

## BoE Interviews 5 for Superintendent's position

The Braxton County Board of Education conducted interviews of the five finalists for the position of superintendent on May 16.

Board President DeAnna Whipkey called the special meeting to order at 10:00 am. On a motion by Dr. Martha Dean with a second by Evelyn Post, the board went into

executive session in order to conduct the interviews. President Whipkey announced the board would be taking a lunch recess from 12 noon until 1:00 pm and then they would continue the interview process in the afternoon.

The board reconvened back into regular session at 6:21 pm. Dr. Martha Dean moved to complete

background checks and verify credentials of the five finalists with a second by Dolores Wright. The board approved the motion moving the superintendent search forward.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 24 at 6:00 pm.

## Braxton Memorial Hospital celebrates 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Tuesday, January 5, marked the 40th Anniversary of the opening of Braxton County Memorial Hospital.

With the closing of the doors of the Sutton Hospital around 1966 followed

by the Gassaway Hospital in 1975, the Braxton County community being left without a hospital for a number of years, soon realized the need to re-establish a local health-care facility. Dedicated

individuals from various walks of life coordinated their efforts by contributing countless volunteer hours in addition to monetary donations. Their commitment resulted in a ceremonial grand-opening event in October 1980 followed by Braxton County Memorial Hospital opening its doors in January of 1981 to begin a legacy of providing compassionate healthcare services to the community and surrounding areas.

During the four decades of existence, the critical access hospital has faced many changes, but always remained steadfast in its goal to provide quality, dependable care to the community. The most recent of changes was being welcomed into the WVU Medicine Health System in January 2019. This well accepted transition has enabled the hospital to provide much needed services to the citizens of central West Virginia. Through the assistance of WVU Medicine, BCMH provides quality specialty services such as general surgery, cardiology services, orthopedic care, women's health, and much more. Much needed specialty services, just a short drive from home.

With the Community's well-being always at heart, the Board of Directors, Administration, Providers and Staff, work together to fulfill the vision and mission of Braxton County Memorial Hospital, focused on steadily improving the services available to the great citizens of the Braxton County area.



Team leaders, Kim Frazier, Debbie Kincell, Agnes Vanpelt and Charlie Vaughan serve up a picnic style lunch to staff to commemorate the 40th Anniversary.



Braxton Patient Access Staff receiving a token of appreciation—Linda Perkins, Deb Daubenhauer, Karin Corte, Kyla Gregory.

## WVDOH Accepts Bids for 20 Projects Including

An approximately \$32 million project to build a new interchange on Interstate 64 near Culloden is among 20 projects included in a bid letting conducted by the West Virginia Division of Highways on Tuesday, May 17, 2022. Of importance to Braxton County residents, the Bulltown to Falls Mill Road paving is also among in the work bid.

The projects are made possible through funding from Gov. Jim Justice's \$2.8 billion Roads to Prosperity program.

The WVDOH is reviewing the bids and hopes to award contracts for these projects soon.

In addition to the Braxton County work, the May 17 letting included the

following projects: Marlinton traffic signals (Pocahontas County); Culloden Interchange (Cabell County) (Roads to Prosperity); Rupert sidewalk interchange (Greenbrier County); Statewide pavement markings; East River Mountain guardrail cable (Mercer County); Barksdale to Sandstone paving (Summers County); Porterwood to Moore Station paving (Tucker County); Romney paving (Hampshire County); Inwood paving (Berkeley County); Corridor H guardrail upgrade (Hardy County); Holden Bridge to Fountain Place Mall paving (Logan County); Slate Road slide repair with piling wall (Wood County); Shinnston sidewalk, pedestrian and

bike facilities (Harrison County); Highland Trace Road paving (Greenbrier County); Anmoore Bridge overpass cleaning and painting (Harrison County); Moorefield paving (Hardy County); Baker to McCauley Bridge paving (Hardy County); Institute lighting (Kanawha County); Millesons Mill Bridge cleaning and painting (Hampshire County).

Several factors are considered before awarding a bid, including whether a bid falls above or below the WVDOH Engineer's Estimate and by what percentage. In cases where a bid is above the Engineer's Estimate, WVDOH must consider the project need, repercussions of not

## Braxton Man Arrested in Upshur County While Driving Stolen Vehicle

An 18-year-old Braxton County man was arrested over the weekend after he was pulled over while driving a stolen truck in Upshur County.

According to a criminal complaint, deputies with the Upshur County Sheriff's Department tried to pull over an orange Chevrolet truck that didn't have a registration visible. The driver failed to stop and attempted to elude police, spurring a police chase that spanned Gaines Road, Roby Road and Salem Ridge Road.

