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Multiple charges pending against Burnsville woman

Trooper C. D. Harper of the Sutton Detachment of the West Virginia State Police began an investigation on May 15 resulting from a 9-1-1 call. Brittany Brown had filed a complaint that someone had broken into her parent's home at 403 Church Street, Burnsville.



Barker



Byrd

When Trooper Harper arrived on scene Brown told him she had been checking on her parent's home, Donald and Karen Barker who were out of town. She stated that she had visited the residences the previous day and found everything secure. The daughter told the officer that when she arrived that evening, she found the house unsecure with both the garage and side door open. Further inspection revealed that numerous items had been stolen including a large gun safe containing several firearms, a smaller safe, generator, jewelry and other items.

Trooper Harper collected evidence at the scene which included description of missing items and the serial number of two of the firearms. The officer later entered those weapons into the

NCIC systems as being stolen.

Ms. Brown told the Trooper that her sister, Lisa Barker, had a substance abuse issue and had been living in Ritchie County with a man named Kevin Byrd. Brown stated that she felt the sister may be involved.

The officer's investigation led to the discovery that Kevin Byrd had a warrant for his arrest for a parole violation. Byrd also has a history of grand larceny and receiving and transferring stolen goods.

Trooper Harper contacted Trooper Taylor of the Harrisville Detachment who was familiar with both Barker and Byrd. The officers' investigation led them to a Ritchie County woman who stated that she had loaned the accused her pickup truck and trailer on May 14 which had not been returned at the time of the officers' interview.

The property owner also reported that a member of his family

had observed pictures that Lisa Barker had posted on her TikTok account and Facebook of her wearing some of the stolen jewelry.

On June 14 Byrd and Barker were stopped by the Ohio State Patrol on I-77 in Summit County, Ohio. During the stop one of the guns reported stolen was discovered in the vehicle. Two additional firearms also believed to have been taken from the Burnsville home were also recovered. Byrd was arrested as a result of the traffic stop. Barker was cited for marijuana possession and released.

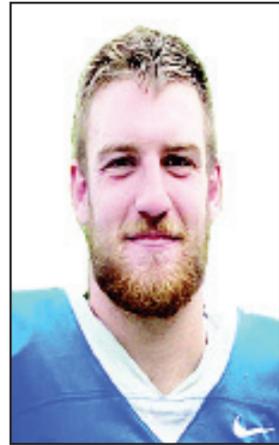
Lisa Marie Barker, 31, of Cairo, WV was arrested on the Braxton County charges by Trooper Harper. She was arraigned before Magistrate Beth Smith on charges of burglary, grand larceny and felony conspiracy. Her bond was set at \$50,000 cash only. Barker is currently lodged in the Central Regional Jail awaiting additional court appearances.

Charges stemming for the incident against Kevin Byrd are pending as the investigation continues.

Former BCHS athlete is finalist for MEC's Scholar Athlete of the Year

By Shirley Shuman

Seth Arnold, a varsity football player for the Glenville State Pioneers, was recently announced as the finalist representing Glenville State University for the league's Scholar Athlete of the Year award. Arnold was a four-year starter for the Braxton County High Eagles football team.



Each institution in the Mountain East Conference selected one male and one female as finalists for the award, with the two winners being announced later this month. Criteria for nomination include a 3.30 or higher cumulative grade-point average,

participation in at least 50 percent of the team's contests in a MEC-sponsored sport, and a minimum of one year of residence at the institution. Other honors to be an-

nounced include Male Athlete of the Year, Female Athlete of the Year, and Player of the Year along with Coaches of the Year.

Arnold, who played in all the Pioneers' games this past season, meets the GPA criteria He is the only football player among the finalists, and he carries a 3.8 cumulative GPA. On the field, he led his team in total tackles (90) and was second in the conference in that area as well as first in the conference in solo tackles. He had 11 tackles for loss.

The son of Daniel and Tammy Arnold, Seth is the father of Lincoln Cole Arnold.

Local youth among Mountaineer ChalleNGe Academy graduates

The Mountaineer ChalleNGe Academy is pleased to announce Class 1-22 as the 58th class to complete this West Virginia National Guard Program. Commencement exercises were held Friday, June 17th at Camp Dawson in Kingwood. A total of 64 graduates from 23 counties across the State of West Virginia successfully completed the requirements for graduation. CMSgt Brandon Ives congratulated the Cadets and gave the commencement address.



Cadet Waylon Jordan, son of Deborah Brady of Sutton, was in Platoon 2. Cadet Jordan was recognized for receiving the Honor's List, Instructor's List(2), Mentorship, S2C Award as well as obtaining the

six Individual Values Recognition Ribbons. During their time at the Academy, Cadet Jordan served in the Color Guard leadership position.

All graduating Cadets have completed the residential phase of ChalleNGe, which includes activities in

eight core component areas ranging from Service to Community to Employability Skills. Cadets in this class provided 2979.5 hours of Service to Community for such organizations as Operation Gratitude, Food for Preston, Chestnut Ridge Park, Kingwood Library, Raymond Wolfe Center, Osage Miner's Museum, Adopt A Highway, and WV Land Trust. Following graduation, these Cadets will begin a one-year post-residential phase of ChalleNGe that includes placement activities in education and/or employment.

Applications are currently being accepted for Class 2-22 South that begins in October. Call toll-free at 1-800-529-7700 for more information.

Board of Education hears report on Summer School

The Braxton County held their most recent meeting on June 21.

Director Linda Sears provided a brief update to board members about summer school. The high school is averaging 25 students a day for credit recovery out of the 48 students enrolled. The credit recovery is more rigorous than previous years. The middle school has 52 students, and the elementary schools have 219. Attendance is at about 75% for summer school. The theme for this year's session is West Virginia so all field trips are in state. Director Sears stated the "teachers are phenomenal" this year. She noted Robert Lloyd from the high school worked with the middle school students in building benches to reinforce measurement skills.

Superintendent Kathy Hypes discussed the recent survey completed by the WV School Board Association on school safety. The results showed that a little over half have what is considered a safe school entrance, which is one that has separate entrance and exit, and only 25% have a PRO officer. It would cost the state approximately \$164 million to outfit schools with safe entrances.

Board members also discussed issues with

landline services at schools and lack of proper cell service at Little Birch and Frametown.

The board approved the following consent agenda items on a motion by Evelyn Post with a second by Dr. Kenna Seal: approval of June 7 meeting minutes; transportation requests; payment of bills; budget transfers and supplements; and treasurer's report.

The following professional, service and extra-curricular personnel recommendations were approved on a motion by Evelyn Post with a second by Dr. Kenna Seal: contract update to second probationary contract for Rebecca Davis, 2nd grade, Frametown; rescission of reduction of force for Janice Hughes, preschool/preschool special needs teacher, Little Birch and Valerie Jarvis, preschool supervisory/instructional/transportation aide/ECCAT, Little Birch; employment for Isaac Casto, 2nd/3rd grade split classroom, Little Birch, Janice Hughes, summer substitute, Kinderboost, Michele Campbell, substitute special education supervisory/instructional/transportation aide, Veronica Frame, summer school bus operator, George Dennison, David

McQuain, and Charles McCumbers, summer substitute bus operators, George Dennison and James Huffman, summer substitute custodians, James Huffman, 1st & 2nd grade instructional aide, Sutton, Chelsea Hosey, custodian, Little Birch, Lisa Allen, part-time custodian, central office/BCMS, Virginia Carpenter, cook, half-time position, Burnsville, Lindsay Harman, assistant soccer coach, BCMS, and Melisa Keener, volleyball coach, BCHS; employment of substitute personnel for SY 2022-2023 for Sterling Beane, Sr., Donna Booher, Michael Brady, Tammy Brown, Sandy Burchett, Randall Butcher, Debbie Carroll, Bridgett Carson, Kristi Cash, Minnie Coffman, Brittany Conley, Thomas Crutchfield, Patricia Dean, Denver Drake, Haley Drake, Ashley Given, Brooklyn Gould, Leah Herndon, Sheba Kendig, Patty Montgomery, Kimberly Moore, Margaret Moore, Tyler Morlan, Amy Mullins, Stephen Parker, Madison Rollyer, Patty Salisbury, Mary Shamburg, Brandon Shinaberry, Stephen Smith, Margaret Squires, Baylee Stewart, Cory Stout,

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Town of Flatwoods to host 4th of July Celebration

The Town of Flatwoods is encouraging area residents to join them for a 4th of July Celebration on Monday, July 4th at the Flatwoods Municipal Building.

The festivities will start at 7:00 P.M. There will be free give-a-ways, music by the Kowboyz, and a fireworks display.

Seating and parking is on a first come first served. Follow the Town of Flatwoods Facebook page or call (304) 765-7235 for more information.



The public is invited to join in on the 4th of July Celebration at Flatwoods on Monday, July 4th.

Kids Freedom Fishing event will be held at Burnsville Dam



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

Registration is free and will start at 11:00 A.M. Those wishing to participate are encouraged to bring their own bucket to keep fish!

