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Connie Skidmore retires as Sutton Library Director Putnam man accused of sexual abuse at Braxton campground

By Shirley Shuman

After eight years of dedicated service, Connie Skidmore recently retired from her position as Sutton Library director. Concerning her experience with the library, Skidmore, who plans to continue to work with some of the library programs, said, "I appreciated the opportunity to work with the library and the community. I enjoyed my time there." As she enjoyed her time at the library, she began many new programs and received several grants which advanced the service the library offers to the community.

Skidmore noted that the library "received grants nearly every year to purchase books, furnishings, equipment and program supplies. Her successful efforts gaining grants included recent grants to improve the technology within the library. "This year was by far our biggest grant year with two grants for a total of \$41,000," she said. These grants funded the purchase of a 16-camera security system, eight Dell computer systems, WIFI router with boosters, Luminer air and surface disinfecting systems, eight mobile hotspots, and 10 Kindle Fire units.

Many new programs were developed during



Skidmore's time as library director. One, with which Beth Atkins worked, came following a donation of a large amount of fabric. One activity in this program included making quilts to donate to pre-school classes.

After relaxation of COVID restrictions, a group began meeting each Thursday to enhance quilting and sewing skills. In addition to creating quilts for Pre-K students, participants created items they could keep for themselves. This group, Create and Donate, also created a full-sized quilt to raffle and donate money to the library (Friends of the Library.)

A program of which Skidmore said she was proud was called Tails and Tales as part of the summer reading program. Here, those in charge had the attendees do an extra program on recycling. For this project, called Cans for

Canines, participants brought in aluminum cans for recycling. "The purpose is here," Skidmore said, "were to educate kids about recycling and see a way to give back to the community." This program raised over \$1,000 for the animal shelter. Skidmore noted, "Here, the library gave back to the community because the community gives to the library."

These are just some of the programs that Connie Skidmore brought, or helped to bring, to the Sutton Library. Now that she has retired, she plans to continue working with some of them. In addition, she said she will have time "to quilt more and to read more." She added that she and her husband Ken "will travel some."

As one who worked closely with Skidmore during her time as library director, Pat McPherson, president of Friends of the Library, commented on the retiree. "As the director, Connie had a vision for the Sutton Library to provide patrons with a variety of programs to draw them in to the library. As a friend, Connie is caring and generous and you want to be part of the effort to carry out that vision," she said.

West Virginia State Police have arrested a Putnam County man on charges that he had inappropriate sexual contact with a male juvenile while staying at a Braxton County campground.

Trooper T.D. McFeeley of the Winfield Detachment received a complaint from the child's mother following a annual physical examination of the children by their physician. Information obtained during that doctor's visit led to Troopers and CPS



Workers interviewing the male youth and his sister.

According to the criminal complaint, Zachary Isiah Jobe, 21, of Poca, WV had inappropriate contact of a sexual nature with a 14-year-old male juvenile in the shower house of a Braxton County camping facility. The youth was a relative.

Officers also learned during their investigation that Jobe apparently showed videos of a sexual nature to the youth and his sister on multiple occasions. Jobe was pro-

hibited from being around the children, through the family's divorce proceedings due to his past criminal history.

Zachary Jobe was arrested by Trooper McFeeley and arraigned before Braxton County Magistrate Beth Smith since the crime allegedly occurred in this county. Jobe was charged with sexual abuse in the first degree stemming from the camping ground incident that occurred in June 2020. Magistrate Smith set Jobe's bond at \$25,000 cash only. At press time, he remains in the Central Regional Jail in lieu of that bond awaiting additional court proceedings.

Maria's Mexican Restaurant now open at "Y" in Sutton

By Shirley Shuman

On June 2, Maria Magana opened her Mexican restaurant, located at the Y in Sutton. To celebrate the grand opening, Magana "gave everyone half off on everything," she declared. She was pleased with the crowd during the grand opening and added, "Business is going well. We've been very busy." An experienced restaurateur, Magana is pleased with the move to Braxton County and with her new business.

Her experience, she explained, came from "over 25 years in the restaurant business." She pointed out that "all [her] family has restaurants." Magana came here from Nitro, West Virginia, where she managed a Mexican restaurant for a relative. Asked why she

came to this area, she was quick to point out the reasons. "I came by here and fell in love with Sutton. I like the town, especially the people," she said. "The people everywhere are friendly. You can have conversa-

tions with them; you feel like you know them. I was at the Go-Mart and the courthouse, and everyone wanted to talk." She really enjoyed talking to local people.

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Maria Magana (Right) and her mother hold a ribbon which Maria's two sons cut it, to officially open Maria's Mexican Restaurant.

Commission's brief meeting ends with executive session

Last Friday's regular meeting of the Braxton County Commission was a brief session, at least the public portion. At the conclusion of the agenda items, at 9:24 a.m., President Lisa Godwin made a motion to go into executive session under the portion of state code that allows such bodies to discuss personnel matters. That closed door session lasted longer than the regular meeting. At 10:05 a.m. the meeting reconvened in regular session before adjourning with no action taken.

The meeting opened with OES/9-1-1/EMS Director John Hoffman addressing the Commission. Hoffman provided both the 9-1-1 and EMS activity reports for the month of May. The 9-1-1 report showed that the call volume was up for the month with a total of 2,738 calls coming into the communications center. He also reviewed activities surrounding the death of GVFD Fireman John Forbush as well as training for first responders at the airport. Hoffman requested permission to advertise

for a part-time dispatcher for the 9-1-1 center. That request was granted by Larry Clifton's motion.

Braxton Assessor Edie Tichner came before the Commission to request permission to hire Margaret Ann Moore to fill a part-time position in her office. Additionally, she asked that Moore be paid \$12.00 per hour and that she be allowed to start on June 6. The request was granted.

Commissioner Melvin Gum made a motion to approve the probate appointments for the month of May as presented.

It was also Gum's motion that led to approval of applications for correction of erroneous assessments for the following: Carry Oh, Willard & Arlene Moore, and Jason & Sarah Rexroad.

Six purchase orders came before the Commission for consideration. Two for the Sherriff were tabled pending additional information. The Sheriff asked to purchase lettering from Graphic Designs for two new Ford

Explorers at a cost of \$1,500. The Commission questioned why the third vehicle was not included and why "ghost" decals which were only visible by reflection were being used on marked police vehicles. The Sheriff Lou DellaMea could not answer the questions which lead to the tabling of the request. The Sheriff also requested permission to purchase 8 Dell Latitude laptop computers for the Sheriff's Law Enforcement Division at a cost of \$14,190.63. President Godwin requested that the purchase be tabled pending a search for grant funding.

Purchase orders that were approved by separate motions included: Evans Auto Repair, 4 tires for a 2009 Ford Crown Vic cruiser at a cost of \$519.60; GST for a Dell Computer for the Sheriffs Tax Office to process credit card payments at a cost of \$1,074.84; Lucky Gunner, ammunitions for duty and qualifications for Sheriff's Law Enforcement Division at a cost \$1,495.57; Amazon, 7 Streamlight Stinger re-

chargeable LED Flashlights for Deputies - \$915.98.

Melvin Gum made a motion to allow the Commission to use the county credit card for expenses associated with the County Commissioners Association's Auditors Training July 31 through August 2.

Larry Clifton made a motion to approve resolutions pertaining to the Man Power and Court Security Grants.

It was also Clifton who introduced action to approve a recommendation from the EMS Board to appoint Keith Dancy to fill the seat recently vacated by Evelyn Post.

A request for internal budget revisions for Circuit Clerk Susan Lemon was approved on a motion by Larry Clifton.

Following reviews, the County and EMS bills were approved for payment as well as the minutes from the Commission's meeting on May 20.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Braxton County Commission will be on June 16 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Bulltown to Falls Mill Road among WVDOH paving contracts awards

Five paving projects are among six construction contracts awarded by the West Virginia Division of Highways on Friday, June 3, 2022. The projects were awarded from a bid letting held Tuesday, May 17.

One of those projects include highways in Braxton County. Meadows Stone & Paving Inc. was low bidder on a paving project from Bulltown to Falls Mill Road, with a bid of \$817,793.38.

Additional contracts awarded on June 3, 2022, were: Elite Contractors Inc. was low bidder on a cleaning and painting project on the Anmoore Bridge overpass, with a bid of \$766,830. (Harrison County); W&L Construction and Paving Inc. was low bidder on a paving contract at the rest area in Inwood, with a bid of \$3,295,057.70. (Berkeley County); West Virginia Paving Inc. was low bidder on a paving project from Baker to the McCauley Bridge, with a bid of \$885,091.59. (Hardy

County); West Virginia Paving Inc. was also low bidder on a paving project in Moorefield and East Moorefield, with a bid of \$2,449,449.10. (Hardy County); West Virginia Paving Inc. was also low bidder on a paving project from Porterwood to Moore Station, with a bid of \$376,552.50. (Tucker County)

Several factors are considered before awarding a bid, including whether a bid falls above or below the WVDOH Engineer's Estimate and by what percentage. In cases where a bid is above the Engineer's Estimate, WVDOH must consider the project need, repercussions of not awarding the project, additional funding sources, and whether sufficient reasons exist for the differences in estimates. Most projects are reviewed, analyzed, and awarded within a week of the bid letting, but the process can take longer.



OPINION

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As I See It

By Ed Given



What is this world coming to?

The tragedies of these past weeks nationally and locally have been more than anyone should have bear. I have watched the senseless killing like the majority of Americans with horror and shock. Like so many, I try to figure out what the root cause is. Yes, I am one of those who doesn't believe it's the gun's fault. Should we work harder to keep any weapon out of the hands of children and the mentally unstable... certainly.

That brings me to what I feel is the real cause. Our country and society as a whole has turned the other cheek to the fact that we have many in our midst that have immense mental health issues and we simple are not dealing with them. Our society seems to be taking the approach that if we ignore the issue, it will go away. Obviously, that's not happening. Inadaquate help, coupled with the pressures that we are facing in our country today, contribute to more mental illness and ultimately the type of individuals that do such unthinkable acts as we now see almost daily on the evening news.

I think we have to address the mental health aspect of society to curtail this and other elements of violence.

Our elected leaders can find billions of dollars to help the Ukrainian people, surely, they can find funding to deal this such an important domestic issue. I really believe that this must be the first step to turning these troubling times around.

Tragedy struck close to home this week. When a Nicholas County Deputy was shot and killed. Tom Baker was a great guy. I didn't know him well, but our paths have crossed in emergency services and while he worked at the Nationwide agency in Gassaway. It was easy to see that he was a good person who led by example. It is a shame that his life had to end too soon.

I also fault the widespread publicity as a contributing factor. This is a double edge sword for me. I am a firm believer in the public's right to know. However, in this case, I think the coverage of these tragic events plant seeds in the minds of the mentally ill. They see such terrible acts as a way to get attention and their 15 seconds of fame.

We are going to have to think outside the box and take this bull by the horns... we don't have any time to waste either!

Every Acre Counts

By Kevin Gregory
Whitetail Myths
Part 1 of 2...

Deer season is still several months away, however, it is never too early to talk about whitetail deer. The whitetail deer is the most sought-after big game species in North America. Every year, nearly 12 million deer hunters take to the woods in search of the elusive whitetail.

Growing up in central West Virginia allowed my family to participate in the age-old tradition of hunting whitetail deer. It also brought out numerous myths from experiential truths about deer and their behavior or habits. In the next two articles we will discuss several of these myths and what recent science says about those ideas.

1 – The Biggest Bucks Breed All the Does – Over the years I have heard this many times, in several different states and from a lot of people. The truth is in a free ranging herd of deer the actual breeding is done by all age classes. Roughly 33% of does are bred by mature bucks (4.5 years old or older), 33% by 2.5-3.5-year olds and 33% by 1.5-year olds. I believe this myth comes from the fact many hunters see mature or older bucks with does and may even witness breeding, however, once the doe leaves that buck a yearly is generally waiting close by to breed her as well. Only through DNA can you verify which deer fertil-



Doe feeding through woodlot opening.

ized the egg and studies have shown it to be pretty close to a 33% chance for the mature buck vs. the 1.5-year-old spike.

2 – We don't have Big Buck Genetics in WV like in Other States – MSU Deer Lab conducted a 10-year study on this concept. They captured deer from three regions in Mississippi. Deer ranged from small coastal deer to large agriculture bucks of Mississippi's delta. The

coastal area bucks averaged small racks and small bodies (100-110lbs) and the delta bucks where 200 pound or better. Each of the deer were offered unlimited nutrition and over the life of the study, the coastal deer in the second and third generation born under those conditions became delta quality bucks. (<https://www.msudeer.msstate.edu/nutrition-and-genetics.php>). This points to the fact that while genetics do play a role in bucks growing bigger antlers, it may does not play the role many hunters believe it does. Basically, once the mother determines there is enough food on the landscape to support a larger deer, she turns on the genes to allow future generations to grow larger. As important as genetics is, nutrition and age are the drivers for big bucks. The good news is we can control age and nutrition while genetics is up to luck of the draw. Our own bow counties show these similar results – due to fewer deer on the landscape, you have more nutrition available to the deer. Additionally, a bow only season allows bucks to get older and thus nutrition and age set the condition for quality bucks. Our mission is to try to do that is our own property!

3 – Culling Deer Herds Help Increase the Genetic Quality of the Herd – “Culling” came from the cattle industry and we took the concept and attempted to apply to deer. When to talk about it makes sense, shoot the bad bucks, and allow Please turn to **EVERY ACRE** page 3

Just look at this!

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



Anthony Godwin of Burnsville was the lucky winner of a fire pit and grilling accessories which was the Grand Price in the Frametown Volunteer Fire Department's recent fund-raising drawing. Shown here, Tim Griffin (Right) of the FVFD presents Anthony Godwin with his prize. The FVFD would like to thank all those who purchased tickets and support the Frametown Fire Department.

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News from our Capitol

by Delegate Brent Boggs

We've all been horrified by the senseless murder of elementary students and teachers in Texas; the hospital campus murders in Oklahoma; and a host of other similar events in recent days. Tragedy hit close to home with our first responders last Friday when Nicholas Co. Deputy Tom Baker was killed in the line of duty and Deputy Ellison was wounded in the incident in nearby Birch River. This is on the heels of the recent tragic loss of Firefighter John Forbush. Law enforcement, firefighters and all first responders put it all on the line, every day, for our safety and security.

Central West Virginia is a small community of counties sharing the same values, co-workers, and friends. Just as we all benefit from positive economic news across counties, we likewise collectively grieve when tragedy strikes one of our own. Just one week earlier, Jean and I par-

ticipated in a memorial service on Powell Mountain at the site where two EMTs lost their lives in the line of duty. At the same time, all first responders that lost their lives in the line of duty were honored.

