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Graduation insert...



West Virginia Knights of the Golden Horseshoe representing Braxton County were (L to R) Alexis Knowlton, Joel Sigman and Adyson Conant.

## WV Dept. of Ed. to honor Golden Horseshoe Winners

Braxton's Conant, Knowlton and Sigman to be Knighted

The West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) will recognize 221 eighth-grade students from middle schools across the state as 2022 Knights of the Golden Horseshoe on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at the West Virginia Culture Center in Charleston. The event will be livestreamed on West Virginia Public Broadcasting stations and include three Braxton County students.

The WVDE will induct these students as a part of the 306th anniversary of the Golden Horseshoe legacy, recognizing them for their achievement in knowledge of West Virginia history. It remains the longest-running program of its kind in the country. Approximately 15,000 eighth-grade students have been recognized since its inception.

"Our students have worked diligently for this moment to become Knights of the Golden Horseshoe," said State Superintendent of Schools W. Clayton Burch. "It is clear their passion for knowledge and resilience to achieve this accom-

plishment will make them incredible ambassadors for the Mountain State. I look forward to all of their future success."

Earning the prestigious honor from Braxton County were Adyson Conant, Alexis Knowlton and Joel Sigman.

The state has administered the test each year since 1931 with 87 students honored from 46 counties in its first year. The exam focuses on Mountain State topics including civics, government, geography, culture and numerous other categories. A minimum of two students from each county and one student from the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind are selected for the award. The other honorees are selected from the 55 counties based on each county's eighth-grade population.

The WVDE will host three separate ceremonies to honor the 2022 Golden Horseshoe recipients on Tuesday, June 14, at the West Virginia Culture Center. A complete list of 2022 winners can be found online

on the WVDE website.

The first ceremony will begin at 9 a.m. and will recognize recipients from: Boone, Braxton, Cabell, Calhoun, Clay, Harrison, Jackson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Putnam, Roane, Wayne and Wirt.

The second ceremony will begin at 11:30 a.m. and will recognize recipients from the following counties: Fayette, Gilmer, Greenbrier, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mingo, Monroe, Nicholas, Pleasants, Raleigh, Randolph, Ritchie, Summers, Tyler, Upshur, Webster, Wetzel, Wood and Wyoming.

The third ceremony will begin at 2 p.m. and will recognize recipients from the following counties: Barbour, Berkeley, Brooke, Doddridge, Grant, Hampshire, Hancock, Hardy, Jefferson, Marshall, Mineral, Monongalia, Morgan, Ohio, Pendleton, Pocahontas, Preston, Taylor, Tucker and the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.

To learn more about the Golden Horseshoe program, visit the WVDE website or contact Dustin Lambert at [dllambert@k12.wv.us](mailto:dllambert@k12.wv.us).

## Sutton Council meeting covers wide range of topics

The Sutton Town Council met for a regular meeting on May 12. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor JD Hoover. Also present were Recorder Laurel Petolicchio, Council members, Jon Crum, Catherine Hoover, and Steve Facemire. Council members Beth Atkins and Robyn Dolan were absent.

Mayor Hoover relayed an anonymous concern regarding a property on Twistville Road that has grass that is in excess of two feet tall and issues with snakes. The town will send a letter requesting this issue be taken care of.

Council reviewed a letter the Tevis's sent to their tenants concerning cleaning up after pets. The council expressed appreciation for their effort in handling the issue.

The council discussed the burned out building and the fact

that more debris has dropped. Mayor Hoover will contact the lawyer working on the deed of transfer. Jon Crum is going to get the key from the Gioulis' and move the debris into the building so it won't be a hazard.

Steve Facemire informed the council that material had been ordered to finish the repairs on North Fifth Street. Repairs should happen next week. The drain on N. Fifth was fixed and handled the latest storm.

Equipment has been rented and the burn pile berm has been put in place so the town is now compliant with the burn requirements.

Council briefly discussed asking the state about the water issues involving yards on North Sixth Street where water is coming off the road and causing flooding problems for homeowners.

The paving bid was

reviewed by council and it was decided at least two more bids were needed to make an informed decision. Council will ask Municipal Clerk Robin Smith to follow up with that and see about obtaining additional bids. Steve Facemire made a motion that the council table action on the bid review until the next meeting. Catherine Hoover seconded the motion which passed.

Jon Crum outlined the proposal for light replacement in Town Hall. Recorder Petolicchio made the motion that the council accepts the bid previously received conditional on Jon Crum contacting the contractor and making the necessary changes to the contract to include the wording that the ballasts be removed. Steve Facemire seconded the motion. The motion passed with Catherine Hoover abstaining.

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## Braxton/Clay Master Gardeners make Memorial Donation

In an effort to honor past members, who are no longer with them, the Braxton/Clay Extension Master Gardeners made memorial donations in the former member's respective county. The donations were not only to memorialize members, but also to promote education in agriculture.

President of the Braxton/Clay Master Gardeners, Christi Boggs, presented a memorial donation to Ellen Collins, Braxton FFA President. The donation was in memory of Jeffrey Wright, an active Master Gardener from 2006-07.

A memorial donation was made to the Judy Beane Memorial Scholarship through the Glenville State College Foundation. Judy was an active Master Gardener from 2012-15.

Accepting the Clay County donations were Kelsey Flinn-McFarland, Clay County FFA Advisor; her son, Becket; Chris Summerfield, President Clay FFA and Abigail Gill Vice President Clay FFA. Making the monetary donation was Michael Shamblin, Clay County Extension Agent and Suzie Legg, Treasurer Braxton/Clay Master Gardeners.

The Clay County donations were for Karen Hutchens who was the Master Gardener of the Year in 2006 and Robert Osborne who was not only a Master Gardeners but was also a former member of Clay FFA.

Anyone interested in participating in the Extension Master Gardener program, should contact the WVU-Braxton County Extension Office at 304-765-2809 or Debbie.Friend@mail.wvu.edu or the WVU Clay County Extension Office at 304-587-4267 or MDShamblin@mail.wvu.edu for more information.



Braxton FFA President Ellen Collins (left) receiving the donation from President of the Braxton/Clay Extension Master Gardeners, Christi Boggs.

## Eagles advances to sectional baseball finals against Hoover

By Shirley Shuman

The Eagles, on their way to last night's sectional championship game against Herbert Hoover, beat Clay, Roane, and Lewis. They lost to Lewis in their first sectional game but eliminated the Minutemen in Saturday's game.

Against Lewis, Tyler Baldwin pitched 6.2 innings. He struck out seven while giving up six earned runs. Braxton had scored five runs in the bottom of the first inning and led 6-5 when Baldwin left the mound. In as relief for the last 0.1 inning, Adam Dobbins allowed two earned runs and two unearned runs on two hits as Lewis ended the game with a 9-6 win.

Offensively, Dobbins was 2 for 4 at the plate, and Baldwin was 3 for 5. Jesse Flint, 2 for 4, drove in two runs.

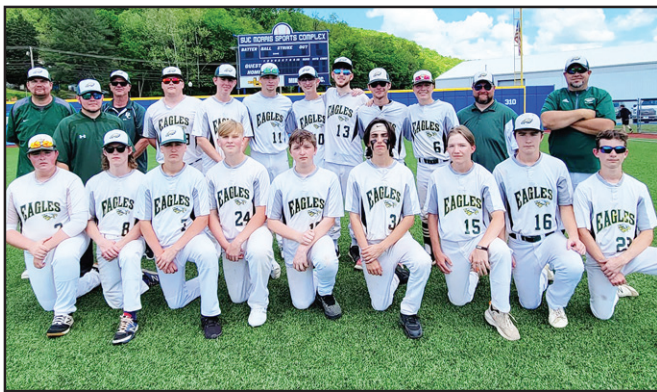
Wednesday the Eagles, with Isaiah Mowery starting on the mound, defeated Clay 12-2 to remain a sectional contender. Mowery struck out five

in the five innings he pitched. He allowed two earned runs on four hits. In relief, Kolton Kniceley went one inning and struck out the side after allowing one hit.

Against Clay, the Eagles had only seven hits. Mowery was 1 for 1 and three walks with an RBI. Beau Liston drove in two runs with his one hit, and Logan Baldwin was 1 for 3 with an RBI.

Braxton outscored Roane 10-8 Thursday. Because of pitch count restrictions, Coach Jamie Lemon used four pitchers against the Raiders. Logan Baldwin started and pitched 1.2 innings, giving up 4 runs—only one of them earned. Dobbins pitched two innings and struck out three, and Liston struck out the side in the one inning he was on the mound. Kniceley went 2.1 inning and struck out one.

The Eagles came up with 13 hits against Roane. Dobbins, Kniceley, and Flint each were 2 for 4 at the plate.



The Eagle baseball team will face Herbert Hoover in the Sectional finals this week.

Dobbins drove in one run, and Kniceley and Flint each sent two runners home. In that game, Tyler Baldwin was 2 for 3 with an RBI, and Mowery 2 for 3 with two RBIs.

Saturday Braxton shut out Lewis 3-0. Kniceley got the win with 12 strikeouts in 6.1 innings and no earned runs. Tyler Baldwin got the save as he finished the game. Offensively, he was 1 for 2 with one RBI. Flint went 2 for 3 with an RBI.

Last night the Eagles faced Herbert Hoover, the only undefeated team thus far in the sectionals. If Braxton won the game, the two teams will play again tonight for the championship. If Hoover won, the Huskies will be sectional champs.

Coach Lewis was optimistic looking toward last night's game. He said that his players "have come out the last three games and played really well." The coach added, "The loss to Lewis may have awakened them." Braxton's coach is confident that his team is capable of beating Hoover or any other team if "the right[Braxton] team shows up with the right mindset."

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As I See It

By Ed Given



Big weekend at the Givens...

It was a monumental weekend at our house. This time it wasn't the weather nor the workload... thought I admit that our hectic pace is ongoing as of this writing. What made this time special has been in the planning for months. I also must admit that my contribution was quite small.

MyKaela and Shane got married. It was a big event in our lives. The ceremony was memorable for a number of reasons. It was a private ceremony with only immediate family. The actual ceremony was brief and it's a good thing since it was outdoors, and rain immediately followed the i-do's.

Even though the couple didn't want a big wedding they did want their families and friends to join in the celebration i.e., came the big reception that followed.

It was very nice and quite a number of guests showed up to greet the newlyweds. We were all treated to great food. The games and watching the little ones run around made for an enjoyable evening.

To top it all off, Jeanine and I babysat Memphis overnight which was icing on the cake. We had a very enjoyable weekend.

Watching my littlest girl all grown up is bitter-sweet. She has become quite a young lady and I am sure she and Shane's future will be bright. I am quite proud of her and I look forward to watching her new family grow.

The election...

I wanted to mention that if you noticed that there is no coverage of last Tuesday's Primary Election in the Citizens' News, that is not an oversight. We did cover the election. That coverage appeared in the Democrat-Central last Thursday. Obviously, the Tuesday event was too late for the Citizens' News' Monday deadline. We chose to feature the results in the Democrat primarily because it would be timelier. That concept is something we have been focusing on over the past several months. The feature stories in the Democrat are mostly different from anything that you read in the Citizens' News.

We realized sometime ago that having two papers on two different days could be advantageous to our readers. We have made an extra effort to keep the story content different. For the readers that means that news can be delivered in a more timely fashion. Of course, readers must subscribe to both papers. We have made some pretty good strides in keeping the content different which means that readers truly are not getting all the Braxton County news unless they receive both papers. To make that more affordable we have an ongoing special that if you subscribe to the Citizens' News you can get a big discount on your Democrat subscription. We have also added the Democrat-Central to our electronic edition. Now you can get both papers for a full year for just \$30. And you don't have to wait on the postman. The e-edition carries everything its sister print publications do, except the inserts.

If you don't subscribe to both papers, you have missed some great feature stories as well as some timely news. Give our office a call and let us fix it so that you get all the news first and factually.

Every Acre Counts

By Kevin Gregory

Setting a Goal for Increasing your Habitat Diversity...

Across the county gardens are being tilled and prepped for planting. If you are following the potato planning dates my grandparents always used, you put your potatoes in the ground on Good Friday. My wife and I are late planters, generally we wait until June to put our plants out. The good news is while you are waiting to plant, you can set an early summer habitat goal and spend some time working on that goal. In this article we will look at a habitat diversity goal and three practices you can use to act on your goal.

**Goal** - Improve native vegetation diversity on ½ acre of mature forest by 20%.

To improve our di-

versity by 20% we need to know how much diversity we have now in our planned ½ acre. To determine plant diversity data, pick 4 areas in your ½ plot at random and take a quick plant survey of all plants within a 10-foot circle around you. If you don't know all your local plants, a great tool is the App NatureID. You can find in any App store and all you do is use your smart phone to take a photo of the plant and it will give you the species and information on it. Or you can do the old school plant identification techniques by leaf, stem, or flower review.