There will be a trophy and a gift card for the first-place winner. Second and third place winners will receive a trophy. There will be prizes

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As I See It

By Ed Given



Seeing the light...

Before I get to the main topic of this writing, I want to comment on all the positive things I heard about the Bigfoot Festival. In only its second year, the event grew substantially. Having been involved in events like this in the past, I know first hand, what a huge task the planning and operations are. I congratulate everyone involved in what was undoubtedly a job well done!

Gassaway Days were also an apparent success. We have been ask about the insert or lack thereof, like the one we produced last year for then Mayor Jeff Skidmore. A number of people said they were looking forward to more of the stories and history like the 2021 version contained. We didn't have an insert because Mayor Richie Roach chose not to. We offered... and for a while it looked like they would continue, but that did not turn out to be the case. Regardless, I'm glad the event went well, and local citizens enjoyed it.

This week I got a new release from the State Board of Education that they are getting involved in the court case to challenge what will inevitably be a drain to public education finances.

The West Virginia Board of Education (WVBE) and State Superintendent of Schools, through their attorneys, recently filed a response in the Circuit Court of Kanawha County in the case of Beaver v. Moore, in support of the parents' request that the Court enjoin the unconstitutional diversion of public funds from public schools authorized by the West Virginia Legislature in the Hope Scholarship Program.

That news release went on to say, "The people of this State made a choice in 1863 when they enshrined public education as a fundamental right in West Virginia's constitution. Thereafter, when the people of this State ratified the provision in the State's constitution that entrusts the supervision of the public schools to the West Virginia Board of Education, they gave the Board the independent responsibility to protect and defend that constitutional choice.

"The Hope Scholarship Program incentivizes students to exit the public school system and drains needed public funds from the state's public schools. As a result, it violates the West Virginia Constitution as it prevents the West Virginia Board of Education from providing a thorough and efficient education for all children. It is the Board's intent to assert that position in the Circuit Court of Kanawha County and to support the parents who have initiated legal action in this matter.

"The West Virginia Board of Education intends to take every action it can to protect public education and the children it serves."

I hope this helps bring an end to this foolish move. If parents want a different education for their children than what the public school system is providing, that is certainly their right. However, it should not be at the expense of the majority of the students of this state.

Every Acre Counts

By Kevin Gregory

July Chores for Habitat Management

It is hard to believe it is nearly July and time for our monthly check on habitat chores for July. Each month I will interrupt the series or articles I am running to spend some time on the next months chores. You may or may not be doing any of them, but they are intended to serve as a reminder or to trigger some habitat thoughts for you.

July in Central West Virginia is generally hot and humid and starts the Dog Days of Summer. July is the month with the highest level of rainfall throughout the year – yes, that is hard to believe. According to US Climate Data – July is the wettest of the year for WV averaging 5.64 inches. It is also the warmest month for central WV. www.usclimatedata.com/climate/sutton/west-virginia/united-states/uswv0728

Now that we understand the weather and our mountains are full of leafed out trees and plants of every kind,

we need to understand what our wildlife needs are to verify if we are supporting their yearly cycle.

Deer are busy with does nursing, fawns learning what to eat and how to hide and bucks growing antlers. Turkey are raising poults now somewhere around 6 weeks old. Songbirds are raising young or hatching a second batch of young and still attracting young. Our pollinators are beginning to experience the nectar dearth and bear are finishing up their mating season.

On the landscape, plants that have been growing for 2 months now or longer are starting to reach the end of their high nutrition period. Some soft mass trees may be producing apples and cherries are ripe or gone from the birds finding them.

Nutrition remains a key focus for the summer months – if possible, we can reset the forbs with a controlled burn of part of

our landscape or a sporadic application of herbicide to set back the plants and trigger regrowth. Mowing is an option but mowing promotes grass growth which is not very helpful for many of our wildlife species. A light disking or strip disking can also reset plants in your fallow fields or field edges.

Supply minerals for wildlife in the form of mineral blocks or a mineral supplement may help or you can follow my suggestion from an earlier article and mineral stump some trees which will provide high nutrient content in the new suckers than grow from the stump or roots.

If you planned properly in May, your buckwheat should be growing well now in preparation for termination and a replanting of your fall/winter blends. If you frost seeded Cereal Grain (Winter Rye), it will be done in July supplying long heads of cereal grain your turkey, squirrels, doves, songbirds, chipmunks, etc.... will love. It will also fix nitrogen for your fall clover planting.

Trimming shooting lanes, new stand placements, bow tun-

ing, searching for ammo and gear checks are important to get started. Also farm equipment maintenance needs to be a priority as we near fall planting periods or you do some strip disking.

Invasive treatments are also important this month. In order to control them we need to attack them throughout their lifecycle. Autumn Olive can be cut and stump treated along with Tree of Heaven and other invasive shrubs. Hack and Squirt trees to open the canopy around your bow stand or get rid of invasive trees/shrubs or you can use a basal treatment. My major invasive is Japanese Stiltgrass which seeds out in late August through September, I treat it with glyphosate (active ingredient in Round-up) in July, August and Sept and burn it off so to either promote new growth to retreat eliminating those seeds from the seed bank or allowing native plant species to fill the space.

Finally, putting out your trail cameras to begin your wildlife inventory. July is when I start my camera surveys for deer and turkey and I verify which birds are using my habitat improvements. I also take a simple dusk bat inventory to see if they are still using my vernal pool complex areas and taken care of local flying pests.

There are numerous other chores as well, but July is no time to set around the house in the AC. Get outside and into your wood lot, watching for ticks of course, and cut a few trees or disk a few areas for new growth. Enjoy July for the great weather and know fall hunting season is less than 90 days away!

Remember every habitat chore helps build more habitat and that **Every Acre Counts!**



Summer buck visiting a mineral site, surrounded by invasive Japanese Stiltgrass.

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News from our Capitol

by Delegate Brent Boggs

Another successful and well-attended Gassaway Days celebration concluded late Saturday night. It's always great to see the streets teeming with activity late into the evening, as was also the case the previous weekend in Glenville during the WV Folk Festival and in Sutton at the WV Bigfoot Festival last Saturday. All these bring visitors to our area and help boost the local economy.

In addition to the wide variety of music, food, and activities around town, Saturday night was special in the Gassaway Days committee honoring the residents that passed away over the past year, including several that made lasting contributions to Gassaway.

My lifelong friend and legislative colleague, Delegate Steve Westfall joined me on the stage to present legislative resolutions to the family of U.S.

Army Captain Billy Jake Smith, who was killed in action in 1970 during the Vietnam War on his second tour of duty. In December 2019, former Gassaway Mayor Jeff Skidmore and the Gassaway Town Council passed a resolution requesting that the WV Division of Highways name the new bridge across Elk River in his honor. Utility relocation issues are nearly completed at the site of the new structure, but the utility delays have held up the construction phase for several months and should begin soon.

So, to honor the request by town council, Steve and I sponsored a resolution during the 2022 session to name the bridge. Billy Jake's surviving brothers, Roger and Mike Smith met me Saturday morning to unveil the signs, with the formal presentation and announcement being part of the ceremony Saturday night with one of Billy Jake's son in attendance.

I want to thank Mayor Richie Roach and the Gassaway Days committee for a moving and meaningful ceremony. It was a great addition to the annual event, and I hope this is part of the program in future years.

Healthcare is one of the most important factors to our population, ranking up there with food and shelter. The importance of our local hospitals, clinics and providers has been one of my major priorities during my long tenure in the Legislature. We've taken many steps to strengthen and expand access to care by our citizens throughout the State, including here in central West Virginia. However, if you don't have ready and reliable access to seek healthcare in an emergency or timely transport when circumstances dictate the need for transfer to a trauma center, you're in trouble. Medical transportation and first responder EMT treatment is our first line of healthcare defense.

For the first time in several years, the Governor's office is requesting a change in the state plan, in conjunction with DHHR, to increase reimbursement

on Medicare rates allowable for EMS transportation services. This is a good first step. However, with record surplus revenues about to be announced sometime after July 1, a portion of this needs to be used for providing some much-needed fiscal relief to local EMS providers.

Make no mistake, any increases in funding that may be allowed by Medicare or Medicaid is a band-aid at best. It also requires sufficient funding on the local level to assure our local EMS is properly staffed, has up-to-date equipment and safe vehicles in place, and available when needed. The State needs to do its part, but it must be a funding partnership in each county. We must give our citizens the peace of mind that emergency medical treatment and ambulance transportation is always available when needed. That's an important component in retaining our residents and attracting new residents and businesses in rural areas of West Virginia.

Finally, well wishes to my great-nephew, Tyler Boggs, and several other young men from central West Virginia as they

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Way back when... Long ago in Braxton County



The Robinson home...
The Robinson home near Falls Mill was located on Tyler Run near Highwood Cemetery, shown here in the 1920s. This was the home of William H. and Virginia Robison. Their children, all in this picture were Mary Shock, Treacy Garrison, James D., Daisy Marple, John, Will, Maggie Bosely and Charley. Virginia is in aq black dress and William in on her left wearing a bow tie. Virginia's sister, Kate, is on

Virginia's right. 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.