The truck broke down on Guy Hardman Road, according to the com-



plaint, and the driver fled on foot into the nearby woods. A K9 with the Buckhannon Police Department responded to aid in the search. With the dog's assistance, of-

ficers located the driver who was identified as 18-year-old Anthony Fisher of Braxton County.

According to the complaint, the truck had been reported stolen on Friday in Webster County.

Fisher has been charged with numerous felonies, including fleeing with reckless indifference, fleeing while driving under the influence and possession of a stolen vehicle.

Fisher is currently being held at the Tygart Valley Regional Jail in lieu of a \$40,000, cash-only bond awaiting further court proceedings.

## Braxton Magistrate Report

**Magistrate Beth Smith**

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; Emilee Marie Rhodes of Sut-

ton, 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

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## WV Dept. of Ed. to Honor Golden Horseshoe

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 accomplishment 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).



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



# Legislative Update

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 the 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 Depart-

ment 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 Over-

sight 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 - 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 - Erickson Board Room

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

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.

## Magistrate...

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officer, disorderly conduct, bond set at \$2100 cash or surety.

May 11: John Henry Bulard 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, 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 an officer x2, battery 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

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, 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.

## Projects...

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awarding the project, additional funding sources, and whether sufficient reasons exist for the differences in estimates. Most projects are reviewed, analyzed, and awarded within a week of the bid letting, but the process can take longer.

With work continuing in all 55 counties across the state, the West Virginia Division of Highways and the West Virginia Department of Transportation remind the public of the importance of keeping everyone safe in work zones by keeping "Heads up; phones down!"

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# Obituaries

## 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.

## 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 cremation service. Online condolences may be extended to the family at [www.mcculla.com](http://www.mcculla.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

## 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 mem-

## 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 parents he was preceded in death by his sister, Karen Weathern. 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)

## 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

## Patricia Jean Kuhl

Patricia Jean Kuhl, 81, of Frametown passed away peacefully at home on Monday, 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 Meth-

## Violet Marie Knight Miller

Violet Marie Knight Miller, 63, of Sutton, passed away surrounded by her family on Wednesday, 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).

## 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, 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 was on Wednesday, May 18,

## Barbara Ann Lake

Barbara Ann Lake, 74, of Frametown passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, May 7, 2022. She was born in Burnsville on February 25, 1948 to the late Edward A. Blake and Bobby Lou Blake. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband of 49 years, William Lee Lake. Barbara worked at Go Mart, Inc. for 25+ years and most recently worked as a Human Resources Assistant. She truly enjoyed taking care of her lawn at home. She had a huge heart for the people in her life and a passion for all animals. She was a Baptist by faith. She will be forever remembered by her daughters of the heart, Sharon Mace of Gassaway and Laura 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).

## 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 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

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



Ruth was 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 Sin-

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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).

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### Ellen Ann Miller

Ellen Ann Miller was born on August 24, 1940 in Widen, a daughter of the late Walter and Gladys Crites Mullens. She went "home" to her Master when

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In 1961, Ellen married

Club will be selling baked goods.

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

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

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.

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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.

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



## Pat's Chats

By Pat Ridpath

One 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-grandchildren. 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

## A Whiff of Spring

By: Joseph J. Mazzella

The up and down, back and forth, twisty and turny weather of March had carried over into the first few weeks of April this year. We had clouds and sunshine, rain and snow, below freezing frost in the morning and t-shirt wearing 70 degree sunshine in the afternoon. Even the heater and AC unit were taking turns in my house. But at last we seemed to get enough sunshine and warmth for Spring to "really" arrive here. Apple and Cherry blossoms appeared on the trees. The grass started to green and grow again. And the flowers finally started to shoot up through the dirt and bless us with their

beauty and wonderful scents.

Just this morning I took a nice, slow stroll in the sunshine through my neighborhood. In it I saw yellow daffodils, purple phlox, crocus, hyacinth, and multi-colored tulips all blooming at once. I also saw hillsides covered in thousands upon thousands of dandelions with their little, yellow faces smiling in the sun. I could even smell the "Spring" in the air. After a long winter of smelling only smoke from wood stoves it was a pure joy smelling all of these flowers again. I even got down on my knees and bent down close to enjoy the smell of each one. I was amazed too at how

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

God gave each species of flower it's own unique scent.

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

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

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

## Burnsville Community Educational Outreach Service Club (CEOS)

The Burnsville CEOS Club met May 11 at the Burnsville Mayor's Office with Diane Hosey Hostess. The meeting was called to order by President Betty Carson with roll call and pledge to Flag by all present.

