded in death by his girlfriend, Martha Baisden; his maternal grandparents, Ronzal and Gladys White; paternal grandparents, Ali and Virginia Collins; and several uncles and aunts.

Often you could find Adrian being a jokester and kidding with his family. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, woodworking and whittling. He had a kind heart. Adrian enjoyed reading his Bible and he was a Baptist by faith. Throughout his life he worked several different types of jobs as a laborer. He will be missed.

Adrian is survived by his parents, Darrel and Marie White Collins; brother, William “Bill” Darrel Collins and wife, Marybeth, of Elyria, Ohio; nephew, Carter Brayden; and step niece, Eloise Marie. He is also survived by several aunts, uncles and cousins.

His funeral service was 12 Noon, Saturday, May 7, 2022 at Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway, WV with Reverend Rich Demastus officiating.

Interment was in Orma Methodist Church Cemetery, Orma, WV.

Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Arrangements by Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway, WV.

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

**Melissa “Misi” Marie Hawkins**  
Melissa “Misi” Marie Hawkins, 54, of Sutton passed away at home on Monday, May 2, 2022. She was born in Gassaway on October 14, 1967.

Preceding her in death was her companion of 20+ years, Donald Charles Davis.

Misi enjoyed listening to music, especially Janis Joplin. She often read romance novels and watched Grizzly Adams on TV. In the summer she enjoyed being outdoors, sunbathing and swimming. She also spent time with her family.

She is survived by her daughters Shanna Marie Johnson of Lubbock, TX and Sonya Leigh Hawkins of Gassaway; her mother Lela Joan Cogar of Gassaway; and her great aunt Wilma Johnson of Sutton.

Misi’s funeral service was 1 P.M. Friday, May 6, 2022 at Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway, WV with Pastor Rodney England officiating. Interment followed in the Braxton Memorial Cemetery, Sutton, WV.

Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

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

**Margaret Ann Rexroad**  
Margaret Ann Rexroad, 63, of Sutton passed away peacefully on Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at Braxton Health Care Center.

She was born September 16, 1957 in Sutton to the late Ernest Nicholson and Minora

Adeline Cutlip Nicholson Freeman.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her infant grandson, Issac Caden Clutter; and her brother-in-law, Dave Harris.

Margaret was a homemaker. She served the Lord as a Sunday school teacher and was a current member of Mid State Church of God. Before her health turned, her grandson, Christian, and she would often have popcorn and movie night together. Margaret and her granddaughter, Sofia, would get their nails done and play games together. Her memory will also live on when Sofia plays jokes on other people, just like Margaret did. She wanted her children and grandchildren to know that she loved them and to know she would see them again someday.

She will be fondly remembered by her son, Michael Rexroad; daughter Amanda Gum and husband, Brandon; sister, Ernestine Clutter; grandchildren, Christian Heath Gum and her namesake, Sofia Adeline Gum. She is also survived by nephews, David Clutter and Jason Clutter and great niece, Aaliyah Clutter.

In keeping with her wishes, Margaret will be cremated.

A Celebration of her life will be 6 P.M. Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at Mid State Church of God, Gassaway with Pastor Rodney England officiating.

A private inurnment will be at a later date.

The family would like to give special thanks to Braxton Health Care Center for all their compassionate care and love for Margaret.

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

**Lola R. Jackson**  
Lola R. Jackson, 93, of Gassaway, passed away at the Braxton Health Care Center on Sunday, May 7, 2022. She was born in Sutton, WV on November 27, 1928, a daughter of the late Melvin Humphreys and Alice Perrine Humphreys.

Lola married the love of her life, Paul B. Jackson on August 16, 1946.

Lola was preceded in death by her granddaughter, Tiffany Jackson; husband, Paul Jackson; parents, Melvin and Alice Humphreys; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Harry Winfred and Mabel May Cutlip Jackson; sister, Doris Lingo; brothers, Paul Humphreys and Robert Humphreys.

She is survived by children, Janet E. Barnett (Robert) of Weston, Linda M. Steen of Gassaway, Donna R. Eakins (Bill) of Warren, Ohio, William B. Jackson (Jean) of Gassaway, James P. Jackson (Teresa) of Gassaway; adopted son, John W. Jackson, formerly of Gassaway; sister-in-law, Helen Dennis of Ohio; 12 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews and friends too numerous to mention.

Lola was a very talented and kind lady who will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

The family gives special thanks to her former caretaker, Irene Wilson, and the wonderful staff at the Braxton Health Care Center.

Lola’s request for

cremation will be honored and a memorial service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements by Richard M. Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway.

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

**Barbara Ann Lake**  
Barbara Ann Lake, 74, of Frametown passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, May 7, 2022. She was born in Burnsville on February 25, 1948 to the late Edward A. Blake and Bobby Lou Blake.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband of 49 years, William Lee Lake.

Barbara worked at Go Mart, Inc. for 25+ years and most recently worked as a Human Resources Assistant. She truly enjoyed taking care of her lawn at home. She had a huge heart for the people in her life and a passion for all animals. She was a Baptist by faith.

She will be forever remembered by her daughters of the heart, Sharon Mace of Gassaway and Laura Rhodoss of Weston; two dogs, Sadie and Percy and her cat, Miss Allie.

In keeping with her wishes she will be cremated and there will be no services.

Special thanks to the WV Caring hospice care nurses for their compassionate care of Barbara.

Memorial Donations can be made to Braxton County Animal Shelter, 10 Animal Shelter Lane, Sutton, WV 26601.

Arrangements by Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway.

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

**Mabel Jean (Dobbins) Hall**  
Mabel Jean (Dobbins) Hall, 85, of Duck passed away May 7, 2022. She was born on January 22, 1937 to the late Mack McGraw Dobbins and Francis Wilkerson.

As a child, she spent most of her time with her grandparents, Gilbert and Florence (Vaughan) Dobbins, on their farm in Cowskin, WV. As an adult, Mabel called the Duck Creek area home, but she also spent several years near her daughter in Flatwoods. Recently she rested in the kind hands of the wonderful caregivers at Clay Health Care Center.

Mabel was preceded in death by her husband, Norman Hall; her father, Mack M. Dobbins; mother, Francis Wilkerson; and brother, Chester “Butch” Dobbins.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Brenda and Arnold Gregory. She is also survived by sister-in-law, Rhonda Dobbins, of Beckley, WV; sister, Connie Johnson of Noble, Illinois; nephew, Richard Johnson; niece, Amy Rose and her son, Harrison. Mabel was a great cook. You would always leave her table with a full stomach and a covered bowl of leftovers for later. She made

beautiful quilts, afghans and clothing for her daughter. She collected chicken candy dishes of every color, which she said reminded her of her childhood on the farm where it was her job to gather the eggs each day.

We would like to thank many wonderful people in Braxton

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Special Sing**  
Laurel Run Baptist Church, 68 Pineville Drive, Sutton, WV. Everyone is invited to a very special sing on Sunday, May 29 at 2:00 PM.

**Harris Cemetery**  
Mowing season is upon us. Donations are needed and appreciated for the mowing and up keep of the Harris Cemetery, Bug Ridge WV. All donations should be sent to the Harris Cemetery c/o Cindy Gaston 2936 Old Turnpike Road, Sutton WV 26601. A special thank you to all who donate.