Once you have your inventory completed, you can interpolate the data across your ½ acre. For



the sake of this article, let's say you have identified 30 plant species. We are focused on native vegetation and not

tree species, so we will only include plants. Our 20% increase would be the addition of 6 new plant species. Since we have a mature forest covering our ½ acre, we are to going to accomplish our goal by using three practices for increasing the sunlight reaching our forest floor.

**Practice 1 – Hack & Squirt** – For this practice you can hire a professional to mark your trees for canopy openings or you can do it yourself. I use a simple hatchet and hack the blade into the trees trunk (just enough to penetrate 1"-2" – into cambium layer) and squirt your herbicide into the cut. I spray mine directly on the blade stuck in the cut and let it drain into the cut and then repeat about every 2"-3" around the tree. This method will kill the standing tree and create a dead tree for many species to use over the next couple of years and open the canopy where its leafy crown once blocked out the sun's rays. Be sure you follow the herbicide directions and take the appropriate measures in accordance with the herbicide labels

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Just look at this!

A weekly photo of opinion in Braxton County... sometimes good and sometimes not so good.



Scout Troop 135 participated in the West Virginia Laws program last week. The program takes the Supreme Court out of their chambers and into remote locations around the state. The court convened at the Braxton County Board of Education where several students and scouts witnessed our judicial system in action first hand. Boy Scout Troop 135 had the honor of posting our nations flag and leading the court in the Pledge of Allegiance. In addition to the Supreme Court Justices, Braxton County Circuit Judge Richard Facemire and their Scoutmaster in the back row are Will Dudley, Sarah Dudley, Bredyan Riffle and Braxton Bender.

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News from our Capitol

by Delegate Brent Boggs

Congratulations to the new members-elect to the Board of Education in both Gilmer and Braxton Counties. Also, congratulations to the primary election winners in other contested and uncontested races on the ballot, awaiting the general election in November.

Most of all, thank you to the voters who took the time and effort to come out to vote for the candidates of their choice. There are billions of people around the world in nations under the crushing fist of dictators. Citizens in those countries long for the day when they can cast a vote for freedom. Thank you to our Veterans for preserving the freedoms we enjoy as Americans and for standing up for other freedom-loving men and women around the world.

I want to offer my sincere thanks to the hundreds of his brother and sister volunteer firefighters, law enforcement officers, EMS personnel and all first responders from Braxton, Gilmer and

across West Virginia that joined the community for the funeral and tribute to our fallen firefighter John Forbush. John tragically lost his life while attempting to extract two victims from a submerged car in Elk River.

I appreciated the service and message by Pastor Mark Stump and the moving comments by State Fire Marshall Ken Tyree and the many others in attendance in honor of John and in support for his family and a community still reeling from the loss.

The men and women serving as first responders protect and serve us continually and always at the risk of their own lives and livelihoods. We, as a community and nation, could learn much from how our volunteer firefighters and first responders support one another, whether in good times or through tragic events.

Last Thursday, WV Development Office Secretary Mitch Carmichael accepted my invitation to visit and discuss economic development here in central

West Virginia. Also, WV Department of Environmental Protection Cabinet Secretary Harold Ward likewise accepted my invitation to join in the meeting to discuss ongoing plans for possible development opportunities. Later, he also joined me in visiting several dilapidated building sites and problem areas that are detrimental to economic and community growth. Secretary Ward is also from a railroad family and did a walk-around tour of the Gassaway Depot and the ongoing Elk River rail-trail construction.

Central West Virginia needs an influx of jobs, population growth and housing. Coupled with the plans working their way to fruition for a major broadband initiative in collaboration with funds from the federal and state government, county commissions in multiple central West Virginia counties, including Gilmer and Braxton, it's a good time to keep aggressively marketing our region of the State. What benefits one county in central West Virginia lifts all boats and benefits all our citizens.

Finally, the Legislature goes on the road for interim meetings this month in Morgantown, May 22 – 24. Unless otherwise noted, meetings will be held on the WVU campus at the

Alumni Center with various visitations around greater Monongalia County area. These are essential meetings in preparation for the 2023 session and for one or more special sessions that the Governor may call later in 2022.

**Sunday, May 22**

1:00 PM Joint Committee on Volunteer Fire Departments and Emergency Medical Services - Board of Gov. Room

1:00 PM Joint Committee on Government and Finance - Erickson Board Room

1:00 PM Legislative Oversight Committee on Regional Jail and Correctional Facility Authority - WVU Dean's Suite

2:30 PM Joint Standing Committee on Education - Board of Gov. Room

2:30 PM Joint Committee on Government Operations - Erickson Board Room

2:30 PM Joint Standing Committee on Government Organization - Erickson Board Room

4:00 PM Legislative Oversight Commission on Education Accountability - Board of Gov. Room

4:00 PM Agriculture and Rural Development - Erickson Board Room

**Monday, May 23**

9:00 AM Joint Committee on Health - Board of Gov. Room

9:00 AM Joint Standing Committee on Energy -

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Jon Crum updated the council on the Farmers Market meeting and the needs of the Farmers Market. He commended Nik Salvo for the repairs to the stage and his efforts to clean out the lot. He then reviewed the needs of another receptacle at the stage and the sagging power line as well as the panel box needing a new latch. In the future, Salvo would like for the shed to have lighting and electrical. He suggested that more trashcans be placed there as well. Jon Crum made a motion to solicit quotes for adding the receptacle and new breaker for the stage area. Steve Facemire seconded the action.

Steve Facemire made a motion to approve the April 28 meeting minutes.

The council approved the payment of bills on a motion by Catherine Hoover with a second by Jon Crum. Crum did request clarification of the travel expenses listed in the bills by the next meeting.

Steve Facemire made a motion to accept a demolition permit. Council member Catherine Hoover seconded the motion. Recorder Petolicchio abstained due to the fact it was her property in question. The motion passed.

Steve Facemire made a motion that a plaque be ordered to recognize the donation of the flag toppers for the two flag poles in the council chamber by Louis Petolicchio. Council member Catherine Hoover seconded the motion.

The council discussed briefly Third Street between Riverview Drive and the River and the issues with county property in that area.

The meeting ended with Alexis McCoy from Blue Ridge Risk Partners doing a brief presentation on her insurance firm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

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including wearing your protective gear.

**Practice 2 – Gridling** – With this

practice you have two primary options, 1) cut one ring around the entire tree, about a 1" deep with a chain saw (again, cutting into/through the cambium layer) and then cut a second ring 12"-18" above or below your first cut. This will starve the tree of its nutrients, thus killing it standing. 2) Is to cut one ring and then apply a herbicide into the cut around the tree like the hack & squirt method. If you are using the herbicide option, be careful not to spray other plant life.

**Practice 3 – Traditional Felling** – This practice can serve three purposes – 1) felling trees during their peak growing season will trigger stump sprouts which are extremely high in nutrition and deer love them, 2) it will quickly open your canopy (our mission for this goal) and 3) the felled trees will provide protection for vegetation regrowth as the sunlight activates seeds in the seedbank. It will also protect your tree regen from deer browsing as they will be attracted to the new openings and new growth.

How many trees should you remove, if you intend to keep our native trees present and healthy, one rule is to select a "keeper" tree and remove or kill every tree touching its crown. And then choose another tree, 20-30 feet away from that one. Yes, you will end up removing some tree species you are wanting to keep, however, giving your quality trees more space will improve the health of your best trees by removing the competition. If you are unsure how to proceed with your thinning, contact your county forester or a forestry, wildlife consultant or wildlife biologist and they will assist you in marking the woodlot.

The final step is to be patient, our forests in WV are slow to regenerate and many of the plants will take a year or more to establish. You can check your progress the following spring but expect better results in two years and in year three you will notice a massive improvement and likely crush your 20% goal of improving plant diversity. Yes, it may be starting small, but remember **Every Acre Counts!**



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10:30 AM Select Committee on PEIA, Seniors and Long-Term Care - Board of Gov. Room

10:30 AM Legislative Oversight Commission on Workforce Investment for Economic Development - Erickson Board Room

12:00 PM Joint Commission on Economic Development - Board of Gov. Room

12:00 PM Legislative Oversight Commission on Health and Human Resources Accountability - Erickson Board Room

1:30 PM Speaker: WVU President Dr. Gordon Gee - Reynolds Hall

**Tuesday, May 24**

9:00 AM Joint Standing Committee on Finance - Board of Gov. Room

9:00 AM Joint Standing Committee on the Judiciary - Law School – Event Center

10:30 AM Joint Committee on Technology - Erickson Board Room

10:30 AM Commission on Interstate Cooperation - Law School – Event Center

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.

Burnsville Council meets April 25

The Burnsville Town Council met on April 25. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Mayor, Paul Bragg.

City officials in attendance included Becky Jackson, Tom Crutchfield, Kisha Verton, John Verton, Paul Bragg & Angela Morgan. Steve Wine was absent.

Kisha Verton made a motion to approve the minutes and financial reports as presented. Verton also made separate motions to approve the minutes from the special meeting dated April 19, and the special meeting dated April 11<sup>th</sup>.

Police officer Matt Kesling presented council a typed police report.

The items communicated by the Mayor to council included: Dominion Energy, re: Questionnaire, WV Attorney General, re: Opioid Settlement and WV State Treasurer, re: Table & Greenbrier

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Long ago in Braxton County



Keener's Lunch...

Kenner's Lunch as a focal point of Sutton in the 1930s. Located on Second Street. It later became Kenner's Department Store in the 1950s. This early photo shows (L to R) Audra Armstrong, E.R. "Roy" Keener and wife Wilsie Dean Keen behind the counter. Note that a "Plate Lunch" was 25 cents. You could add a bowl of soup for 10 additional cents. The photo is courtesy of Craig A. Smith collection

and is featured in a series of historical books about Braxton County titled "Looking Back". The five volumes are filled with old pictures and county history. These books, The History of Braxton County, The History of Bulltown and Craig's three cookbooks are available for purchase at the Citizens' News/Democrat-Central Office, 501 Main Street, Sutton, WV. They make great gifts for the history buff in your family!

BoE to interview five superintendent candidates

The Braxton County Board of Education conducted a special meeting on Wednesday, May 11 to discussion the appointment of a new superintendent for Braxton County Schools. The meeting was called to order at 1:00.

The board approved the payment of bills on a motion by Evelyn Post with a second by Dr. Martha Dean to start the meeting.

Evelyn Post then moved to go into executive session to review the applicants and Dolores Wright sec-

onded the motion. The executive session ran from 1:02 pm until 3:16 pm.

Once the board convened, Dr. Martha Dean moved and Dr. Kenna Seal seconded to conduct interviews for five of the applicants during a special meeting to be held on Monday, May 16 at 10:00 am. President DeAnna Whipkey requested board members to review the list of questions received from the WV State Board of Education and to select three of those questions for the interviews.

The meeting adjourned at 3:19 pm.

Letters to the Editor: Our policy...

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

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

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

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**Ellen Ann Miller**  
Ellen Ann Miller was born on August 24, 1940 in W i d e n , a daughter of the late W a l t e r and Gladys Crites M u l l e n s .

She went “home” to her Master when her much awaited tulips bloomed on April 14, 2022. Ellen attended Webster Springs High School, where she was a cheerleader and majorette. She graduated with the Class of 1959.

In 1961, Ellen married Arnie Miller and they moved to Indianhead, MD, where Arnie was employed by the US Government. They were blessed with daughter Tammy and son Sean. While in MD, Ellen worked as a secretary for the President of Charles County Community College. In 1974, Arnie and Ellen returned to Pt. Pleasant. In the years following, Ellen was a paralegal to Senator Mike Shaw. She opened her own Miller's Florist in Pt. Pleasant in 1985 and remained there until she retired in 1992. Ellen was also an avid supporter of Special Olympics throughout her lifetime.

Ellen was a member of the Mason County CEO and in 2013 was chosen as Mason Count Belle to attend the WV State Folk Festival in Glenville. She was also very active in the Federal Employees Retirement Organization. After Arnie's death in 2007, Ellen spent many days in Webster Springs pursuing her hobbies of gardening, making maple syrup, and fishing in the beloved Elk River. She also enjoyed attending and participating in the Burgoo Cookoff competition in Webster Springs, winning a medal in 2019.

In addition to her husband Arnie, Ellen was also preceded in death by her parents; sister and brother-in-law LaVonna and Doran Bleigh; sister-in-law Judy House; and nephew Donnie Mullens, Jr. She is survived by daughter Tammy Sandy (Eddy); son Sean Miller (Donna); grandsons Joshua Sandy (Brianna) and Brandon Sandy; 4 great-grandchildren, Jack, Jill, June, and Johnny Sandy; brothers Clint Gail Mullens (Mary) and Donnie Mullens (Gloria Brown); nephews Michael Mullens (Kris-

sy) and Toby Mullens; brother-in-law Arnold House; nieces Melanie Thosteson (Pete), Amy DiVenere (Matthew), Natalie Simpson (Andy), Sonja Trombly (Wendell), and Amber Williams (Frank); in addition to several great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins and friends; and special pet Chihuahua, Mei.

