

Gregory, Hardway, Ratliff Win Board of Ed Seats

Godwin Reelected

Only 21.3% of Braxton County's registered voters made their intentions known during Tuesday's Primary Election. Only three races were contested. Three seats were up for grabs on the non-partisan Board of Education. The top three in a field six were Larry Hardway to captured 874 unofficial votes. Followed by Kevin F. Gregory with 773 and Lisa Ratliff with 728. The remaining candidates vote totals are as follows: Carolyn Hoover 523, Bradley Shingler 517and Martha Dean with 379.

Being a non-partisan race, the winners will take office on July 1.

Lisa Mace Godwin appears to have won a second term on the Braxton County Commission by beating challenger and former Commissioner Ron Facemire. Godwin garnered 630 votes to Facemire's 333. Both were registered Democrats. No Republican was on the ballot in this race.

The only other race of major importance to local voters was the filling of Brent Boggs House of Delegates seat after he opted not to seek reelection. Lori Cowger Dittman easily outdistanced her Republican opponent,

Duane Williams, 514 to 117 to win that party's nomination. She will face Kevin Carpenter in the fall who was unopposed on the Democratic ballot.

In Braxton County a higher percentage of the registered Democrats went to the polls than Republicans. Of the 3,600 Democrats 1,011 or 28.08%. Of the registered 2,528 Republicans, 26.42% or 668 of them voted.

The poorest showing of registered voters going to the poll came from the 1,862 registered as Non-partisan. In that group only 1.45% or 27 of them exercised their Constitutional Right to vote in Tuesday's election.

Joseph Johnson Chosen BCHS's DAR Good Citizen

Joseph "Joey" Johnson was selected by his school to receive the DAR Good Citizen Award. Elk River

Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution member, Charlene Lewis presented Joey with

a certificate and pin at the recent Awards Day for seniors at Braxton County High School.

The DAR motto is God, Home and Country. The goals are Patriotism, Education and Historic Preservation.

The recipient of the DAR Good Citizen Award demonstrates the qualities of a good citizen in school and in the community. The student must demonstrate dependability (honesty & punctuality), service (cooperation, helpfulness & responsibility), leadership (self-control & initiative) and patriotism (unselfish loyalty to American ideals). Joey exhibits these attributes.

Joseph Michael Johnson is the son of Shawn Johnson of Sutton.

For more information about the DAR, visit their website at: www.dar.org.



DAR member Charlene Lewis (Left) presented her organization's Good Citizen Award to Braxton County High School senior Joseph Johnson.

Commission Buys Medical Lockboxes for Seniors

Tammy O'Dell of AmeriCorp was one of the first to address the County Commission at their regular meeting last Friday, May 6. O'Dell explained that her group had a program called LOCKSS (Lock Out Crime Keeps Seniors Safe) to provide lockboxes to senior citizens and veterans at no cost. The intent is to protect prescription medications from thievery and reduce access to small children. She further asked the Commission to fund the purchase of 100 of the devices, which she displayed to the Commissioners, at a cost of \$1,500. O'Dell assured the Commission that the boxes they fund would only be distributed in Braxton County. After hearing the presentation Melvin Gum made a motion to authorize the expenditure.

Sheriff Lou DellaMea requested permission to hire Leigh Ann Copen as a part-time Tax Office employee. She is to be paid \$10.50 per hour with no county benefits. Larry Clifton made a motion to approve the Sheriff's request.

OES, 9-1-1, EMS Director John Hoffman pro-

vided an oral report of his agencies' activities for the month of April. He also discusses the death of Gassaway Firefighter John Forbush and the preparations of his memorial service.

In other actions, the Commission approved the probate appointments for the month of April as presented.

Several purchase orders were approved via separate motions. They include purchase of a Rug Doctor Pro for the Courthouse from Walmart costing \$649.99; Continental Fire & Safety - training foam for OES \$595.00; Department of Justice, \$3,000 Academy training for Deputies Pickens and Jordan; 2 POs to Mid-State Chevrolet to repair two Sheriff's cruisers in the amounts of \$1,750.11 and \$1667.00; Frontier Communications, \$5,783.06; Wilson Amplifiers, \$2,799.93 for cell phone boosters for law enforcement cruisers.