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Linda Stout, Deandre Williams, Cody Dobbins, Nathan Smarr (restricted substitute), Theresa Woodling (restricted substitute), Cynthia Sprouse, Mary Talbott, Tabitha Fleming, Lisa Chenoweth, Chasity Dawn Cutlip, Jeffrey Dennison, Iris Fowler, Jackie Greenleaf, Heinrich Harman, Nicole Jarrell, Charles McCumbers, David McQuain, Anita Miller, Sherry Moats, Donna Morris, Emily Oates, Zackary Roberts, Cindy Robinson, Tim Simons, Charles Smith, Madeline Wankmuller, Sherryl Wayne, and Susan Williams; re-scission of employment, probationary contract updated to second-first year for Samantha Davis, pre-school supervisory/instructional/transporation aide/ECCAT, Burnsville; terminations for Gail Balcourt, Brenda Gibson, Shawn Hunter, Heather Leach-Jones, James King, Bobbie Moore, Logan Sheppard, Jennica Barker, Ashley Mollohan, and Rebecca Wright; and resignation for Melisa Keener, head volleyball coach, BCMS.

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Superintendent Kathy Hypes noted that everyone who had been placed on the transfer and reduction in force lists has been placed. The board approved to check the legality of the lease entered by the board back in 2006 with American Tower Company for the .760 acres used for the cell tower on a motion by Evelyn Post with a second by Dr. Kenna Seal. On a motion by Dolores Wright with a second by Evelyn Post, the board approved the fundraisers as presented. Option 3 for the 261-day employee calendar for the upcoming school year and Encova as the workers compensation carrier were approved on motions by Dr. Kenna Seal with seconds by Evelyn Post.

Also approved were the contracts for speech, PT, and vision for the school year on a motion by Dr. Seal with a second by Dolores Wright. The board discussed posting the position for speech pathologist in order to move away from contracting that position. The board went into executive session at 6:58 pm to discuss a personnel request for unpaid medical leave. They reconvened at 7:26 pm. Evelyn Post made the motion to grant the request for unpaid medical leave for Marcy Hamilton which was seconded by Dr. Seal. The motion was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for June 28 at 6:00 pm. At that meeting, the new board members and new superintendent will take the oath of office.

departed Sunday for

Marine basic training at Parris Island, SC. Tyler enjoyed a heart-felt send-off early Saturday afternoon from family and friends at the church camp at Bonnie. Godspeed to Tyler, and all the young men and women who made recent decisions to serve our nation by enlisting into one of the branches of the United States armed services. 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.

Letters to the Editor: Our policy...

We would like to remind readers that we welcome letters to the editor.

We would like to reiterate our policy of not publishing letters that do not contain the author's identification. You must enclose a phone number for verification purposes. The number will not be published.

We reserve the right to edit and/or refuse any letter. We do not accept letters refuting or endorsing candidates for any upcoming election.

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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.

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OBITUARIES

Wilma Jean Brady

Wilma Jean Brady, 60, of Duck, passed away on Friday, June 17, 2022, at her residence.

She was born July 18, 1961 in Sutton, the daughter of the late James Edmund & Dorothy Mae Dancy Brady. She was also preceded in death by brothers, William Jay Brady, Bradley Allen Brady, Alva G. Brady; sister, Bonnie Faye Brady.

Wilma is survived by her son, Joshua B Jeffrey of Nebo, WV; daughter, Brandi S Litton of Kanawha City, WV; brothers, James Ray Brady of Nebo, WV, Ronnie Dale Brady of Duck; sisters, Barbara E Brady of Hurricane, WV, Sharon L Brady Broyles of Beckley, WV, Melissa A Brooks of Sugar Grove, VA; grandchildren, Angel Grace of Charleston, WV, Hannah MacKenzie Litton and Dakota Shawn Litton both of Duck, Caleb Blain Jefferies of Nebo, WV.

Upon her request, the body will be cremated. A family memorial service to honor her memory and spread her ashes is being planned.

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

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

Thomas Junior Shaw

Thomas Junior Shaw, 39, passed away on June 6, 2022. He was born on July 22, 1982 to parents Monty Shaw and Jean Smith Cogar who preceded him in death.

Along with his parents; he was preceded in death by his brother David Shaw.

Thomas enjoyed spending time with family, ATV riding and he loved animals.

He is survived by his step father of 35 years: Craig Cogar, step sister: Dorothy Jarvis (Rick), nieces and nephews: Sa bryna Moats, Levi Jarvis, Lauryn Jarvis, Blayne Jarvis, Jase Jarvis and Avaya Jarvis; uncles: Pliant Smith, Theodore Smith and Roger Shaw; aunts: Betty Jane Shaw, Dolly Marks, Faye Richardson, Barbara Green, Lena Dennison, Nancy Loper, Helen Smith and Betty Clifton.

A graveside service was held at 1:00 PM on Friday, June 17, 2022 at Barker Ridge Cemetery, Centralia, WV.

Stockert Funeral Home & Cremation is honored to serve the family of Thomas Shaw.

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 was 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.

Jerrold K. Widener

Jerrold K. Widener, 80, of Hacker Valley, passed away on June 16, 2022 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Buckhannon. Born September 2, 1941 in Braxton County, he was the son of the late Herbert and Hilda Fowler Widener.

He was meticulous in all of his affairs, always having things in order. He enjoyed the outdoors and spending time with his family. To him, family was everything.

In addition to his parents, he was pre-

ceded in death by his grandparents Dee and Idena Widener; brother, Donald Widener, grandsons, Kirby Uhl and Zachary Raber; and great-grandson Caiden Bailey.

He is survived by his wife of just shy of 58 years, Mary Sue Whitney Widener; his five loving children, Debora Laws, John Widener, Marcelle (Henry) Raber, Mark (Rebecca) Widener, and Jerrold E. Widener; grandchildren, Jennifer (Nate) Brady, Erica (James) Anderson, Cody Helms, Sara (Justin) Raber, Joshua Raber, Matthew (Estrella) Raber, Daniel Reidenbach, Seth Widener, Benjamin Widener, Rachel Widener, Lilyanna Widener, Luke Widener, Ethan Widener, Jacob Widener, Liam Widener, and Isabella Widener; great-grandchildren, Jesse (Hanna) Brady, Justus (Caitline) Brady, Lewis Brady, Lucas Brady, James Anderson, Leland Anderson, Abigail Anderson, and Piper Helms; great-grandchildren Mackenzie Brady and Ryan Brady; and many other extended family and friends to mourn his passing.

In keeping with his wishes, cremation has taken place. Private celebration of life services will be held at a later date.

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

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

Rev. Bobbie Harper, Sr.

Rev. Bobbie Harper, Sr., 86, of Little Birch, passed away on Thursday, June 23, 2022 at his residence, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on June 17, 1936 in Sutton, WV the son of the late, Romie Harper & Virgie Long Harper Matheny. Also preceding him in death was his loving wife, Betty Jean Lewis Harper; brothers, Harold Harper, Clyde Harper, Homer Harper, Junior Harper Billie Harper; sister, Thelma Harper.

Bobbie was a retired coal miner, member of the UMWA and a member of Wayside Community Church, Sutton. The thing he loved the most was the Lord. He was a minister for many years and touched many people's lives because of his love of the Lord.

He is survived by his sons, Rev. Dale Harper (Cheryl), Timothy

Harper (Carrie) both of Little Birch; daughter, Darlene Rose (Carroll) of Little Birch; grandchildren, Tawnya, Billy, Heather, April, Tiffany, Grace, Amira; great-grandchildren, Katlyn, Charity, Dylan, Delaney, Duncan, Addison, Ryeland, Elliot, Paisley, Adalynn and Maleigha.

Funeral were held 2:00 pm, Sunday, June 26, 2022 at Little Birch Community Church, Little Birch with Rev. Tom Harper officiating. Burial followed at Little Birch Community Cemetery, Little Birch beside his beloved Betty. Friends called noon till time of service at the church.

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

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

Patricia "Patsy" Ann Criss White

Patricia "Patsy" Ann Criss White, 66, of Heaters, WV passed away on Friday, June 24, 2022 at her residence after a long battle with COPD.

She was born January 23, 1956 in Cleveland, Ohio to the late Doy and Deema Conrad Criss.

Because of her illness she was limited on physical activities but enjoyed spending time with family and friends. In her life she held several jobs, but her last job was as a laboratory technician.

She leaves behind her husband of 49 years, Otis "George" White; daughters, Tina Smarr and husband, Ian, of Sutton, Brandy Dellinger and husband, Shane, of Frametown and Georgia Carder and husband, Rick, of Glenville; seven grandchildren, Seth Shaver, Shann Shaver, Cherokee Shaver, Destiny Kinder, Mason Dellinger, Skylar Carder, and Emily Carder; and three great grandchildren; brothers, Robert Criss, Jacob Criss, and Danny Criss; sisters, Sandra Damron and Brenda Nicholas; and several nieces and nephews.