Memorial Services to celebrate Ellen's life will be held on Sunday, May 29, 2022 at 2:00 PM at Dodd & Reed Funeral Home, Webster Springs. Friends and family will be received one hour prior to service time. Interment will be in Miller Family Cemetery, Grassy Creek.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Ellen's memory to David Gillespie, 386 Bell Street, Webster Springs, WV 26288 for maintaining Lover's Lane Boardwalk in Webster Springs.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.doddreedfh.com](http://www.doddreedfh.com).

Dodd & Reed Funeral Home is honored to be serving Ellen's family.

**Ruth W. Mick**  
Ruth W. Mick, 95, of Copen, WV passed away on May 7, 2022 at her residence.



R u t h w a s born in Bower, WV on May 29, 1926 daughter of the late: John William Steele and Trixie Ann (Stout) Steele. Ruth was united in marriage on August 6, 1960 to the late Benjamin Hartsol Mick, who preceded her in death on December 2, 1982.

Forever cherishing the life of Ruth are 8 children: Phyllis Mick of WV, Mike Knight and companion Shelby Clifton of Burnsville, WV, Benjamin Mick of Copen, WV, Debra Singleton of Maryland, Robin Ratliff and husband Steve of Burnthouse, WV, Donna Keller and husband Ronnie of Wheeling, WV, Trixie McNemar and husband Oras Ray III of Clarksburg, WV, and Robert Knight and wife Pamela of Canton, OH, 11 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, 1 great great grandchild, and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, Ruth was preceded in death by 9 siblings: Roma Shaver, Earl Steele, Freda Nelson, Retha Hood, Ira Steele,

Erma Westfall McGill, Evelyn Hines, Naomi Boram, and Charles Steele.

Ruth in early years worked in a Steel Mill in Ohio and later in life worked in a Glass Factory in Weston. She was a member of the Copen United Methodist Church in Copen, WV. Ruth had also been a member of the Burnsville Rebekah Lodge #85. She enjoyed quilting, reading, gardening and canning, dancing, and playing the guitar. Most of all, Ruth cherished time spent with her family.

Family and friends was received at Hardman Family Funeral Home 730 N. Main Avenue of Weston on Thursday, May 12, 2022 from 11AM-12PM. The funeral service was held at 12PM from the funeral home chapel. Interment followed services at Copen Cemetery in Copen, WV. Online condolences and life stories in memory of Ruth may be expressed at [hardmanfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://hardmanfamilyfuneralhome.com).

Hardman Family Funeral Home of Weston considers it an honor and a privilege to serve her family.

**Charles Mitchell Given**

Charles Mitchell Given was born to the late Charles 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 planned for a later date.

**Barbara Ann Lake**  
Barbara Ann Lake, 74, of Frametown passed away on May 7, 2022.



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 Rhoades 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).

**John David Heater**

John David Heater, 89, passed away May 13, 2022 at his home in Gassaway.

He was born August 17, 1932 in Gassaway to the late Fred Baxter and Evelyn Fridley Heater.

He was preceded in death by the love of his life, Betty Dobbins Heater, his brothers, Fred “Baxter” Heater, William “Bill” Heater, and James “Jim” Heater, as well as his niece, Melissa Beth “Misi” Heater.

After graduation from Gassaway High School, John spent two years at the Virginia Military Institute and then transferred to West Virginia University to obtain a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. He then went to serve his country in the United States Air Force, completing bootcamp, and then pilot school, reaching the rank of Captain.

He was given an honorable discharge when his father's health was failing and he came home to take charge of the family business, Heater Oil Company, with his brothers Jim and Bill.

John was not only an entrepreneur, but a visionary, and had a plan to build the business. In time, Heater Oil became Go Mart, Incorporated, of which he took position as President and CEO. He used local contractors to build these convenience stores which currently employ family, friends, and others in West Virginia.

ginia, Virginia, and Ohio. John loved his work and was generous and giving.

He had a quirky, peculiar sense of humor, and it was greatly enjoyed by his family. He was a loving and beloved husband, father, and grandfather. John adored his wife, Betty, and spoke about her often in the years after her earthly departure. He is survived by his children, Laurie, David, and Sam; grandchildren, Patrick, Carrie, Leah, Jacob, Rose Anne, Noah, Grayson, Tatum, and Christian. He is also survived by his sisters-in-law, Zelma Murphy Heater and Ann Hickman Heater, as well as several nieces and nephews.

The funeral service will be on Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at Gassaway United Methodist Church.

His visitation will be 11A.M to 1P.M., with the service starting at 1P.M.

Entombment with Military Rites will be in the Sugar Creek Mausoleum, Gassaway.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to Gassaway United Methodist Church, 710 Braxton Street, Gassaway, WV 26624.

The family wants to give a deeply heartfelt thanks to his longtime caregivers, Patrick O'Malley, Ann Gum and Marie Petty Lockard, and to WV Caring for their compassionate hospice care.

Arrangements by Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway.

**Patricia Jean Kuhl**

Patricia Jean Kuhl, 81, of Frametown passed away on May 9, 2022.



She was born August 24, 1940 in North Hollywood, California to the late Eugene and Dorothy Darby.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her son, John Calderwood who died in 2011.

Patricia retired from an electronics company as a production supervisor. She was a member of the Gassaway United Methodist Church. She will be missed.

She is survived by her husband of 46 years, David Kuhl; son, Scott Calderwood of Sacramento, California; one stepson, David (Christine) Kuhl of Sammamish, Washington; brother, Robert Darby of Santa Barbara, California; sister-in-law, Carolyn Grimm of Bellevue, Washington; brother-in-law, Lowell (Brenda) Kuhl; niece, Sherry Kuhl; nephew, Butch Kuhl; niece, Connie (Brian) Huylebroeck and nephews, Paul and Bobby Barker.

In keeping with Patricia's wishes she was cremated and there will be no services.

Special thanks to Amy, RN at Kanawha Hospice for her compassionate care of Patricia.

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).

**Faith Reed Kidd**  
Faith Reed Kidd, 88, of Napier, WV

passed away on May 8, 2022. She was born in Orlando, WV on February 8, 1934 to parents Frank Kidd and Vada Taylor Kidd.

Faith was preceded in death by her parents and brother; Rollin Kidd.

Faith was a lifelong resident of Braxton County, WV and a Methodist by faith. She was a cattle farmer and raised registered polled Herefords and chickens. Faith loved cats, enjoyed gardening, and loved spending time with family. She wrote a column for the local Braxton County newspaper for many years.

She is survived by nephews: Nathan Kidd; James Kidd and wife Vicky; nieces: Natalie Kidd; Deborah and husband Ron Kusmier; Rebecca and husband Lee Omanski; great niece: Ashley Gronner; sister-in-law; Carolyn Kidd.

Funeral service will be held at 6:00 PM, Thursday, May 19, 2022 at Stockert Funeral Home & Cremation, Flatwoods, WV. Visitation will be two hours prior to the service from 4:00-6:00 PM.

Stockert Funeral Home & Cremation is honored to serve the family of Faith Kidd.

**Violet Marie Knight Miller**

Violet Marie Knight Miller, 63, of Sutton, WV passed away on May 11, 2022 at WVU Medicine United Hospital Center, Bridgeport, WV.



She was born July 26, 1958 in Sutton to the late Sunny Knight and Virginia May Utt Grillbortzer.

Violet was a Supply Department Supervisor for Navy Federal Credit Union. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother.

She is survived by her husband James Thomas “Tuck” Miller; sons, Michael Hayes of Chantilly, Virginia, and Johnny Hayes of Kent, Ohio; daughter, Virginia Swire and husband, Steve, of Marshall, Virginia; brothers, Roy Lee Knight of Clarksburg, WV and William Knight of Martinsburg, WV; sisters, Ellen Baldwin of Alexandria, Virginia, Patricia Knight of North Port, Florida and Lisa Billings of Manassas, Virginia; and five grandchildren.

In keeping with her wishes she was cremated and a memorial service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial donations be made to an animal shelter of your choice.

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

**Donald Clayton Carr**

Donald Clayton Carr, 78, of Charleston, WV passed away at home on Sunday, May 8, 2022 surrounded by his family.

He was born March 19, 1944 in Braxton County to the late Robert Lee and Mary Louise Wood Carr.

In addition to his Please turn to

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Newville Cemetery Memorial Service

A Memorial Service will be held at the Newville Cemetery on Sunday, May 29, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to come and join in fellowship as we remember our loved ones at this beautiful resting place. The Newville Cemetery Management Team will be present to receive any comments and suggestions. All donations are greatly appreciated.

## Public Notice

The Central West Virginia Hunting Dog Association has closed for business, and will no longer host canine hunts, activities or events under this club name or FEIN # 20-8653001. We appreciate those who have attended events and supported the club throughout the years, and it has been a pleasure to serve our community.

## Sutton Baptist Church VBS

Vacation Bible School at Sutton Baptist Church is coming up June 6 to 10, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Nursery to 6th grade. Adult Class as well. All are welcome.

## CWVRC First Show

The Central WV Riding Club will be holding its first show of the 2022 season on Saturday, May 21, at Holly Gray Park in Sutton, WV. The show starts at 5:00 p.m. We’re looking forward to a great summer of shows! If you have any questions, please call 304-364-5576 or 304-364-2273.

## BCSC May activities

May 17th Live Music Craft Class 9:30-11:00 Exercise Classes 1:00-3:00. May 18th Craft Class 9:30-11:00 WII Bowling 12:00 Afternoon Card Playing. May 19th Live Music Exercise Classes 1:00-3:00 Bible Study 10:00 am Embroidery Group Afternoon Card Playing May 20th BINGO 10:00am. May 23rd Choir 10 am-11am WII Bowling 12:00. May 24th Live Music Craft Class 9:30 – 11:00 Early Exercise Classes 1:00-3:00. May 25th Craft Class 9:30-11 WII Bowling 12:00 Afternoon Card Playing May 26th Live Music Exercise Classes 1:00-3:00 Bible Study 10:00 am Embroidery Group Afternoon Card Playing. May 27th Bingo 10:00am. May 30th Center Closed. May 31st Live Music Craft Class 9:30-11:00 Early Exercise Classes 1:00-3:00

## Friends of Burnsville Lake is hosting a photo contest!

We are seeking pictures taken around Burnsville Lake or in either of our two beautiful campgrounds! Win a free T-shirt! One winner’s photo will be chosen to be featured on a Burnsville Lake post card along with receiving a free Burnsville Lake Post card along with receiving a free Burnsville Lake T-Shirt! Submit your photos by June 10th by sending them via messenger to the FOBL Facebook page. A winner will be announced the 15th of June.

## Shavers Fork Community Church special sing

There will be a gospel sing at the Shav-

er’s Fork Community Church on Saturday, May 14th at 7:00 pm. Guest singers include Roger and Peggy Tenny and others. Everyone is welcome.

## Kniceley McCray cemetery event

On May 29, 2022 at 1pm we will gather at Kniceley McCray Cemetery to decorate our loved ones graves and have our annual business meeting. A yearly report will be given at that time. Anyone interested with the upkeep of the cemetery is welcome. We would like to take this opportunity to thank those that donated this past year toward the upkeep of the cemetery. Your donations are greatly appreciated. Please send donations to Kniceley McCray Cemetery c/o Linda Anderson, Treasurer, 45 Vernon Road, Sutton, WV 26601. Trustees: Rich King, Michael Bright, Austin Bleigh and Chris Kniceley.

## Flatwoods Monster

July 1st from 1:00-5:00pm. Vendors bring own table ,Chairs and Tent, \$25.00 to setup Music, Games and Food. Located at lot across from Flatwoods Funeral Call 304-678-7334 for info or application

## 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 upkeep 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.

## 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.

## Sutton High School Alumni meeting

If you’ve read the local newspaper, you’ve seen where the traditional Sutton High School Alumni Get Together, usually scheduled for July 1st weekend has been discontinued. There are several individuals that have expressed interest in continuation and therefore an open meeting has been set for Sunday, May 22, 2pm-4pm. This meeting will be held at the old Fisher Auto Parts building (the building adjacent to the old Sutton General Hospital). If you are interested in the continuation of some sort of “Get Together,” please try to attend this meeting. All ideas and help toward this endeavor will be appreciated. We would like to have a representative from each

## Braxton County Senior Center May Lunch Menu

Tuesday 17 BBQ Chicken, Baked Beans, Macaroni Salad, Fruit. Wednesday 18 Sausage Biscuit with Gravy, Roasted Potatoes, Fruit. Thursday 19 Cornish Pasti, Peas, Dinner Roll, Garden Salad, Fruit. Friday 20 Beans and Greens, Cornbread, Beets, Fruits. Monday 23 Chili, Sweet Potatoes, Crackers, Fruit. Tuesday 24 Baked Salmon, Pasta with Peas, Stewed Tomatoes, Fruit. Wednesday 25 Veterans Celebration Hamburger Steak with Onion Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Spinach, Dinner Roll, Fruit. Thursday 26 Breakfast Bake, Hash Browns, Biscuit, Spiced Apples, Juice. Friday 27 Lasagna, Garden Salad, Garlic Bread, Fruit. Monday 30 Holiday Center Closed. Tuesday 31 Hot Dog with Chili, Tater Tots, Baked Beans, Fruit.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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 Liveley, Marlon and Renell Moats, Carol King Schott, Becky Cochran, Carol April Dean, Johnie 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## Donations needed

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parents he was preceded in death by his sister, Karen Weatherth.

