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Dezel Hyre of Sutton will travel to Las Vegas this weekend for national competition.

Young weightlifter qualifies for national competition

By Shirley Shuman

Twelve-year-old Dezel Hyre began training for weightlifting approximately one year ago. This upcoming weekend, he will lift in a national competition to be held in Las Vegas. Hyre, the son of Theran and Kirk Hyre, recently qualified in the 13-and-under age group.

This athlete has worked under the training of Dr. Kim Fairley, a surgeon at United Hospital Center. Dr. Fairley, a weightlifter herself, explained how she came to train youth weightlifters. "Youngsters in our community in general," she said, "don't have physical activity or eat well. I'm very concerned because the community we live in is underserved and these children could lose the opportunity to grow up into mentally, physically, and spiritually healthy adults." Thus came Dr. Fairley's project.

Using Emmanuel Church and School as her base, she invited youngsters and any interested parents, to join the weightlifting group. They practice three times a week: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.

Very enthusiastic about the entire program, Hyre told how he became involved. "My mom works with Dr. Fairley," he said, "and she asked Mom if I might be interested. I knew it would be a challenge because I wasn't in any sport, and I am onehanded." Nonetheless, he "enjoyed it from the start." The young weightlifter explained the way he sees his coach's methods. "We concentrate on technique because strength is not as important as technique."

"A little nervous," his

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Pat Cadle, Executive Director of the CCAOWV presented certificates to Gracie Dyer who's essay won on the state level as well as Lauren Pritt and Bailey Pritt. Also present for the photo (L to R) Lori Dittman, Gracie Dyer, Lauren Pritt, Bailey Pritt, Commissioner Larry Clifton, Pat Cadle. Standing back (L to R) Commissioners Melvin Gum and Lisa Godwin.

County Commission honors Essay winners

Gracie Dyer takes 1st in county & state competition

The highlight of last Friday's Braxton County Commission meeting was the honoring of local and state winners of the County Commissioners Association of West Virginia's Essay Contest. Commission President Lisa Godwin recognized the local winners who included Gracie Dyer 1st place, Lauren Pritt 2nd and Bailey Pritt in 3rd place.

The local winners received cash prizes for their essays on the subject of how county government serves its citizens. The prizes were contributed by Commission President Godwin, her fellow commissioners Melvin Gum and Larry Clifton as well as Braxton Newspapers.

Executive Director of the County Commissioners Association of West Virginia Pat Cadle was on hand to recognize those who won on the state level. Gracie Dyer won first place in the state and received a $500 check for her efforts. Both Lauren Pritt and Bailey Pritt were named honorable mention and received a check for $50. All three are students of Lori Dittman's Braxton County Middle School class. Dyer's first place state win also netted Dittman $500 to spend on classroom supplies.

Randy Sanders, President of the World Association of Marching Show Bands (WAMSB) Buckhannon Host Committee spoke with the Commissioners regarding tourism and economic impacts the 2023 world competition will bring to the region when it is hosted in Buckhannon next year. "Braxton County's proximity to the weeklong event's epicenter means they will greatly benefit from the influx of the thousands of international visitors expected to be in attendance" said Sanders, president of the WAMSB 2023 Host Committee. "This competition will help generate an immediate economic impact that will be felt throughout Upshur and our neighboring counties. We want Braxton County

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Area youth claim top honors at WVU Summer Football Camp

More than 300 kids participated last week in a pair of football camps led by WVU student-athletes and coaches. Two area athletes brought home top honors in the Punt, Pass, Kick competitions for their age group. Sawyer Naye, son of Brian and Casey Naye of Sutton. took top honors in the 2nd grade age group which consisted of nearly 50 participants. Bryson Moats, son of Logan Brown of Sutton, clamed the top prize in the 6th grand speed skills competition.

More than 20 Mountaineers coached drills and played games with kids at the camps, which were organized by the Country Roads Trust, West Virginia's name, image and likeness collective.

Participants got to catch footballs — and even a few water balloons — from WVU quarterbacks Will Crowder, JT Daniels, Garrett Greene and Nicco Marchiol.

The camp was split into two sessions. The morning session featured offensive skill position players, while defensive players and offensive linemen instructed camp participants in the afternoon.

"It definitely is [fun]," Daniels said. "Especially when you have as many of us as we had out here today, like Mike [O'Laughlin], Sam [James] and Bryce [Ford-Wheaton], and all of us having fun and competing with them, it was a really good time."

Student-athletes also signed autographs after each camp session.

The camp was free and open to elementary and middle school-aged children. Diversified Energy sponsored the event.

Sawyer Naye (above) with WVU Head Foodball Coach Neil Brown took top honors in his PPK age group.

Bryson Moats (above) with Coach Brown captured the skills competition for his age group.

2nd Annual WV Bigfoot Festival is this weekend

On June 24th and 25th, The West Virginia Bigfoot Museum is hosting the second annual West Virginia Bigfoot Festival in Downtown Sutton. The West Virginia Bigfoot Museum opened for the first-time last June and kicked off the first West Virginia Bigfoot Festival, an annual event planned for the last Saturday in June every year.

This year, the West Virginia Bigfoot Festival is hosting a banquet on June 24th at 6:00pm, featuring Dr. Jeff Meldrum at the Flatwoods Days Inn and Suites. This event will include dinner and a presentation by Dr. Meldrum, who is a professor of Anatomy and Anthropology at Idaho State University. Dr. Meldrum has written books and taught courses regarding the subject of "Bigfoot" and actual scientific theories regarding the legend.

On June 25th, the West Virginia Bigfoot Festival will host a large vendor show consisting of nearly 100 vendors, live music, several food trucks, and a Bigfoot Researcher Symposium. In addition, there will be many different activities and competitions throughout the day and multiple raffles including a 50/50 drawing. The Researcher Symposium will feature six different speakers who will discuss the subject of Bigfoot and host a Q & A.

David Petolicchio, co-owner of The West Virginia Bigfoot Museum and The West Virginia Bigfoot Festival, wanted to highlight the progress surrounding the museum, "We just finished the new museum space and store front, which more than doubles the size of our museum and allows us to add more displays and casts. It is incredible how fast this museum has grown and how great of a response we have had from the festival. We are very thankful for everything we have been able to accomplish and we pray that the event will continue to grow and enhance our downtown business district."

Petolicchio also mentioned that they are already planning next year's festival and preparing for an even larger crowd.

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As I See It

By Ed Given

Big project...

After spending most of last week in the air-conditioning, I was pleased with the temperature change for the weekend. In January I ordered a 3rd pontoon for our houseboat due to the fact that is sat about 10 or 11 inches lower in the rear. I believe I touched on this project in one of my previous writing... The first problem was it was delayed due to the workforce shortage, and I wasn't able to put it under the boat before the start of the Summer season like I had hoped.

Also as previously mentioned, we finally retrieved the new floatation a few weeks ago. There has been a lot of preparation to get ready, but Saturday was the big day. Bob brought his truck from Spencer so early Saturday morning we pulled the boat out of the water and began the task.

I have measured and remeasured to make sure everything will fit. I had to modify the trailer some to accommodate the fact that the new pontoon was about 3 inches deeper than the existing two. We had to buy support material to attach the pontoon to the underneath of the boat. All of that came together last week and ended with Jamie and I drilling the 40' of steel angle I had purchased to match the inserts in the pontoon.

My crew, which consisted of Bob and Donnie Smith, Doug Martin, son Jamie, grandson-in-law Shane and Joe Wyne got right to work. I must admit that I wasn't much help. A goffer at best and not a very good one at that. Though I did provide lunch which helped a little.

Since this was new to us... it took a little engineering. The guys came up with a plan and before I knew it the first 10' section was in place. The second followed and we were buttoning it up not long after lunch. I must admit that it went much better than anticipated.

About 1:30 we dunked the boat back in the water and I was pleasantly surprised that the boat floated exactly where I had hoped. In my world, its not often that any project goes as planned, but this one was the exception. Not only was the installation less of a headache than I had anticipated, the end result was better than expected.

Its an old boat so there are still lots of things that I need to do. However, she is floated better than before, and I am pleased with the results. I certainly couldn't have done it without my helpers. I owe all of them a big debt of gratitude for their hard work.

Every Acre Counts

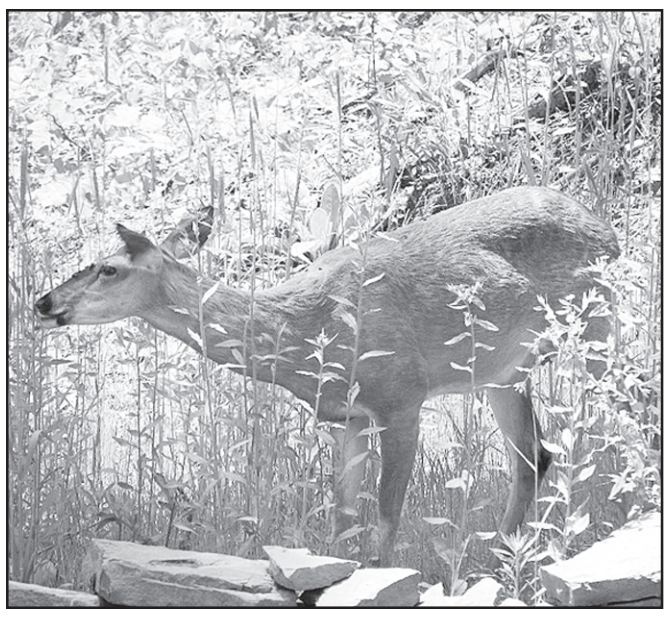
By Kevin Gregory

Whitetail Myths Part 2 of 2...

In part two of our whitetail myths, we are discussing three more examples of experiential observations versus science based. Again, this are the general rule and you will never hear my say "always" as it applies to anything in nature.

Deer love grass – Every person who has witnessed a deer feeding in a cut hay field can logically assume deer are eating grass. However, as with many cases us jumping to conclusions, deer are not fans of grass. In fact, deer can actually starve to death if all they have is grass to eat. Without spending the entire article discussing rumens and digestive tracts, the bottom line is deer are not cattle. As such, they do not have the same ability to exact nutrients from grass like cattle do. What we generally see deer eating in that field is forbs (flowering, leafy plants) such as clover, ragweed, fleabane, etc... Deer will eat grasses, however, less than 5% of their diet is grass or grasses. If you want to know what your deer are eating, simply go see what he or she was munching on in your yard – likely white clover or another forb is what is being browsed. If you want to further verify this claim, find a food plot mixture that is made up of grasses – hint – there is not one. Although some food plot companies will sell throw and grow bags with rye grass because it greens up very quickly and will grow about anywhere (bed of your truck), that is it. Winter wheat, cereal rye, oats, soybeans, lablab, alfalfa, etc.... are what are included in your wildlife food plot mixtures for deer and are not grasses.

Blue jeans are just fine to hunt in – while deer have fallen prey to hunters in blue jeans, new studies have determined deer seen primarily two colors – blue and yellow. This lends to all kinds of questions – does camo work, how well can they see, when do they see best, and so on. In this article, I will only focus on how they see and briefly answer these questions above. Does camo matter? Science is showing that camo clothing, due to its process makes very little difference – they basically see it as a yellow blob. Background screening and movement are the most important pieces to defeating the eyes of a whitetail. How well can they see and when do they see best? Deer sees in 2D like most prey animals, so they have poor depth perception and see best at dawn and dusk when the blue light spectrum is the most abundant. During the darkest hours of the night, deer do loose some vision acuity, but they can see very well and their large pupils take in the ambient blue light. Scientists believe when a deer raises its tail – the white tail – other deer see it as a blue reflector which may make is "glow" at night or in low light conditions.



Deer feeding on native vegetation – fleabane & goldenrod.

Once Mature Bucks get Pressured, They Go Nocturnal – While not altogether false, the science shows (from GPS collared deer studies) pressured deer move away from hunting pressure or people pressure. However, even after those deer were pressured, they continue to be on their feet during daylight hours, just within a smaller area. In the latest study, several mature bucks spent most of the day and night in an area smaller than 100 by 100 yards. To us, they have gone nocturnal, but they have changed their behavior to deal with the pressure of predators. Another factor adding to the complexity of hunting deer is some mature bucks will change their ranges (core areas) in the fall/winter. Last year between 2 and 4 September, 2 mature bucks (both 3.5-year-old) on our property we had watched since June, lost their velvet. Photos captured on the 5th of September showed both mature bucks with hard antlers and those were the last photos I had of them until 27 October when they started the search phase of the rut. Those photos were at 1 a.m. in the morning. I did not see either one of them during daylight hours until 5 November when the one I call "King" was trailing two does. They had moved to their fall/winter core areas which was likely far enough away that their travel times put them back on my property around midnight – until the rut kicked in.