**Strange Creek Cemetery Annual Clean Up**  
The annual clean-up of the Strange Creek cemetery in memory of Jim Lambert is scheduled for Saturday May 14, 2022 at 9 am. Please join us in memory of our loved ones. Contributions for the cemetery and road repair may be made to: Strange Creek Cemetery, 14766 Elk River Road, Duck, WV 25063

**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.

**Tesla Cemetery Donations needed**  
Donations are needed for the upkeep of Tesla Cemetery. Please send donations to: Jim Morris, 5506 Appalachian Corridor, Sutton, WV 26601.

**First Southern Baptist Church Spring Yard Sale**  
First Southern Baptist Church (located on the hill above the Senior Center ) will have their Spring Yard Sale Friday May 13th 9:00 A.M. - 4:P.M and Saturday May 14th from 9:00A.M. -3:00 P.M. If you would like to drop off any items to donate call 765-3628 and leave a message Heaters CEO Club thank you It is with sincere gratitude and deep appreciation that the Heaters CEOs club members wishes to thank all our dear friends and neighbors who gladly made food, provided drinks and monetary donations last Friday, April 8, 2022 for our Community Dinner at the Heaters Community Building. We especially want to thank the crew of workers who came out to help serve and to clean up following the meal. Lastly, we want to thank all who came out to eat and support the dinner. The combined efforts of all of us working together shows what can be accomplished when we do work together.

**Sutton High School Alumni meeting**  
If you’ve read the

who have helped us through difficult times, especially caregivers; Jennifer Jarvis, Heather Tanner, Dr. William Given, the BCMH Staff, EMS members and Home Health nurses. They are all irreplaceable! Mabel’s funeral service will be 12 Noon Thursday, May 12, 2022 at Roach Funeral Home,

Gassaway with Elder Larry Fisher officiating. Interment will follow in the Hall Cemetery, Servia. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Words of comfort and fond memories may be extended to the family at [www.roachfuneralhome.com](http://www.roachfuneralhome.com)

continuation and therefore an open meeting has been set for Sunday, May 22, 2pm-4pm. This meeting will be held at the old Fisher Auto Parts building (the building adjacent to the old Sutton General Hospital). If you are interested in the continuation of some sort of “Get Together,” please try to attend this meeting. All ideas and help toward this endeavor will be appreciated. *Please turn to*  
**CALENDAR** *page 6*

Adversity

Adversity-negatively affecting one’s life

Sometimes in life all of us in are affected by negative things, either by our own doing or by the hand of someone else or by some disaster. When these things happen we have a tendency to feel defeated and maybe even want to give up but when these things are before us we have two choices that we can make, we can let adversity turn into discouragement, and discouragement turn into worry, and worry into utter ruin.

Or we can change our focus in life, we can look all adversity as a challenge, a challenge to be accepted, and a way for us to grow spiritually, a way to overcome and be stronger for it.

James 1:2-4

2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;

3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

KJV

Sometimes adversity strikes with something big happening in our life, loss of a loved one, the break-up of a home or the loss of one’s lively hood, other times adversity can come in multiple small accounts, such as the car breaking down, got chewed out by the boss today, the roof starts leaking, stubbed your big toe or even you got cut off in traffic.

Job is the perfect example for what we are talking about, he lost his children, he lost his wealth, he lost his health, his wife turned on him and his friends were against him, how could you come back from something like this, Job did not understand why these things were happening to him but the one thing that he held on to was his God, The God of Heaven

Job 1:20-22

20 Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped,

21 And said, Naked came I out of my mother’s womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.

22 In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.

Other examples are Joseph, Genesis chapters 37-48

Jonah, chapters 1-4 and they all overcame by the same way, it was because God had brought them through their trials.

JOB DID THESE THINGS:

1. HUMBLLED HIMSELF BY FALLING DOWN UPON THE GROUND

2. WORSHIPPED GOD

3. GLORIFIED GOD’S NAME

4. JOB KEPT HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS

5. HE WAS OF A THANKFUL HEART FOR WHAT GOD HAD GIVEN HIM EVEN THOUGH IT WAS TAKEN AWAY

6. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and stall we not receive evil?

7. JOB KEPT HIS FAITH IN GOD

Someone once said that if God brings you to it, He will get you through it, the next time that you are being tried in life do this one thing, change your focus, don’t become discouraged, but become inspired, let yourself be challenged and rise to overcome.

When a blacksmith is forging a piece of metal it is a challenging process, he puts the metal into the fire and heats it up, then he pulls it out and starts hammering it, and the process continues until he has the metal formed into what he wants it to be and then he tempers it by putting it into the water so that it can be hardened for the job that it was designed to do,

James 1:1-8

1 James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting.

2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;

3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

Let your trials help you to be ready for the things that are awaiting you in life and overcome by the Grace of God.

Sponsor: Church of Christ  
742 Elk Street, Gassaway, WV 26624  
(minister) Danny Lambey  
[lambey@frontier.com](mailto:lambey@frontier.com)



## CALENDAR

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appreciated. We would like to have a representative from each class so that we can get started. Questions, please call Marsha Lloyd at 304-765-2414, Charlotte Chidester at 304-765-2192 or Dairell/ Sally Browning at 304-364-8293.

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**Braxton County Senior Center May Lunch Menu**

Tuesday 10 Holiday Center Closed.  
Wednesday 11 Stuffed Green Peppers, Scaloped 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, Cornbread, Broccoli Casserole, Fruit. Tuesday 17 BBQ Chicken, Baked Beans, Macaroni Salad, Fruit. Wednesday 18 Sausage Biscuit with Gravy, Roasted Potatoes, Fruit. Thursday 19 Cornish Pasty, 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.

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**Robinson Reunion**

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

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**Fairview Cemetery**

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

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**High Knob Cemetery Donations for 2021**

We want to thank the following people for their donations for

2021. These people are the ones the keep are cemetery mowed. Jerry Mae Stalnaker, Nancy Fields, Jeff Agee, Homer Eubank, Robert Lively, Marlon and Renell Moats, Carol King Schott, Becky Cochran, Carol April Dean, Johnnie Parker, Lola Malcomb, KT Motsinger, Oleta King Robinson, Ronald Clark Spaur, Lorraine Gregory Wine, Mildred McCoy, Duke and Judy Harris, and Carolyn Wellman. If you have a loved one buried at High Knob, please make a donation to: High Knob Cemetery Fund. Mail donations to Delmas (Duck) Harris, 65 Beamer Drive, Sutton, WV 26601. Thanks again for the donations that were sent.

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**Riffle Reunion 2022**

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

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**Braxton County Redskins Youth Football**

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

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**Donations needed**

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

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**Elizabeth Chapel**

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

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**Hoover Cemetery**

Its spring again and time to start mowing and working to upkeep

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

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**AA - Recovery Meetings**

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

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**Jackson Cemetery Little Birch**

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

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**Braxton County Cemetery donations**

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

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**Jacob Shaver Memorial Cemetery meeting**

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

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**Burnsville Freedom Festival volunteers needed for 2022**

Due to the growth of our festival we need more volunteers to help plan, fund raise and help during the event. We have some phenomenaQl bands and other events already lined up for this year and we need your help. Please call 304-853-2605 or private message the Freedom Festival Facebook page for more details.

