

## Patricia Drake of Burnsville named 2022 Braxton Belle

Patricia Drake of Burnsville has been named the Braxton Belle for 2022. She is being sponsored by the Braxton County Community Educational Outreach Service Council. Drake and her husband Ronald have been married for 50 years. They have three children and 11 grandchildren. She graduated from Burnsville High School and the Charleston Beauty Academy. Drake was a self-employed beautician for 40 years. She owned and operated Pat's Beauty Shop in Burnsville. She also worked as a beautician at the Glenville nursing home. She is a member of the Burnsville CEOS Club and serves as membership and marketing chairperson. Drake also is the Braxton County CEOS Council Vice-President.

She is highly skilled in farming and home-making. She raises a garden, cooks good, healthy meals, and preserves the bounty. She milks a cow daily, providing fresh milk for her family, churning butter, and making cottage cheese. Drake also raises miniature horses, and has trained one to pull a cart that she drives. She has entered horse shows in halter class and cart class.



She is an accomplished seamstress who made her own Belle dress for this year's festival. Another skill is hunting, and she has brought home deer and bear trophies. Drake would like to encourage young women to "pursue an education that will lead you to a career that you like, but do not neglect learning life

skills such as farming and homemaking." When asked what she would like others to know about Braxton County, Drake stated, "Sutton and Burnsville, each have a dam and a lake that offers water sports such as swimming, boating, and fishing. On the dam properties, picnic shelters are avail-

## Sutton Town Council Meets

On May 26, the Sutton Town Council held their regular meeting. Mayor JD Hoover opened the meeting with a moment of silence for the young lives lost in Texas. Mayor Hoover discussed a conversation he had with Lisa Conant at City National Bank about using the town lot for food trucks throughout the summer and possibly doing a flea market on some Fridays. Council members requested to receive more information before moving forward with a decision. Recorder Laurel Petolicchio recognized Municipal Clerk Robin Smith for working with IRS and getting a little over \$12,000 in intentional disregard penalties from where the previous administration failed to file taxes. The town may still be liable for the late filing penalties, but she is also working on those. Municipal Clerk Smith noted she had to go as far back as 2011 in order to properly get the taxes filed. Kelly Smallwood spoke to council about issues he has had with the state road not fixing roads and cleaning the ditches in the Centralia area. Even though council understood his concerns, they informed him since it was outside of town limits there was nothing they could do directly. They encouraged him to go to the Braxton County Commission to address his concerns. Smallwood also asked if the volunteer fire department received any financial compensation for their work. Council in-

formed him that no they did not as they were completely a volunteer organization. Steve Facemire informed council that the situation on North Fifth Street has been completely resolved. He thanked Ralph Lloyd for his assistance and guidance during the project. The issue on North Sixth Street will have to be addressed by the state road as it is a county road. Steve Facemire also discussed the issue of high grass on Twistville Road and other locations in town as well the apparent abandoned vehicles on North Main Street. Mayor Hoover discussed the three bids received for the paving projects from Meadows Paving, North Central Paving, and Southern WV Paving. After a discussion, the council approved the bid by North Central Paving with the removal of the alley paving until better clarification could be received of the property lines and contingent upon one year warranty on a motion Steve Facemire with a second by Jon Crum. Mayor Hoover reviewed the email received from Region VII concerning the storm water project. According to the email, Sutton should be receiving the funding to complete the project with matching funds from the town of \$150,000. However, those funds will also be coming from a separate state funding source for economic enhancement. Council discussed the Municipal League' An-

nual Conference Judge's training. Action on that was tabled on a motion by Jon Crum with a second by Steve Facemire in order to receive more information. Catherine Hoover complained again about the issue with the recycling at Evan's Auto being an "eyesore." Council discussed plans for the parking meters again. Steve Facemire informed the council that he had found out that chalking tires was a violation of the Fourth Amendment and was prohibited by a decision in federal court. The council received a suggestion to condense the working parking meters to the central downtown area. Steve Facemire requested Municipal Clerk to look into the costs for replacement domes for the meters that are unreadable. The Municipal Clerk noted that town worker Brittany Fowler had been repairing some of the meters. Jon Crum briefly discussed the bids received for electrical work at the farmer's market. Bids had been received for the four projects, but only came from one company. He stated he wanted to get a second quote before moving forward with presenting the information to the council. Beth Atkins updated the council on the status of the payment for the Civil War Trail signs in the town. The County Commission will now be responsible for payment of the sign on the courthouse lawn and the town will be

