



The new Braxton County Board of Education (L to R) Kevin Gregory, Dr. Kenna Seal, new Superintendent Dr. Rhonda Combs, new BoE President Evelyn Post, Lisa Ratliff and Larry Hardway.

## Post to Serve as President of Board of Education

*New Members, Superintendent Take Oath June 28*

Evelyn Post was appointed President of the Braxton County Board of Education to start the July 5 organizational meeting. New board member Larry Hardway nominated Post for the position and she was unanimously approved by the board.

President Post thanked the board members and noted she had "big shoes to fill" as past President DeAnna Whipkey did "a great job" during her time on the board. She also welcomed Dr. Rhonda Combs as the new superintendent for Braxton County.

She went on to ask board members to submit dates they would be available for a work session to set goals for the upcoming school year.

Under delegations, Pamela Shield, Education Liaison for Community Care, WV, introduced herself to board members. She told the board her primary role would be to eliminate barriers between the schools and Community Care to provide appropriate care without loss of instructional time in a safe environment.

New Superintendent Dr. Combs spoke to the

board briefly on two focus areas she wants to work on. First is school safety and crisis management. She and Dr. Brenda Wells met with state officials last week and she also recently attended active shooter training. Dr. Combs would like to meet with board members, staff and local law enforcement to work on areas approving school safety including communication and education.

The second focus area is the new WV accountability system that goes into effective this fall. It will be based on the General Summative Assessment scores and other indicators to develop the district balance scorecards. Kevin Gregory asked about public access to testing scores and he was informed they are not public at this time but will be released in August.

Dr. Combs stated she wants to work on updating the website and to make sure everything is current. She also wants to get headshots of all of the board members and herself to be placed in the entrance hallway of the board office.

The board approved the following consent

agenda items on a motion by Dr. Kenna Seal with a second by Lisa Ratliff: transportation requests and payment of bills.

The following professional, service, extra-curricular personnel recommendations on a motion by Lisa Ratliff and second by Larry Hardway: employment for Lisa Allen, from custodian (part-time), central office/BCMS to custodian, BCMS/BOE, Emily Oates, special education supervisory/instructional/transportation aide (itinerant), Sutton, Lindsey Casto, head soccer coach, BCMS, and Leigh Ann Copen, volleyball coach, BCMS; and resignation for Russell Gray, principal, BCMS.

After a brief discussion, the board approved to continue with the first and third Tuesday at 6:00 pm schedule for regular board meetings for the upcoming year on a motion by Kevin Gregory and a second by Lisa Ratliff.

Board members decided to move the out of district drawings to the next meeting. They also tabled the permission request to attend school

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Judge Facemire administers the oath of office to Superintendent Rhonda Combs.



Judge Facemire swears in new board member Kevin Gregory.



Larry Hardway repeats the other of office administered by Judge Facemire.



New Board member Lisa Ratliff repeats her oath of office to Judge Facemire.

## Sutton coffee shop features homemade baked goods, coffees

By Shirley Shuman

Anyone in or near the town of Sutton may now enjoy stopping by Main Street Coffee, a new establishment which welcomes those who want to relax and savor coffee along with homemade baked goods. Owned and operated by Christopher Marple, the coffee shop seats "around 20 people" in a warm, inviting atmosphere made for relaxation and conversation. It is located on the corner opposite what was once p.j. berry's. Marple, who said the business opened June 11 followed by a ribbon-cutting June 13, explained it features breads and scones baked daily by his aunt, Lisa Rader. "We have lemon bread, banana nut bread and a variety of scones," he noted. Especially popular are the shop's blueberry and blackberry scones, which are staples. Other flavors appear on different days.

To compliment the baked goods, the shop serves several flavors of iced coffee along with hot coffee with different flavored creamers. In addition, customers may choose from some gluten-free baked goods, and Marple said they will have sugar-free selections available soon.

Main Street Coffee came about somewhat spontaneously, Marple explained. "Several of our family members were sit-



Main Street Coffee owner Christopher Marple chats with customers as they enjoy their favorite brew.

ting around talking, and on the spur of the moment we decided to open a coffee shop," he said. The owner continued to say that "the whole family" has been interested in a diner or similar business, and his wife Mary "has always wanted one." He called the decision "a spur of the moment one," adding, "We knew nothing about it but decided to try it, and it's working great!" To keep prices affordable yet beneficial to the business, the scones are

priced at three dollars each, and everything else is two dollars. The shop is open Monday through Saturday from 7:30 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Marple closed with "We invite people to come in, sit down and enjoy their coffee and baked treat. Relax for a few minutes." He said he especially enjoys socializing with his customers. So far, this invitation seems to be working. "Everyone in town has been supportive," the owner said.

## Bo McMillion to release new album at Landmark Studio Concert

The Landmark Studio for the Arts will host Bo McMillion (BoMc\$) for an album release concert on July 16, 2022, starting at 7:30pm. Area residents are invited to join BoMc\$ as he introduces his new album simply entitled, ADRIFT. This album has had six singles lifted from it with at least one more scheduled for release in a couple weeks.

This concert will be a celebration to those artists and musicians who have contributed to what BoMc\$ considers his "finest work". In addition to the amazing

sounds of Bo, he will be hosting artists such as sANCdEFY (Electronica), the super talented Stefan Cotter, who performs just about every kind of music you can imagine, and more.

Doors open at 7:15, with music by sACNdEFY beginning at 7:30. The "Bo Show" will begin at 8:30pm and will feature ADRIFT in its live form, as well as some other songs Bo has written, recorded and performed over the past 34 years.

Admission is \$5 per person, or \$10 which will include a beautifully packaged. The album

cover was shot by Anne Johnson and the back cover was shot by Taylor Bookheimer. Children under the age of 15 must be accompanied by an adult. Concessions will be available on behalf of the Landmark Studio for the Arts.