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**"The Journey"**

It is called "The Journey" of Hope and Restoration, these studies are through the "Living Free" program curriculum. These studies are done in a small group setting that meets each Monday at 6:00 pm. The lesson that we are currently studying is "Coping with Losses of Life". This is a bibli-

cally-based study and everyone is welcome to participate. We serve food at 5:30 PM each Monday at 602 Elk Street, Gassaway, WV. We have many areas that we are able to minister to others as well such as the areas of destructive behaviors, harmful emotions, negative attitudes, unhealthy relationships, and substance abuse. To register or if you have questions you can call Pastor Eric Veltre at 304-689-0000.

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**Sutton Public Library Create to Donate**

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

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**Burnsville Public Library Board of Trustees meetings**

Burnsville Public Library Board of Trustees meets the second Monday of each month at

5:00 pm at the library. Meetings are open to the public. During the pandemic, if you would like to attend but don't feel comfortable attending in person please reach out. We could arrange a way for you to attend virtually.

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**Celebrate Recovery**

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

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**Burnsville Community Center event bookings**

Are you looking for a place to host an event? If so, the Burnsville Community Center is available for bookings. Reasonable rates with or without kitchen. For more information or to book your event,

please call 304-853-2605 Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm.

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**Public Sevice Announcement**

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

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**Addiction Screenings**

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

# COMMUNITY CORNER

## PAT'S CHAT By : PAT RIDPATH



It has been a fantastic Mother's Day with a delicious meal from the 1863 Restaurant in Elkins, enjoyed by my son, Chuck, his wife Pam and her sister, Lamona, and my daughter, Robin, and me. We traveled in two cars just so the ladies could do some shopping and Chuck and I could come on back home. That made him and me very happy. We enjoyed the pretty spring day, the lime green of the newly sprouted trees along the highway and

the beautiful dogwood blooming in my front yard.

After we were home for a while, he left on an errand. (When he visits me, he usually gives me a hug when he leaves.) He said he didn't trim his nails the night before because he knows how much I love to have my back scratched. So, before he left, he hugged me and scratched my back. Nothing is so soothing and happy for me. Later when the girls came home, I opened my gifts. One of the gifts he brought me was a tea towel that says, "Mom, I'm sorry for all the dumb stuff I did when I

was a kid. If it helps, you only know about half of it." We all got a laugh at that sentiment. There were some nice gifts and cards that were so thoughtful and sweet. Made me very happy.

The people of our church reportedly had an enjoyable game night at the church Saturday evening. Games and food, kids and adults. You are welcome to come and join them any first Saturday evening of any month. Next one will be June 14 with a devotional at 6:30. Come and enjoy the praise to the Lord and the fun and fellowship and snacks later.

Maranatha

## COUNTY STORIES By: JEANETTE RIFFLE



The strange squirrel.

## Strange Squirrel

By: Jeanette Riffle

We had ten squirrels in the back yard one day recently and one of them had a wide white strip going down it's back. Hubby called me to the back window and said, " Do you see anything strange out there?" I looked and saw it. We wondered what in the world would cause that and he said it looked like a skunk squirrel. It ate the bird seed with the rest of the squirrels and just disappeared. We keep watching for it but have not seen it since. We had a bad storm Friday and the back yard was flooded.

There wasn't any wild life out there except for birds, until today. This was the worst flood we have had in many years.

Water was running off hills and coming down from up ahead of us. The creek came up so fast that I barely had time to pack a night bag and go to relatives on higher ground. Hubby always looks out for my safety and gets me to a place where it doesn't flood bad. He stayed with the house and was hosing muddy water out of our garage at 10:00 that night. When that was over our rain gauge showed 4. 5 inches of water. I came back home Saturday to supper dishes because I had rushed out of here and didn't have time to do them. It was still sprinkling and we prayed that it wouldn't come another down pour. Our prayers were answered, but all that rain and damp-

ness worked on my arthritis big time and I was still stressed and exhausted this morning and couldn't make it out to church. Hubby went ahead though to run the sound system. He said 73 people made it in there. The church basement didn't flood this time. My great nephew, Stewart Fitzwater, delivered a wonderful Mother's Day sermon and the choir presented special music. Mothers received flowers and I missed a good day to be in the house of the Lord.

We had gone shopping for hanging planters on a nice day before the storm came in and found some really nice ones at a place beside the Food Fair in Spencer. I hope my red geraniums wintered over good. They were out in the garage and have been set outside where they can get sunshine and rain. We can hang those planters out on the porch too, if they start growing. I will wrap this up for this time. I hope everyone got through that storm alright. We have checked on relatives and heard of people having to turn around and take detours to get home Friday evening and some had to clean their culverts out.

Take care and God bless!



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MAGISTRATE COURT

REPORT

**Magistrate David Singleton's Court**

May 2: Donna K. Dever of Gassaway, speeding, not guilty plea; Kimberlyn Rachelle Carr of Gassaway, indecent exposure, dismissed.

May 3: Ronald E. Lowther of Walkersville, expired MVI, dismissed proof provided.

May 4: Bradford R. Hamrick of Sutton, expired MVI, dismissed proof provided; Cheley A. Gabriel of Nutter Fort, expired MVI, dismissed proof provided, no proof of insurance, dismissed proof provided; Brandon M. Smith of Gassaway, expired MVI, dismissed proof provided, no proof of insurance, dismissed proof provided; Carl Michael Lockard of Gassaway, no seatbelt, no contest plea, no proof of insurance, dismissed proof provided.

May 5: David J. provided, fine assessed and paid; Brittany Leann Conner of Little Birch, expired MVI, dismissed proof provided, no proof of insurance, dismissed proof provided, expired registration, dismissed proof provided; Teresa M. Nichols of Gassaway, driving suspended-general, no contest plea, truancy, dismissed, fine/court costs assessed and paid; Dane Aaron of Adkins of Frametown, expired MVI, dismissed proof provided, no proof of insurance, dismissed proof provided; Amanda Ware of Sutton, truancy, dismissed; Jordan Scott Staley of Strange Creek, driving suspended-general, dismissed, defendant corrected underlying issue; Kevin Morrison of Gassaway, truancy, dismissed.

May 6: Christopher I. Prunty of Charleston, speeding in construction zone, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed and paid; Gary Lee Batton of Weston, no seatbelt, no contest plea, no proof of insurance, dismissed proof provided, fine assessed and paid; Corbin Chase Strickland of Elkview, no proof of insurance, dismissed proof provided, speeding in construction zone, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed and paid.

Braxton County Schools Head Start and Kindergarten registration

Braxton County School announces early registrations for Head Start and Kindergarten age children.

Families of Braxton County students are invited to come out to the Sutton Public Library, 500 Main Street, Sutton, WV on Tuesday, May 17th from 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Students must be four years old by July 1, 2022 to enroll in Kindergarten. Students who are three years old by July 1, 2022 and are eligible for Head Start may enroll.

The following information is needed for BCS 2022 Pre-Registration held on February 24th registration: State Certified Birth Certificate, Immunization Record, Proof of Physical Address, Proof of Income, Medical and/or Insurance Card, Well Check form from Doctors Office, Dental Examination Form from Dentist.