On a personal note to Braxton EMTs, first responders, friends, and neighbors – thank you for taking great care of Jean's mom on Saturday after she sustained a serious fall while visiting from South Carolina. She and our family are most appreciative of their rapid response and transport to WVU Braxton Memorial Hospital, where she was, thankfully, treated and released.

Marked with the recent Memorial Day holiday, West Virginia is now into the Fairs and Festival season. As always, Jean and I enjoyed the annual Kanawha Alumni Association parade in Burnsville, along with great friends and delicious food. On the horizon in mid-June is the WV Folk Festival in Glenville and Gassaway Days in late June. All of

these are great opportunities to attend family-oriented events; meet with families and friends; and support our local economy.

Finally, we just had interims in Morgantown late last month. This month is one of the rare times when the spacing between interim meetings is compressed to only a couple of weeks. As always, here is the interim legislative schedule for this month at the State Capitol:

Sunday, June 12, 2022

1:00 PM Legislative Oversight Commission on Education Accountability - Senate Finance

1:00 PM Joint Legislative Committee on Flooding - Senate Judiciary

3:00 PM Joint Commission on Economic Development - House Judiciary

3:00 PM Post Audits Subcommittee - Senate Finance

4:00 PM Legislative Oversight Commission on Workforce Investment for Economic Development - House Judiciary

4:00 PM Select Committee on PEIA, Seniors and Long-Term Care - Senate Judiciary

5:00 PM Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources Subcommittee - House Judiciary

5:00 PM Joint Legislative Oversight Commission on Dept of Transportation

Accountability - Senate Judiciary

Monday, June 13, 2022

9:00 AM Joint Committee on Government and Finance - Senate Finance

9:00 AM Legislative Oversight Committee on Regional Jail and Correctional Facility Authority - Senate Judiciary

10:00 AM Joint Standing Committee on Finance - House Chamber

10:00 AM Joint Standing Committee on the Judiciary - Senate Chamber

12:00 PM Naming Resolutions Subcommittee - Senate Finance

12:00 PM Joint Legislative Oversight Commission on State Water Resources - House Education

1:00 PM Forest Management Review Commission - House Education

1:00 PM Joint Committee on Children and Families - Judiciary

3:00 PM Commission on Special Investigations - Senate Finance

3:00 PM Select Committee on Infrastructure - Senate Judiciary

4:00 PM Select Committee on Veterans' Affairs - Senate Judiciary

5:00 PM Joint Committee on Government Operations - House Chamber

5:00 PM Joint Standing Committee on Government

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MARIA'S

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She continued to say, "I love the mountains. Things are so green, and I liked seeing the lake. Everything is beautiful. As for the site of her restaurant, she explained that when she first saw it, she became "very interested." Then she went inside and "thought the same."

Her restaurant, she noted, has a full menu: lunch, dinner, appetizers and desserts. Here she mentioned that, so far, "Almost everyone gets fajitas. They come out sizzling hot served in skillets." The business will be open seven days a week. Monday through Friday, the hours are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, it will be open 12 noon until 10 p.m., and Sunday 12 until 9.m. The restaurant will be closed on holidays. "It's the only time for our families to get together," she said.

Owner Magana wants everyone to know that the food at Maria's Mexican Restaurant will be "authentically Mexican." She explained. "We try to use a little bit more of the spices and seasonings to make it more authentic. Some 'Mexican' restaurants Americanize their food. We don't."


EVERY ACRE

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the older bigger bucks to do the breeding – see myth 1. Also, if we shoot all 1.5-year old that aren't 6 points or better, the herd will be better overall quality. The facts are in a free ranging herd we cannot control the breeding value of the doe (who gets at least a 50% vote in genetics) or which buck breed her and we cannot know why the 1.5 year spike is not a 6 point. Additionally, we



A 2.5 year old 8 point.



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- New Load: Vinyl Flooring
- New Load: T1-11 siding 5/8" & 11/32"
- New Load: Ceiling Tile
- New Load: ¾" Plywood
- New Load: Metal Roofing 8', 12' & 16'
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- New Load: Sliding Patio Doors
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may see a "cull buck" after a traumatic event he experienced (hit by a car) or bad nutrition year which will affect his antler grow the following season or maybe for two years. If we remove that "cull" buck then we never allow him to express his maximum potential. A Texas study did heavy culling on a large piece of private land for 7 years and they found it had zero affect on the genetic makeup of the herd. They did manage to wipe out several year groups of bucks and caused a major age structure issue that took another 5 years to recover from.

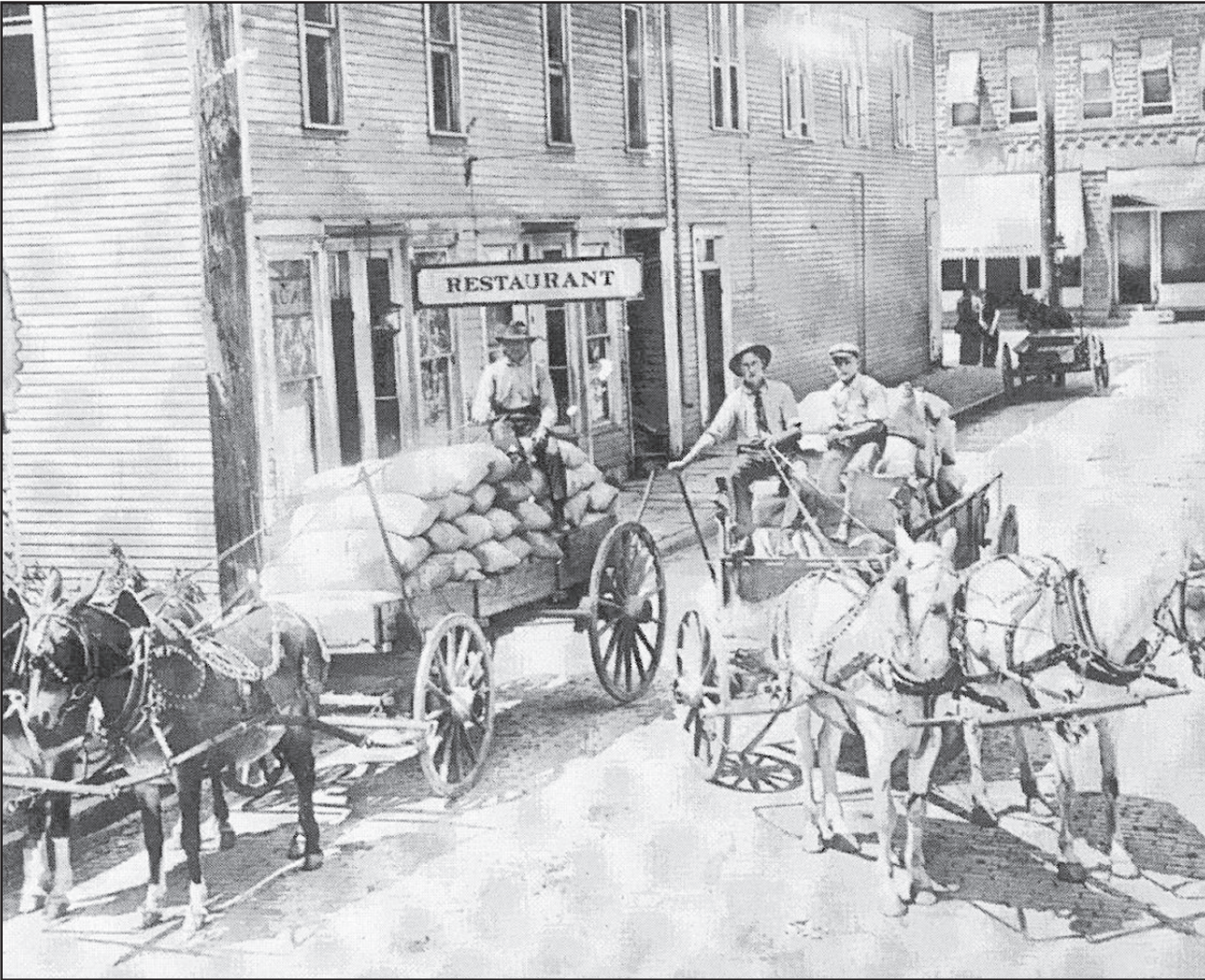
The "So What" of this information lie in within our control - if the keys to improving our whitetail quality are nutrition and age, then we need to improve those areas of our property. Nutrition can come in the form of food plots or native habitat browse and removing mouths from the kitchen (shoot does for example). For the age structure part of the puzzle, it is all in the finger – shoot or don't shoot those 1.5 and 2.5 year old bucks – then they will make it to 3.5 and beyond.

Learn how to age your deer on the hoof and learn how to increase the food available to your deer herd. Remember **Every Acre Counts!**

MSU Deer Lab is a great place to learn about whitetail deer and we will discuss some of their research in the coming weeks. (h t t p s : / / www.msudeer.msstate.edu/index.php.)

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Way back when...



Sutton 1880's...
The lumber industry help build the Town of Sutton in the early years. In those early days, horse and wagon traffic was not uncommon in the downtown area. Here two loads of feed head out of town on 2nd Street across the Elk River Bridge after worker enjoyed a meal at the local eatery. Main Street, much as it looks today, can be seen in the background. The photo is courtesy of Craig A. Smith

Long ago in Braxton County

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

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Organization - House Chamber
5:00 PM Joint Standing Committee on Education - Senate Chamber
Tuesday, June 14, 2022
9:00 AM Joint Standing Committee on Pensions and Retirement - Senate Finance
9:00 AM Agriculture and Rural Development - Senate Judiciary
10:00 AM Joint Committee on Technology - Senate Finance
10:00 AM Joint Committee on Health - House Chamber
1:00 PM General Session Meeting - School Safety Plan - House Chamber
2:00 PM Joint Committee on Volunteer Fire Departments and Emergency Medical Servic - Senate Finance
3:00 PM Joint Standing Committee on Energy - House Chamber

3:00 PM Legislative Oversight Commission on Health and Human Resources Accountability - Senate Finance
4:00 PM Joint Committee on Natural Gas Development - House Chamber

To conclude this week on a happy note, I want to wish my wonderful mom, Ethel Mae Boggs, a very happy ninety-first birthday. She and dad were at our home Sunday afternoon to celebrate the milestone event and enjoy Jean's delicious food with the company of our kids, grandkids, my brother Bruce, his wife, and nephew Jake. A special lady to all who know and love her, mom is truly a blessing to our family. I am so blessed to still have both my parents in their 90s.

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OBITUARIES

Terri Lynette (Ankrum) Compton



Terri Lynette (Ankrum) Compton was born on June 27, 1949, in Gassaway, West Virginia, a daughter to Freda Maxine (Bright) Ankrum the late William Joseph Ankrum. On August 6, 2004 Terri was united in marriage to Jerry Compton at the Shirley Union Church in Shirley, Missouri. She died at her home in Potosi on June 1, 2022 having reached the age of 72 years, 11 months and 5 days.

Terri was preceded in death by her father and brother Richard Kenna Ankrum. She is survived by her husband Jerry Compton; mother, Maxine Ankrum of Westfield, Indiana; brother, Dr. Michael (Barbara) Ankrum of Blacksburg, Virginia; mother-in-law, Norma

Compton and brother-in-law, Tony Compton of Potosi, Missouri; children, Traci (Steve) Bubalo of Westfield, Indiana, Tricia (Robert) Field of Noblesville, Indiana, Sarah Cozort of Blacksburg, Virginia, John (Ally) Cozort of Kansas City, Missouri, Jeremy (Sarah) Compton of Round Rock, Texas and Matthew Compton of Denver, Colorado; grandchildren Samuel Lambert, Daniel Bubalo, Kevin Bubalo, Michael Bubalo, Alexander "A.J." Field, Katherine Field, Amelia Field, Kinsie Field, Hallie Ann Field, Esme Cozort-Dailey, Hayden Cozort, Emma Compton, Madeline Compton, Jackson Compton and William Compton; many nieces, nephews, other family members, and friends.

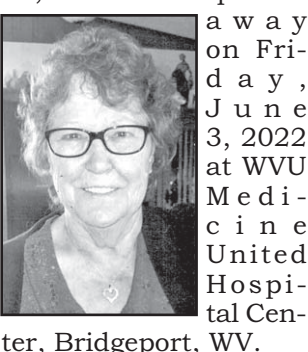
Terri graduated from Gassaway High School in 1967. She was the first woman EMT in Braxton County, West Virginia. Later, she worked at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia as a radio dispatcher for the campus police

and as a purchasing clerk in the Food Service Department. Terri received her BS degree in Nutrition and Early Childhood Development from Middle Tennessee State University, spending more than 20 years in education.

A member and elder of the Potosi Presbyterian Church, Terri enjoyed working with children and singing in the choir. She was a warm and caring person, friendly to everyone she met. Terri enjoyed Swimming, dancing, reading, sewing and flower gardening. But, most of all, she loved her family. She will be deeply missed.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association at 9370 Olive Blvd. St. Louis, MO 63132.

Wanda Jean Cottrill



Wanda Jean Cottrill, 80, of Rosedale passed away on Friday, June 3, 2022 at WVU Medicine United Hospital Center, Bridgeport, WV.

She was born November 16, 1941 in Calhoun County to the late Herbert and Virginia Helmick Dickey.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Edward Cottrill.

Wanda was the best mother in the whole world and she truly enjoyed being mother,

grandmother and great grandmother. She was very involved in the Rosedale Senior Center. She loved to ride in her side by side, to yardsale and to cook. She will be missed by all her family.

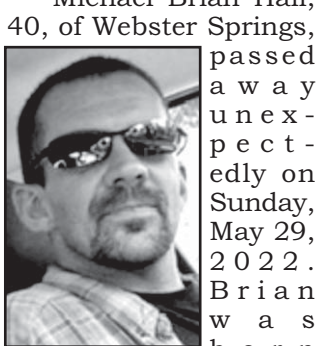
She will be forever remembered by her children, Connie Drake (Ron) of Rosedale, Jeff Cottrill (Lynn) of Rosedale, Roger Cottrill (Jill) of Gassaway, and Ed-die Cottrill (Rhonda) of Rosedale; significant other and best friend, Stanley Norman of Shock; brothers, George Dickey (Patty), Kenneth Dickey (Cindy), Herb Dickey (Becky), Rocky Dickey (Brenda), and Stoney Dickey; sisters, Colleen McKown (Walter Cain), Polly McKown and Trish Mick; grandchildren, Stephanie Blackwell, Pamela Blackwell, Rhonda Drake, April Drake, Shaelynn Blackwell, Casey Cottrill, Amanda CSarrazola, Mike Cottrill, Megan Stout, and Kayla Will. She is also survived by several great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Private graveside service was held at Rosedale Community Cemetery, Rosedale with Minister Vernon Kerns officiating.

