

Sutton man threatens to shoot Webster EMS

A Braxton County man has been arrested on charges that he obstructed and threatened EMS workers responding to a vehicle accident. According to a criminal complaint, Officers and Emergency Responder were responding to an accident on Board Fork Road in Camden on Gauley, Webster County, on May 28th when a vehicle began to follow the ambulance closely. The report states that once EMS arrived on scene, they saw a woman holding a young child. As EMS workers were trying to administer treatment those at the scene, when Anthony Cogar, II, 26, of Sutton, allegedly told EMS not to touch them and for the



woman and child to get in his vehicle. Officers said Cogar told EMS workers he would “shoot anyone who touched them,” referring to both EMS workers. The woman and the child got into the vehicle and left the scene without receiving treatment or providing any insurance, registration or operators information.

The EMS workers told officers they were in fear of their lives because Cogar was “very irate and acting erratic,” including speeding from the scene erratically. Officers saw the wrecked vehicle over the embankment and discovered that the registration belonging to another vehicle and the damaged one had no inspection sticker. Officers also said the young child was sitting in the back of the vehicle without being restrained. Cogar has been charged with two counts of obstructing an EMT worker. He is being held at Central Regional Jail on a \$10,000 bond awaiting further court proceedings. The investigation is continuing.

Board of Ed Approves Budget That Includes Activity Buses and More Funding for Walking Students

The Braxton County Board of Education held a special meeting on May 31 at 9:00 am. The main purpose of the special meeting was to discuss and approve the budget for the 2022-23 school year. Superintendent Kathy Hypes informed board members that the Federal Pandemic Relief Funds were not part of the regular budget but the report on those funds would be presented at the next regular meeting. Evelyn Post asked several questions regarding the budget as it was presented. First, she asked about the doubling of the school board members wages and stated requested that the extra be removed. Director of Finance Ginger Altizer noted the \$24,974 would be removed from the budget. Post discussed finding money for activity buses for extra-curricular activities, not just athletics but also academic programs. She asked for a baseline of \$30,000 to be placed in the budget to get the activity buses started back up for the new school year. Dr. Kenna Seal questioned if there would be enough students for the program. The board discussed possibly including elementary schools in the plan for their academic programs. Dr. Seal noted the recent passage of HB3380 in reference to athletic transportation. The bill clarifies that school sponsored activities can be transported in nine seat passenger vehicles. Two vehicles per activity can be taken with up to nineteen students. He stated the county may need to look into purchasing such vehicles for transportation needs. Post then questions the budget line item concerning academic coaches. It was explained there were two academic coaches who were paid through federal Title I and Title II funds. The line item also included pay for the central office related to the

program from those federal funds. Post asked if the county had a PRO officer as it was budgeted. Director Altizer stated that the school system did not have a PRO officer at this time, but she kept the amount set in the budget. Superintendent Hypes noted the high school was very interested in having one in the school and it was a possibility. The continuing issue with having a PRO officer is the lack of staffing at the Braxton County Sheriff’s Department to take that position. Post noted making the schools need to be kept as safe as possible should be a priority for the school system. Post questioned the cut in the gifted program in the budget. Director Altizer stated it was reflective of the drop in the number of students in the program at the middle school. She then asked about the jump in the liability insurance. Director Altizer noted evaluations of the school property had been completed which was possibly the reason why there was an increase in the liability insurance. Dr. Seal questioned the budget for “walking” students. Director Altizer stated the funds had been reduced as it was not being used as much, only \$1100 in the last two years. A possible reason for the drop in usage may be that parents do not realize it as an option. Dr. Seal requested the budget be increased to \$4000 for walking students. President DeAnna Whipkey noted the policy on “walking” students had not been updated since 2013 and may need to be revisited soon. The board approved the budget with the addition of the \$30,000 start up for the activity buses and \$4000 for walking students on a motion by Dr. Seal with a second by Evelyn Post. The next item on the agenda was the approval of the contract for Educational Consultant, Beverly