This pre-registration is pick up only. You do not to bring information at this time, just come and pick up your packets for early registration.

For questions or additional information, please contact Christina Bailey at (304)765-5105 Ext. 622 or Corrine Lynch at (304)765-5101 Ext. 596.



Save the date for Head Start and Kindergarten registration, Tuesday, May 17th, at the Sutton Public Library.

Burnsville Dam Annual Kids Freedom Fish

The Annual Kids Freedom Fish event will be held on Saturday, July 2nd at the Burnsville Dam.

Free registration starts at 11:00 A.M. Bring your own bucket to keep fish!

There will be a trophy and a gift card for the first place and a trophy for second and third place. There will be prizes for all entries in age groups three through five, six through eight, nine through eleven, and twelve through fourteen.

This event is sponsored by the Sutton Moose Lodge #825 and the Burnsville Docks.



County youth are encouraged to attend this free event to catch some memories.

Mountaineer Food Bank upcoming Mobile Food Pantry dates announced

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. Dates are subject to change.



The Braxton County Mobile Food Pantry will be at Holly Gray Park on Tuesday, June 7th.

Sutton Moose Lodge #825 Benefit Dinner

Sutton Moose Lodge hosts a dinner to benefit Sabryna Jarvis Moats who was seriously injured in an accident recently. The Charitable Fund Raiser will be held on Saturday, May 21, as a Ham Dinner between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. at the Sutton Moose Lodge.

In addition to ham, the menu will consist of mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, and dessert at a cost of \$10 per meal. Dine in or carry out is available. Anyone wishing to purchase tickets may contact Rick Jarvis at 304-678-5596 or Dorothy Jarvis at 304-678-5595.



Pictured seated are, left to right: Elizabeth Stewart, Treasurer; Amy Starcher, Registrar; Ruth Mooney, Regent and Dorma Dawson, Vice Regent. Standing are Dabney Phillips, Corresponding Secretary; Charlene Lewis, Recording Secretary; and Meg Ashby, Historian-Librarian. Not pictured is Linda Racer, Chaplain.

Elk River DAR installs 2022-2025 officers

The new officers of the Elk River Daughters of the American Revolution Chapter were installed at the April 24, 2022 meeting.

Elk River Chapter members are from Nicholas, Clay, Calhoun and Braxton Counties. Additional information about this service organization may be found at [www.dar.org](http://www.dar.org).

WCHS Class of 2002 Alumni are invited to celebrate their 20-year Reunion

Reunion events are planned for June 10th and 11th, 2022 at Camp Caesar

June 10th Evening Social (5pm-9pm) - On Friday evening, we will have a lowkey evening social at the Camp Caesar 4-H Building. We will provide the appetizers and beverages will be available for purchase. It will be a great chance to catch up with folks we haven't seen for a while or been able to keep up with!

June 11th Picnic and Activities (12pm-5pm) - On Saturday, we will meet up at the 4-H Building again for an afternoon picnic with backyard games in the ball field/ball court, music, and raffles throughout the afternoon with food around 1pm. Come out with your family and friends for fun and food!

Alumni can RSVP by scanning the QR code below with their phone to access a simple form to help us gather info needed to plan these events!



You can also access the form by visiting: <https://forms.gle/bzdfDzR1v1LiUzk97> Or you can join our Facebook Group, Webster County High School - Class of 2002 (West Virginia) for more information and

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# American Legion Post 33 acknowledges good work

Two veterans received recognition from American Legion Braxton Post 33 at their recent monthly meeting.

John Morrison and Jerry Brown were acknowledged for meritorious service.

Morrison started their Honor Guard in 2004 and still participates. Brown, as Sergeant at Arms, now leads the Honor Guard which conducts military funerals, leads parades, and posts the colors at community events.

Post 33 Commander, Paul Gillespie, and Adjutant, Harry Riley, conducted the recognition ceremony.

Commander Gillespie said, "It's an honor to have such devoted veterans in our American Legion Braxton Post 33."



John Morrison and Jerry Brown received recognition from American Legion Braxton Post 33

# 8th Annual Elk River Summer Float online/in-person registration



Come out and enjoy the 8th Annual Elk River Summer Float on Saturday, July 16th, 2022 beginning at the Sutton Dam.

This 5-mile float is the perfect trip for beginner kayakers or groups with varied skill levels.

Camp and RV to park your car and board the waiting shuttles

The shuttles will bring you back to the Sutton Dam to start your float.

Registration fee is \$20 per person which includes a free event shirt and shuttle service.

Day-of registration will be available, but event shirts will be first come, first served. Online registration ends on July 10, 2022.

Parking is permissible at the Sutton Dam, in the lot nearest to the dam. The lot furthest from the dam will be reserved for unloading passengers and gear only.



Utility personnel trimming trees near FirstEnergy power lines

# 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 occurs.

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](http://www.mon-power.com), on Twitter @MonPowerWV, and on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/MonPowerWV](https://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.firstenergycorp.com](http://www.firstenergycorp.com) and on Twitter @FirstEnergyCorp.

# Peter Pan Cleaners

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CITIZENS' NEWS

Your local drop off and pick up location!

New local Drop-off and Pick-up Location in Sutton

501 Main Street Sutton, WV

Monday Drop-off & Pick-up

Dry Cleaning

Pants	8.95
Skirt	8.95
Coats/Blazers	8.95
Suit	17.90
Dress	17.90
Blouse/Shirt	8.90
Sweater	9.50
Heavy Coat (Hip Length)	19.75
Heavy Coat (Long)	22.75

Wash & Fold

Shirts 3.55

Pants (Extra Heavy Starch + 1.00) 9.40

Wash and Fold 2.05 Per Pound (10.25 minimum charge)

Linens

Comforter (Full/Queen)	36.50
Comforter (King)	41.50
Quilt (Down Filled + 5.00)	23.00

Extra charge for silks, beads, leather trim, down filled, etc.

Quilts & Comforters

# Braxton County natives complete student teaching for Glenville State University

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

Zachary Cyriacks of Sutton, West Virginia 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, West Virginia 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, West Virginia and Christopher Scott McTaggart of North Carolina. McTaggart graduated from Braxton County High School in 2016.

Senior teacher education students take part 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 As-

Zachary Cyriacks

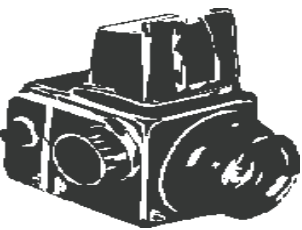
Chance McTaggart

essment 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.



May 10, 2022



A Photographic Look at...

## BCHS Scholarship Awards Ceremony



Braxton County High School Class of 2022 are college bound.



Hailey King and Faith Byerly received the American Federation of Teachers Scholarship of \$250.00.



Heather and Bailey Pritt presented the Hunter Lemon Memorial Scholarship to Ellen Collins, Carly Given, Zoey Harrison, Lainey Hunt, Eliza Keener, and Olivia Ramsey.



The Isaac Stalnaker Memorial Scholarship went to Johnna Wimmer and Hayden Luzader.



Randy Foster presented the Gassaway Lions Club Scholarship to Jesse Flint and Amelia Alderman.