Deer are simple animals; eat, sleep, and evade predators. They stay away from pressure and the older they get the more they want to be left alone – like some of us. But likely, given the information from the latest research, your buck is still around so stay patient until the rut phases start. Key to keeping the big boys close is to have their fall/winter range on your property and you can do that through habitat management. Remember ***Every Acre Counts!***

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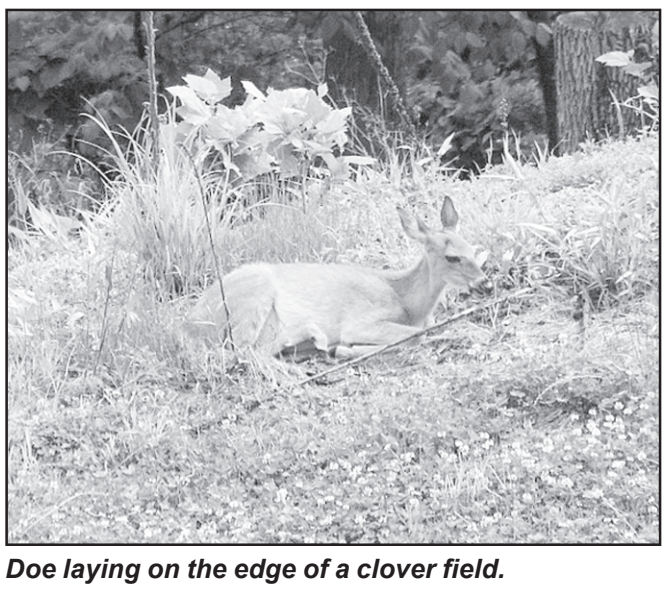

Doe laying on the edge of a clover field.

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News from our Capitol

by Delegate Brent Boggs

As I write this week, it is that time of year that we, as West Virginians, celebrate the birthday of our State in 1863. For all our problems as a State, I believe they pale in comparison to the positive attributes of our beloved Mountain State.

West Virginians have a unique way of discovering others with West Virginia residency or roots, no matter where you may work or travel around the nation or world. And, with a minimal amount of conversation, we always find a common bond with friends, neighbors, or communities.

We need to always remember that whether by birth or choice – if you live here now, relocated here from another state for work or school, or moved away to pursue your career, you are now and will always remain West Virginians.

Another unique and special West Virginia academic tradition is for eighth-grade students in West Virginia to work toward earning recognition from the WV Department of Education as a knight or lady of the Golden Horseshoe. For 2002, the recipients of the Golden Horseshoe from Gilmer County and Braxton County are:

Coleden Perry
Gilmer Co. High School
Anna Mason
Gilmer Co. High School
Joel Sigman
Braxton Co. Middle School
Alexis Knowlton
Braxton Co. Middle School
Adyson Conant
Braxton Co. Middle School

This special ceremony is held annually in the WV Culture Center on the Capitol campus, with each recipient dubbed with the ceremonial sword by Dr. Clayton Birch, WV Superintendent of Schools. I am proud of each of these students who worked hard for the last four years in their knowledge of all aspects of West Virginia culture, history, geography, social and economic factors, state government and miscellaneous data.

The WV Dept. of Education website provides this overview:

This prestigious program takes its name from the golden horseshoes given to the early explorers of West Virginia. In 1716 the Governor of the Virginia colony, Alexander Spotswood, saw the need for exploration of the land west of the Allegheny Mountains, most of which is now West Virginia. The governor organized a party of about 50 men, all of whom adopted the pledge, "Sic jurat transcendere monte," which means "Thus he swears to cross the mountains." Governor Spotswood presented each member of his party with a small golden horseshoe to commemorate the bravery of those who crossed the mountains into Western Virginia, beginning the Golden Horseshoe tradition.

Also, each year a few West Virginians are awarded an honorary Golden Horseshoe. This year, I was honored to receive the award. I appreciate the honor of attending the ceremony to present the Golden Horseshoe to our local students. Congratulations to all the 221 recipients from across West Virginia and thank you to those who nominated me for the honorary award.

One of the highlights of the summer is always the WV Folk Festival in Glenville. After days of brutal heat and humidity last week, last weekend offered outstanding weather and a great day for a parade, great music, arts and crafts from talented artists, and outstanding local food in downtown Glenville.

GSU President Mark Manchin, Speaker Roger Hanshaw and I enjoyed lunch on Saturday in the GSU Mollohan Center for the WV Folk Festival Belles and Junior Belles, where we presented them with tokens of appreciation for their participation in the event. Congratulations to Gilmer County Belle Linda Fisher Brannon; Braxton County Belle Patricia Drake; Gilmer County Jr. Belle Eliza Chesser; and all the Belles and Jr. Belles from around the State. Jean and I had a great time visiting with them; folks all along the parade route, and around town visiting with friends from throughout central West Virginia.

My hearty congratulations to the WV Folk Festival's officers, Board of Directors and the many volunteers that make it a huge success each year. I'm very proud and appreciative of the privilege of representing Gilmer and Braxton Counties in the Legislature.

Next week, I look forward to seeing everyone at Gassaway Days.

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first efforts did not go very well, he noted. Here he reiterated that he still hadn't learned the importance of technique. As he continued to practice and learned the proper technique, he became confident, and on April 2, 2022, he qualified for the national competition.

Hyre explained the procedure for the competitions. "First, we have to weigh in to determine how much we have to lift. The requirement is half of our body weight. Because I'm adapted, I have to lift only half of that amount," he said.

To qualify for nationals, lifters must reach a certain total based on age and weight. Dr. Fairley explained, "It doesn't matter if you hit it at one competition or at several. Lifters have three opportunities to complete each of two moves—snatch and clean-and-jerk.

Dezel Hyre is eager for Saturday's competition, and he feels confident about his chances. His coach, Dr. Fairley, did note that his task of lifting and balancing the barbells with one arm is much more difficult than with two. This young man is ready for that challenge.

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to be involved in the opportunities that will be created." He requested that the County join their counterparts and cities of the Central West Virginia area in sponsoring the event. Sanders requested that Braxton County tributed $10,000. President Godwin stated that the Commission would review their budget for later discussions.

Addi Facemire presented monthly reports on the activities of the Braxton County Drug Testing Center for April and May. She stated the center had conducted 95 drug screenings in April and a total of 107 in May. She added that three people had successfully completed the terms of their home confinement and had been released

In other business, the Commission approved the short form settlements as presented by the Fiduciary Supervisor for the following: Dixie L. Graff, Michael Lee Harper and Izetta B. Ware.

During the discussion of purchase orders for consideration, Sheriff Lou DellaMea requested that PO# 740 be changed to Sports Connection at a cost of $595 per vehicle. The request was granted on a motion by Larry Clifton.

Global Science & Technology will provide the Assessor's Office a Dell Laptop, UPS Backup and a 5090 Optiplex at a cost of $2,896.66.

Two purchase orders were approved for Casto and Harris. The County Clerk will buy 5 Land Books at a cost of $500.54 plus shipping. The Sheriff's Tax Office will pay $3,024.63 for tax statements and envelopes.

Following a brief discussion, the Commission approved a lease agreement, contingent on the review of the Prosecuting Attorney, between ATC Ponderosa K LLC and the County for leased space on a radio tower in Burnsville.

Larry Clifton made separate motions that will result in internal budget revisions for the Assessor's office and internal budget revisions for stage government grant line being approved.

The Commission approved a request from the law firm of Bowles Rice to continue a hearing set for July 1 in the estate of Susanna Rose for 30 days.

The Commission voted to go into executive session under Section 9-9A-4 of the State Code to discuss a personnel matter at 9:36 a.m. When the meeting reconvened in regular session, Melvin Gum made a motion to approve the bills presented for payment with the exception of 3 invoices. Those invoices were for the Sheriff's Law Enforcement division and consisted of 2 led Flashlight each at a cost of $390.77 with orders places on June 6, 7 and 9. The total of the three invoices are more than what is allowed without a pre-approved purchase order.

The final act of the meeting was the approval of the minutes from the Commission's June 3 meeting.

The next regular meeting of the Braxton County Commission will convene on Friday, July 1 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

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

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

Way back when...

Long ago in Braxton County

Bulltown Covered Bridge…
Covered bridges dotted the landscape of rural West Virginia in the early years. Most have since disappeared. This photo shows the Bulltown Covered Bridge believed to have been built in the early 1900s. The bridge was torn down in the 1950s. The photo is courtesy of Craig A. Smith 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!

A Guest Editorial:

Property Tax Amendment could cost schools & local governments $515 million; Take control away from voters

By Sean O'Leary

This November, West Virginians will vote on a proposed constitutional amendment that could jeopardize hundreds of millions in property tax revenue benefiting local communities. Here's our third in a series of blog posts outlining why the amendment should be rejected.

If passed, the property tax amendment would give the state legislature the authority to exempt business machinery and equipment, business inventory, and personal vehicles from property taxation, resulting in a severe loss of revenue for counties and local governments and marking a significant shift in power away from local governments and to state government.

Testimony this week revealed that, if passed, the property tax amendment could cost West Virginia's schools and local governments $515 million – 27 percent of total local property tax revenue in the state. Of that $515 million, approximately $340 million funds local school districts, $138 million funds county government services, $35 million funds municipal government services, and only $2 million funds state government. In addition, $205 million of the $515 million comes from excess and bond levies that were approved by voters in those counties.

While the proposal has been framed by proponents as "relief for taxpayers from their car tax," over 70 percent of the potential tax cuts would go to businesses. The property tax on individual vehicles accounts for less than one-third of the potential tax cuts under the property tax amendment.

Previous attempts by the state legislature to reimburse local governments for the lost revenue from similar proposals would have made West Virginia's tax system more regressive, relying on increased sales taxes – which fall more heavily on low- and middle-income taxpayers – to pay for a tax cut that would largely benefit out-of-state consumers, corporations, and shareholders.

The personal property tax directly funds the benefits businesses and the people of West Virginia receive from local governments. Make no mistake, the property tax amendment is an attempted power grab that would weaken local governments' ability to make the investments that promote growth, in favor of setting the stage for more dubious tax cuts.

Editor's Note: Sean O'Leary is the Senior Policy Analyst for the West Virginia Center on Budget and Policy.

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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
- New Load: 11/32" Beadboard Siding

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Martha L. Vigus (nee) Currence

Martha L. Vigus (nee) Currence, Born June 15, 1941, Passed away June 15, 2022

She was born in Bulltown, W.V. to William and LaVon (Mick) Currence.

She leaves behind ex-husband/best friend Ron, children Mari-Lynn (Marvin) Evans, William Fisher,Mona (Dean) Clevenger, Lisa (Jesse) Vigus-Pierson. grandchildren Zachary, Samantha, and Tyler. Great grandchildren Connor and Avery.

She went to Glenville State College and was also Miss Summersville.

She spent the rest of her life in Akron, Ohio where she managed multiple buildings and later retired from Pepsi Cola, although you never saw her without a Coke in her hand.

She was always willing to travel at the drop of a hat and loved reading true crime novels.

She was one of a kind with a sense of humor like no other and will be missed by all who knew her.

There will be no service per Martha's request. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Humane Society in honor of her beloved dog Bud and her many cats.

Everett Lee "Zeb" Sharp

Everett Lee "Zeb" Sharp, 79, of Bolair, passed away after a sudden illness on June 12, 2022 at Webster Nursing & Rehab Center. He was born in Webster Springs on May 24, 1943, the son of Lee Roy Sharp and June Hamrick Sharp.

Zeb grew up in Webster County and spent his working life in Delta, PA, working for Whiteford Packing Co. When Whiteford closed, he ran a farm for several years.

He returned to Webster County in 2000. He loved to cut firewood, work on lawnmowers, hunt and ride his side by side. He lived a simple life and could fix anything with a pair of pliers and some tie wire.

Left to cherish his memory are his three daughters, Peggy Reynolds of PA, Sandra Lee "Sam" Granruth of Welch, WV and Sandra Cogar Young of Bolair, WV; his two brothers, Charles Sharp of WV and Edgar Sharp of MD; his two sisters, Edna Larmore of Bolair, WV and Eloise Sharp of Washington; 11 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews and extended family and friends to mourn his passing.

His house was always open to everyone. Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Tammy Reynolds; his long-time companion, Betty Reynolds; brother, Eugene Sharp; grandsons Jeremiah Reynolds and Jeffrey Cole Young; and son-in-law Jeffrey A. Young.

A graveside service was held on June 18, 2022 at 2:00 PM at Salem United Methodist Church Cemetery, 5042 Delta Road, Airville, Pennsylvania and he will be buried alongside his beloved, Betty.

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

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

Johnson Leo Holsberry, Jr

Johnson Leo Holsberry, Jr., 83, of Cromwell, Connecticut, passed away Monday, June 13, 2022 after a long illness.

He was the son of Johnson Leo Holsberry, Sr. & Leone Beattie Holsberry, of Rainelle, WV. John was a graduate of Rainelle High School, Class of 1957, served proudly in the United States Air Force, and received a degree in Education from Concord College in 1965. He was a lifelong member of the Rainelle United Methodist Church and was a founding member of the West Virginia Athletic Director's Association.

He is survived by his wife Janet DeVizio of Cromwell, CT, his children Johnson L. Holsberry, III of Morgantown, WV and Virginia L. Norris of Fairmont, WV., stepdaughter, Candice DeVizio of Cromwell, CT and five grandchildren: Michael J. Norris and Chad M. Norris, both of Fairmont, WV, and Lexi McArthur, Michelle McArthur and Jerry Teves, of Cromwell, CT .