Don was a loving husband, father, and grandfather who adored the company of his family. He never missed an opportunity to cheer on his grandchildren at their sporting events. He was an avid outdoorsman. He retired from the City of Charleston, where he served as Public Works Director. He was a Baptist by faith.

He is survived by his loving wife, Connie Boggs Carr; sister Marsha Downs (Chuck); son, Matthew (Gina); daughter, Amy Taylor; and grandchildren, Morgan Perry (Hunter), Dylan Carr, Cody Taylor, and Kaitlyn Carr.

In keeping with his wishes he was cremated and a private inurnment will be at a later date.

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)

## Kenneth Allen Coombs

Kenneth Allen Coombs, 72, passed away peacefully at the Hubbard Hospice House in Charleston on May 13, 2022, after a long courageous battle with cancer. He was born December 31, 1949, in Sutton, West Virginia. He spent his life on the road as a truck driver until he was diagnosed. His love for his wife and family gave him the will and strength to fight for 14 years after the doctors had only given him six months. He was an outdoorsman, loved being surrounded by his family and watching Nascar.

He was preceded in death by his parents Allen Burnell Coombs and Evalee (Knight) Coombs Miller, one infant brother Jackie Lee Coombs, one infant grandson Jeremy Lee McCoy and his beloved cat Bear.

He is survived by his wife and high school sweetheart of 54 years Joanna (Riffle) Coombs, daughters Angela Sue Love (Steven) of Napier, WV, Christina Patten of Cox’s Mills, WV, and Kimberly Jeanette Yedulayyagari (Damodara) of Bluffton, SC. Sisters Barbara (Coombs) White (David) of Sutton, WV and Linda Kay (Coombs) Stout Krantz (Frank) of Gassaway, WV, nine grandchildren, several great grandchildren, aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. He also leaves behind his cats Denny and Daisy.

He traveled the roads in years gone past. A life he chose and hoped it would last. Driving all night from state to state. Trying to get home and arriving so late. He parked his truck now and his engine has stopped and those who love him their hearts have dropped. He traveled the country with a smile of great pride. Now he drives the streets of

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.

## Elizabeth Chapel

Its spring again and

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Heaven on the trucker’s last ride.

His wishes were to be cremated with no memorial service; therefore, the family is requesting that any donations be sent to the Hubbard House at 1001 Curtis Price Way, Charleston, WV 25311-1824. Their services are free for terminally ill respite and end of life care and the staff was amazing and caring.

## William “Bill” Rader

William “Bill” Rader, 77, of Morgantown, passed away Saturday, May 7, 2022 at his home followed by an illness. Bill was born on March 23, 1945, in Morgantown, WV; and grew up with both of his parents, the late Burley and Mildred Rader; and one brother.

Bill graduated from Morgantown High School in 1964 and retired from West Virginia University from the Copy Department. Following his retirement, he continued doing other jobs for WVU. He enjoyed his church family at Brookhaven Bible Church; visiting with friends and family, and was Past Grand Patriarch at IOOF #7.

Bill is survived by his wife of 14 years: Martha “Sue” Moore Rader; his brother: John Rader of Fairmont; two daughters: Brandy Carder of Braxton, WV and Stacey Swisher of Salem, WV. The joy of his heart were his grandchildren: Austin James, Emmaleigh Paige James, and Shanda Swisher. Bill also found great pride in his great-granddaughter, Sophie Willow James, daughter of Austin and Cordelia.

The family wishes to thank EMT and paramedics with Monongalia EMS for their care and support during this time. Also Care Partners, who provided excellent care and Herschler and all of their other providers.

Visitation was held at McCulla Funeral Home, 770 Fairmont Road, Westover, on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 from 10 am until the 2 pm funeral service with Pastor Jim Cooley officiating. Following the service, McCulla Funeral Home provide dcremation service. Online condolences may be extended to the family at [www.mcculla.com](http://www.mcculla.com)

**Mary Ann Bucklew**  
Mary Ann Bucklew, age 86, of South Florida Street, Buckhannon, died Saturday, March 19, 2022, at the J.W. Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown. She was born on August 26, 1935, in Burnsville, WV, a daughter of the late Harry V. and Allegra McNemar Wiant.

In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her husband George M. Bucklew and two brothers: Harry V. Wiant, Jr. and Sam W.

Wiant. She is survived by two sons: Roger Bruce Bucklew and wife Carol and Timothy A. Bucklew; two daughters: Suzanne Boehmer and Amy Conway and husband Bill; seven grandchildren: Jessica Boehmer, Kelly Boehmer and husband Chuck, Laura Boehmer, Ashley Williams and husband Andrew, Ryan Bucklew, Lindsay and husband Greg Kihlstrom, and Kyle Bucklew; four great grandchildren: Crew, Aven, Reeve, and Adah Williams; and one sister Pat Ridpath.

Mary Ann was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and loved to sing. A memorial service will be held on Sunday, May 22, 2022, at 10:00 AM, at the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Buckhannon, with Pastors Rick Cutright and Daniel Venegas officiating, with a luncheon provided following the service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Buckhannon Seventh-day Adventist Church, PO Box 205, Buckhannon, WV 26201. Online condolences may be extended to the Bucklew family at [www.heavnerandcutright.com](http://www.heavnerandcutright.com)

## David Warren Lynch

David was born in Decatur, Indiana, was of the Baptist faith and considered Calvary Bible Baptist Church his home church. He attended The Ohio State University and earned his Bachelor’s Degree in Public Administration from Franklin University. David worked for Seko US Freightways in Columbus, OH, Victory Signs, US Express, and Catoosa County DFACS before ultimately retiring from XPO Logistics. He could spend all day in the garage fixing things and working with his hands. David also enjoyed fishing, photography, and cheering for the Ohio State Buckeyes. He had a heart of gold and would help anyone no matter what the circumstance. David had a strong personality, was a born leader, a hard worker, and was very charismatic. He was the one people came to or called for advice. David you are deeply loved and are dearly missed.

David is preceded in death by his parents, Woody and Charlene Lynch; brother, Harry Lynch; sister, Kathy Smith; and grandson, Xavier Drake Lynch.

Survivors include his wife, Pam Lynch; children, Amber (Paul) White and Jeremiah (Brenda) Lynch; grandchildren: Amelia, George, and Joey; sisters, Ellen Stilwell and Amy Bundy; brother, Bill Lynch; several nieces and nephews; and beloved dog, Billy.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, May 14th, 2022 at 2pm in the South Crest Chapel.

To share condolences and view a live stream of the funeral service please visit [lane-southcrestchapel.com](http://lane-southcrestchapel.com)

The family received friends on Friday, May 13th, 2022 from 4-8pm and Saturday from noon until the funeral hour in the South Crest Chapel of Lane Funeral home & Crematory, Rossville.



# COMMUNITY CORNER

## PAT'S CHAT

By : PAT RIDPATH



O n e last invitation for you to come to Mary Ann Bucklew's Memorial Service on Sunday, May 22 at 10 a.m. I want all of you who were acquainted with her and loved her to come to the Buckhannon Seventh-day Adventist Church for the Celebration of her Life. Luncheon will be served after the service. In lieu of flowers, please send donations in memory of her to the Buckhannon SDA Church, at P. O. Box 205, Buckhannon, WV 26201.

There have been so many tragedies lately, it is almost difficult to tell you that Mary Ann's Memorial will be a Celebration of Life. She loved her church, loved to sing there, especially if she was doing special music. Her great-grandchildren, Drew, Aven, Reeve and Adah will be singing for us. They are the grandchildren of Bruce and Carol Bucklew and, like her, they enjoy singing for people. I am sure you will all enjoy hearing her talent carried on through her little great-grandsons. Everyone is welcome.

I enjoy articles written for the papers similar to my Pat's Chats. Larry Knight often has an interesting story to tell, And this week is no exception. It is about a friend of his, Peg Leg McCoy. Also, Jeanette Riffle wrote about a Strange Squirrel which they took a picture of and included. The squirrel has a white stripe down his back.

Another writer, Joseph J. Mazzella, touched my heart with his article this week entitled "A Single Piece of Trash." He spoke to all of us. He and his children when they were younger would take a trash bag to the lake and pick up trash as they walked slowly, step by step, around the lake, picking up all sorts of things including an old shoe and took "one last look at the lake as the sun set. It looked more beautiful then ever and I felt like God and the angels were looking down upon it with us and sharing our smiles." He went on to say that "at times the 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 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." Maranatha

## Kanawha Alumni Association parade entries being accepted

With road construction in Burnsville wrapping up, the Kanawha Alumni Association wants to remind the community that the annual KAA Memorial Day weekend parade is still scheduled! The parade, which will take place on Saturday, May 28 beginning at 11:00 a.m., runs along Fifth Street before turning onto Church Street and proceeding to the football field behind Burnsville Elementary School. Lineup for the parade begins at 10:30 a.m.

The KAA encourages every class to take part in the parade... whether it is with a float, decorated car, or simply walking with classmates. Classic cars, firetrucks, bands, and others are also welcome to join.

Contact Karlena Boyce at (304) 689-1294 or by email at karlenaboyce@gmail.com to sign up.

## COUNTY STORIES

By: JEANETTE RIFFLE

### Friendly Fox

We have a red fox coming off the hill out front every evening about dusk and it has been seen right beside the house at the pine tree. It is a red fox, a pretty thing. Always in the past, a fox would stay it's distance from us. We would see it on the lower end of the property, but this one is brave. There doesn't seem to be anything wrong with it. Maybe it's just hungry. My husband said that when he was growing up at the Shock log cabin, a fox was carrying their chickens off and he followed the trail of feathers to see where the den was. It was on the hill, across the road from where we now live. Our big dog gives this one a run for it's money, but it still keeps coming back. I'm glad we don't have chickens. We think it is eating grubs, bugs, and

anything it can find. You can tell when Rascal is barking at the fox. He growls along with the bark and he watches that hillside when evening comes. I hear that growl and I tell Hubby that the fox is back. He takes a big flashlight, goes out on the front porch and scans the field. Sure enough, That's what is out there. It doesn't like the bright light shinning in it's eyes and it goes to the road. Sometimes it sets down up there and sometimes it heads for the hillside. Rascal has a invisible fence or he wouldn't be here. He was taking off after deer, crossing the road, and going up the hill after them. He would not come back when we called him and that was back when he was a pup, not even a year old, yet. He was big and looked older. We knew we had to do something. The dogs we had before didn't act like that. They have crossed over

rainbow bridge, as the saying goes.

Last evening we saw a coyote running the trail across the creek behind us. Hubby went for a gun but by the time he got to the back door, it was out of sight. He just got a glimpse now and then through all the greenery. Trees have really leafed out this past week.

People are still cleaning up from that flood. The woods beside us was the worst. Duane took the old tractor and hauled debris away. This has been a nice Sunday. So far, no storms. They were called for but as my pen pal in Florida said, "The best weather forecast is to look out the door." My allergies have been acting up so I don't linger for long outside. Until next time, everyone please continue to be safe and take care. Covid is on the rise in some areas again.

### Town of Flatwoods holds April meeting

The Town of Flatwoods Council meeting was held on April 19, at the Flatwood Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order at 6:42 pm by Mayor Dale Ball. Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Opening Prayer was led by Councilman Dennis Miller.

Present were Mayor, Dale Ball, Treasurer/Recorder Lisa Hamrick, Chief of Police Shawn Brown, and Council Members, Jake Hamrick and Dennis Miller, and Keith Long by phone.

Citizens present were Lorie J. Brown and Danny Lee Smallwood Jr.

Lisa Hamrick read the minutes from March 15, 2022, meeting. Dennis Miller made the motion to approve the minutes as read. Jake Hamrick seconded. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Lisa Hamrick read the Treasurer's Report. Jake Hamrick made the motion to approve the report as read. Dennis Miller seconded. All were in favor, the motion carried.

A new salt spreader needs to be purchased for the side by side. Dennis Miller stated that we may want to consider ordering ice melt now as they may be a shortage come winter.