Evelyn Post presented her scholarship to Stephanie Stewart, Dalton Hardway and Brooklyn Godfrey.



The James Lambert Memorial Scholarship was prented by April Wilkewitz.



BCHS Eagles receive West Virginia University Scholarship awards.



Judy Beane Memorial Scholarship was presented to Colton Moore by Sterling Beane.



Sergeant First Class Chris Shortall presented a sixty-six thousand dollar check from the Army National Guard to Dylan Cogar.



Stephanie Stewart was presented the Braxton County American Legion Post 33 Scholarship by Chaplain Russell Shaw.



Hailey King was presented the Sutton High School Alumni Scholarship by Crystal Spaur.

Braxton County High School held a Scholarship Awards Ceremony on Thursday, May 5th at 1:30 at the BCBS Gymnasium for the Class of 2022. Dr. Minney, Principal made the opening and closing remarks for the ceremony. Mrs. Stover, Assistant Principal announced the Top 10 Seniors.





# LEGAL NOTICES

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

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia until June 14, 2022 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project(s):

Call	Contract	State Project	Federal Project	Description
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DBE GOAL: 12% OF CONTRACT BID AMOUNT. BIDDER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCE OF MEETING THE GOAL ON FORM IN PROPOSAL REMARKS:

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

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

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

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

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### 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

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### 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

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### NOTICE OF FILING OF ESTATES

TO THE CREDITORS AND BENEFICIARIES OF THE WITHIN NAMED DECEASED PERSONS: I have before me the estates of the following deceased persons and the accounts of the fiduciaries of their respective estates:

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DECEDENT: JEAN MACCORD CLARK

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All persons having any claims against the estate(s) of any of the above-named persons whether due or not, are notified to exhibit the same with vouchers thereof, legally verified, to the fiduciary of such deceased persons as shown herein within 60 days from the first publication or on or before the 2nd day of July, 2022; otherwise, any or all such Claims may by law be excluded from all benefits of said estate(s). All beneficiaries of said estate(s) may appear either before the above-named fiduciary by the date first above shown or thereafter before the Fiduciary Supervisor by the date last above shown to examine said claims and otherwise protect their respective interests.

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

TAMERA FACEMIRE  
Fiduciary Supervisor 5-3 5-10b

## Glennville State University Class of 2022 takes part in Commencement Ceremony

Glennville State University's 148th Commencement Ceremony took place on Saturday, May 7.

The Glennville State University Class of 2022 includes graduates who completed requirements for an Associate or Bachelor's Degree in a variety of academic areas including business, criminal justice, teacher education, and natural resource management, among others. The Class of 2022 is made up of students from throughout West Virginia and Florida, Georgia, Maryland, Michigan, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia, Washington DC, Sweden, and Japan.

Twenty members of the Glennville State Class of 1972 returned to campus and were honored as fifty-year graduates. The returning alumni had an opportunity to reconnect with former classmates, enjoy a dinner, and tour campus on Friday before being officially recognized during the ceremony on Saturday.



**Members of the Glennville State University Class of 2022 move their tassels from right to left, signifying the completion of their degrees and their new status as alumni. | Photo by Sam Santilli**

day. Recognizing alumni celebrating their fiftieth reunion has become a tradition during the spring Commencement Ceremony at Glennville State.

Additionally, retired Professor of Music John McKinney received emeritus professor status, Marcus Kelley and Sabrina Gonzalez were recognized as Student Pioneers of the Year, and Dr. Wenwen Du was honored with the Outstanding Faculty Award. Andy Kniceley, Publisher of WV News, provided the keynote address.

Kniceley shared several keys to success with the graduates during his remarks. He and WV News Executive Editor John Miller both received honorary doctor of journalism degrees at the ceremony.

Fall classes at Glennville State begin on Monday, August 15, 2022. For information on enrolling and beginning your journey as a Pioneer, visit [www.glennville.edu/apply](http://www.glennville.edu/apply) or contact the Office of Admissions at (304) 462-4128.

## Fairmont State Board of Governors approves proposals from Academic Affairs and Finance Committees

The Fairmont State University Board of Governors convened Thursday, May 5, approving agenda items presented by the Academic Affairs and Finance Committees.

The Board approved a curriculum proposal from the Academic Affairs Committee to expand the University's College of Nursing by establishing a traditional Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. The proposed curriculum was developed to enroll a new population of nursing students at Fairmont State and to complement the existing Associate of Science in Nursing and Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing programs.

Fairmont State University Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost, Dianna Phillips, announced several grants received recently by the University, including a \$1 million grant received by the College of Nursing. The funds are expected to support up to 20 new nursing students at Fairmont State, provided through the WV Nursing Workforce Expansion Program.

Phillips explained funding from the grant received from the workforce expansion program will also be utilized to develop curriculum for the proposed traditional BSN program.

"We were able to leverage the grant to the

best interest of the institution," Phillips said.

Additionally, Phillips noted a partnership among faculty from the College of Education, Health & Human Performance and College of Science & Technology has resulted in a \$47,782 grant from the WV-INBRE to support new biomedical research initiatives at Fairmont State. The grant funding has been utilized to purchase a state-of-the-art DEXA scanner for body composition assessment.

"I just want to commend to you the work of the two different faculties from the two different colleges working together to bring state-of-art equipment and curriculum to our Exercise Science and Biology programs," Phillips said.

The Board of Governors voted to continue several of the University's programs that were up for review, according to recommendations from the Academic Affairs Committee. The discontinuation of the Associate of Science in Architectural Engineering was also proposed and approved.

The proposal for the University's tuition and fees for Fiscal Year 2023 was presented during the

Finance Committee report, with the Board voting in support of a \$158 per semester increase. Fairmont State University Chief Financial Officer, Christa Kwiatkowski, noted Fairmont State has only raised tuition an average of 2% for the last three years.

Kwiatkowski, explained the University currently has the third lowest tuition rate among four-year higher education institutions within the state, and the Finance Committee anticipates tuition costs for Fairmont State students will continue to remain on the low end of the state's tuition spectrum.

Fairmont State University Board of Governors Chairman, David Goldberg, complimented Kwiatkowski and the Finance Committee's efforts.

"It's never easy to raise prices," Goldberg said. "We also have to be prudent that there is an investment that needs to be made, and I think we're doing it very well."

The next full Board of Governors meeting will take place on Thursday, June 16 in the Falcon Center. For more information, visit [www.fairmontstate.edu/bog](http://www.fairmontstate.edu/bog).

## Braxton County Memorial Cemetery Cleanup Day

Joins us for a cleanup day at Braxton County Memorial Cemetery on Saturday, May 21, 2022 from 1:00 P.M. until ?? All help is welcome and appreciated.

Cleanup consist of picked up branches, trash, old floral arrangements, weed eating, etc. Please bring weed eaters, leaf blowers, rakes, brooks and any tools you think may be useful.

Bring work gloves! Feel free to bring Memorial Day grave decorations as well. No matter your skill level or strength, you are welcome and needed.