He will be interred at Wallace Memorial Gardens in Rainelle, West Virginia, with a memorial service TBA.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations are made to the American Cancer Society in honor of the deceased.

Jason Emil McCumbers

Jason Emil McCumbers, 44, of Rosedale, WV passed away unexpectedly at his home on June 13, 2022 due to health complications from a long battle with addiction.

He was born April 4, 1978 in Spencer, WV to Kathy McCumbers and the late, Danny McCumbers.

In addition to his father he was preceded in death by his sister, Dawn McCumbers; grandparents, Eugene and Maxine Bennett and Stanley and Elizabeth Kowalski; and his favorite aunt, Rosie Bennett.

Jason was a beloved father to his seven year old daughter, Leah. He was also a son, brother, uncle, nephew, cousin and friend to many. He was a 1996 graduate of Braxton County High School. He enjoyed spending time with his daughter, listening to music, and hunting and fishing.

Besides Jason's daughter he leaves behind his mother, Kathy McCumbers; and sisters, Dannielle Lilly (David) and Nicole Cottrell (Richard).

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the family or to Roach Funeral Home, 708 Braxton St., Gassaway, WV 26624 to assist with his funeral services.

We appreciate your thoughts and prayers and ask that you also say a prayer for those still lost in their addiction and all the families who love them.

Jason's funeral service was 1 P.M. Saturday, June 18, 2022 at Rosedale United Methodist Church with Pastor Larry Bennett officiating. Interment followed in the Mill Fork Cemetery, Rosedale.

Visitation was two hours prior to the service at the church.

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

Arrangements by Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway, WV.

Gregory Shimko

Gregory Shimko, 72, of Ireland, WV passed away at home on June 16, 2022. He was born in Elizabeth, New Jersey on January 18, 1950 to parents George and Sophie Wadors Shimko who preceded him in death.

Greg moved to Ireland, WV with his wife, Dorothy, in 1979. He was a self-employed carpenter, a Catholic by faith, President of the Walkersville Fire Department and served on the finance committee at St Thomas Catholic Church. Greg enjoyed sitting on the front porch of his house near the river and enjoyed watching the water. He loved his wife, children and grandchildren and cherished spending time with them. Greg served his country in the United States NAVY.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Dorothy Brink Shimko; children: Peter Shimko, Daniel Shimko, Jesse Shimko and Sarah Shimko; grandchildren: Zoe Shimko, Sofia Shimko, Lucas Shimko, Alexander Shimko and Asher Triplett; brothers: Jon (Chick) Shimko, George (Woody) Shimko; sisters: Barbara Shimko Zawoysky and Kathleen Shimko Kaelin.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 from 4:00-6:00 pm at Stockert Funeral Home & Cremation, Flatwoods, WV. Catholic Mass will be on Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at 11:00 am, a luncheon will follow, at St Thomas Catholic Church, Gassaway, WV with Father Thien Nguyen officiating. Interment will be at Falls Mill Cemetery.

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

Helen Ruth Silvey

Helen Ruth Silvey, 85 of Cowen, formerly of Merced, CA, passed away on Thursday, June 16, 2022 at Summersville Regional Medical Center. She was born July 16, 1936 in Cherokee, NC to the late Walter and Jessie Pope Silvey.

She was a United States Air Force Veteran; a loving mother and grandmother; an avid reader and a nature lover. She loved shopping and enjoyed camping and the outdoors.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her daughters Shannen and Rhonda; brother James; and sister Caroline.

Left to cherish her memory are her son Kevin; daughters Deborah and Lisa; 10 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; and several other extended family and friends to mourn her passing.

In keeping with Helen's wishes, cremation has taken place and no services will be held at this time. She will be laid to rest with her family in California at a later date.

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

Adams-Reed Funeral Home is honored to be serving Helen's family.

Gilbert P. Riffle

Gilbert P. Riffle, age 79, of Burnsville, WV passed away peacefully on June 16, 2022. He was born on November 17, 1942 in New London, Connecticut to the late Thelmer and Elsie Riffle.

He was a proud Vietnam veteran, having served as a soldier in the United States ARMY. He enjoyed hunting, commercial fishing, watching his favorite westerns on television, and spending time with his family. He loved his family immensely and had a close and special bond with his wife, children, grandchildren, son-in-law and daughter-in-law.

Left to cherish his memory is his loving wife of 46 years, Darlene Riffle; children: Ammie Hacker and Gilbert L. Riffle; grandchildren: Tyler Hacker, Anthony Hacker, Brooklyn Riffle, Mason Hacker and Carter Hacker; son-in-law: Jason Hacker; daughter-in-law: Misty Singleton and his little fur buddy Bentley, all of West Virginia.

He was a true hero to his family and will be greatly missed.

In keeping with Gilbert's wishes, he will be cremated. Burial will be held at a later date.

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

Mrs. Dessie Ellen McElwain Miles

Mrs. Dessie Ellen McElwain Miles, 83, of Sutton, went home to be with her Lord on Saturday, June 18, 2022 at her residence.

She was born February 3, 1939 in Centralia, WV, the daughter of the late William & Della Hyre McElwain. She was also preceded in death by her husband, James Harold "Gib" Miles; sisters, Ruth Byland, Mary Mex; brother, Stanley McElwain; grandson, Nathan Davis; step grandson, Brandon Hughes.

Dessie was a loyal member of Stump Chapel Church where she was the clerk, a member of the choir, the assistant Sunday School secretary and treasure, head of the kitchen crew, secretary and treasure to the women circle.

She was known far and wide for her homemade hot rolls called "The Dessie rolls". Dessie loved spending time with Virgie Rose on Tuesday cleaning the church. She was a avid WVU Mountaineer Fan.

She is survived by her sons, Randall Miles (Jaimee) of Cross Lanes, Thomas Miles (Chrystal) of Mt. Claire, WV; daughters, Sandra Hughes (Mike) of Winston Salem, NC, Cathy George (Tim) of Sutton; grandchildren, Tiffany Balis (Brian) of Exchange, Brittany George of Sutton; step grandchild, Jessica Hughes of NC; great grandchildren, Kaitlyn Balis, Kelsie Balis; great-great grandson, River Sigman; brothers, Jim McElwain, Ernest McElwain both of Ravenna, OH.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 am, Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at Stump Chapel Church, Tesla with Rev. Linn Schiefer and Rev. Teddy Legg officiating. Burial will follow at Hall Cemetery, Erbacon, beside her husband. Friends may call 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at Greene-Robertson Funeral Home, Sutton.

In lieu of flowers family suggest donations be made to: Stump Chapel Baptist Church Woman's Circle.

Greene-Robertson Funeral Home is humbly serving the Miles family.

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

Gassaway High School Alumni Banquet July 2

The Gassaway High School Alumni Banquet will be held on Saturday July 2, 2022 at 5:00pm at the Days Inn Conference Center.

This years "Special" Program will commerate the 100th Anniversary of Gassaway High School which will be a reflection of the past 100 years to the present.

The banquet fee will be $30.00 per person. Please maill the fee to Nancy Carr, Treasurer, at 1105 Chapel Road, Gassaway, WV 26624.

Marshall University announces Presidents list

To make the president's list, students must have a 4.0 grade point average for a minimum of 12 graded hours.

Marshall has more than 900 students included in this category for Spring 2022.

Students who requested their names not be published are excluded from the list.

Hunter Mitchell, Gassaway, Sarah A Hoard, Sutton, Logan D Rose, Sutton.

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Community Calendar

Kanawah Memorial Gardens of Heaters

KMG announces that on July 1st cemetery plots will raise to $200. From the trustees.

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Class of 82 Reunion

Braxton County High School Class of 1982 will be holding their Class Reunion on July 2 at the 4-H pavilion at Holly Gray Park, Sutton. Come at 1:00, dinner at 4:00. Food will be provided, locals bring a dessert. Donations are accepted. If you have cornhole or instruments, bring them too. Questions call Gloria Starcher at 304-644-1082 or Annette Merzouk at 910-398-0708.

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Hope Baptist Church Vacation Bible School

Hope Baptist Church in Frametown, WV will be holding Vacation Bible School, with the theme of Jerusalem Marketplace. Kick off will be on June 26, 2022 from 4-6pm. (water slide, food, and fun). VBS will be held June 27-29, from 6:15-8:30 pm. Ages Pre-K-12 grade are eligible to attend.

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Butler Reunion

The family of Bayward and Mary Butler will be having a family reunion on July 9. It will be at Burnsville Dam, Shelter #3. Lunch will be around noon. Family and friends are welcome. Bring a covered dish and lawn chair and join the fun. Looking for a great turnout.

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GHS Class of 1957

The Gassaway High School Class of 1957 will be having a reunion on Saturday, June 25, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm in the meeting room of the Gassaway Volunteer Fire Department. We hope to see you there.

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St. Thomas Church Sale

The ladies of the St. Thomas Church will hold a multi-family yard sale at 624 Kanawha St. in Gassaway on June 29th and 30th, and July 1st from 10:00-3:00. Lots of items including furniture are available for sale.

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Steve Warren Service and Gospel Sing

It's that time again. Yes, Steve Warren of Cookeville, TN will be at the Clover Fork Singing Grounds in Orlando, WV on Friday, July 8 at 7:00 pm and Saturday, July 9 at 12:00 noon. Friday night Steve will sing a few of his hits songs and bring a message. Then Saturday will be an afternoon of singing. Just take exit 79 off I-79 in Burnsville and follow the signs to Orlando. There is shelter and plenty of seating, buy you may enjoy sitting in your own lawn chair so feel free to bring it along. No admission charge. Rain or Shine! So come and enjoy an evening and afternoon of fellowship with us. For more information about Steve Warren visit his website at www.stevewarrenministries.com. Contact Willie Shaver at 304-853-2418. See you there!

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SPL free summer tutoring

In partnership with the Braxton County Board of Education, the Sutton Public Library is offering free tutoring this summer for elementary through high school students during library hours. Qualified tutors are available to provide individualized assistance to students in a variety of subjects, and educational goals are up to parents! Tutoring sessions are flexible in time and day to best fit you and your child's schedule. If you are interested in this service, please let the library know by contacting (304) 765-7224 during business hours for more information. Library hours are Monday: 8am-4pm, Tuesday: 11am-7pm, Wednesday: Closed, Thursday: 11am-7pm, Friday: 8am-4pm.

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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

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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 bulltownhistoricalassociation@gmail.com

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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.

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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!

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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.

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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

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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.

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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

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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.

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Braxton County Jamboree 2022 Music Schedule

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

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Gibson Cemetery donations needed

Money is needed for mowing and upkeep of Gibson Cemetery. Thank you to the ones that paid last year. Please send to: Deborah M. Campbell, 888 Gibson Road, Flatwoods, WV 26621-8104.

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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.

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Fairview Cemetery

If you have family buried in one of the cemeteries at Fairview, please donate to the cost of mowing and maintenance. Checks need to be made out to Fairview Cemetery and contributions mailed to Sharon Craft, 48 Nicholas Run Rd, Gassaway, WV 26624. We very much appreciate your help.

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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.

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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.

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Hoover Cemetery

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

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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

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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.

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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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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, Gassaway, 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.

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Sutton Public Library Create to Donate

Don't forget that our Create to Donate drop-in class has restarted! Join us every Thursday from 12:30-2:30pm. All the materials are provided, just show up! No previous experience required.

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Burnsville Public Library Board of Trustees meetings

Burnsville Public Library Board of Trustees meets the second Monday of each month at 5:00 pm at the library. Meetings are open to the public. During the pandemic, if you would like to attend but don't feel comfortable attending in person please reach out. We could arrange a way for you to attend virtually.

How do you deal with worry?

All of us at one time or another, maybe multiple times worry over things that we can do nothing about. Maybe we worry over the health of someone, or maybe we worry over finances, maybe it is children, maybe it is employment, the list can go on and on and on.

Most of what we worry about never comes to fruition, so we make ourselves miserable over needless worry, but on the other hand I believe we are to be concerned about certain things. So what is the difference between worry and concern? Concern is what you take to God in prayer having the faith in God that he will go to work on your problem, worry is simply the upsetting things that go wrong or we think they could go wrong and we do not seek God's counsel, instead of giving it to God we hang on to it ourselves maybe we think that we don't need to bother God with the things that trouble us or we don't believe that God will take care of the things for you.

Rom 8:28

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

KJV

When we come to the mountain of worry or the dark valley of despair God may tell us that we have to climb the mountain or walk the dark valley because there is something that God wants us to see, primarily it will strengthen our faith or God may remove the obstacles but rest assured God will be with you.

1 Chron 28:20

20 And David said to Solomon his son, Be strong and of good courage, and do it: fear not, nor be dismayed: for the LORD God, even my God, will be with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD.

KJV

Heb 13:5

5 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

KJV

What is the right way to approach this terrible mountain of worry?