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

Service of Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway, WV.

Michael 'Brian' Hall



Michael 'Brian' Hall, 40, of Webster Springs, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, May 29, 2022. Brian was born

August 14, 1981 to Michael and Kelly (Anderson) Hall of Webster Springs.

Brian learned mechanic work and enjoyed tinkering in his spare time. He spent most of his career as a timber cutter, but also was an equipment operator and hauled travel trailers across the United States. He enjoyed being on the go, drag racing, enjoying life, being a prankster and being 'Snack Daddy' to his fur babies.

Brian was a loving son, father, brother and companion. He was a devoted father and enjoyed hunting, fishing, playing ball, riding, and camping with his two sons, Dawson and Collin Hall. He is survived by his companion Becky Waybright Mace; his father, Michael Hall; sister Tina Hall; sons Dawson Hall and Collin Hall; and extra kids

Dana Lee Lynch, Maria Mace & Robert Mace III, in addition to several aunts, uncles, cousins and extended family and friends.

Brian was preceded in death by his mother, Kelly Hall; Maternal grandparents Harvey & Sylvia Anderson; and Paternal grandparents Bobby Joe "Bun" & Vella (McCourt) Hall.

The family invited friends to join them for visitation on Saturday, June 4, 2022 from 6:00 to 9:00 PM at Dodd & Reed Funeral Home, Webster Springs. Services to celebrate Brian's life were held on Sunday, June 5, 2022 at 2:00 PM at Dodd & Reed Funeral Home with Pastor Chris Cosner officiating. Interment followed in Harrison-Cochran Cemetery, Grassy Creek.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.doddreedfh.com.

Dodd & Reed Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Hall family.

Empsey Dempsey Arthur Cunningham



Empsey Dempsey Arthur Cunningham, 95 of Versailles, KY, formerly of Grassy Creek, went home to be with her Lord on Sunday, May 29, 2022 at her home.

She was born April 22, 1927 on Grassy Creek to the late Elza and Myrtle Tiffner Arthur and lived her life on Grassy Creek until her health declined and she moved with her daughter.

Empsey retired from Webster County Memorial Hospital laundry and was also a Teacher's Aide at the Diana Grade School. She enjoyed quilting, working word puzzles, flower gardening, and canning. She was a member of Union Valley Union Mission Church and was known for her Mexican cornbread at church functions.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Troxell D. Cunningham; daughter-in-law Jane Cunningham; one great-great-granddaughter; brother Ike; and sisters Neary, Frances, Mae, Martha, and Cora.

Empsey is survived by her son Danny Cunningham of Buckhannon; daughter, Diane (Dana) Bender of Versailles, KY; five grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, and her church family.

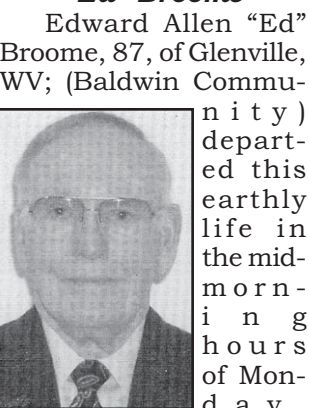
Friends joined the

family for visitation on Friday, June 3, 2022 from 6-9 PM at Dodd & Reed Funeral Home. Services to celebrate Empsey's life were held on Saturday, June 4, 2022 at 1:00 PM at Dodd & Reed Funeral Home with Pastor Larry Cochran officiating. Interment followed in Holly River Baptist Church Cemetery, Diana.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.doddreedfh.com.

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

Edward Allen "Ed" Broome



Edward Allen "Ed" Broome, 87, of Glenville, WV; (Baldwin Community) departed this earthly life in the mid-morning hours of Monday, May 30, 2022 at his residence with his loving family by his side.

He was born April 29, 1935 in Tulsa, OK; son of the late Alonzo Edward and Willie Ruth Allen Broome.

Ed was self-employed as a Petroleum Engineer. He is the Owner/Operator of Ed Broome Inc., in the Oil and Gas Exploration Services Extraction sector with over 65 years' experience in the field. He is also the Owner/Operator of EDCO Minerals LLC., a former employee of Kewanee Oil Co., and President of the former Trio Petroleum Corp.

In his spare time, Ed enjoyed working more than anything else. He had a passion for his work and could be seen every day of the week at his office. He is a former president of the Independent Oil and Gas Association and the 2002 Oil and Gas "Man of the Year".

On January 3, 1991 Ed was united in marriage to Jackie Adams Broome who survives at their Baldwin home.

Surviving are 2 children, Kenneth D. Broome and wife Wendy of Glenville, and Susan Kay Leslie and husband Keven of Reading, Ohio, a sister, Mary Ann Hoeltzel of Enid, OK; and his cat, Lucky.

Also surviving are 7 grandchildren, Samantha Leslie, Anthony Leslie (Erin), Robert Leslie (Melissa), JoElla George (Sonie), Sarah Kinder (Logan), Emily Broome, Liza Please turn to **OBITS**

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Gassaway Public Library Summer Reading Program

Oceans of Possibilities dates: June 27, July 5, July 25, August 1. Time 11:00 a.m. Story Time / Exciting Activities Lunch Kits Provided by Mountaineer Food Bank Something for all age groups: Toddler – 18 years of age

Braxton County Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting

Please be advised that the next meeting of the Braxton County Local Emergency Planning Committee is scheduled on 6/14/22 at 12:00 noon at 3 Girls Dinner Restaurant. Please advise us if you plan to attend. If you have any questions regarding this meeting, please feel free to email at braxtonlepc@gmail.com

Full Board Meeting

The Region VI Workforce Development Board Full Board will meet Thursday, June 9, 2022 at 10:30 am at the Marion County Convention & Visitors Bureau located in Pleasant Valley, WV. For more information about the meeting, contact Maria Larry at 304-368-9530. Region VI is and Equal Opportunity Employer/Program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request for individuals with disabilities. If you have a hearing impairment and need assistance, please call WV Relay 7-1-1.

Sandy Reunion

The Sandy Reunion will be held on June 11, at the Burnsville Dam, Shelter #3. Family and friends bring a covered dish and enjoy the day with us.

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 bulltownhistorica-

lassociation@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.

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!

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.

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 up keep of the Harris Cemetery, Bug Ridge WV. All donations should be sent to the Harris Cemetery c/o Cindy Gaston 2936 Old Turnpike Road, Sutton WV 26601. A special thank you to all who donate.

Braxton County Jamboree 2022 Music Schedule

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. Camp-

bell, 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, Gasaway, 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 Rhettta May Facemire, 910 Two Lick Road, Sutton, WV 26601 (304-765-7824) or Harold Batton, 8078 Bug Ridge Road, Sutton, WV 26601 (304-765-2360).

AA - Recovery Meetings

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

Jackson Cemetery Little Birch

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

Braxton County Cemetery donations

The Trustees of the Braxton County Cemetery located on route 15 near Holly Gray Park are accepting donations for mowing and upkeep of the cemetery. Please mail donations to Braxton County Cemetery Association, PO Box 342, Flatwoods, WV 26621. Thank you for your support.

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Broome, 6 great-grandchildren, Nolan, Stevie, and Porter Leslie, Lindsey and Ezra Kinder, and Gentry George, and many other wonderful family and friends. Along with his par-

ents, Ed is preceded in death by 2 children, Gayle Louise Broome and Douglas Allen "Doug" Broome and his former wife, Lady Joan Donley Broome.

A graveside service was conducted at the Troy IOOF Cemetery at 12:30 PM; Saturday, June 4, 2022 with Pastor Bryan Groves officiating.

In lieu of flowers the family request memorial contributions be made to the Gilmer County Senior Center, 720 N Lewis St, Glenville, WV 26351 in honor of Ed.

Ellyson Mortuary, Inc., is honored to assist the family of Edward Allen "Ed" Broome with arrangements.

The United States hath sinned

When God was talking to Joshua in Joshua chapter 7 about the sins of Israel my mind wondered to the United States of America, could the same be said of this Country that we live in? Joshua could not win the battles against the other nations and he could not understand why so he besought the Lord about.

6 And Joshua rent his clothes, and fell to the earth upon his face before the ark of the LORD until the eventide, he and the elders of Israel, and put dust upon their heads. 7 And Joshua said. Alas, O Lord GOD, wherefore hast thou at all brought this people over Jordan, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us? would to God we had been content, and dwelt on the other side Jordan! 8 O Lord, what shall I say, when Israel turneth their backs before their enemies! 9 For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land shall hear of it, and shall environ us round, and cut off our name from the earth: and what wilt thou do unto thy great name?

JOSHUA’S RESPONSE

Josh 7:6-9

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GOD’S RESPONSE

Josh 7:10-12

10 But the Lord said to Joshua, “Get up off your face! Israel has sinned and disobeyed my commandment and has taken loot when I said it was not to be taken; and they have not only taken it, they have lied about it and have hidden it among their belongings. 12 That is why the people of Israel are being defeated. That is why your men are running from their enemies-for they are cursed. I will not stay with you any longer unless you completely rid yourselves of this sin. God said that there was sin in the camp of Israel, Israel’s spiritual condition was compromised, they would be defeated in their efforts and their hearts, spirits and faith melted and became like water.

God gave him Joshua the cure

Josh 7:13-15

13 Up, sanctify the people, and say, Sanctify yourselves against to tomorrow: for thus saith the LORD God of Israel, There is an accursed thing in the midst of thee, O Israel: thou canst not stand before thine enemies, until ye take away the accursed thing from among you. 14 In the morning therefore ye shall be brought according to your tribes, and it shall be, that the tribe which the LORD taketh shall come according to the families thereof, and the family which LORD shall take shall come by households, and the household which the LORD shall take shall come man by man. 15 And it shall be, that he that is taken with the accursed thing shall be burnt with fire, he and all that he hath: because he hath transgressed the covenant of the LORD, and because he hath wrought folly in Israel

Josh 7:20-21

20 And Achan answered Joshua, and said, Indeed I have sinned against the LORD God of Israel, and thus and thus have I done: 21 When I saw among the spoils a goodly Babylonish garment, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, then I coveted them, and took them; and, behold, they are hid in the earth in the midst of my tent, and the silver under it

Josh 7:25-26

25 And Joshua said, Why hast thou troubled us? the LORD shall trouble thee this day. And all Israel stoned him with stones, and burned them with fire, after they had stoned them with stones. 26 And they raised over him a great heap of stones unto this day. So the LORD turned from the fierceness of his anger. Wherefore the name of that place was called, The valley of Achor, unto this day.

Could it be that maybe this country is departing from the living God like Israel of old?

Maybe that is why we are not prospering as a nation.

1 John 2:15-17

15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. 17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doth the will of God abideth for ever.

2 Chron 7:14

14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land

KJV

Food for thought, don't you think?

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(minister) Danny Lambey
lambey@frontier.com

COMMUNITY CORNER

COUNTY STORIES

By: JEANETTE RIFFLE

More Snake Stories

My friend, Susie Cook, that lives up Tague Rd. in Braxton County, calls me every week to see how we are doing and to let me know what is going on at their place. This past week she had more snake stories. A big black snake had been in her chicken house and had eaten several eggs. Her son put on a pair of gloves, grabbed it by the tail and relocated it. I guess he didn't take it far enough because it came back and they caught it in the cage with baby chicks. It had already eaten one. They noticed that one was missing and there was a bulge in the snake's body. That did it! "Good bye snake." Like I told her, we can't have critters coming and eating our food up. She said it had somehow worked it's way through the

holes of that wire cage. She was surprised that it had done that. My husband was telling me a story that he heard when he was growing up, about a black snake that got in a hen house where there were boards between nests to divide them, and the snake got stuck in a knot hole. That snake had swallowed one egg and got it's head through the hole as far as it could go. There was a nest with eggs on the other side of that knot hole. The snake ate another egg and couldn't go anywhere. It had an egg in it's body stopping it on one side of the hole and another egg on through the hole. It couldn't go forwards or backwards. When they went to gather the eggs they found it like that. I found this sto-

ry that I had started and decided to add the latest. Hubby almost stepped on a big black snake this past week. He was out around the Gardener's Shed and there was a snake on the ground. He said he didn't know which was scared the worst, him or the snake. It wasted no time in crawling to safety under that shed. I think it has been under our house. I have been hearing thumpin sounds under the floor. There was one under there last summer. It crawled out into the back yard and our big dog was barking at it. We were afraid he was going to get bit so hubby got a big stick, scooped it up, and quickly carried it to the creek bank. He flung it out into the creek and it swam to the other side and up the bank. We didn't see anymore of it. I have heard that black snakes are your friend. They will even fight off a copperhead or rattler. I saw a picture on Facebook of a black snake eating a copperhead. I never would have believed it if I hadn't seen it. Enough about snakes, we have had a couple of nice days to enjoy. June was always my favorite spring month to look forward to. Until next time, get out and enjoy the outdoors. Take care and God bless !

Sutton Public Library offers free summer tutoring

In partnership with the Braxton County Board of Education and our Summer Reading Program, Sutton Public Library will have free tutoring this summer for elementary through high school students. If you are interested in this service, please let the library know!

Library hours are Monday: 8am-4pm, Tuesday: 11am-7pm, Wednesday: Closed, Thursday: 11am-7pm, Friday: 8am-4pm You can contact us at (304) 765-7224 during business hours for more information. Follow the Sutton Public Library to keep up with the latest news on Facebook.

PAT'S CHAT

By : PAT RIDPATH



The tragic news that we have witnessed on TV news recently has been seeing and

hearing these last few weeks has brought tears to my eyes and to many of us as we struggle to take it all in and pray for the ones unthinkably tortured by what is happening to them. I just cannot imagine the depth of sorrow so many are feeling! I think we can all benefit from reading the article on "How to Have Peace" that Jeanette Riffle wrote in her column for last week's papers. She actually tells us how we can find peace even at times as horrible as now with the shootings and all.

And in spite of this, we have enjoyed the lovely spring days, bright blue skies, fluffy white clouds, new green leaves reaching up to the sky, the active birds and small animals scurrying around. Matthew 24 tells us that things will get pretty nasty just before Jesus returns to reclaim all His people from their battered home on this Earth. We can look forward to when Jesus recreates our earth back into the beautiful place He first created it to be. Read Revelation 21:1-5. Don't despair, don't give up, don't ever be afraid because God is in control and He keeps His promises.

