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Harper chosen Braxton Teacher of the Year

By Shirley Shuman
Nikki Harper, fourth-grade teacher at Little Birch Elementary, has been named Teacher of the Year. Harper, a Braxton County native, just finished her sixth year at Little Birch, and she said she truly enjoys teaching there.



Nikki Harper

The Braxton County High School graduate received her bachelor's degree from Glenville State College and a master's degree from Western Governor's University. She has 11 years of teaching experience. Following graduation from Glenville State, she taught two years at Braxton County High School. Then came three years at Gilmer County High School. She explained her move back to Braxton. "I became homesick," she said.

Replied to a question asking what she likes best about teaching, Harper said, "I love watching the progression of a student from the beginning of the school year to the end. I like watching them achieve their goals even if it's just [understanding] a concept they've been struggling with. Most of all, I love being with the kids."

Acknowledging that problems do occur in schools, Harper said she thinks the biggest problems at Little Birch "are

that we've had so many split classes and lost staff because of budget cuts." She added, "Especially in our area, the needs of our students are great because it's a poverty area and what our students have experienced. It's difficult to meet our needs because of the small staff."

Harper's philosophy of teaching centers around "a growth mindset." She explained. "I believe that mistakes are powerful and nothing to be afraid of because we learn from our mistakes. When students struggle, I remind them they shouldn't be discouraged. They're just not 'there' yet."

When she is not involved with school, Harper enjoys a variety of activities. She likes gardening along with kayaking and fishing. She is also involved with her church.

Board of Ed hires new Superintendent

The Braxton County Board of Education conducted two meetings on Tuesday, May 24.

The first meeting was a special meeting for discussion on the appointment of a new superintendent. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm and went immediately into executive session on a motion by Evelyn Post with a second by Dr. Martha Dean. Board members reconvened into regular session at 5:40 pm.

On a motion by Dr. Martha Dean and a second by Dolores Wright, board members unanimously approved the hiring of Dr. Rhonda Combs to serve as the new superintendent of Braxton County School. The one-year contract will begin "July 1, 2022 at a salary of \$115,000 per year, subject to contract and benefits as authorized by the county board president and presented to the board at a later date."

Dr. Combs comes to Braxton County from the Brooke County School District where she has



Dr. Rhonda Combs

served as district administrator for the past 19 years. In addition to the numerous administrative positions Combs has held she also served as a principal for seven years at the elementary and middle school levels.

She obtained here Ph.D. in Educational Leadership and two master's degrees in Education and Educational Leadership from The Ohio State University and West Virginia University. In a letter accompanying her application for superintendent, Dr. Combs outlined her vision for the job, "In the wake of two years of in-

structional disruptions, I would focus on providing the leadership and stewardship necessary to address learning loss, transitions, mental health, compensatory services and ensure that an effective, comprehensive personalized learning environment is provided. I believe that this is an opportunity for school systems to emerge stronger and more responsive to all learning needs. As educators, we can work together to harness the opportunities presented by this crisis to truly transform and move educations forward..."

The second meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. The meeting started with the public budget hearing. Director of Finance Ginger Altizer reviewed the budget with board members. She explained salary changes based on new legislation and the costs increases affecting the budget. Evelyn Post requested a special meet-

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Rotary Elimination Dinner returns to in-person event

The Braxton County Rotary Club in is the final days of preparing for their annual Elimination Dinner. "We are extremely pleased to be returning to an in-person event this year after COVID forced us to hold our principal fundraiser virtually for the past two years," said Club President Ed Given. "We are looking forward to a great evening of socialization, fun and prizes."

This year's event will be held on June 11 in the Braxton County High School. "We developed such a great relationship with Eric Campbell and his team at Braxton Live we will be adding a live broadcast in addition to the

in-person attendance, for those who are unable to attend," explained Given.

The Rotary Elimination Dinner is the principal fund-raising event for the local club which has awarded over \$200,000 in scholarships to BCHS graduates. This year twelve deserving recipients will receive \$1,000 each to help further their college education.

Also returning will be the popular live auction which will conclude at the dinner. The auction will be open to the public beginning the week prior to the dinner. Coordinators are still accepting items to be auctioned off. Any and all donations are

appreciated. Anyone wishing more information should contact the club president at 304-765-5193.

Doors will open at 6:00 PM; Dinner will be served at 6:30 followed by the beginning of the elimination where some lucky winner will take home \$1,000 cash. Tickets are still \$40 which entitles the holder to dinner for two and one chance on the grand prize. Anyone wishing to obtain tickets should contact Ed Given at the Braxton Newspapers Office (304)765-5193 or stop by the office to purchase them in person. Rotary members also have tickets available this week.

Burnsville man joins Fine Arts Faculty at GSU

Glenville State University alumnus Garrett Hacker has returned to his alma mater, joining the Department of Fine Arts faculty as a Lecturer of Music.

Since January, Hacker has been teaching courses in applied percussion, conducting, and recording and engineering, in addition to conducting the Percussion Ensemble at Glenville State. This new position will see him taking on many of the same responsibilities in a more permanent way.

"Coming back to Glenville State really means the world to me, honestly. Anyone I know who has attended GSU has seen it as a second home, and it's the same to me. So, it is like moving back home and getting to live out your dream job," Hacker said.

He says he is most looking forward to the music he will get to make with students. "Memories and music are really tied together, so I want to create as many memorable performances and teaching



experiences as I can for my students and myself," he added.

Hacker graduated from Braxton County High School in 2015 before attending Glenville State where he completed a bachelor's degree in music in 2019. He then went on to Ohio University where he earned a master's in music performance.

He has previously spent time as a drumline instructor for various bands, including the Liberty-Harrison Band, Doddridge County Band, Appalachian Gold Drum and Bugle Corps, Braxton County Band, and Athens County Band. During his first semester at Ohio University, he was

part of the OU percussion ensemble that collaborated with Oakland University and University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh to perform at the Percussive Arts Society International Convention 2019 in the World Showcase Concert. The program was a celebration of Ugandan music led by Haruna Walusimbi, the leader of the Nachabembe group from Uganda whose works the ensemble performed. During his time at Glenville State he served as field commander of the Pioneer Marching Band in 2018.

"Having grown up in Braxton County and attended Glenville State as a student, I think I can really put myself in the shoes of students and can relate to them in a lot of ways. I got exposure to a lot of different kinds of music and techniques when I was at Ohio University, so I really want to bring more awareness to music of other cultures and other genres that we don't get to hear or study as

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Braxton Hospital's ER receives perfect score

Recently, Braxton County Memorial Hospital Emergency Department underwent process of trauma designation reverification, which resulted in the facility receiving an outstanding ZERO deficiencies. The reverification process, which is required to be completed every three years, included an on-site visit from representatives of the WV Office of Emergency Medical Services (WVOEMS). Braxton, like many rural hospitals, is designated as a Level IV trauma center. A Level IV center is a facility which provides advanced trauma life support prior to transfer in remote areas where no higher level of care is available.

The WV Bureau for Public Health through

Expanded WV Bigfoot Museum to be unveiled June 25

On June 25, The West Virginia Bigfoot Museum is scheduled to debut their brand-new museum expansion. The expansion will have its grand opening to kick off this year's West Virginia Bigfoot Festival in Downtown Sutton beginning at 9:00 am.

This new space will triple the size of the current museum and will also provide a separate store front next to the Mountain Laurel Country Store. The museum currently has nearly 30 Bigfoot casts in its possession but previously only had space to display a dozen casts at a time. This new expansion will not only allow The West Virginia Bigfoot Museum to display the entirety of its casts, but it will also provide additional space for new displays, including some made by Dr. Jeff Meldrum, a professor and anthropolo-

gist from Idaho State University. Museum co-founder, David Petolicchio, has stressed the importance of trying to keep the museum a free and educational experience for both tourists and locals alike. The new expansion will be no different, "We hope to continue our tradition of providing a free and fun destination that can be accessible to people of all income levels." Petolicchio noted that donations, merchandise sales, and the generosity of patrons help them keep the museum a free experience.

The West Virginia Bigfoot Museum officially opened at the first West Virginia Bigfoot Festival in June of 2021, a now annual event. The festival is organized by The West Virginia Bigfoot Museum and the Mountain Laurel Country Store and has developed a sig-

nificant following. Petolicchio is a proponent of improving the downtown and the business community in Sutton and hopes that the Museum will be a catalyst for that progress, "Sutton has more potential than a lot of people realize and we meet countless tourists every year that confirm that. We want to use the nationwide following of this museum and our festival to promote our community and to rebuild our downtown."

The West Virginia Bigfoot Museum is hosting their West Virginia Bigfoot Festival Banquet on Friday, June 24 at the Days Inn in Flatwoods and their West Virginia Bigfoot festival and vendor show in Downtown Sutton on Saturday, June 25.

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As I See It

By Ed Given



Board response...

I hope all our readers had an enjoyable holiday weekend. Mine may have been too active. I love having friends and family visit, but I think I was more exhausted when it was time to return to work than I was after a very hectic week.

Upon returning to my desk, I found an email and a registered letter answering the freedom of information request I made to the Board of Education last week for names of the five finalists for the Superintendent's job as well as additional information on the successful applicant.

I am glad that I received a timely response. We were able to contact Dr. Rhonda Combs and include additional information and a picture for inclusion in the front-page article detailing the Board's selection of her as our next superintendent. I believe it made the story much more informative for our readers and hopefully eliminated some of the guess work and rumors that would probably have surfaced without the addition.

I am disappointed that the Board was not more open during the selection process. As previously stated, I also am dissatisfied with the fact that three newly elected board members apparently didn't receive any more information than the newspapers did.

There was a letter from DeAnna Whipkey with the FOI response. While I take issues with some of the statements, they simply are not worth my time to elaborate on. However, the good news is the letter did contain the names of the five people interviewed by the Board for the school's top job. They were in addition to Dr. Combs, Dr. Tony Minney, Dr. Ronnie Tarchichi, Dr. Andrea Lemon and Dr. Leatha Williams.

The new Board will soon be seated, and I hope they take an improved stance on the public's right to know. I don't think there has been any ill-will involved with this or other incidents when the Board of Education has dropped the ball in being responsive to those who elected them. It's appears they are just too involved or mis-guided to be answerable to the public. This is certainly not the first time I have seen such actions from elected officials. Nor is it the first time it has been discussed in this space. However, it's too important not to reinforce it again. As the WV Freedom Of Information Act plainly states, our elected officials are not elected to decide what is good for us to know. They must work on our behalf in a transparent fashion. I hope the Board of Education gets on board!

I read an article in today's Charleston Gazette which stated that 3010 public school vouchers had been approved and 469 additional ones were pending. That's \$4,300 for all 3010 of them... just under \$13 million that will be taken from our public educational system. How is our educational system going to survive? Cuts are coming and our county Board of Education has to be upfront with the public. They must regain the public's confidence. With past history, that will take some effort on the Board's part. Lets keep our fingers crossed.

Every Acre Counts

By Kevin Gregory

Mineral Stumps Not what you think...

It's time to focus on another habitat enhancement for whitetail deer specifically. In the next two articles I will talk about deer myths and truths based on the latest studies released, but today we are talking about a practice to put more nutrition into your cleared 1-acre woodlot we have been using as an example.

Just like mowing, when (what time of the year) will affect what you grow or what the plants you cut do. If you cut a tree in its dormant cycle, generally, it will die and not re-sprout. This happens sometime between November and March in most cases – yes, there are always exceptions. If you cut a tree in its prime growing period, such as late May or June, it will re-sprout the majority of the time. Those sprouts have earned the practice the

name of “mineral stumps” in the habitat world.

Dr. Marcus Lashley, Florida State University Wildlife Management Professor watched from his tree stand as deer walked past his well-prepared browse he had been planting and managing to eat the stump sprouts of a green ash tree he had cut for a shooting lane. Dr. Lashley is a plant guy, so he decided to take a few samples of the green ash – a low wildlife food value plant – and see why the deer liked it above the honeysuckle and green-brier growing at his stand site.

When he tested the stump sprouts, he found that the sprouts were very high in minerals and other nutrients such as protein. The protein level was at or exceeding Soybeans and several of the key minerals were

several times that of any food plot plants or native browse. Why were these sprouts so nutrient rich and how did the deer know?

Breaking down the science so we don't get too far into the weeds – pun intended – when a tree is full of leaves it tries to maintain a 1:1 ratio of nutrients in the biomass (leaves) above the ground and in its roots. When you cut down a leafed-out tree in June, the root system immediately senses the loss and attempts to re-grow as quickly as possible to restore the tree to its spot in the canopy. As it does, it pushes the stored nutrients into the sprouts to accelerate their growth and balance out the minerals and other nutrients in the plant. And there you have it – a mineral stump is born!

So, what does this mean for the diversity of our 1 acre clearcut we are using as our example? Depending on your goals for this area, will depend on when you want to cut the trees. Cut them in the dormant season and no re-sprouting for a clean sunlit area. Cut them all or some of them in the summer and mineral stumps jump up everywhere.

If you cut them in late May, the nutrients will be available when the late summer stress period of fawn rearing or antler growing is happening and most summer plants are beginning to lose their nutrient content. According to the study conducted by Dr. Lashley, 60-80 trees cut for mineral stumps can supply the same protein level as an acre or soybeans and 4-8 times the mineral content. Now we may not be wanting to mineral stump every tree as we may want to have some bedding cover from hinge-cuts, but having mineral stumps on the landscape, especially near your tree stand or blind may pay off in the fall.