The very first thing that we need to do is define within ourselves what we are worrying about, we need to get it out in the open so we can see it clearly, is it a legitimate concern or is it needless worry, I have known people who think that they cannot exist if they don't= have something to worry about. Sometimes people worry because they don't have anything to worry about. How much misery do we bring to ourselves by acting this way, the God of Heaven does not want his people to be consumed by this terrible thing. God has promised to take care of us because Christian people are his children. We try and assure our own children to have faith in us to know that we are going to take care of them, how much more can God take care of us, after all he did speak the world into existence.

Luke 12:24-31

24 Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn: and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls? 25 And which of you with taking thought can add to his stature one cubit? 26 If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, why take ye thought for the rest? 27 Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 28 If then God so clothe the grass, which is to day in the field, and to morrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith? 29 And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful

mind. 30 For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ve have need of these things. 31 But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you

KJV

Phil 4:4-7

4 Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice. 5 Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. 6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. 7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

KJV

In these verses God tell us that he will take care of us, he tells us not to worry and here is how we succeed in accomplishing this very thing. Everything that we face God wants us to tell him about it because he cares about us, then he tells us that we need to be of a thankful attitude. Pray like you know God is going to work on your problem and be thankful to him for what is doing for us this is the acceptable way to ask God for his help, prayer and thankfulness of heart like Moses told the children of Israel

Ex 14:13-14

13 And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever. 14 The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.

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(minister) Danny Lambey
lambey@frontier.com

Community Corner

County Stories

By: Jeanette Riffle

Wash Houses Part 2

Last week I wrote about my Grandmother Stewart's wash house and my husband had a story for me. He remembers a wash house at the Shock log cabin that was even bigger than Granny's. It had clothes lines to hang the laundry there on rainy days. Laundry was done with a wash board and two wash tubs. There was a fire pit outside to boil water and a dug well with a stone curb. Buckets of water were drawn up for the galvanized tubs. One for the soapy hot water and one for the cold rinse water. The laundry products were stored in the wash house as well as clutter that needed a place to go. The wash board was used until electric came to Shock. What a job wash day was !

There was a table to cure meat on and deer were hung in there. There were 6 out buildings. I remember the corn crib, two chicken houses, toilet house and Grandpa Riffle's shack. I remember looking in the wash house one time and seeing a big buck deer hanging by it's hind legs. There was a rope around it's hind legs and tied to a rafter at the ceiling. The deer was hanging upside down. The wash house was torn down in later years ,as well as all the other old buildings, to make room for a big double wide for the Gary Moore family.

We have had a couple of nice cool days this weekend. What a blessed relief from that hot, humid weather that was more like the dog days of summer. I've had a lot of allergy sickness and have been in a lot under the AC. Did anyone see the strawberry moon as they were calling it ? I saw it on FB and it did indeed look pink. Until next time, everyone stay as cool and comfortable as you can. The heat is supposed to come back. Take care and God bless!

From the family of Wanda Bender

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 friends could say, Perhaps you were not there at all,

Just thought of us this day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts,

We thank you so much, Whatever the part.

We would like to wish a special thank you to Randy Conrad, Dr. Lindsey and staff, Ruby Memorial MICU doctors and staff for all the care they provided in Wanda's last days. Sincerest gratitude also to Reverand Delmas Singleton and Stockert Funeral Home for all the kindness and support they showed in this difficult time.

Thank you all.

West Virginia Wesleyan College releases Spring 2022 President's list

West Virginia Wesleyan College has released its President's List and Dean's List students for the Spring 2022 semester.

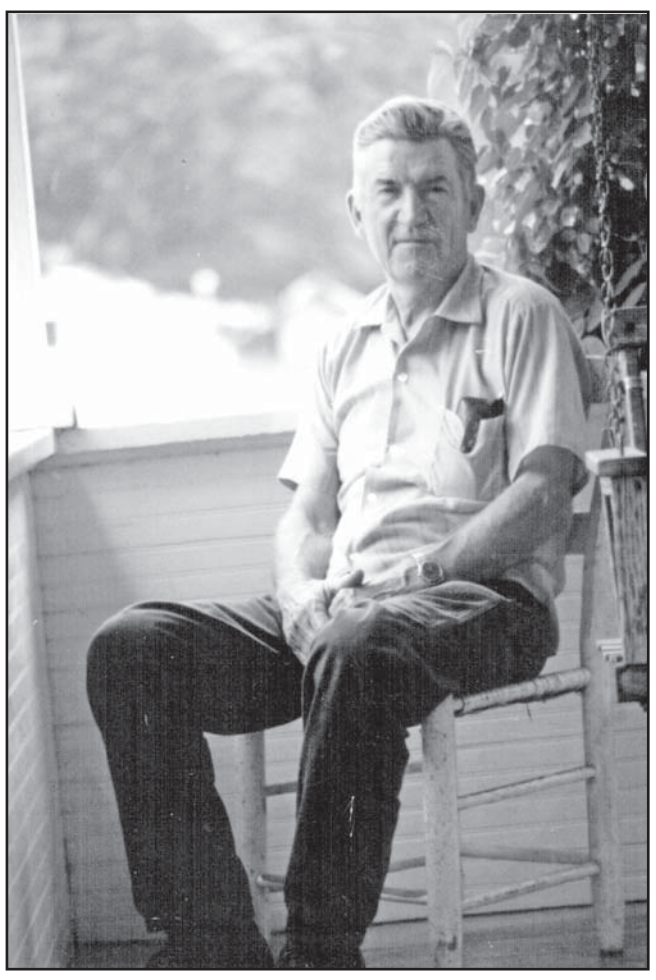
President's List is composed of students who earned a 4.0 for the semester while completing at least 12 semester hours with no incomplete grades.

Congratulations to Taylor Armstrong, Sutton WV, Alexandra Garrett, Glenville WV, and Kelly Houghton, Sutton WV.

Pat's Chat

By : Pat Ridpath

Father's Day is today, June 19. 2022. I saw in a recent paper that Father's Day also began in West Virginia, as did Mother's Day. I hope you will enjoy this poem I wrote long ago. If you remember my dad, I hope you will think of him when you read this. Many people who grew up in Burnsville, West Virginia, remember him, Harry Wiant, Sr. Many have told me he was their favorite teacher. He was my teacher in 8th grade for some classes. I liked him, too. I used this poem last year, but as I reread it today, it brought me to tears. I miss him so much, and I also miss my brothers and sister who I lost almost all at once, it seemed. First Sonny Oct. 31, 2020, then almost immediately I lost Sammy on December 15, the same year. I didn't really recover from that before the time Mary Ann died a little over a year later, on Mar. 19, 2022.



Harry Wiant, Burnsville, WV, School Teacher and world's best dad.

MY LAUGHING DAD

My memory of Daddy as I was but a tot

Is mostly of his joking and how he laughed a lot.

He kept us all in stitches, he'd laugh and giggle so

When he told an oft-repeated joke that we'd already know.

His laughter was contagious as measles in the spring.

How often we were laughing in my "remembering."

I remember how when he would leave to teach school every day,

He'd kiss us on top our heads to miss oatmeal gone astray.

I also see his jaunty stride as homeward bound he came,

Whistling a merry tune that called us from our game.

We'd race to meet him, and we'd vie to carry home the mail,

And search the lunch remains for bites, and fight to hold the pail.

I always thought my dad could do just almost anything,

Like paint a house or fix a roof or mend a broken spring.

I well remember why he said he bought a davenport

Was so he'd get us married off when boys would come to court.

If broken springs were gouging through there'd be no place to sit!

Daddy kept our childhood bright with all his crazy wit.

He built a bathroom long ago to save us from the path,

But sometimes still a trail he'd make when we were in the bath.

My momma said it'd take five more to satisfy our "herd."

And only once do I recall him say a naughty word!

That was when he was changing a closet into a doorway.

The hammer slipped and cut his eye and, oh! to my dismay

He cried in pain, a word that gave his little girl a shock,

And later he said it was not a word that I should mock.

Another incident I can recall so vividly once more

Is when I saw that great big boulder rolling toward our door.

My Dad was at our garden pump and saw that rock descending.

It bounced first this a way, then that, eyes following its wending.

It finally stopped on a flat ledge, causing us no harm.

I was scared and so was Dad! Relief replaced alarm!

I remember also plain as day the time the bees were mad

And started buzzing all around and then took after Dad!

I saw him pass the window, feet 'way in front of head,

But by his yelp I knew that he was not the one who led.

My laughing Dad made life at home a happy place to grow.

How much I loved and honored him, I wanted him to know,

I hope for my own children the happiness I had

When growing up with my dear Mom and my sweet, laughing Dad.

Maranatha

Volunteers needed for Sutton Fall Festival

The Sutton fall festival will be having a meeting Tuesday, June 28th at the Landmark Studio of the Arts at 5:30 P.M. for anyone who would like to volunteer and be part of this year's festival.

For more information, please attend.

Magistrate Court R-E-P-O-R-T

Magistrate David Singleton's Court

June 13: David M. Jarrell of Sutton, driving suspended-general x3, no contest plea, expired registration, no contest plea, no proof of insurance, no contest plea, fines/court costs assessed; James R. Ware, Jr. of Sutton, fraudulent MVI, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed and paid; Rodney Karis Drake of Flatwoods, no seatbelt, no contest plea, expired MVI, dismissed proof provided, improper registration, dismissed proof provided, no proof of insurance, dismissed per plea, fine assessed; David Fae Duffield of Sutton, cruelty to animals, dismissed.

June 14: Misty D. Keener of Gassaway, domestic battery, warrant issued, bond set at $1500 personal recognizance; John Charles Barnette of Sutton, obstructing an officer, battery on an officer, warrantless arrest, bond set at $3000 personal recognizance; Seth Isaac Arnold of Burnsville, extortion, warrant issued, bond set at $10,000 cash, surety, or 10% to the court; Angela Renee Houghton of Birch River, beer sales under 21, guilty plea, fine/court costs assessed.

June 15: Coty Prunty of Burnsville, obstructing an officer, guilty plea, fleeing from officer, dismissed per plea, 180 days of jail with credit for time served of three days, remainder suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation, fine/court costs assessed; Richard C. Barker of Huntington, expired MVI, dismissed proof provided, no proof of insurance, dismissed proof provide; Franklin S. Montgomery of Rosedale, driving suspended for general-2nd offense, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; Michael Shawn Mace of Frametown, possession of meth, dismissed by motion of officer; Donna K. Dever of Gassaway, speeding, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; Santino Augustine Cava of Bridgeport, possession of marijuana, dismissed-deferred sentence, court costs paid; David Michael Jarrell of Sutton, possession of controlled substance, guilty plea, improper registration, no contest plea, driving suspended, no contest plea, driving suspended, dismissed per plea, 90 days of jail, suspended and placed on eight months unsupervised probation, fine/court costs assessed; Ryan N. Decanter of Tonawanda, NY, speeding, no contest plea, possession of marijuana, dismissed-deferred sentence, fine/court costs assessed and paid; Emily N. Bailey of Tonawanda, NY, possession of marijuana, dismissed-deferred sentence, court costs paid.

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

Come join us at the Burnsville Public Library for their Oceans of Possibilities Summer Learning Program and the 100 Days of Reading Challenge.

The Oceans of Possibilites Learnng 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 suspencse 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.

The BPL had a bear loose in the library today!!! To celebrate WV Day Miss Avis and the Wiggle Worms read "Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do You See?" by Bill Martin Jr. They also made bear faces and bears with their handprints. As a gift from the BPL to our Wiggle Worms they received mini puzzles based on the book.

Glenville State University has lowest regular tuition for 2022-23

Despite a slight percentage increase, Glenville State University is reporting the lowest regular tuition and fees ($8,044) for the 2022-2023 academic year among other four-year public institutions in West Virginia.

"Obtaining a college education is not something that should be reserved for only a certain few, but rather should be accessible to all," said Glenville State University President, Dr. Mark A. Manchin. "We are aware of the financial burden pursuing a degree can bring, particularly during these times of inflation and rising costs. We see that there is sometimes a gap between the cost of attending college and the ability of students and families to pay for that education. Glenville State University is working to bridge that gap in the form of student scholarships because at the end of the day, if a student wants to come to Glenville State, I want to see them be able to attend."

In February, Glenville State saw its most successful Day of Giving campaign raise over $1 million. Those funds help enhance student experiences and fund scholarships.

"We have also worked hard to secure scholarships for our new nursing students and worked with our generous alumni and donors to grow scholarships in other areas such as athletic training, education, criminal justice, and more. Paired with our comparatively low tuition, students can really get a top-notch education at Glenville State while still being mindful of the cost of attendance," Manchin added.

In 2021, Glenville State was recognized as the Most Affordable College in West Virginia by Academic Influence.

For more information about Glenville State University, contact the Office of Admissions at admissions@glenville.edu or (800) 924-2010.

Dixie Highway to play Friday at the Braxton County Jamboree

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

Friday, June 24th Dixie Highway will be performing at the BCJ.

All shows played at the BCJ will be played from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

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

For more information and to follow the Braxton County Jamboree please visit Facebook or online at http://braxtoncountyjamboree.WebStarts.com/

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

Dixie Highway is scheduled to perform at the Braxton County Jamboree on January 21st.