You must have heard that we Adventists are trying to get together every first Saturday evening of each month for a social gathering to which all of you are invited, to get to know each other better, especially the newer folks. We meet at the church at 6:30 p.m. to enjoy a devotional study and prayer, then the activities committee has planned special food and games for the evening. Tonite's was a Beach Bash. In one of the pictures below, you will find a painting by one of our new people, Mykayla Stadler, who placed it close to the food table to announce the Tiki Bar. Another picture shows Mykayla's grandmother and Todd holding the bar for Limbo as the children line up for their turn. Ava, Gabby, Gwen and Pastor Daniel last of all. Another photo shows Sherry, Sheri, Kim and Lanetta.

We will look forward to the social for the first Saturday night in July. Maranatha



Sherry, Sheri, Kim and Lanetta.



Mykayla Stadler painted a picture for the beach bash.



Ava, Gabby, Gwen and Pastor Daniel line up for limbo.

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Braxton County Fairs and Festival Celebration Pageant
Saturday, July 9th

Older divisions will compete in a private panel interview for two minutes in the provided Braxton County Fairs and Festivals t-shirt followed by Gown on the fair stage. Mrs., Ms., and Miss will only accept five in each division and only accepting six in the divisions for Miss 10-12 Pre-teen Teen 13-16 division will receive \$125 and a \$200 scholarship to WVAFF (Tickets and fee paid to Teen WV USA in 2023. Miss 16-21 will receive \$150 and a \$500 scholarship trip to WVAFF and more! Mrs. Will receive \$100 and to move on if she chooses to go to Mrs. West Virginia. Ms. Will receive \$100 and full fee paid to Miss WV USA in 2023 or Miss WV America Strong. Age Groups include 0-2 Baby - Miss, Birth -2 baby - Mr (Must have three to have this division), 3-7 - Little Mr, 3-4 - Tiny Miss, 5-6 - Little Miss 8-10 - Jr Mr (Must have three to have this division), and 7-9 - Jr Miss. Each division is \$50.00.

Have you signed up yet? If you haven't, you should!

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Every participant will receive a crown, a trophy, and the first 30 kids will receive a gift!

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Jacob Shaver Memorial Cemetery meeting
Donations for cemetery maintenance greatly appreciated.
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Burnsville Freedom Festival volunteers needed for 2022
Due to the growth

of our festival we need more volunteers to help plan, fund raise and help during the event. We have some phenomenal bands and other events already lined up for this year and we need your help. Please call 304-853-2605 or private message the Freedom Festival Facebook page for more details.
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"The Journey"
It is called "The Journey" of Hope and Restoration, these studies are through the "Living Free" program curriculum. These studies are done in a small group setting that meets each Monday at 6:00 pm. The lesson that we are currently studying is "Coping with Losses of Life". This is a biblically-based study and everyone is welcome to participate. We serve food at 5:30 PM each Monday at 602 Elk Street, Gasaway, WV. We have many areas that we are able to minister to others as well such as the areas of destructive behaviors, harmful emotions, negative attitudes, unhealthy relationships, and substance abuse. To register or if you have questions you can call Pastor Eric Veltre at 304-689-0000.

Sutton Baptist Church

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

Please contact us at 304-765-5442 to submit your bids.

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

MAGISTRATE COURT

R-E-P-O-R-T

Magistrate Beth Smith's Court

May 31: Sam S. Schrader of Little Birch, no proof of insurance, dismissed proof provided, expired registration, dismissed proof provided, illegal window tint, not guilty plea.

June 1: Crystal L. Salisbury of Frametown, no proof of insurance, dismissed proof provided.

Magistrate David Singleton's Court

May 31: Zachary I. Jobe of Poca, sexual assault in the first degree, warrant issued, bond set at \$25,000 cash only; Chase Anthony Devericks of Salem, speeding, guilty plea, fine/court costs assessed and paid; Kevin Lawrence King of Flatwoods, expired MVI, dismissed proof provided, no seatbelt, no contest plea, fine assessed and paid; Jennifer Malcomb of Strange Creek, conspiracy, possession

of meth with intent to deliver, preliminary hearing waived, transferred to circuit court; Roy Rhodes of Sutton, conspiracy, possession of meth with intent to deliver, preliminary hearing waived, transferred to circuit court.

June 1: Gary Dallas Given of Buckhannon, speeding, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; Michael C. Taylor of Bemur Point, NY, speeding, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; Brady L. Merkle of Monroeville, PA, speeding, guilty plea, fine/court costs assessed; Kelly Bookheimer of Little Birch, illegal U turn, dismissed; Shawn M. Riley of Fayetteville, no proof of insurance, dismissed proof provided, speeding, dismissed; Charles Roy Dean of Walkersville, driving revoked-3rd offense, warrant issued, bond set at \$15,000 cash or surety.

June 2: Matthew

Jonathan Robey of Burnsville, possession of counterfeit with intent to utter, transferred to circuit court.

June 3: William B. Amtower of Beckley, speeding in construction zone, fine/court costs assessed and paid; Matthew Aaron Riffle of Ivydale, expired MVI, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; Danielle Sue Teter of Sutton, no proof of insurance, dismissed proof provided; Jordan William James of Napier, no seatbelt, no contest plea, fine assessed and paid; Gary Junior Cunningham of Frametown, expired MVI, dismissed proof provided; Cody Nathaniel Mace of Sutton, expired MVI, dismissed proof provided; Mark Bosley of Burnsville, no seatbelt, no contest plea, fine assessed and paid, no proof of insurance, dismissed proof provided, no operators, dismissed proof provided.

Annual Mr. T Scholarship 5K Run/Walk registration



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

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

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

The Mr. T Memorial Scholarship was established in 2019 upon the

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

Funds generated

through this race are used to replenish the scholarship fund.

Entry Fees: \$20 Pre-Registration

\$25 Race Day Registration

entry fee that is non-refundable

Awards: Runners:

Overall top 3 males/females

Age division top 3 males/females

14 & under, 15-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-59, 60+

Walkers: Top 5 males/female (no age divisions)

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

Additional race information can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/pg/GassawayDay-5K>.

Introducing Kids Market at the store for Braxton County kids

Want free fruits and vegetables this summer?

Kids in select West Virginia counties will have a chance to "shop" for local produce at participating local stores – for free.

This program is free and open to any child ages two through seventeen who parents fill

out the sign-up survey. Participating stores will feature a variety of local produce for children to chose from. Each family will receive \$30 in free produce, as well as an opportunity to participate in free nutrition education.

Each child will receive a reusable shop-

ping bag and a passport. Children will present this passport at the store and receive a sticker with each purchase. At the end of the program, they will be able to mail in their sticker filled passports for WVU branded prizes.

To sign up, visit: <https://qrco.de/bcIT3q>

Walker Cemetery Keeners Ridge donations

Donation's needed for mowing and weed eating. To the people that have donated May 24, 2021 to May 23, 2022, we thank you. This is the only way we have for upkeep.

David Teets, Alberta Dixon, Jerry Lewis. Steve Browning, Ricky Demoss, Vicky Browning, Forest Sigmon, Bobby Jones, Ralph Lloyd, Beverly Morris, Darrell Browning, Larry Clifton, Royal Butcher, James Browning, Danny Lane, Bobby Hoover, Debra Savill, David Morris, Linda Dodrill, Herold Lykins, Karen Dotson, Bryan Wilburn, Gary Keener, Margorie Crislip, Amy Shaffer, Lorene Dorsey, John Hughes, Terry Coen, Lester McGlaughn, Linda Phiylaw, Freeman Matheny, Margie Scheurman, Leanne Deitz, and Mary Triplett.

Donations should be made out to the Walker Cemetery Fund and sent to either, Jack

Holcomb 6399 Keeners Ridge Rd. Strange Creek WV 25063; Steve Browning 5372 Keeners Ridge Rd. Strange Creek WV 25063; or Doug Browning 5399 Keeners Ridge Rd. Strange

Creek WV 25063.

If I missed anyone I am sorry just let me know and I will put you in the next report.

Thanks to everyone that donated, stay safe. Jack Holcomb

Flatwoods-Canoe Run PSD

has scheduled a water outage for

Wednesday, June 8th

due to maintenance for

the following areas:

From Heaters United Methodist Church to the end of the main in Heaters. This includes Berry Fork Rd. and Gem Rd.

A boil water advisory will follow the outage for anyone in the area who experiences low/no water pressure and/or cloudy water.

Customers will be notified about the advisory on the company's website and through the WENS system.

Call the office at 304-765-2300 if you have any questions.

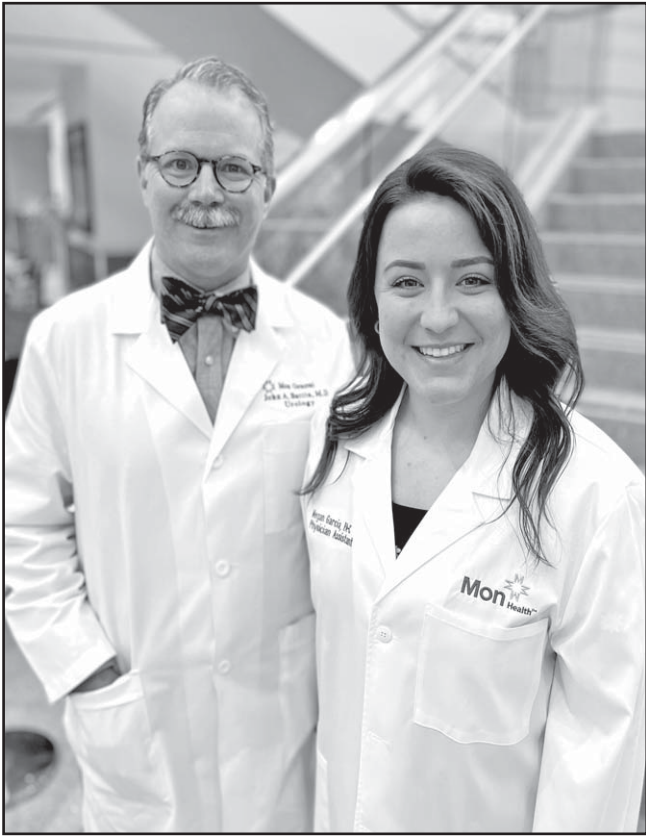
John Battin, MD, Urologist, joining Mon Health Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital medical staff

Dr. John A. Battin, Urologist, will begin seeing patients at Mon Health Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital beginning in July. Dr. Battin and Megan McKown, Physician Assistant, will be located at the Stonewall Urology office on the ground floor of the Hospital.

"We understand the importance of offering Urological care in rural WV and are happy to continue offering this service at Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital," said Dr. Battin.

The office will provide services for enlarged prostate, prostate cancer, kidney stones, kidney cancer, overactive bladder, urinary incontinence, and vasectomy services.

Dr. Battin also currently practices at Mon Health Medical Center in Morgantown. He received his medical degree from University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and did his residency at West Virginia University



School of Medicine. He is board certified in urology and was named a top regional doctor in 2014. He has been in practice for more than 20 years.

McKown graduated from the Marietta Col-

lege Physician Assistant Program in June 2019 and has been practicing with Dr. Battin since October 2019.

Call 304-269-8128 for information or visit StonewallJacksonHospital.com

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 SJMH 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 turn-out 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-designed

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 online at: <https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=275994>.

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

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Dress	17.90
Blouse/Shirt	8.90
Sweater	9.50
Heavy Coat (Hip Length)	19.75
Heavy Coat (Long)	22.75



Heavy Coats

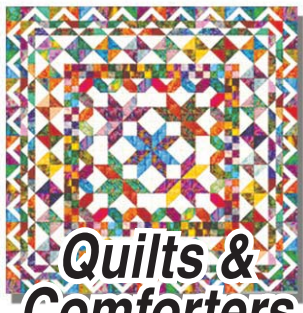
Laundry

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.



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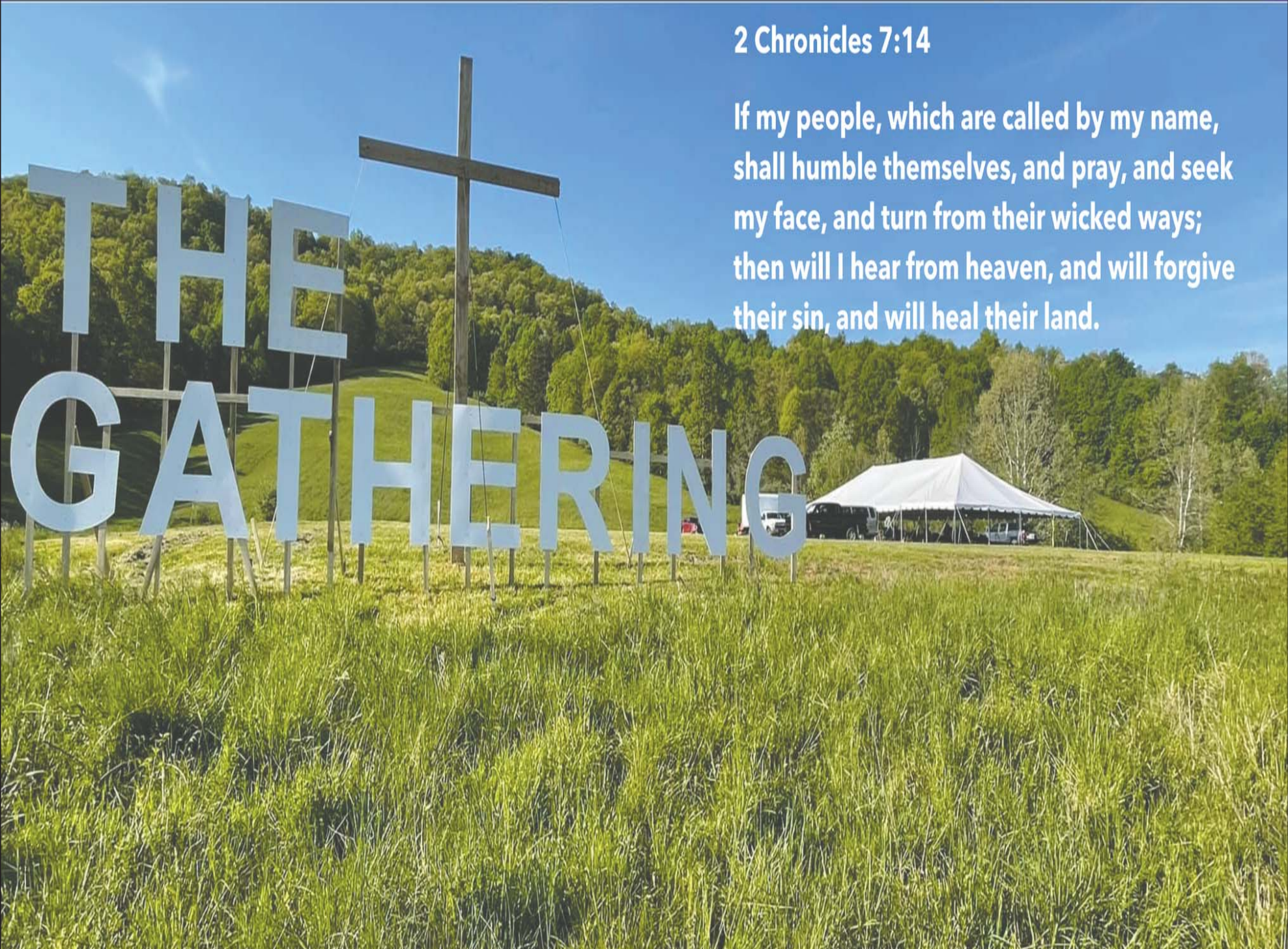
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2 Chronicles 7:14

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

June 7, 2022



Emma Sparks in Pee Wee Barrels.