I have nearly 80 mineral stumps in on my property in feeding cor. Please turn to **EVERY ACRE** page 3



New mineral stump cut in early June on the author's property.



Heavily browsed mineral stump on the authors land.

From our readers

The DAR...

Dear Editor,

In 1972 a small group of women became charter members of a new organization in Braxton County. The name of the group was the Elk River Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The DAR is a women's service organization whose membership requires proof of direct lineage to someone who supported or fought for America's independence.

There were 24 charter members from Gassaway and surrounding areas. Some of the officers and committee chairmen included: Lola Butcher Given, Virginia Carr, Martha Dobbins, Annie Dulaney, Peg Kestner, Flossie Lytle, Blanche Reip, Sally Hopkins, Janice Hall, Inez Skidmore, Edith Singleton and Patricia "Trish" Hall Moore. Trish is the only living active member today.

In the early 70s, Nicholas and Calhoun counties both had chapters. In Summersville DAR members attended the Wilson Cary Nicholas DAR Chapter. In Grantsville, DAR members attended the Phoebe Tucker Cunningham Chapter. They both have since disbanded, with Nicholas in 1989 and Cunningham in 2004. The Elk River Chapter continued to meet in Gassaway and now has members from Braxton, Nicholas, Clay and Calhoun Counties.

In the eighties the group raised money and erected the monument on the Braxton County courthouse lawn dedicated to American Revolutionary War patriots buried in Braxton County.

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News from our Capitol

by Delegate Brent Boggs

As I write this Sunday afternoon on Memorial Day eve, I'm not thinking of a long holiday weekend or a vacation. I'm thinking of the veterans I've known throughout my lifetime and their service to our nation, worked hard, raised their families, and now have passed on. I'm reflecting on those that gave their all in the Armed Forces; those that were wounded physically or emotionally from combat; those that were or may still be prisoners of war; those that were killed in action or missing in action. I'm remembering my grandparents and all Gold Star families past and present. I'm pondering the sacrifices of spouses and kids while their mom or dad, brother, or sister, is away from home and in harm's way somewhere around the world.

If you haven't reflected on these things during Memorial Day, I encourage you to do so, now and every day throughout the year. On this Memorial Day, we call into remembrance all those that have passed on.

This is a time to remember and give thanks for our nation, our families, and our freedoms.

Interim meetings concluded in Morgantown last Tuesday evening and the trip home provided some time to digest the three days of committees and visitations. During our meeting in the Joint Finance Committee, the topic of locality pay for state employees and teachers was on the agenda for discussion. The presenter was Dr. John Deskins, of the WVU Bureau of Business and Economic Research.

In basic terms, there are some counties – usually most of the eastern panhandle – that have an overall higher cost of living than most other areas of our State. However, the most pressing need in these areas is the “bleed” of state employees, teachers and state government workers living in West Virginia but taking jobs in border states that pay higher wages. In many instances, the difference in pay is \$10,000 to \$20,000 or more. This

makes it very difficult to fill critical vacancies. That's the argument made by eastern panhandle delegates during the 2022 session, attempting to provide State Police in three eastern panhandle counties a \$10k pay raise, while they and every other trooper would receive only a 5 percent raise.

Their strategy backfired, as there was a bipartisan backlash, pointing out that that level of difference in pay based solely on location would drive resentment and be unfair to the remaining troopers around the state.

This is not a new issue to me, as I've commented on this many times through the years. I'm in the camp where we need to concentrate on lifting all boats, not just some selected areas. To be sure, if an exception is made in a few selected counties, make no mistake that the list of exemptions wanting higher wages will steadily grow. Ang, what would remain will be a handful of non-border, landlocked central West Virginia counties that will forever be relegated to being the lowest of the low-paid state workers, service personnel and educators.

I appreciated the fact that Dr. Deskins used my ongoing rationale as a counterpoint in his presen-

tation, noting that I've been a long-time proponent of raising all wages and not just a handful.

Other factors need to be considered before the next legislature rushes to revisit the issue. If implemented, will how will this affect state pension funds? Will differences in location pay lead to significant differences in pension benefits? What happens when workers gravitate to where the wages are highest and leave critical vacancies in the wake?

We've already had an example of what happened in a similar situation when the shortage of registered nurses led WVU - Ruby Memorial to offer big bonuses, along with higher wages and full-time benefits. Many nurses weighed their options and circumstances. Over time, a chain reaction of vacancies led to shortages in many areas that exist to this day, requiring some healthcare facilities to hire traveling nurses in order to fill vital staffing requirements.

There will always be differences in the cost of living between the states; between counties within states; and in some instances, substantial differences within a single county. Accordingly, there are positives and negatives

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much," Hacker added. In this position, Hacker will take on many of the courses that were previously taught by Professor Emeritus John McKinney. McKinney retired last year after nearly 40 years in the classroom at Glenville State. "John McKinney taught, inspired, and elevated hundreds of students - including me - during his teaching career, and to take on a similar endeavor is quite daunting! When it comes to teaching classes, lessons, and Percussion Ensemble, I think it is expected that I will have my own way of going about things, but I still want to stay true to what Mr. McKinney grew over the years with his many unforgettable performances and classes. To be part of that legacy is really cool to think about," he added. "We are very excited to have Mr. Hacker joining us. He is an incredible performer and educator, and we are so glad to have him joining our department. We look forward to his work the GSU Percussion Studio," said Department of Fine Arts Chair, Dr. Jason Barr.

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ing in order to have time to review the budget information before approval. The special meeting will be on May 31 at 9:00. Beverly Kingery, Education Consultant, provided board members with an end of the year review. She discussed her work with central office staff, principals, and teachers throughout the school year. She worked on leadership management, instructional roles, and human relations in the schools as well as literacy program at the elementary level. At the middle school and high school, Kingery focused on the school culture. The board tabled the renewal of her contract in order to review the information she provided. Action will be taken at the May 31 special meeting. Superintendent Kathy Hypes updated the board on Portrait of a Graduate. She stated a draft had been completed based on the informa-

tion obtained through the various meetings. She noted that the students' input was the most beneficial part of the information gathering process.

Superintendent Hypes then briefly reviewed the teacher leadership framework for the upcoming school year. She noted the plan was to continue with program and add the next phase during the new school year including working with noncertified teachers and the "Grow Your Own" program. Improving student achievement is the main goal of the program. Evelyn Post asked about financial incentives for teachers. Hypes noted that was part of the budget.

She also provided board members with a PowerPoint presentation from Bowles Rice on WV legislative updates.

Superintendent Hypes ended her updates with recognizing Frametown Elementary fitness team winning the state competition and the three eight grade students who won the Golden Horseshoe this year.

Next to speak to the board was Christina Bailey, Head Start Director. She provided the board with the annual report and the transportation waiver request for 2022-23 school year as well as the COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment) and Quality Improvement Grants and calendar for Head Start. On a motion by Dr. Kenna Seal and a second by Evelyn Post, the board approved the transportation waiver, the grants, and the Head Start calendar.

The board approved the following consent agenda items on a motion by Evelyn Post: approval of May 3 regular meeting, May 11 special meeting and May 16 special meeting minutes; transportation requests; payment of bills; budget transfers and supplements; and treasurer's report.

The following professional, service and extra-curricular recommendations were approved by the board on a motion by Dr. Martha Dean: employment of Ivy Hodges, summer music teacher, Megan Facemire, Melissa Kitzmiller, and Betty Singleton, KinderBoost summer teachers, Grace Wine, part-time summer school coordinator, summer cooks-Lisa Allen, Burnsville,

Beverly Rollins, Davis, Garalea Fulks, Flatwoods, Tamara Miller, Frametown, Angela Snyder, Little Birch, Nicole Jarrell, Sutton, and Shirley Teter, BCMS, summer bus operators-Simon Arnold, Bonnie Gendreau, Scott Mosley, Billy Rose, Mark Rose, Lawrence Shaver, Darla Shaver, Shirley Skidmore, Mark Smyth, Marcy Westfall, Paul Burton, Robert Mitchell, and Christina Cogar, summer custodians-Michall Sears and Zackary Roberts, summer substitute cooks-Sherry Moats, Lisa Chenoweth, and Madeline Wankmuller, summer substitute bus operators-Matthew Pitcock, Iris Fowler, and Charles Smith, summer substitute custodians-Iris Fowler, extra-curricular assignment, lawn care-Zackery Roberts and Christina Cogar, KinderBoost/instructional/transportation summer aide-Michele Johnson, Michelle Jackson, and Rebecca Oates, special education supervisor/instructional/transportation summer aide-Lisa Legg and Sherry Moats, summer student receptionist-Mackenzie Heater, Burnsville, Emma Hardway and Kathryn Harper-Flinn, Davis, Paxton Conley and Kendall Bender, Flatwoods, Haley Morris, Frametown, Jeffrey Evans and SkyLynn Abraham, Little Birch, Skyler Davis, Sutton, Erica Nicholson, BCMS, and Hayden Lemon, BCHS, Donna Morris, substitute, effective beginning of 2022-23 school year and Zackary Roberts, substitute custodian, effective beginning of 2022-23 school year; and resignations of Nancy Long, English teacher, BCHS, Charles Murphy, science teacher, BCHS, and Michelle Shaver, assistant soccer coach, BCMS.

The board approved fundraisers on a motion by Dolores Wright. Board members also approved the annual HVAC and Fire Preventative Maintenance agreement with EMCOR Services, payment of field trips as necessary for summer programming, Title I Parent Involvement Policy, science textbook adoption and purchase and the out of state field trip request for BCMS Student Council to Kennywood on May 26 on separate motions.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm. The next regular meeting is June 7 at 6:00 pm. As always, members of the Braxton County community are encouraged to attend regular board meetings.

The board went into executive session at 7:47 pm to discuss the cell tower lease with attorney Jason Cottle from Bowles Rice. They reconvened at 8:23 pm with no actions taken.

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to living and working in central West Virginia. However, as we move forward, the advantages of our area will continue to grow. In the meantime, there needs to be a solid block of elected officials and concerned citizens making certain that whenever a rising economic tide affords adjusting wages and benefits, our workers of today and tomorrow will be at the forefront instead of being left economically behind.

One important reminder is that what helps our state employees and educators will help the private sector, including local businesses and local working

families. Now that the session has concluded, please contact me at my home office at: 151 Park Street, Gassaway, WV 26624. The phone number is 304-364-8411. For those with Internet access, my legislative email address is: Brent.Boggs@WV House.gov

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

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ridors, stubble fields and in bedding areas. 100% of my mineral stumps are pruned on a weekly basis by my whitetails - not one stump of any variety is untouched. I have many that are in year 3 of growth and are still only knee high. So, I can attest to their effectiveness.

Again, our goal is to create as diverse a property as possible to support the entire ecosystem and our tree removal has several options with mineral stumps being one of them. If you would like more information on mineral stumps, you can search youtube to see several videos on the technique. Here is a link to the MSU Deer Labs video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pa3t45uU&t=16s>.

MSU Deer Lab is a great place to learn about whitetail deer and we will discuss some of their research in the coming weeks.

Remember Every Acre Counts!
Kevin Gregory is the owner of Eagle Land

Transformation, LLC, specializing in wildlife habitat management and can be reached at eagleland2019@gmail.com if you have questions on his articles.

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Over the past fifty years, the chapter has contributed to patriotic awareness. Large flags of the United States of America were placed in seven Braxton community buildings. Small flags are given to kindergarten students with a lesson on respect for the American Flag. Donations of clothing are taken to Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center and "care packages" or gift cards sent to deployed active duty military personnel.

Currently, in the schools, the chapter sponsors the American History Essay contest, presents the DAR Good Citizen Award to a senior in five high schools and gives the bronze JROTC medal to a deserving cadet at Nicholas County High School.

The DAR's three main goals are: Education, Patriotism and Historic Preservation. Fifty years of giving to Braxton County and expanding to Nicholas, Clay and Calhoun Counties, has made a difference to our communities. For more information go to: www.dar.org.

Please recognize the Elk River DAR Chapter for all its contributions as the 50th Anniversary will be celebrated on June 4, 2022.

Ruth Mooney, Chapter Regent Sutton, WV

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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ments of the trauma designation.

CEO, Louis Roe commended the Braxton Emergency Team in saying "I am incredibly pleased that Braxton's site visit resulted in ZERO deficiencies! This speaks volumes of our Emergency Department staff, physicians, and leaders. In addition to the constraints of the pandemic, the Braxton ED has been involved in an extensive renovation project, which has created some challenges for those working in the department. To be able to host a site visit resulting in ZERO deficiencies, particularly during a time of both adversity and renovation is astounding! The result of the recent visit speaks volumes about the dedication of our staff, and the great things Braxton County Memorial Hospital is doing for the community. Great Job everyone!"

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OBITUARIES

Wayne F. Westfall

Wayne F. Westfall, 66, of Akron went to the big fishing tournament in the sky on May 19, 2022. He was born on November 14, 1955 in Barberton, Ohio to the late Franklin Westfall and Doris Mills. After 30 years working as an auto mechanic, Wayne retired and spent the last four years working for Auto Zone as a parts driver. He made many friends along the way.

West Virginia was a second home to Wayne, and he never missed a chance to visit family and friends there, especially his cousin/twin, Tony Westfall and his wife, Debbie in Sutton. His passions in life were hunting, fishing, and bowling, and he was an enthusiastic teacher of all. Wayne was involved in many fishing clubs over the years. He was a founding member of the Portage Lakes Bass Masters. Along with his wife, Sue, he was a slot connoisseur and always made it a point to explore new casinos. He enjoyed the time he spent helping his buddy, Craig Addis, racing and pit-crewing. Wayne had a special connection with animals, and they always had a way of bringing out his soft side.