Burnsville Lake Campground host campsite decorating contest

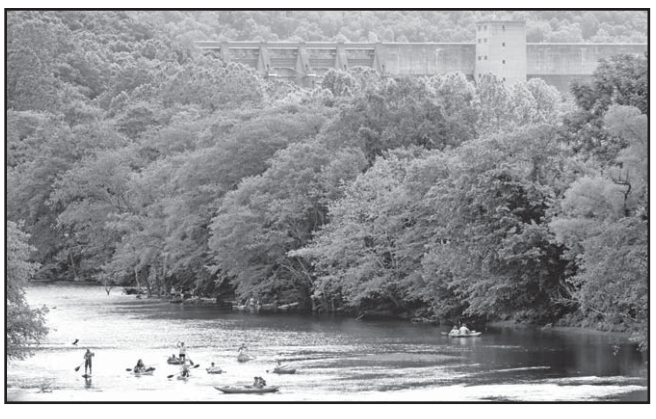
The Friends of Burnsville Lake are helping to make camping a little more fun for campers at Burnsville Lake. Bulltown and Riffle Run Campgrounds will feature a new theme for campers to participate in decorating their camp sites. Winners receive a campground garden flag to display at their campsite for the season.

The theme for the first week is "Let Freedom Ring". The contest will start on the Monday, June 27th and be judged on Friday, July 1st.

Campgoers must be registered with the Campground Host by 12:00 pm (Noon) on Saturday of each week in order to participate in the judging.

For a complete list of dates, themes and to keep up to date on winners, please visit the Friends of Burnsville Lake Facebook page.

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.

Kids Freedom Fishing Tournament

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

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

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

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

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

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Annual Mr. T Scholarship 5K Run/Walk registration

Saturday, June 25th

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 8:00 AM 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/GassawayDays5K.

Meet a Mountaineer Food Bank Food Banker

This week, the Mountaineer Food Bank is highlighting Laura Phillips!

Laura is the Director of Community Programs at Mountaineer Food Bank. Laura has been an employee of the food bank for five years and stepped into directing the Community Programs Department at the Department's onset in July 2019. Laura graduated from Fairmont State University with a Bachelor's of Health Sciences. Laura started at the food bank as a member of the Agency Relations team before transitioning to Director of Community Programs.

Laura lives in Lewis County, WV with her husband along with their sweet daughter, Madison Claire.

Laura Phillips, Director of Community Programs

Thank you, Laura, for all you do for the Mountaineer Food Bank.

Central WV Riding Club June show

The Central West Virginia Riding Club invites everyone out on Saturday, June 25th at 5:00 P.M. for its second show of the season.

CWVRC show dates for 2022 include July 16 -Youth Show, July 23, August 27, September 24, and October 8. Trail Ride October 16 @ 1:00 p.m. on Sugar Camp Rd (John & Kathy Given's) Gassaway.

Be sure to write these dates out in your calendar and come out to support the club.

All shows are held at Holly Gray Park and start at 5:00 p.m. Showbills were posted after the February meeting.

Anyone interested in joining or sponsoring a class contact the Central West Virgina Riding Club Facebook page with an address or email address to send it to and which form(s) you need.

Membership is $5 per person and $10 per family. Sponsorship is $40 for Silver Sponsor and $100 for Gold Sponsor.

US Army Corps of Engineers on the search for adults wearing life jackets

It's that time of year again! The "I got caught" initiative for adults to wear their life jackets.

This year there are yellow dry bags to give adults "caught" wearing their life jackets by a US Army Corps of Engineers Park Ranger.

This will start June 17 through Labor Day weekend this year. If you are caught wearing a life jacket you will receive a dry bag and also (upon your permission) you could be featured on our Facebook page wearing your life jacket with your dry bag. The dry bags are 10 liters in size and approximately 12" x 22".

Get caught while supplies last!

Get caught wearing your life jacket to receive your very own dry bag.

Braxton Citizens' NEWS

June 21, 2022

Section 2

Special Look at Braxton County

The 2022 Proud to be American Pageant lights up the Landmark Studio stage

By Fernando Rodriguez

Red, white, and blue were the colors of the day. Gary Beamer's Sweetheart Productions' patriotic pageant needed no fireworks to add to the beautiful display of patriotic-themed outfits worn by the 50+ female and male contestants at the Proud to be American Pageant held on Saturday at the Landmark Studio for the Arts.

Male and female contestants ranging from months old to mature adults circled the stage in front of the giant American Flag and patriotic decorations in the background, exhibiting their most creative red, white, and blue outfits for the team of judges.

Gary Beamer's Sweetheart Productions and Gary's tireless and dedicated supporters continue to stage classy, high-quality Pageants to the town of Sutton and surrounding areas. Together with the members of the Landmark Studio for the Arts, these Pageants present the residents of West Virginia opportunities to display their talents for the community to enjoy.

Everybody is a winner and walks away with a prize of some sort. The Proud to be American Pageant included the usual awards for Queens, Division Supreme, Fan Favorite, People's Choice, First Entries, Most Beautiful, Best Smile, Best Attire, Most Photogenic, Most Handsome, and for this Pageant, Liberty Supreme, and Eagle Queens. In addition, a part of the Pageant was dedicated to Dads & daughters/sons, when father and offspring had a chance to parade and dance on the stage.

Some of the title winners include:

Aubree Simmons, Division Supreme, 0-11 months.

Brooklyn Carpenter, Division Supreme, 1-2 years.

Eleanor Harman, Division Supreme, 3-4 years.

Kayleah Vankirk, Division Supreme, 5-7 years.

Lilly Dean, Division Supreme, 8-10 years.

Lilly Delany, Division Supreme, 11-13 years.

Hallie Moore, Division Supreme, 14-19 years.

Emma Howell, Division Supreme, Ms./Mrs.

Zayden Dean, Division Supreme, Boys. Most Handsome.

Thank you to all the contestants and to their support network.

If you wish information about becoming a contestant or helping, visit Gary's Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/gary.beamer.10/about

In addition, visit the WV Association of Fairs & Festivals Pageants Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/WVAFF

The next Pageant for the Braxton County Fair Queens will take place July 9, 2022. Visit Gary's FB page for information.

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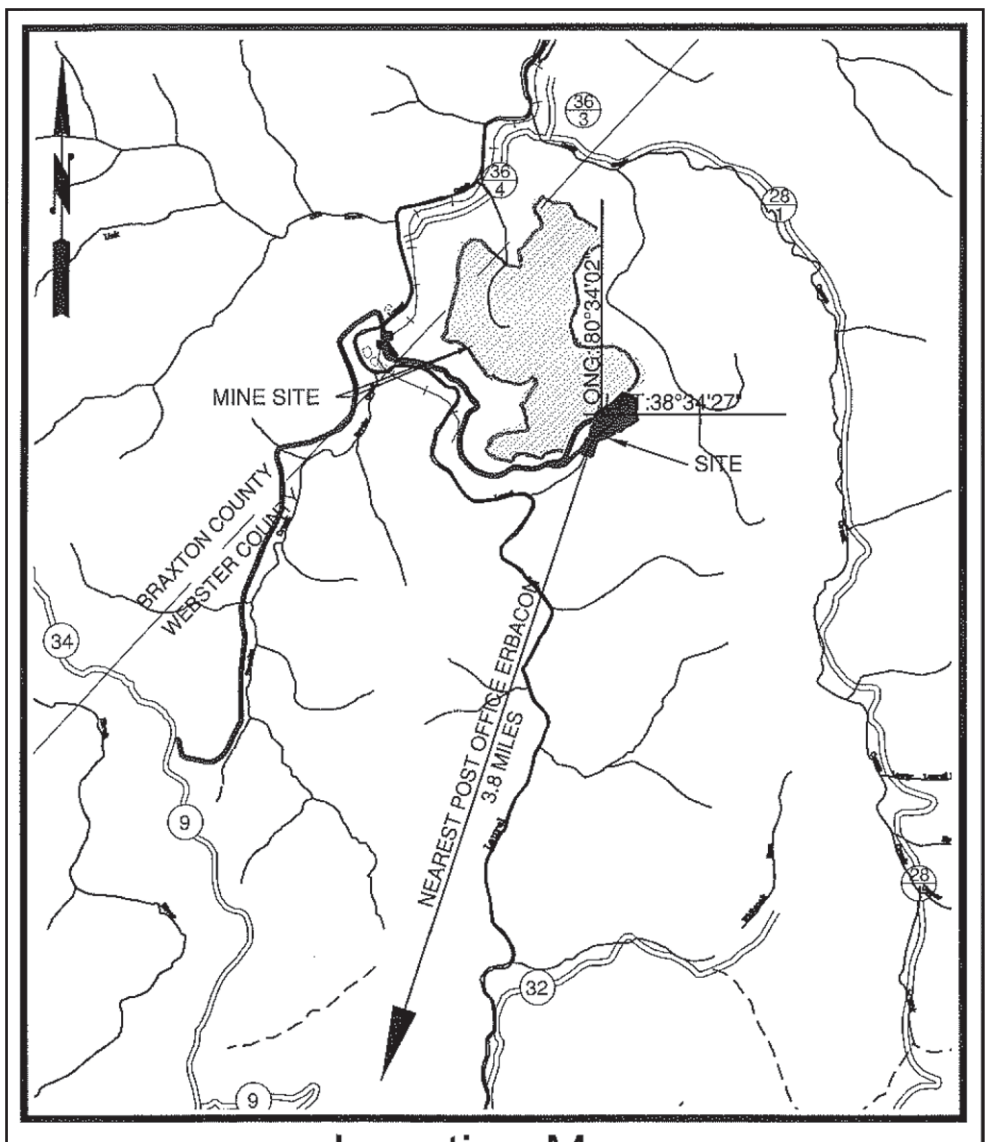
Written comments and/or requests for an informal conference of the permit renewal application shall identify the applicant and application number and will be received by the Permit Supervisor at the DEP address above until July 28, 2022, or thirty (30) days from the date of final publication. A copy 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

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia until July 12, 2022 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project(s):

Call	Contract	State Project	Federal Project	Description
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Proposals will be received from prequalified and West Virginia licensed contractors only except that on Federal-Aid Projects a contractor's license is not required at the time of bid, but will be required before work can begin. Registration is required with the Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing, in accordance with Chapter 5A, Article 3, Section 12 of the West Virginia Code. All contractors submitting bids on project(s) must submit with their bid a Proposal Guaranty Bond for $500.00 or 5% of the total bid, whichever is greater.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. The deferment, delay, postponement and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened will be available on www.bidx.com.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contracts entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award.

West Virginia Department of Transportation
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Kenneth T. Given
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Chief Engineer of Programs and Performance Management
Deputy State Highway Engineer 6-14 6-21b

LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLICATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PRESTON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
In the Matter of:
THE PETITION OF ALLEN HARODETSKY, PROSPECTIVE ADOPTIVE PARENT, AND URIAH HARODETSKY, NATURAL PARENT FOR THE ADOPTION OFMINOR CHILD G.K.L., MALE CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF FIFTEEN (15) YEARS
ADOPTION ACTION NO. 22-A-25

Notice is hereby given to the biological father in this matter. Gene Cogar, that on the 7th day of July, 2022, at 1:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, Allen Harodetsky and Uriah Harodetsky will apply by Petition to the Circuit Court of Preston County, West Virginia, located at the Preston County Courthouse, 101 West Main Street, Kingwood, West Virginia 26537, for the entry of an order awarding their adoption of the child G.K.L., at which time and place any interested party may appear and be heard, if they so desire. A copy of this Petition may be obtained from Hilary M. Bright. Esq., The Bright Law Firm, PLLC, at 200 W. Main Street, Kingwood, West Virginia 26537. Phone (304) 212-2317.

You are hereby notified that this matter may be rescheduled without further notice or publication.

Dated this 6th day of June, 2022.
Hilary M. Bright, Esq.,
W. Va. State Bar No. 12484
6-14 6-21p

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BRAXTON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
Ally Bank
Plaintiff,
VS.
Daniel N. Ransbottom
Defendant,
CASE NO.: CC-04-2021-C-20
Judge: Richard Facemire

The object of the above-entitled action in an action in which the Plaintiff alleges that the Defendant is indebted to the Plaintiff pursuant to certain contracts related to Defendant's purchase of a 2019 Nissan Titan VIN: 1N6AA1E-J7KN502967and in which the Plaintiff seeks monetary damages.

And is appearing by an Affidavit filed in this action that, despite due diligence, the whereabouts of the Defendant, Daniel N. Ransbottom, cannot be ascertained by the Plaintiff in order to effect personal service upon him, the sheriff of the county being unable to serve the Defendant after two attempts

It is hereby ORDERED that Daniel N. Ransborttom, do serve upon the Braxton Circuit Court, Braxton County Courthouse, 300 Main Street, Sutton, WV 26601 and Plaintiff's Counsel, Riley Rodgers. whose address is 1100 Superior Ave East, Suite 1100, Cleveland, OH 44114, an Answer or other defense to the Complaint filed in this action on or before July 5, 2022 or otherwise, Judgment by Default will be rendered against the said Defendant at any time thereafter. A copy of the Complaint can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at this office.