She will be missed. Patsy's funeral service will be 2 P.M. Friday, July 1, 2022 at Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway. Interment will follow in Keener Cemetery, Little Birch.

Visitation will be 2 hours prior to the service at the funeral home.

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

Gary Wayne Loyd

Gary Wayne Loyd, 55, of Flatwoods passed away at his home on Friday, June 24, 2022.

He was born on October 10, 1966 in Braxton County to the late Mary Ruth Loyd.

In addition to his mother he was preceded in death by his aunt, Sarah Ann Loyd; and his grandparents, William Cecil and Susan Loyd.

Gary was an outdoorsman. He enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was a dog breeder, and owned and operated Salt Lick Plott Kennels in Flatwoods. He also worked as a manager for a company that power washed. Spending

time with his family and friends was one of his favorite pastimes.

He leaves behind his companion of 15 years, Alma Teter; sister, Martha Sue Pugh and husband, Delmer, of Ft. Ashby, WV; nephew, Delmer Pugh II; step daughter, Ashley Brown; step grandchildren, Ariana Brown, Brooklyn Mollohan, Aiden Mollohan, and Hunter Mollohan.

Gary's visitation was 4 P.M. to 8 P.M. Monday, June 27, 2022 at Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway.

His funeral will be 11 A.M. Tuesday, June 28th at the funeral home with Reverend Delmas Singleton officiating.

Interment will follow in the Little Kanawha Memorial Gardens, Heaters.

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

Melvin W. Cochran "Papaw"

Melvin W. Cochran "Papaw", 87 of Webster Springs peacefully entered into the arms of his Lord and Savior on Thursday, June 23, 2022 at Webster County Memorial Hospital.

He was born November 9, 1934 down Elk River in Howell Run Hollow to the late Leslie William Cochran and Vergie Clutter Cochran. Melvin went to work, at the age of 16, in the coal mines for Bert Clutter. Melvin, along with Bill and Rab Cool, started Cool Motors of Webster Springs in 1964. He then, along with his son Max, went on to become owner of Cool Motors.

Melvin was a member of Emmanuel Assembly of God; liked to hunt, fish, go camping, and ride around. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by two brothers, Waldo and Bobby Cochran and two sisters, Jean Harrison and June Powell.

Melvin is survived by his loving wife of close to 55 years, B. Caroline Gillespie Cochran; son Max (wife Sandra) Cochran of Webster Springs; four grandchildren, Eddie Cochran, Max (wife Christina) Cochran, Jr., Matthew (wife Vicky) Cochran, and Jessica Cochran; along with four great-grandchildren, Desirae, Matthew Jr., Grace, and Lauren; a great-great-granddaughter, Elena; brothers and sisters, Bonnie (Eddie) Garvin of Parkersburg, Juanita (Bob) Chaney of Buckhannon, Terry (Cheryl) Cochran of Elderton, PA, and Tommy (Judy) Cochran of Buckhannon; and several nieces, nephews, and extended family and friends.

Celebration of Life Services was held on Monday, June 27, 2022 at 12:00 noon at Dodd & Reed Funeral Home with Pastor Marty Cowger officiating and Eulogy given by Jack Alsop. Friends joined the family for visitation two hours prior to service time.

Friends and family joined the family for Graveside Services at 3:00 PM at Big Run Cemetery, Diana.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions may be made to Emmanuel Assembly of God, PO Box 839 Cowen, WV 26206.

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

In Memory Of Roy E. Carson July 14, 1938-July 7, 1995



What must it be like to celebrate Your Birthday on Heaven's bright shore... Where all of this world's sorrow and pain And troubles are carried no more? There's no need for candles to decorate On top of your Birthday cake... For no one ages in glory And there's no more wishes to make. Anything anyone could possibly want Is provided, is lovely, is free... Nothing could hold a candle To all the beautiful things you see! Your Creator, Your Father, Your Savior Who knew you before you were born... May give the signal to Gabriel To get ready to blow his horn! "Happy Birthday To You" has started All of Heaven begins to sing... There's nothing you are in need of So no one need bring anything. But we'll give the gift of our voices As we join in sweet melody... To celebrate you on this day And throughout eternity! May it delight your heart as our words Are carried on angel wing... You're getting the best gift ever... Your Birthday with THE KING!!!

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- Obituaries may be edited to conform to the newspaper standards and deadlines.
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Town of Flatwoods 4th of July celebration

Please join the Town of Flatwoods for a 4th of July Celebration on Monday, July 4th at the Flatwoods Municipal Building. Festivities start at 7:00 P.M. There will be free giveaways, music by the Kowboyz, and a fire works show. First come first served. Follow the Town of Flatwoods Facebook page or call (304) 765-7235 for more information.

MFB Volunteer Opportunities

Are you looking for an impactful way to give back this summer? MFB has you covered! Join us for our monthly Volunteer Saturday and spend time helping pack senior food boxes at our Sutton Branch. We're happy to accept groups or if you want to join us solo, that's great too! Our upcoming dates are July 9th and August 13th from 8am-4pm. Lunch will be provided courtesy of Little Caesars Pizzal! Give our office a call at 304-364-5518 to schedule a time that works for you!

Strange Creek Days

July 16th, 2022 from 11 a.m - 4 p.m. at the Barn Rocks in Strange Creek, WV. Join us for live music, food, crafts, pictures and memories! Please call or text Bobby Smith at 304-415-0183 for more information or to make a donation.

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 Call 304-678-7334 for info or application.

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.

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 commemorate 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 mail the fee to Nancy Carr, Treasurer, at 1105 Chapel Road, Gassaway, WV 26624.

Kanawah Memorial Gardens of Heaters

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

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.

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.

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.

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!

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.

Gassaway Public Library Summer Reading Program

Oceans of Possibilities dates: 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

2022 Burnsville Freedom Festival Car, Truck, and Bike Show

The Burnsville Freedom Festival will host its 2022 Car, Truck, and Bike Show on Saturday, July 2nd. Registration will be from 10:00 a.m.

to 12:00 p.m. The show will start be at 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Trophies will be awarded in the following categories: Cars/Trucks and Bikes, Peoples Choice, Judges Choice, Kids Choice, and Veterans Choice. Registration is \$10.00. Pre-register by emailing the Bulltown Historical Association at bulltown-historicalassociation@gmail.com

Rosedale Community Cemetery

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

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!

Sutton Cemetery Town Hill

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

Public Notice

The Central West Virginia Hunting Dog Association has closed for business, and will no longer host canine hunts, activities or events under this club name or FEIN # 20-8653001. We appreciate those who have attended events and supported the club throughout the years, and it has been a pleasure to serve our community.

Flatwoods Monster

July 1st from 1:00-5:00pm. Vendors bring own table ,Chairs and Tent, \$25.00 to setup Music, Games and Food. Located at lot across from Flatwoods Funeral Call 304-678-7334 for info or application

Harris Cemetery

Mowing season is upon us. Donations are needed and appreciated for the mowing and up keep of the Harris Cemetery, Bug Ridge WV. All donations should be sent to the Harris Cemetery c/o Cindy Gaston 2936 Old Turnpike Road, Sutton WV 26601. A special thank you to

all who donate.

Braxton County Jamboree 2022 Music Schedule

July, 1 TBA, July,8 Frank Conn and The Partners, July,15 Whiskey River, July,22 Willie D and No Regrets, July,29 Dixie Highway. Aug,5 Retro Country, Aug, 12 Frank Conn and The Partners, Aug, 19, Sincerely Country , Aug , 26, Dixie Highway

Gibson Cemetery donations needed

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

Tesla Cemetery Donations needed

Donations are needed for the upkeep of Tesla Cemetery. Please send donations to: Jim Morris, 5506 Appalachian Corridor, Sutton, WV 26601.

Fairview Cemetery

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

Donations needed

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

Elizabeth Chapel

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

Hoover Cemetery

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

AA - Recovery Meetings

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

Jackson Cemetery Little Birch

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

Braxton County Cemetery donations

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

Excuse versus reason

Definition of excuse: attempt to lessen the blame attaching to a fault or offense

Definition of reason: a statement offered in explanation or justification because of a real event that hindered a person from keeping an engagement.

Someone once said that excuses are like noses everyone has one.

Adam and Eve came up with the first excuses that was offered by man, instead of owning their sins they tried to make up excuses to God. God told them that they could eat of every tree of the garden but the tree that is in the midst of the garden they were not to touch it let alone partake of the fruit and if they did they would surely die.

Gen 3:1-7

3:1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? 2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: 3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. 4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: 5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. 6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. 7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

Adam was the first to give excuse he blamed the woman that God had given him for a wife.

Gen 3:8-12

8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. 9 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? 10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. 11 And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? 12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

What Adam was actually doing he was blaming God for the woman that God gave him Eve offered up the next excuse by blaming the serpent (Devil) for her actions.