Above all, Wayne cherished spending time with his family, especially his six grandchildren.

He will be deeply missed by his wife of 44 years, Sue "Susie" Westfall; daughters, Emily Westfall (Mindy Calderone) and their children, William and Julius, and Debra (Thomas) Stroup and their children, Zachary, Andrew, Ethan and Audrey; sister-in-law, Cynthia (Duane) Knox and their children, Edward (Cathy) Langenfeld and their children, Francis (Laurie) Langenfeld, and their children, Joe (Stacey) Langenfeld and their family; and the son he never had, Billy Beeler, along with his daughters, Naomi, Emma and Savanna. He will also be missed by many close family friends, co-workers, and customers where he delivered.

Cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Wayne's life will take place on Sunday June 12, 2022 at the Good-year Yacht Club 3565 S Main St, Akron, OH 44319 from 2pm until 4pm.

Linda Kaye Dodrill

Linda Kaye Dodrill, 74, devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother passed away peacefully on Wednesday November 3rd.

She was born on December 30, 1946, to H. Donald Perkins and Bertie N. Perkins in Birch River WV. She graduated from Nicholas County High in 1964 with honors. On June 28, 1964, she married the love of her life, Wendell L. Dodrill, also of Birch River. They were married 44 years and had a son, John D. Dodrill. Linda had a long and distinguished career of 35 years at Farmers and Merchants

Bank that later became BB&T where she was Vice President of Operations. After retiring, she moved to be with her son and resided in Richmond TX.

Linda is survived by her son John D. Dodrill and wife Dawn Marie; granddaughter Leigh Anne Dodrill and great grandson Arie James; siblings Barbara Perkins, Beverly Jo Ramsburg and husband David, H. Donald Perkins Jr. and wife Lori, and Mary Jane Lee and husband Tom.

A Graveside services were held at Walker Cemetery in Birch River on Friday 5/27/22 at 11 am. After the services, there was a gathering at Birch River Baptist Church.

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

Online condolences may be sent to: greenerobertsonfuneralhome.com

Howard Lee McKay

Howard Lee McKay, 88 of Jane Lew (Good Hope Community, Harrison Co. WV) went to be with his Lord and Savior, passing into his eternal life at 3:00 AM, on Tuesday May 24, 2022 in the comfort of his home with his wife by his side, under the compassionate and much appreciated care of WVU- Medicine Hospice, following a long courageous battle with COPD and heart disease.

He was born on August 31, 1933, in Lima, Tyler County, WV. Howard was the son of the late Joseph Edward McKay and Ethelyn Beatrice (Musser) McKay Whitter Balducci. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his two step-fathers: Chester H. Witter and Wilbert H. Balducci; four brothers and spouses: Homer E. and wife, Gladys (Carney) McKay, Homers first wife, Madalyn (Winland) McKay, Denzil M. McKay and wife, Opal (Swiger) McKay, Hamilton, Robert J. and wife, Ruth E. (Swiger) McKay, and Chester L. McKay; one brother-in-law, W. Bruce Sullivan; Howards second wife: the former Mary J. (Butcher) Davis McKay; father and mother-in-law: Charles and Ruby (Harper) Eubank; sister-in-law: Shirley J. Eubank, several nieces and nephews, and an uncle, Carlton Musser, who died on February 20, 1945 at Luxembourg, Germany during WWII, at age 23.

When Howards parents divorced around 1945, his mother moved to Newton Falls, OH. He spent his early years there. He quit Elementary School in Ohio during 7th grade and moved back to WV to live with his father. He later received his state High School equivalent diploma on February 14, 1979, from the WV Board of Education of Charleston, WV.

Howard proudly served his country in the United States Army MPC and was a Korean War Veteran. He entered active duty on December 15, 1953, enlisting in Cleveland, OH. He completed his time of service on December 2, 1955, receiving his

honorable discharge at Fort Sheridan, IL. After completing his training, he was later assigned to CO.D, 728TH Military Police. His detail in Korea was railway security. During his time of service he was awarded a National Defense Service Medal, a Korean Service Ribbon, and a United Nations Service Medal. Howards four brothers also had military service.

During his diverse career, Howard had multiple jobs and wore many different hats. He began as a young teenager performing varieties of farm work in WV. While living in OH at different intervals, he worked at forging shops, one of which he was making air plane parts, a steel mill, a chicken farm, and a floral shop. When country roads brought him home to stay (he truly loved living in his native state best), he worked at the Louie Glass Factory, the Alkahn Label Factory, and the Old Weston State Hospital as a security guard.

On October 30, 1978, he completed a National Safety Councils Defense Driving Course. He ended his career as a utility general trades worker and security duty at the WVU- Jacksons Mill State 4-H Camp and Conference Center, retiring in 1994 with 16 years of service. Besides his regular duties, he kept the sound systems, microphones, and AV electronic equipment in repair, and checked the fire alarms. He was given high marks for his technical knowledge and rated as exceeding the standards of his job.

While working at Jacksons Mill, he was recognized with an appreciation award presented to him by extension agent, the late William Frye, in November 1981, for all of his assistance to the Lewis County 4-H Programs.

On December 17, 1983, Howard received his earliest best Christmas gift his of lifetime, when he was united in marriage with his wife, Nancy Rosalie Eubank at the First United Methodist Church of Jane Lew. His life changed and he found his true home with a beloved front porch. They moved into their home in July 1986. The very first piece of furniture that he bought was a swing for his porch.

He had a variety of hobbies, which included doing leather work, making rings from steel pipe, recording cassettes, VHS tapes and taught himself how to make DVD recordings, working on electronic equipment, clocks, and watches, mastered photography and played music. His greatest passion was his music. He had a love and talent for a variety of instruments and could play guitar, mandolin, harmonicas, keyboard and his most favorite instrument, the banjo. When living in OH, he played guitar and sang at local clubs and the VFW's. He most loved playing music at home with his son. He liked traditional country music, instrumentals, bluegrass and his greatest favorite, bluegrass gospel. His most favorite gospel song was The Old Rugged Cross and his most favorite singer was Mac Wiseman.

He liked riding around the fields with his son, deer hunting in November and enjoyed his daughter's cookouts in the summer and spending time with family at small gatherings.

He also loved going to yard and garage sales, flea markets, and supporting the local church sales.

He was a real homebody and loved spending his golden years on his front porch with his wife and dog.

His favorite flowers were roses.

Howard's memory will live on in the hearts of all those who knew and loved him and he will be greatly missed by his survivors; his devoted wife of 38 ½ years, Nancy McKay; his two children: Howard Steven McKay and wife, Cathy, of Jane Lew, and Karen Sue McKay Wilfong and husband, Michael, of West Milford; three grandchildren: Trisha McKay Tenney Dunn, of Jane Lew, Christina Wilfong Barnes and husband, Jason, of Hubert, NC, and Joshua Wilfong, of Lost Creek; seven great-grandchildren: Aaron, Austin, and Kayla Tenney, and Preston and Hudson Barnes, and Cohen and Avery Wilfong; first wife and mother of his children, Ramona McClung McKay, of Kincheloe; one sister, Mary L Whitter Sullivan, of Newton Falls, OH; sister-in-law, Ida McKay, of Warren OH; brother-in-laws: Harold Eubank and wife, Barbara, of Jane Lew, and Mitchell Eubank; and sister-in-laws: Mary and Doris Eubank, of Braxton Co.; a special cousin, Jewell Swiger Sponaule; a special niece, Barbara McKay Marsh, of Newton Falls, OH, who always blessed Howard with cards and phone calls. And his loving canine the great Chihuahua, Banjo McKay II, will also miss Howard.

Waiting to greet him just this side of Heaven's gate by the foot of the Rainbow Bridge will be his faithful beagle, Lady and his very sassy Chihuahua, Cookie.

In lieu of flowers, Howard's family has requested donations be sent to Jane Lew Methodist Church, Broad Run Baptist Church, or WVU- Hospice.

Family and friends will gather for Visitation at Pat Boyle Funeral Home and Cremation Service located at 144 Hackers Creek Rd. in Jane Lew from 12-2 p.m. on Friday, May 27, 2022. Funeral Services will begin at 2 p.m. in the Pat Boyle Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Shawn Weaver officiating. Interment will follow at Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens in Jane Lew with full military honors accorded by the United States Army and Lewis County Honor Guard.

We, at Pat Boyle Funeral Home and Cremation Service, appreciate the service of Howard Lee McKay and it has been our honor and privilege to serve his family. Online condolences may be expressed at www.PatBoyleFuneralHome.com.

Gary Lewis Gray

On Wednesday, May 25, 2022 Gary Lewis Gray, 74, of Frametown, passed away peacefully with his family at his side.

He was born on October 25, 1947 in Sutton to the late Wilmer A. and Ethel Payne Gray.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his brother and sister-in-law, Junior and Oleta Gray and brother, Kenneth Gray.

John 15:13 "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." Around 56 years ago, Gary laid

down his life for this nation in Vietnam in the United State Army. Incurring massive brain loss and a body riddled with shrapnel, never expected to be able to survive his injuries, God stepped in and blew that precious breathe back into his injured body. Through prayers and the love of his mother and father he was nursed back to life and relearned to walk, talk and do the basic life skills. With some recovery he suffered through his traumatic brain injury and was able to live for 56 more precious years. His family was honored to spend time with him at home while hospice took care of him. Gary and his family also were also have one last bible study and service together the night he died. Gary, even in his condition, never failed to testify to God's greatness. Gary had no worries or troubles. He also had many, many friends that knew him.

He is survived by his brother, Carl Gray (Brenda) of Akron, Ohio; sister-in-law, Judy Gray, of Duck; nephews, Dennis Gray (Pat) of Waynesville, North Carolina; Gary Roger Gray (Stephanie) of Duck, Keith Gray (Claire) of Duck, Jeff Gray (Lisa) of Akron, Ohio; niece, DeAnn Pillitere (Bobby) of Schertz, Texas; many great nephews and a great niece. He is also survived by several great great nephews and nieces.

Gary's funeral will be 1 P.M. Wednesday, June 1, 2022 at Frametown United Methodist Church with Reverend Johnny Conrad officiating. Interment with full military rites will be in the Gray Family Cemetery, Duck.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church.

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

Words of comfort and fond memories may be extended to the family at www.roachfuneralhome.com.

Mary Grace Cogar

Mary Grace Cogar, 76, passed away peacefully on May 28, 2022 at her home in Shock, WV.

She was born July 14, 1945 in O'Brien, WV to Spencer Frame and Macel Ellen Perrine Frame. Mary was a devoted wife to her husband of 56 years, Joe Cogar, and a devoted mother to their only son, Kevin. She was a superb cook, as anyone who has ever eaten one of her meals or biscuits can attest.

In addition to her parents, Mary was preceded in death by her oldest brother, Raben Frame.

Mary is survived by her husband, Joe; her son, Kevin (wife Tammy) Cogar of Barboursville, WV; three grandchildren, Madison (husband Joey) Geneseo of Columbus, OH, Tristan Cogar of Altamonte Springs, FL, and Baylee Cogar of Barboursville, WV; sisters, Marlene Carr of Gassaway, WV and Marilyn (husband Minter) Boone of Frametown, WV; and brothers Lloyd (wife Cindy) Frame of Aiken, SC and Randy Frame of Lake City, FL. She is also survived by many beloved nieces and nephews, cousins, and more friends than could be counted.

Mary was well-known in her community for her loud and boisterous laugh, as

well as her work with the Rosedale and Gilmer County Senior Centers. Mary was also an avid bowler and was recognized as Gilmer County West Virginia's Outstanding Democrat of the Year in 2014.

Her visitation will be 5 to 8 P.M. Thursday, June 2, 2022 at Roach Funeral Home, 708 Braxton St., Gassaway.

Mary's funeral will be 11 A.M. Friday, June 3rd at the funeral home with Pastor John Putnam officiating. Interment will follow in the Frame Family Cemetery, Shock.

Words of comfort and fond memories may be extended to the family at www.roachfuneralhome.com.

Bruce Myers

Bruce Myers, 63, of Burnsville, passed away on Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at WVU Braxton County Memorial Hospital, Gassaway.

He was born August 7, 1958 in Charleston, WV to the late Lloyd and Roxie Bragg Myers.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his beloved golden retriever, Mercy Grace.

Bruce worked for Braxton County Memorial Hospital for 20+ years as a certified dietary manager. He enjoyed making flower arrangements and every year on his wedding anniversary he would make his wife an arrangement or a craft that had red roses in the number of years that they were married. He also enjoyed making handmade crafts and sharing them with those he loved and cared for. He had a great sense of humor and was a wonderful encourager who developed relationships with many friends and others around him. Bruce was a Baptist by faith and loved the Lord.

Bruce's memory will live on in the hearts of all those who knew and loved him and he will be greatly missed by his survivors; loving wife, Jenifer Ann Frame Myers; brothers, Bobby Myers, and wife, Pam, of Gassaway and Larry Myers of Frametown; sister, Doris Radcliff of Gassaway; nieces, Angie Wolverson and husband, Davis, of Gassaway, Shell Lynn Johnson and husband, Tim, of Sutton, Amanda Flint and husband, Matthew, of Elyria, Ohio, Monika Myers, Meredith Frame and Amelia Frame both of Elkview; nephews, Dan Rogers and wife, Stacy, of Centralia, Shawn Myers of Summersville, and Joseph Murphy of South Charleston; mother-in-law, Mary Jo Frame of Burnsville; brother-in-law, Mike Frame and husband, Brian Deweese of Elkview; sister-in-law, Melanie Murphy of South Charleston; and many beloved great nieces and nephews.