Larry Clifton made two motions which approved internal budget revisions for both the Assessor and Sheriff.

It was also Clifton who made a motion to pay a

\$200 membership fee to Civil War Trails to cover costs of a historic sign coming into Sutton.

County Clerk Sue Rutherford requested permission to use the County Credit Card to cover costs of a Seminar and rooms for two people at Oglebay Resort in Wheeling. The fee is \$500 the reservations total \$516. The request was approved.

Following a brief discussion, the Commission approved the hiring of two individuals to work as security officers at the Courthouse Annex. Separate motion approved Floyd Cunningham and Howard Carpenter. Both will be paid \$15 per hour with no county benefits.

Under the topic of old business, two matters received action. Following a brief discussion Larry Clifton made a motion to allocate \$3,500 to Central WV Outreach to be used toward their new roof. The second matter was a motion to approve Option 2 of the multi-county broadband expansion plan.

Following a review, the county and EMS invoices were approved for pay-

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Sally Stewart, (Left) Just One Generation program director, confers with Diane Ratliff, local spay/neuter assistance coordinator about program details.

Local Cat Rescue Now Offers Spay/Neuter

Getting your cat spayed or neutered just got easier for many local families thanks to a grant from the WV Dept of Agriculture jointly submitted by Just One Generation cat rescue and the Braxton County Commission. The program allows for No-Cost or Low-Cost sterilization services through the Central West Virginia Animal Hospital in Gassaway and is considered a key element in helping reduce the severe feline overpopulation in the area.

According to Just One Generation program director, Sally Stewart, the program is designed to help those pet owners that might otherwise have difficulty obtaining the procedure for their cats. "We are grateful to both Diane Ratliff, our local coordinator of this effort, and to Dr. Edie Johnson and the staff at the Central WV Animal Hospital for working with us to provide the service. The cat overpopulation problem in this area has been long-standing, and we will never overcome the problem through adoption alone. Spay and neutering as many felines as possible is key to reduc-

ing unwanted cats and kittens."

The organization has received grant money for this purpose in previous years. This year, however, is the first time that a No-Cost option is available to eligible families. To qualify for no cost services, the owner of the cats must certify that they are receiving state or federal public assistance from one or more of the following programs: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Medicaid: Supplemental Security Income (SSI), WV Low Income Energy Assistance Program, Social Security Disability, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), or Low Income Veterans Assistance under 38 USC 2044. In order to use available funds to help the most families, each qualifying household will be limited to two (2) cats under the no cost option. Certification forms are available at the Animal Shelter or by contacting Diane Ratliff at the contact information below.

For families that do not qualify for No Cost services, there is also a Low-Cost option, which allows for a spay/neuter and rabies vaccination for \$45. There are no specific income guidelines, but applicants are intended to be those families living in or near the Braxton County area that would have financial difficulty obtaining these services without the benefit of the program. There is no limit to the number of cats that can be done through this option, but only two cats can be scheduled on any one day with the vet. "We are hopeful that the community understands that there are limits to the funds available for this service, and we are hopeful that only those who are in financial need apply for this program," states Sally Stewart.

Applications are currently being accepted. For information or applications, contact Diane Ratliff at 978-317-1941 or email her at kadikitty@gmail.com. All procedures must be scheduled and completed by November 1, or sooner if funds run low.

Braxton County Memorial Hospital Blood Screening Draws Over 300 People

WVU Medicine Braxton County Memorial Hospital, in conjunction with Braxton County Rotary Club, held a blood screening concluding on April 29. During this seven-day event, participants could receive a basic panel of blood tests for the reduced price of \$35. An estimated 324 people

participated in the event.

At the helm of this event from BCMH (Braxton County Memorial Hospital) was Laboratory Manager Kimberly Frazier. Ms. Frazier stated, "The screening is very appreciated by the community. I always receive numerous good comments, but the ones I am

most encouraged by are the people who comment they could not afford this testing without the reduced pricing offered."