Carter Wayne in Pee Wee Poles

Central WV Riding Club hosts first horse show of 2022 season

The Central WV Riding Club held its first horse show of 2022 on Saturday, May 21, at Holly Gray Park in Sutton. The day welcomed some beautiful weather, which also brought out a number of exhibitors and spectators. The show began with a prayer and the singing of the National Anthem. During the intermission, riders entered the show ring as a tribute to our fallen friend, horseman and firefighter, John Dean Forbush, that lost his life in an effort to save others. The following is a list of the classes entered and their winners:

Lead Line: (1) Ellie Huffman—Charlie Brown, (2) Vivianne Bruffey—Gracie Lou, (3) Coleson Wilfong—Erins Hight Cotton, (4) Payton Mace—Dragon In the Dollars, (5) Olivia Wilfong—Huck, (6) Whitney Mohr—JT Superstar

Open Halter or In Hand Class: (1) Mad-die Vance--Jackson, (2) Garalea Fulks--Smarty, (3) Clay Miller --Kenny the Mini, (4) Kylee Neff--Miller, (5) Samantha Frame--Sampson, (6) Tasha Patterson--B.B.

48" and Under Halter or In Hand Class: (1) Maddox Huffman--Huck, (2) Ethan Mace--Kiwi, (3) Iris Miller--Kenny the Mini, (4) Katy Winebrenner--Sprinkles, (5) Ellie Huffman--Charlie Brown, (6) Port Perrine--Miss Mickey

Pee Wee Pole Bending: (1) Emma Sparks--Reys Sly Cat, (2) Emma Sparks--Sheza Shining Pearl, (3) Karlie --May, (4) Maria Wayne--Annie, (5) Landon James--Patches, (6) Kelsey Ferguson--Faith

Youth Pole Bending: (1) Lillie Fitzwater--Skippy, (2) Jo Ferguson--Camille, (3) Kylie Neff--Miller, (4) Elizabeth Cunningham--Drifter, (5) Danica Neff--Toby, (6) Jo Ferguson--Tony

Pole Bending Open: (1) Amber Frame--Wyatt, (2) Bobby Wayne--Colton, (3) Danica Neff--Toby, (4) Garalea Fulks--Smarty, (5) Elizabeth Cunningham--Drifter, (6) Kylee Neff--Miller

Pee Wee Barrels: (1) Emma Sparks--Reys Sly Cat, (2) Emma Sparks--Sheza Shining Pearl, (3) Abby Frame--Dunkin, (4) Maria Wayne--Annie, (5) Carter Wayne--Tuey, (6) Karlie--Max

Open Barrels: (1) Brittney Justice--Gypsy, (2) Amber Frame--Wyatt, (3) Carmen Hambrick--Phoenix, (4) Brianna Clay--Red, (5) Bobby Wayne--Colton,



Axton Lindenthal in Leadline

(6) Caleb Treadwell--Faith

Youth Barrels: (1) Jo Ferguson--Camille, (2) Carmen Hambrick--Phoenix, (3) Lillie Fitzwater--Skippy, (4) Kylee Neff--Miller, (5) Jo Ferguson--Bo, (6) Jo Ferguson--Tony

\$100.00 Barrels: (1) Brittney Justice--Gypsy, (2) Lillie Fitzwater--Skippy, (3) Whitney Justice--Dani, (4) Julie Haynes--Bo, (5) Brianna Clay--Red, (6) Julie Haynes--Tony

Open Trail: (1) Madison Duffield--Rock, (2) Leanna Blankenship--Brandy, (3) Makahla Case--Ronas Oh Red Money, (4) Gavin Lindenthal--Sharky, (5) Wilma junderwood--Heath, (6) Brianna Clay--Red

Stick Horse: Aiden Lindenthal, Axton Lindenthal, Clay Miller--Trigger, Port Perrine--Dinomite, Vivianne Bruffey--Blueberry, Whittley Mohr, Cleve Lynn Westfall--Two Face, Harley Sothen--Thunder

Pee Wee Walking, Pacing or Racking: (1) Brylynn Scarbro--I'm Just An Illusion, (2) Emma Sparks--Sweet Baby Ray, (3) Haven Bland--Finale, (4) Ella Groff--Ryker, (5) Matthew Matheny--Power, (6) Heath Groff--Denali

Juvenile Open Pleasure: (1) Jayla Hamric--Lightning, (2) Maggie Meadows--Matilda, (3) Lila Fitzwater--Ranger, (4) Madison Duffield--Rock, (5) Gavin Lindenthal--Sharky, (6) Jo Ferguson--Max

Gaited English Pleasure: (1) Cassidy Heavner--Dollars Chump Change, (2) Carrie Mace--Encore's Shakin Lady, (3) Megan Bruffey--The Java Jazz, (4) Savanna Moore--Bella of the Ball,

Slow Pace: (1) Kim Miller--Fireball, (2) Lila Fitzwater--Nuttty Bud, (3) Larry Wilson--

Saddletramp, (4) Lorrie Smith--Jumbo Jett, (5) Kylie Dowell--Stromy

Pee Wee Pony Pleasure: (1) Mackenzie Lockard--Lil' Bit, (2) Emma Sparks--Sheza Shining Pearl, (3) Jody Blankenship--Whiskey, (4) Landon James--Patches, (5) Emily Morrison--Fable, (6) Iris Miller--Kenny the Mini

Juvenile Pleasure: (1) Jo Ferguson--Max, (2) Jayla Hamric--Lightning, (3) Lila Fitzwater--Ranger, (4) Maggie Meadows--Matilda, (5) Gavin Lindenthal--Sharky, (6) Madison Duffield--Rock

Open Driving: (1) Port Perrine--Miss Mickey

Style Pace: (1) Larry Wilson--Saddletramp, (2) Kim Miller--Fireball, (3) Lorrie Smith--Jumbo Jett, (4) Lila Fitzwater--Nuttty Buddy, (5) Kylie Dowell--Stormy

Pee Wee Pleasure: (1) Haven Bland--Finale, (2) Avery Tully--Faith, (3) Brylynn Scarbro--I'm Just An Illusion, (4) Ella Groff--Ryker, (5) Hallee Underwood--Max, (6) Emylee Jordan--Majesty

Double Rider: (1) Andrea Huffman and Cassidy Heavner--Erins High Cotton, (2) Danny Gross and Karen Westfall--Cyanide, (3) Brylynn Scarbro and Carrie Mace--I'm Just an Illusion, (4) Emma Sparks and Jo Ferguson--Sweet Baby Rays, (5) Gavin Lindenthal and Elizabeth Cunningham--Sharky, (6) Brittney and Whitney Justice--Gypsy

Country Pleasure Rack: (1) Cassidy Heavner--Dollars Chump Change, (2) Savanna Moore--Great American Blowout, (3) Colton Smith--Mr. Made In America, (4) Danny Gross--Cold Hard Cash, (5) Robin Meadows--Viper, (6) Amber Byrd--Cuervo Gold

Egg and Spoon: (1) Jo Ferguson--JT Superstar (2) Brittney Justice--Gypsy, (3) ? Dameron--Power, (4) Jayla Hamric--April, (5) Whitney Justice--Dani, (6) Lila Fitzwater--Ranger

Ladies Pleasure: (1) Carrie Mace--Encore's Shakin Lady, (2) Megan Bruffey--The Java Jazz, (3) Cassidy Heavner--Erin's High Cotton, (4) Savanna Moore--Bella of the Ball, (5) Robin Meadows--Viper, (6) Courtney Duckworth--We Are Bama

Western Pleasure: (1) Emma Sparks--Reys Sly Cat, (2) Brittney Justice--Gypsy, (3) Wilma Underwood--Royal, (4) Jo Ferguson--Camille, (5) Lillie Fitzwater--Skippy, (6) Veronica Frame--Wildfire

Country Fast Pace: (1) John Given--Peach Cobbler, (2) Kathy Given--Cruze, (3) Larry Wilson--Saddletramp, (4) Bryon Groff--Bob, (5) Lorrie Smith--Jumbo Jett

Plantation Pleasure Lite Shod Specialty: (1) Carrie Mace--Encore's Shakin Lady, (2) Megan Bruffey--The Java Jazz

Open Pleasure: (1) Haven Bland--Finale, (2) Cassidy Heavner--Dollars Chump Change, (3) Harley Mace--Dragon In the Dollars, (4) Brylynn Scarbro--I'm Just An Illusion, (5) Savanna Moore--Bella of the Ball, (6) Gavin Lindenthal--Sharky

Men's Pleasure: (1) Pat Shaffer--Smoke E Robinson, (2) Harley Mace--Dragon in the Dollars, (3) Danny Gross--Cyanide, (4) Thomas McCumbers--Cadillac Chromed Out, (5) Sam Mace--Lightning's Summer Love

Amateur Pacing: (1) Larry Wilson--Saddletramp, (2) Colton McGlothlin--Pushy

Gaited Western Pleasure: (1) Thomas McCumber--Great American Blowout, (2)



Maddox Huffman in 48" and Under Halter



Amber Frame and Krislynn Forbush in Leadline

Carrie Mace--Encore's Shakin Lady, (3) Harley Mace--I'm Armed and Charmed, (4) Amber Byrd--Cuervo Gold, (5) Samantha Frame--Sampson

Juvenile Walking Pacing or Racking: (1) Gavin Lindenthal--Sharky, (2) Maggie Meadows--Matilda, (3) Lila Fitzwater--Ranger

Walk Trot Open: (1) Gavin Lindenthal--Drifter, (2) Veronica Frame--Wildfire, (3) Wilma Underwood--Royal, (4) Lillie Fitzwater--Skippy, (5) Emma Sparks--Reys Sly Cat

Spotted Horse Pleasure: (1) Brylynn Scarbro--I'm Just An Illusion, (2) Harley

Mace--I'm Armed and Charmed, (3) Danny Gross--Cyanide, (4) Ella Groff--Majesty, (5) Maggie Meadows--Queen

Open Fast Pace or Rack: (1) Larry Wilson--Saddletramp, (2) John Given--Peach Cobbler, (3) Kathy Given--Cruze, (4) Lorrie Smith--Jumbo Jett, (5) Kim Miller--Fireball

Trail Pleasure Rack: (1) Savanna Moore--Bella of the Ball, (2) Brylynn Scarbro--I'm Just An Illusion, (3) Amber Byrd--Cuervo Gold

Jack Benny and Lucille Ball: (1) Amber Byrd--Cuervo Gold, (2) Harley Mace--I'm Armed and Charmed, (3) Veronica Frame--Wildfire



LEGAL NOTICES

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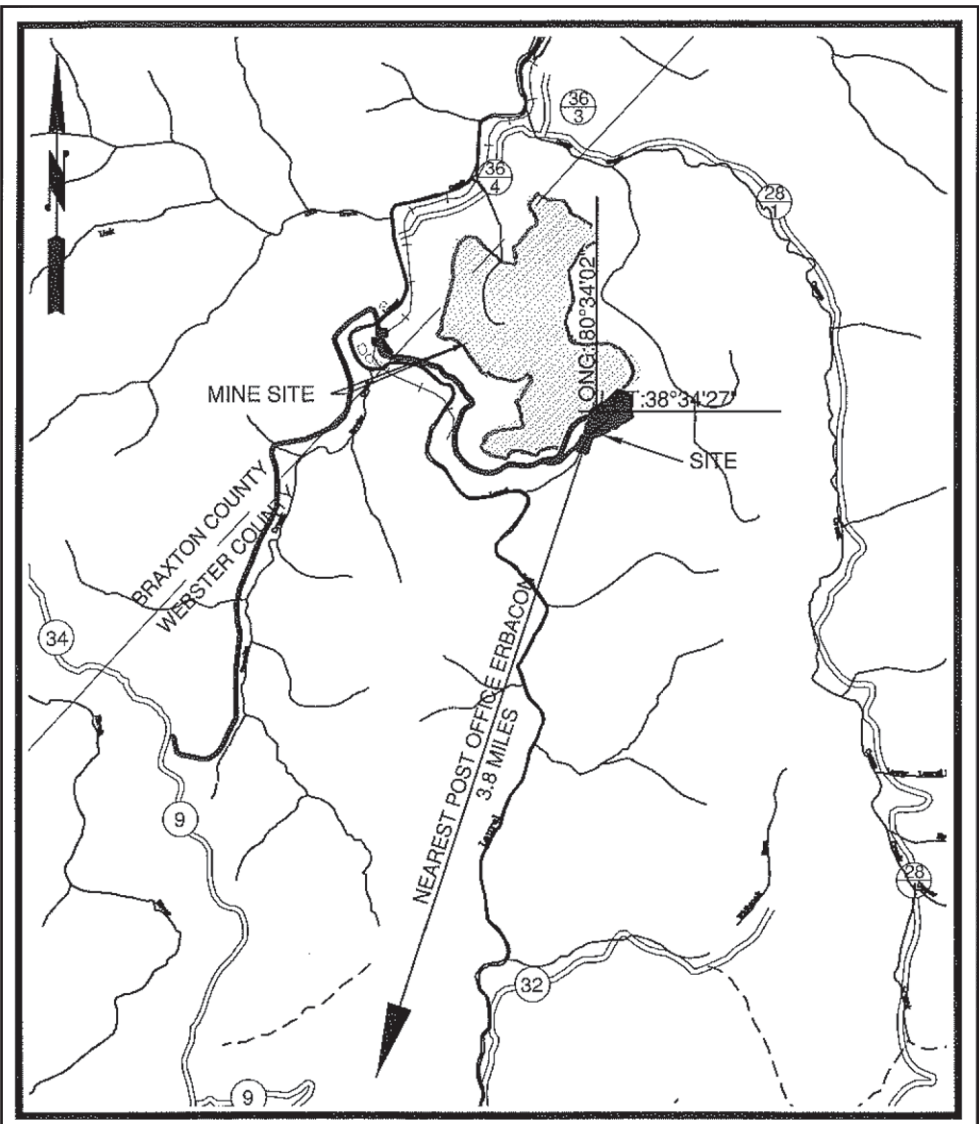
Notice is hereby given that BROOKS RUN MINING COMPANY, LLC, 2691 LITTLE BIRCH RD., SUTTON, WV 26601 has a permit on file with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for the surface mining of approximately 54.4 acres and has submitted an application to the DEP, 47 School Street, Suite 301, Philippi, WV, 26416-1600, for renewal of Article 3 Permit Number U200609 to Operate an underground coal mine in the Lower Kittanning seam of coal. The operation is discharging into Unnamed tributary of Laurel Creek of Elk River of Kanawha River and is located 3.8 miles, northeast of Erbacon in Glade Holly District of Webster Braxton County, Longitude 80° 34' 2" and Latitude 38° 34' 27" (Coordinates from USGS Topographic Map).