His Celebration of Life Service was 5 P.M. Tuesday, May 31, 2022 at Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway with Pastor Mark Stump officiating.

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

In keeping with Bruce's wishes cremation followed his services.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to Roach Funeral Home to assist with Bruce's funeral expenses, 708 Braxton Street, Gassaway, WV 26624.

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extended to the family at www.roachfuneral-home.com.

James Lee Mitchell

James Lee Mitchell, 77, of Frametown passed away Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at his home.

He was born August 13, 1944 in Belfont to the late Fletcher and Blanche Hughes Mitchell.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his daughter, Carol Shepherd Claar; brothers, Dennis and Eugene Mitchell; and sisters, Lula Mitchell, Gertrude Shaw, Edna Hawkins, and Nellie Stickley.

James was a United States Army Vietnam veteran who served in the 196th Light Infantry. In his earlier years he enjoyed CB radio and his CB handle was "Sledtrack". He liked to hunt, fish, and work on old cars. He went to many auctions and was fond of viewing the Trader's Guide. James was a Cincinnati Reds fan and you could find him watching the games with his grandson, Jacob. He enjoyed being husband, father, and grandfather. He will be missed.

James will be forever remembered by his wife, Treva Jarvis Mitchell; sons, James L. Mitchell, Jr. and girlfriend, Andrea Engel, of Frametown, and Lennie Shepherd and wife, Wendy, of Atwater, Ohio; four grandsons; and 1 granddaughter. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was 2 P.M. Sunday, May 29, 2022 at Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway with Reverend Johnny Conrad officiating with Military Rites at the funeral home. Interment was private.

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

Special thanks to WV Caring for their compassionate hospice care of James.

Words of comfort and fond memories may be extended to the family at www.roachfuneral-home.com.

Kenneth Charles Hall

In loving memory of Kenneth Charles Hall, born September 23, 1934 passed away at Clay Health Care Nursing Home on Tuesday, May 24, 2022.

Kenneth was a construction laborer and was also part of the Labor Union in Charleston, WV for over 25 years. He spent his retirement years enjoying his land and farm in Belfont, WV. He was a blacksmith and loved horses. Kenneth was the last surviving sibling of his family.

He was active in the care of his wife, Linda Sue Parsons Hall, who survives him. He is also survived by his daughter, Carol Viar, and husband, William; stepdaughter, Rose McCoy and wife, Julie; granddaughter, Jessica Hartley; and several nieces and nephews.

Kenneth's funeral service was 12 Noon, Friday, May 27, 2022 at Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway with Pastor Rick Hart officiating. Interment followed in the Rollyson Cemetery, Belfont.

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

Special thanks to his neighbors who helped him his last year.

Words of comfort and fond memories may be extended to the family at www.roachfuneral-home.com.

Ira Otis Cutlip, Sr

Ira Otis Cutlip, Sr, age 76, of Goochland, VA,



passed away on Monday, May 30, 2022 at his home.

He was born on February 2, 1946, in Sutton, WV, the son of the late William Henry and Mary Jane (Lewis) Cutlip. Ira married Maggie Marie (Miller) Cutlip, who preceded him in death on July 25, 2020.

Mr. Cutlip attended Sutton Schools and worked as a farmer.

Ira is survived by: a daughter, Angel Cutlip of Petersburg, WV; a step daughter, Marie Wilson (Mike Hammer) of Franklin, WV; 2 sons, Ira Otis Cutlip, Jr. of Cleveland, OH, Henry Edwin Cutlip of Goochland, VA; and 5 grandchildren. In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by: 4 brothers, Ralph Bailey, Carl Lewis, Jack Lee and William Bruce Cutlip; and a sister, Virginia Pearl Kline.

Mr. Cutlip's family will receive friends at the Miller-Cutlip Family Cemetery in Exchange, WV on Thursday, June 2, 2022, 12-2 PM. A graveside service will follow at 2:00 PM with Pastor Donald Stout officiating. Memories and words of comfort may be left at www.basagic.com or on Facebook at Basagic Funeral Home.

Doleta Dacy Hurst Hamric

Doleta Dacy Hurst Hamric, 97, gained her



wings on Sunday, May 22, 2022, while under the

companionate care of Crestview Manor Nursing Facility.

Dottie was born in Braxton County on December 17, 1924, the daughter of the late Garland B. and Ora Hurst.

Dottie was married to James Wesley Hamric on August 9, 1944, and enjoyed 43 years of marriage before his passing on May 17, 1987. Dottie is the mother of Sharron D. Hamric of Weston and Richard Hamric and wife, Carolyn, of Jane Lew. A son, James L. Hamric, preceded her in death in 2020.

Dottie is survived by grandchildren: Monica Nenninger, Valerie Vanderheyden, Shannon Tuttle, Jamie Tuttle, Nathan Hamric and Lindsay Marsh. She is also survived by seventeen great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; three siblings: Ora Hardway and husband, Earl, Francie Tallman, and Danny Hurst and wife, Donna. Two brothers, Garland B. Hurst and Lewis Hurst, preceded Dottie in death.

Dottie was a devout Christian and a member of McCann's Run United Methodist Church and later of Broad Street United Methodist Church. She was a volunteer at Our Neighbor clothing and food pantry for over 30 years. Dottie was also employed at McCann's Run Chiropractic Clinic for several years and worked as a seamstress.

Doleta Dacy Hurst Hamric's request for Cremation has been honored at Pat Boyle Funeral Home's On-Site Crematory. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at Broad Street United Methodist Church located at 210 Broad Street in Weston at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 11, 2022, with Pastor Brian Plum officiating.

We, at Pat Boyle Funeral Home and Cremation Service located at 144 Hackers Creek Rd. in Jane Lew, are honored and privileged to serve the family of Doleta Dacy Hurst Hamric. Online condolences may be expressed at www.PatBoyleFuneralHome.com.

Josephine Rojas

Josephine Rojas, 90, of Webster Springs went



home to be with her Lord on Saturday morning, May 28,

2022, at her home, surrounded by her family.

Born February 11, 1932 in Bolair, she was the daughter of the late Bert and Rebie (Miller) Bancroft. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Larry Rojas; son, Tony Vatala; brothers: Robert, Eugene, and Walter; and sister, Rose-lynn.

Josephine was an avid quilter, and she had won several blue ribbons in the Webster County Fair. She and her husband traveled and lived all across the country from Maryland to California, and everywhere in between. They finally settled back home in Webster County, and she was very happy to be home, just about 2 miles away from her birthplace. Josephine enjoyed watching soap operas and the Hallmark Channel, and was a terrific cook.

She was a member of the Sand Run Baptist Church and was a Christian woman with a strong love of God. She was very loved by all of her children and sweet as pie to all that knew her. It was Josephine's wish that her children continue to love each other in her memory.

Left to cherish her memory are her children: Steve Rojas, Larry Rojas, Mary McColley, and John Vatala; 11 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; brothers: Lewis and William Bancroft; and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her passing.

In keeping with Josephine's wishes, she will be cremated and the family will hold a service at a later date.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.doddreedfh.com. Dodd & Reed Funeral

Home is honored to be serving the Rojas family.

Marmel Janette Brown

Marmel Janette Brown, 80, passed away at her home in Cheswick, PA on April 24, 2022. She was born on July 17, 1941, to parents John W. Brown and Marmel Rader Brown of Burnsville, WV who preceded her in death.

Janette graduated from Burnsville High School in 1959 and was the class Valedictorian. She received a Master's Degree from WVU in Chemistry. Janette previously held positions as a professor at Albright College in Reading, PA and was a chemist for Gulf Oil Research in Pittsburgh, PA. She was a 50-year member of the Order of the Easter Star.

Janette is survived by her brother: John W. Brown (Loretta) and her beloved nephew and niece: John Wesley Brown III (MiLee), Annette Lynn Brown Cain (Scott); and great nephews and nieces.

A gathering of friends and family to celebrate the life of Janette will be held on Friday, June 10, 2022 from 10-11am at Stockert Funeral Home & Cremation, Flatwoods, WV. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to your favorite charity.

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

Aerwanna Kniceley Frame

Aerwanna Kniceley Frame, 62, of Flatwoods,



passed away on Monday, May 30, 2022 at Braxton Memorial Hos-

pital, Gassaway.

She was born February 15, 1960, in Sutton, the daughter of the late Scott & Alice Harris Kniceley. Also preceding her in death was her brothers, Stanley Kniceley, Steve Kniceley.

Aerwanna was a in home care provider for the Braxton County Senior Center and a Christian by faith.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband, David Lee Frame; a sister, Avonda Stewart (Mike) of Flatwoods; several nieces and nephews and great nieces and great nephews.

Funeral services will be held 1:00 pm, Friday, June 3, 2022 at Greene-Robertson Funeral Home, Sutton. Burial will follow at Kniceley/McCray Cemetery, Flatwoods. Friends may call one hour before the service at the funeral home.

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

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

Blessings

Favor or gift bestowed by God, God's favor and protection. There are two types of blessings, spiritual and temporal and there are conditions for spiritual blessings.

Eph 1:3

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: We must be in Christ to have these types of blessing like the most obvious salvation which will lead to the peace of God which passeth all understanding.

Phil 4:6-7

6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. 7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

There are four types of blessings

Blessing we see, blessing we don't see, blessing we don't recognize and blessings when God says no, or not right now.

The first type of blessings are the blessings that we see, we can touch them, use them, admire them and forward them on to someone less fortunate.

Matt 6:25-33

25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? 26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns, yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? 27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? 28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: 29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? 31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? 32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. 33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Blessings we do not see, such as gravity, air, and like things, these are automatic blessings like the earth that works because God wills it to be, it hangs on nothing, there are no strings to hold it up simply the word of God holds it up.

Heb 11:3

3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

2 Peter 3:5-7

5 For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water 6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished 7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgement and perdition of ungodly men

Blessing we do not recognize, the providential blessings that God uses to keep us safe and guide us in the right path. I used to get a little bit irritated with slow drivers, I would say to myself I wish that they would get out of my way until I learned that God may be keeping me safe from an accident by placing them there. Every thing that we go through in life good or bad there is something that God wants us to learn.

Num 22:22-28

Then God's anger was aroused because he went, and the Angel of the LORD took His stand in the way as an adversary against him. And he was riding on his donkey, and his two servants were with him. 23 Now the donkey saw the Angel of the LORD standing in the way with His drawn sword in His hand, and the donkey turned aside out of the way and went into the field. So Balaam struck the donkey to turn her back onto the road. 24 Then the Angel of the LORD stood in a narrow path between the vineyards, with a wall on this side and a wall on that side. 25 And when the donkey saw the Angel of the LORD, she pushed herself against the wall and crushed Balaam's foot against the wall; so he struck her again. 26 Then the Angel of the LORD went further, and stood in a narrow place where there was no way to turn either to the right hand or to the left. 27 And when the donkey saw the Angel of the LORD, she lay down under Balaam; so Balaam's anger was aroused, and he struck the donkey with his staff. 28 Then the LORD opened the mouth of the donkey, and she said to Balaam, "What have I done to you, that you have struck me these three times?"

NKJV

Blessings when God says no or not right now such as when Christ was in the garden praying to the Father, Christ did not want to die the terrible death on the cross but God gave him his answer, God says

Matt 26:42-45

42 He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done. 43 And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy. 44 And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words. 45 Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. God said no to his son, for Christ had to die in order to save us from sin

Rom 8:28

28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

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COMMUNITY CORNER

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

PAT'S CHAT BY: PAT RIDPATH



Memorial Day Weekend and the Burnsville High School Alumni reunion, all in the same weekend! I am just now beginning to feel the relief that my sister's celebration of the thank you notes Robin is helping me to write and send to our many friends and family who have given so generously in lieu of flowers or food for the celebration. I am overwhelmed by all those who have been so kind in remembering Mary Ann. She would have been so pleased by your outpouring of love. (I have left myself very little time to write a Chat.)

Chuck, my son, went with me, in fact drove to Burnsville. I had played the piano at Sabbath School and

church today to add to Sheri's excellent organ and enjoyed the worship service. I also really enjoyed just being with my son as we traveled to Burnsville and back. We attended the program in the auditorium. It was fun to hear Mary Ann's friends and family mention things they remember about her. I couldn't do it. There was not just one memory, but 80-years-worth of memories, and I could not pick just one.

Our new young pastor believes that if we can get together more often and get to know and love each other, we will be better witnesses for Jesus' love to those around us. He helps our committee plan for one Saturday evening meeting each month, the FIRST Saturday evening. First there was a Crazy Hair/Crazy Hat night, then a Flower Power "70's" eve-

ning, and now for June 4 it will be a BEACH BASH. Game night and Pina Coladas for all ages! (and you certainly do not have to be a Seventh-day-Adventist to attend.) We want to get to know our fellow Buckhannon-ites! It will be held at our church, 1122 Brushy Fork Road.