Entered by the Clerk of the Court this 3rd day of June, 2022.
Susan Lemon
Braxton Circuit Court Clerk
6-14 6-21b

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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 August 5, 2022, or thirty (30) days from the date of final publication. A copy of the application will be available for review until August 4, 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.

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Braxton County Soccer Club announces early bird registration

Braxton County Soccer Club's Fall 2022 Early Bird Registration opens June 17th until June 30th.

Registration is for age groups U4 to U12 (birth year 2019-2011.)

Through June 30th, there will be any early bird discount applied to each registered player. Registration cost for U4 players will be $35. Registration cost for U6-U12 players is $45 per player by using Promo code 91494.

After June 30th, Registration cost will increase, so don't delay.

To register, use the "sign up" button at the top of our Facebook page or this link:

http://clubs.bluesombrero.com/braxtoncountysc

You will be required to upload a copy of the player's birth certificate and a photo of the player at registration.

Coaches: Please ask us about the Volunteer discount before you register your players.

If you have questions, please contact Lindsey Casto or Krystle Morris.

Early bird registration runs through June 30th.

Support the 2022 Braxton County All Stars

"Each and every one of these young men and women have worked very hard throughout the season on and off the field to be where they are and having being selected to represent Braxton County at the District 8 All Star Tournament that is being held here at Braxton County this year." Commented Brandon Gum, Vice President. "Our goal for each team is to continue wining and to go as far as possible in the Little League Tournaments and possibly ending up their respective age group Little League World Series!".

Braxton County Little League All Stars asks that the County of Braxton come out to Holly Gray Park and support all of the players. "Each player has earned their own spot to be on these teams and will represent this county with the utmost respect and give 110% for each and every one living here." Gum finished.

The Braxton County Little League All Stars would like to thank the community that has supported this league this year and in the years past. Without the help of the community, these young men and women would not be able to play Little League Baseball and Softball to gain what comes with playing these sports.

Senior League Softball will play Friday night June 24 at 8:30 P.M. at Holly Gray Park versus Summersville.

11 & 12 Baseball will play Sunday, June 26 at 12:30 P.M.

8, 9, and 10 Baseball first game will be Saturday, June 25 at Holly Gray at 2:30 P.M. against Tygart Valley

8, 9, and 10 Softball will play Saturday June 25 at 5:00 P.M. at Holly Gray Park versus TBA.

Senior League Softball All Stars - Top Row Bobbi Singleton, Kaytie Sargent, Alyssa Luzader, Lilly Sniffin, Azailea Godfrey, Jaden Foster, Adrianna Atkins-Alexis Dehaven, Rion Given, Hayden Brown, Emma Conrad, Allison Cosner-Bottom Row Coach Not pictured will be Brooklyn Sargent

11&12 Baseball All Stars - Manager Ezra Lewis, Coaches Nick Conrad and Shannon Rhodes, Jackson Lewis, Cohen McPherson, Landon Helmick, Chase Hamner , Landon Mays, Kenny Cosner, Joseph McCollam, Levi Jackson, Jameson Pierson, Cole Conrad, Josh Hoover, Kallen Meadows & Aiden Given

8,9&10 Baseball All Stars - Manager Brandon Gum, Coaches Shane Moyers & Josh Cadel, Top (Left to Right) Hunter Robinson, J.C. Steiger, Liam Lynch, Collin Baldwin, Lane Lewis, Zeb Bennett & Christian Gum, Bottom: (Left to Right) Koltin Marks, Brent Moyers, Brayden Cadle, Matthew McEwain and Khole Wells

8,9,10 Softball All Star - Jordan Coen, Chad Smith, Stacy fisher & Stevan Fisher Next line: Maddie Hawkins, Jazz Jarrell, Holley Johnson, Emily Jarrell Kneeling: Hadley Smailes, Sophia Johnson, Gracelynn Facemire, Kenzie Butler, Peyton Singleton. Not pictured: Leah Rader, Ari Smith, Hallei Wilson, Cat Loggins

Elk Conservation District Agriculture Enhancement Program information Fiscal Year 2023 Sign-Up Schedule

Spring 2022: Collect your soil samples and mail them out to be ready for signups.

Sign up for Fall programs (Lime and Fence) Practice(s) to be completed by December 16, 2022 by July 11, 2022.

Sign up for Spring programs (Fertilizer and Fence) Practice's to be completed by June 2, 2023 by January 20, 2023.

Sign up for Urban Ag Program Practice(s) to be completed by June 16, 2023 from March 1 through May 15, 2023.

All soil test results must be turned into the ECD Office by the program sign up deadline. Leased farms will be included in the cooperator payment cap of $3,500.00.

New test are required annually. Please label your soil test with the field number that matches your USDA Farm map.

As you can see, the Elk Conservation District will no longer offer Nutrient Management for Fall or Lime for Spring. You can get a program application by stopping by the office or having one mailed or emailed to you. You can also find the applications on our website, wvca.us/districts/ecd.cfm, and on Facebook at, facebook.com/elkconservationdistrict. If you have any additional questions, feel free to call the ECD office at (304) 765-2535 or email ECD@wvca.us.

P-EBT to be issued for non-students receiving SNAP in West Virginia

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) has received approval from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to issue Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) benefits to eligible non-students, or children under the age of six years old who receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits.

Eligible non-students are those who reside in a county where one or more schools have been closed or operated at reduced attendance due to COVID-19. Children in this population only will receive P-EBT for months in which they were in an active SNAP household.

If a child is eligible, they will be mailed a benefit letter. There is not an application for this benefit. Please retain the case number found on the letter.

Qualified children will receive $22.44 in P-EBT for each month they qualify. P-EBT benefits will be dispersed in two primary issuances: August–December 2021 will be issued in July 2022 and January–May 2022 will be issued in September 2022.

P-EBT will be issued on the WV P-EBT card in the name of the eligible child. If a child received a P-EBT card during the 2020-2021 program year, a new card will not be automatically sent. If the card has been lost, a new card may be requested by calling 1-866-545-6502.

For additional information, please visit the WV P-EBT website at https://wvde.us/wv-pebt/ or contact the P-EBT hotline at 1-866-545-6502.

Burnsville CEOS Club holds meeting

The Burnsville Community Educational Outreach Service Club (COS) met June 8th 2022 at the community building in Burnsville with Bobbi Bragg Hostess. The meeting was called to order by President Betty Carson with roll call and pledge to the flag.

For devotions Beverley Monroe read from one of Joseph Mazzella's articles from the paper.

Secretary/treasurer read the minutes from the previous meeting and gave an update on the good of the club. We did a bake sale after the Alumni Parade and would like to thank all of you for supporting our club. All the proceeds go back into the community and we appreciate your generosity. Thanks so much.

Some folks in the community were sent cards and we hope you are doing better.

Members who attended the Weston Area Meeting said they enjoyed the day. This is the first time I have missed since I joined the club in 1997.

The Folk Festival is coming up and the Braxton County Belle is Pat Drake from the Burnsville Club. She will be in the parade on Saturday June 18th in Glenville with belles from all the counties. Past belles from the Burnsville Club will be there also.

We didn't have a lesson this month and there were no committee reports. We discussed the changing of officers and ways and means. We also volunteer at the county fair that is coming up soon and sponsored a child to 4-H Camp.

The next meeting will be July 13th 2022 at the Burnsville Mayor's Office 10am. You are welcome to join us.

Steve Warren Service and Gospel Sing

It's that time again. Yes, Steve Warren of Cookeville, TN will be at the Clover Fork Singing Grounds in Orlando, WV on Friday, July 8 at 7:00 pm and Saturday, July 9 at 12:00 noon. Friday night Steve will sing a few of his hits songs and bring a message. Then Saturday will be an afternoon of singing. Just take exit 79 off I-79 in Burnsville and follow the signs to Orlando. There is shelter and plenty of seating, buy you may enjoy sitting in your own lawn chair so feel free to bring it along. No admission charge. Rain or Shine! So come and enjoy an evening and afternoon of fellowship with us. For more information about Steve Warren visit his website at www.stevewarrenministries.com. Contact Willie Shaver at 304-853-2418. See you there!

Sutton High School Class of 1959

The Sutton High School Class of 1959 is planning their 63rd reunion for Labor Day Weekend.

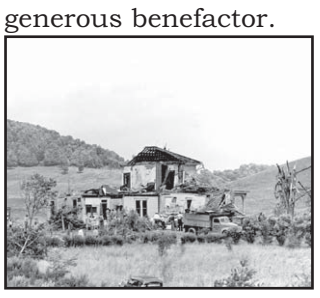
They are seeking addresses, phone numbers, or other information on the following classmates: Don Anderson, Jimmie Coombs, Robert (Bob)Tinney, Robert Prince, and Judy Dilley Young.

If you have any, please contact Linda Long Gillespie at (740)695-2816 or bakingnan@hotmail.com

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.

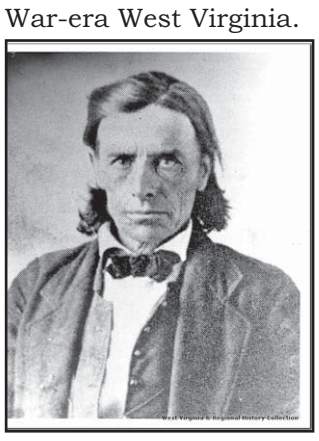
June 22, 1926: Earl Olgebay died in Cleveland. He was one of West Virginia's most successful industrialists and a generous benefactor.



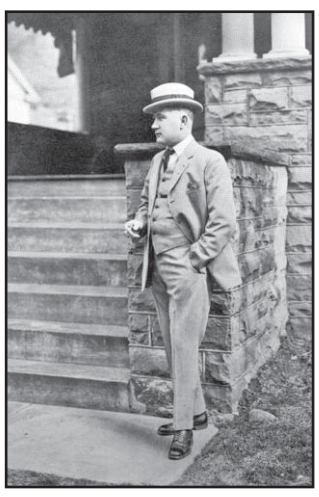
June 23, 1944: A tornado struck Shinnston and the surrounding area, killing 103 people and injuring hundreds more.

June 23, 2016: Eight inches of rain fell in a 12-hour period. The Meadow, Cherry and Elk rivers, as well as Howard Creek, flooded downtowns and The Greenbrier resort and killed 23 people.

June 24, 1842: Author Ambrose Bierce was born. Bierce found the setting for some of his famous short stories in the mountains of Civil War-era West Virginia.

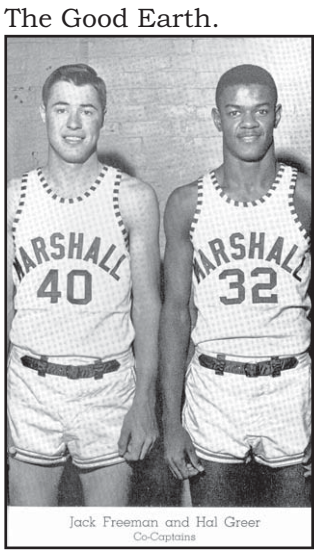


June 25, 1811: Bridge builder Lemuel Chenoweth was born near Beverly, Randolph County. His many bridges also included the earliest covered bridge at Beverly and the famous Philippi covered bridge.



June 26, 1887: Sheriff Don Chafin was born in Logan County. Chafin was a bitter foe of union organizers and, with financial support from coal companies, used his many deputies to keep labor organizers out of Logan County.

June 26, 1892: Pearl Buck was born in Hillsboro in the home of her maternal grandparents. She received the Nobel Prize for Literature for The Good Earth.



Jack Freeman and Hal Greer
Co-Captains

June 26, 1936: Basketball star Harold Everett "Hal" Greer was born in Huntington. Greer was the first African-American athlete to play at Marshall College (now University). During his three-year college career, Greer scored 1,377 points and averaged 19.4 points per game.

June 27, 1897: Musician Maceo Pinkard was born in Bluefield. Pinkard became one of the most successful songwriters of the 1920s Jazz Era.

June 28, 1936: Athlete Charles Louis "Chuck" Howley was born in Wheeling, Howley played linebacker for 12 seasons for the Dallas Cowboys. He was named All-Pro six times and named to six Pro Bowls.

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.

Dog Tales: Stories from the Braxton County Animal Shelter

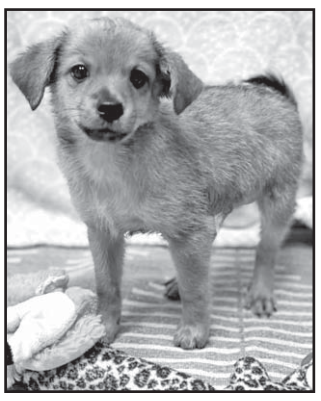
Are you looking to add a four legged, tail wagging member to your family? Rescues from the Braxton County Animal Shelter are looking for their final "Furever" homes and are anxious to meet you.