This event would not have been possible without the collaboration with the local Braxton County Rotary Club. The club's motto, "Service above Self," speaks for itself when you see the work put into this event by their organization. Sally Howard, a volunteer from the rotary said, "This event is one way we can help give back to the community..."

Saturday had the largest turnout with 110 people registered for the event. One of the nurses

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BCMh Labatory Assistant Shannon Crites draws blood from Michael Hamrick, one of over 300 individuals to take advantage of the low-cost testing.

Legislative Update

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 commence-

ment 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

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.

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

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Magistrate Report

Magistrate David Singleton's Court

May 2: Donna K. Dever of Gassaway, speeding, not guilty plea; Kimberly Rachel 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, fine assessed and paid; Brittany Leann Conner of Little Birch, expired MVI, dismissed proof provided, no proof of insurance, dismissed 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 5: David J. Lans-

berry of Pittsburgh, PA, speeding in construction zone, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; Jerry D. Dingler of Grafton, expired MVI, dismissed proof provided, no proof of insurance, dismissed proof provided, expired registration, dismissed proof provided.

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.

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."



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Annual Mr. T Scholarship 5K Run/Walk registration



The Mr. T Scholarship 5K Run/Walk will take place on Saturday, June 25th.

It's time once again to sign up for the annual Mr. T Scholarship 5K Run/Walk!

This year's event will take place on Saturday, June 25th at 8am in beautiful downtown Gassaway.

The Mr. T Memorial Scholarship was established in 2019 upon the passing of Mr. Charlie Toumazous, Science and Math teacher at BCHS. Scholarship recipients exhibit good attendance, work ethic, a strong academic record, and have the desire to further their education at either a 4-year college or vocational/trade school.

Funds generated through this race are used to replenish the scholarship fund.

Entry Fees: \$20 Pre-Reg-

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es that took the time to help was Lauryn Jarvis. Ms. Jarvis said, "I feel as though we positively impact each patient, and we could possibly be saving their life as well as bringing issues they may not know about to the light. I hope we continue to work with the Braxton Rotary Club to ensure affordable patient care in our community."

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\$25 Race Day Registration. Entry fee that is non-refundable.

Awards: Runners:
Overall top 3 males/females Age division top 3 males/females 14 & under, 15-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-59, 60+ Walkers: Top 5 males/female (no age divisions)

We hope to see everyone there to help make this event a success! Please use the following link to pre register.

Additional race information can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/pg/GassawayDays5K>.

Commission...

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ment. A separate motion approved the minutes of the April 15, April 19 and April 25 Commission meetings.

Being no further business on the agenda, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Braxton County Commission will be on May 20 beginning at 9:00 A.M.

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 Bap-

tist 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.

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 lifetime 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.

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

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 a n d



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, Trevor 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

Salisbury, 62, of Sutton, passed away on Friday, April 31, 2022 at United Hospital Center, Bridgeport.



She was born October 16, 1959 in Sutton, the daughter of the late Harley Leroy & Rosalene McCourt Roupe. Also preceding her in death was her son, Tracil Lee Salisbury, Jr; daughter, Shaunna Marie Roupe.

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

She leaves behind to cherish her memory her husband, Tracil Lee Salisbury; daughters, Mackenzie Elaine Greene (Michael) of Sutton, Gena Rae Tinnel of Summersville, Brittany Nicole (Nikki) Tinnel (Brian Shaw) of Craigsville; brothers, Hillis Leroy Roupe, James Roupe both of Little Birch,

Danny Roupe of Maryland; sisters, Sue Almony, Darlene Salisbury, Sheila George and Angie Cutlip all of Sutton; grandchildren, Joshua, Jazman, Aaden, Nevarah, Mason, Zayne.

Funeral service 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

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 Marie 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.

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.

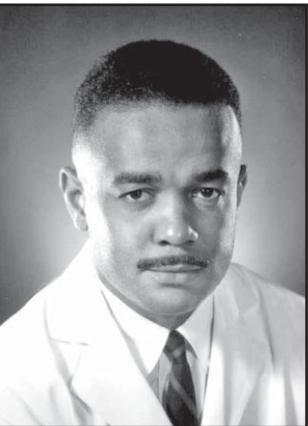
Misi enjoyed listening to music, especially

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This Week in West Virginia History

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

May 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 non-union 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.