Gen 3:13

13 And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

KJV

That is like saying the devil made me do in, really Eve didn't you have a choice in the matter, just like Adam he had a choice in making his decision, just like people today we want to blame someone else for our mistakes. God made us free moral agents with the ability to choose to do the things that we do.

The devil didn't offer any excuse because he knew God knows all things and it is the devil's nature to tempt man to sin.

Gen 3:14-15

14 And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: 15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Moses brother Aaron is another example of making excuse, while Moses was upon the mountain getting the Ten Commandments the people said to Aaron we don't know what has happened to this Moses we need something to worship and Aaron provided them something to worship.

Ex 32:1-4

32:1 And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, Up, make us gods, which shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not wot wot is become of him. 2 And Aaron said unto them, Break off the golden earrings, which are in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring them unto me. 3 And all the people brake off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them unto Aaron. 4 And he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf, and they said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

Aaron's excuse

Ex 32:23-24

23 For they said unto me, Make us gods, which shall go before us: for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him. 24 And I said unto them, Whosoever hath any gold, let them break it off. So they gave it me: then I cast it into the fire, and there came out this calf.

There are many more examples of people in the Bible which offered up excuses because they did not want to own their sins. God know everything about everyone and he will not take an excuse from us, he only wants our obedience in proving our love to him.

Luke 12:7

7 But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows.

Heb 9:27

27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.

When dealing with the God of Heaven it will do us no good to offer an excuse, we must be scripturally right in order to stand in judgement before God

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Gassaway High Class of 1956 hold Annual Luncheon

On Saturday June 25, 2022 some of our class and friends met at Minney's Family Restaurant in Frametown for our annual luncheon. We were happy to welcome Supen and Earl McMorrow from Ohio. It had been many years since we had seen him, He was a member of the class of 1957. Helen Metz widow of Larry Metz(1956 class) joined us and the following - Gloria Frame James, Raban Young, Mary Ann Westfall Taffer, Darlene Hines Stewart, Marion Brady James, Libby and Bill Carr, Delmar Dawson(S.C.), Cledith Dawson(Ohio) (class of '57) and Carolyn Dobbins Patrick who organizes this each year. We are sorry for the ones who forgot the date and the ones who for other reasons weren't able to attend, some because the word didn't get to them, we enjoyed fellowship and good food, thanks to Becka, Jaylen and the cooks and Bo for the set up and fast service on the food. We all had a very good time remembering our times at GHS. Erman and JoEllen Smith same in and got in on the memories.



Supen and Earl McMorrow of Ohio.



Gassaway High School Class of 1956.

older and the list may year we love you all not always stay in my and would love you to memory. Until next join us.

2022-2023 Virtual Schools application open

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students, The 2022-2023 Virtual Schools application is now open through July 08, 2022. The application may be accessed at the link included or

on the front page of the Braxton County Schools website. Students in grades 6-12 are eligible for this application process. This includes students that will be entering middle school as 6th graders for the 2022-2023 school year. If there are any questions please contact Mr. Via at 304-765-7101. Registration Link: <https://tinyurl.com/yjmmvwjc>



Marjie plays period music on the restored 1840's piano.

Marjie Foster Performs period music on historic Glenwood's 1840 Vintage Piano



Marjie Foster on Historic Glenwood's 1840 Vintage Piano.

By Fernando Rodriguez
Marjie's School of Music owner Marjie Foster played period songs on a beautifully preserved 1840's piano at Historic Glenwood's West Virginia Day Tribute. Songs included "The eyes that I love the best," by B. H. Jans-

sen; "Till I met you," by Mabel Dudley Hilliard; "Pretty Kitty Doyle," by R. Harding; and "Look for me when the lilacs bloom," by Richard H. Gerard. While Marjie entertained, visitors to the Estate enjoyed the beautiful décor of the rooms and the fabu-

lously landscaped gardens surrounding the property.

Also at Glenwood, the Humanities Council's "History Alive" program presented Doug Riley's characterization of one of America's greatest authors, Mark Twain.

Doug Riley also portrays Maj. General "Stonewall" Jackson and is available for performances at your venue. One may contact Doug at 304-290-9695, or email deriley1@frontier.com

Marjie's School of Music is located at 610 Elk St., Gassaway, WV 26624. Marjie offers musical instruction in voice, piano, guitar, bass guitar, ukulele, and more.

For information about classes, to sponsor a student, or to donate to the Marjie's School of Music Scholarship, contact Miss Marjie at 304-364-8500, or email marjies-musicschool@gmail.com

Marjie is also available to perform piano music at Weddings, Banquets, Parties, and many other affairs

Visit the Marjie's School of Music Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Marjies-School-Of-Music-271520909892494>



Mark Twain delivers his humorous rantings under the watchful eye of Kemp Winfree.



Doug Riley amuses the crowd as Mark Twain character

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JULY 2, 2022

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3:30 PM

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8:30 PM

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COMMUNITY CORNER

COUNTY STORIES BY: JEANETTE RIFFLE

Depression Years Recipes

Someone said that with groceries getting so high, we had better go back to the old ways of cooking. My mother knew how to cook like that and everything she fixed was just delicious. I learned how to cook like she did and I still fix some of the things that she made. I made what Mom and Dad called, "Larp," for our supper this evening. I had some left over boiled potatoes and there was some bacon grease in a cast iron skillet. I put some chopped onion and chopped green pepper in the skillet and added cut up boiled potatoes. Brown that and keep turning until everything is cooked and browned. If you have any hot dogs, that is good to cut into pieces and add to the skillet. Some people like to add hot peppers. When everything is well done, add a few eggs and stir

them through to scramble. Season to taste. When the eggs are fully cooked, turn off the fire and add slices of cheese to the top. Put a lid on the skillet and let the cheese melt. Take an egg turner and lift out onto plates and enjoy. I had applesauce and bread with mine. It's been too hot to light the oven and bake bread. By evening, most of the time it has been sandwiches for us. June has been more like dog days of summer.

What has happened to the June bugs? We haven't seen any yet? When we were growing up, we used to catch one and tie a string to a hind leg and fly it like a kite. I did not teach our son to do that because a hind leg ended up coming off. We are seeing a few Japanese Beetles now and then. They eat everything up that they land on. We have seen them on corn, flow-

ers, bushes and lots of things in the past. You have to spray them with an insecticide, or they will destroy everything growing.

I have been battling an upper respiratory thing and was to our doctor. I have four days left on the antibiotic. The allergies are bad this year. I've spent a lot of days inside under the AC.

There were 66 out to Rosedale Baptist Church this morning. Special singing was done by Jan Dobbins. Retired minister, Larry Fisher, brought a wonderful sermon and Preacher Richard Westfall brought the Sunday evening message. We get him every fourth Sunday evening. I was under the weather this morning but I hope to get back next week.

Until next time, everyone be safe and take care. God bless everyone and keep you in his care.

PAT'S CHAT BY: PAT RIDPATH



Went to Scott's today because it is the birthday of his son, Chuckie, the youngest of my five grandchildren. My other grandchildren live too far away to visit often.

Earlier today I had talked with friends from our Forest Service days in California. Jo & Dick Lund live in a very hot climate in California. Jo was telling me about their "swamp cooler." When she described it, I had memories of such a fan in the windows of one of the homes we have lived in during our years of moving so often. We moved from state to state, town to town, house to house, maybe some other ways I cannot remember, in our many-splendored history of moving. (He was a Forest Service employee most of those years.) I wish I had kept a record of places and times of our moves. We were good at it, though. I couldn't remember where it was that we had a Swamp Cooler fan. I asked Scott if he remembered, and, of course, he did. It was in the grape-field home in Biola, California, and he remembered that his brother, Chuck, had a tower room and he told us about the swamp cooler fan in a window there. I am sure it was not the greatest sleek version of that type of fan, but it did the job. Water was dripped over a gunny sack type of filter and the fan took the

cooled air that happened when the fabric's water-soaked filter evaporated water, making cooler air to be fanned into the rooms. The heat to evaporate the water took the heat from the outside air and then the fan sent the cooled air into the house. My California friend, Jo Lund, said that using the swamp cooler in their home uses much less electricity than air conditioner units. Until I looked this site over, I had NO idea the extent to which this type of cooler is used with much success. Maybe someone out there will want to go to this site and glance through or study more deeply into these coolers. It is not a NEW idea but has been used for thousands of years. Who knew?

It was really neat to see how in some really arid (dry) climates this type of cooler can also be used to put the right amount of moisture back into the climate of a home like a humidifier without the danger of mold or other problems.