To buy tickets/reserve seats visit: our.show/landmarkstudio/adrift. Tickets will also be available at the door the night of the show on a first come first serve basis.

This event will utilize fog machines and lighting effects that can affect those who are prone to seizures.

## Braxton Magistrate Report

Magistrate Beth Smith

June 21: Benjamin Matthew Morris of Berkley Springs, possession of marijuana, guilty plea, fine/court costs assessed.

June 24: Braydon A. Rabusky of Letart, expired MVI x2, dismissed, proof provided; Lisa Lynn Hoffman of Canonsburg, PA, speeding, guilty plea, fine/court costs assessed.

July 5: Michael Edward Neal of Chloe, grand larceny, conspiracy, preliminary hearing waived, transferred to circuit court.

Magistrate David Singleton

June 27: Earl J. Vest of Elkins single axle load limit, guilty plea, fine/court costs assessed.

June 28: Brandon Mi-

chael Brady of Elkview, driving revoked for DUI, dismissed, defendant corrected the issue; Najee Akeym Silva of Leavenworth, KS, trespassing asked to leave, guilty plea, obstructing an officer x3, dismissed per plea, fine/court costs assessed; Jeremy Ward of Clay, fraudulent schemes, dismissed, defendant made restitution to the victim in a timely manner; Bobby Paul Martin of Danese, overweight plea, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed and paid; Joshua Devon Jarvis, domestic assault, dismissed, domestic battery, dismissed, destruction of property, dismissed, victim does not wish to pursue charges.

June 29: Braden Todd Wood of Duck, domestic assault, domestic battery, destruction of property, warrant issued, bond set at \$3000 cash, surety, or 10% to the court.

June 30: James E. Wilson of Bronson, FL, expired registration, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed and paid.

July 1: Trinity T. Franklin of Flint, MI, fraudulent schemes, conspiracy, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$25,000 cash only; Alfonso L. Lawson, Jr. of Flint, MI, fraudulent schemes, conspiracy, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$25,000 cash only.

# Legislative Update

**By Delegate Brent Boggs**

As I write on the morning of Independence Day 2022, I was blessed to awaken to live another day in the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave after spending a wonderful Sunday with my family before the grandkids departed for Camp Cowen.

Each of us begins each day anew by the grace of God and the sacrifices made by the men and women of our military, past and present, so we can worship freely, work, and raise our families. Sitting down to the first cup of coffee and checking the news daily, it's all too easy to lapse into frustration over temporary high gas and grocery prices, politics, and all the other things we allow to burrow into our minds as the most important things of life.

My mind this morning and for the past several days has been the passing of yet another of our Greatest Generation, Hershel Woodrow "Woody" Williams, United States Marine Corps. Awarded the Medal of Honor by President Truman for his bravery during the battle of Iwo Jima; native son of West Virginia; the last living WW II Medal of Honor recipient; and friend.

I think it only fitting to include the official citation in receiving the Medal of Honor:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as demolition sergeant serving with the 21st Marines, 3d Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese

forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 23 February 1945. Quick to volunteer his services when our tanks were maneuvering vainly to open a lane for the infantry through the network of reinforced concrete pillboxes, buried mines, and black volcanic sands, Cpl. Williams daringly went forward alone to attempt the reduction of devastating machine-gun fire from the unyielding positions. Covered only by four riflemen, he fought desperately for four hours under terrific enemy small-arms fire and repeatedly returned to his own lines to prepare demolition charges and obtain serviced flamethrowers, struggling back, frequently to the rear of hostile emplacements, to wipe out one position after another. On one occasion, he daringly mounted a pillbox to insert the nozzle of his flamethrower through the air vent, killing the occupants, and silencing the gun; on another he grimly charged enemy riflemen who attempted to stop him with bayonets and destroyed them with a burst of flame from his weapon. His unyielding determination and extraordinary heroism in the face of ruthless enemy resistance were directly instrumental in neutralizing one of the most fanatically defended Japanese strongpoints encountered by his regiment and aided vitally in enabling his company to reach its objective. Cpl. Williams' aggressive fighting spirit and valiant devotion to duty throughout this fiercely contested action sustain and enhance the highest

traditions of the U.S. Naval Service.

I remember most of the opportunities I had to visit with Woody, both at the Capitol, various venues around the State, and here in central West Virginia. He was a tireless advocate for the needs of all veterans, including healthcare, homelessness, food security, military families, and the concerns of our active-duty military men and women serving here and around the world. I was privileged to sit with him and talk one-on-one for over an hour after a Veteran's Day dinner in Sutton several years ago when he had many more pressing demands on his time. Being on stage with him informally before the start of a Veterans Day event at Holly Gray Park when a USAF General saluted him in honor of his service and being part of their conversation was special. Introducing him over the years to the House of Delegates on Veterans Visibility Day as Majority Leader was always a special honor.

But the time it impacted me most is when he attended services and spoke at Gassaway Baptist Church one Sunday morning. He briefly touched on his military service, held up the Medal of Honor, but then put it in his suit pocket and proceeded to deliver his message about his life before and after the war; responsibility and honor; his faith and family; humility and service to God and Country; and passing the torch to the next generation. After the service, every young boy and girl at church that morning joined him for a group photo.

Woody was a hero,

but his message was one of humility regarding the Medal of Honor. He said on many occasions, "Every Medal of Honor person who received it would say, it doesn't belong to me. It represents those who never got to come home."

So, on this Independence Day, as one grateful American, we celebrate the life of Woody Williams and likewise thank all who served.

Heroes, one and all. And, as my grandparents were a Gold Star family and as someone named after one of those Woody mentioned who never got to come home, my uncle Lawrence Earl Boggs, my heartfelt condolences and appreciation for the freedoms we enjoy.