able at several places with adjacent playgrounds and rest rooms. Camping for people who bring their own trailers is near-by. Forest land surrounding the lakes is open for licensed hunters in seasons. There are some privately owned campgrounds as well. The three small towns in Braxton County had their own high schools in years before consolidation, so graduates want to come back to their towns and schools for reunions. There are meetings, picnics, parties, musicians and parades for a summer weekend when the old schools are remembered every year. Memorial Day, 4th of July, Veteran's Day and Christmas, all mean a parade will be organized

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## WVDEP hosting free tire collection

### Individuals can dispose of up to 10 tires

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection's (WVDEP) Rehabilitation Environmental Action Plan (REAP) is hosting four free tire collection events in June including one in Braxton County. The local disposal point will be at Kenton Meadows Warehouse and shop location, just across the Elk River bridge off of Route 4 on Little Buffalo Road. The date will be Saturday, June 11 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The other collection events in addition to Braxton County are: Lincoln County: Saturday, June 4 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Lincoln County High School in Hamlin; Webster

County: Saturday, June 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 6248 Webster Road in Cowen; Wood County: Saturday, June 18 from 8 a.m. to noon at Erickson Field in Parkersburg. Individuals can dispose of up to 10 tires per person. The tires must be off the rims and only car and light truck tires will be accepted. The WVDEP requests that individuals stay in their vehicles when dropping off tires. A list of upcoming tire collection events and updates can be found on the WVDEP website. For more WVDEP news and information, go to <https://dep.wv.gov>. Also, connect with the agency on all social media platforms. Follow @DEPWV on Twitter, Like us on Facebook at <https://facebook.com/depwv/>, and find us on YouTube at Environment Matters.

## Trading Post Opened Near Gerald Freeman

By Shirley Shuman

Individuals headed to the Gerald Freeman campground or just passing through now have the advantage of a trading post nearby. Matt and Lindsay Carney recently opened theirs at the site of what was once Kanawha Run Trading Post. "This is definitely an adventure for us," Lindsay Carney said. "We're excited. Their decision to open the business came after years of living in different areas all over the United States. Matt Carney was a pipeliner, and the family traveled with him from job to job.

The new owners have completely remodeled the inside of the store. They offer everything one would expect in a trading post: ice, beer and bait along with milk, bread and a variety of other products. "Anything that people forget when they go camping, we probably have," Carney noted. Lindsay Carney explained that she and Matt had tired of moving constantly. A few years ago, they bought a new house across the lake from the campground. "After 12 years of moving, we wanted something different. We were tired of being on

the road," she said. The Carneys had come to this area four years ago for work "and loved it." That helped them make the decision to move here. Also, their children's grandparents live in Ohio, and they wanted to be closer to them. Lindsay Carney's grandparents lived in Southern West Virginia, so the two aren't strangers to West Virginia. She noted that their sons, 16 and 11, enjoyed the moving they've done, and their education was smooth because she homeschooled them. "I homeschooled them so they didn't face changing schools constantly," Carney said. She also chose to homeschool her sons so she "can provide features that schools don't provide." She will continue the homeschooling. The trading post will be open seven days a week. Summer hours are 7 a.m.—10 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. They accept EBT along with debit and credit cards.



## WV Bigfoot Museum Expands

On June 25, The West Virginia Bigfoot Museum is scheduled to debut their brand-new museum expansion. The expansion will have its grand opening the morning of this year's West Virginia Bigfoot Festival in Downtown Sutton. 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 anthropologist from Idaho State University. Over the course of the last year, The West Virginia Bigfoot Museum has grown its notoriety and has continued to draw tourists from across the country. The museum is working toward promoting the Downtown Business District and encouraging other small businesses to move into town. David Petolicchio, co-founder of The West Virginia Bigfoot Museum, is optimistic about the future of the museum as well as the rest of Downtown Sutton, "The museum has become very famous throughout the Bigfoot and cryptid community and continues to progress. We regular meet visitors and guests who are noticing our community more and considering it for their own business ideas.