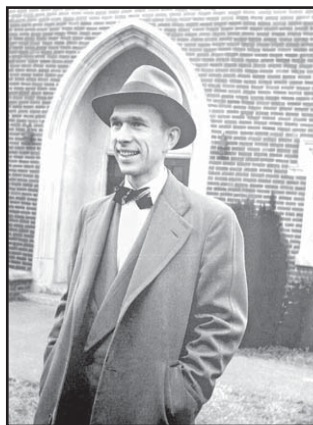
May 15, 1880: The state’s first telephone exchange was placed in service in Wheeling with about 25 subscribers.



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.

e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia is a project of the West Virginia Humanities Council. For more information, contact the West Virginia Humanities Council, 1310 Kanawha Blvd. E., Charleston, WV 25301; (304) 346-8500; or visit e-WV at www.wvencyclopedia.org.

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

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 Gas-

saway; 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.

Barbara Ann Lake

Barbara Ann Lake, 74, of Frametown passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, 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 Rhodes 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.

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 Mace 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 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

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 neph-

ews, 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.

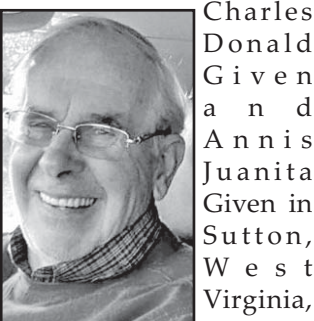
A private inurnment will be at a later date.

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.

Charles Mitchell Given

Charles Mitchell Given was born to the late



Donald Given and Annis Juanita Given in Sutton, West Virginia, on Nov.

12, 1947. He spent his early childhood in Little Birch, West Virginia, where he told stories of walking to his schoolhouse, through deep snow, to lighting the woodstove prior to arrival of fellow students and teacher, and of diving off the Sutton dam with friends in summer months.

Charles was drafted to Vietnam at the age of 18, where he served in the United States Army. During his time of service, he received a Purple Heart for injuries sustained during combat. After finishing his tour, he began his lengthy career with Harrison & Wright Construction Company in Norfolk, Va., where he developed lifelong friendships and met his first wife, Linda Payne. Tragically, Linda died young and he later went on to meet and marry the love of his life, Jean Given. During their 30+ years together they enjoyed making their home and raising their family in Gloucester, Va.

Charles never met a stranger and was always willing to stop for a while and shoot the breeze. He loved his family, loved working in the yard and on home improvement projects, and thoroughly enjoyed camping in the mountains and fishing in the Outer Banks with his family.

Charles spent the last four years of his life in Dunnsville, Va., where he died on March 19, 2022. He is survived by his children, Sheila Harvey, Carolyn Dries (Jeff), Cristy Payne (Alvin), Jared Given (Jenny) and Megan Pollack (Jason); siblings, Carol Stanley (Jimmy), Martha Cutlip (Carl), Gary Lee Given, and Judy Adams and multiple grandchildren, great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews. Charles was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife Linda Payne; his second wife Jean Given, and his sister, Linda Cox.

A private family celebration of life service is

without kitchen. For more information or to book your event, please call 304-853-2605 Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm.

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

My Hero Again



Peg Leg McCoy

By Larry Knight
I get many comments and questions about my childhood hero Peg Leg McCoy or Basil by name. So here we go again and I hope you like it too.
Many of the people that have questions and comments may have known Peg Leg. Here in the picture he is setting on the fence near where Robert Fleming lived on Knawls Creek. Should that be the

case then the picture was took long before Robert built his log house. Robert's house set on the site of the Okey Marx house site. The old house that Okey and Mame lived in was mostly just a shack.
Peg leg was crossing the fence in the picture on his way back home. The days hunt did not seem to have offered him much in the way of a groundhog or he missed it. My hero would