Cleanup Day is hosted by Trustees of Braxton County Cemetery Association P.O. Box 342 Flatwoods, WV 26621 We look forward to seeing you. Contact Clark Greene with questions at (540)392-0169

## First Southern Baptist Church Spring Yard Sale

First Southern Baptist Church (located on the hill above the Senior Center ) will have their Spring Yard Sale Friday May 13th 9:00 A.M. - 4:P.M and Saturday May 14th from 9:00A.M. -3:00 P.M. If you would like to drop off any items to donate call 765-3628 and leave a message Heaters CEO Club thank you It is with sincere gratitude and deep appreciation that the Heaters CEOs club members wishes to thank all our dear friends and neighbors who gladly made food, provided drinks and monetary donations last Friday, April 8, 2022 for our Community Dinner at the Heaters Community Building. We especially want to thank the crew of workers who came out to help serve and to clean up following the meal. Lastly, we want to thank all who came out to eat and support the dinner. The combined efforts of all of us working together shows what can be accomplished when we do work together.

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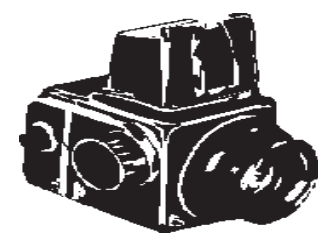
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## A Photographic Look at...

# BCHS Scholarship Awards Ceremony



Johnna Wimmer received the Martha B. Taylor Scholarship



BCHS Eagles receive scholarship awards from Fairmont.



Lisa Conant and Marcey Greene presented the City National Bank Scholarship to Joseph Johnson.



The Gassaway High School Alumni Scholarship went to Jesse Flint, Carley Given, Dalton Hardway, Hailey King, and Drew Pritt.



Amelia Alderman was the recipient of the \$500.00 Margaret Hoover Memorial Scholarship.



Jill Lemon presented the \$1,000.00 Jason Tharp Memorial Scholarship to Sara Gates.



Gunnery Sergeant David Miley presented the Military Awards/Scholarships for the Marine Corp.



Kylie Olszewski received a scholarship award from Marshall University.



The \$1,700.00 John V. Emerich Scholarship was presented to Carly Given, Zoey Harrison, Lainey Hunt, Eliza Keener, Daizy King, Emily Metheney, Colton Moore, Drew Pritt, Olivia Ramsey, and Stephanie Stewart.



Colton Moore and Brooklyn Godfrey received the Braxton County Community Educational Outreach (Eva K. Bauer) Scholarship.



The 2022 Promise Scholarship recipients were Faith Byerly, Ellen Collins, Anthony Hardway, Zoey Harrison, Joseph Johnson, Samuel Kennen, Andrew McCallister, Emily Metheney, and Olivia Ramsey.



The Sutton Moose Lodge #825 Scholarship went to Trinity O'Neal, Jaida Napier, Gage Triplett, and Kodie Conrad.



Kodie Conrad received the Braxton County Soccer Club Scholarship.



Colton Moore was presented the Luke Adon Campbell Memorial Scholarship by Tonya Campbell.



Many Braxton County High School Eagles received scholarship awards from the Braxton County Rotary Club.



Amelia Alderman, Faith Byerly, Zoey Harrison, Joseph Johnson, Mazzy King, Colton Moore, Brooklyn Sargent, and Stephanie Stewart received the Mr. T Memorial Scholarship.

Burnsville area specific scholarships are not included. Those selections will not be revealed until after graduation. Those scholarships are the Bud Mick Scholarship, Burnsville Lions Club Scholarship, John Godwin Scholarship, and the Kanawha Alumni Association Scholarship.



# SPORTS

Reporting Braxton County's sports action

- Youth
- Middle School
- High School



Lindsay Tetrick handing off to Anna Wlne in the 4x100.

## BCHS girls' track team places in five events in LKC meet

In last week's LKC championship meet, Beverly Payne placed second in the high jump at 4'8" to pace Braxton's team. Payne also finished fifth in the 200-meter dash, which she ran in 28.53. Laura Cain's long jump of 13'7" gave her fifth place in that event, and Emily Garrett finished sixth in the same event with a 13'4" jump. Braxton's shut-

tle hurdle relay team made up of Mayson Shingler, Alisha Louk, Emily Garrett, and Nicole Bramble also finished fifth. Their time was 1:20.85. Commenting on his team's results, Coach Robert Lloyd said he "was excited with everyone's effort for the meet." He added, "While we may not have placed in some events we usually do, we put up a very good effort.

Some athletes stepped their game up and went as hard as they could go. While doing that, they achieved their own best times for their events. So it may not have been a first, second, or even in the top six, but we will take the small goals and build on that as we head into Regionals this week at Lewis. The May 11 meet will determine who makes it to states the following week."

## BCHS baseball team recorded one win, two losses on week

The Eagles had a rough time on the diamond last week. Finishing a game against North Marion which had been suspended because of darkness earlier in the season ended in a loss, 8-0, for Braxton. The Eagles went into the suspended game down 5-0 and gave up 3 additional runs in the last two innings.

In the second game, North Marion defeated Braxton 11-1. Eagles' coach Jamie Lemon noted that his team "didn't play well" and went on to say, "We played poor defense and had poor hitting. We also gave up too many hits." For the Eagles, Logan Baldwin started on the mound and pitched 2.2 innings. He gave up eight runs on eight hits while striking out one. Reliever Isaiah Mowery, in the final 1.1 innings, allowed three runs on four hits. Mowery struck out one. Braxton's run came in the fifth inning on a hit by Eli Ward. The Eagles had only four hits.

Braxton got on the winning side in their next game as they beat Webster 21-7. In that game, Beau Liston started and went two innings. Liston allowed three runs on two hits. He struck out four. In relief, Brett Bender was on the mound two innings. He gave up three runs on two hits and struck out one. Finishing the game, Tyler Baldwin struck out four. He allowed one run and struck out one.

In this game, the Eagles hit the ball well, their coach noted. Adam Dobbins was 3 for 3 with 2 RBIs, Mowery went 2-2 with a homerun and drove in three runs. Liston was 2 for 2 with 2 RBIs, and Logan Baldwin 3 for 5 with 5 RBIs. Braydon Helmick had two hits in three at-bats and drove in three runs.

In the Little Kanawha Conference semi-finals, Tyler Consolidated shut out the Eagles 4-0. Braxton had only four hits in that game. Coach Lemon described his team's

efforts in that game. "Our team played really good defense but didn't hit very well. Our opponent gave up some walks but when we had runners in scoring position, we couldn't get hits," he said.

Tyler Baldwin was on the mound for Braxton for the entire game. Baldwin allowed four runs as he gave up seven hits. He struck out six. "He pitched a really good game," Coach Lemon noted.

The Braxton coach discussed Tyler Consolidated's success. "They didn't hit the ball hard," he said, "but they had a very speedy team and had several stolen bases. The result was that short hits allowed them to score."

Tyler Consolidated went on to win the LKC championship by shutting out Williamstown 2-0. The team did not give up a run on their way to the conference championship.

Braxton, 15-8, begins sectional play tonight at home against Lewis County. Game time is 5 p.m.

## Jessica McKinney announced as Braxton County Animal Shelter raffle winner

The Braxton County Animal Shelter was donated three brand new bikes (two trail bikes and one tricycle) and three helmets to raffle as a shelter fundraiser from Gretchel Bartlett.