Lisa Hamrick read the bill list; Dennis Miller made a motion to approve the bill list as read. Jake Hamrick seconded. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Dennis Miller made a motion to table donation to Braxton softball to next meeting. Jake Hamrick seconded. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Dennis Miller made a motion to make quarterly donation in the amount or \$1250 to Flatwoods Volunteer Fire Department. Jake Hamrick seconded. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Dennis Miller made the motion to lay the levy. Keith Long seconded. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Jake Hamrick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m. Dennis Miller seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

### CALENDAR

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questions, call 304-765-7824.

**Hoover Cemetery**

Its spring again and time to start mowing and working to upkeep the cemetery. Thank you to all that donated last year. Please mail donations to Rhettta 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).

**AA - Recovery Meetings**

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

**Jackson Cemetery Little Birch**

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

**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.

**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.

**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 phenomena 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.

**"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 biblically-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, un-

healthy relationships, and substance abuse. To register or if you have questions you can call Pastor Eric Veltre at 304-689-0000.

**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.

**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.

**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 small group meetings immediately following. Meetings held at the Pulse in Gassaway. If you have any questions please call Pastor Doug Smailes.

**Burnsville Community Center event bookings**

Are you looking for a place to host an event? If so, the Burnsville Community Center is

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MAGISTRATE COURT

REPORT

**Magistrate Beth Smith's Court**

May 3: Timothy R. James of Cranberry Township, PA, speeding in construction zone, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed and paid.

May 4: Peter A. Zulak of Ajax, ON, speeding in construction zone, guilty plea, fine/court costs assessed and paid.

May 5: Thomas J. Miller of Burnsville, NC, speeding in construction zone, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed.

May 6: Christopher D. Hines of Birch River, driving suspended, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed and paid.

May 9: Santo Edward Benincasa of Charleston, expired MVI, dismissed proof provided; Sharon Lynn Turner of Duck, no seatbelt, no contest plea, expired MVI, dismissed proof provided, fine assessed; Susan M. Shaw of Sutton, expired registration, dismissed proof provided, no proof of insurance, dismissed proof provided; Kimberly Henry of Rosedale, expired MVI, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; Emilie Marie Rhodes of Sutton, possession with intent to deliver x2, preliminary hearing waived, transferred to circuit court.

May 10: Justin Ray Chapman of Gassaway, intimidation of state witness, bond set at \$25,000 cash only, fleeing on foot, obstructing an officer, battery on officer, disorderly conduct, bond set at \$4800 cash or surety, harassment x2, trespassing x2, disorderly conduct x2, bond set at \$1400 cash or surety, disruption of governmental process, obstructing an officer, disorderly conduct, bond set at \$2100 cash or surety.

May 11: John Henry Bullard of Rosedale, speeding in construction zone, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; Samuel David Rose of Duck, speeding, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; Crystal L. Salisbury of Frametown, cell phone violation, no contest plea, no operators, no contest plea, no contest plea, fines/court costs assessed; Cynthia Dawn Ellis of Belle, possession with intent to deliver, conspiracy, contraband into jail, preliminary hearing waived, transferred to circuit court; Dawn Rae Bledsoe of Sutton, no seatbelt x2, guilty plea, fines assessed and paid.

May 12: Adam J. Long of Sutton, burglary, no probable cause found, violation of protective order, guilty plea, petit larceny, guilty plea, 12 months of jail with credit for time served of seven days, remainder suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation with weekly drug tests, fine/court costs assessed; Joshua Joe Webb of Gassaway, truancy, dismissed; Samantha Stewart of Gassaway, truancy, dismissed.

May 13: Sarah E. Stump of Flatwoods, no

seatbelt x3, no contest plea, no child restraint, no contest plea, fines/court costs assessed; Woodrow Rader of Sutton, cell phone violation, no contest plea, fine assessed and paid; Justin Phillip Peggs of Sutton, no seatbelt, guilty plea, fine assessed and paid; Delbert Fisher of Burnsville, assault, obstructing an officer x2, assault on an officer, driving suspended, leaving the scene of an accident, no proof of insurance, no registration, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$12,300 cash or surety.

**Magistrate David Singleton's Court**

May 9: Justin Edward Hill of Sutton, no proof of insurance, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; Matthew D. Campbell of Sutton, expired MVI, dismissed proof provided; Stephen Michael Reynolds of Gassaway, no seatbelt, guilty plea, fine assessed and paid; Robert Quinton Given of Sutton, petit larceny, guilty plea, third degree arson, dismissed per plea, entry of building other than dwelling, dismissed per plea, unauthorized use of dumpster, dismissed per plea, petit larceny, dismissed per plea, prohibited burning, dismissed per plea, prohibited stop, dismissed per plea, 180 days of jail with credit for time served of 30 days, remainder suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation, fine/court costs assessed.

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



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

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

Newville Cemetery Memorial Service to be held May 29th

A Memorial Service will be held at the Newville Cemetery on Sunday, May 29, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to come and join in fellowship as we remember our loved ones at this beautiful resting place. The Newville Cemetery Management Team will be present to receive any comments and suggestions. All donations are greatly appreciated.

West Virginia Caring receives honor for its outstanding Care

WV Caring has been named a 2022 Hospice Honors recipient by HEALTHCAREfirst, a leading provider of billing and coding services, Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS) surveys and analytics. Hospice Honors is a prestigious program that recognizes hospices providing the highest level of quality as measured from the caregiver's point of view.

"Hospice Honors recipients are industry leaders in providing quality care and constantly seeking ways to improve," said Ronda Howard, Vice President Revenue Cycle and CAHPS at HEALTHCAREfirst. "We are honored to be aligned with such high performing agencies like WV Caring and we congratulate them on their success."

Award criteria were based on Hospice CAHPS survey results for an evaluation period of October 2020 through September 2021. Award recipients were identified by evaluating performance on a set of 24 quality indicator measures. Performance scores were aggregated from all completed surveys and were compared on a question by-question basis to a National Performance Score calculated from all hospices contained in the HEALTHCAREfirst's Hospice CAHPS database. Hospice Honors recipients include those hospices scoring above the HEALTHCAREfirst National Performance Score on 20 of the evaluated questions.

"I am proud to have received this award for the second consecutive year. West Virginia Caring puts patients and families first, and the Hospice Honors recognition affirms the excellence in patient care that we provide," said President and CEO Malene Davis, MBA, MSN, RN, CHPN. "We encourage those with life-limiting illnesses in our 12-county service area to call on West Virginia Caring if you have any questions or are considering any hospice care needs."

HEALTHCAREfirst holds a special recognition, Hospice Honors Elite, to honor hospices scoring above the HEALTHCAREfirst National Performance Score on all 24 of the evaluated questions.

West Virginia Caring, also known as Hospice Care Corporation, is a 501 (c) (3), non-profit organization, is dedicated to serving the terminally ill and their families individuals transitioning through life-limiting illness while providing outreach, education, and expertise in grief support to the entire community.

WV Caring serves 12 counties in West Virginia since 1983. In fact, WV Caring is one of a few not for profit, stand-alone hospices serving this area. For more information, visit the company's web site at [www.wvcaring.org](http://www.wvcaring.org) or call 1-866-656-9790.

To defy God

Definition: to openly resist or refuse to obey, to challenge the power of, to blatantly say I will not do it

Criminals defy law enforcement, children defy parents, employees defy employers and animals defy humans.

You might say that humans have a nature of rebellion and being stubborn even when we know that we should listen and obey.

When we resist to do something, even when we know that it is the right thing to do there are consequences, even when we refuse to listen to our God there are severe consequences that will destroy our soul.

Deut 28:15-22

15 But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee: 16 Cursed shalt thou be in the city, and cursed shalt thou be in the field. 17 Cursed shall be thy basket and thy store. 18 Cursed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy land, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. 19 Cursed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and cursed shalt thou be when thou goest out. 20 The LORD shall send upon thee cursing, vexation, and rebuke, in all that thou settest thine hand unto for to do, until thou be destroyed, and until thou perish quickly; because of the wickedness of thy doings, whereby thou hast forsaken me. 21 The LORD shall make the pestilence cleave unto thee, until he have consumed thee from off the land, whither thou goest to possess it. 22 The LORD shall smite thee with a consumption, and with a fever, and with an inflammation, and with an extreme burning, and with the sword, and with blasting, and with mildew; and they shall pursue thee until thou perish.

KJV Josh 24:14-16

14 Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD. 15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD. 16 And the people answered and said, God forbid that we should forsake the LORD, to serve other gods; God just only wants the best for us, and he wants to bless us, but his blessings are conditional.

When we defy something we know that there will be consequences people usually run away from them thinking that they will escape them but eventually everyone has to pay the price for our actions.

Jonah ran from God

Jonah 1:2

2 Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me.

What do you do with the word of God?

Jonah 1:1

1:1 Now the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the son of Amittai, saying,

Jonah 1:2

2 Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me.

What did Jonah do?

Jonah 1:3

3 But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD, When we defy God the only way that we can go is down

Jonah 1:3-6

3 But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD, and went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. 4 But the LORD sent out a great wind into the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in the sea, so that the ship was like to be broken. 5 Then the mariners were afraid, and cried every man unto his god, and cast forth the wares that were in the ship into the sea, to lighten it of them. But Jonah was gone down into the sides of the ship; and he lay, and was fast asleep. 6 So the shipmaster came to him, and said unto him, What meanest thou, O sleeper? arise, call upon thy God, if so be that God will think upon us, that we perish not.

KJV Jonah 1:11-12

11 Then said they unto him, What shall we do unto thee, that the sea may be calm unto us? for the sea wrought, and was tempestuous. 12 And he said unto them, Take me up, and cast me forth into the sea; so shall the sea be calm unto you: for I know that for my sake this great tempest is upon you.

Jonah 1:15-17

15 So they took up Jonah, and cast him forth into the sea: and the sea ceased from her raging. 16 Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice unto the LORD, and made vows. 17 Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and t

Why do you resist the God of heaven when the only way to go is down when we resist Him?

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

# Judy's Garden Club involve local students in May activities



Marian Agostino at the Flower Swap held in Little Birch.

Early in May, Judy's Garden Club member, Marian Agostino, presented a demonstration about her passion for hydrangea at the annual Flower Swap held in Little Birch. The group was treated to Marian's expertise about the growing and care of these beautiful flowers. Marian yearly hosts a JGC meeting at her home so the members can view first hand the amazing hydrangea she maintains.

Recently Judy's Garden Club member, Suzanne McGowan, Appalachian district, invited students from

Sutton Elementary school to aid in the planting of flowers and vegetables at the prepared boxes behind City National Bank. This SES class was the group presented with pine tree seedlings from JGC and they showed great interest in planting and caring for natural resources so they were chosen to help with the planting project and entrusted with watering, maintaining and enjoying the vegetables produced.

Another Judy's Garden Club project involving students will have 4-H club members planting

flowers in the large street containers in Sutton. These will be maintained by Judy's Garden Club throughout the summer. JGC would like to thank Willa Grafton for sharing her knowledge on care of pine trees, City Bank for sponsoring supplies for the plantings at the bank, SES for allowing students to participate, J. Porto and the BCHS Greenhouse and Martha Cochran for the donation of plants for the projects. Judy's Garden Club is committed to involving students in the experience of growing plants and caring for the environment.



Suzanne McGowan and Sutton students

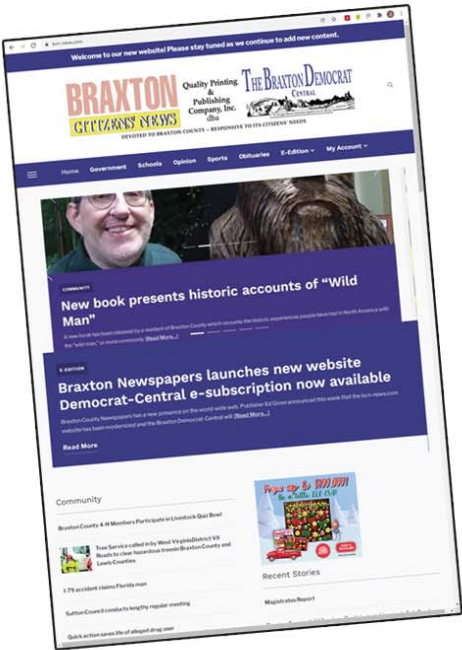


SES students planting with JudyGarden Club

Look for JGC display at the Big Foot Festival on June 25 which will feature a children's activity!

At a recent Judy's Garden Club meeting, Mary Jacobsen was elected as treasurer. JGC is very thankful for the dedication of outgoing treasurer, Christi Boggs. At the Sutton Farmers' market on May 21, JGC will have plants, flowers and raffle items, so stop by and check it out! On June 11, JGC will hold the first meeting of the new year, so if you are interested in joining this group, now is the time and all are welcome!

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Sally Stewart, Just One Generation Program Director, confers with Diane Ratliff, Spay/Neuter Assistance Coordinator about some program details.