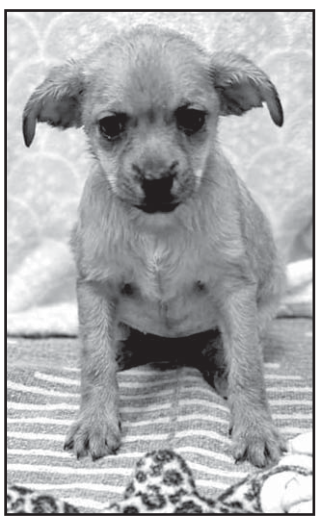
There is a reason we call them man's best friend. We can learn so many things from a dog's behavior, personality, demeanor, resiliency, and most importantly, the willingness to provide their family members with unconditional love, loyalty, and companionship down to their very last breath. BCAS is open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

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

Princess This little female Chi came to the Braxton County Animal Shelter with her litter of twelve week old babies because her owners needed help caring for them. She is around six years old and ten and a half pounds. Princess is the sweetest soul and a very good listener because she is eager to please. She responds to almost everything we ask her to do including asking her if she needs to go outside to potty, so we believe she is house trained given the chance to go outside (and will use a puppy pad if she can't). She is a wonderful Momma to her babies and will make an amazing new best friend to someone special. Princess just wants to be beside someone who loves her and soak up all the belly scratches she can get. She seems to love everyone she meets but gravitates to our humane officer so she might be more of a man's dog. This girl deserves the very best home and we won't settle for less.





Chi mix puppies available for adoption. These are Princess's babies and we have one female and two males. These puppies must be spayed/neutered before they can leave the shelter. They will be adopted in person with an adoption fee deposit by cash or check. The BCAS will work on a first come first serve basis and there will be no holds. If you would like to meet them stop by the shelter during business hours.

Shasta is a twelve to fourteen week old female Boxer. She is a sweet little girl with lots of playful puppy energy and loves all the attention she can get. She is dog friendly. We don't believe she is house trained yet and hasn't walked on a leash yet, but she is smart and eager to learn.

Molly is a five month old female Blue Heeler/Beagle mix. Molly is crate trained and has lived indoors before but still needs some work with house training as she has had accidents when no one is home. She has been around small children and other dogs but does not do well with chickens! Molly loves toys and playing with other dogs. This girl is very sweet and would make an excellent family companion.

Rowdy and Rascal These sweet boys are litter mates who are now ten months old. Their momma is a Great Dane and we can't be sure the breed of the father of this litter. They have lived mainly outdoors and were very timid when they came to the shelter but they are warming up to our staff quickly. These guys have been around children and are very gentle, do not jump up at all. They are also dog social and have been around chickens and rabbits as well. They love a good game of tug with a rope or toy.

Meet Josie, She is a four year old female Black and Tan who came to our shelter as a stray from the Burnsville city limits area. We believe she has only ever lived outdoors. She walks excellent on a leash and is in great physical health. She has dog tested great here in the shelter and is a very gentle personality. We think she would be good with children bc she does not jump up and is very laid back. Josie does have that hound dog howl but we don't hear it often.

This sweet girl is **Sasha**, she is a five to six month old lab mix who weighs thirty-five pounds. She is already such a good girl! Sasha has the sweetest disposition. She is great with small children, other dogs, and has been around horses. No cats for Sasha please. This smart girl knows sit, lay, come, shake and walks great on a leash. She's only had accidents in the home when no one is around to let her out to potty.

Braxton Co. Animal Shelter has been given the opportunity to provide five free dog spay surgery vouchers per month, to low-income Braxton County families. (One per household) These vouchers may be obtained by completing a Spay Assistance Application, which can be picked up and submitted at the animal shelter during business hours. Vouchers will be good for 30 days. BCAS reserves the right to deny financial assistance for any reason.

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These free spay surgeries must be scheduled by the voucher recipient at Central WV Animal Hospital.

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.

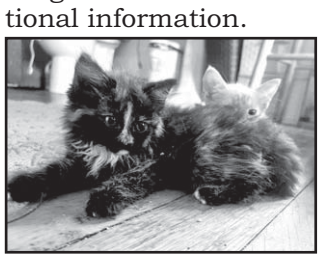
Featured today are several cats and kittens waiting for homes of their own.

They represent a few of the 14 kittens we currently have ready for placement.

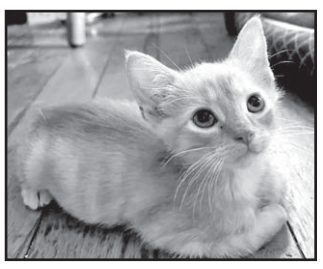
This group of 14 will be the last kittens we have available this season.

Our usual adoption fee has been reduced to $40 each of two for $65, which includes the spay/neuter/rabies vaccine at Central WV Animal Hospital in Gassaway when they are 4 months old.

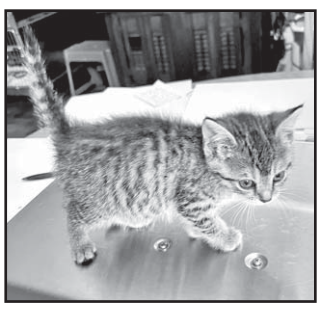
Additional photos of these and other available cats and kittens can be seen on petfinder.com by entering a search for CATS at location 26623 or on the Just One Generation Facebook page. Contact Sally Stewart. as 304-364-4136 to arrange a visit or for additional information.



Layla: 9 week old long-haired female tortoiseshell



Sunkist: 8 week old short haired orange tabby male



Happy: 8 week old short-haired brown tabby female

Sundance: 10 month old neutered male, short-haired orange/white

Doc: 8 week old short-haired male silver tabby

The Braxton County Animal Shelter has three, twelve week old

Butler family reunion

The family of Bayward and Mary Butler will be having a family reunion on July 9. It will be at Burnsville Dam, Shelter #3. Lunch will be around noon. Family and friends are welcome. Bring a covered dish and lawn chair and join the fun. Looking for a great turnout.

BCHS Class of 82 Reunion

Braxton County High School Class of 1982 will be holding their Class Reunion on July 2 at the 4-H pavilion at Holly Gray Park, Sutton.

Come at 1:00, dinner at 4:00. Food will be provided, locals bring a dessert. Donations are accepted.

If you have cornhole or instruments, bring them too. Questions call Gloria Starcher at 304-644-1082 or Annette Merzouk at 910-398-0708.

Bickle "gets caught" by US Army Corps of Engineers Park Ranger

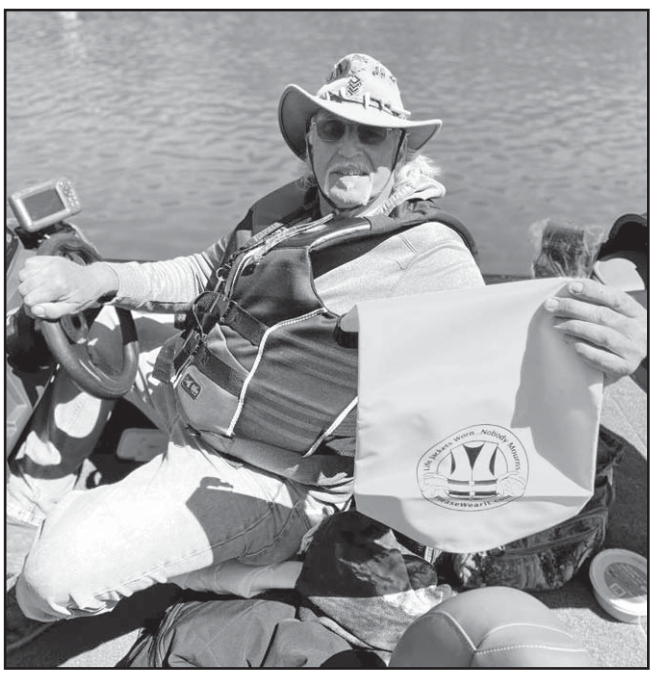
The "I got caught" initiative is for adults to wear their life jackets. This year there are yellow dry bags to give adults "caught" wearing their life jackets by a US Army Corps of Engineers Park Ranger. This event started June 17 through Labor Day weekend this year.

Chuck Bickel from Webster Springs, WV "Got Caught" wearing his life jacket at Burnsville Lake on this beautiful Sunday Father's Day afternoon! He is an avid fisherman who loves Burnsville Lake and stated, "that he will never be caught on a boat or around water without his life jacket, because he can't swim a lick".

Thank you for wearing your life jacket and boating safely at Burnsville Lake!

If you are caught wearing a life jacket you will receive a dry bag and also (upon your permission) you could be featured on our Facebook page wearing your life jacket with your dry bag. The dry bags are 10 liters in size and approximately 12" x 22".

Get caught while supplies last! Who will be next to "Get Caught" at Burnsville Lake?



Chuck Bickel "Got Caught" wearing his life jacket on Fathers Day weekend.

Glenville State University has Lowest Regular Tuition for 2022-23

Despite a slight percentage increase, Glenville State University is reporting the lowest regular tuition and fees ($8,044) for the 2022-2023 academic year among other four-year public institutions in West Virginia.

"Obtaining a college education is not something that should be reserved for only a certain few, but rather should be accessible to all," said Glenville State University President, Dr. Mark A. Manchin. "We are aware of the financial burden pursuing a degree can bring, particularly during these times of inflation and rising costs. We see that there is sometimes a gap between the cost of attending college and the ability of students and families to pay for that education. Glenville State University is working to bridge that gap in the form of student scholarships because at the end of the day, if a student wants to come to Glenville State, I want to see them be able to attend."

In February, Glenville State saw its most successful Day of Giving campaign raise over $1 million. Those funds help enhance student experiences and fund scholarships.

"We have also worked hard to secure scholarships for our new nursing students and worked with our generous alumni and donors to grow scholarships in other areas such as athletic training, education, criminal justice, and more. Paired with our comparatively low tuition, students can really get a top-notch education at Glenville State while still being mindful of the cost of attendance," Manchin added.

In 2021, Glenville State was recognized as the Most Affordable College in West Virginia by Academic Influence.

For more information about Glenville State University, contact the Office of Admissions at admissions@glenville.edu or (800) 924-2010.

Sutton Public Library continues Cans For Canines BCAS fundraiser

Sutton Public Library would like to thank everyone for the continued support of our community project, Cans for Canines. This project has been in operation for over one year now with over $1,000 raised over this past year thanks to your partnership with bringing cans and monetary donations! Funds raised go to the Braxton County Animal Shelter. This ongoing program encourages everyone to start saving and donating aluminum cans to the Sutton Public Library who will then deliver them to the recycling center All funds are donated directly to the Braxton County Animal Shelter. Shelter staff has said that the funds have been a great help to pay for immunization supplies. If you are an individual or a company and would like to help support this wonder cause with a few cans a week or a truck load, just bring them by the library and leave them in the specially marked bins or large boxes on the parking ramp. The library does not have to be open for you to leave your donated cans.

The Sutton 4-H Club that meets monthly at the library will begin collecting cans to support this program and will provide additional help in sorting the cans to make sure we have just aluminum cans. We cannot take aluminum foil or steel soup cans. Those items are not accepted at the recycle location at this time.

The library is also looking for sponsors to match the money earned by one load or for the whole month. If you want to get involved in this worthwhile, environmentally friendly program, call the library at 304-765-7224. The next time you start to throw away a can, think about the animals at the shelter that could benefit from that can.

Donate your cans today at the SPL.

Of Cats and Prey Animal Rescue holds adoption fair at Burnsville Public Library

Of Cats and Prey Animal Rescue will be at the Burnsville Public Library for an adoption event on Friday, June 24th. Of Cats and Prey Animal Rescue will have many sweet babies available for adoption.

Burnsville Public Library is happy to be hosting our second adoption fair of 2022.

These pets need a home. If you are interested in adopting or details on how the process works please take the time to visit with us.

If you can't adopt a furever friend, you can always make a donation to this worthy cause.

Stop by the Burnsville Public Library on June 24 to find your very own fur-ever friend.

Gateless Earns Medical Degree From WVSOM

Kirsten Gateless, D.O., graduated from the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) with a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree on May 28, 2022.

Dr. Gateless earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Davis & Elkins College in Elkins, W.Va., in 2018. She is a 2014 graduate of Braxton County High School.

Gateless is the daughter of Karin and Clifford Gateless of Flatwoods.

She plans to enter a family medicine residency at Southeastern Regional Medical Center in Lumberton, N.C.

Kirsten Gateless

Annual Mr. T Scholarship 5K Run/Walk

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/GassawayDays5K.

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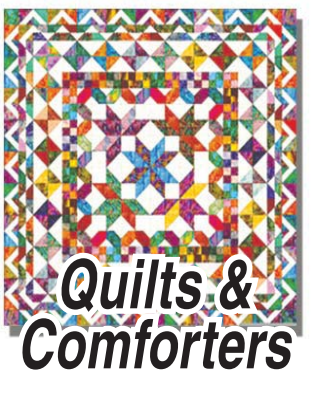

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Friends of Sutton Library Support Activities

Before gathering for their bimonthly meeting some members of the Friends of Sutton Library enjoyed items from the Main Street Coffee. Iced coffee and scones and other items were served to the group in a welcoming newly remodeled area with comfortable seating. Friends of the Sutton Library are a supportive group, the bonus here was the delicious products!