Jessica McKinney was announced the winner via a Facebook Live video. These bikes will prove to be a wonderful addition to Jessica McKinney with the construction of the new rail trail in Braxton County and warmer weather on it's way! These bikes are convenient because they fold in the center for better storage and transportation.

The Braxton County Animal Shelter started selling tickets at the start of April and drew on the 29th. The fundraiser made a to-



Jessica McKinney was announced as the winner of three brand new bikes and helmets worth a \$750 value courtesy of Gretchel Bartlett for the Braxton County Animal Shelter.

tal of \$1,180.00. All proceeds go toward care of Braxton County Animal Shelter's furry friends!

Thank you to ev-

everyone who purchased tickets for this raffle to help support the Braxton County Animal Shelter. We can't thank you enough.

## Lady Eagles' softball season ends with sectional losses

In sectional tournament action last week, Braxton began with a win over Clay. They lost to Herbert Hoover in their second game and were eliminated after Lewis defeated them Wednesday. Of her team's performance, Coach Amanda Gum said, "We had a decent season this year. I'm proud of what the girls have accomplished, and I hope that they will work in the off-season to become a team that everyone talks about in a positive light."

On Monday, Braxton outscored Clay 15-

2. The Lady Eagles went up 1-0 in the first inning as Lacie Wright's sacrifice fly drove in a run. In their most productive inning, Braxton scored seven in the fourth after Rylan Prunty singled, and Brooklyn Sargent hit a sacrifice fly. Emmalee Jarvis had a homerun to bring in more runs, and Wright doubled. Braxton had a total of 10 hits against the Lady Panthers.

Sargent pitched all five innings. She allowed two runs on three hits and walked one. Sargent struck out six.

Herbert Hoover shut out Braxton 11-0 the following evening. The Lady Huskies had a homerun in the first inning to score two runs and went on from there for the win. Pitching for Braxton, Sargent gave up 11 runs on 11 hits in four innings. She struck out two and walked one.

The 8-7 loss to Lewis on Wednesday came in the bottom of the seventh. A Lewis County single drove in the winning run. That gave Braxton its second loss in the double-elimination tournament and ended their season.

## Braxton County Redskins Football and Cheerleading registration

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

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

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

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The first registration date will be Saturday, June 21st at Flint Field.

Redskins Youth Football Redskins Cheerleaders and Braxton County for more information.



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But, due to previously made travel plans and family commitments, Just One Generation will NOT be available to take in new animals or to adopt cats and kittens during the months of June, July, and August 2022. Our spay/neuter assistance program will continue during this time.

If you have thoughtfully considered pet ownership, NOW may be the time to add a feline friend to your family. Our program currently has multiple healthy, social cats and kittens that are available for a modest adoption fee, that includes immuniza-

tions, deworming, flea protection, as well as spay/neuter and rabies vaccine when the kittens are four months old.

Featured today are several kittens currently waiting for homes of their own, but others will soon be coming. Additional photos can be seen on the Just One Generation Facebook page, or by calling Sally Stewart as 304-364-4136 to arrange a visit or for additional information.



**Loki:** 7 week old male, long-haired tabby



**Milo:** 7 week old male, medium-haired tabby



**Figaro:** 7 week old male, medium-haired tuxedo



**Oliver:** 7 week old male, gray tabby with white

**Nutmeg:** 8 week old female tortoiseshell

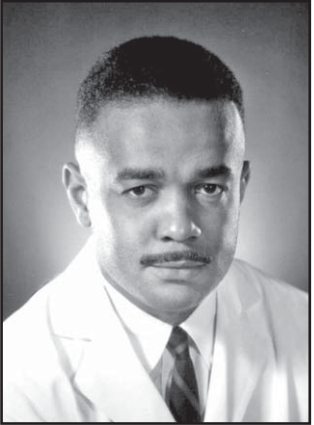


**Tipper:** 8 week old female tortoiseshell

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](http://www.wvencyclopedia.org).

May 11, 1909: Filmmaker Ellis Dungan was born. After years of working in the feature film industry in India, he settled in Wheeling, where he shot documentaries and produced films for the state and the region.



May 11, 1930: Physician John C. Norman, Jr. was born in Charleston. A noted thoracic and cardiovascular surgeon and researcher, he was best known for his work toward creating an artificial heart.

May 12-14, 1921: Bullets peppered down on about a dozen mining towns in the Matewan-Williamson area, and nonunion miners fired back, in what became known as the Battle of the Tug. Three people were shot and killed.

May 13, 1962: Editorial cartoonist Henry Payne was born in Charleston. In 1989, Payne was the first editorial cartoonist in the country to make his work available via computer.

May 14, 1878: Photographer Rufus "Red" Ribble was born in Blacksburg, Virginia. For nearly 40 years he traveled the coalfields making panoramic

photographs of miners, towns, family reunions, church congregations and school groups.



May 14, 1906: Social reformer Mary Behner was born in Xenia, Ohio. From 1928 until 1937, Behner worked in the coal camps along Scotts Run near Morgantown, fighting poverty and creating social and educational outlets for families.

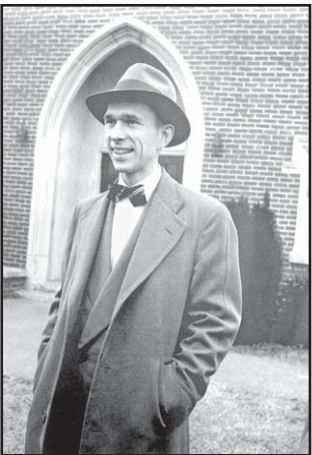
May 15, 1880: The state's first telephone exchange was placed in service in Wheeling with about 25 subscribers.



May 15, 1886: Minnie Buckingham Harper was born in Winfield. She was the first African-American woman to serve as a member of a state legislative body in the United States. She was appointed by Governor Howard Gore on January 10, 1928, to fill the unexpired term of her husband, E. Howard

Harper.

May 16, 1778: About 300 Wyandot and Mingo Indians attacked Fort Randolph at Point Pleasant. Unable to take the fort, the Indians proceeded up the Kanawha River toward other settlements.



May 16, 1928: Minister Robert Graetz Jr. was born in Clarksburg. He helped organize the Montgomery bus boycott, and was the only White minister in the highly segregated Alabama city to support the boycott publicly.

May 17, 1854: A violent windstorm swept up the Ohio River and severely damaged the Wheeling Suspension Bridge.

May 17, 1862: The Battle of Pigeon Roost took place in Princeton during the Civil War. Union soldiers were noisily approaching Princeton from the southeast, unaware that the Confederates were lying in ambush. The attack left an estimated 18 federal troops killed and 38 wounded.

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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, Septem-

ber 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. Showbills were 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.

Dog Stories from the Braxton Tales: 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 "Forever" 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

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!

The Braxton County Animal Shelter would like to extend a special thank you to the March and April donors: Virginia Lydick, Gretchel Bartlett, Peggy Rhodes, Paul and Betty Krashoc, Mary Lipps, Jane Boggs Laurel Run Baptist Church, Merge McMillion, American Legion Post #33, First Baptist Church of Burnsville, Elk Valley Salvage, Connie Posey, and Sherry Stump.