For meditations, Pat Drake read a poem "Blessing of Peace".

Diane, the Health Motivator told us that growing a garden, caring for house plants and flowers would improve our moods, burn off calories and being out in the sun releases natural good hormones promoting mental well-being. What is West Virginia's State Soil? -Monongahela soil occurs on more than 100,000 acres in 45 counties in WV and is considered prime farmland soil well-suited for crop production. One

of the founding fathers of modern psychology, Benjamin Rush believed that getting hands on and hands dirty had a healing effect. (a little WV trivia).

The Weston Area Meeting is May 21st. Barbour County is Hosting this year.

Show and Share Day is May 19th at Heaters Community Bldg.

We will be having a "Bake Sale" after the Alumni Parade in Burnsville on May 28th at the football field.

Hope to see you there.

Diane Hosey presented the lesson this month on "West Virginia Rhythm: Music in the Mountain State"

WV music is rooted in the storytelling traditions of Appalachia. As immigrants arrived in the area known as the Appalachian

Mountains music was a shared language of each culture---Native American Cherokee Indians who first loved the land, then Scotch-Irish settlers who explored the region, and the African Americans who came as slaves or railroad workers sharing their own unique sounds. The music is rooted in storytelling but it also offers a combination of country, folk, soul, rhythm and blues and blue-grass that will get anyone dancing. There will be a lot of music festivals going on this summer.

"The Hills Are Alive With the Sound of Music!!"

The next meeting will be June 8th at the Burnsville Mayor's Office 10am with Bobbi Bragg Hostess.

Hope all of you can make it out next month.

## Burnsville Hot Dog Sale

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 Parade.

Also, Burnsville CEOS

Club will be selling baked goods.

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

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

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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

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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. 5-19 5-26b

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

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

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for Gehan M. Elsayed, P.E., Ph.D.  
Chief Engineer of Programs and Performance Management  
Deputy State Highway Engineer

5-10 5-19b

## Adoptable Dogs at the Braxton County Animal Shelter

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

five pounds. Jessie loves to go on hikes, having kids to play with, going swimming, and she is a super dog friendly. Jessie is a happy-go-lucky girl and would love a big family to give her love to. She walks well on a leash and is quiet in her kennel too.

believe Manny is house trained because he takes the opportunity to potty outside when walked.



Manny was picked up by animal control because sadly, his owner passed away. Manny is very social and affectionate, he likes to give a random kisses on your chin every now and then. He seems to have been well loved Manny isn't yet neutered. We are estimating him to be three years old. He walks great on a leash and we

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

## 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, Gassaway, WV 26624.

We are working on trying to resurface the black top roads. The annual meeting will be held

on Monday, 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 Ulrich, Bill Tyo and Kenny Stout.

## 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.

## Kniceley McCray cemetery

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.

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.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank

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



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

## Elk River DAR installs 2022-25 officers

The new officers of the Elk River Daughters of the American Revolution Chapter were installed at the April 24, 2022 meeting. Elk River Chapter members are from Nicholas, Clay, Calhoun and Braxton Counties. Additional information about this service organization may be found at [www.dar.org](http://www.dar.org).

## Just One Generation: Kitty Korner

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

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

But, due to previously made travel plans and family commitments, Just One Generation will NOT be available to take in new animals or to adopt cats and kittens during the months of June, July, and August 2022.

Our spay/neuter assistance program will continue during this time.

If you have thoughtfully considered pet ownership, NOW may be the time to add a feline friend to your family.

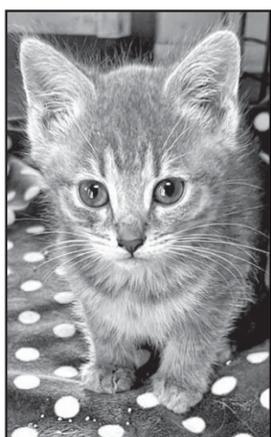
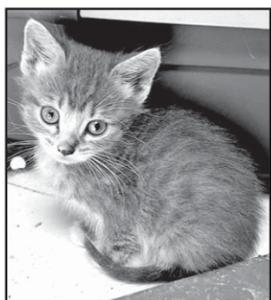
Our program currently has multiple healthy, social cats and kittens that are available for a modest adoption fee, that includes immunizations, deworming, flea protection, as well as spay/neuter and rabies vaccine when the kittens are four months old.