The museum really has helped put Sutton on the map for a lot of people." Petolicchio expressed his appreciation for local and community support and looks forward to utilizing the notoriety of the museum to promote the entire Downtown. "If Bigfoot can help us rebuild our community and bring our small town back to life, then we are all for it!" 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 significant

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# Adoptable Dogs at the Braxton County Animal Shelter

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

nation, parvo/distemper vaccination, kennel cough vaccination, flea treatment and deworming. No dog will leave the shelter unfixed and we are very willing to work with reputable 501c3 rescues.

Please call the shelter for vet pricing and ask for our adoption/rescue coordinator Megan at (304)765-2200.

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!

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 skitish when he first came into the shelter but is

warming up to everyone nicely and loves all the pets he can get. Lewis is just one Beagle available at the Braxton County Animal Shelter, stop by to meet all of dogs looking for their forever homes at the BCAS.



## Hosey Finishes Sophomore Year at UK

I would like to note that Marilyn Hosey has finished her sophomore year at the University

of Kentucky with a 3.9 GPA.

She is double majoring in Arts Administration and Theater and double minoring in Appalachian Studies and International Studies.

Her year has included stage managing an on campus show and assistant stage managing a show with the Athens West Theater Company, where she was an intern this spring.

She has many exciting things planned for this summer and next fall. We are so proud of her!

Marty and Tamra Hosey, Parents. Alfred and Linda Blankenship, Grandparents. Burnell and Sharon Hosey, Grandparents.

## Legislative Update

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 Morgan-

town 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 presentation, 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 states; between counties within states; and in some instances, substantial differences within a single county. Accordingly, there are positives and negatives 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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lotte 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.

## 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.

## Sutton...

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The WV Bigfoot Festival scheduled for June 25 was discussed by council members. Beth Atkins asked about getting the streets swept and the weeds along the sidewalks cleaned up. Steve Facemire stated those items were scheduled to be completed in the coming week. Recorder Laurel Petolicchio asked the council to have all available trash cans out in town that day. Volunteers would work on keeping the trash gathered up throughout the day. The parking for the event was also discussed and asking the American Legion to do the flag raising for the event.

On a motion by Steve Facemire with a second

## Museum...

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

by Jon Crum, the council approved the minutes as corrected. Steve Facemire moved and Beth Atkins seconded to approve the bills as presented.

Council approved the permit request to keep four chickens on Pinehurst Avenue on a motion by Jon Crum with a second by Recorder Petolicchio. Council discussed redoing the request form for such permits.

Steve Facemire made a motion to discuss personnel issues in executive session with a second by Beth Atkins. The council went into executive session at 7:23 pm. They reconvened at 8:07 pm and immediately adjourned the meeting.

## Belle...

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Braxton County offers some lovely views of hills and hollers, sunrises and sunsets, autumn leaves and red bud blooms, as well as friendly, helpful people to meet. Visitors are welcome!”



# Obituaries

## Aerwanna Kniceley Frame

Aerwanna Kniceley Frame, 62, of Flatwoods, passed away on Monday, May 30, 2022 at Braxton Memorial Hospital, 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](http://greene-robertsonfuneralhome.com)

## Josephine Rojas

Josephine Rojas, 90, of Webster Springs went home to be with the 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, Roselyn.

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](http://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.

## Doleta Dacy Hurst Hamric

Doleta Dacy Hurst Hamric, 97, gained her wings on Sunday, May 22, 2022, while under the compassionate 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.PatBoyle-FuneralHome.com](http://www.PatBoyle-FuneralHome.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](http://www.basagic.com) or on Facebook at Basagic Funeral Home

## 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.roachfuneralhome.com](http://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 Wolverton 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.

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

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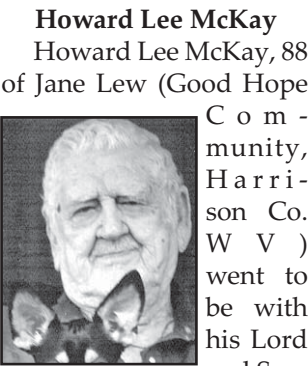
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Methodist Church with Reverend Johnny Conrad officiating. Interment with full military rites will be in the Gray Family Cemetery, Duck.