## Locat cat rescue offers spay/neuter assistance

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 WV 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 this 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 reducing unwanted cats and kittens."

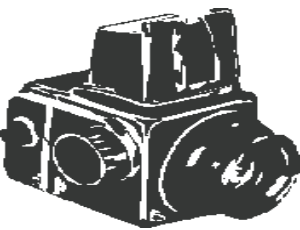
The organization has received grant money for this purpose in previous years. This year, however, is the first time that a NO COST option is available to eligible families. To qualify for no cost services, the owner of the cats must certify that they are receiving state or federal public assistance from 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 Progra (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 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](mailto:kadikitty@gmail.com). All procedures must be scheduled and completed by November 1, or sooner if funds run low.

May 17, 2022



## A Photographic Look at...

# BCHS CTE Awards Ceremony



**Healthcare-** Grace Blake, Carly Given, Brooklyn Godfrey, Gracie Greenleif, Zoey Harrison, Larry Jackson, Daizy King, Hailey Lunceford, Kendra Lunceford, Emily Metheney, Jaيدا Napier, Stephanie Stewart.



**Electrical- Seniors-** Kolton Kniceley, Isaiah Mowery, Beau Liston, Jacob Erdman, Lane Martin, Zack Roberts, Skylar Dean, Colton Moore.



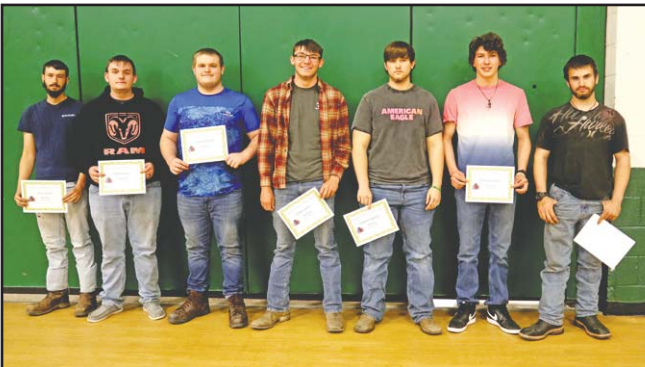
**Electrical-Underclassman-** Ryder McLaughlin, Elise Taylor, Rylan Prunty, Logan Cable, Sam White, Anthony Currence, Richard Westfall, Jaxson Short, Jacob Loudin.



**Keith Greene-Electrical instructor and Lane Martin-Electrical student of the year**



**Welding- Senior CTE completers.**  
Photos by Janet Six.



**Welding- Underclassman students receive their CTE awards at the ceremony.**



**Law & Public Safety-** Amelia Alderman, Tyler Baldwin, Jackie Fleming, William Forbush, Madalyn Helmick, Samuel Kennen, Mazzy King, Briar Loyd, Caleb Prince, Tyler Stout, Brian Tate, Jaden Thayer.



**Business- Seniors-** Danielle Verellen, Emily Frame, Erica Burnham, Joshua Carr, Ethan Cunningham, Mya Losh, Bryson Spell, Olivia Ramsey, Johnna Wimmer.



**Business- Underclassman-** Tempest Loyd, Tyler Carr, Devin Lloyd, Allison Katiny.



**CTE Director Lori Stover-Williams.**



**Human Services-** Kylie Olszewski, Kylie Givens, Hope Byerly, Zoey Davis, Breanne Baultripp.



**Sharon Desper-Education and Human Services Instructor**



**NOCTI National Level students receive their awards for completion.**



**NOCTI State Level-** Tempest Loyd, Zoe, Travino, Shyann Foster, Kira Brown.



# LEGAL NOTICES

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

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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](http://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

5-10 5-17b

### 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](mailto:braxtonlepc@gmail.com) 05-0305-17b

### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Braxton County Board of Education hereby gives notice that a public hearing, per WV Code §18-5-4, with regard to its 2022-2023 operating budget will be held at 6:00 p.m. on May 24, 2022 at the Board Office. At this hearing, reasonable time shall be granted to any person or persons who wish to speak regarding parts or all of said budget. Copies of the

budget document will be available for public inspection at the Board Office at 98 Carter Braxton Drive, Sutton, WV. 5-17 5-24b

### ORDER OF PUBLICATION

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF BRAXTON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA  
CIVIL ACTION NO. 22-D-35  
IN RE:  
The Marriage of:  
Amanda Dawn Meadows,  
Petitioner  
and  
Christopher Allan Meadows,  
Respondent  
THE OBJECT OF THIS SUIT IS TO OBTAIN A DIVORCE.  
THIS IS A PUBLICATION BY CLASS II LEGAL ADVERTISE-  
MENT.  
To the Above-Named Respon-  
dent:  
It appearing by affidavit filed in this action that Christopher Allan

Meadows is a non-resident of the State of West Virginia or has an unknown address. It is hereby ordered that Christopher Allan Meadows serve upon Amanda Dawn Meadows, Petitioner, whose address is 1465 Harper Hill Rd, Little Birch, West Virginia, 26629, an Answer, including any related counterclaim or defense you may have to the Petition For Divorce filed in this action on or before June 10, 2022. If you fail to Answer the Petition for Divorce, a judgment may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition. A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk's Office. Entered by the Clerk of said Court, Braxton County Family Court. Susan Lemon  
Clerk of the Court 5-17 5-24p

## New River CTC celebrates 2022 graduates in eighteenth commencement ceremony

New River Community and Technical College celebrated the class of 2022 at the college's eighteenth commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 14 at the Beckley-Raleigh County Convention Center.

"Recognizing the achievements of our students and celebrating this milestone with them is an exciting part of what we do at the college," said New River CTC President Dr. Bonny Copenhaver. "With our 2022 commencement ceremony, we're also celebrating the first graduating classes of two new associate of applied science programs, the LPN to RN

Bridge Pathway and Physical Therapist Assistant."

Academic honors were presented to 96 students graduating with at least a 3.4 grade point average (GPA). In addition, 21 graduates are members of the Phi Theta Kappa academic honor society for associate degree students with at least a 3.5 GPA.

Rebecca Polan, CEO of REO Processing, addressed the graduates at the ceremony. She is responsible for the strategic direction, vision, growth, and performance of her family's 111-year-old company, a West Virginia founded business. Polan holds

a Master's of Business Administration from the College of William & Mary, a Master's of Public Administration with a specialization in Leadership Development from The American University, a B.A. in Psychology from Smith College and a certificate in Supply Chain Management from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

New River CTC is registering students for the summer and fall 2022 semesters. For information on programs at New River CTC visit [www.newriver.edu](http://www.newriver.edu), email [admissions@newriver.edu](mailto:admissions@newriver.edu) or call 1-866-349-3739.

## DHHR extends application period for Emergency Energy Assistance Program

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) today announced applications for the Emergency Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) have been extended to May 27, 2022, or until funds are exhausted. The federally funded program assists eligible state residents in paying home heating bills.

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

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

Eligibility for LIEAP benefits is based on income, household size and whether the house-

hold is responsible for paying its heating bill. The income limit is 60% of the state median income. In these situations where a heating emergency exists, applicants must be seen by a DHHR worker.

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

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

Household Size  
Monthly Allowable Income  
1 \$2,005, 2 \$2,621,

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

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

State residents must go to their local DHHR office to apply. A list of local offices is available online at <http://www.dhhr.wv.gov/bcf/Documents/DHHR.BCF.LocalOffices.pdf>.

While I did not have an opponent in the 63rd District's Democratic primary, I greatly appreciate everyone who came out and took part in one of the most important exercises of civic duty life has to offer. I am humbled that so many folks in the 63rd District have decided to support me in my endeavor of bringing more jobs, better roads, and better schools to Braxton and Gilmer Counties.

I congratulate both of my Republican colleagues on their primary campaigns, and look forward to the Fall. Now begins the work for the general election in November. Although it may seem like a long road lies ahead, Election Day will be here before you know it. The team and I are excited, and look forward to the opportunities we will have to discuss common-sense solutions for north-central West Virginia. I look forward to hearing from you. Kevin Carpenter  
Paid for Kevin Carpenter for West Virginia



Your donations help puppies like this litter available at the BCAS.

## Sutton Public Library continues Cans For Canines BCAS fundraiser

Sutton Public Library would like to thank everyone for the continued support of our community project, Cans for Canines. This project has been in operation for over one year now with over \$1,000 raised over this past year thanks to your partnership with bringing cans and monetary donations! Funds raised go to the Braxton County Animal Shelter. This ongoing program encourages everyone to start saving and donating aluminum cans to the Sutton Public Library who will then deliver them to the recycling center. All funds are donated directly to

the Braxton County Animal Shelter. Shelter staff has said that the funds have been a great help to pay for immunization supplies. If you are an individual or a company and would like to help support this wonder cause with a few cans a week or a truck load, just bring them by the library and leave them in the specially marked bins or large boxes on the parking ramp. The library does not have to be open for you to leave your donated cans.

The Sutton 4-H Club that meets monthly at the library will begin collecting cans to support this

program and will provide additional help in sorting the cans to make sure we have just aluminum cans. We cannot take aluminum foil or steel soup cans. Those items are not accepted at the recycle location at this time.

The library is also looking for sponsors to match the money earned by one load or for the whole month. If you want to get involved in this worthwhile, environmentally friendly program, call the library at 304-765-7224. The next time you start to throw away a can, think about the animals at the shelter that could benefit from that can.

## 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.

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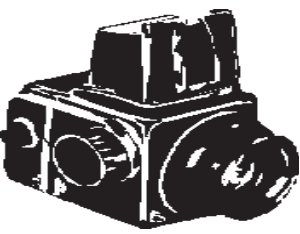
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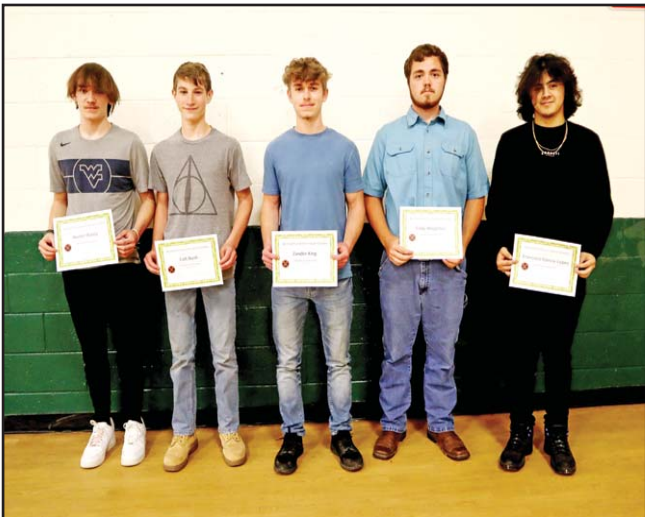
# A Photographic Look at... BCHS CTE Awards Ceremony



CTE Instructor of the Year-Christopher Cunningham



Carpentry- Seniors receive awards at the ceremony for CTE completion.



Carpentry- Underclassman- Hunter Bailey, Colt Bush, Zander King, Cody Houghton, Fanciso Garcia Lopez.



Linda Brooks-Healthcare instructor and Daizy King-Healthcare student of the year.



Wellness- Megan Jarvis



Robert Lloyd Carpentry Instructor



Education- Faith Byerly, Kodie Conrad, Adam Dobbins, Courtney Evans, Lainey Hunt, Hailey King, Joseph Triplett.



Engineering- Andrew McCallister, Eliza Keener, Joseph Johnson, Bryan Moore, Anthony Harday.



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## Glenville State University, Marshall University BSN partnership approved by WV Higher Education Policy Commission



During its May 12 meeting, the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approved Marshall University's request to offer the BSN degree on the campus of Glenville State University. Marshall University and Glenville State University have developed a partnership that intends to alleviate West Virginia's nursing shortage by offering an educational opportunity that is not currently available in the central part of the state. Beginning in fall 2023, Marshall plans to extend its existing BSN program to Glenville's students on Glenville's campus. Students have already begun to enroll in a Pre-Nursing track at Glenville State for the fall 2022 semester.

The program is among 27 nursing education programs at colleges, universities, schools of nursing, and career technical education centers across the state that have received a total of \$25.5 million through Gov. Jim Justice's Nursing Workforce Expansion Program. "Glenville State University is excited about this opportunity, and I want to again thank Governor Justice for his leadership with this Nursing Workforce Expansion Program. We see the need for nurses in West Virginia and throughout the nation and this initiative will allow us to train more nurses for the future right where we need them the most - in rural areas of our state. So, with this endeavor, I believe that it will make a real difference in the clinics and small

hospitals of the Mountain State and beyond," said Glenville State University President, Dr. Mark A. Manchin. "We are tremendously grateful to Governor Justice for providing this historic funding to support the expansion of nursing education programs across West Virginia," said Dr. Sarah Armstrong Tucker, West Virginia's Chancellor of Higher Education. "Through these new projects, our post-secondary education community will be better positioned to help shore up West Virginia's nursing workforce - which, in turn, will help support our nurses working tirelessly on the front lines right now." For more information about the program at Glenville State University, visit [www.glenville.edu/nursing](http://www.glenville.edu/nursing).