usually shoot well over 150 groundhogs a season. My oh my I have eat so many of the things I don't want anymore. A week or so would go by and he would be looking for another whistle pig. Peg seemed to know where every hole was and the number of residents to the hole. I don't remember him ever cooking a squirrel but if nothing else a rabbit could make a good meal. When the deer numbers became plentiful his main living was deer potatoes, and biscuits. Peg liked his deer meat ground up into burger. My oh my he would say I went around the hill this evening and did not see a deer. Or he might say I looked around the ridge and seen them white tails flying in the air.
They were waving bye bye. He says (1) person don't have much of a chance getting a deer. Then one day while halling walnuts he would get lucky. My oh my he would say that little buck deer is nice and tender and fine eating. Someone might ask did you check it in, he might reply oh yes I checked it in at the table. Though Peg leg died in 1992 at age 92 if he was around today 50 years after he left he would not know where he was. Where once in time he would see the white tails waving by by. Today he could not see the deer for the trees.

A Single Piece of Trash

By: Joseph J. Mazzella
It was a lovely Spring morning here in the mountains of my home. The sky was blue, the sun was out, and the air was warm. As I drove along the curvy roads I could see thousands of wild flowers in bloom. When I rounded a curve I slowed as I saw some volunteers picking up trash along the side of the road. I smiled as I saw them doing some "Spring Cleaning" for Mother Earth and my mind floated back in time to another Spring day long ago.
When my children were younger we used to walk a graveled trail around the lake near our home. One Spring day my daughter and I noticed just how much trash was lying along the trail. The next day then we brought a big trash bag with us and started

to slowly, step by step, pick up the trash along our way. There were pop cans, plastic water bottles, wrappers for candy bars, empty chip bags, pieces of broken fishing line, and even an old discarded shoe. We stopped and picked up each one and even fished a few pieces of garbage out of the edge of the water. By the time we had circled the lake the bag was nearly full.
Tired but happy we put the bag in an empty trash can. We stopped before we headed home too and took one last look at the lake as the sun set. It looked more beautiful than ever and I felt like God and the angels were looking down upon it with us and sharing our smiles.
I know that at times this world's problems can seem overwhelming

and you wonder what you can do to make a difference. But the truth is everything you do makes a difference! Every time you stoop to pick up a single piece of trash you make a difference in God's world. Every smile you share makes a difference. Every helping hand you extend makes a difference. Every prayer you pray makes a difference. Every kind word you say makes a difference. Every loving thought you think, every hug you share, every flower you plant, every animal you save, everything you do, no matter how small, makes a difference in this world.
Make your difference today! Share your love. Shine your light. Live your life. Pick up a piece of trash. And make the angels smile.

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 this link.
If you cannot RSVP online, please contact Elizabeth Tichner (info below).
In memory of... We would like to recognize members of our class that have passed away. If you would like to provide the individual's name and a

Harris Cemetery donations

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.



LEGAL NOTICES

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NOTICE

The PY's 2022-2023 Operational/Business Plan modification for the Region VI Workforce Development Board (WDB) is available for public comment beginning May 2, 2022, through May 13, 2022. It can be viewed on the Region VI WDB website at www.regionviwv.org under the Public Information tab. A copy of the plan may also be requested by calling the Region

VI WDB office at (304) 368-9530. Public comments on the plan can be mailed to: Maria Larry, Executive Director / Region VI Workforce Development Board, 17 Middletown Road, Fairmont, WV 26554. Equal Opportunity Employer/Program
Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities / WV Relay 7-1-1 5-5 5-12b

LEGAL NOTICE

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

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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Adoptable Dogs at the Braxton County Animal Shelter

Are you looking to add a four legged, tail wagging member to your family? Rescues from the Braxton County Animal Shelter are looking for their final "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...>



Jewel

Thank you for your continued support of our shelter pals!
This gem is named Jewel, she 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.