Now that the session has concluded, please contact me at my home office at: 151 Park Street,

Gassaway, WV 26624. The phone number is 304-364-8411. For those with Internet access, my legislative email address is: Brent.Boggs@WV-House.gov

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



Guests of Braxton County enjoyed the Town of Flatwoods Independence Day Celebration on Monday, July 4, 2022.

## Town of Flatwoods Independence Day Celebration thank you

The Town of Flatwoods would like to send out a great big thank you to everyone who came out to our Independence Day Celebration. We had a great turnout on Monday, July 4th.

There was free food,

free giveaways, and music by the Kowboyz, followed by an excellent fireworks show.

A huge thank you to Keith Long for donating the pizzas. Thank you to Caleb Harper for another great fireworks

show. Special thanks to Allie Groves, Dennis and Janice Miller, Dale Ball, Keith Long, Danny Smallwood, and Shawn and Lorie Brown for helping to make the event a success!

God Bless America!

## Braxton County Health Department to host Women's Health Clinics

Braxton County Health Department will be having a Women's Health Clinic on July 13, 2022 and August 17, 2022. Call 304-765-2851, Monday - Friday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Braxton County Health Department is now offering COVID-19 Vaccines and Booster for children ages 6 months to 4 years old, 5 years old to

11 years old. Along with Adult COVID-19 Vaccines and Boosters every Thursday. Call 304-765-2851, Monday - Friday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm for more information or to schedule an appointment.

## Board...

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in Braxton County from Webster County to allow for Dr. Combs to investigate the circumstances on a motion by Kevin Gregory with a second by Larry Hardway.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 pm. The next regular meeting will be July 19 at 6:00 pm.

The newly elected members of the of Education along with the new school superintendent were sworn in at a special meeting held on June 28.

Honorable Judge Richard A. Facemire performed the Oaths of Office for Lisa Ratliff, Kevin Gregory, and Larry Hardway who were elected in May to the board. He then swore in Braxton County's new superintendent Dr. Rhonda Combs.

Judge Facemire thanked the outgoing board members President DeAnna Whipkey and Dolores Wright and Superintendent Kathy Hypes for their work providing a good education to the students.

Evelyn Post also

thanked them and Dr. Martha Dean for their service to the board and the challenges they faced during the pandemic.

Dr. Kenna Seal thanked President Whipkey for her leadership. He also thanked Wright and Dean as well as David Hoover for their service noting he was honored to serve with them the last few years.

President Whipkey thanked the other board members for their support during her and Wright's term. She stated it was a "huge honor" to serve the community and the students for the past four years. President Whipkey also thanked Superintendent Hypes for her service the last three years.

Under regular business the board approved the following consent agenda items on a motion by Dolores Wright with a second by Evelyn Post: minutes of June 21 meeting; transportation requests; payment of bills; and budget transfers and supplements.

The board approved the following professional

and service personnel recommendations: employment of Wesley Monk, elementary music teacher, Ivy Hodges, elementary music teacher, Forrest Taylor, special education teacher, BCMS, Kelsie Tonkin, from PE/Planning teacher, Flatwoods, to PE/Health/Wellness teacher, BCHS, Erica Toller, from preschool special needs teacher, Flatwoods, to English teacher, BCHS, Sheran Helmick, 1st grade teacher, Frametown, Carla Mauser, from 3rd grade teacher, Burnsville, to special education teacher (part-time), Sutton, Duane Williams, from 6th grade science teacher, BCMS, to 6th grade social studies teacher, BCMS, Melissa Duckworth, from 5th grade teacher, Davis, to 6th grade math teacher, BCMS, Sherry Moats, instructional aide, Little Birch, summer school, and Stephanie Stewart, summer student receptionist; reassignment for Jaelyn Whitney, from BCMS to Flatwoods; and resignation for Paul Burton, summer school bus operator.

On a motion by Dolores Wright with a second by Evelyn Post, the board approved the all fundraisers as presented.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:19 pm.

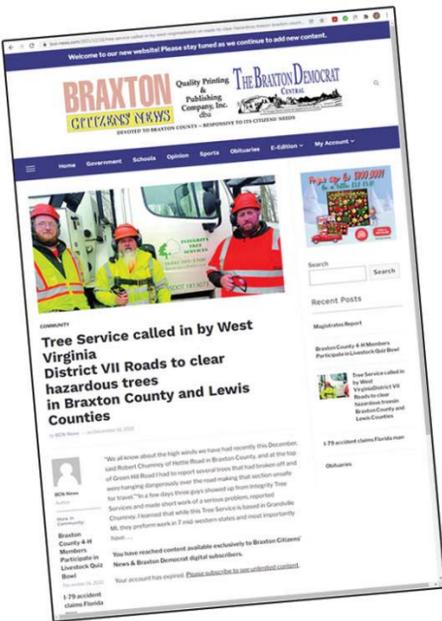
## Rhodes, Rose, and Sartin Reunion

The Rhodes - Rose and Sartin Reunion will be held at the Carson Dobbins Pavilion on July 17th. Starting at 10:00 A.M. Lunch at 12:00 PM. Music in the afternoon. Bring a covered dish and something for auction. Come and spend the day with family and friends.

This will be our 28th year. Hope to see you there.

Take a look who is making their debate on the World Wide Web!

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# Obituaries

## Martha Jean Smith

Martha Jean Smith, 82, of Lititz, passed away peacefully on Monday, June 27, 2022 at Brethren Village.

Born in Sutton, WV, she was the daughter of the late Richard Posey and Edna Martin Frame, and step-daughter of

the late Marvin J. Frame. She was the wife of the late John R. Smith, who passed away on Feb. 27, 2020. She and her husband had lived in Ohio and then lived in Elizabethtown for many years.