Kingery for the 2022-23 school year. It was noted the funding for the position came from federal funds. The contract was approved on a motion by Dr. Martha Dean with a second by Dolores Wright on a vote of 4-1. Post voted against the contract approval. Under regular business, the board approved the payment of bills on a motion by Post with a second by Wright. The board approved the following professional and extra-curricular recommendations on a motion by Dr. Seal with a second by Evelyn Post: employment for Lydia Sheets, 2022 summer music teacher; and resignations for Allison White Vaughan, special education teacher, BCMS, Jennifer Grindo, head track coach and head soccer coach, BCMS, and Gerald Frame, golf coach, BCHS. The board went into executive session at 9:49 am to discuss the contract for Dr. Rhonda Combs on a motion by Dr. Dean with a second by Post. They reconvened at 10:38 am with no action taken. Dr. Dean made a motion “to ratify the May 24, 2022 appointment of Dr. Rhonda Combs as Superintendent of Braxton County Schools to begin July 1, 2022 and to end June 30, 2023 at a total salary of \$115,000 to be paid on a bi-monthly basis and approve all the terms and conditions of this form of contract which has been distributed to board members, is available for inspection by members of the public attending this meeting prior to action by the board, will be made of the minutes of the meeting, and shall be signed by the President on behalf of the board.” The motion was seconded by Dolores Wright and was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am. The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 7 at 6:00 pm.



City National Bank’s City Cares Award winner Lisa Conant (Left) presents a \$1,500 donation to Cathy Cogar for the Braxton County Humane Society.

CNB’s Lisa Conant Receives City Cares Award

City National Bank awarded Lisa Conant, Vice President – Retail Banking as well as Branch Manager for Flatwoods & Sutton offices, the City Cares award for outstanding community service. As part of her award recognition, Lisa chose Braxton County Humane Society to receive a \$1500 donation. Each year, City recognizes employees who are dedicated to serving their community. Lisa was

nominated for the award by her peers at City and was one of six chosen by a committee to receive the award, which includes a donation to the charity of their choice. “City’s many generous and community-minded employees are the driving force behind our commitment to serve the communities where we live and work. This year’s City Cares winners exemplify that giving spirit that has

become an integral part of our daily work,” President and CEO Skip Hageboeck said. Lisa volunteers often in the community, working with numerous events and organizations. She has organized donation drives for Just One Generation Cat Rescue and works with the Braxton County Coalition with their toy drives for children just to name a few.



Frametown Girl Scout Troop, winners of the Mountain Laurel Award.

Frametown Girl Scouts Win Statewide Environmental Award

After two consecutive years of cancellations because of the pandemic, Youth Environmental Day returned in-person to North Bend State Park in late May. Hundreds of Youth Environmental Program (YEP) members and their families enjoyed a warm, sunny day which included an awards ceremony, lunch and other activities. The YEP awarded groups and individuals received more than \$15,000 in cash prizes for their outstanding work in environmental and conservation projects. Among the winners was the Frametown Girl Scout Troop. The group received the Mountain Laurel Award. The Mountain Laurel category recognizes youth groups that have completed projects addressing an environmental need, whose members are ages 6-11.

The Frametown Girl Scout Troop received \$500 for their First-Place victory in the category. The Second-Place prize of \$300 went to the Girl Scouts of Black Diamond Council Troop #1895, Fayette County. Pee Wee Go Getters 4-H Club of Wirt County captured Third Place and the \$200 cash award. Special guests of the event included the governor, the DEP cabinet secretary, representatives from several award sponsors and dignitaries. Many exhibits are 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. The Go-Mart Corporation based in Gassaway

sponsored two awards for winning essays entitled “Climate Change: How It Affects West Virginia”. Winner of the ages 12 and under group was Matthew Carothers of the Meadow Bridge Clovers, Fayette County. Victoria Croucher of Hampshire County won the (ages 12 and up) category. 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.

Legislative Update

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 participated 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 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 Services - Senate Finance

3:00 PM Joint Standing Committee on Energy - House Chamber

3:00 PM Legislative Oversight Commission on Health and Human Resources - Senate Finance

4:00 PM Joint Committee on Natural Gas Development - House Chamber

4:00 PM Joint Committee on Public Safety - Senate Finance

4:00 PM Joint Committee on Transportation - House Chamber

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

4:00 PM Joint Committee on Workforce Development - House Chamber

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Resources Accountability - Senate Finance

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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.



Bonnie's Bus to offer mammograms in Sutton

Bonnie's Bus mobile mammography unit will visit Braxton Wetzel, Preston, Barbour, and Gilmer counties this month. They will be offering three-dimensional (3D) digital screening mammograms and breast care education to women.

A service of WVU Medicine-WVU Hospitals and the WVU Cancer Institute, Bonnie's Bus will be at: Community Care of Flatwoods in Sutton from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on June 23. For an appointment, call 304-765-4400.