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.



**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 ca-

reer, 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 Sponaugle; 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.

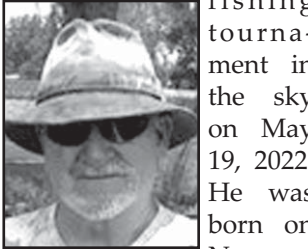
Waiting to greet him just this side of Heaven's gate by the foot of the Rainbow Bridge will be his faithful beagle, Lady and his very sassy Chihuahua, Cookie.

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.PatBoyle-FuneralHome.com.

**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.

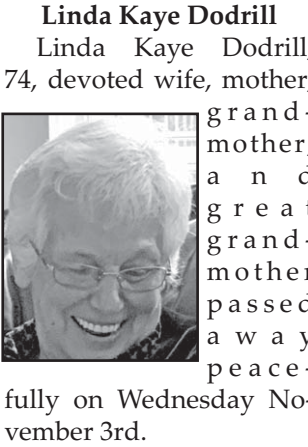
West Virginia was a second home to Wayne, and he never missed a chance to visit family and friends there, especially his cousin/twin, Tony Westfall and his wife, Debbie in Sutton. His passions in life were hunting, fishing, and bowling, and he was an enthusiastic teacher of all. Wayne was involved in 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 Goodyear Yacht Club 3565 S Main St, Akron, OH 44319 from 2pm until 4pm.



**Linda Kaye Dodrill**  
Linda Kaye Dodrill, 74, devoted wife, mother, grandmother, a n d g r e a t g r a n d - m o t h e r p a s s e d a w a y p e a c e - f u l l y o n W e d n e s d a y N o v e m b e r 3 r d . She was born on December 30, 1946, to H. Donald Perkins and Pertie 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: greene-robertsonfuneralhome.com

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.

Just One Generation: Kitty Korner

Just One Generation cat rescue was started in 2013 in response to the severe feline overpopulation in this area.

Our initial emphasis was on the Trap, Neuter, and Release (TNR) of feral cats as well as to facilitate the spay/neuter of domestic cats.

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

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

Our spay/neuter assistance program will continue during this time. If you have thoughtfully considered pet ownership, NOW may be the time to add a feline friend to your family.

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

Featured today are several kittens 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 Gassaway 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;

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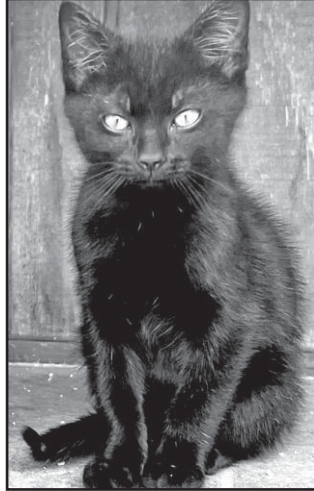
You can check out these small, portable devices for two weeks at a time and use them as a Wi-Fi replacement anywhere cell service is available.

Gassaway Days 2022

The dates of the 2022 Gassaway Days have been announced. Gassaway Days will be



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

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.

Each hotspot has its own network name and password, so you can use it as your own private network. Simply charge the device, turn it on, and connect to it the same way you would any wireless network.

Call 304-765-7224 for more details or come in to test one out today!

Please plan on attending.



# In The Rain

By: Joseph J. Mazzella

After sneezing my way through mowing our pollen filled yards yesterday I was pleased to see it was raining this morning. The grass had been dry and the pollen had been high so it was nice to get some showers to give the yards a drink and my nose a break. It also brought a freshness to the air and a coolness that made the morning pleasant. There is nothing quite like a rainy day in Spring and the simple joys it brings.