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HELP WANTED: Braxton County Board of Education is accepting applications for: Substitute Bus Operators and Substitute Custodians. Location: All. Salary: State Minimum Salary Schedule for Service Personnel. Qualifications: High School Graduate/GED . To apply: Please visit our website at: <http://boe.brax.k12.wv.us>. 5-10 5-17b

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HELP WANTED: NOTICE: IMMEDIATE OPENING: The Braxton County Assessor will be accepting applications for a Part Time Deputy Assessor. BAT training is required and will be provided by my office. Applications can be picked up at the County Clerk's Office located on the first floor of the Courthouse. Please submit your

application on or before the 25th day of May, 2022. Applications can be mailed or hand delivered to: Braxton County Assessor, 300 Main Street, Sutton, West Virginia 26601, Attention: Edith G. Tichner. EOE 5-12 5-19b

HELP WANTED: Camden Family Health currently has a full-time position open for a Counselor/Social Worker. Acceptable licensures include Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker (LICSW), Licensed Certified Social Worker (LCSW), Licensed Graduate Social Worker (LGSW), Licensed Clinical Psychologist or Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC), or would accept eligible MSW or MA for licensure to work in our Behavioral Health programs. Applicant will provide behavioral health services at our centers and in our School Based Behavioral Health Programs in the Webster County area. Applicants must be able to work independently and under supervision as a member of a Primary Care Team. Travel between locations will be required. Competitive salary and benefit package is available. You may apply at camdenfamilyhealth.com We are EOE. 5-12 5-19b

HELP WANTED: In search of a person to provide in home care for young adult during the Summer in the Napier area. Drug/Background check, First Aid & CPR required. Call 304-689-

0096.
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WANTED: Contents of old gas stations-cans, signs, pumps. Contents of old barns & houses. Indian arrowheads. Call Theo at 304-644-6700 or 304-472-5821. 4-19 5-12p

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MISC. ITEMS

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On The Other Side of the Mountain

By Verena Sava

Once a year we trim the hooves of our sheep, the rest of the year we only inspect them, if one of the animals is limping which could be an indication of some foot problem. It happens rarely, but any discomfort should be investigated immediately. Usually we do foot care right before we move the sheep from their winter quarters to the new spring pastures. This year we were able to start pasture rotations early, due to the warm temperatures.

We anticipated some difficulties in herding them back to the barn, especially with a bunch of little lambs in tow. We thought we had a good strategy in place, but we had misjudged the little ones. Their adorable cuteness is only matched with an equal amount of stupidity. It took us only an hour to coax the lambs into the barn to join their mothers, then the tedious task of hoof trimming started, followed by neutering lambs and administering shots to them.

I cut the hooves back to their natural state, carefully removing any pocket where dirt and manure could accumulate. If there should ever be any sign of decay or unusual tissue formation, I dip the foot in a bleach solution, dry it well with a paper towel, inspect it again, then rub copper sulfate powder onto the trouble area. We never have a problem with foot rot, even if it is very wet.

It is time to plant Dahlias. They are easy

to grow and don't need much care. The soil temperature should be around 60 degrees when planting them. They require at least 6 to 8 hours of full sun to produce an abundance of bloom. They require well drained soil. If the soil should be heavy, one can mix in some peat moss. Don't add any high nitrogen fertilizer as this will produce tall, spindly plants with few blooms. They prefer a PH level of 6.5 to 7.0. If peat moss had to be added, mix some garden lime with your soil mixture.

Dahlias are extremely susceptible to any weed killer. One commercial dahlia grower recommends hand-weeding only, because their trials with even much diluted weed killers destroyed their plants.

Here are some planting hints I have followed over the years. Dig a hole about 6" deep. Lay the dahlia tuber horizontally on its side. Cover with a few inches of soil, then sprinkle a handful of bone meal into the hole and fill in the rest of the dug out area. The dahlias should be spaced about 12" to 24" apart. Mark the exact location of planting with a stick and attach the label to it. After three to five weeks, the sprouts should start pushing through the ground. If no growth takes place after five weeks, dig up the tuber to figure out what happened. Remember, if the ground is too cold and wet, the tubers might rot before they have a chance to sprout. Do not water the tubers and begin watering only after they have emerged.

If we have ample rainfall, no watering is required. Once the dahlias have reached about a foot of height, we place a wire cage around them. We use 3' or 4' high woven wire, cutting it at the tenth section, and then looping the ends into each other to form a circle. It makes a fine support for dahlias. Of course your garden center will have the necessary staking product too.