I was wondering to myself why I am writing such a chat and decided that it is because I was fascinated with the idea of it. I love the thought that one of these fans might help some people manage to have a cool summer home without the expense of electricity, which like all our expenses seem to be climbing up, up, up. Here is where I looked

swamp coolers for homes - Search (bing.com)

Speaking of unusual definitions such as Swamp Cooler, our new Quarterly for Sabbath Starting this week is entitled "In the Crucible with Christ." I had to look up the meaning of "crucible"! I thought it had to do with crucifixion somehow. The definition I got from Googling it is: "a ceramic or metal container in which metals or other substances may be melted or subjected to very high temperatures." (CRUCIBLE English Definition and Meaning | Lexico.com)

The introduction to our lessons tells us, among other things, that although Jesus made all things (John 1:3), he wept.. He was "despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief (Isa. 53:3). He once cried out, "My God, why have you forsaken me?" (Matt. 27:46). We must remember that no matter what any of us faces, Jesus Christ, our Creator and Redeemer, went through worse. Pain, suffering, loss don't mean that God has abandoned us; they mean only that, even as believers, we now share in the common lot of a fallen race. God is love---we can trust the promise that "all things work together for good to those who love God"(Rom. 8:28, NKJV)--the God who, though He made all things, suffered all things, too (and that's why we love Him). Don't you want to come and study with us every week? We would love to have you.

Maranatha

Blue November is on the way to Burnsville

Unfortunately, covid strikes again!

Due to members of the band coming down with Covid, Billy "Thunder" Mason...The Ultimate

McGraw Tribute Show scheduled for July 02 2022 at the Town of Burnsville Freedom Festival has been cancelled and a new artist has been secured.

Fortunately the high energy Nashville based rising country group November Blue have accepted the invitation



Blue November.

to perform at the Burnsville Freedom Festival, and are excited to per-

form in West Virginia!~ Show time is 8:30 pm and is free.

MAGISTRATE COURT

R-E-P-O-R-T

Magistrate Beth Smith's Court

June 20: Brian Keith Louk of Burnsville, driving revoked for DUI-3rd offense, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$15,000 cash only.

June 21: Jeremy Ray Gray of Lizemores, possession of controlled substance x2-meth and marijuana, no contest plea, fines/court costs assessed; Sarah Beth Balcourt of Sutton, fraudulent schemes, warrant issued, bond set at \$2500 personal recognizance.

June 22: Wesley D. Miller of Cowen, no hands free device, dismissed by request of officer; Robert Conrad of Orlando, driving suspended for general-2nd offense, expired MVI, dismissed per plea, fine/court costs assessed; Nicole Marie Miller of Frametown, expired registration x2, no contest plea, expired MVI x2, no contest plea, no proof of insurance, no contest plea, fines/court costs assessed.

June 23: Michael

Edward Neal of Chloe, grand larceny, conspiracy, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$15,000 cash only; Tyler Ray Castle of Mt. Nebo, arson-4th degree, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$15,000 cash only; Timothy James Jarrell of Charleston, creating wake in no wake zone, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed and paid; Francis Alber Lough of Sutton, no proof of insurance, guilty plea, no operators, guilty plea, fines/court costs assessed; Johnny B. Harmon of Madison, overweight vehicle, no contest plea, expired MVI, no contest plea, fines/court costs assessed and paid; Raymond Anthony Denuzzo of Sutton, shoplifting, guilty plea, 30 days of jail with credit for time served of one day, remainder suspended and placed on eight months unsupervised probation, fine/court costs assessed; Melissa Lianne Mace of Gassaway, conspiracy, no contest plea, 30 days of jail with credit

for time served of three days, remainder suspended and placed on seven months unsupervised probation, fine/court costs assessed; Beverly F. Berlo Tanner of Burnsville, cruelty to animals, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed.

June 24: Johnny Bennett Martin of Duck, grand larceny, conspiracy, warrant issued, bond set at \$15,000 cash only; Lisa Marie Barker of Cairo, burglary, grand larceny, conspiracy, warrant issued, bond set at \$50,000 cash only.

Magistrate David Singleton's Court

June 17: Krystal Kay Carpenter of Sutton, possession of controlled substance x2-meth and heroin, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$2500 cash, surety or to 10% to the court.

June 19: Najee Akeym Silva of Leavenworth, KS, obstructing an officer x3, trespassing, warrantless arrest, bond set \$5000 cash or surety.

Braxton County Senior Center July Menu

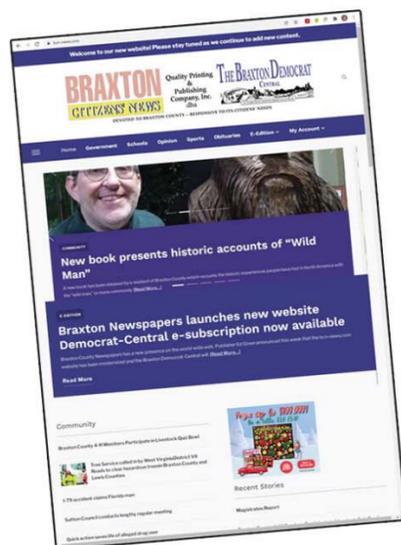
Menu subject to change due to food availability. 2% milk served with each meal.

Friday 1 4th of July Celebration! Cheeseburger with Lettuce and Tomato, Potato Chips, Baked Beans, Macaroni Salad, Fruit. Monday 4 Holiday, center closed. Tuesday 5 Sausage Biscuit with Gravy Roasted Potatoes, Fruit. Wednesday 6 Steak and Pepper Strips, Au Gratin Potatoes, Green Peas, Dinner Rolls, Fruit. Thursday 7 Salmon Patty, Macaroni and Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes, Coleslaw, Fruit. Friday 8 Chicken Noodle Soup, Broccoli Casse-

role, Crackers, Fruit. Monday 11 Chicken Enchilada, Pepper Strips, Black Beans, Rice, Fruit. Tuesday 12 Pepperoni Roll, Tomato Soup with Cheddar Cheese, Cracker, Fruit. Wednesday 13 Pork Chop, Scalloped Potatoes, Beets, Dinner Role, Fruit. Thursday 14 BBQ Pulled Pork on Bun, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Fruit. Friday 15 Pizza, Garden Salad, Chicken Wing, Fruit. Monday 18 Pork Riblet on Bun, Sweet Potato, Fries, Fruit. Tuesday 19 Chicken Ala King, Rice, Dinner Role, Fruit. Wednesday 20 Lasagna, Garden Salad, Garlic

Bread, Fruit. Thursday 21 Breakfast Bake, Hash browns, Biscuit, Spiced Apples, Juice Friday 22 Hamburger Steak with Onion Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Spinach, Fruit. Monday 25 Cornish Pasti, Peas, Dinner Role, Fruit. Tuesday 26 Chicken Alfredo, Broccoli, Garlic Bread, Fruit. Wednesday 27 Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Corn Pudding, Dinner Role, Fruit. Thursday 28 Hot Dog with Chili, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Fruit. Friday 29 Garlic Tomato Shrimp Pasta, Garlic Bread, Honey Glazed Carrots, Fruit.

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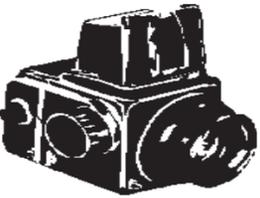
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A Photographic Look at...

Gassaway Days 2022



There was no shortage of musical entertainment during Gassaway Days.



The Annual Fireworks show was a crowd pleaser.



Gassaway Volunteer Fire Department held a dunk tank fundraiser.



Guests of all ages enjoyed the various carnival foods and rides available at the event.

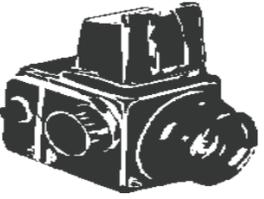


Many car enthusiasts from the car show participated in the parade.



Many groups, organizations, and community members made their way through the Annual Gassaway Days Parade.

June 28, 2022



Photos courtesy of Janet Six

A Photographic Look at...

Second Annual WV Bigfoot Festival held June 25



American Legion Post 33 presented the flag to start the festival



Sutton Strumalongs.



The WVBFM official Big Foot met up with one of his "brothers".



Les O'Dell, from WV Cryptids and Strange Encounters spoke to participants.



Huckleberry greeted festival attendees.



Soda Pop Gypsies band takes a selfie after their set.



Dr. Jeff Meldrum signed books during the festival.



Even Yeti showed up for photos.



Many were on the look out for their very own Big Foot sighting.



All ages of guests participated in the Big Foot calling contest.



Big Foot enthusiast enjoyed the vendor filled streets and the WVBF Museum.