As a boy I hated rainy days. They meant I was stuck in the house and couldn't go out to play. It was only as the years passed that I realized that

# Ole Abe

By Larry Knight

As you look at the picture there stands the post that have most of the residents that once lived on Hyers Run over the years. The post is from the old original bridge the overhead support bridge. I remember a foot bridge or cable bridge that spanned the Little Kanawha River near where the new Hyers Run Bridge sits. The overhead support bridge was constructed in the mid 1950s. As a young child age about 6 or 7 years of age I can remember the road Hyres Run Road going past the lower side of the church and crossing the river. Then up Hyers Run Creek through the RR culvert under the railroad through the field to the road to the present location. In the mid 1950s Charlie Knight along with the support of a local coal company the bridge became a reality. Charlie a politician made many trips to talk to people that had influence including people in Washington D.C. This bridge changed the lives of all the Hyers Run residents. The school bus did not need to wait for the water to go down. The mail could be delivered right to your door. Times were changing. A republican in the governors seat in Charleston. An president in Washington had things going in the right direction. Jobs were becoming available again. I would bet there were people crossing the new steel bridge going to other states looking for work. I was ask in the 1970s about the 3rrr. That was taught in West Virginia schools. They stood for reading writin. Rt 8 was one of the main roads leading to a lot of jobs in Ohio. Just south of Canton Ohio along I77 a travler can see parts of Rt 8. Some still like to travel Rt 8 saying that there is less traffic to con-

# How To Have Peace

By: Jeanette Riffle

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

without rain there could be no water and without water there could be no life. Now I look at each gentle rainfall with a smile and know that God is giving this world and us the water we need to live.

Of course, we all prefer the sunshine to the rain. The sun gives us light. It energizes us. The white clouds and blue skies just naturally make us feel good. The rain on the other hand seems to depress us. The gray clouds sap our energy and we don't want to go outside. I am not sure why this is. Maybe our Heavenly Father designed it this way so our farming and hunting ancestors would take the hint and

tend with. There was Ohio VA, Penn MD, Michigan most of the northern states north of WV, needed help. Sometimes a whole family would just pack up and move to another state when a suitable job was found. The auto factories and steel mills tire company were all needing help. I have known people both men and women that worked 30-40 years then came back to the hills in WV. Imagine Akron Ohio a few years back being the rubber capital of the world. The Korean War had just ended there were people looking for work some had not recovered from WWII years. Well some if not all these people on Hyers Run were in this group. The war years were hard on everyone. The new concrete and steel bridge has no supports in the long span crossing the Little Kanawha River. It is a nice feeling to drive across the new bridge there is not heard the clanging noise like when crossing the old bridge. The old steel bridge served the people well over the years. We the people that cross appreciate this new bridge and are glad to get it. The guy who wore out the most shoe leather getting the old metal bridge approved (Charlie Knight) only got to cross the bridge in his casket. This has been told to me by a couple of people. The picture shows the twin American flags, the post that has the names of earlier people that have done passed on. The post was a support post from the old steel bridge. The post also has a cross at the top which I missed getting the whole thing in the picture.

The location and setting the post in cement was none other than Lawrence Knight and helper. Lawrence if you dont know him is an easy going young fellow who made the post memorial a happening. We all do owe Lawrence a big

# How To Have Peace

by my chair, to refer to and to memorize. 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

stay safe, warm, and dry inside by the fire on rainy days. Maybe rainy days gave them a chance to rest up for the next day in the fields. Maybe rainy days made them appreciate the sunshine even more when it returned.

The truth is rain is a gift from God. Without it there could be no life. Without it there could be no growth. Without it there would be no morning coffee or afternoon tea. I think when I go out in the rain today then I will send a prayer of "Thanks" up to God, smile when it drips off my head, and perhaps even jump in a puddle or two. May you smile through all the "rain" that falls in your own life. May you find love, joy, and growth in both the sunshine and the rain.

thank you for his dedication to this project. There are also thanks to people like "Sports Connection", Larry Craft Welding and anyone that was involved. The fabricators at Craft Welding and Sports Connection made this a memorial to be proud of. Some of these old resident & were my kin. Thank everyone from this citizen. I hope some veterans and family get to see this memorial and new bridge during the Memorial Day weekend and summer months Ole Abe did get his name in the paper. When Abe was in Burnsville I would try to find him. Abe was a good story teller and was usually good for at least one good tale. You name the title hunting, fishing, turtle catching, sanging there were a large picture that Ole Abe could paint. There is no doubt in my mind that in another time Abe would have been a full fledged mountain man. I did enjoy listening to Abe as he ate one or sometimes two of the taxi stands hot dogs. When he got his energy up it was smoke rolling time. Abe could roll them smokes with one hand. In a different time he might have been a famous western marshal or a grizzly trapper or Indian fighter. Abe has told me of things that were important to him. A good coon hunting dog or good 30-30 94 Winchester rifle. Ole Abe usually had the best and knew a good thing when he saw it. Abe once told me that he had been in Hollywood. Now thats getting around, he also knew some of the leading ladies in the movies. I will never forget the image of Ole Abe that tall western shirt cowboots boots wearing smoke rolling man, tall and slim just like the hero in them cowboy movies. Hey Ole Alva (Abe) Flint did know a good thing happy trails my friend. Abe left us in 1989.