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](http://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

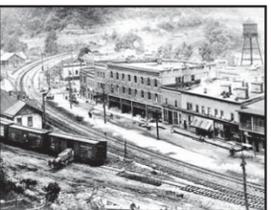


Stuart, Dory, Elvis: 7 week old litter that includes 3 gray/white and 2 black kittens

## 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).

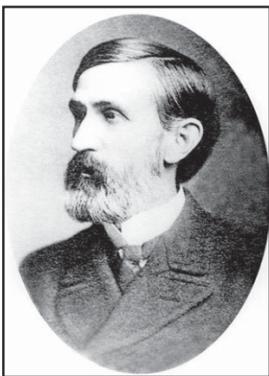
May 18, 2012: Ice Mountain in Hampshire County was named a National Natural Landmark by the U.S. Department of the Interior at a ceremony to mark the 50th anniversary of the program.



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 Bat-

tle 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).

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# On the Other Side of the Mountain

By: Jeanette Riffle

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 an 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 Council 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 Dany 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

## Braxton County Senior Center May 19th-31st activities

May 24th Live Music Craft Class 9:30 - 11:00 Early Exercise Classes 1:00-3:00. May 25th Craft Class 9:30-11:00 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

## Skidmore Cemetery in Sutton

The Skidmore Cemetery is in much need of contributions to clean up the cemetery. The contributions over the last two years have been very low, but this is a new year and progress must be made.

To make it clear, the cemetery has never received any help from the Town of Sutton, inmate labor, community ser-

vice or any other government agency.

Please give to the cemetery. The cemetery is operated as a non-business/family cemetery.

Please make contributions directly to Steve Jones (treasurer) or Norma Cutlip (president), 240 S. Franklin Ave., Sutton, WV 26601. Thank you!

The trees are fully leafed out, except for the oaks. When the oak leaves are the size of a squirrel's ear the soil is warm enough to plant corn. The old timers never needed a soil thermometer, as experience and observation guided them. Of course it is also warm enough to plant squashes, cucumbers, beans and set tomatoes outside. Our last possible date of frost here is May 20th, so keep all this in mind while setting out your plants and seeds. Each season is visually so unique in our mountains.

Of course, everybody always looks forward to the color display in fall, but I find spring just as wonderful, lasting only a very short period of time when the first leaves emerge and faint greens are dotting the woods, then a few days later a whole array of pastel colors in every shade of green, some red, tan and purple mixed in appear, together with some magic white flowers of the Sarvis and dogwood trees, truly a perfect master piece of an impressionistic painting, all produced by the most splendid artist, nature.

Greg and I never give each other presents anymore. We need very little and if we don't have it right away, we can do without or invent something to make do. I was very surprised when he showed up with a huge box when he returned from getting the mail, wishing me a merry Christmas, sometime back in December. Instead of being thankful I reminded him of not wasting money for no reason. It turns out that it was a much needed contraption. I am not getting younger and trimming hooves becomes more painful for my back. I used to be able to trim hooves every Wednesday for an hour and a half. I rarely had a problem with handling goats. Some posed more of a challenge, but trimming sheep's hooves can be back breaking. Our goats are used to being handled (milked) every day, but the sheep are stubborn and uncooperative. With my Christmas present I could easily open a 5 star sheep luxury spa, trim hooves for hours and never get tired! I'll add a picture to make my position clear.

Perennial herbs are the easiest to keep, but they need to be kept as weed-free as possible, with the exception of mints. We have spearmint, apple mint, peppermint and I warn you they take over where ever we plant them, no weed is any challenge to them, but they are wonderful fresh in salads or dried for use as teas in winter.

We have an oregano patch that dates back 40 years, started from a few plants given to us by Brian and Jeff who now live in another state.

This oregano is different in taste than the Greek oregano I raised from seeds, but we use both of them and cherish the difference. Oregano is easily started from seeds and once established will be a permanent feature in the herb garden, maybe forever. We use a few sprigs every day in our salad, but it is wonderful in any tomato dish (sauce, pizza,

soup). We dry quite a bit for use in winter by drying the whole stem, then when dry, remove the leaves from the stems. We keep the dried leaves in the freezer, the stems are discarded.

Another daily herb in our salad is sage. It comes in many varieties, but I only have the common sage, a velvety, greenish plant. It can be used in teas, soups, stews, as well as other meat dishes. Both oregano and sage have medicinal properties, both are rich in antioxidants and are antibacterial.

A favorite of course is parsley, either the flat or curled leafed one. Not only can parsley be used in pretty much all recipes, raw or cooked or infused in smoothies, but it has decorative qualities and can be added to any plate to make the presentation more appealing. Somebody who has kidney disease should avoid parsley. It is recommended for folks who have bad breath, since one of its compounds, chlorophyll can kill bad bacteria that causes bad breath in your mouth, of course brushing and flossing might have the same effect.