A nationally renowned antiques expert, Martha specialized in glass and china pieces and was referenced in several books. She had been an antiques dealer for 47 years in co-ops in Hershey and the surrounding areas, as well and 47 seasons at Shupp's Grove Antiques Market in Reinholds, PA.

Martha was a member of 39 years at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Elizabethtown.

She had been involved with Girl Scout activities with her daughters. The happiest part of her

life was raising her children.

Martha is survived by her children: Mary Jane Smith of Reading, PA, and Joseph E. married to Denise Smith of Manchester, TN; her grandchildren Sarah Ann Smith Stum married to Zach Stum, and Joshua Hummel; and by her son-in-law, Kirk Hummel of Lancaster. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Cynthia Ann Smith Hummel.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, July 18, 2022 at 5:30PM at the Lancaster Friends Meeting Memorial Garden. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions in her memory to Historic St. Peters Catholic Church, 1840 Marshall Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022. To send a condolence, please visit SnyderFuneralHome.com

## Ellen Isophene

"Icie" Moyers Mitchell

Ellen Isophene "Icie" Moyers Mitchell, 91, of Frametown, went to be with our Lord and Savior on May 26, 2022.

She was born on October 10, 1930 in Sutton to the late Dennis and Glenna Ramsey Moyers.

In addition to her par-

ents she was also preceded in death by her infant daughter, Ellen Louise Mitchell; three brothers, Charles Richard Moyers, Dennis Glen Moyers, and infant brother, Robert Lynn Moyers; as well as one sister, Helen Louise Moyers Connolly.

Ellen attended Marshall University for two years. Following this she taught grade school at Belfont for two years and worked as a teacher's aide at Wilsie Elementary. She also worked for the Department of Highways before settling into her career as a child advocate for the State of WV, for which she retired after 27 years.

Ellen's friends and family will miss her loving, positive spirit and her quick wit, but the love and kindness she shared with others will live on forever. She will be forever remembered by her son, Steven Hugh Mitchell of Wilsie; her brother, William "Bill" Wirt Moyers and wife, Susan, of Seminole, Florida; sister, Marilyn Moyers Gilenwater and husband, Terry, of Fishers, Indiana; two granddaughters; and many nieces and nephews.

Ellen's memorial service will be 1 P.M. July 9, 2022 at Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway with Reverend Rich Demastus officiating. Family and friends may gather an hour prior to the service. Words of comfort and fond memories may be extended to the family at [www.roachfuneralhome.com](http://www.roachfuneralhome.com).

## Caroline Gillespie Cochran

Caroline Gillespie Cochran, 78 of Webster Springs, passed away on Thursday, June 30, 2022, seven days following the passing of her husband of 55 years, Melvin W. Cochran, who passed on June 23, 2022.

She passed away of complications from pancreatic cancer, five days after learning of her diagnosis. She was the tenth and last child, born to Clarence W. and Bertha Baughman Gillespie, on May 23, 1944, in Buckhannon. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by brothers Eugene, Jimmy, Bernard and Felix and sisters, Helen, Louise and Lucille.

Surviving is brother David of Webster Springs and sister Sammie (Bob) Allman of Buckhannon.

She is also survived by 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; and several nieces, nephews, and extended family and friends.

Caroline was a member of Emmanuel Assembly of God; she was a 1962 graduate of Webster Springs High School and Clarksburg Beauty Academy in 1963. After passing her WV state licensing exams, she operated her own beauty salon for 30 years in Webster Springs. She was originally hired by Charlie Dodd in 1969 as beautician for Dodd & Hurt Funeral Home and continued working when the business changed to Dodd & Reed Funeral Home.

She enjoyed traveling overseas and state side with her husband and grandchildren, and especially enjoyed spending time with the grandchildren at the beach. Caroline was a very competitive scrabble player. Reading historic fiction and WV murder mystery books was her pleasure.

Celebration of Life Services will be held on Tuesday, July 5, 2022 at 12:00 noon at Dodd & Reed Funeral Home with Pastor Marty Cowger officiating and Eulogy given by Jack Alsop. She will be laid to rest beside Melvin at Big Run Cemetery, Diana. Friends may join the family for visitation two hours prior to service time.

Please join the family for Graveside Services at 2:30 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](http://www.doddreedfh.com).

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

## Helen Maxine Moore

Helen Maxine Moore, 92, of Sutton, went home

to be with the Lord on Thursday, June 30, 2022 at Glenville Center, Glenville.

She was born April 12, 1930 in Gassaway, the daughter of the late Orville & Clarice Facemire Flint. Also preceding her in death was her husband, John Lee Moore; brothers, Jackie Flint, Steven Flint;

granddaughter, Janelle Moore; grandson, Justin Moore; daughter-in-law, Barbara Moore.

Helen was a retired cook for Braxton County Schools a homemaker and a member of Stump Chapel Baptist Church, Tesla.

She is survived by her sons, Brent A Moore of Sutton, Gregory C Moore of Culpepper, VA; grandchildren, Brandi, Aaron.

Graveside service was held 2:00 pm, Tuesday, July 5, 2022 at Sugar Creek Cemetery, Gassaway with Rev. Linn Schiefer officiating. Friends called 12:30 to 1:30 pm, Tuesday, July 5 at Greene-Robertson Funeral Home, Sutton, WV.

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

Online condolences may be sent to: [greene-robertsonfuneralhome.com](http://greene-robertsonfuneralhome.com)

## Roseland Irene Morris

Roseland Irene Morris, 80, of Camden Hill Heights, Sutton, WV, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on July 1st at her home surrounded by her family.

Irene was born July 6th, 1941 to the late Guy Robert Shepherd and Charlotte Nichols Shepherd Stout. Also preceding her in death is her husband, Joseph Dale Morris; sisters, Phyllis Paintiff, Kay Hall; brothers, Junior Shepherd, Kenneth Shepherd and Cecil Shepherd.