Other June locations include Community Health Center of NE Wetzel County in Hundred from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on June 14. For an appointment, call 304-775-4671. Pine Grove Pharmacy from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on June 16. For an appointment, call 304-845-0390. Preston Taylor Community Health Center in Newburg from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on June 17. For an appointment, call 304-892-2812. The Market Place – Barbour County Community Garden Market in Philippi from

8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on June 21. For an appointment, call 304-457-1670. Minnie Hamilton Health System in Glenville from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on June 22. For an appointment, call 304-462-7322.

Patient and staff safety is a top priority, and extra precautions are being taken during the pandemic. These include staff wearing masks, patients waiting in their car until their appointment time, and thorough sanitization between patients.

The screening mammograms are billed to private insurance, Medicaid, or Medicare, if available. Patients who are underinsured or uninsured and meet enrollment criteria will be assisted in enrolling in the West Virginia Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program (WVBCCSP) to cover the cost of their screening mammogram. Uninsured women living in West Virginia who are 40 and older can receive a free screening mammogram on the Bus through the generosity of

grant funding and donations. A physician's order is needed for a mammogram.

Bonnie's Bus has provided more than 25,000 mammograms for women throughout West Virginia and led to the detection of more than 125 cases of breast cancer since 2009. Many of those screened are underinsured or uninsured and qualify for screening through the WVBCCSP.

Bonnie's Bus works in collaboration with a statewide partnership of clinicians, public health professionals, women's groups, and other community leaders working to help reduce the number of deaths from breast cancer in West Virginia.

Made possible by a generous gift from West Virginia natives Jo and Ben Statler to the Cancer Institute, Bonnie's Bus is operated in partnership with WVU Hospitals. The Bus is named after Jo Statler's late mother, Bonnie Wells Wilson. For information on Bonnie's Bus, see WVUCancer.org/Bonnie.

Braxton Magistrate Report

Magistrate Beth Smith

May 31: Sam S. Schradler 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.

June 3: Melissa Rose Conrad of Burnsville, no seatbelt, no contest plea, fine assessed and paid; Robert Quinton Given of Sutton, driving suspended, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed.

June 6: Leonard M. Bronkhurst of Sutton, open burning of refuse, not guilty plea; Martin L. Bronkhurst of Sutton, shoplifting, not guilty plea; Kathleen N. Williams of Toledo, OH, possession of marijuana, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed.

Magistrate David Singleton

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.

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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.

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.

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.

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 yard-sale 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 Eddie 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.

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 Les-

lie (Erin), Robert Leslie (Melissa), JoElla George (Sonie), Sarah Kinder (Logan), Emily Broome, Liza 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 parents, 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 will be 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.



Students enjoyed the Summer Program kickoff making their learning pals.

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

Oceans of Possibilities Learning Programs are each Monday in June and July (No programs July 4th) Wiggle Worms (Birth through age five/Pre-K) from 11:00 A.M. to noon. Kingdom of Knowledge (ages five through twelve: Kindergarten through fifth) from 2:00 P.M. to 3:30 P.M. Teen Scene (ages eleven through eighteen or older: Sixth grade through college) from 5:30 to 7:00 P.M.

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

available for a small donation.

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

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

Pirate Saturdays: Join the BPL each Saturday

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

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

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

Mountaineer Food Bank host 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

Full Board Meeting June 9th

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



The Braxton County Mobile Food Pantry will be at Holly Gray Park on Tuesday, June 7th.

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 are as follows from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Holly Gray Park: June 7, 2022, August 12, 2022, October 4, 2022 and December 6, 2022. Dates are subject to change.



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On the Other Side of the Mountain

I sometimes feel guilty when I hear stories about food insecurity. Luck and, I guess, privilege have it that we have enough space, are healthy enough to raise a garden and have the time to meet the demands of a farm. Besides the garden produce, we also have our own meat from goats and lambs, cheese from goat's milk and eggs from a happy flock of chickens. We have plenty of food and when we can't eat it as it comes along, we freeze, can and dry the surplus for leaner times in winter. Not everybody has the opportunity to raise their own food. Full time jobs, sometimes more than one, no available plots for planting, physical restrictions on doing certain kinds of work and probably many other reasons are responsible. We live in a time of uncertainty and disruption on a global level, including food. Prices are high, deliveries are sporadic and our food supply is not just tied to local events, but to global patterns, especially the war in Ukraine. There are folks who try to make changes on a large scale that could be duplicated locally in smaller operations. Here is what I read about the big guns, Bowery Farms, located in Bethlehem PA. It is not your regular outdoor vegetable farm. All the growing happens in-