During their meeting the Friends discussed activities for the Big Foot Event on June 25 where there will be books read aloud , scavenger hunts with prizes, and Big Foot "Poop" for sale all presented by smiling faces in the beautiful Sutton Library. Come visit from noon-4:00 and enjoy!

Other Friends supportive activities this summer are the Summer Reading Program for students on most Mondays at 11:00 in June and July. The theme of "Oceans of Possibilities" has been a success the last 2 weeks and a special culminating program is being planned early in August! Also the Friends are supporting Little Libraries in the county, with one below the Sutton Dam and three more in various places later this summer. Take a book, read a book, leave a book, love a book! The Little Libraries were fashioned at the Friends' request by the BCHS Construction class utilizing donated recycled materials.

This fall the Friends of Sutton Library will arrange a presentation by "Harriet Tubman" from the Humanities Council for several classes at Sutton and Flatwoods Elementary Schools. This presentation was previously planned and postponed during the pandemic. In the past "Sacagawea" and "Charles Schultz" presentations have been enjoyed through the Friends' efforts. Apple butter making and the annual Baked Steak dinner were also discussed for the fall.

Friends of the Sutton Library welcomes all who would like to work in support of the library activities, presenting children's programs and contributing to the community of Braxton County. Find more information at the Sutton Library or call Pat at 765-7873.

Flatwoods Monster Fest

The Flatwoods Monster Fest will be held on Friday, July 1st from 1:00-5:00 P.M.

Vendors, bring own table ,Chairs and Tent, $25.00 to setup.

There will be music, games and food.

The event will be located at lot across from Flatwoods Funeral

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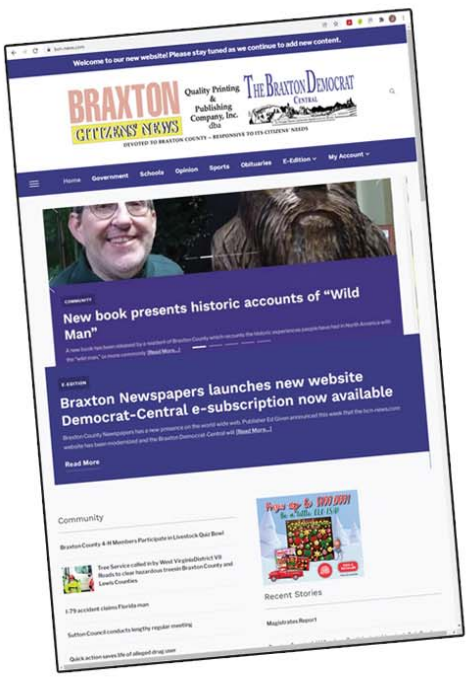

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College of Business & Aviation to launch adult degree completion program in Fall 2022

Fairmont State University's College of Business & Aviation has been granted approval to offer a new adult degree completion program. Beginning in the fall of 2022, students will have the opportunity to enroll in the Bachelor of Science in Strategic Leadership program to complete a four-year degree through online delivery methods.

The Strategic Leadership program is designed to provide a specific concentration to offer students a credential for workplace readiness, and was introduced to boost career advancement opportunities for adults currently engaged in the workforce in the State of West Virginia.

"According to a study by JobsEQ, in the past year nearly 70 percent of job postings which specified a degree credential as a minimum qualification required a bachelor's degree of some type," said Fairmont State University College of Business & Aviation Dean, Timothy Oxley. "Clearly, of these job postings in West Virginia which require a college education, a bachelor's degree is still a strong entry-level or career-boosting credential."

To be eligible for acceptance into the Strategic Leadership program, students must possess an associate degree from a regionally accredited institution or have 60 or more transferrable credits from one or more regionally accredited institutions. The program also allows for individuals with an associate degree in a technical or applied field where there is no corresponding baccalaureate option to complete a four-year degree, including areas in Applied Manufacturing Technology, Applied Design, Emergency Medical Services, Industrial Technology, Paralegal Studies, Welding Technology or Veterinary Technology.

"We know that more than a quarter of a million West Virginians hold some college credit or have completed an associate degree," Oxley said. "The B.S. in Strategic Leadership is designed to give these individuals an opportunity to complete a bachelor's degree without having to commute to campus for classes."

Students enrolled full-time may complete the entirety of the 30-hour curriculum in an 11-month period, from August through July. The Strategic Leadership program format includes a minimum of 10 three-credit hour core online courses in strategic leadership, offered in seven-week half terms on a static rotation each semester. The accelerated design allows for students to complete up to 12 credit hours in the fall and spring semesters, with the remaining six hours to be offered during a 12-week summer term.

"The online, accelerated format of the Strategic Leadership program will enable those who are working full or part-time, or are otherwise place-bound, to obtain a useful credential and add value to the college credit they already have completed," Oxley continued. "Not only am I proud that the College of Business & Aviation at Fairmont State University is delivering this program in a format that is convenient to working adults, but I believe that offering such opportunities is our duty in order to support educational needs throughout the state and our communities."

The Bachelor of Science in Strategic Leadership program is similar to and complements the existing Regents Bachelor of Arts program offered at the University. However, students desiring to pursue the RBA degree may benefit from the specialized concentration made available through Strategic Leadership curriculum.

"Having coordinated the RBA program for over a decade, I have witnessed firsthand the benefits of providing online courses in a compressed timeframe, which allows students to fit the completion of a college degree into their already full lives," said Regents of Bachelor Arts Director, Pamela Stephens. "While the RBA program offers students maximum flexibility in meeting their learning objectives, the Strategic Leadership degree is ideal for students who aspire to gain the knowledge and skills relevant to advance into mid and upper-level management in today's dynamic organizations."

Program coordination will be assumed by the Dean of the College of Business & Aviation, with program oversight, admissions and advising to be coordinated through the Director of the Regents Bachelor of Arts program.

The deadline for the Fall 2022 application is August 1. The online application may be accessed at www.fairmontstate.edu/apply. For more information, contact Pamela.Stephens@fairmontstate.edu.

The TNT® Fireworks stand in Glenville (located at Foodland Plaza) is stocked and ready to supply residents with fireworks for their Independence Day celebrations. Pictured here are some of the volunteer workers from last season (l-r) Daniel Hinger, Dr. Jason Barr, Brittany Koutsounis, Joe Lutsy, Tina Lowe, Mitchell Blackburn, and James McChesney.

Glenville State University Department of Fine Arts to hold Fireworks Fundraiser

The Glenville State University Department of Fine Arts will again be operating the TNT® Fireworks stand at Foodland Plaza in Glenville this year as a fundraiser.

The stand is scheduled to open Friday, June 24 and will operate through Tuesday, July 5. Faculty and students from the department will staff the stand, and money from sales will go toward the Friends of Fine Arts fund.

"Friends of Fine Arts is a fund that we use to help pay for student enrichment activities," explained Dr. Jason Barr, Chair of the Department of Fine Arts. "It helps us to bring in clinicians, artists, performing musicians, and the like for our students to attend and learn from."

During selling seasons, TNT Fireworks offers the use of their stands or tents for fundraising purposes. This is the second year the GSU Department of Fine Arts has had the opportunity to operate the stand in Glenville during Independence Day sales.

"As always, the Department of Fine Arts thanks everyone for their support!" Barr added.

The TNT Fireworks stand in Glenville will be open daily from 10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m.

When celebrating with fireworks, remember to read all warning labels and follow directions on each device. Children should not handle, play with, or light fireworks. Adults should handle and light all fireworks to ensure their proper use. Additionally, please obey local and state laws regarding the sale and use of state-approved fireworks. Contact local fire and police officials regarding ordinances pertaining to the purchase and use of fireworks in your area.

St. Thomas Church Sale

The ladies of the St. Thomas Church will hold a multi-family yard sale at 624 Kanawha St. in Gassaway on June 29th and 30th, and July 1st from 10:00-3:00.

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MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE: Thursday, June 30 thru Saturday, July 2, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Rain or Shine. We've purged houses, closets, garages, and tool sheds. Kids, adults, plus size clothing, shoes, purses, seasonal and household items, toys, tires, tools, collectibles and much more! 1330 Little Otter Road, Gassaway, 1.3 miles off Chapel Road. Upper end of Bluefield area. Follow signs. 6-21 6-28p

NO TRESPASSING on the Jett property at 305 River Street, Sutton between the alley and the Elk River. There will be electronic surveillance. Not responsible for accidents. Bill Jett. 5-10 6-28p

NO PARKING NO TRESPASSING at Bill Mowery, 130 Virginia Street, Gassaway, WV. Towed at owner's expense. 6-1 6-21p

NOTICE OF INTENT: As of the filing of this letter, it shall be known that Daniel Paul White legally has control over ¾ of the 59.5 acres of the old Paul D. Riffle homestead located at the end of the left fork of Seng Run Road in Little Birch, Braxton County, West Virginia. Steven Earl Riffle has a ¼ interest in only the 4 acres located at the old home and the wooded area directly behind it. There will be no trailers, RV's, vehicles or any further items left on said property that will not be towed at the owner's expense without written permission provided by Daniel Paul White. There will be no further Trespassing/Hunting/Trapping or any further activity on the entirety of the 59.5 acres without written permission provided by Daniel Paul White. This does not of course preclude any actions upon the remaining 55.5 acres wherein ¼ control is in the legal ownership of a third party and therefore he may access said area to hunt. Mr. Riffle is free to access the 4 acres wherein he has an ¼ interest to hunt. I apologize now for the necessity of having to publish this correspondence. However, the false information being repeatedly stated by Mr. Riffle must come to an end. Daniel Paul White will not be responsible for any accidents/injuries which may occur upon said property during any illegal trespassing activities. 6-14 6-21b

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It was a wonderful day for the First Annual Father's Day Mini Golf Tournament on Saturday, June 18th at the Braxton County Senior Center Miniature Golf Course.

The weather was perfect, the competition was fun, and the teams were amazing! Everyone enjoyed lots of laughs and the friendly competition.

Winning teams received custom trophies as well as Walmart Gift Cards.

Congratulations to all of our winners!

First Place - The Cooks (Brandon Cook, Jessica Cook, Kolton Cook, and Lynn Cook)

Second Place - We The People (Terry Perkins, Amy Perkins, Kaiden Perkins, Adam McMillion, and Wally Post)

Third Place - The Cowboys (Brandon Gum, Amanda Gum, Bill Gum, Sofia Gum, and Christian Gum)

Best Dressed Team - The Paradise Dream Team (Tim Criner, Kaylee Criner, Braelyn Criner, and Rylan Criner)

We had five Hole In One Medalists: Kaylee Criner, Lynn Cook, Christian Gum, Abbi Crow, and Terry Perkins.

Terry Perkins also took home the Hole In One Champion award for not just one, but two Hole In Ones!

We want to wish all of the dads a Happy Father's Day! We celebrate you not only today, but everyday!

Families dressed in costumes and prepared team names to enjoy the First Annual Father's Day Mini Golf Tournament

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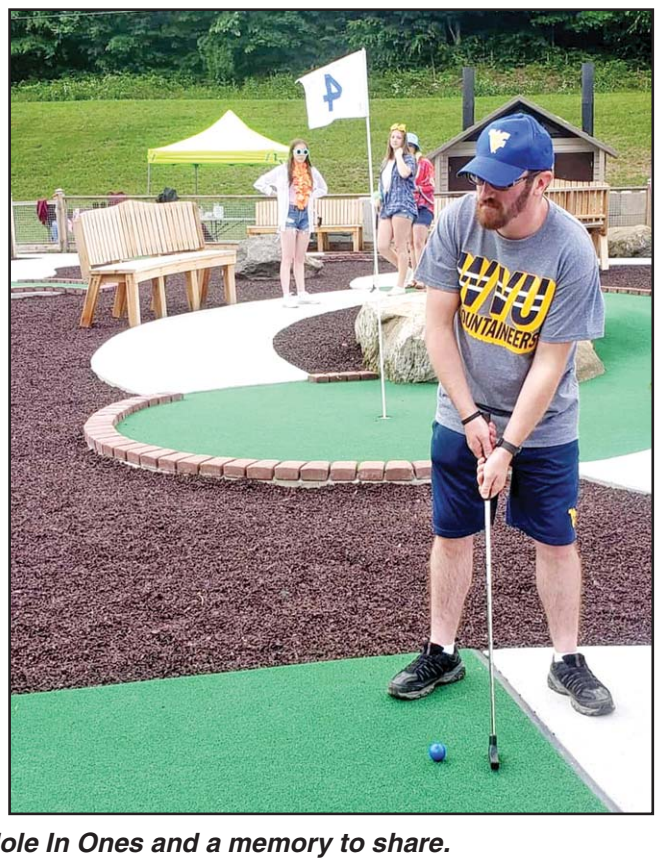

Fathers and their families make their way through the miniature golf course putting for Hole In Ones and a memory to share.