## Friends of Burnsville Lake host photo contest

Friends of Burnsville Lake are hosting a photo contest! We are seeking pictures taken around Burnsville Lake or in either of our two beautiful campgrounds! Win a free T-shirt! One winner's photo will be chosen to be featured on a Burnsville Lake post card

along with receiving a free Burnsville Lake Post card along with receiving a free Burnsville Lake T-Shirt! Submit your photos by June 10th by sending them via messenger to the FOBL Facebook page. A winner will be announced the 15th of June.

## Central WV Hunting Dog Association public notice

The Central West Virginia Hunting Dog Association has closed for business, and will no longer host canine hunts, activities or events under this club name or FEIN # 20-

8653001. We appreciate those who have attended events and supported the club throughout the years, and it has been a pleasure to serve our community.

## Laurel Run Baptist Church 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.

# SPORTS

Reporting Braxton County's sports action

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## Eagles qualify for seven events in upcoming state track meet

*Bethany Payne wins regional championship in high jump*



2022 Braxton Eagles



Bethany Payne on the high jump.



Kasey Armentrout on the long jump.



Lindsay Helmick handing off to Anna Wine in the 4x100



Laura Cain in the long jump.

BCHS record in that event. She also qualified in the 200-meter dash.

Laura Cain qualified in two events—the 1600 and the 3200-meter runs. Heidi Payne qualified for the high jump with a third-place finish in the regional meet. The top three regional placers earn a trip to state competition. Nicole Bramble will compete in the 300-meter hurdles at states. Bramble placed second in regionals with a time of 54 seconds.

Bramble also runs in the shuttle hurdle relay in which Braxton's team qualified from an at-large bid. Mayson Shingler, Alisa Louk, and Emily Garrett complete that team.

Eagles' coach Robert Lloyd emphasized that "every [Braxton] athlete stepped up and did their very best at regionals." He added, "It was the most complete meet we have done all year. Some athletes even said, 'I beat my personal best,' which is great" The coach went on to express his feeling that, although they might not have made it to states, these athletes realized their small accomplishments which are important to them.

Coach Lloyd made it clear that he is "very hopeful [Braxton] will have a few placers at states."

A total of nine members of Braxton's track team will be competing in the state track meet Wednesday and Thursday. One of those, Bethany Payne, not only emerged as regional champ in one event but she also tied the BCHS record for that event.

Payne won the regional championship in the high jump with a distance of 5'0", which put her in a tie for the



Laura Cain runs for the Eagles.



Mayson Shingler sprinting.



Anthony Godwin and Lucas Copen handing the baton off



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

## BC 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.

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

## WV Humanities Council seeks grant applications

The West Virginia Humanities Council is seeking proposals from nonprofit organizations for its upcoming June 1 minigrant deadline.

Humanities Council minigrants support projects that request \$1,500 or less, including small projects, single events, lectures, small museum exhibits, brochures, consultation needs, and planning for more complex projects. Minigrants are offered four times per year by the Humanities Council.

For more information about the West Virginia Humanities Council grants program contact grants administrator Erin Riebe at (304) 346-8500 or via email at [riebe@wvhumanities.org](mailto:riebe@wvhumanities.org).

Grant guidelines and applications are available on the Humanities Council website, [www.wvhumanities.org](http://www.wvhumanities.org).

The West Virginia Humanities Council is a nonprofit corporation governed by a board of directors whose members are drawn from all parts of West Virginia. It is the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, supported by the NEH, the State of West Virginia, and by contributions from the private sector. The purposes of the West Virginia Humanities Council are educational, and its mission is to support a vigorous program in the humanities statewide in West Virginia.

## Donations needed for sugar creek cemetery

Anyone wishing to make a donation to the Sugar Creek Cemetery should send it to Eva Marie Tonkin % Huffman Bookkeeping Inc., 512 Elk Street, Gas-saway, WV 26624.

We are working on trying to resurface the black top roads.

The annual meeting will be held on Mon-

day, May 30, 2022 at 10:00 am in front of the mausoleum.

Anyone interested in the cemetery is welcome to the meeting.

We will be voting on a trustee at this time.

Trustees: Steve Rollins, Eva Tonkin, Kathy Uldrich, Bill Tyo and Kenny Stout.

## Kniceley McCray Cemetery holds business meeting

On May 29, 2022 at 1pm we will gather at Kniceley McCray Cemetery to decorate our loved ones graves and have our annual business meeting. A yearly report will be given at that time.

Anyone interested with the upkeep of the cemetery is welcome.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank those that do-

nated this past year toward the upkeep of the cemetery.

Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Please send donations to Kniceley McCray Cemetery c/o Linda Anderson, Treasurer, 45 Vernon Road, Sutton, WV 26601.

Trustees: Rich King, Michael Bright, Austin Bleigh and Chris Kniceley.

## Sutton Baptist Church

is looking for anyone interested in demolition and removal of a building.

Please contact us at 304-765-5442

to submit your bids.

The building is asbestos free and has had an asbestos abatement.

# Dog Tales: Stories from the Braxton County Animal Shelter

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



We have four beautiful, six month old **puppies** available for adoption. There is one male and three females, their individual pictures are captioned with their genders on the BCAS Facebook page. We can’t be sure of their breed but

they look like low-rider yellow labs. Currently around twenty pounds. They didn’t come to the shelter super social but they are warming up quickly! These little cuties would make wonderful companions!



**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.



A great big thank you goes out to Mrs. Denuzzo’s first grade class who collected and made this wonderful donation to our shelter pals!



A great big thank you goes out to Mrs. Denuzzo’s first grade class at Sutton Elementary School who collected and made this wonderful donation to the Braxton County Animal Shelter.

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

Thank you for your continued support of our shelter pals

# KITTY KORNER: Affordable, Adoptable, Fixed Feline Friends

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.

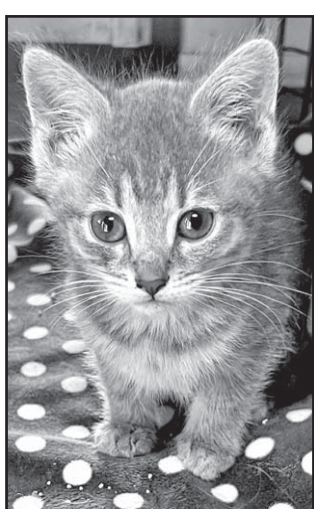
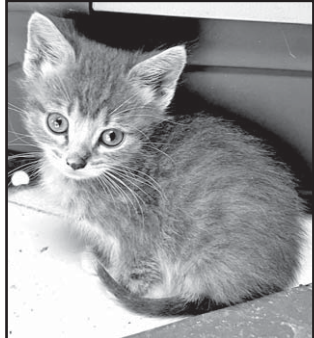
Our program currently has multiple healthy, social cats and kittens that are available for a modest adoption fee, that includes immunizations, deworming, flea protection, as well as spay/neuter and rabies vaccine when the kittens are four months old.

Featured today are several kittens currently waiting for homes of their own, but others will soon be coming. Additional photos can be seen on [petfinder.com](https://www.petfinder.com) by entering a search for CATS at location 26623 or on the Just One Generation Facebook page. Contact Sally Stewart. as 304-364-4136 to arrange a visit or for additional information.



**Archie, Bella, Charcoal:** 7-8 weeks, black/

white litter



**Stuart, Dory, Elvis:** 7 week old litter that includes 3 gray/white and 2 black kittens

# Burnsville Lake requests community volunteer help



Burnsville Lake can open our camp- need volunteer help grounds back up for in order to ensure we the upcoming holiday

weekend. We are still flooded and as the water recedes, we need help cleaning up all the drift and mess left behind.

This is a very large task and we need all the hands we can get! We have crews working seven days a week! So, any day/days you can help would be greatly appreciated!

By working together as a community that loves Burnsville Lake we can get it opened back up and just as beautiful as it ever was. This is also an awesome opportunity for local youth groups and organizations to volunteer to help out in a local disaster relief.

There are currently three spots in our Volunteer Village at Bulltown for Volunteers to bring their campers and help with flood relief!

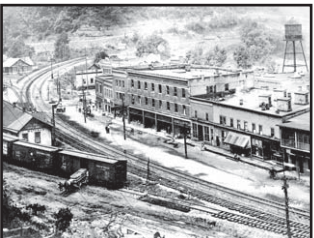
If you are interested in volunteering please call the Burnsville Lake Project Office at 304-853-2371 ext. 0.

The Burnsville Lake Project Office is experiencing phone issues as well, so if you can’t reach us by phone, please message us on Facebook at Burnsville Lake, US Army Corps of Engineers

# THIS WEEK IN WEST VIRGINIA HISTORY

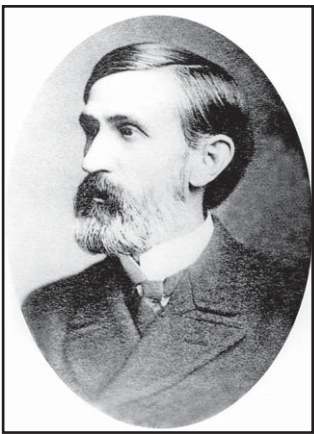
–The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia at [www.wvencyclopedia.org](http://www.wvencyclopedia.org).

May 18, 2012: Ice Mountain in Hampshire County was named a National Natural Landmark by the U.S. Department of the Interior at a ceremony to mark the 50th anniversary of the program.



May 19, 1920: Ten people were killed in what became known as the Matewan Massacre. Baldwin-Felts detectives came to Matewan to evict striking miners and their families, but Police Chief Sid Hatfield tried to stop the evictions as being unauthorized by law.

May 20, 1949: Nick Joe Rahall II was born in Beckley. When Rahall entered Congress in 1977, he was its youngest member.



May 21, 1853: William M.O. Dawson was born in Bloomington, Maryland, just across the Potomac River from what is now the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia. He became the 12th governor of West Virginia.

May 22, 1947: Supreme Court Justice Margaret “Peggy” Workman was born in Charleston. In the election of November 1988, she became the first woman on the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals and the first woman to be elected to statewide office in West Virginia.

May 23, 1862: In what became known as the Battle of Lewisburg, Union troops repelled a Confederate advance, killing 38 and wounding

66, while losing only 13 men.



May 23, 1941: Rod Thorn was born in Princeton. Thorn attended West Virginia University, where he was an All-American guard. Thorn has had an extended and distinguished career in the National Basketball Association.

May 24, 1896: Confederate General John Echols died in Staunton, Virginia. Echols served in the Kanawha Valley in 1862 and commanded Confederate forces at their defeat at the Battle of Droop Mountain in November 1863.

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

# First Baptist Church of Burnsville hosts annual hot dog sale May 28th

The First Baptist Church of Burnsville will be holding our annual Hot Dog Sale on Saturday, May 28, at the Burnsville City Park, following the Alumni Pa-

rade. Time is 11:00. All proceeds go to helping the community.

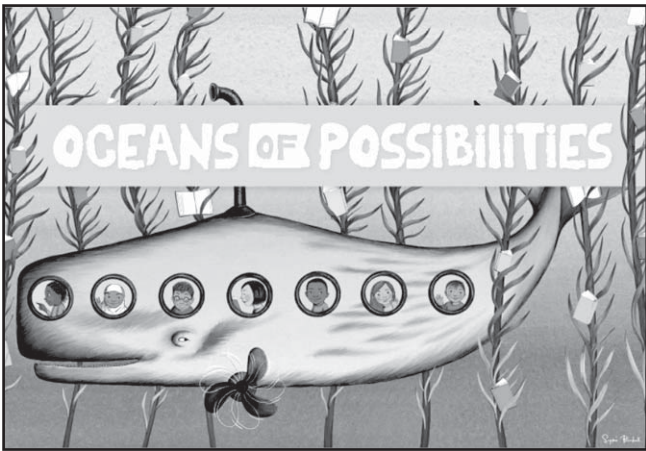
Come out and join the Burnsville Alumni in celebrating Memorial Day.

# Braxton County Libraries host Summer Reading Program: Oceans of Possibilities

There is only three weeks 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!