You can also join us for Prayer Line on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom line. Bonnie does a short devotional reading. Our Zoom number is 96120157208. If you don't have Zoom just call 1-301-715-8592#. In fact, you can use the same numbers to join our Prayer Meeting each Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. or our Sabbath School after Dark on Friday evenings at 7:00 p.m. or our Saturday Sabbath School at 10:15 a.m. and Church Service at 11:15 a.m. Maranatha

COUNTY STORIES BY: JEANETTE RIFFLE

How To Have Peace

There is so much bad news on TV that it is almost impossible to have a peaceful mind. I was thinking on some scriptures and remembered one in Philippians. I turned to that book of my King James Bible and found what I was looking for. It is found in Philippians 4: 8 & 9. Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are honest, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report; if there be any virtue. and if there be any praise, think on these things. Vs. 9 Those things which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do, and the God of peace shall be with you.

I wrote these verses down on an index card and put it on the end table by my chair, to refer to and to memo-

scroll and find these things.

We had a visit from neighbors this week. We had come back from decorating at Oak Grove Cemetery when Dale Norman and wife, Sheila, pulled in. He said he hadn't seen Duane for a long time. He told a funny story. He said that back during the Great Depression, this little boy got turnips every day for his lunch. He got so tired of it, that one day he stayed inside when everyone went out on recess. He went to the table where the kids put their lunches and picked up the heaviest lunch bag he could find. He took it out behind the school to eat it, but to his surprise all he could find was three hickory nuts and a hammer. I will close on this laugh and until next time, think of funny stories to tell. We sure have a lot of story tellers in our family. Take care and God bless!

ize. It helps to quote scriptures and the Bible says to pray without ceasing. In other words, be in prayer all day long as the Holy Spirit brings things to our mind to pray about.

We had an eagle here this morning, in a tree top down in the low part of the woods. Hubby opened the back door and saw it. The dog was looking up at it, too. That was something lovely to think on. There are pretty flowers, birds and butterflies, now. The hummingbirds are back. Just look around outside. I have been enjoying the pictures on FB that my friends are posting of their flowers blooming and pictures of pretty birds. A few of them are photographers and get some really good pictures. Some have taken day trips to the tourist attractions of WV and are sharing their pictures with the rest of us. It is nice to

Glenville State University Department of Land Resources students volunteer at Canaan Valley State Park

In late April, several Glenville State University Department of Land Resources students visited Canaan Valley Resort State Park for a volunteer opportunity. The opportunity was arranged by Tom Snyder, Glenville State's Academic Laboratory Instructional Assistant, and the Superintendent of Canaan Valley State Park, Don McFarlan.



Glenville State University volunteers (l-r) Tom Snyder, Chloe Richardson, Mark Radcliff, and Lexi Pletcher at Canaan Valley Resort State Park.

In addition to Snyder, the students who volunteered included Chloe Richardson, Mark Radcliff, and Lexi Pletcher. Richardson is in the Natural Resource Management Wildlife Management program while Radcliff and Pletcher are both in the Natural Resource Management Forest Technology program.

"At Canaan, we used the cut-stump method when removing invasive species. For example, an autumn olive would be cut at the base with a chainsaw and glyphosate would be applied

to the sapwood on the face of the stump. This kills the root of the plant and prevents it from resprouting," Pletcher explained.

Removing invasive species from the park helps native species establish in the area by removing competition for resources. Native species are beneficial to wildlife and the overall ecosystem, nonnative invasive species are not.

Pletcher added that the students hope to visit Canaan Valley again in the future for another volunteer opportunity.

For more information about the programs within the Department of Land Resources at Glenville State University, contact the Department of Land Resources at LandResources@glenville.edu or (304) 462-6370.

Kookaburra Coast Vacation Bible School

Kookaburra Coast Vacation Bible School will be coming to the Frametown Methodist Church June 6 through the 10 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The closing program will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Friday. Classes will be held for ages Nursery through Adult. Come on out to learn about God and fellowship with friends through the lessons, music and crafts. Everyone welcome!

2022 Burnsville Freedom Festival Car, Truck, and Bike Show

The Burnsville Freedom Festival will host its 2022 Car, Truck, and Bike Show on Saturday, July 2nd. Registration will be from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The show will start be at 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Trophies will be awarded in the following categories: Cars/Trucks and Bikes, Peoples Choice, Judges Choice, Kids Choice, and Veterans Choice. Registration is \$10.00. Pre-register by emailing the Bulltown Historical Association at bulltown-historicalassociation@gmail.com

Rosedale Community Cemetery

It is time once again to start mowing and working to keep our cemetery looking good. Thanks to all of you who donated last season, April 1, 2021 to May 1, 2022, without your donations it wouldn't be possible. Drema Rose, Brenda Mollohan, Terry Turner, Chuck Moore, Marilyn Moore, JD and Ann Moore, Barbara Felix, Ronnie Smith, Charlotte and Richard Frame, Frankie Postalwait, Roger Jarvis, Susan Roberts, Paul W. Tallman, Paul D. Tallman, Dolores Wright, Cheryl Carter, Gary Schoolcraft, Kathryn Fisher, and Blair Wright. Send all donations to: Rosedale Cemetery Fund, c/o Dolores Wright, 39 Lone Oak Rd., Rosedale, WV 26636, call 304-364-5344.

Revival

Bug Ridge Community Church, 3284 Bug Ridge Road, Sutton WV 26601, will be holding their Revival June 1st - 4th at 7pm. Minister: Jeff McKinney and Special Singing Nightly.

Sutton Baptist Church VBS

Vacation Bible School at Sutton Baptist Church is coming up June 6 to 10, 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Nursery to 6th grade. Adult Class as well. All are welcome.

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 service 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!

Benefit Ham Dinner for Wanda Cottrill and Rocky Dickey

There will be a benefit ham dinner on June 5th from 12:00 to 5:00 pm at the Rosedale Senior Center. Dinner will be by donations only. Funds raised will help cover medical expenses due to cancer and sugar. Dinner will consist of ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, hot rolls, dessert and a drink. There will be a 50/50, silent auction, and gun tickets.

Rosedale School Reunion

The Rosedale School Reunion will be held on Saturday, June 4 at Cedar Creek State Park Activities Building. All eating supplies and drinks will be furnished. Please come, bring a covered dish and an auction item if you wish and spend the day.

Gassaway Days 2022

The dates of the 2022 Gassaway Days have been announced. Gassaway Days will be held on June 23, 24, and 25. Please plan on attending.

Sutton Cemetery Town Hill

Any donations toward the upkeep of the Sutton Cemetery located on Town Hill are greatly appreciated. Decorations or flowers left 60 days past Memorial Day should be removed to make mowing easier. Mark payments to "Sutton Cemetery Trust" and mail to: Catherine Hoover, 292 N. Baxter Street, Sutton, WV 26601. Thank you, Sutton Cemetery Trustees

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.

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.

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

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.

Braxton County Jamboree 2022 Music Schedule

June 3 Tygart Junction, June, 10, Frank Conn and The Partners, June, 17 Wildfire, June, 24 Dixie Highway. July, 1 TBA, July, 8 Frank Conn and The Partners, July, 15 Whiskey River, July, 22 Willie D and No Regrets, July, 29 Dixie Highway. Aug, 5 Retro Country, Aug, 12 Frank Conn and The Partners, Aug, 19, Sincerely Country, Aug, 26, Dixie Highway

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.

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.

Donations needed

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

Elizabeth Chapel

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

Hoover Cemetery

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

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 Dordill, Shelby Bowyer, and Bernard and Patty Mollohan. Send your donation to: Patty Mollohan, PO Box 61, Little Birch, WV 26629.

MAGISTRATE COURT

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Magistrate Beth Smith's Court

May 18: Ethan Casey Stone of Procius, no proof of insurance, dismissed proof provided, expired MVI, dismissed proof provided, driving suspended-general, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; Chase Buckley Goldsmith of Charleston, no proof of insurance, dismissed proof provided, expired registration, dismissed proof provided, expired MVI, not guilty plea; Sarah E. Stump of Flatwoods, no proof of insurance, no contest plea, expired MVI, dismissed proof provided, fine/court costs assessed; Dennis A. Patrick of Lexington, KY, expired MVI, dismissed proof provided; Walter Scott Cutlip of Rosedale, expired MVI, dismissed proof provided; Jessica M. Helmick of Frametown, expired MVI, dismissed proof provided, expired registration, dismissed proof provided; Jason C. Parlett of Frametown, expired MVI, dismissed proof provided.

May 23: David Michael Jarrell, Jr. of Sutton, possession of controlled substance, driving suspended-3rd offense, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$4500 cash or surety.

May 24: Justin Nichiniello of Birch River, burglary x2, conspiracy x2, warrant issued, bond set at \$60,000 cash only; Debbie L. Tanner of Ivydale, expired MVI, dismissed proof provided, expired registration, dismissed proof provided; James Russell Walker of Frametown, speeding in construction zone, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; George C. Murphy of Chatham, MA, speeding, guilty plea, fine/court costs assessed and paid; Jes-

sica Sue Belknap of Exchange, joyriding, guilty plea, DUI-drugs, dismissed per plea, no operators, dismissed per plea, 25 days of jail with credit for time served of 25 days, fine/court costs assessed.

May 25: Joseph Lee Rogers of Duck, trespassing, guilty plea, five days of jail with credit for time served of five days, fine/court costs assessed; Allen Jay Demastus of Sutton, violation of protective order, guilty plea, domestic assault x2, dismissed per plea, 120 days of jail with credit for time served of 40 days, fine/court costs assessed.

May 26: Sam S. Schrader of Little Birch, speeding, guilty plea, expired MVI, not guilty plea, fine/court costs assessed; David Allen Carper of Gasaway, open burning of refuse, fine/court costs assessed; Joshua Jarvis of Sutton, domestic battery, domestic assault, destruction of property, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$3300 cash or surety; Jesse A. Jordan of Rosedale, driving revoked for DUI, guilty plea, false information, dismissed per plea, no proof of insurance, dismissed per plea, 30 days of jail, fine/court costs assessed; Laura Faith Peggs of Sutton, truancy, dismissed, child has attend school; Justin Peggs of Sutton, dismissed, child has attend school; Hardy Willis Arner of Little Birch, truancy, dismissed, child has attend school; Amanda Harper of Frametown, truancy, dismissed, child has attend school; Eric Scott Spears of Sutton, domestic assault, guilty plea, domestic battery, dismissed per plea, brandishing a deadly weapon, six months of jail with credit for

time served of 13 days, remainder suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation, fine/court costs assessed.

May 28: Darrin Michael Johnson of Heaters, attempting to deliver a controlled substance, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$10,000 cash only.

May 29: Brian Keith Louk of Burnsville, driving revoked for DUI-3rd offense, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$15,000 cash only.

Magistrate David Singleton's Court

May 20: Hardy Arner of Little Birch, prohibited person in possession of firearm, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$2500 cash, surety, or 10% to the court.

May 21: Amber Nicole Dyer of Sutton, driving revoked for DUI-3rd offense, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$5000 cash only; Roy Rhodes of Sutton, possession of meth with intent to deliver, conspiracy, warrant issued, bond set at \$25,000 cash only.

May 23: Shannon Lee Rhodes of Sutton, no seatbelt, no contest plea, fine assessed and paid; Marvin B. Hughes of Birch River, expired MVI, dismissed proof provided.

May 24: Kevin E. Morris of Immokalee, FL, speeding, no contest plea, no proof of insurance, dismissed proof provided, fine/court costs assessed and paid; Cody Earl Hinerman of Fairmont, contraband into jail, probable cause found, transferred to circuit court.

May 25: John P. Akers of Flatwoods, KY, speeding, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed and paid.

Burnsville Lake announces 2022 June and July activity dates

Come out this season and have some "Fun with History" at Burnsville Lake. Tour our beautiful Bulltown Historic Area and learn about all its history. You can also enjoy some guided kayaking trips at our majestic Falls Mills!

The Historical Museum Hours are Sunday through Thursday 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Friday and Saturday 9:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M., Sunday, Church Service at 11:00 A.M. Tours are given daily.

Activities are as follows, but are subject to change.

Saturday, June 4th 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. National Park Day Clean Up In Celebration of National Trails Day. Each participant will receive a special gift. Lunch provided by the BHA.

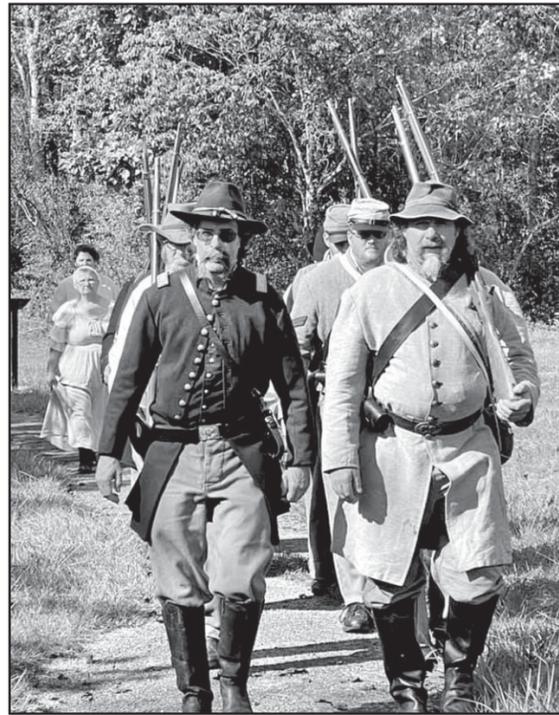
Monday June 20th Celebrate West Virginia Day and History 5:00 P.M. Mountain Pie Making, 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. Live Music, Brothers of Faith, 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. Evening Tours.