She is survived by one sister, Sandra Belt. Irene was a devoted mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She will be greatly missed by her loving daughter, Linda Zackoski of Frametown, WV who was also her caregiver and best friend; her loving sons, Roger Morris (Jacque) of Berea, KY and Alan Morris (Cheryl) of Burnsville, WV. She is also survived by 7 grandchildren, Nathan Morris, Crystal Ingram, Matt Morris, Chris Morris, Edwin Zackoski, Eric Zackoski and Whitney Teets. Irene also was a very proud great grandmother to 17 great grandchildren, who she adored.

Funeral services were held 1:00 pm, July 4th, 2022 at Greene-Robertson Funeral Home in Sutton, WV with Pastor Christopher Teets officiating. Burial followed in the Braxton Memorial Cemetery, Airport Rd. Sutton. Friends called one hour before the service at the funeral home.

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

Online condolences may be sent to: [greene-robertsonfuneralhome.com](http://greene-robertsonfuneralhome.com)

## Roger Lee Means

Roger Lee Means of the Tellico Village Community, Loudon, TN passed away June 26, 2022.

He was born April 18, 1937 to parents, Ora Gay Means and William Allen Means in Clarksburg, West Virginia who preceded him in death. Roger served in the U. S. Air Force and was stationed in Riverside, California. He retired after 35 years of working for the U. S. Post Office. Roger loved to play golf and was an avid fisherman.

He will be missed by many friends and family. Roger was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Geraldine Sutton of West Virginia; brother, Bill Means of Weirton, West Virginia, and nephew, Jeff Means. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Janet Griffin Means; sister, Carolyn Robinson of Brooksville, FL; nephews: Gary Means (Valerie), Tommy Means (Debby), Doug Robinson (Monica), John Morrison (Linda); nieces, Pam Klinglesmith, Debra Robinson, Andrea Gekler (Todd), and Linda Jackson (Jerry).

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Parkinson Association or the charity of your choice. There will be no public services. Click Funeral Home, Lenoir City, TN is in charge of arrangements. [www.clickfuneralhome.com](http://www.clickfuneralhome.com)

Mark Allen Wilson, 54, of Sutton, passed away Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at Ruby Memorial Hospital, Morgantown.

He was born April 29, 1968 the son of Charles Wilson and the late June Riffle Wilson. Also preceding him in death is his brother, Billy Wilson.

He is survived by his son, Seth Wilson of Sutton; companion, Becky Carr of Sutton; father, Charles Wilson of NC; brothers, Keith Wilson of Sutton, Charlie Wilson of Gassaway.

Upon request his body will be cremated. Greene-Robertson Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Wilson family.

Online condolences may be sent to: [greene-robertsonfuneralhome.com](http://greene-robertsonfuneralhome.com)

Shirley Ann (Sutton) Tracy, 85, of Mt. Lookout, passed away on June 25, 2022 at Stonerise Rainelle. She was born June 20, 1937 in Millcreek,

WV to the late Ronal and Edith (Tyler) Sutton. Shirley was married to Charles Arlen Tracy (deceased) and was a long time resident of Cowen where she retired from the Cowen Public Service District.

Shirley was preceded in death by her brother Ronnie Sutton of Bowie, MD and sister Carolyn Hadix of Dailey, WV. She is survived by sisters Betty and Jimmy (deceased) Waybright and Jeanie and Fred Sparks, both of Cowen, and three sons: Dr. Charles Alan & Kathryn Tracy, Mark & AnnaMary Tracy, and Paul & Glenda Tracy. Shirley celebrated and adored her eight grandchildren: Kelley (Whoolery), Ian, Joshua, Daryn (Moore), Tony, Erin (Hufstetler) and honorarily Alex and Gabe Garland. Shirley was known as "Granny" to her four great grandchildren: Garrett, Carson, and Jonah Whoolery and Lucas Hufstetler. She is also survived by many friends and extended family who will mourn her passing.

Graveside services will be conducted privately for the family at a future date. In Shirley's honor, Memorial Contributions may be made to the charity of your choice. Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.adamsreedfh.com](http://www.adamsreedfh.com).

Adams-Reed Funeral Home, Cowen is honored to be serving the Tracy family.

Philip Nolan Kniceley, 72, of Palm Coast passed away Sunday, July 3, 2022 at Flagler Hospital in St. Augustine, Florida.

Philip was born on September 7, 1949 to the late Nolan and Patsy Kniceley.

Philip was a proud US Army veteran serving during the Vietnam War. He was a loving devoted husband, father and grandfather, always placing his family and others before himself. Philip enjoyed collecting coins, entertaining others, men's breakfast clubs, and causing trouble. He is known by his amazing sense of humor and his willingness to give of himself, his time, his money and his heart. Philip is survived by his wife of 30 years, Deborah Kniceley; children, Philip "Wheel" Kniceley II (Beth), Becky Chapell (Andrew), Luke Watson (Megan) and Mark Watson (12 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; siblings, Gregg, Kathy, Alan, Jeff, Shawn and Chad; a host of extended family and friends who will miss him dearly.

A Celebration of Philip's life will be 11:00 A.M., Thursday, July 7, 2022 at Parkview Church Palm Coast, 5435 Belle Terre Parkway, Palm Coast, FL 32137.

Heritage Funeral and Cremation Service is in charge of his arrangements.

## American Legion Post 33 July Meeting

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# Dog Tails: Adoptable Dogs at the Braxton County Animal Shelter

## This Week in West Virginia History

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

July 9, 1989: Treasurer A. James Manchin resigned after being impeached. With a stock market downturn in 1987, Manchin bore much of the blame when the state lost nearly \$300 million in investments for which he was responsible.

July 10, 1769: Physician Jesse Bennet was born. He performed the first successful caesarian section in America in 1794, on his own wife and without proper equipment and with no antiseptics. He later established a large practice in Mason County and served as an Army surgeon in the War of 1812.