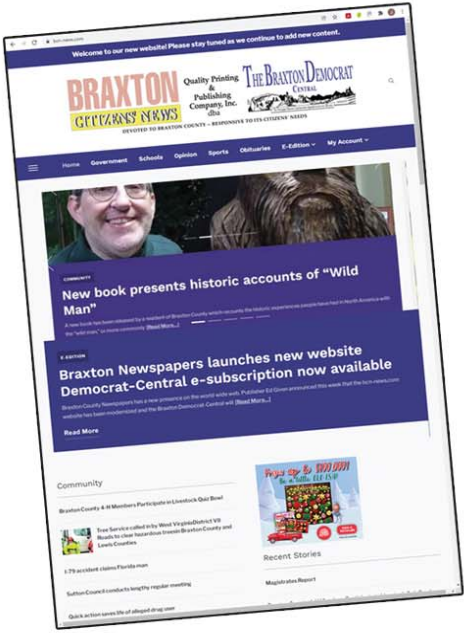
**Jewel** This gem came to our shelter at thirteen weeks old and was adopted as a baby but she's back. She is spayed and now ten months old. Jewel grew to be a bigger girl, around fifty pounds and she's probably medium level energy so she doesn't do well in a home with babies, we'd recommend a home with children eight and over. She has lived mostly inside and is completely house trained. She previously lived with a male dog and a cat. This girl is sweet and loves a good toy to play with. She

is crate trained and walks great on a leash.



**Bella** is a three year old spayed female long haired German Shepherd looking for her new forever home. Bella is excellent with kids and loved playing with the neighbors lab at her previous home. She was recently adopted but didn't socialize well with her adopters male GSD. She was originally surrendered because she does not do well with farm animals. She wants to chase them and hold them down. She walks great on a leash and knows her name, sit and lay down. She has lived mostly outside and has never stayed in a crate. Bella is a good girl with the best of intentions and is looking for an 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.

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Braxton County Soccer Club U15 Hooligans

## BCSC U15 Hooligans win 2022 NCYS Lorenzen Cup U14/U15 Co-Ed Mountain Division

The BCSC (Braxton County Soccer Club) u15 Hooligans are Champions of the 2022 NCYS Lorenzen Cup u14/u15 co-Ed Mountain Division. The Hooligans, who are coached by Lindsey and Steve Casto, went undefeated all four games of the tournament. They faced teams from Putnam, Pocahontas, Greenbrier and Nicholas Counties. Scores were 2 to 0, 1 to

0, 6 to 0 and 5 to 0. Stiff competition was the name of the game, but the Hooligans stepped up like the champions they are. Six Hooligans put goals on the board: Jessiah Lennox, Aaron and Josh Anderson, Makenna Robinson, Bailey McCallister, and Kaylee Heater. While the defense remained strong all day anchored by Tanner Rader and Sparrow Potasnik-Reit-

er. Goalkeepers Neveah Craft and Josh Anderson were able to remain perfect behind the strong mid-field and defense the Hooligans exhibited. While Audrey Duckworth, Lance Henline, Sofia Cool, Kaylee Casto and Jacoda Aneil rounded out the Hooligans roster.

Each Hooligan contributed to the days success and is an integral part of the team. Each member stepped up to make the big plays, and assisted with the teams dominance on a very wet, cold Saturday afternoon and evening. The Hooligans will be heading to Barboersville for Open Cup in a couple weeks. As well as finishing out their club schedule through May.



Braxton County Soccer Club U14 Vipers

## Braxton County Soccer Club U14 Vipers compete in Lorenzan Cup Tournament

On Saturday, May 7th, The Braxton County U-14 Vipers, along with several other teams from the BCSC, traveled to Nicholas County for the Lorenzan Cup Tournament. The Vipers first game was played at 8 a.m. vs Webster County. Despite the cooler temps and pouring rain, it was evident the Vipers were focused and ready to play as they played hot from the start with a 3 to 0 win in game one. Game two brought much of the same with the Vipers dominating Seneca with another 3 to 0 victory.

The Vipers found themselves in first place in the standings with the maximum amount of points possible as they entered the elimination round. Game three, the elimination game, would determine who would play in the championship game. The Vipers played a very solid Barbour County team in the elimination round

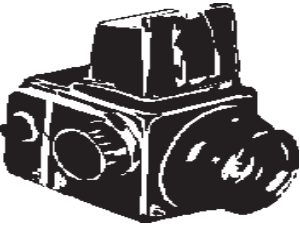
and for the third time in a row their tenacious defense forced another shut out and the Vipers won yet again with the score of 3 to 0! The championship game was a nail biter as they played an extremely talented Upshur county team. Upshur managed to score on the Vipers in the first 5 minutes of the game, but the Vipers resilient attitude rallied the team and the Vipers tied at about 10 minutes in with a score by Zack McQuain. Peyton Sharp scored a second goal for the Vipers and the Vipers looked as if they would win the game until Upshur scored with just a few minutes left in regulation. The final score was 2 to 2 which forced a 5 minute overtime. The Vipers dominated the overtime period, but were unable to score a goal. Both teams would then kick 5 penalty shots to see who would be the champions in the U14 Lakes division of

the Lorenzan Cup. The Vipers came up just one penalty kick short and had to surrender the victory to Upshur County. The Vipers finished as the Finalist in the U14 Lakes division of the Lorenzan Cup and left with Metals around their necks. Assistant Coach Robert Lloyd pointed out that it was the team's sharp passing that made them so successful in the tournament. Head Coach Greg Nicholas commented this at the end of the game, "We are really happy with the effort of the Vipers all day today. We played 4 great games against very good opponents. Our players played their hearts out in this tournament in miserable weather conditions and we are very proud of them." The Vipers will now look ahead to the Open Cup Tournament in Barboersville on May 21st and May 22nd.

## Burnsville Freedom Festival volunteers needed

Due to the growth of our festival we need more volunteers to help plan, fund raise and help during the event. We have some phenomenal bands

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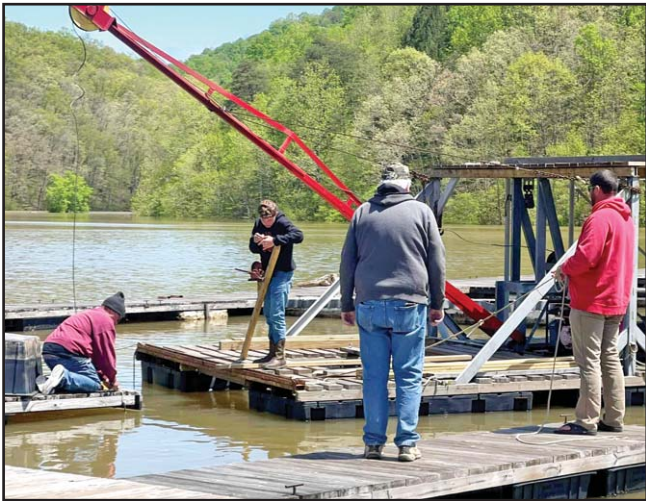
Many areas in Braxton County experienced heavy rain on Friday, May 7th resulting in high flood waters. Schools, various roads, marinas and campgrounds in the area remained closed over the weekend.



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