Another beloved herb is chives, an onion like tasting plant with many uses. It does not have to be dried for freezing, just cut into quarter inch pieces, then put into a double ziplock bag. There are many health claims for chives, especially for heart health, lowering the LDL cholesterol level, but I could never find any information on how much one would have to eat to make a difference.

Rosemary is hard to start from seed, as it has a poor germination rate. Use potting soil for your container, soak the seeds for several hours prior to planting, then put the seed tray on a heating mat. Seed thickly. It might take at least 30 days till seedlings appear, even under ideal conditions. Be patient. Keep the growing medium moist at all times and don't turn off the heating mat. Another way to start a new plant is to clip several tender sprouts off a mature plant in summer, strip off the lower leaves and put them in water glasses filled with water. Usually some roots will grow within two weeks or so. Once the roots are visible, transfer the cuttings to containers with soil. I usually start more than one, just to make sure at least one will make it. We have to take our rosemary pots inside in winter.

We also have a pot of lemon grass, which is a tropical plant and can only be outside when all danger of frost has past. It makes a wonderful tea and its grass-like structure reaching high up in winter, makes the room look cheerful.

There are other herbs, thyme, lemon balm, lemon thyme, marjoram but I wrote about the ones we use the most. Consider that they are all super nutritious foods, packed with vitamins, antioxidants, acting as antibacterials, helping digestion, one cannot possibly go wrong, using them every day. Don't forget the pleasure of added flavor to your dishes.



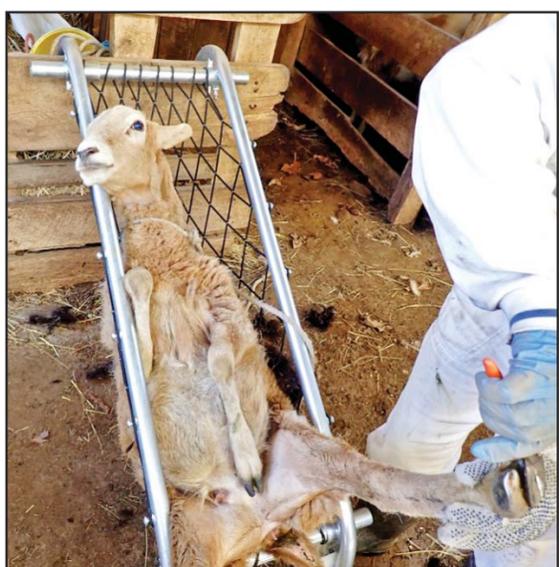
Fern unfolding



White peony



Our daily herb portion to add to the salad



sheep pedicure in new spa chair

## 8th Annual Elk River Summer Float registration



Sign up today, online registration ends on July 10th.

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

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

Registration, check-in and gear drop starts at 9:00 a.m. at the dam.

The float officially starts at 11:00 a.m. Come early to check-in, drop your gear, then drive to the Elk River Camp and board the waiting shuttles

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

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

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

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

# Braxton County Middle School eighth graders attend knighting ceremony



Ciara Bell presents her shield at the Knighting Ceremony.



Elijah Moore discusses various photos on his shield to his peers.



Aubree McDonald takes a turn showing the elements of her shield.



Raegan Brown walks her fellow Knights through activities and events throughout her final year.



Esmeralda Arambula presents her shield at the Knighting Ceremony.



Owen Lowther goes over the various elements of his shield.



Melody Jarrell discusses her shield at the Knighting Ceremony.



Cody Stewart talks about his friends and family memories for the 2022 year.



Jeilyn West proudly presents her shield to her classmates.

Braxton County Middle School eighth grade students in Ms. Boyce English Language Arts (ELA) class created and presented their shields to their peers during the final days of the school year. Ms. Boyce's Advanced ELA students completed the tasks required for knighthood. A celebration with a Knighting Ceremony was held in their honor. The shields represented their friends, family, activities and events, and greatest lessons learned in their final year at Braxton County Middle School. Another step closer to Braxton County High School, the students have officially become knights with their shields and have gained their wings to become a Braxton County Eagle.

## BCMS Knights Football registration



Registration is May 20 at 5:00 PM in the BCMS cafeteria.

Braxton County Middle School football sign ups will be held on Friday, May 20th at 5:00 pm with Coach King in the middle school cafeteria. Any upcoming 6th, 7th or 8th grade student who would be interested in playing football for the middle school in the fall please make plans to attend. Again, BCMS football sign ups will be Friday, May 20th at 5 PM in the middle school cafeteria.

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