pictures with the rest of us. It is nice to 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!



## Pat's Chats

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 life is over except for 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

## This Week in West Virginia History

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



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

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.

## This Week in West Virginia History



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

## Braxton County Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting

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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 follow-

First there was a Crazy Hair/Crazy Hat night, then a Flower Power "70's" evening, 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

## This Week in West Virginia History



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."

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**YARD SALE:** Multi family yard sale, June 2-3, 8:30am-4:30pm, 269 Sugar Camp Rd, Gassaway, 2nd bridge, 3rd house on left, Hines residence. Lots to sell too much to list. Old Arnold Palmer golf clubs & bag, Fenton glassware, depression glass, Norman Rockwell 42 piece Cavalier pattern-serves 8, Cabbage Patch dolls, 1997 Grand Ole Opry Barbie Country Rose Doll in box, 4'x36" wood book shelf, new Troybilt pressure pump, Applecreek Duldimer with case, Hohner accordion with steel reeds, old 64" cross cut saw blade, playpen and bed, miscellaneous baby items and clothes, Dewalt compound

miter saw, old man & woman doll set-26" with glass hands & faces, white hair & glasses, 55"x29" office desk with one large and two small drawers on each side and small drawer in middle, etc. Everyone loves a great sale. Lots to sale, too much to list. You may see more items on Facebook. 6-1b

**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. 6-1p

**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. 6-1p

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# On the Other Side of the Mountain



Beebalm.



Poplar blossom.

By Verena Sava

I can't remember not having a frost in May, but it happened this year. It was unusually warm, the soil warmed up fast and any cold nights were balanced with heat stored in the ground. Greg reminded me that a few years back we also had a frost-free May and lots of fruit, apples and pears. Should I trust his memory? somebody who forgets what day it is, where he lost his work gloves again? but then I realize, I do exactly the same thing, but at least I have my diary with the short notes every day that will confirm weather patterns, chores at a particular time and I can go back for many years, looking for information in old spiral, slightly yellowed notebooks.

I am often asked why we keep on working on our farm, being busy pretty much all day long, with some more leisure time in winter, which allow us to pursue a hobby.

I strongly believe that if you keep busy, you don't have time to do too many stupid things. It does not prevent us from making mistakes and blunders, but it usually does not affect other people, just machinery and tools, and sometimes a shabby job that needs to be redone. I never understand how people have time to follow up on ridiculous, insignificant occurrences that are all made-up anyway and which tend to become trendy and popular. I think it is absolutely good for me not to have any leisure time, who knows what kind of lies and disturbances I could come up with. Meaningful work is a blessing.

Last time I wrote about hoof clipping and our new sheep spa. Of course some folks want to know why keeping hooves trimmed is so important. Hooves that are overgrown, folded over and worse, filled up with dirt, manure and tiny pebbles cause a prob-

lem, sometimes the hard part of the hoof (wall) will separate from the soft part (sole) and form a pocket, where more dirt will accumulate, and bacteria will thrive.

If this occurs, an animal starts limping, indicating pain. Sometimes it is just a stick or a pebble and after we remove it, the animals is fine, but if it is inflamed, even pussy when cleaning it, it is a more serious issue. Here is what we do: I keep a small bucket with a water-bleach solution nearby and after trimming and cleaning out the affected area, I dip the hoof in the bucket, swoosh it around, dry it off with a paper towel and then inspect the pocket again, trim off as much of the wall as possible and see if it looks clean. The next treatment is smearing copper sulfate on the hoof and all around it. It never requires more attention. Regular clipping and observing the animals' behavior prevents more serious problems and expensive visits to the vet.