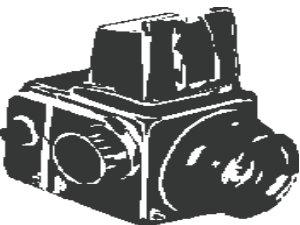
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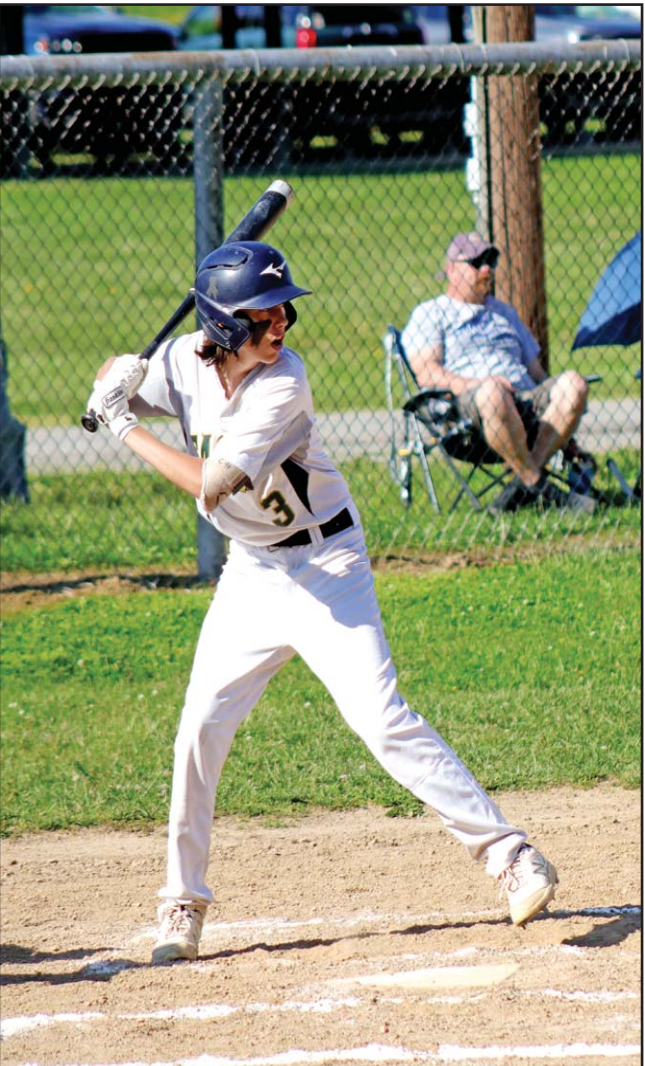
## Braxton advances to sectional baseball finals against Hoover



Adam Dobbins at shortstop



Kolton Kniceley catches for the Eagles.



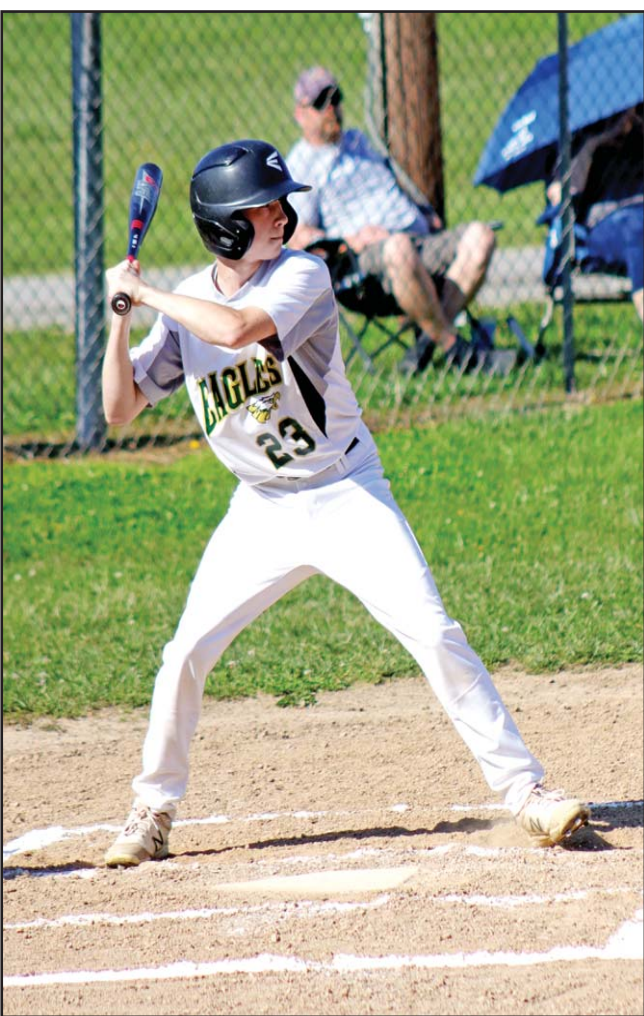
Logan Baldwin waits for the pitch.



Tyler Baldwin pitches for the Eagles in the game against Lewis County.



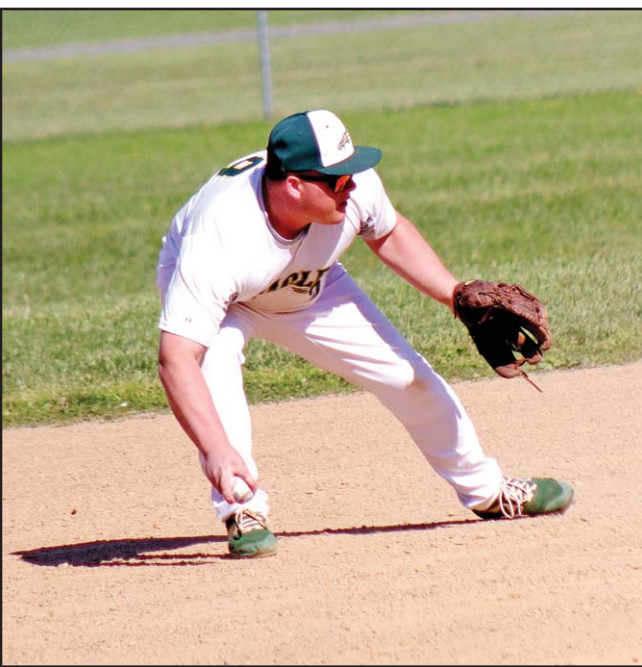
Adam Dobbins watches the pitch pass by.



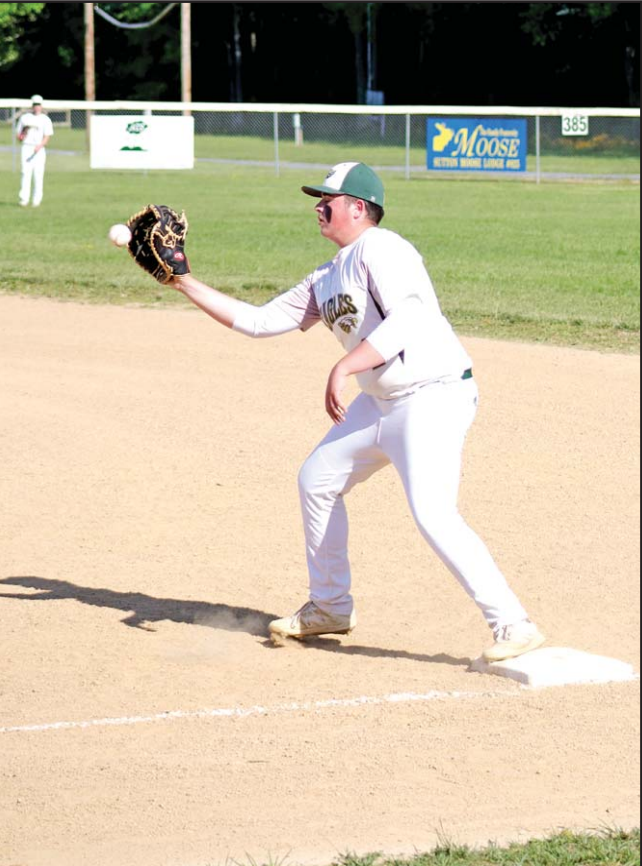
Braydon Helmick at bat for the Eagles.



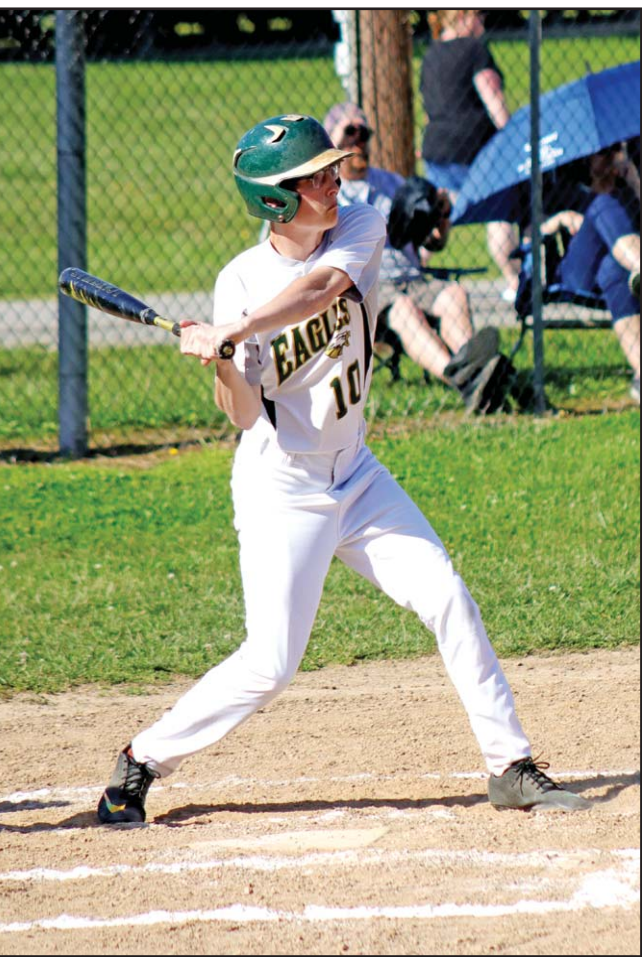
Eli Ward batting for the Eagles.



Isaiah Mowery grabbing the grounder at third base . Photos by Janet Six.



Eli Ward at first base with an out for the Eagles.



Jesse Flint, 2 for 4, drove in two runs for the Eagles.

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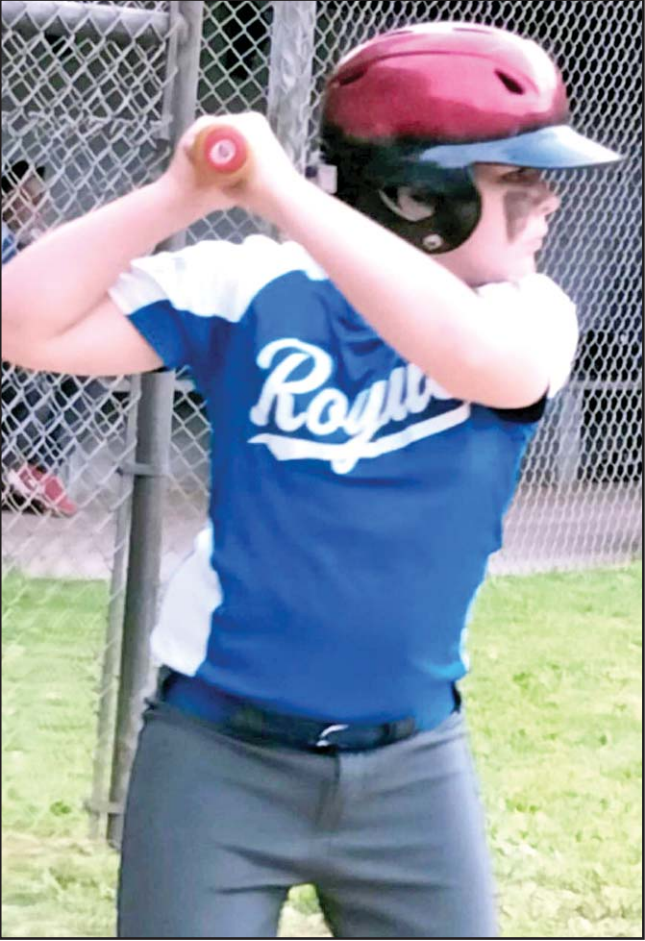
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# Braxton League Royals and Falcons win big over Webster and Clay counties this week

Braxton League The Royals played Webster County this week. The Royals came out on top with a 23 to 6 win over Webster. “Everyone played really well, hit the ball, excellent base running and fielding. They played as a team and had fun and this group is starting to come together. Looking forward to the rest of the season with the momentum and enthusiasm this group has developed.” Royals Coach Shannon Rhodes had to say about her team.

The Braxton League Falcons were victorious over Clay County this week. The score was unreported at the time of press.

Follow the Braxton League Facebook page for up to date announcements for the 2022 season.



Lucas Garrett up to bat for They Royals in the game against Webster County.



Cole Conrad pitches a nice strike for The Falcons against Clay County.



Chase Hamner coming into home plate for putting points on the scoreboard for The Royals.



Lane Lewis comes into home plate for The Falcons in the game against Clay County.



Landon Mays comes into home base scoring another point for The Falcons. Photos courtesy of the Braxton League.

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