Saturday, June 25th Living History at the Bulltown Historical Area Saturday, July 9th Living History at the Bulltown Historical Area Friday, July 15th -Sunday July 17th Heritage Days - Look for schedule of events

Future dates to keep an eye out on include Saturday, August 6th Living History at the Bulltown Historical Area 5:00 P.M. Corn Roast

Sunday, August 28th Cruise In for History

Saturday, September 3rd Living History at the Bulltown Historical



Area October 14th through 16th Battle of Bullrun Re-Enactment - Look for schedule of events

Make plans to pre-register to Meet Up and Kayak Falls Mills Guided Tours. Each event will start at 9:00 A.M. meeting at Falls Mills. Each participant will receive a free gift. Pre-register by calling (304)452-8170.

Activities are as follows, but are subject to change.

Saturday, June 11th Kayak Scavenger Hunt 9:00 A.M.

Thursday, June 16th I Spy Kayak Trip 9:00 A.M.

Monday, June 20th Happy Birthday West Virginia History and Kayaking 9:00 A.M.

Wednesday, June 29th Kayak Bird Watch

9:00 A.M. Wednesday, July 6th Freedom Float

Wednesday, July 13th Healthy Rowers

Wednesday, July 20th What's Around Me? Learn about what wonders nature has around us

Saturday, July 23rd I Scream, You Scream, We All Scream For Kayaking. Come celebrate National Vanilla Ice Cream Day. Ice Cream Social at the end of the trip.

Wednesday, July 27th Wildlife Float

Saturday, July 30th Float with a friend and celebrate International Day of Friendship.

Follow the Burnsville, US Army Corps of Engineers and Bulltown Historical Association Facebook page for future schedules of events.

Burnsville Public Library Ocean of Possibilities and 100 Days of Reading Challenge schedule

Come join us at the Burnsville Public Library on Wednesday, June 1st from 5:30-7:00 P.M. or Saturday, June 4th from 11:00 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. for our Kick-Off to our Oceans of Possibilities Summer Learning Program and our 100 Days of Reading Challenge by creating our own learning pal with our Noah's Ark Experience (similar to Build A Bear). The Burnsville Public Library is proud to be partnering with Save the Children to provide increased opportunities for learning this summer! Contact us at (304)853-2338 to reserve your choice of learning pals. Numbers are limited so contact the Burnsville Public Library early.



Visit the Burnsville Public Library on June 1st for their kick off event to create your own learning pal for the Ocean of Possibilities Program.

P.M. Teen Scene (ages eleven through eighteen or older: Sixth grade through college) from 5:30 to 7:00 P.M.

Under the Ocean Movie Night: Join the BPL for family movie fun each Tuesday in June, July, and August starting at 6:00 P.M. Concessions will be available for a small donation.

Sea of Suspense Movie Night: Join the BPL for suspense and intrigue filled movies each Thursday in June, July, and August starting at 7:00 P.M. Concessions will be available for a small donation. Please be aware these movie titles are not child friendly.

Celebrate Ocean Month each join the BPL each Saturday in June starting at 12:00 P.M. to watch documentaries on our oceans. Concessions will be available for a small donation.

Pirate Saturdays: Join the BPL each Saturday from July 9th to August 6th starting at 12:00 P.M. to watch all the movies in a popular pirate franchise. Concessions will be available for a small donation.

Sunday Matinees: Join the BPL on specific Sundays in June and July starting at 2:00 P.M. There will be new release movies on June 12th, July 10th, and July 17th. Classic movies will be on June 26th and July 31st. Concessions will be available for a small donation.

For a list of specific movies dates and titles, please contact the Burnsville Public Library at (304)853-2338.

Holly Gray Park to hosts first 2022 Drive-In Movie Night

Holly Gray Park will host its first Drive-In Movie Night of the 2022 season

We're kicking off the season with Sing 2 on Saturday, June 4th, 2022 at 9:00 p.m. Movie begins at 9:15 p.m.

Admission is five dollars per person and kids under 4 are free. Concessions will be sold on-site.

Watch outside your car or tune in to your radio station!

Holly Gray Park will



be showing a monthly movie through September, follow the Holly Gray Park on Facebook to keep track of movie selected each month. All proceeds benefit Holly Gray Park.

Braxton County Jamboree June line up

The Braxton County Jamboree has announced its music schedule for the month of June.

June 3rd Tygart Junction, June 10th Frank Conn and The Partners, June 17th Wildfire, and June 24th Dixie Highway.

All shows will be played on Friday from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Concessions will be available for purchase. No Alcohol Permitted at any event. The Braxton County Jamboree is Handicap-Accessible.

For more information and to follow the Braxton County



Dixie Highway is scheduled to perform at the Jamboree please visit

You may also contact Lena Parsons at (304) 364-5577 or by email at e-mail-lparsons804@gmail.com

Fleming receives the Pastoral Counseling Service and Achievement Award at Methodist Theological School of Ohio for 2022

Methodist Theological School of Ohio announced graduation awards.

The Pastoral Counseling Service and Achievement Award is presented to a senior of Master of Arts in Counseling Ministries who embodies the quest for excellence in professional counsel-

ing development.

The recipient also demonstrates significant involvement in community service, while maintaining high standards of academic achievement.

The 2022 Award goes to Brynda Fleming. Brynda served a chaplaincy internship through Ruby Hospi-

tal and a counseling internship at Peace of Mind Counseling in Huntington. Brynda is presently serving Macedonia United Methodist Church and will be offering free community counseling in Nicholas County. She resides in Flatwoods, WV., with her husband, Charles.

Bug Ridge Community Church Revival

Bug Ridge Community Church, 3284 Bug Ridge Road, Sutton WV 26601, will be holding their Revival June 1st - 4th at 7pm.

Minister: Jeff McKinney and Special Singing Nightly.

All are welcome, please join us.

Little Birch Elementary hosts first academic banquet



Third Grade students who maintained a 3.0 GPA throughout the school year.



Nikki Harper, Teacher of the Year and Evelyn Post.



Courtney Jenkins and Shyann Jenkins.



Principal Dr. Wine presents an award to Kristopher Mace.

Little Birch Elementary's first academic banquet was a tremendous success. The twenty students who maintained a 3.0 GPA for the entire school year were honored in the presence of their parents/guardians, LBE staff, teachers, and central office staff. This opportunity was made possible through the generosity of our sponsors Central WV Aging Services and Ms. Evelyn Post who provided a gift card with a bag of goodies for each student and the evening meal at Luzader's 3 Girls' Diner.

Principal Grace Wine conferred with students to select a t-shirt design and choose a name for this elite group of students - The Captain's Cannon Crew: Shooting for Excellence. PTO provided the decor, awards, t-shirts, and decal for parents/guardians.

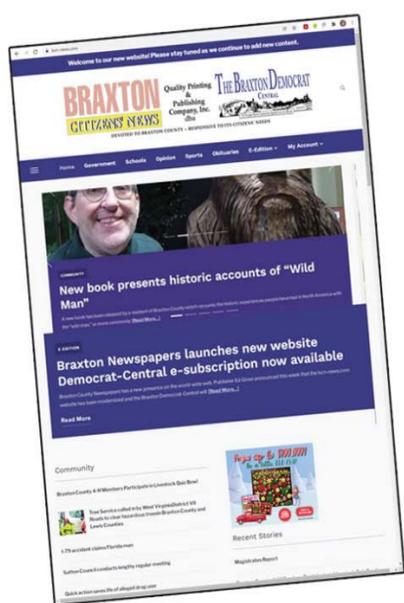
Mrs. Burchett, retired teacher and beloved substitute provided precious memories of her time at LBE during the first semester, ac-

knowledged the hard work and dedication of students, families, and staff, and shared words of wisdom regarding education and life. It was a wonderful evening with good food, friends, laughter, and fun. LBES would like to thank their sponsors, Central WV Aging Services and Ms. Evelyn Post for their generosity, Luzader's for the wonderful food and service, and all who contributed through the PTO to make this event possible. "We look forward to next year's banquet," concluded Dr. Wine.



Mrs. Burchett and Evelyn Post.

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Bobber the Water Safety Dog visited with the second grade class of Davis Elementary School.

Davis Elementary students tour the Sutton Dam

On Thursday, May 19, 2022, the second grade class from Davis Elementary visited Sutton Lake.

Rangers Daniel Hoard and Logan White led twenty-five students and teachers on a tour of the dam to show how we accomplish the Corps mission of flood damage reduction.

Rangers then led a water safety interpretive event in the downstream where students were able to throw a rescue bag and learn how to size and check lifejackets for proper fit.

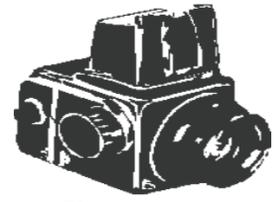
All students were given water safety bags from Bobber, the Water Safety Dog.

Rangers Ben Coulter, Daniel Hoard and Logan White hosted the event and it was organized by Lindsey Casto.



Rangers Daniel Hoard and Logan White lead the students on a Dam Tour.

June 1, 2022



Photos courtesy of Tiffany Godfrey

A Photographic Look at...

Kanawha Alumni Parade and 103rd Annual Kanawha Alumni banquet



Shirley Ann Lloyd.



Scholarship recipients at the 103rd Annual Kanawha Alumni Banquet.



Graduating Seniors of the Town of Burnsville enjoyed the parade.



Braxton County Belle, Pat Blake makes her way through the KAA parade.



BCHS Marching Band members.



Various cars, Burnsville Bruins, BHS Class of 1953, American Legion, and In Memory of James Lee Wine were part of the parade lineup at the KAA Annual Parade.



Butch McPherson.



Burnsville Public Library members walk in the parade.



Members of the Braxton County High School Marching Band.



We caught Braxton County's Bigfoot!

"NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING"

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection has scheduled a public meeting on June 15, 2022, at 10:00 am to discuss the Draft Fiscal Year 2023 Intended Use Plan for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program (CWSRF). A part of the Intended Use Plan is the Fiscal Year 2023 Priority List. The meeting will take place in person at the WV DEP's Headquarters in Charleston, WV. An option to attend remotely or call-in is below. A copy of the draft Fiscal Year 2023 Intended Use Plan is available, and may be requested by calling, writing, or sending an email request to the address below. The plan can also be viewed on DEP's web site.

Contact
Katheryn Emery WV Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Water & Waste Management
Clean Water State Revolving Fund
601 57th Street, SE Charleston, WV 25304 (304) 926-0499 Ext. 43830

Katheryn.D.Emery@wv.gov
Google Meeting information
<https://meet.google.com/cnc-fch-ozb>
Dial in number: 1-440-462-3547
PIN: 120 836 348#

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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE CHANGE OF NAME OF

Kayla Marie Denton
CASE NO. 22-P-16

This notice that we will, on the 8th day of August, 2022 at 1:30 pm, or as soon thereafter as the matter of the Petition may be heard, before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Braxton County, West Virginia, at his office in the Court of said County for the change of name of Kayla Marie Denton to the name of Kay French.

Kayla Denton
Petitioner

5-24 6-1p

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE CHANGE OF NAME OF

Aiden Jon Aliprando
CASE NO. 22-P-15

This notice that we will, on the 8th day of August, 2022 at 1:30 pm or as soon thereafter as the matter of the Petition may be heard, before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Braxton County, West Virginia, at his office in the Court of said County for the change of name of Aiden Aliprando to the name of Aiden French.

Aiden Aliprando
Petitioner

5-24 6-1p

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST

Default having been made in the payment of that certain note and debt secured by that certain deed of trust, executed by Dyan Fox which deed of trust is dated November 5, 2014, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Braxton County, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book 235 page 267, and demand for sale having been made by the beneficiary and holder of the note and debt secured thereby, to-wit: Thomas E. Miller and Albert Vic Mays, Executor of the Estate of John Miller; notice is hereby given that on the 15th day of June, 2022, at 11:00 o'clock A.M., the undersigned, Substitute Trustee, Terry D. Reed, will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder thereof, at the front door of the Courthouse at Braxton County, West Virginia, subject to the reservations, exceptions and provisions hereinafter mentioned, described or referred to, the following described real estate, together with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, including any manufactured structures, mobile homes, double wide or modular homes, situate on the waters of Mill Stone Run, in Salt Lick District, Braxton County, West Virginia, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows, to-wit: BEGINNING at a point in the center of Route 19/14, corner to Lot 1, thence N 61-22-10 W. at 15.00' passing a 3/4" rebar, set on the northern right of way limits of said route, in all 353.04' to a 3/4" rebar set, corner to Lot 1, thence N 23-44-10 E. 112.71' to a 3/4" rebar set, thence N 18-55-30 E. 123.64' to a 3/4" rebar, set, corner to Lot 3, thence with Lot 3 for a line, S 62-57-30 E. at 360.00' passing a 3/4" rebar, set on the northern right of way limits of said route, in all 375.00' to a point in the center of said route, thence with said route for the next two lines S 24-42-40 W. 111.95' to a point, thence S 28-12-10 W. 132.89' to the place of beginning, containing 2.00 acres, more or less.

The property herein conveyed is the same tract conveyed unto Dyan Fox by John Miller and Thomas Miller by deed dated October 5, 2014 of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Braxton County, West Virginia in Deed Book 602 at page 227.

This conveyance is made subject to all existing reservations, restrictions, exceptions, conditions, easements, rights of way or other servitudes, if any, made, reserved or created in prior deeds of record in said Clerk's office, or which would be disclosed by a visual inspection of the premises.

This sale is made subject to, and where applicable, the Purchaser herein shall have the benefit of the exceptions, reservations, rights of way, easements and provisions contained in the foregoing deeds of record.