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 non-denominational 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

doors, vertically. It was founded in 2015 with the idea of raising food by democratizing it, making it accessible to the population within a 200 mile radius and not just any food, but high quality, local, pesticide-free, safe, sustainable produce. It is a huge operation, quoting that they supply fresh produce to a customer base of up to 50 million people within the radius mentioned above. They located their business in the flagship plant of the former Bethlehem Steel Corporation in Bethlehem, PA. They provide jobs for 70 people. The whole operation is powered by 100% renewable energy, with 15% more efficient LED lights. They use a state-of-the-art capture and filtering water system, that saves water and at the same time ensures food safety. It is an attempt at a big scale to assure some food security in their region. Their system is highly technically advanced, using custom hardware, AI, data and robotics to increase speed of production. They also conduct extensive plant science research to find the best varieties for vertical farming. Till recently they mostly dealt with various greens, but now they want to venture into berry production, starting with growing strawberries and finding or breeding the best variety for success. To give you an idea of their

County. Maroney served as the international 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

plans, Bowery Farms has raised \$647 million from investors and intends to expand to other states, using the principles they have established in Bethlehem.

It is disturbing to think that we have people who don't have enough to eat in the richest country in the world. I don't have a solution, but at the moment, making food available through food banks, distributing surplus supermarket supplies, sharing with somebody who is in need seems to be a start. At the same time it takes away our initiative to take action, to attempt to become self-reliant. Lack of money, time and other impediments sometimes force us to become totally dependent. We have to learn to cook again, using simple ingredients that fill us up, beans, potato and vegetable soup, lentils, a simple sandwich with some cheese or sausage. Any action of getting involved in some activity that showcases our own initiative is good for us, boosts our self-esteem and makes us stronger. I realize that it is not always possible, conditions for some of us can be dire.

I could not even fathom to work in a place like Bowery Farms, it sounds overwhelming. To ease our local food insecurity our government could make grants available to folks who are interested in start-

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.

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ing indoor farming on a small scale. There are plenty of people who are willing and have the money to invest in these projects. Every WV town has empty buildings that would lend themselves to this purpose, empowering people. It could be combined with a restaurant, an art store, a meeting place. There is no limit to the possibilities. We have an agricultural department that should start looking into this new movement of resolving food insecurity and offer help and information. Indoor growing can be done all year long. Maybe it is time to explore any new possibilities, adding alternatives to the current system to feed ourselves. The advantage is also that young people don't need to invest in purchasing a farm, an abandoned building with the right contract would be a good start.

On a very personal level, we can plant something on our balcony, on our front steps to get the satisfaction of growing something. I would suggest not to grow corn, it needs plenty of space, but a 5 gallon bucket will be fine for a tomato plant. You can harvest some fresh lettuce from some simple flower boxes. You can throw a few seeds of climbing beans along a wall and watch them grow. I would suggest to get yard long beans like Fortex to get the most out of the effort. If you like flowers, get a rose that grows well in a pot. Pick one that not only satisfies your eyes but one that triggers your sense of smell. Of course even one plant requires your attention, regular watering, watching for insects that treasure its food source and for a possible disease. Soon you feel some connection to nature, a sense of care for something that you otherwise never think about but is an intricate part of our human existence.

As I am writing this I realize that empowerment is one factor to our happiness. We need to feel fulfilled, experiencing a sense of being capable of doing something on our own. Gaining self-confidence. Nobody has to be a Jeff Bezos or an Elon Musk, both deeply flawed in character but rich beyond measures. All we need is to do something on our own, like cooking a meal, baking bread, writing a story, showing a child how to make some fun project or how to recognize birds, wild animals, trees, volunteer for something of interest to you or anybody else, making a kid feel confident at school, so he or she can develop a love

for learning and exploring, plant a tree or bush for the wild part of nature, go for a walk, tell somebody you appreciate them, these are very unimpressive actions that lead to empowerment. They all require

us getting involved, demanding time and energy, power coming from within oneself while feeling empowered by a semi automatic weapon only leads to mayhem, deep sorrow and disaster.