In our area, mildew and squash bugs are the only pests that bother these beautiful flowers. Of course, Japanese beetles love to take up residency in the blossoms of dahlias, where they will live and at the same time make a meal from the petals. Remove dead blossoms to promote more bloom and stronger plants. All dahlia experts recommend digging up the tubers in fall, lining a cardboard box or crate with 10 sheets of newspaper, then placing the tubers on a layer of peat moss, sand and sawdust. After the first row is placed, cover it with the bedding material and start the next layer. Never seal them in plastic or seal them too tightly. Put the box in a dry, cool area (40 to 50 degrees). Too warm, they will wrinkle, too cold they will freeze. Here comes this gardener's confession! I found it too cumbersome to care for these gems all winter long, so I just left them in the ground. I guess due to the milder winters, the short periods of extreme cold temperatures, they survived well. The support cages that hold them up during the sum-

mer, catch twirling and blowing leaves in the fall and make for a perfect protective, insulating cover. Over the years I lost just a few and not because of freezing, but because our vole population has an affinity for dahlia tubers. Dahlias can also be grown in containers.

I got most of our dahlias from Swan Island Dahlias and you can admire their extensive selection at www.dahlias.com. Don't get hooked!

Taking care of milk

goats is much easier than dealing with sheep. Our goats are used to being handled. We only have one that totally freaks out when she sees a stranger. It is easy to trim their hooves, but the sheep are wilder and unreasonable. I often wonder why we humans are always depicted as sheep in the bible. Most people look at it as a positive comparison, but once you have cared for a flock of sheep, you start to understand what the author of the texts

wanted to imply! Believe me, it is not a compliment.

I have offered to trim Greg's toe nails, a free pedicure! An expression of horror flashes across his face as he firmly refuses the generous offer, saying in his defense, that he had seen me performing scary maneuvers, involving sharp knives on our poor animals and that he was not about to be my first victim of human hoof trimming! People don't appreciate my services!

Just One Generation: Kitty Korner

Just One Generation cat rescue was started in 2013 in response to the severe feline overpopulation in this area. Our initial emphasis was on the Trap, Neuter, and Release (TNR) of feral cats as well as to facilitate the spay/neuter of domestic cats.

Adoption of ownerless cats and kittens came later, as was incorporated with the program because there was no place else for these animals to go.

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 im-

munizations, 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 at 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

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 its 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 dampness 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!

Braxton County Libraries host Summer Reading Program: Oceans of Possibilities

There is only one month until Braxton County Libraries kick off their Summer Reading Programs! Do you have the date saved on your calendar?

This year our Summer Reading program will take place on most Mondays in June and July at 11:00 A.M. at your local library.

This program is geared towards elementary-aged children but younger children are always welcome to join in on the fun learning.

We hope you will join us for Oceans of Possibilities!

For more informa-

tion, please visit your local library or visit

Sutton Moose Lodge ham dinner benefit

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.

them online at their respective pages.

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Knights lose CWWAC semi-final baseball game to Ravenswood

Ravenswood out-scored the Knights 8-4 in the semi-final conference baseball game. Coach James Huffman explained that his team “led the whole game but came up short late in the game.”

Braxton led until the bottom of the fifth inning. Then, Coach Huffman said, “Their bats got hot, and they kept hitting in the gaps where we weren’t.”

Owen Lowther, on the mound for the Knights, struck out six. Remington Huffman, Landon Hart, Kyler White, and Kaleb James each had two hits against Ravenswood.



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-Reiter. 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 An-eil 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 Barboursville 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 Barboursville on May 21st and May 22nd.

Knights’ track team wins CWWAC combined points championship as girls finish first, boys second

Braxton Middle School track coaches Jennifer Grindo and Leah Herndon saw their team’s hard work pay off as the Knights won the combined-points first place trophy in the conference meet last week. Their girls’ team placed first by a wide margin, and the boys earned second.

Braxton also took first in nine different events. The girls who placed first include Addison Lloyd, Rylan Criner, Bi- anca Grindo, the shuttle hurdle relay team of Grindo, Brooklyn Paletti, Criner and Aubree McDonald and the 4x400 meter relay team of Grindo, Zoey Moore, Zoey, Keenan, and Lauren Pritt. The boys winning their events were Owen Lowther (2), and Eliah Moore (2).