July 10, 1936: The temperature in Martinsburg reached 112 degrees. It tied the record for hottest temperature on record, which had been set August 4, 1930, at Moorefield.

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

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

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

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

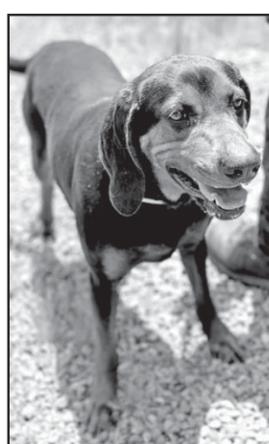
girl with lots of playful puppy energy and loves all the attention she can get. She is dog friendly. We don't believe she is house trained yet and hasn't walked on a leash yet, but she is smart and eager to learn.



**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.



**Shasta** is a twelve to fourteen week old female Boxer. She is a sweet little

**Phoenix** was found on a farm as a stray in a hay field and the land owner took her home for a week. He brought her to us because he could not keep her, and he paid her adoption fee for her future adopter. We know that Phoenix is friendly with other dogs but hasn't been around kids or any other animals while he/we have had her. She walks well on a leash. We're guessing her to be one to two years old weighing about forty pounds. Phoenix loves all the butt scratches and attention she can get. She gravitates more to people than dogs so we call her a "people dog". When she gets really happy she gets low to the ground with her front legs stretched out and bounces.



Meet **Blue**. He's a seven month old male Catahoula Leopard/Cur mix who weighs approx 60lbs. He was surrendered and is now looking for a family to call his own! Blue has lived inside and out but is not completely housebroke. Blue does not jump up and is not super energetic like a puppy but he has been known to chew. He was gentle with children he has lived with other dogs of various breeds and sizes and is very dog social. He has also been around cats, birds and horses. Blue has a very sweet, eager to please disposition.

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.

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

## Gassaway Farmers and Flea Market

First Gassaway Farmers and Flea Market held July 17

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For more information, please contact Nik and Beth Salvo at (304)853-0002 or on Facebook at [facebook.com/gassaway-market](https://facebook.com/gassaway-market)



July 6, 1806: Statesman Charles James Faulkner was born in Martinsburg. Faulkner served in the West Virginia legislature, U.S. Congress (1851-59), and as U.S. minister to France.



July 6, 1848: Historian Virgil A. Lewis was born in Mason County. In 1905, Governor Dawson appointed Lewis as the first director of the Bureau of Archives and History.

July 6, 1883: Judge "R. D." Bailey was born at Baileysville, Wyoming County. Bailey came into wide prominence as the judge of the Matewan Massacre trial in 1921.



July 7, 1928: The Ma-

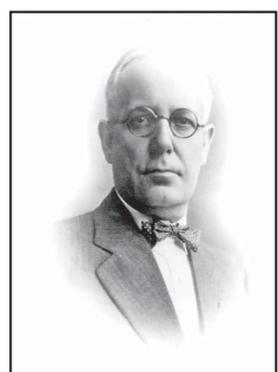
July 8, 1894: Walter Aegerter was born in Helvetia. An amateur photographer, Aegerter built both a studio and darkroom on his farm and photographed portraits, families, celebrations and everyday scenes of the German Swiss settlement. The glass plate negatives survive today in several archived collections.



July 8, 1924: Rock 'n' roll pioneer Johnnie Johnson was born in Fairmont. Johnson collaborated with Chuck Berry on songs such as "Roll Over, Beethoven." Berry's hit "Johnny B. Goode" was written as a tribute to Johnson.



July 9, 1942: An explosion at the Purs-glove No. 2 Mine at Scotts Run near Morgantown killed 20 men. It was one of three fatal accidents at the mining operation in an eight-month period.



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# On the Other Side of the Mountain

I said I would let you know how the floating row covers on our beans turned out, especially the climbing beans. Our resident rabbit was unable to crawl under the covers and the beans happily grew under them.

Beans love hot weather and being covered by a thin layer of fabric seemed to suit them well. We checked their status every so often, then put the covers back on. A week ago we decided the beans were too tall for the rabbit to incur any serious damage. We removed the covers.

Yesterday morning the Fortex (climbers) were clipped, as well as the nearby strawberries. It occurred to me that rabbit stew sounded more and more delicious to me. Then Greg discovered the hoof prints of deer in the strawberry bed. We weed-eated along the electric fence that surrounds our garden area, then put up a second, non electric fence along the existing one, with about 3' distance from each other. We had to resort to this protection in the past and it always worked. The deer can easily jump 8', but they can't judge the distance in width and they give up. We have not seen as many deer in a long time as we have this year. They are costly, destroying fences, breaking battens, eating crops, not to mention having to buy extra dual fence and spending time putting it up and maintaining it.

We feed the birds in winter and now they think that all the berries are a summer feeding platform. We are set up for years to put bird netting over the blueberries and raspberries. Greg made frames out of PVC pipe to put the netting around and on top of them, holding it in place by clamps. It is fairly efficient, but if I don't close the netting "door" exactly, just leaving an inch or so open, the birds will find it quickly and start dining with delight.

So far we were always able to determine the perpetrators, but within a year, something killed all of our 8 cats, never leaving any clues or evidence of the killer. We installed a camera in the building where we fed the cats, saw some raccoons and possums (maybe one or more, we could not tell if the camera captured the same individuals repeatedly) but nothing was revealed. Of course it would be easy to get other cats, but we need to find what kills them before we do that.

Gardening does not have to be complicated. I always try to find the easiest way to accomplish my goal. I will try to debunk some myths. One is that we should not water our crops in the hot sun, because the sunlight will magnify the water droplets and damage the plant. That is not true. It is not a problem to use a water hose and soak the area, even if we wet the plant. Sure we can have a sprinkler or an irrigation system, but it is all more expensive, plus a sprinkler wastes a lot of water, wetting areas not needed. However avoid watering before sunset.