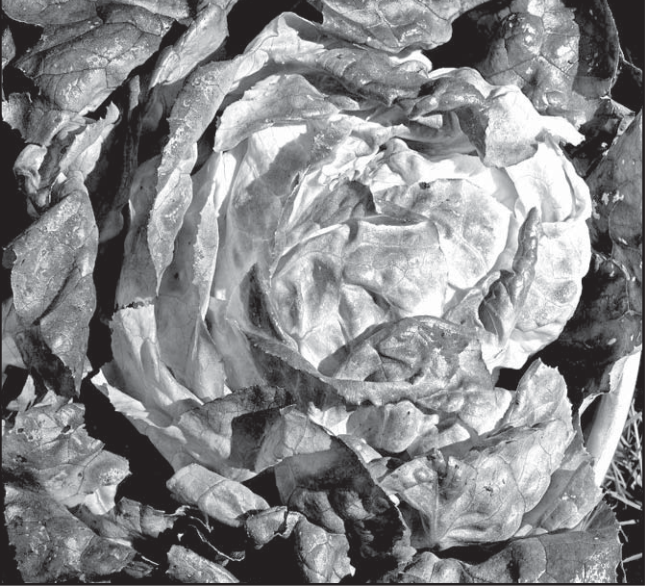
Future lamb chops.



Some fragrance mixed in.



Broccoli bed.



Today's head lettuce.



Some dessert.

BC Farm Bureau May 2022 meeting

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

It was a very interesting program; just wish more



Mike Shamblin, WV Extension Agent for Clay concerned individuals ing will be on Monday, June 20, 2022 at 7 PM at the Flatwoods Community Building; please mark your calendar to attend.

Alice

By: Joseph J. Mazzella

For a long time now we have had a fat, fluffy, black, stray cat in our neighborhood. Sometimes I see her sitting on my porch. Sometimes I see her laying in my backyard. Sometimes I see her hiding under my car. Sometimes she even sneaks under my house through a crack in the underpinning. Each time I have approached her, however, she has run away. Finally, I gave up and decided to respect her independence. I even kept the crack in my underpinning so she could stay under my house on the cold nights. She more than paid her rent by keep-

ing the mice away. We seemed to have a nice, little business relationship going.

Recently, though, something strange happened. This independent, loner, stray cat decided to adopt my daughter, Beth. Each time Beth walks over to my house from her place up the road she is greeted by the stray. The cat walks between her legs, marks Beth with her whiskers, purrs, and meows until she gets petted. It has happened day after day until this morning Beth left her a bowl of cat food as well. I guess that sealed the deal because Beth even started calling the stray, "Alice". I doubt Alice will ever consent to become an indoor cat but she seems to have made

Beth her forever friend and surrogate mother. It makes me smile seeing such a dog person getting such love from a stray cat, but Beth has a kindness and love that draws all sorts of animals to her from dogs, to cats, to birds.

Isn't it amazing how Love works its way into our hearts and lives? We are minding our own business and suddenly we have a new pet, or a new friend, or get a moment to share an act of kindness. Love is such a glorious God-given tapestry and we are all connected through it.

Let Love work its way into your heart every chance you can then. Let your love flow into the lives of others as well. Because to love is to truly live and to live is to truly love.

Burnsville Freedom Festival announces schedule of events

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

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

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

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

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

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

10:30 A.M. - Cornhole Tournament Registration



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

– Play begins at 11:00 A.M.

11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

- Kids Freedom Fishing Tournament (Age groups 3-5, 6-8, 9-11, 12-14)

11:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

- Elite Rivals Twirlers

12:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

- Car Show

12:30 P.M. to 1:30 P.M. –

Brothers of Faith Bluegrass Gospel

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

2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

- WV Mountaineer Meet and Greet

3:30 P.M. – Live Music – Kowboys

4:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

– Quantum Party Amusements

5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. – Story Book Characters

6:00 P.M. - Live Music - Soda Pop Gypsies

8:30 P.M. – Live Music – Ultimate Time McGraw

Tribute Band

10:00 P.M. – Fireworks

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Sutton High School Alumni Meeting

A second meeting has been scheduled for June 17th, 6-8PM at the old Fisher Auto building (adjacent to the old Sutton General Hospital). We are interested in getting the contact person from each class, so if you or someone you know has that information, please let one of the names listed know. This meeting is to "once again"

discuss the interest in SHS graduates continuing with some sort of get together. As we all know, there is a lot of work associated with this endeavor and we will need folks willing to work. Questions, please call Marsha Lloyd 304-765-2414, Charlotte Chidester 304-765-2192, Dairell/Sally Browning 304-364-8293.