LEGAL NOTICES

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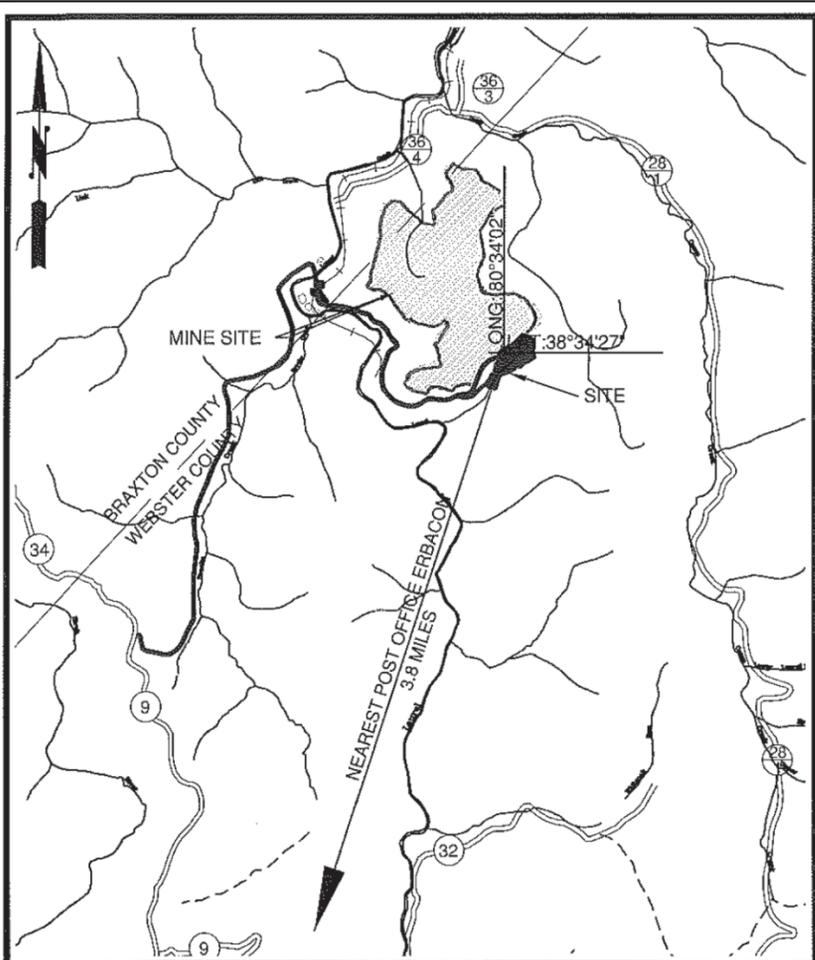
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Permit U-2006-09 **Location Map** NPDES WV1023446

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WV General Highway Map
Webster/Braxton Counties
Glade/Holly Districts
Erbacon Quadrangle
Scale: 1" = 1 Mile

Glenville State University Student receives EnerGIS Scholarship



Jared Bishop, EnerGIS scholarship recipient.

Jared Bishop, a Glenville State University Department of Land Resources student, recently received the EnerGIS scholarship. The scholarship is available to students in the Appalachian Region who are enrolled in a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) program and are actively working on research projects that utilize GIS software.

Because he is enrolled in Glenville State University's GIS certificate program and is conducting research through the GSU Honors Program, Bishop decided to apply.

"I have utilized GIS software extensively for the research project I am conducting through the University's Honors Program. Using existing

data from state government organizations such as the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection and the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources, I have generated maps that display the topography, hydrology, and historical land use of my four-county study area," he said. "I have also used this software to show water sample locations and my initial findings within the three watersheds the project focuses on."

As a requirement of the scholarship, Bishop will give a brief presentation at the EnerGIS Conference in late September. The conference is scheduled to take place in Canonsburg, Pennsylvania. He hopes to have the mapping portion of the project done by the end of August. Outside of his research through the University, Bishop has utilized GIS software for personal projects like mapping his family's farm as well as wild and native trout streams throughout West Virginia.

"The Glenville State University GIS certificate program can provide graduates with

a useful skillset, give them an advantage in competitive job markets, and create opportunities unique to those with GIS training," Bishop said. "I would urge students in the Natural Resource Management program to consider the GIS certification in addition to their existing coursework."

For students already in the Natural Resource Management program, only three additional credit hours are needed to earn a GIS certification.

EnerGIS is a non-profit organization that describes itself as a production of events featuring geospatial educational content within the energy industry and a meeting place for GIS and geospatial professionals to gather with colleagues to discuss topics of current interest and new challenges within the industry.

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

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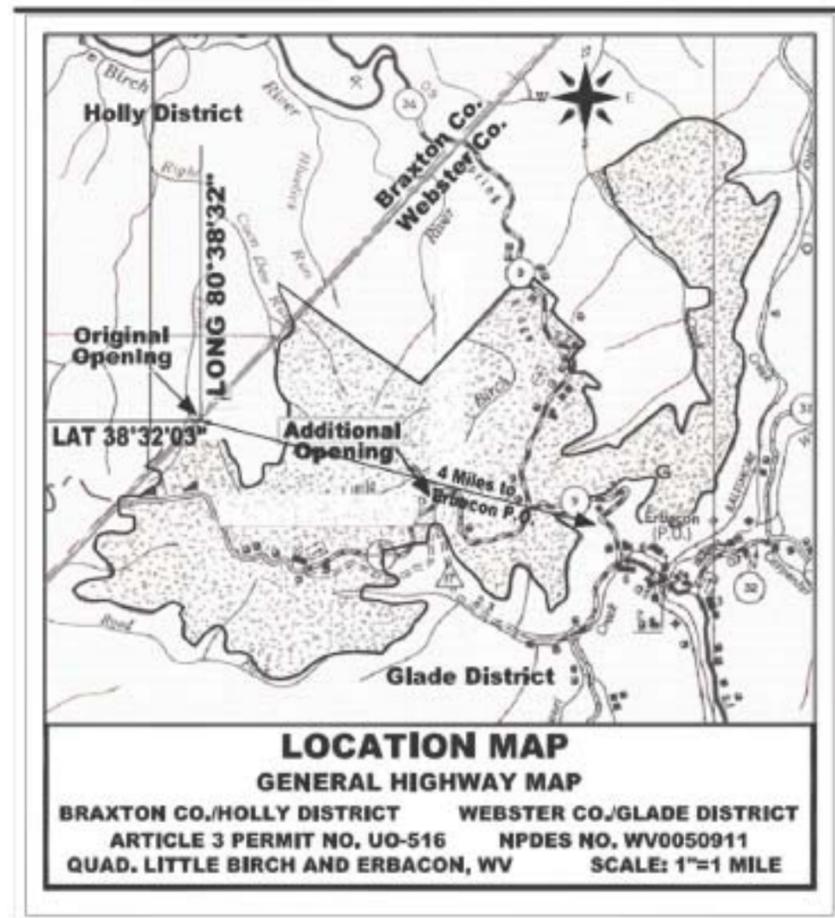
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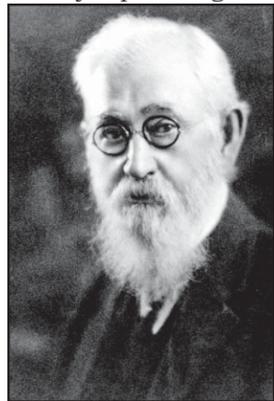
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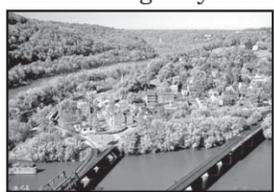


June 29, 1845: George Wesley Atkinson was born in Charleston. In 1896, Atkinson was elected governor in an upset victory over Cornelius C. Watts of Charleston which ended 26 years of Democratic rule.

June 29, 1952: Writer Breece D'J Pancake was born in South Charleston and grew up in Milton, Cabell County. Many of Pancake's stories are set in Milton, fictionalized as "Rock Camp."

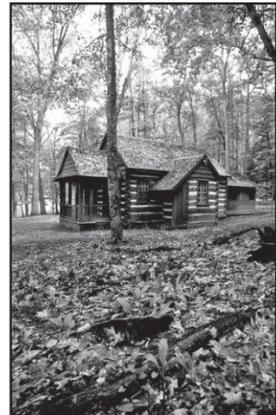
June 29, 2012: A violent storm called a derecho raced across West Virginia, leaving downed trees and damaged homes in its wake. About 688,000 homes and businesses lost power for a week during a widespread heat wave.

June 30, 1929: The Wheeling Symphony Orchestra gave its first concert at Oglebay Park.



June 30, 1944: Harpers Ferry National Historical Park was au-

thorized as a national monument, the first in West Virginia.



July 1, 1937: Watoga State Park was opened to the public. The park in Pocahontas County is the largest of the state parks and among the oldest.

July 1, 1971: Southern West Virginia Community College was formed by joining the Marshall University branch campuses at Logan and Williamson. In 1995, the name changed to Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College.



July 2, 1829: Potter and businessman Alexander Polk Donaghio was born. He began a pottery operation in Parkersburg, creating hand-thrown, salt-glazed crocks, jars and other pottery that are avidly collected today.

July 3, 1863: At Gettysburg, Union troopers

in the 1st West Virginia Cavalry took part in a fruitless cavalry charge against Confederate infantrymen during the waning moments of that great battle.

July 4, 1882: The steamboats Scioto and John Lomas collided on the Ohio River as they were returning from holiday excursions. The Scioto sank almost instantly, and 70 people drowned.

July 4, 1918: Poet Muriel Miller Dressler was born in Kanawha County. Her poem "Appalachia," published in 1970, was her signature piece.