This sale is further made subject to any and all terms of any other deeds constituting the chain of title. The aforesaid tract, and sale thereof, are subject to rights of way or easements and all prior reservations, exceptions, restrictions and agreements affecting the premises which are of record in said Clerk's Office or which would be disclosed by a careful inspection of the premises and any unpaid real estate taxes.

Said sale is further made subject to any prior reservations of coal, oil or gas, minerals, and mining, drilling and production rights pertinent thereto. No representation or warranty as to the status of title to the aforesaid property, nor the status of any appurtenances or rights pertaining thereto is given.

TERMS OF SALE

Ten (10%) Percent cash in hand on day of sale, remaining balance within thirty (30) days, and subject to any and all unpaid or unassessed property taxes against said real estate. The undersigned Trustee reserves the right to continue, cancel, or postpone the sale of said real estate and property from time to time, and to reject all bids if deemed inadequate as he may determine necessary, without notice other than oral proclamation of said postponement, continuation or cancellation at the advertised time and place of said sale. Dated at Buckhannon, West Virginia this 30th day of March 2022. Terry D. Reed, Substitute Trustee
State Bar No.: 3046
P.O. Box 310
Buckhannon, West Virginia 26201
304-472-1565 5-24 6-1b

West Virginia free fishing days give new anglers chance to try fishing

Have you ever wanted to try fishing but haven't had a chance to get out on the water? Maybe you have fond memories of fishing with friends or family members but haven't cast a line in a few years but want to get back into this outdoor tradition. Well, there's no better time than now because West Virginia's Free Fishing Days are coming up on June 11-12, 2022.

Free Fishing Days is part of a national effort to encourage new anglers to get out and enjoy this outdoor tradition without having to first buy a license. It's also a great time for anglers to take a friend or family member out and teach them how to fish.

If you're looking for a place to go fishing, check out the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources online fishing map for a list of lakes and streams near you. You can also check a fishing derby or Free Fishing Days event around the state.

And make sure you remember the occasion by sharing your fishing adventures with us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram by tagging your photos #wvfish.

If you haven't renewed your license in a couple of years, we encourage you to take this time to get out on the water. In no time, you'll remember why fishing is so much fun in West Virginia! And if you want to renew your license, head on over to www.wvfish.com.

Burnsville Freedom Festival announces schedule of events

All events are free to the public. Shuttle service will be available. Times and events subject to change. All events held at the Burnsville Dam.

8:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. - Vendor and food sale arrival/set-up (Still accepting vendors)

8:00 A.M. - Festival Information Booth Opens

9:00 A.M. - Vietnam Veteran's Mobile Booth Opens

10:00 A.M. - Vendor and Food Sales are open for business

10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. - Car Show Registration

10:30 A.M. - Cornhole Tournament Registration - Play begins at 11:00 A.M.

11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. - Kids Freedom Fishing Tournament (Age groups 3-5, 6-8, 9-11, 12-14)

11:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. - Elite Rivals Twirlers

12:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. - Car Show

12:30 P.M. to 1:30 P.M. - Brothers of Faith Bluegrass Gospel

2:00 P.M. - Line Dance with Batanya Kay

2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. - WV Mountaineer Meet and Greet

3:30 P.M. - Live Music - Kowboys

4:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. - Quantum Party Amusements

5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. - Story Book



The Car Show starts at 12:00 PM at the Burnsville Dam.



The Cornhole Tournament starts at 11:00 A.M. registration starts at 10:30 A.M.

Characters
6:00 P.M. - Live Music - Soda Pop Gypsies
8:30 P.M. - Live Music - Ultimate Time McGraw Tribute Band
10:00 P.M. - Fireworks
Proud sponsors of the 2022 Burnsville Freedom Festival include Platinum Sponsors - Central WV Aging, Kanawha Alumni Association, 84 Lumber, Outpost Construction, and the Pickle Man. Gold Sponsors - Millstone Grocery, Quantum Party Rentals, Braxton County CVB, Braxton County Commission. Silver Sponsors - Columbia Forest Products, GoMart, Mike Ross, Inc., Glenville Foodland, Vicky Murphy State Farm, Peoples Bank, Sutton Moose Lodge, Stocker Funeral Home. Bronze - Aurora Imaging, Pine Ridge Apartments, Ray and Beverly Monroe, Roach Funeral Home, Creamy Korner, and Burnsville Docks.

BBQ Bash to host 5K Walk/Run

The Almost Heaven BBQ Bash is excited to partner with Mon Health Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital (SJM) in hosting a new Almost Heaven 5K Walk / Run on Saturday morning, June 18th at Stonewall Resort, Roanoke, WV. The event is open to all ages with registration from 7:15 - 7:45 AM at the Roanoke Building, with the race kicking off at 8:00 AM.

Cost per participant is \$30.00 but INCLUDES a FREE souvenir event shirt, custom designed for the events, awards in various age categories,

and a great breakfast following the race at the Roanoke Building. You don't want to miss this one!

Mon Health SJM Chief Administrative Officer Kevin Stalnaker stated, "We're happy to partner with the BBQ Bash event to provide this healthy activity and look forward to a great turnout for this inaugural event," said Kevin Stalnaker, Chief Administrative Officer at Mon Health Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital.

Special thanks to Hometown Outfitters for printing and providing custom-de-

signed t-shirts for the event included with all paid registrations. Additional shirts may also be available on race day.

To guarantee your shirt is waiting for you the morning of the race, please register by June 1st. Registrations will be accepted until Monday, June 13th, with some additional shirts available on race day.

Interested racers can register on line at: <https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=275994>.

For more information on this new activity, call toll-free at 866 / 710-7600.

Braxton County Senior Center June Menu

Menu subject to change 2% Milk served with each meal
June 1st Salmon patty Macaroni and Cheese Mixed Vegetables Fruit
June 2nd Chicken ala King rice Dinner Roll Fruit
June 3rd Pork BBQ Sandwich Sweet Potato Fries Coleslaw Fruit
June 6th Creamed tomatoes Biscuit Sausage Roasted Potatoes Fruit
June 7th Broccoli Cheddar Soup Chicken Salad Crackers Fruit
June 8th Pot Roast Mashed Potatoes with Gravy Garden Salad Peas Dinner Roll Fruit
June 9th Pork Chop Scalloped Potatoes Beets Dinner Roll

Fruit
June 10th Pepperoni Roll Tomato Soup with Cheese Crackers Fruit
June 13th Chili Beets Cornbread Fruit
June 14th Belle Reception Roasted Turkey Mashed Potatoes w/gravy Stuffing Sweet Potato Casserole Dinner Roll Fruit
June 15th BBQ Chicken Baked Beans Biscuit macaroni Salad Fruit
June 16th Father's Day Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes with Gravy Corn Dinner Roll Fruit
June 17th Spaghetti w/ meatballs Garden Salad Garlic Bread Fruit
June 20th Holiday Center Closed
June 21st Ham-

burger Steak W/ onion Gravy Mashed Potatoes Spinach Casserole Fruit
June 22nd Pork Rib let on Bun French Fries Baked Beans Fruit
June 23rd Breakfast Bake Hash Browns Biscuit Spiced Apples Juice
June 24th Lasagna Garden Salad Garlic Bread Fruit
June 27th Garlic Tomato Shrimp Pasta Garlic Bread Honey Glazed Carrots Fruit
June 28th Chicken Alfredo Peas Garlic Bread Fruit
June 29th Hot Dog with Chili Tater Tots Coleslaw Fruit
June 30th Cornish Pastis Peas Dinner Roll Fruit

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Sutton Moose sponsors golf tournament at Senior Center

By Shirley Shuman

With the generosity traditionally shown by the organization, the Sutton Moose Lodge sponsored a golf tournament at the Braxton Senior Center May 14. The local Lodge sponsored the event for the West Virginia Moose Association, which promotes family values. Teams playing did two

rounds of the nine-hole course for a full match.

Four teams with four players each competed in the tournament. Finishing the 18 holes with the lowest score and the most holes-in-one for the win was a team composed of Cam Long, Cam Currence, Jadynt Stewart, and Patrick Wright. A second

foursome received an award for best dressed. That went to the team of Gage Triplett, Cooper Shingler, Michael Ramsey, and Drew Pritt.

Sutton Moose Lodge administrator Terry Perkins, organizer of the event, noted that the weather was great and that everyone wants another tourna-

ment. Considering it, he said, "Maybe in the fall."

Perkins explained that the money the local lodge made from the tournament will go to helping groups within the community. One of the areas in which the Moose Lodge (nationally) works is providing help to local organizations. The

Sutton Moose Lodge, in 2021, donated over \$60,000 back to the local community. Many of those went to school-related organizations such as sports teams (football, youth soccer, youth wrestling, Little League teams and others), band boosters, the high school prom, high school scholarships and more. Others went

to local towns and local libraries.

Along with its growing donations, the Sutton Moose Lodge membership is growing. The Lodge started its 2021-2022 year with 426 members and ended April 30 with 533. This was the third-largest gain of membership among Moose Lodges within the state.



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Monday Drop-off & Pick-up

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



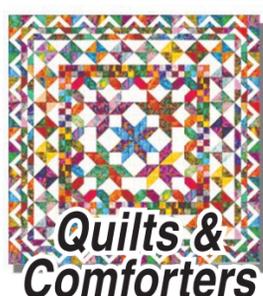
Laundry

Shirts	3.55
Pants (Extra Heavy Starch + 1.00)	9.40
Wash and Fold	2.05 Per Pound
	(10.25 minimum charge)

Linens

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

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



Congratulations to all the winners of the WV Moose Association Putt Putt Golf Tournament. Special thanks to the following businesses who sponsored / donated to the tournament: GoMart, Beverage Distributors, Capitol Beverage, Legg's Beauty Shop, Mid-State Chevy, Citizens News, Braxton Democrat, City National Bank, Harts Pro Hardware, and Walkers Drugstore.



Hunter Woods, May Student of the Month at Little Birch Elementary School.

Hunter Woods named as Little Birch Elementary May Student of the Month

Principal Grace Wine of Little Birch Elementary School is pleased to announce Hunter Woods, Pre-K student, as the student of the month for May. Mrs. Hughes says

that Hunter loves school, follows the rules, and loves to play frog games! He comes to class ready to learn and is always full of enthusiasm. The staff and stu-

dents of Little Birch Elementary School are proud to call Hunter a model pirate.

"We're proud of you Hunter and hope you have a wonderful summer," says the Principal.

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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.

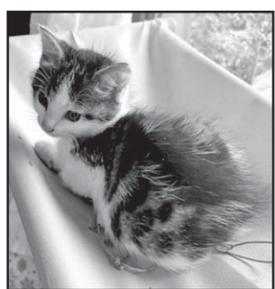
Our program currently has multiple healthy, social cats and kittens that are available for a modest adoption fee, that includes immunizations, deworming, flea protection, as well as spay/neuter and rabies vaccine when the kittens are four months old.

Featured today are several kittens waiting for homes of their own. This will be a last chance to adopt from this group, as any listed that do not find local homes by June 5 will be sent to an out-of-state rescue for placement.

Until they leave, our usual adoption fee has been reduced to \$40 each of two for \$65, which includes the spay/neuter/rabies vaccine at Central WV Animal Hospital in Gas-saway when they are four months old.

Additional photos can be seen on petfinder.com by entering a search for CATS at location 26623 or on the Just One Generation Facebook page.

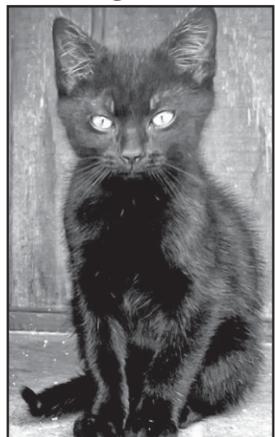
Contact Sally Stewart. as 304-364-4136 to arrange a visit or for additional information.



Archie (m): 9 week old black/white tabby



Maverick (m): tabby; **Hannah (f):** tabby; **Honey (f):** tabby- 8 week old siblings



Eclipse (m): black and **Eli (m):** tabby: 9 week old brothers



Aladdin (m): 8-week-old Siamese mix with chocolate points



Sinbad (m): 7 week old short-haired black

Wine family thank you

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent a floral piece, if so we saw it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say;

Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much whatever the part.

Thank you form the family of James Lee Wine.

size and whether the household is responsible for paying its heating bill. The income limit is 60% of the state median income. In 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

Benefit Ham Dinner for Wanda Cottrill and Rocky Dickey

There will be a benefit ham dinner on Sunday, June 5th from 12:00 to 5:00 pm at the Rosedale Senior Center.

Dinner will be by donations only.

Funds raised will help cover medical ex-

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 apply in-person at their local DHHR office. A list of local offices is available online at <http://www.dhhr.wv.gov/bcf/Documents/DHHR.BCF.LocalOffices.pdf>.

penses due to cancer and sugar.

Dinner will consist of ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, hot rolls, dessert and a drink.

There will be a 50/50, silent auction, and gun tickets.

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 unfixated 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

It's a Beagle Palooza here at the Braxton

County Animal Shelter! If you're looking for a beagle to make a new member of your family, young or old, we've got wonderful beagle personalities here for you to meet!



Jade is a two year old spayed female who was caught as a stray and surrendered to the BCAS so we don't have any history on this sweet girl. She's a gentle, affectionate pup, who will play and snuggle. She's dog friendly and a very go with the flow personality. Jade also walks great on a leash.