Sandy Reunion June 11th

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Pat's Chats

By Pat Ridpath

The tragic news that we have witnessed on TV news recentl 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. Tonight'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 show's Mykayla's grandmother and Todd holding the bar for Limbo as the children line up for their

How To Have Peace

By: Jeanette Riffle

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

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.



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



Mykayla Stadler painted a picture for the beach bash.



Sherry, Sheri, Kim and Lanetta.

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!

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| 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 | |
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| 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 | |
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| 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 | |
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| 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 | |
| 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 |

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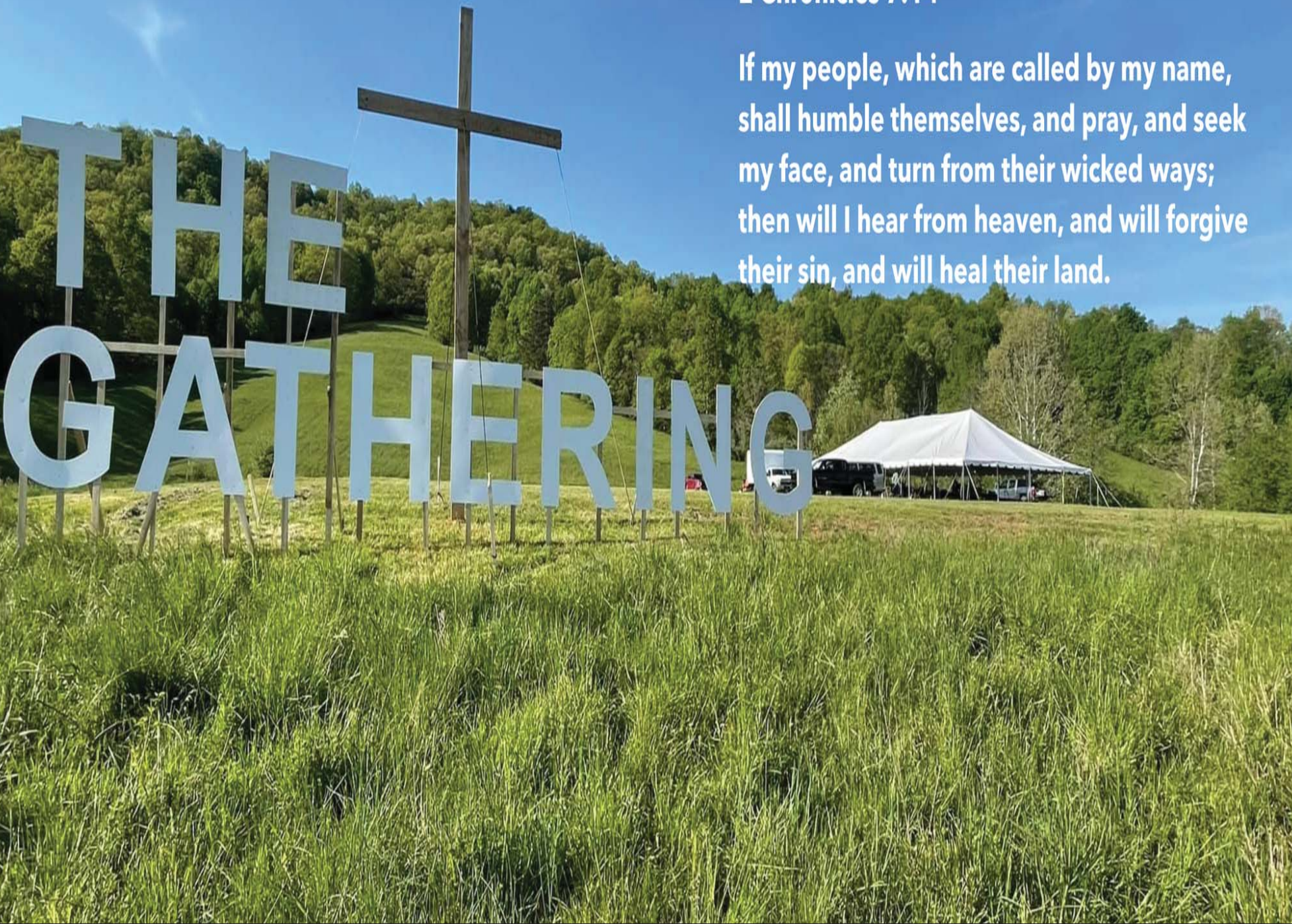
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If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.





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