If the plants are wet during the night it might encourage mold and other diseases to grow. Water in the morning or during the day, so the plants can dry out.

Another myth is that wood chips are the



Dual fence to keep deer out of garden.



Magical morning in the woods.



## Center of Echinacea

best mulch. We have to consider what is easily available to us. Any kind of wood derived mulch (bark, chips, leaves, sawdust) will use up nitrogen in the soil to decompose. To avoid nitrogen depletion, put down a layer of newspapers, then add the mulch on top. It is recommended to shred the leaves. I never do. This adds hours of extra labor and whole leaves serve the same purpose as shredded ones. All of these mulches will break down over the season and add organic matter to the soil, aerating it, feeding the microbes underground. Of course one can use hay, especially damaged hay.

Sure, we might end up with more weeds the next year but that can be avoided by seeding a cover crop in fall (winter rye, hairy vetch or wheat) and then tilling it in in spring. Rye is especially recommended for weed control.

There is an idea floating around that compost piles smell bad. We don't use a composting drum and we don't turn our compost. Our pile is held in place by woven wire turned into a cylinder. When adding kitchen refuse, we add some leaves on top, grass clippings or some peat-moss, never add any meat or fat remnants. The woven wire allows plenty of air circulation and the compost will add organic matter to our garden instead of having it end up in the landfill.

I did it all the time, adding gravel to the bottom of a pot for proper drainage. It takes space away from roots and the pot only needs to have plenty of draining holes. When purchasing planting pots, check them out for good drainage no gravel or pebbles needed, just plenty of holes in the bottom.

Another opinion that can be put to rest is that we need a large area to grow something and that it is expensive to start a garden. One thing is sure, you will need to spend some time on the project no matter how big it is. One can start with a tiny area, growing bags, window boxes, 5 gallon

buckets, a small wooden frame made from a 2x6, a galvanized tub, a laundry basket anything that is at least 6" deep. Of course a 5 gallon bucket extends the planting choices greatly and does not take up much space. Go to Goodwill for bargains or sew your own bag. Since we started gardening what I find to be the most expensive item today are seeds, but people are willing to share, and seeds from many crops that are not hybrids can be saved. If you are willing to hoe, to dig by hand and to forgo all fancy tools, gardening is very inexpensive and rewarding.

There is also the idea if "things" should get worse, we know how to take care of some of our needs.

Figuring out how to restrict invasive critters is a nuisance, but my mornings when I put the goats on pasture make up for all the trouble during the day. As we walk through the woods leading to the pasture, the morning sun sends streams of light through the dense canopy, highlighting some ferns here and putting a bright accent on a spot further towards the creek. It is pure magic! Some of the sun-rays reflect on the goats Add to the visual perception an auditory experience, the soothing, melodious tune of the mockingbird and it becomes a purely spiritual moment. My mornings set the tone for the day.

Maybe this is what we mean when we say, almost heaven West Virginia.



## Pat's Chats

By Pat Ridpath



SVA Alumni 2022 Camp Meeting Valley Vista Huttsville WV.

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and I wanted to help my children get a solid, Christian education, so we applied for jobs at Shenandoah Valley Academy, a Seventh-day Adventist boarding academy in New Market, Virginia.

We rented one of the houses on campus and settled in, with me working at the Book Bindery. along with my son, Chuck and daughter, Robin. Scott

worked on the campus, too, with Mr. White in the maintenance department. Scott loved Mr. White and his job.

I don't remember a lot about those days. I enjoyed "ludlowing" the titles on the book binders. I prayed that my children would grow spiritually, physically and be socially, safe, and that they would experience mental stimulation and growth through this experience and the dedicated faculty and staff at SVA, even for a short time.. I am sure God is still working with them and me, whether I made the right choices or not. I am including a picture of some of the graduates from SVA, who were attending Camp Meeting.

Thanks to Sheri-lyn Sapp who sent the picture: t\They are Left to right Sheri-Lyn Sapp, '84"; Rebecca Wheatley, '97"; Jan Osborne, '74"; Stewart Pepper,, '81"; Sarah Ware,; '84" Keli Mace, '80"!

If you want more information about SVA go to <https://www.wshenanoahvalleyacademy.org>

Maranatha

## Does A Wasp Bite

By: Jeanette Riffle

According to my hubby, he got bit by a wasp one day this past week. He was mowing on the little lawn mower and felt something pinching his arm. He looked down and saw a wasp. It wasn't stinging him, it was biting. He swiped it off his arm and when he came in from mowing and told me about that, I wondered why a wasp would do that. We neither one had ever heard of a wasp biting.

Something sad happened last week. I was doing dishes and looked out the kitchen window to see a big deer going across the field up next to the road and she was dragging her hind feet. She collapsed, fell to the ground and just laid there. She evidently had been hit by a vehicle. Then I saw a little fawn just a tad bigger than a fox and at first I thought it was a red fox. It ran around out there for a while and then just disappeared. We haven't seen anymore of it. I hope another mother deer adopted it.

We are seeing groundhogs along the road when we are out driving and hubby saw a rabbit. There aren't many rabbits around here anymore. One day there were two flocks of turkeys in the road. Two hens and two broods of young turkeys. They were different sizes. If anyone would have come along going too fast, they would have

scattered turkeys everywhere. There are always deer along the road. It pays to drive carefully on this road. Deer and foxes are coming to our big apple tree. It won't be long until the coons, crows, groundhogs, coyotes, and every critter out there will be coming to that tree. Last year a gray fox climbed the tree to get at the apples. They are tiny and hard right now, but we saw a deer scrunching on an apple until she finally got it all chewed up. She chewed and chewed on it. I had to get my orange Lilies for Naturalizing dug up and inside an electric fence years ago, because when the deer found them, they ate one whole bank of them up. All my flowers are inside that fence.