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Written comments and/or requests for an informal conference of the permit renewal application shall identify the applicant and application number and will be received by the Permit Supervisor at the DEP address above until July 28, 2022, or thirty (30) days from the date of final publication. A copy of the application will be available for review until July 28, 2022, or thirty (30) days from the date of final publication in the DEP Regional Office located at the address above and is available at: http://apps.dep.wv.gov/WebApp/_dep/Search/ePermitting/ePermittingApplicationSearchPage.cfm.
The above link can be accessed from a computer at all West Virginia public libraries. DEP Telephone Number: 304-457-3219 Permit Number: U200609 *These items are to be completed only for operations involving mineral removal. Include location map in accordance with 38-2-3.2(b)(2) 06-7,14,21,28



Permit U-2006-09 **Location Map** NPDES WV1023446
BROOKS RUN MINING COMPANY, LLC
WV General Highway Map
Webster/Braxton Counties
Glade/Holly Districts
Erbacon Quadrangle
Scale: 1" = 1 Mile

ACCEPTING SEALED BIDS
Braxton County Commission is accepting sealed bids for a tree blockage removal. The work will consist of supplying the necessary equipment and labor for the removal of a tree in a stream located at 110 Municipal St., Burnsville. The tree must be completely removed from the site and cannot be disposed of within any floodplain. Contractor is responsible for seeding and mulching of areas associated with complete tree removal. A copy of business license and insurance is required. Equipment and labor

will be bid on a lump sum basis. Bid will include all work that has been pre-identified at the location. All bids should be received by the Braxton County Commission, P.O. Box 486, 300 Main Street, Sutton, WV 26601, no later than Friday, June 17, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. If you are interested in submitting a bid, contact the Braxton County Commission office at (304) 765-2835 or email braxtoncocomm@hotmail.com. The Braxton County Commission reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. E.O.E. 6-7 6-14b

NOTICE OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF ESTATES
TO THE CREDITORS AND BENEFICIARIES OF THE WITHIN NAMED DECEASED PERSONS: I have before me the proposed final settlement of the estates of the following deceased persons, which shall be presented to the County Commission of Braxton County, West Virginia, at the courthouse thereof, in the city of Sutton, on the 17th day of June, 2022 at 9:00 o'clock a.m., which settlements I have either approved or have not approved as indicated below:

APPROVED: MICHAEL LEE HARPER, DECEASED
IZETTA B. WARE, DECEASED
DIXIE L. GRAFF, DECEASED
NOT APPROVED: None
Any persons having any interest in the estate of such deceased person, may appear before the County Commission at the time and place hereinabove specified and thereupon protect his or her interests as they may appear or else may be forever thereafter barred from asserting such interests.
Given under my hand this the 6th day of June, 2022
Tamera L. Facemire
Fiduciary Supervisor 6-7b

NOTICE OF FILING OF ESTATES
TO THE CREDITORS AND BENEFICIARIES OF THE WITHIN NAMED DECEASED PERSONS: I have before me the estates of the following deceased persons and the accounts of the fiduciaries of their respective estates:
DECEDENT: MABEL JEAN HALL
FIDUCIARY: BRENDA GREGORY
P O BOX 84
FLATWOODS, WV 26621
DECEDENT: RUTH W. MICK
FIDUCIARY: MICHAEL KNIGHT
P O BOX 186
BURNSVILLE, WV 26335
DECEDENT: KEITH RAY BELKNAP
FIDUCIARY: EVALANI BELKNAP
P O BOX 152
FLATWOODS, WV 26621
DECEDENT: GENE RICHARD NAUMAN SR
FIDUCIARY: JANE V. NAUMAN
40 ARCH WALNUT ROAD
DUCK, WV 25063
DECEDENT: ROY CLARK HUFFMAN
FIDUCIARY: BARBARA S. HUFFMAN
927 BARBARA ST
EXCHANGE, WV 26619
DECEDENT: JAMES LEE WINE
FIDUCIARY: SONDRA L. CASTO
1706 HUFF RIDGE RD
MARTINSVILLE, WV 26155
DECEDENT: RICHARD DONALD NETTLES
FIDUCIARY: CANNA SUZETTE STEELE
1126 BROWNS RUN RD.
BURNSVILLE, WV 26335
DECEDENT: BARBARA B. LAKE
FIDUCIARY: SHARON SUE MACE
601 BRAXTON ST.
GASSAWAY, WV 26624
DECEDENT: DONALD LEROY SILBAUGH
FIDUCIARY: MARK ALLEN PADGETT
265 LITTLE BUFFALO RD.
GASSAWAY, WV 26624
DECEDENT: WILDA MARIE SKIDMORE
FIDUCIARY: TIMOTHY SKIDMORE
2455 JOHNSON AVE.
BELINGTON, WV 26250
DECEDENT: RHONDA HOPE GOAD
FIDUCIARY: DONNIE GOAD
4979 OLD TURNPIKE RD.
SUTTON, WV 26601
DECEDENT: WALTER DALE SILLMAN
FIDUCIARY: ROBERT D. SILLMAN
423 LOWTHER HOLLOW
IRELAND, WV 26376
DECEDENT: KATHERN STOUT
FIDUCIARY: LEONARD STOUT
2313 MIAMI COURT
NAVARRE, FL 32566
DECEDENT: THOMAS CLAIR MARTZALL
FIDUCIARY: TERRY MARTZALL
113 BEECHWOOD
BIRDSBORO, PA 19508
AND
BARRY MARTZALL
19 ROSEMOND DR.
DENVER, PA 17517
DECEDENT: PEGGY A. HARTMAN
FIDUCIARY: PAULA A. FARTHING
114 MONTE VISTA
IRVINE, CA 92602-2003
DECEDENT: PATRICIA ANN DUNBAR POWELL
FIDUCIARY: REBECCA POWELL
8275 AIRPORT RD.
SUTTON, WV 26601
DECEDENT: PHYLLIS ANN PROBST
FIDUCIARY: DAVID PROBST
2703 EXCHANGE RD.
EXCHANGE, WV 26619
DECEDENT: MARJORIE RUTH HALL
FIDUCIARY: SUSAN MCCLOUD
2013 BENEDICT CIRCLE
ST ALBANS, WV 25177
DECEDENT: CHARLES ROBERT GARVIN

FIDUCIARY: SOPHORIA LIP-LIN
4299 REGER RD.
CONNEAUT, OH 44030
DECEDENT: BILLY JOE UTT
FIDUCIARY: RYANN UTT
6354 CENTRALIA RD.
SUTTON, WV 26601
ANCILLARY ADMINISTRATION: DECEDENT: EUGENE C. HARRID
FIDUCIARY: DARLENE J. BLANCHARD
4623 MANISTEE DR
FORT WAYNE, IN 46835
DECEDENT: MARVIN F. HILL
FIDUCIARY: MAMIE DUNKER
5615 SPRINNAKER PT
KANSAS CITY, MO 64152
DECEDENT: JEAN GRACE HILL
FIDUCIARY: MAMIE DUNKER
5615 SPRINNAKER PT
KANSAS CITY, MO 64152
DECEDENT: ZOLTAN KOVATS
FIDUCIARY: YVETTE E. KOVATS
38 CANFIELD RD.
MORRISTOWN, NEW JERSEY 07960
All persons having any claims against the estate(s) of any of the above-named persons whether due or not, are notified to exhibit the same with vouchers thereof, legally verified, to the fiduciary of such deceased persons as shown herein within 60 days from the first publication or on or before the 6th day of August, 2022, otherwise any or all such Claims may by law be excluded from all benefits of said estate(s). All beneficiaries of said estate(s) may appear either before the above-named fiduciary by the date first above shown or thereafter before the Fiduciary Supervisor by the date last above shown to examine said claims and otherwise protect their respective interests.
Given under my hand this the 6th day of June, 2022.
TAMERA FACEMIRE
Fiduciary Supervisor 6-7 6-14b

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Successor Trustee, in accordance with the provisions of that certain Credit Line Deed of Trust, dated September 27, 2013, made by Misty D. Wright, and Bernard D. Mauser, as Trustee, of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Braxton County, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book 229, at page 429 (the "Deed of Trust"), to secure indebtedness described therein payable to Bank of Gassaway, in the amount of \$35,800.00, as evidenced by that certain Consumer Real Estate Secured Balloon Note dated September 27, 2013, made payable by Misty D. Wright to the order of Bank of Gassaway (along with any renewals, adjustments, extensions, or modifications, the "Note"), which Deed of Trust covers certain real estate situate in Braxton County, West Virginia, more particularly described herein;
WHEREAS, Peoples Bank, as successor by merger, is the owner and holder of the Note and Deed of Trust. Pursuant to authority granted in the Deed of Trust, Peoples Bank, the owner and holder of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, appointed Zachary J. Rosencrance, a resident of Kanawha County, West Virginia, to serve as Successor Trustee, by that certain Appointment of Successor Trustee, dated March 31, 2022, of record in the aforesaid Clerk's office in Trustee Appointment Book 4, at page 532.
Peoples Bank, the owner and holder of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, has notified the Successor Trustee that Misty D. Wright is in default under the terms of the Note and the terms of the Deed of Trust, and has requested, in writing, that the Successor Trustee sell the real property described in the Deed of Trust at public auction, in accordance with the terms of the Deed of Trust and applicable law. TAKE NOTICE that the undersigned Successor Trustee will offer for sale at public auction on the 8th day of July, 2022, at 11:00 a.m., prevailing Eastern time, at the front door of the Braxton County Courthouse, 300 Main Street, Sutton, West Virginia, all those certain lots, tracts, or parcels of land together with the buildings and improvements thereon, easements, rights of way, and the appurtenances thereunto belonging situate in Otter District, Braxton County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows (hereinafter, the "Real Property"):
All that certain lot or parcel of real estate, together with the improvements thereon, rights and rights of way incidental thereto, and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in Otter District, Braxton County, West Virginia, and being more particularly described as follows:
FIRST TRACT: BEGINNING at a 1/2" iron rod found; thence S-61-03-E passing a 1/2" iron rod set at 180.86', in all 234.78' to a point in a line of Jane Cooper; thence with Cooper line, S-38-10-W 375.00' to a point; thence leaving Cooper line N-61-03-W passing a 1/2" iron rod set at 73.94', in all 234.78' to a 1/2" iron rod set; thence N-38-10-E 375.00' to the place of beginning, containing 2.00 acres, more or less, and more fully shown on a plat prepared by Prine Lane Surveying, which plat is of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Braxton County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 538, at Page 51.
SECOND TRACT: BEGINNING at a point in the line of Carl Dayne and being a corner to a 37.22 acre tract; thence with said 37.22 acre tract N-46-58--W crossing a 30' right-of-way for Secondary Route 7/8 to a 1/2" iron rod set at 47.42', a total distance of 204.82' to a 1/2" iron rod set; thence N-30-38-E 210.96' to a 1/2" iron rod found, being a corner to the said 37.22 acre tract and a 2.00 acre tract; thence with said 2.00 acre tract S-61-03-E passing a 1/2" iron

rod found at 160.84', passing said Secondary Route 7/8 for a total distance of 234.78' to a point, being a corner to said 2.00 acre tract and Dayne; thence with Dayne S-38-10-W 264.13' to the place of beginning, containing 1.19 acres, more or less, and more fully shown on a plat prepared by Prine Lane Surveying, which plat is of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Braxton County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 539, at Page 386.
And being the same property conveyed by Deed dated September 27, 2013, recorded September 30, 2013, of record in Deed Book 596, page 667, from Toby J. Wood and Jaclyn Wood, his wife, to Misty D. Wright.
Including a 1999 Bell Manufactured Home, Vehicle Identification Number GBHMM52051, affixed to and part of the above described real estate.
TERMS OF SALE
The Real Property will be sold for cash in hand on the date of sale, or under any different, other, or additional sale terms as the Successor Trustee, in his or her reasonable discretion, determines to be appropriate or advisable. The sale shall be further subject to the following:
1. Real estate taxes delinquent, due or payable or to become due and payable, all of which shall be the responsibility of the purchaser;
2. Any statutory lien or liens that may affect the subject property;
3. All covenants, conditions, restrictions, reservations, easements and rights-of-way appearing of record in the chain of title to the property, or which may be visible from a physical inspection of the subject property;
4. All liens and encumbrances of any nature whatsoever, including, without limitation, liens for real estate taxes, incinerator, sanitary and sewer charges, having priority over the deeds of trust referred to herein.
5. The purchaser at the sale shall be responsible for paying the costs of recording the Successor Trustee's Deed and the tax imposed by the State of West Virginia on the privilege of transferring real property (the cost of the tax stamps to be affixed to the Deed).
6. All of the property to be sold will be sold "AS IS, WHERE IS" in the present condition and with all faults and defects, if any, and without any warranty or representation, express or implied. The Successor Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the Real Property to vacate said property. The Successor Trustee will deliver a trustee's deed to the purchaser without any covenant or warranty (express or implied) in the form prescribed by W. Va. Code § 38-1-6. The Successor Trustee makes no representations and warranties about the title to the real estate to be conveyed. If the Successor Trustee is unable to convey insurable or marketable title to the purchaser for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit.
7. In the event that there are federal tax liens against the property, the United States would have the right to redeem the property within a period of 120 days from the date of such sale or the period allowable for redemption under local law, whichever is longer.
8. The undersigned Successor Trustee expressly reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and the right to adjourn the sale from time to time without notice other than oral proclamation at the time and place appointed for the sale. Such adjournment may be for a period of time deemed expedient by the beneficial owner and shall not be construed to be a waiver of the right to make the sale contemplated by this Notice.
9. The beneficiary of the Deeds of Trust and holder of the Note thereby secured reserves the right to submit a bid for the Real Property at the sale, which bid may be in the form of a credit bid.
10. The successful bidder will be required to execute a memorandum of sale upon the acceptance of the successful bid by the Successor Trustee.
11. The sale is subject to post-sale confirmation that none of the grantors filed for bankruptcy protection before the conclusion of bidding, in which case the sale will be null and void and the purchaser's sole remedy, at law or in equity, will be return of deposit without interest.
12. The trustee's sale shall be open to online bidders.
13. A 10% buyer's premium will be added to the high bid for the Real Property. The high bidder shall pay the buyer's premium plus an additional 10% of its bid on the day of the sale (the "Good Faith Deposit"). With the balance to be paid in cash at closing within 14 days after the date of sale. Additional terms of sale may be announced prior to the sale. Any inquiries regarding this sale may be directed to Zachary J. Rosencrance, Successor Trustee, 600 Quarrier Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25301, telephone (304) 347 1100.
DATED: June 3, 2022.
/s/ Zachary J. Rosencrance
Zachary J. Rosencrance, Successor Trustee 06-07-06-14b