Coach Grindo referred to “an amazing season” and added, “Everyone had marked improvements and records were broken. The whole team should be very proud of what they accomplished.”

The Knights’ success in the conference meet was predictable as they won several regular seasons meets.

Coach Leah Herndon attributed the Knights’ conference championship to the work she had seen. “The hard work that everyone put in all season long showed at conference,” she noted.

BCMS girls’ individual results in the CWWAC championship meet:			
Event	Athlete	Time/distance	Place
100m. dash	Brooklyn Paletti	15.03	3rd
	Reece Carpenter	15.43	5th
	Jeilyn West	30.74	2nd
200m. dash	Brooklyn Paletti	30.95	3rd
	Zoey Keenan	1:12.78	3rd
	Lauren Pritt	1:13.82	4th
800 m. run	Addison Lloyd	2:49.18	2nd
1600 m.run	Addison Lloyd	6:16.87	1st
3200 m.run	Natalie Garrett	No time recorded	2nd
	Leah Payne	No time recorded	2nd
100m. hurdles	Aubree McDonald	21.86	2nd
	Rylan Criner	21.99	3rd
	Reece Carpenter	22.52	5th
	Aubree McDonald	35.13	2nd
200m. hurdles	Jeilyn West	35.76	3rd
4X100 relay	Cierra Crawford	1:06.62	5th
	Neveah Flint,		
	Lillian Copen		
4X200 m. relay	Emily Martin	2:27.34	5th
	Cierra Crawford		
	Lillian Copen		
4X400 m. relay	Shalen Moore	6:08.52	1st
	Brynne Davis		
	Bianca Grindo		
	Zozey Moore		
4X800 m. relay	Zoey Keenan	12:47.8	2nd
	Lauren Pritt		
	Leah Payne		
Shuttle hurdle	Natalie Garrett	45:19	1st
	Zoey Moore		
	Lauren Pritt		
	Bianca Grinde		
High jump	Brooklyn Paletti	4’	3rd
	Rylan Criner	4’2”	6th
	Aubree McDonald	4’	2nd
	Jeilyn West	11’10”	6th
Long jump	Addison Lloyd	11’6”	1st
	Zoey Keenan	27’2”	4th
Shot put	Bianca Grinde	24’11”	6th
	Byrnnne Davis	63’11”	2nd
Discus throw	Joslyn Wittner-Napier	55’1”	5th
	Shalen Moore	54’1”	6th
	Bianca Grinde		
Braxton boys’ individual results in CWWAC championship meet:			
Event	Athlete	Time/Distance	Place
100m. dash	Carter Lewis	13.31	5th
200 m.dash	Carter Lewis	27.24	2nd
	Jamie Nettles	28.16	6th
400 m. dash	Owen Lowther	58.89	1st
800 m. run	Jack Lowther	2:54.62	6th
100m.hurdles	Brodi Smarr	20.84	5th
4X100 m. relay	BrodiSmarr	55.58	4th
	Gabe Hacker		
	Elijah Moore		
	Jamie Nettles		
4X200 m. relay	Carter Lewis	1:42.96	2nd
	Elijah Moore		
	Owen Lowther		
	Jamie Nettles		
4X400 m. relay	Harry Hinkle	5:13.22	3rd
	Zach McQuain		
	Blaine Hines		
	Conner Stower		
4X800 m. relay	Josh Anderson	12:13.79	3rd
	Zach McQuain		
	Connor Stower		
	Blaine Hines		
Shuttle hurdle	Austin Smarr	45.00	2’d
	Jack Lowther		
	Eli McCallister		
	Brodi Smarr		
High jump	Owen Lowther	5’2”	1st
	Austin Smarr	4’8”	4th
Shot put	Elijah Moore	34’0”	1st
	JoelSigman	31’10”	3rd
	Carter Lewis	31’8”	4th
	Elijah Moore	128’3”	1st
Discus throw	Jamie Netles	87’06”	3rd
	Gabe Hacker	80’11”	5th

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