We plan on watching

fireworks on big screen TV for the 4th and maybe throw something on the grill. Our company isn't coming until the week of July 11th. We don't have a garden this year but we can buy some fresh vegetables at Produce Shack of Sutton and cook up big pots of green beans and fix everything that goes good with that. Our son and granddaughter love coming to the country and eating home cooked meals. I will close for this time. There were 62 present at Rosedale Baptist this morning.

We had some new people. Visitors are always welcome. I got back to play the organ. I had missed two Sundays with the upper respiratory thing. Still don't have all my strength back. It takes time.

Until next time, everybody be safe and take care. God bless!

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Interested persons are to submit a Letter of Interest to The Braxton County Commission, Post Office Box 486, 300 Main Street, Sutton, West Virginia 26601, postmarked no later than 4:00 p.m. EST on July 15th, 2022. EOE/Affirmative Action Employer. 7-7 7-14b

# Playing Fetch

By: Joseph J. Mazzella

It was a hot, humid, steamy, Summer afternoon. I had been up doing one thing or another since six in the morning. Now with the dinner dishes done I thought I could finally lay down for a minute and rest my aching back. As I lay on my bed trying to watch a little TV my brain felt heavy and I noticed my eyelids slowly shutting. I was almost asleep when suddenly I felt a blast of hot breath on my face. I opened one eye and saw a long nose covered in gold and white fur, a pair of loving eyes looking at me, and a mouth open, panting happily. Then before I could say anything a wet tongue slurped my chin.

"Fluffy", I groaned. "Come on boy. You take naps all day long." My plea to my retriever mix was answered by two more dog kisses totally soaking my face. "Alright! Alright!", I laughed. I picked up Fluffy's favorite rubber ball, walked out of my bedroom and threw it down the hallway. Fluffy bounded after it with joy and brought it back to me for another toss. We kept up with the game with throw after throw until my arm felt heavy. But my heart felt light. Then I let Fluffy up on the bed with me for some hugs, belly rubs, and petting. I could feel his love as he cuddled in close. It was such a joy. And then I realized that

I wasn't at all tired anymore.

As relaxing and refreshing as a nap would have been on that hot Summer afternoon, playing fetch with Fluff was even better. Sharing a little joy, a little laughter, and a lot of love with my furry friend not only energized my body, it warmed my heart, and brightened my soul. As I petted my dog I thanked God again for giving us man's best friend to make our lives better.

God gives each of us only a limited amount of time in this world. Even the longest life here is still too short for all the love we can give and joy we can share. Make sure then that you enjoy each moment you get here, even if it means giving up your nap for a game of fetch.

# Holly Gray Park plays classic for second Drive-In Movie Night

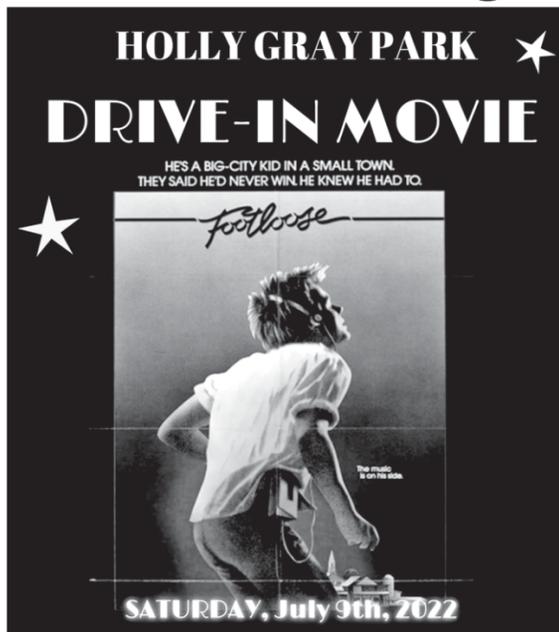
Holly Gray Park will host its first Drive-In Movie Night of the 2022 season

Holly Gray Park is playing a classic this month playing the movie Footloose on Saturday, July 9th, 2022 at 9:00 p.m. Movie begins at 9:00 p.m.

Admission is five dollars per person and kids under 4 are free. Concessions will be sold on-site.

Watch outside your car, bring a chair, or tune in to your radio station!

Holly Gray Park will be showing a monthly movie through September, follow the Holly Gray Park on Facebook



to keep track of movie selected each month. All proceeds benefit Holly Gray Park.

# 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 fe-

line 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 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.

**MARTY:** Male, 10 weeks 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



# Annual Burnsville Freedom Festival



The Town of Burnsville celebrated the Burnsville Freedom Festival on Saturday, July 2.



2022 Glenville State University Pioneer Mascot Gabrielle Dean



Live music and ride attractions entertained the crowd during the event.



Story Booth Characters from various movies made their way through the crowds visiting with children and taking a moment for photos with their fans.



The Vietnam Memorial Wall was on display at the Burnsville Dam for guests to visit and pay their respects.



Crowds fought through rain clouds and showers but always made their way back to the festival.

Please join us for a

## Retirement Luncheon

In honor of

## Kathy Given

On Sunday, July 10, 2022  
From 100 - 4:00 P.M.

At the  
**Braxton County Jamboree**  
69 Parsons Drive  
Gassaway, WV 26624

Stop by and  
congratulate Kathy

Everyone is invited

## RETIREMENT PARTY!



The kid's fishing tournament at the Burnsville freedom festival was a great success with fifty-two kids participating that weathered the tough conditions and had a blast catching more than just fish, but memories!

## 8th Annual Elk River Summer Float 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.



# SUMMER

## POINTS SPLASH

## BEAT THE HEAT WITH SUMMER POINTS SPLASH!

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