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON
CASE NO. 22-0294-G-PC
HOPE GAS, INC., dba DOMINION ENERGY WEST VIRGINIA and
HOPE GAS HOLDINGS, LLC
Joint petition for consent and approval for Hope Gas Holdings, LLC to acquire Hope Gas, Inc., dba Dominion Energy West Virginia
NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING
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NOTICE TO MON POWER CUSTOMERS WITH RIGHTS-OF-WAY ACROSS THEIR PROPERTY

Mon Power has contracted to maintain portions of its rights-of-way with an aerial saw consisting of approximately ten 24-inch rotary blades powered by a motor and suspended on a vertical boom beneath a helicopter. This maintenance method allows for the quick, safe, and efficient trimming of trees along our transmission lines. The aerial saw will be operating April through October 2022 in the following counties in West Virginia:

Braxton, Lewis and Upshur Counties – (TMU-52 French Creek-Sutton, 138 kV)
Beginning in Upshur County north of CR 22 Gladly Fork Rd at structure 35, the line runs southwest crossing Gladly Fork Rd, CR 30 Abbott Rd, CR 32 Slab Camp Rd, CR 20/11 Beechtown Rd, CR 11/3 Old Mill Rd, CR 11 Frenchton Rd, CR 11/2 Centerville Rd, CR 35/5 Whites Camp, SR 4 Ireland-Rock Cave, and CR 20/14 Heaston Ridge Rd. The line continues southwesterly into Lewis County crossing CR 52/1, CR 52 Gladly Creek Rd, CR 50 Wildcat Rd, and CR 50/1 Falls Run Rd. Continuing southwesterly into Braxton County the line crosses Claypoole Hollow, CR 19/4 Falls Run Rd, Horseshoe Falls Rd, CR 24 Pleasant Hill Rd, CR 24/1 Lake Lane Rd, the Little Kanawha River, CR 24/1 Lake Lane Rd, CR 22/4 Bear Garden Rd, Corley-Caress Rd and CR 19/18 Berry Fork Rd. The line then taps to the northwest crossing CR 19/20 Stone Run Rd, Cowger Hill, US Rt 19 & SR 4, and ending at the Heaters Substation off of CR 19/19 Cloat Rd. From the tap structure the main line continues southwesterly crossing CR 19/21 Ross Fork Rd, CR 19/23 Dyer Hill Rd, CR 15 Airport Rd and terminates at the Sutton Substation off of CR 15.

For more information about Mon Power's Transmission Aerial Saw Program, call 1-800-686-0022. When contacting, please alert our Representatives that your call is pertaining to our Transmission Aerial Saw Program.



BRAXTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,
BRAXTON COUNTY, to wit:

In accordance with West Virginia Code §11-8-12 as amended, the Braxton County Board of Education proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by a levy of taxes for the 2023 fiscal year, and doth determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:

The amount due and the amount that will become due and collectible from every source during the fiscal year INCLUDING THE LEVY OF TAXES, is as follows:

GENERAL CURRENT EXPENSE FUND	
Estimated revenues:	
Local Sources:	
Property taxes (Net of allowances)	\$ 4,237,297.00
Other local sources	134,194.74
State Sources:	
State aid to schools	8,075,579.00
Other unrestricted	4,211,266.00
Federal sources:	
Unrestricted	45,950.00
Miscellaneous sources	0.00
Total estimated revenues	16,704,286.74
Estimated transfers in and other financing sources	956,426.43
Estimated beginning balance	3,925,000.00
Total estimated revenues, other financing sources, and beginning balance	\$ 21,585,713.17
Estimated expenditures:	
Instruction	\$ 9,594,041.73
Supporting services:	
Students	1,249,106.81
Instructional staff	408,465.62
Central administration	813,432.30
School administration	1,385,392.57
Central services	364,624.02
Operation and maintenance of facilities	2,123,737.86
Student transportation	1,728,657.94
Food services	91,888.22
Community services	35,800.00
Capital outlay	0.00
Debt service:	
Principal retirement	0.00
Interest and fiscal charges	0.00
Total estimated expenditures	17,795,147.07
Total estimated transfers and other financing uses	1,737,091.51
Estimated budgetary reserves	2,053,474.59
Total estimated expenditures, other financing uses, and reserves	\$ 21,585,713.17

BRAXTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023	
DEBT SERVICE FUND	
Estimated revenues:	
Local sources:	
Property Taxes (Net of allowances)	\$ 1,181,300.00
Other local sources	1,000.00
Miscellaneous sources	0.00
Total estimated revenues	1,182,300.00
Estimated transfers in and other financing sources	0.00
Estimated beginning balance	0.00
Total estimated revenues, transfers and beginning balance	\$ 1,182,300.00
Estimated expenditures:	
Debt service	\$ 1,182,300.00
Total estimated expenditures	1,182,300.00
Total estimated transfers and other financing uses	0.00
Total estimated expenditures and other financing uses	\$ 1,182,300.00

BRAXTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023	
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	
Estimated revenues:	
Local Sources	\$ 7,150.00
State Sources:	
State aid to schools	0.00
Other	296,968.00
Federal sources	3,595,274.25
Miscellaneous sources	0.00
Total estimated revenues	3,899,392.25
Estimated transfers in and other financing sources	880,488.51
Estimated beginning balance	0.00
Total estimated revenues, other financing sources, and beginning balance	\$ 4,779,880.76
Estimated expenditures:	
Instruction	\$ 1,779,266.53
Supporting services:	
Students	80,763.69
Instructional staff	391,527.37
Central administration	0.00
School administration	0.00
Central services	2,433.00
Operation and maintenance of facilities	0.00
Student transportation	0.00
Food services	1,765,484.21
Community services	0.00
Capital outlay	0.00
Debt service:	
Principal retirement	0.00
Interest and fiscal charges	0.00
Total estimated expenditures	4,019,474.80
Total estimated transfers and other financing uses	760,405.96
Total estimated expenditures and other financing uses	\$ 4,779,880.76

BRAXTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,
Braxton County, to wit:

I, Kathy Hypes, Secretary of the Braxton County Board of Education, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the proposed budget being considered for adoption by the board of education on the 31st day of May, 2022.

Kathy Hypes
Secretary of the Board of Education

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LEGALS

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On March 11, 2022, pursuant to W.Va. Code § 24-2-12, Hope Gas, Inc., dba Dominion Energy West Virginia (Hope) and Hope Gas Holdings, LLC (HGH) (collectively Petitioners) filed a Joint Petition for Consent and Approval (Petition) for HGH to acquire all of the issued and outstanding capital stock of Hope from Dominion Energy, Inc. (Dominion). HGH is a Delaware limited liability company that is wholly owned by Hearthstone Holdings, Inc. (Hearthstone). Through separately owned holding companies, Hearthstone distributes natural gas to approximately 84,900 customers in Indiana, Maine, Montana, North Carolina and Ohio and water to about 11,400 customers in Arizona and Michigan. Petitioners assert that, while the transaction will result in a new corporate owner of Hope, the employees and local leadership of Hope involved in the day-

to-day operations of Hope will remain with Hope. Thus, the existing, day-to-day operational expertise of Hope will remain intact. The Joint Petition is on file with and available for public inspection at the Commission, 201 Brooks Street, in Charleston, West Virginia, and is available online at the Commission website (www.psc.state.wv.us). The Commission schedules this matter for evidentiary hearing to be held on August 23, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. and continuing on August 24, 2022, if necessary, in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room, Public Service Commission Building, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia. The Commission may determine, in light of the COVID-19 situation, that the scheduled hearing will be conducted virtually, with the parties to the case appearing online. Interested persons should be able to view the evidentiary hearing via an internet livestream. The Commission website, www.psc.state.wv.us, contains links to "Case Information," "Submit a Comment," and "Commission Webcast." A public comment hearing will

be held at the Harrison County Courthouse, Courtroom No. 2, 301 West Main Street, Clarksburg, West Virginia, on August 1, 2022, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Anyone desiring to intervene should file a written petition to intervene no later than 4:00 p.m., June 30, 2022. Failure to timely intervene may affect your right to participate in the proceeding. All requests to intervene should briefly state the reason for the request to intervene and comply with the rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. The Commission will receive public comments and protests until the beginning of the hearing. All written comments, protests and requests to intervene should state the case name and number and be addressed to Karen Buckley, Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323. Public comments may also be filed online at <http://www.psc.state.wv.us/scripts/onlinecomments/default.cfm> by clicking the "Formal Case" link. HOPE GAS, INC., dba DOMINION ENERGY WEST VIRGINIA and HOPE GAS HOLDINGS, LLC

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Frametown Girls Scout Troop #38217

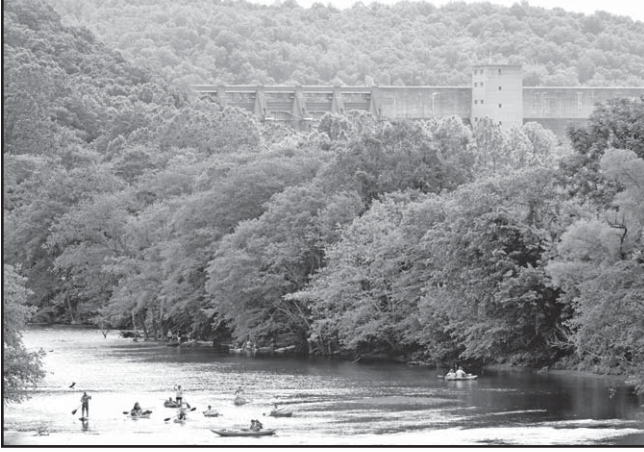
Frametown Girl Scout Troop #38217 win first place at the YDEP AWARDS for Mountain Laurel Award

After two consecutive years of cancellations because of the pandemic, Youth Environmental Day returned in-person to North Bend State Park on May 21. Hundreds of YEP members and their families enjoyed a warm, sunny day that included an awards ceremony, lunch and other activities. The YEP awarded groups and individuals more than \$15,000 in cash prizes for their outstanding work in environmental and conservation projects. The first Youth Environmental Day was conducted on May 16, 1964, at Holly River State Park. Today, the event is celebrated annually at North Bend State Park, the third Saturday in May. Hun-

dreds of participants annually attend. Special guests included the governor, the DEP cabinet secretary, representatives from several award sponsors and dignitaries. Many exhibits were featured, including the WV Division of Forestry, West Virginia State Parks, Raptor Rehabilitation, REAP, West Virginia Division of Natural Resources Law Enforcement featuring Eddie Eagle and Robo Deer, and many more. Frametown Girls Scout Troop #38217 won first place for the Mountain Laurel Category Environmental Awards. Mountain Laurel Category recognizes youth groups that have completed proj-

ects addressing an environmental need, whose members are ages 6-11. Frametown Girl Scout Troop won five hundred dollars. During this past year, YEP groups worked over 20,000 hours to recycle more than 13,000 pounds of aluminum, 39,000 pounds of plastic, 51,000 pounds of steel and 49,000 pounds of paper. They also planted 1,034 trees, more than 1,500 flowers and cleaned up 75 miles of roadways, in addition to community areas and streams. Groups collected 255 bags of trash. Congratulations Frametown Girls Scout Troop #38217 for your accomplishments.

8th Annual Elk River Summer Float online/in-person registration



Come out and enjoy the 8th Annual Elk River Summer Float on Saturday, July 16th, 2022 beginning at the Sutton Dam. This 5-mile float is the perfect trip for beginner kayakers or groups with varied skill

levels. Registration, check-in and gear drop starts at 9:00 a.m. at the dam. The float officially starts at 11:00 a.m. Come early to check-in, drop your gear, then drive to the Elk River

Camp and RV to park your car and board the waiting shuttles. The shuttles will bring you back to the Sutton Dam to start your float. Registration fee is \$20 per person which includes a free event shirt and shuttle service. Day-of registration will be available, but event shirts will be first come, first served. Online registration ends on July 10, 2022. Parking is permissible at the Sutton Dam, in the lot nearest to the dam. The lot furthest from the dam will be reserved for unloading passengers and gear only.

Mountaineer Food Bank hosts upcoming Braxton County Mobile Food Pantry

Mobile Pantries provide food to "food deserts" where food accessibility is limited and/or scarce. Fresh, healthy food tends to have a short shelf life. To make sure food gets to our clients as quickly and fresh as possible, they are transported to selected locations and distributed by Mountaineer Food Bank. Mobile Pantries can provide a variety of fresh fruits, vegetables, dairy products, and baked goods to people in need. Hosted by churches, schools, and community centers, a Mobile Pantry can feed between 100 and 1,000 households. Dates for Braxton County residents



The Braxton County Mobile Food Pantry will be at Holly Gray Park on Tuesday, June 7th. are as follows from 12, 2022, October 4, 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM 2022 and December 6, 2022. Dates are subject to change.

KITTY KORNER:

Affordable, Adoptable, Fixed Feline Friends

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

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

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

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

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

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

Featured today are several kittens 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 pet-finder.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.

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 “Forever” homes and are anxious to meet you.

There is a reason we call them man’s best friend. We can learn so many things from a dog’s behavior, personality, demeanor, resiliency, and most importantly, the willingness to provide their family members with unconditional love, loyalty, and companionship down to their very last breath. BCAS is open Monday through Friday from 10-3.

There is no charge to surrender a dog, but donations toward their care are appreciated. Adoptions are \$99.00 for male dogs and \$119.00 for female dogs, and include spay/neuter, rabies vaccination, parvo/distemper vaccination, kennel cough vaccination, flea treatment and deworming. No dog will leave the shelter unfixed and we are very willing to work with reputable 501c3 rescues.