July 4, 1938: Musician Bill Withers Jr. was born into a miner's family of 13 children in Slab Fork, Raleigh County. In 1971, Withers released his first album, Just As I Am, including his first Grammy-winning song, "Ain't No Sunshine." In 2015 he was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

July 5, 1896: Cartoonist Kendall Vintroux was born at Fraziers Bottom. He began his career with the Charleston Gazette when he submitted a cartoon about the town of Poca's first paved road. Many of his drawings are now in the collection of the University of Charleston.

July 5, 1950: Army Private Kenneth Shadrick of Wyoming County was the first U.S. serviceman killed in action in the Korean War.

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WEST VIRGINIA 2ND AMENDMENT SANCTUARY PISTOL



LEFT VIEW



GOVERNOR JIM JUSTICE

TOP VIEW



Auto Ordnance 1911 pistol .45 ACP

RIGHT VIEW



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OWN A PIECE OF WEST VIRGINIA'S HISTORY

On April 27th, Governor Justice approved House Bill 2694 to continue the defense of West Virginia's Second Amendment rights. The 2nd Amendment Preservation Act protects the right to bear arms against potentially unconstitutional federal restrictions. To celebrate this milestone in protecting the 2nd, we have engraved a 1911 to commemorate this event.

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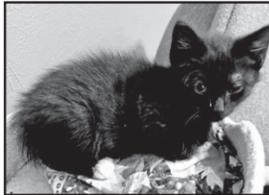
Affordable, Adoptable, Fixed Feline Friends

Just One Generation cat rescue was started in 2013 in response to the severe feline overpopulation in this area. Our initial emphasis was on the Trap, Neuter, and Release (TNR) of feral cats as well as to facilitate the spay/neuter of domestic cats. Adoption of ownerless cats and kittens came later, as was incorporated with the program because there was no place else for these animals to go. But, due to previously made travel plans and family commitments, Just One Generation will NOT be available to take in new animals or to adopt cats and kittens during the months of June, July, and August 2022. Our spay/neuter assistance program will continue during this time. If you have thoughtfully considered pet ownership, NOW may be the time to add a feline friend to your family. Our program currently has multiple healthy, social cats and kittens that are available for a modest adoption fee, that includes immunizations, deworming, flea protection, as well as spay/neuter and rabies vaccine when the kittens are four months old. Featured today are several kittens waiting for homes of their own. Often times black kittens are overlooked. But we agree they are special. Just ask anyone who has

one. 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 Gas-saway 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.



MARTY: Male, 10 week old, long-haired, polydactyl. White spot on chest



HOBBS: Male, 10 weeks old, medium-haired, polydactyl. White paws



LICORICE: Male, 10 weeks old, short-haired, all black



TIFFANY: Female, 10 weeks old, short-haired tabico



PRINCE: Male, 9 weeks old, short-haired tuxedo



MAVIS: Female, 9 weeks old, medium hair, black with white underbelly

Dog Stories from the Braxton Tales: County Animal Shelter

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

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

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

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

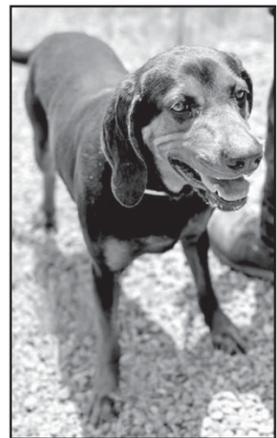
Shasta is a twelve to fourteen week old female Boxer. She is a sweet little girl with lots of playful puppy energy and loves all the attention she can get. She is dog friendly. We don't believe she is house trained yet and hasn't walked on a leash yet, but she is smart and eager to learn.



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 because 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.



Flatwoods Monster Fest July 1st

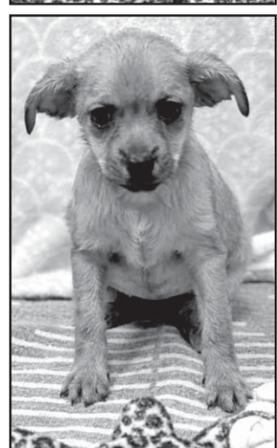
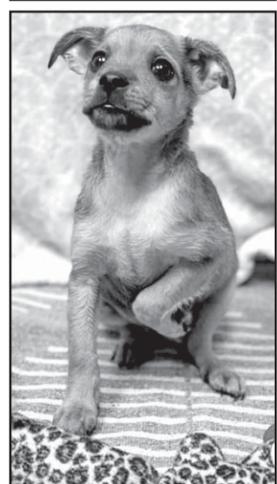
The Flatwoods Monster Fest will be held on Friday, July 1st from 1:00-5:00 P.M.

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.

Call 304-678-7334 for info or application.



The Braxton County Animal Shelter has three, twelve week old **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.



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Mr T 5K Walk/Run announced as a success



The 2022 Mr. T Memorial Scholarship 5K Walk/Run was a huge success on Saturday, June 25th.

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The beautiful weather, the wonderful atmosphere, and the caring individuals who want to honor Mr. T's memory and his love of education were all

present this morning. The scholarship committee would like to thank all the volunteers, participants, and community sponsors. Without their efforts, this event wouldn't be the success it is. Mr. T would be proud.

Congratulations to

the following participants who placed overall.

Overall Female Runners

- 1. Laura Cain
- 2. Bethany Payne
- 3. Leah Payne

Overall Male Runners

- 1. Bryce Jarrell
- 2. Blake Jarrell
- 3. BJ Utt

Overall Walkers

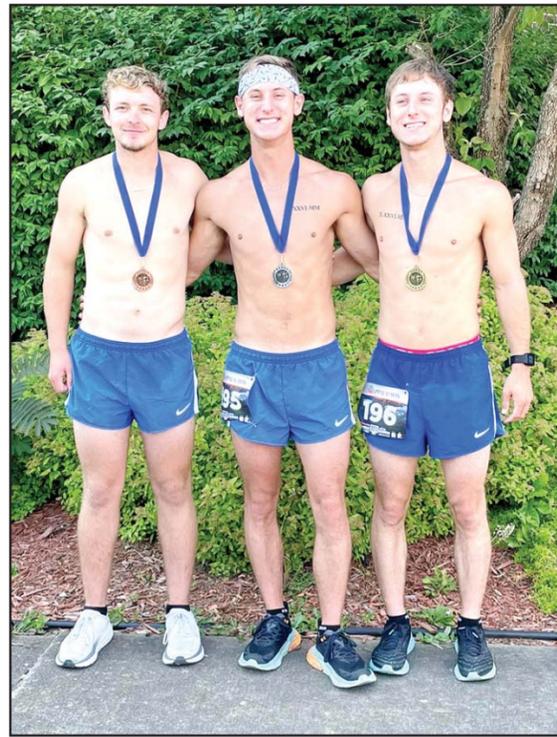
- 1. Alex Hermiller
- 2. Kevin Bellman

- 3. Hadlea Burkholder
- 4. Talia Morrison
- 5. Kendra Pingley

Full race results, pictures, and video links from AP Timing are now active at the bottom of post on the Mr. T 5K Run/Walk Facebook.



Overall Female Runners: 3. Leah Payne, 2. Bethany Payne, 1. Laura Cain.



Overall Male Runners: 3. BJ Utt 1. Bryce Jarrell, 2. Blake Jarrell.



Overall Walkers: 1. Alex Hermiller, 2. Kevin Bellman 3. Hadlea Burkholder, 4. Talia Morrison, 5. Kendra Pingley.



Many attendees of all ages showed up to honor Mr. T's memory and his love of education.



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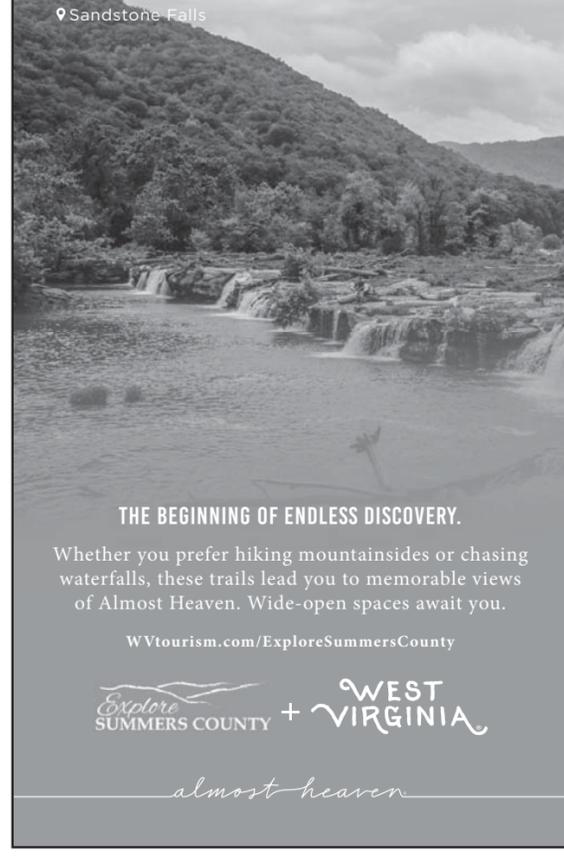
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