Jerry Lee is a eight

week old male beagle mix who found stray on a backroad and picked up by a kind citizen. Jerry came in with intestinal parasites and a terrible skin infection that was causing hair loss. He have since been treated by our veterinarian and are receiving antibiotics and baths to help their skin. His hair is starting to grow back in and he is gaining in health daily.



Lewis is a one year old male beagle who came to the BCAS as a stray so there's no history on him. We know that he walks on a leash and is very dog friendly. Lewis was skittish when he first came into the shelter but is warming up to everyone nicely and loves all the pets he can get.

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.



June 1, 1880: The bare-knuckle prize fight for the championship of the world was held in the Brooke County town of Colliers, between defending champion Joe Goss and challenger Paddy Ryan. Boxing was illegal in every state, and matches were often held in railroad villages to avoid big city police.



June 1, 1935: Musician Hazel Dickens was born in Mercer County, the eighth of 11 children. She was a pioneering old-time and bluegrass musician, known for preserving the traditional vocal styles of West Virginia.

June 2, 1951: Cornelius Charlton died of the wounds he received in battle during the Korean War. Charlton, a Raleigh County native, was awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously.



June 3, 1856: Harriet B. Jones was born in Pennsylvania. After attending Wheeling Female College and graduating from the Women's Medical College of Baltimore, she opened a private practice in Wheeling, becoming the first woman licensed to practice medicine in West Virginia.

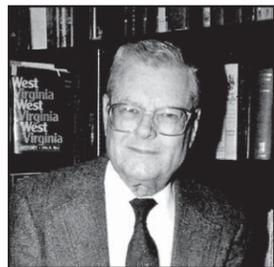
June 3, 1936: The first Strawberry Festival was held in Buckhannon. More than 6,000 spectators attended the festivities, which also included a parade of 30 princesses down Main Street.



June 4, 1975: Clark Kessinger died in St. Albans, Kanawha County. Kessinger was among the most prolific and influential fiddlers of the 20th century, and one of West Virginia's most important traditional musicians.

June 5, 1859: A

great frost killed crops in the Preston County fields. The fields were replanted with hardy buckwheat, which was successful and became a staple crop, celebrated in the annual Buckwheat Festival in Kingwood.



June 6, 1919: Historian Otis Rice was born in Hugheston, Kanawha County. Rice was named West Virginia's first Historian Laureate in 2003.

June 6, 1989: During the Pittston strike, about 60 miners embarked on a four-day march from Logan County to Charleston, retracing the path of the 1921 Armed March on Logan.



June 7, 1899: Congresswoman Elizabeth Kee was born in Radford, Virginia. She became West Virginia's first female member of Congress in 1951.

June 7, 1926: An explosion at a sand mining operation in Morgan County killed six men. Their deaths were the inspiration for the ballad "The Miner's Doom."

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.



New River Community and Technical College 2022 Graduates.

New River CTC announces 2022 graduates

Degrees and certificates were conferred to New River Community and Technical College 2022 graduates during the eighteenth commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 14 at the Beckley-Raleigh County Convention Center.

Academic honors were awarded to 96 graduates, who completed their courses 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.

Certificate of Applied Science, Associate of Applied Science and Associate of Science degrees were awarded in a number of fields, including the college's first LPN to RN Bridge and Physical Therapist Assistant graduates. The 2022 graduates are

as follows:
 Frametown: Eliska Morgan Brady, Lorien Galadriel Gendreau, and Katie Hamrick.
 Sutton: Madeline Cole Cogar.
 Registration is underway for fall 2022 classes at New River CTC. Visit www.newriver.edu, email admissions@newriver.edu or call 1-866-349-3739 for information on degree and certificate programs at New River CTC.

Local Psychologist, Don Worth, Ph.D., to host recovery workshop on June 4

Don Worth, Ph.D. and local psychologist, will be hosting a workshop on recovery on Saturday, June 4 at 6 PM at the Mon Health Recovery Care Center next to Mon Health Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital in Weston. The public is invited to join the event, titled "Recovery in the 21st Century...not just for substance usage anymore."

Dr. Worth has an extensive background on recovery and has written the book, "Opioid-Free 1-2-3 A Self Help Guide for Recovery." During his career, he has created programs with the theme of "Wellness is We-ness," and developed tools to help with recovery and wellness. Dr. Worth is a practicing marriage and family counselor and

psychologist, with over 40 years of experience. He and his wife, Neelam, are owners of the Family and Marital Counseling Center in Weston.

"Don is a really genuine, intelligent and strong advocate and clinician for those with substance abuse disorder," said Dr. Bruce Gorby, addiction treatment specialist at Mon Health Recovery Care Center. "I consider him a friend and an ally in our fight against addiction."

Dr. Worth explained that in recovery, a person lives on a scale from illness to wellness. His program is outlined in three steps and his June 4 presentation will focus on the third step - the maintenance phase.

"The first step is to understand opioids; the

second step is to recuperate and rebuild mind and body wellness; and the third step is a maintenance phase during which you will develop directional gauges for wellness that will aid in continuing on a path of recovery," he said.

Currently, Dr. Worth is finishing an anthology documenting the pandemic and has authored a self-help recovery guide. He is also scheduled to present on "Relationship Recovery in These Times" at the American Mental Health Counselors Association Conference in Las Vegas later this June.

For more information about the Mon Health Recovery Program, call 304-884-8941. To learn more about Mon Health, visit MonHealth.com.

Kids Freedom Fishing Tournament

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

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

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

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



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

BC Farm Bureau May 2022 meeting

Mike Shamblin, WV Extension Agent for Clay County was our Speaker for the evening. His topic was catching/trapping small animals that bother our gardens or yard space. He gave us a handout entitled wildlife help.org that we could go to online to check out any small critter in order to help us solve the problem of getting rid of it. Mike also handed out a copy of the WV DR Hunting and Trapping 2021-2022 Seasons, Dates and Limits.

It was a very interesting program; just



Mike Shamblin, WV Extension Agent for Clay County wish more concerned individuals would attend our meetings; without Farmers how would you survive? Reminder that next meeting will be on Monday, June 20, 2022 at 7 PM at the Flatwoods Community Building; please mark your calendar to attend.



Members of the Sutton Lake Project, the American Chestnut Foundation and Glenville State College planted thirty-six American Chestnut seedlings.

American Chestnut trees planted at Sutton Lake

On Thursday, May 26th the Sutton Lake Project partnered with the American Chestnut Foundation and Glenville State College to plant American Chestnut trees.

Thirty-six seedlings were planted at our new Chestnut orchard, which is located on the knoll below the Bee Run Fee machine.

The original orchard planted last year is accessed by using the road at the Jeremiah Carpenter trailhead in Bee Run Day Use Area. It is approximately a half mile hike to it.

Last years planting was a huge success with 41 of 45 seedlings surviving. The flowers or bloom from these sprouts is what is needed to further the research and aid in the eventual re-establishment of the native chestnut tree.

Planting was done in conjunction with American Chestnut Foundation (Mark Double President), Jimmy Jenkins, Amy Metheny, Glenville State College and the US Army Corps of Engineers.



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Conrad receives Braxton County Soccer Club 2022 Scholarship

The Braxton County Soccer Club (BCSC) is excited to announce the recipient of the 2022 BCSC Scholarship.

The BCSC Board of Directors is very proud to present this year's Scholarship to a very special recipient: Kodie Conrad, daughter of Randy and Becky Conrad.

Kodie has dedicated many years to the sport of soccer by playing for the BCSC, Braxton Middle School, and Braxton County High School. Kodie will receive a \$250 scholarship to use toward continuing her education and training.

On behalf of the BCSC, we heartily congratulate Kodie and wish all the 2022 BCHS graduates continued success in their educational endeavors.

BCSC looks forward to many more years of awarding scholarships to deserving Braxton



Kodie Conrad, Braxton County Soccer Club 2022 Scholarship recipient.

County students, who love for the sport of soccer throughout middle school and high school. have played for the club and continued their



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

WVU Medicine Braxton County Memorial Hospital celebrates National Hospital Week

During the Week of May 8-14, facilities across the state, and the WVU Medicine Health System celebrated National Hospital Week. National Hospital Week kicks off annually the first full week of May. The celebration is an opportunity to highlight hospitals, health systems, and health care workers for their dedication and support to their communities.

More than 49,000 frontline healthcare providers who work in hospitals across West Virginia have remained resilient and steadfast, working tirelessly and selflessly to keep the citizens of their communities safe and healthy. The constraints of the pandemic have provided enormous challenges for the health care industry. Healthcare staff at WVU Medicine and across the state have faced the challenges with great courage, and continued to provide quality healthcare, despite the many hurdles.

Staff at BCMH were highlighted during National Hospital Week by receiving a snack each day which included a small message of ap-



CEO, Louis Roe enjoys a picnic lunch while visiting with Laboratory team members Trisha Dakeman and Amy Frame

preciation, followed by a picnic lunch, and a gift. In addition, staff was encouraged to participate in a "Spirit Week", in which each day hosted a different theme. All activities were well received by staff.

In a recent staff communication, CEO, Louis Roe said "National Hospital Week is a wonderful time to celebrate our team, I want you to know that you are appreciated every day. I can't begin to thank you enough for your dedica-

tion and devotion to our patients. The communities we serve depend on us to provide lifesaving, quality, and compassionate care, which I am proud to say you do an amazing job at accomplishing."

In addition, he added "Braxton County Memorial Hospital is a vital part of the community, and I am thankful to have such an amazing team of individuals to support our mission of healthier care, exceptional communities"

Meet a MFB Food Banker

This week at the Mountaineer Food Bank we're highlighting Kaci Mullins!

Kaci serves as our Receiving Clerk and has been in this position since she started at the food bank in 2020.

Kaci graduated from Glenville State University in 2019 with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Criminal Justice.

Kaci is from Wyoming County, but currently resides in Glenville.

We're glad you're a part of the team, Kaci. Thanks for all that you do from all of us at the Mountaineer Food Bank.



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Gassaway Public Library note of gratitude

Gassaway Public Library would like to thank Sutton Moose #825 and Terry Perkins for sponsoring our Baked Steak Dinner. A special thank you to Anita Miller for giving up her Saturday to cook the delicious dinner. Our board members Lib Stewart, Imogene Clutter, Rosemary Potts, and Beth Simmons made the delicious deserts.

We want to thank Kroger, Auto Zone, Long John Silver, Pizza Hut, Wal-Mart, and Wendy's for furnishing prizes. Thanks to everyone who supported us by purchasing tickets and coming out to our baked steak dinner.

A shout out to Cindy Westfall for creating tickets, washing dishes, and serving food. Thank you Linda Carr for serving beverages. Jennifer King won the door prize.



Anita Miller, Clarice Burns, Terry Perkins

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! For more information, please visit your local library or visit them online at their respective pages.

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HELP WANTED: Seeking an Accountant, may be Entry Level at Appalachian Timber in Sutton, WV Full-time - full benefits. Send resume to laston@rockwellvc.com - EEO 5-17 6-7 b

HELP WANTED: In search of a person to provide in home care for young adult during the Summer in the Napier area. Drug/Background check, First Aid & CPR required. Call 304-689-0096. 5-3 5-24 p

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YARD SALE at Larry Metz residence on Chapel Road, June 1 and 2, 9am and June 3 at 12 noon. Baby clothes, purses, pictures, bedspreads, too many items to list. 6-1 p

YARD SALE: Huge Yard Sale - Saturday, June 4, 2022, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. Approximately 10 families. Items include 2015 Kawasaki ZX10r, 2003 Honda Rancher 350, antique furniture, Hoosier cabinet, antique scales, antique Juke Box Record Player One (pickup in another location), TV stand, clothing (adult all sizes, kids clothing - children to teenagers, Jr sizes, athletic wear, winter coats, leather jacket and chaps - brand new/never wore, leather coats), dishes (Fire king dishes, Christmas plates/servers), brand new Tupperware, Ninja Coffee maker, Microwave, crockpot, cookers, name brand shoes, Vera Bradley purses, good jewelry, wreaths, car seat, kids toys, kids kitchen dishes, kids kitchen, kids grill, tricycle, table high chair, summer pack-n-play, baby bouncer, baby resting napper, stroller, Beatles gel nail kit, facial wax kit, Quilt Rack, Bow flex, Greenworks Pro Electric lawn mower (batteries included) like new, Greenworks electric leaf blower/weed trimmer combo (batteries included), Earthwise electric Tiller/Cultivator (used 2-3 times), Troy Bilt flex walk behind mower, UFC 1001 punching bag & stand, household items, tires, tools, 5th wheel hitches, Singer Superb Embroidery machine - like new with extra accessories. Lots more day of sale. Something for everyone. Sale will be at Kenneth Harper's, 1441 Harper Hill, Little Birch, WV 26629. Items will be available day of sale. Pictures will be posted and added daily on Facebook: Harper Hill Yard Sale. Signs will be posted on all roads into sale. For directions only, call 304-644-1003. 6-1 p

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Braxton County Middle School Class of 2026 Graduation

Congratulations to the Braxton County Middle School Knights Class of 2022!

Eighth Grade Celebration was held May 23rd for the BCMS Class of 2026. Students were recognized for their achievements throughout the year.

Adyson Conant was named Knight of the Year for exhibiting exemplary traits of a Knight - Academics, Attendance and Attitude.

Braxton County Middle School Administration and Staff wish everyone luck on their future endeavors.

Photos and story from BCMS Knights Watch on Facebook.



Principal, Russell Gray.



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Addison Lloyd recited the Pledge of Allegiance to begin the Graduation Ceremony.



Each Knight's name was read as they made their way to the front of the assembly to receive their awards.