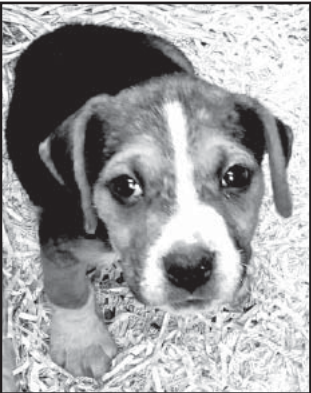
Please call the shelter for vet pricing and ask for our adoption/rescue coordinator Megan at (304)765-2200

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 8, 1893: Entrepreneur Donald F. Duncan was born. Duncan was the founder of the Duncan Yo-Yo Company and the Duncan Parking Meter Corporation.



June 9, 1927: Karl Dewey Myers was named the state’s first poet laureate by Governor Howard Mason Gore. Myers held the post for 10 years.

June 9, 1957: T.D. Jakes was born in South Charleston. As a boy, he preached to imaginary congregations and carried a Bible to school, which earned him the nickname “Bible Boy.” He is the senior pastor at the Potter’s House, a nondenominational church in Dallas, Texas.

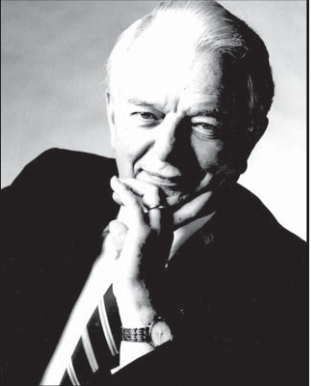
June 10, 1775: The Berkeley County Riflemen were organized by Capt. Hugh Stephenson of Shepherdstown, in response to a call for Revolutionary War soldiers by Gen. George Washington.

June 10, 1921: Labor leader Daniel Vincent Maroney was born on Cabin Creek, Kanawha County. Maroney served as the in-

ternational president of the Amalgamated Transit Union from 1973 to 1981.

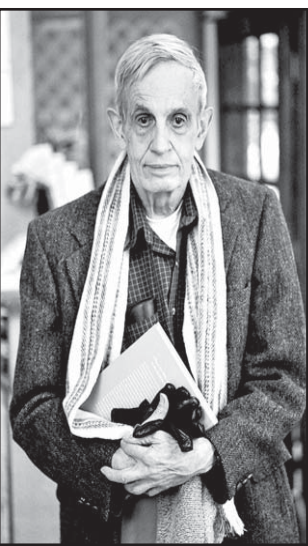
June 11, 1866: Architect Elmer Forrest Jacobs was born in Preston County. His work is seen particularly in downtown Morgantown, in residential South Park, and on the West Virginia University campus. Most of his Morgantown buildings are now on the National Register of Historic Places.

June 11, 1782: Frontiersman William Crawford was tortured and burned at the stake. Crawford had been captured by the Delaware, who mistakenly blamed him for the treacherous murder of about 100 Moravian Christian Indians.



June 12, 2006: Robert C. Byrd became the longest-serving United States senator in history. He served in the Senate from his election in 1958 until his death in 2010. This record was broken on June 7, 2013, by Congressman John Dingell, a Democrat from Michigan.

June 13, 1861: The Second Wheeling Convention began in the federal courtroom of the Wheeling Custom House. This convention declared the Confederate state government in Richmond illegal; created a Reorganized Government of Virginia loyal to the United States; elected Francis Harrison Pierpont governor of Virginia; and called for the western counties to be formed into a new state.



June 13, 1928: Mathematician John Forbes Nash Jr. was born in Bluefield. In 1994, Nash was honored with the Nobel Prize in Economics. He was the subject of a best-selling biography, “A Beautiful



Mind,” which was later made into a movie.

June 14, 1912: Botanist Elizabeth Ann “Betty” Bartholomew was born in Wheeling. Bartholomew was instrumental in building the dried plant collection at West Virginia University from 30,000 to 140,000 specimens, and she initiated a 2,000-plant seed collection.

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.



Students in grades 9-12 (and new high school graduates) are invited to take part in a week-long storytelling camp at Glenville State University in partnership with the WV Storytelling Guild. | Photo Courtesy WV Storytelling Guild

Youth Storytelling Summer Camp coming to Glenville State University

Glenville State University is partnering with the West Virginia Storytelling Guild to present a week-long workshop entitled “Come Spin a Tale!” The workshop is open to incoming 9th-12th grade students as well as new high school graduates. It will take place Monday, July 18 – Friday, July 22 on the Glenville State University campus.

Students will attend performances by Adam Booth and Bil Lepp, and attend workshops from Booth and Lepp along with fellow legendary storytellers Karen Vuran, Bill Hairston, Judi Tarowsky, Jamie Fromel, Mike Perry, and Kevin Cordi. Campers will be given instruction in establishing stories

and developing characters, getting and keeping an audience’s attention, drawing from personal narratives, developing improvisational skills, using body language and inflection, telling tall tales, and more. Tuition for the camp is \$100 and includes meals and lodging on the Glenville State campus.

“One of the goals of the West Virginia Storytelling Guild has always been to keep storytelling in the mountains a part of our folk culture. When I was offered the chance for Glenville and the Guild to offer a week of youth storytelling, it was a dream come true,” said Jo Ann Dadisman of the West Virginia Storytelling Guild. She serves as co-director of the

workshop.

“I was exposed to storytelling at an early age because it goes hand-in-hand with the traditional music I’ve played for most of my life. Storytelling is a significant part of our culture and our oral tradition, but there’s so much more to it. The techniques that storytellers use to connect with an audience can be applied to any situation in which a speaker needs to connect with a group,” said Dr. David O’Dell, Glenville State University Professor of Chemistry and workshop co-director.

For more information and to complete a camp application, visit <https://go.glenville.edu/StorytellingCamp>.

Bulltown Historic Area celebrates National Trails Day during 2022 Annual Park Day

The Bulltown Historic Area celebrated National Trails Day on Saturday, June 4, by participating in our Annual Park Day!

Park Day is sponsored by the American Battlefield Trust and is a day volunteers gather together on a battlefield area and help clean it up to preserve history.

We would like to thank all the volunteers that came out today and the Bulltown Historical Association for providing lunch.

If you would like to volunteer to help preserve history, volunteer to give tours and/or participate in this years Civil War Re-enactment, please contact the project lake office at 304-853-2371 ext 0.

We also have a couple more spots for volunteers to camp this summer and help out at the Bulltown Historic Area!



Working together, each task was completed one at a time as volunteers celebrated National Trails Day.



Volunteers worked hard to clear ditches.



Through hard work and dedication to finish the project, the battlefield area is ready for this years Civil War Re-enactment.

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2022 Braxton County Middle School Knights

BCMS Knights invited to attend Cross Country Training Days

Coach Robert Lloyd would like to invite anyone interested in running cross country to come out for three weeks in June to train. This Cross Country Training Days event will give us a great jump on the regular season.

The last two seasons BCMS has had some success winning Conference Championships back to back seasons on the girls side.

This training period is also open to anyone that wants to train or get in shape for their primary sport

Cross Country Training Days will be held July 11th through 29th at Holly Gray Park Monday through Thursday from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.. Join in on Fridays around 9:00 P.M. for night runs.

For for information, contact Coach Robert Lloyd.



Cross Country Training Days start on July 11th, join today!

Braxton County Schools Summer Enrichment 2022 School Bus Schedule

***The below listed bus schedules do not include all bus stops. Please look closely at the schedule to determine the pick-up/drop-off time for your child(ren).*

Burnsville/Heaters/Flatwoods Areas	AM	PM
Orlando/Longshoal/Burnsville BCMS/BCHS Bus 29A--Paul Burton		
Post Office	8:14	2:46
United Methodist Church	8:15	2:45
Mouth of Happy Hollow	8:16	2:44
Mouth of McCauley Run	8:19	2:41
Mouth of Burnsville Circle	8:24	2:36
Mouth of Longshoal	8:30	2:30
Motel 79	8:39	2:21
Burnsville Post Office Turn Around	8:41	2:19
Church St. (by old Gulf Station)	8:47	2:13
Sawyers Campground	8:49	2:11
Brown's Run and Stringtown Turnaround	8:51	2:09
Burnsville Elementary	9:00	2:00
Braxton County Middle School	9:15	1:45
Braxton County High School	9:20	1:50
Flower/Burnsville Bus 40A--Simon Arnold		
Copen Road/Walker	7:42	3:18
Turn up Arnett Road	7:43	3:17
Turn around top of Arnett Road	7:50	3:10
Back to Copen Road	7:58	3:02
Rt 5/Gem Road	8:08	2:52
Heaters United Methodist Church (BCMS/BCHS students transfer to Falls Mill Bus)	8:35	2:25
Railroad Tracks	8:40	2:20
Mouth of Grass Run Road	8:42	2:18
Drake's Trailer Park	8:51	2:09
Burnsville Elementary	9:00	2:00
Falls Mill/Heaters/Flatwoods/BCMS/BCHS Bus 37A--Scott Mosley		
Riffle's	8:00	3:00
Mouth of Pigeon Roost	8:06	2:54
Mouth of Keith Run Road	8:13	2:47
Mouth of Falls Mills	8:23	2:37
Mouth of Curry Ridge	8:26	2:34
Mouth of Long Run	8:30	2:30
Mouth of Corley-Caress & Rt. 4	8:32	2:28
Mouth of Berry Fork	8:34	2:26
Heaters United Methodist Church (BCMS/BCHS transfer from Flower/Copen Bus)	8:35	2:25
Flatwoods Elementary	8:45	2:15
Braxton County Middle	8:55	2:10
Braxton County High	9:00	2:05
Tom's Run/Scotts Fk/Flatwoods/BCMS/BCHS Bus 35A--Bonnie Gendreau		
Tom's Run Turnaround	7:50	3:10
Cutlip's Baptist Church	8:00	3:00
Junction of Beech Fork & Scott's Fork	8:13	2:47
Pete's Bait Ranch (Flatwoods students transfer from Airport Rd./Newville/Old Woman's Run Bus)	8:35	2:25
Mouth of Salt Lick Road (Monkey Road)	8:48	2:12
Flatwoods Elementary	8:52	2:08
Braxton County Middle	9:02	2:02
Braxton County High	9:07	1:57
Little Birch/Sutton/Flatwoods Areas	AM	PM
Carpenter Fork/Polemic/Little/Birch Bus 32A--Bill Rose		
Low Water Bridge	8:00	3:00
Carpenter's Fork	8:30	2:30
Mouth of Erbacon	8:35	2:23
Little Birch Elementary (SES/BCMS/BCHS students transfer to Centralia/Wolf Run Bus)	8:40	2:20
Centralia/Wolf Run/Little Birch/Sutton/BCMS/BCHS Bus 28A--Allen Shaver		
Ruth's Carry Out	8:05	2:55
Centralia/Poplar Ridge	8:11	2:49
Centralia/Turnpike Rd. Junction	8:28	2:32
Little Birch Elementary (SES/BCMS/BCHS students transfer from Carpenter Fork/Polemic Bus)	8:40	2:20
Sutton Elementary	9:00	2:00
Braxton County Middle	9:10	1:50
Braxton County High	9:15	1:45
Herold Rd/Sutton/BCMS/BCHS Bus 22--Darla Shaver		
Herold Rd/Buck Fork	8:23	2:37
8032 Herold Rd (4/10 mi from Back Fk)	8:26	2:34
Interstecction Rt. 19	8:28	2:32
Bus House		
(bottom of driveway on left, 2991 Herold Rd)	8:38	2:22
Senior Center	8:43	2:17
Summit Center	8:44	2:16
Intersection of Stonewall St/Industrial Ave	8:53	2:07
Stonewall St (End of stairs before crossing bridge)	8:55	2:05
Sutton Elementary	9:00	2:00
Braxton County Middle	9:10	1:50
Braxton County High	9:15	1:45
Airport Rd/Newville/Old Woman's Run/SES/BCMS/BCHS Bus 23A--Shirley Skidmore		
Turn around at Kanawha Run Trading Post	7:58	3:02
Through Newville	8:17	2:43
Mouth of Bee Run	8:32	2:28
Pete's Bait Ranch (Flatwoods students transfer to Tom's Run/Scotts Fork/Flatwoods Bus)	8:35	2:25
Through Old Woman's Run	8:47	2:13
Robbins Nest	8:55	2:05
Sutton Elementary	9:00	2:00
Braxton County Middle	9:10	1:50
Braxton County High	9:15	1:45
Frametown/Gassaway Areas	AM	PM
Wilsie Road/Frametown Bus 42A--Mark Rose		
Gilmer County Line	7:30	3:30
Mouth of Mill Fork Road	7:50	3:10
Senior Citizen's Building	8:10	2:50
Mouth of Two Mile Road	8:18	2:42
Wilsie Store	8:23	2:35
Columbia Gas Plant	8:30	2:30
Big Run Hill	8:55	2:05
Frametown Elementary (BCMS/BCHS transfer to Keener's Ridge Bus)	9:00	2:00
Duck/Elmira/Frametown/BCMS/BCHS Bus 24--Robert Mitchell		
Elmira Church	8:25	2:35
Servia Old Grade School	8:35	2:25
2830 Servia Rd	8:37	2:22
Mouth of Duck Creek Road at Rt. 4	8:40	2:20
Follow Rt 4 to Frametown Elementary	9:00	2:00
Braxton County Middle	9:25	1:25
Braxton County High	9:30	1:30

Leatherwood/Frametown/Davis/BCMS/BCHS Bus 41A--TBA		
Head of Leatherwood	8:20	2:40
Frametown Elementary	8:35	2:25
Mouth of Sugar Creek	8:50	2:10
Stewart Addition	8:55	2:05
Davis Elementary	9:00	2:00
Braxton County Middle	9:20	1:40
Braxton County High	9:25	1:35
Keener's Ridge/Frametown/BCMS/BCHS Bus 36A--Christina Cogar		
Turn around Eureka Church/Keener's Ridge	8:38	2:21
BCMS/BCHS Samples	8:41	2:19
Bus 36A--Christina Cogar		
Rt. 4 below Wilsie Road	8:53	2:07
Frametown Elementary (BCMS/BCHS transfer from Wilsie Road/Frametown Bus)	9:00	2:00
Braxton County Middle	9:30	1:30
Braxton County High	9:35	1:25
Chapel Road/Exchange/Davis/BCMS/BCHS Bus 33A--Mark Smyth		
Pizza Hut	8:25	2:35
Braxton County Memorial Hospital	8:27	2:33
State Road Garage	8:28	2:32
Chapel Fire Department	8:40	2:20
Mouth of Little Otter Road	8:50	2:10
Mouth of Cutlip Fork Road	8:52	2:08
Dairy Queen	8:58	2:02
Davis Elementary	9:00	2:00
Braxton County Middle	9:20	1:40
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