Newspapers, magazines, and many websites that carry articles of interest for the gardener are all emphasizing how important it is to attract pollinators to any area. It seems that our natural environment becomes ever more fragile and the thought that the disappearance of insects is just the beginning of a possible danger to human life seems far fetched, but I have heard much crazier conspiracy theories! If we don't protect our pollinators, our food supply will run short while the world's population keeps increasing. Here is what we can do on a small, individual scale.

In spring, don't mow down the first blooming flowers, like wild geraniums, blue lobelia and calico asters. These are the first food sources for

the local insects when they emerge from their winter quarters. Equally important are the spring flowering trees, maples, wild black cherry, poplar, basswood, dogwood, black locust, Sarvis, redbuds, willows, sycamores, hazelnut bushes, sweet gum, horse chestnut, quince, elderberry and hawthorn, not to forget the fruit trees, apples, pears, plums and peaches. Local insects have preferences, but this choice of pollen and nectar available at different times during the spring season should attract and offer plenty of food for the crawling and flying bugs. If your yard is big enough, look for some smaller bushes like elderberry, redbud, quince, blueberry, or some dwarf fruit tree. These recommendations always come with one more proposal, not to mow the lawn. It sounds tempting, but we are so surrounded by luscious greenery that a wild lawn becomes a little problematic, especially when I hang out laundry on the clothesline. I had many close encounters with copperheads and I need to see where I am stepping. This is the main reason for keeping the grass short around the house. Insects will also visit understory plants in the woods, like black cohosh, goldenseal and ginseng.

Try to interseed some zinnias, cosmos, sunflowers, forget-me-nots, calendulas and marigolds in blocks between your veggies. Come summer the buffet for insects becomes more diverse with utterfly weed, asters, cardinal flower, black eyed Susan,



Wild geranium.



Redbud,

foxglove beard tongue, bee balm, goldenrod, milkweeds and clovers. We live in such a diverse natural environment with such a rich range of species and we need to protect this treasure, by saving these plants, by refusing to use pesticides and other poisons. Of course, we use "safe" sprays for cabbage worms, for squash bugs for corn borers, but we don't need to kill every bug. Birds and parasitic insects need bugs to live and survive. It is all about balance. I never like to be stung or bitten by insects, but the way we live, it is inevitable. One bee, wasp or yellow jacket sting is not too bad, I just hate it when I hit a nest and end up in an attack by many.

Then again, how would we react if somebody tries to burn down our house?

We only have one hummingbird pair visiting the sugar water feeder this year. It is the first year the barn swallows have not returned to the milk barn. They were always very predictable for their home-coming, always around April 22nd to 24th, every year, according to the diaries.

It makes us wonder what happened? There is no certainty today, not in any area and we need to protect the fragile life around us in any way we can. Remember, we represent only a small part of it, but we inflict the most damage.

## Braxton Magistrate Report

Magistrate Beth Smith

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 Nichiello 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 as-

sessed and paid; Jessica 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

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.

## Davis Elementary Students Learn About Snakes and Raptors at the Burnsville Lake

On Monday the 16th of May, the first grade class of Davis Elementary School took a fieldtrip to Burnsville Lake.

Mark Clarke, the WVDNR Wildlife Manager from Sutton Lake taught how to identify venomous and non-venomous snakes found in their area. The children also got to go over some of the cool facts about each snake.

The West Virginia Raptor Center had shown off some of the raptors they have including a Redtail hawk, Barred Owl, and a Harris Hawk.



Mark Clarke, WVDNR Wildlife Manager.

After eating lunch, the students took a short bus drive to the Marina where Bobber was waiting to surprise them before going to feed the fish at the Burnsville Docks.

## Vaccination Clinic

Edith Johnson DVM will be conducting dog and cat vaccination clinics in Braxton County on June 3rd and 4th 2022

**Rabies Vaccination for dogs and cats will be \$15 each.**

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**Friday, June 3, 2022**

**Little Birch Elementary.....2:30-3:30 PM**  
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**Saturday, June 4, 2022**

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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, Jadyn 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 tournament. Con-

sidering 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.



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.

## 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](http://www.wvfish.com).

## 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 Hamburger 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

## Kookaburra Coast Vacation Bible School June 6-10

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!

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