



GHS Alumni President Barbara Adams welcomes classmates and guests to the 29th GHS Alumni Banquet, held at the Days Inn Conference Center on July 2, celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Gassaway High School.

GHS celebrates 100 years

Over one hundred and twenty alumni and guests of Gassaway High School gathered at the Days Inn Conference Center in Flatwoods on Saturday, July 2 to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of their beloved school. The 29th GHS Alumni Reunion Banquet was back on track after a two-year hiatus due to COVID.

The highlight of the evening was a presentation by Jarrett Frame, Class of 1969-the last GHS graduating class. Frame's slide and narrative covered the inception and early years of Gassaway High School. He outlined how the Otter District voters approved a bond to build GHS which was completed in 1922. The cost

of the original building was \$100,000. Frame also noted that Holly, Birch, Otter and Salt Lick Districts each had their own Boards of Education. The presentation received rave reviews as guest reminisce about their days waking the halls of GHS.

The evening began with a welcome by Barbara Adams, Class of 1967, and President of the GHS Alumni Association. Dr. Kenna Seal, Class of 1962, served as Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Before dinner, Jack Vankirk, Class of 1966, gave an invocation.

The program, in addition to Frame's presentation, included introduction of GHS faculty

present, remembering the deceased, a report on the alumni scholarship fund by Nancy Carr, Class of 1967, and GHS Alumni Treasurer, as well as introduction of the scholarship recipients who were present, by Jill James, Class of 1962. Those receiving scholarships this year included Jesse Flint, Carly Given, Dalton Hardway, Hailey King and Andrew Pritt.

The evening concluded with the announcement of Silent Auction and Door Prize winners, the singing of the School Song, led by Barbara Huffman, the benediction by Jack Vankirk.

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BCHS custodian named Service Person of the Year

By Shirley Shuman

Entering the main door or commons area of Braxton County High in the afternoon for the last 23 years, one would usually see an individual hard at work. Looking up from her work, the custodian always offered a smile, a wave of the hand, or a few words of greeting. Probably one of the best greeters BCHS had for that time was Treva Simons, the 2021-2022 Service Personnel of the Year. At the same time, she was ensuring that her section of the building was spotless.

Taking pride in her work is an essential characteristic of



Simons, and it shows. Assistant principal Lori Stover-Williams said she nominated the custodian "based on her dedication, work ethic, and years of service to Braxton

County High School, and its students." She continued to emphasize "the extreme pride she takes in a job well done."

Stover-Williams also referred to Simons as "our most loyal custodian for more than 20 years," and pointed out that "her section of the building always shines the brightest." Here she added, "When other schools visit BCHS, they always comment on the cleanliness of the building, especially the main entry and commons area."

Another characteristic of service to Braxton

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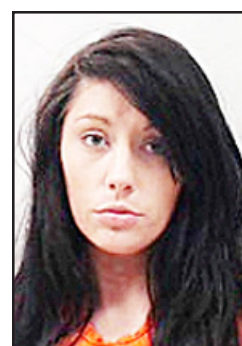
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Itofe and Johnson sentenced to prison

The Honorable Richard A. Facemire recently completed several court orders in the Braxton County Circuit Court. Jasmine R.H. Morton, Braxton County Prosecuting Attorney, represented the state during these proceedings.

On June 13, Amber Brooke Itofe and her attorney Eric Wildman appeared in court for a hearing on probation revocation. She admitted to the allegations contained in the petition to revoke probation. The court therefore revoked her probation. The defense noted she had been accepted into Recovery Point for drug treatment and asked the court to permit her to attend the rehabilitation program. The state argued she had already completed a long-term program and been given



Itofe



Johnson

a significant break by the court. The state requested she be sentenced to prison. Judge Facemire denied the request and sentenced Itofe to two to 20 years in prison on the felony charges of possession of methamphetamine and fentanyl with intent to deliver.

Rylan Thomas Johnson came before Judge Facemire with his attorney David Karickhoff for a hearing on probation revocation. The defendant admitted to the allegations contained in the petition so the court revoked his probation. Johnson

asked the court for the opportunity to attend Recovery Point for treatment for his drug addiction. The state noted he had already completed a long-term rehabilitation program and therefore be sentenced to prison. The court denied

the motion for an alternative sentence. On the two offense of possession with intent to deliver for methamphetamine and fentanyl, Johnson was sentenced to two to 20 years in the state penitentiary.

On July 2, the following individuals had their felony charges dismissed due to the prosecution failing to indict within the legal time frame required by the law: Colton Howard Davis, Ramiro Luis Pimentel, Jr., Treylyn Jo Fultz, Danielle Danae Espinoza, Ronnie Jack Thayer, Jr. and Shaunna Amick.

Over 70 compete for 2022 Braxton Co. Fair Pageant titles

By Fernando Rodriguez

Gary Beamer and Sweetheart Productions brought yet another spectacular event to the stage of the Landmark Studio for the Arts, on Saturday, July 9: the 2022 Braxton County Fair Pageant. Hours of work were invested by Gary and his tireless team of supporters and volunteers in decorating the stage a la county fair, using oceans of balloons, stuffed ponies, cows, pigs, etc., aimed at creating a feeling of rural America. Master of detail Gary made the contestants' identifying numbers pinned to their gowns different farm animals.

Earning a title in the Braxton County Fair Pageant comes with a long list of responsibilities. In addition to promotion, the Queens, Kings, Princesses, and Princes will be present throughout the Fair, helping at the different



events and at the Exhibit Building, Livestock Barn, Indoor Flea Market, and spreading cheer and smiles up and down the Midway.

The Pageant was held during two sessions. The morning session was reserved for children from months old to nine years old, and the evening session was for contestants 10 years old and up.

The majority of the contestants were fe-

male, with titles available for male contestants in the children's divisions. Queens, Kings, Princesses, and Princes were chosen for the Baby Miss, Tiny Miss, Little Miss, Junior Miss, Baby Mister, and Little Mister, for the younger children, and Queens and Runner Ups for the 10 and over divisions, Pre-Teen, Teen, Mrs., Ms., and Miss Divisions. In addition, overall honors were given for Most Photogenic, Most Beautiful, Best Smile, Best Attire, and Ambassador for the children, and Most Photogenic, Miss Congeniality, Miss Fan Favorite, Best Dressed, Best Interview, Most Beautiful, and Best Smile for the 10 and over.

The Braxton County Fair Pageant title holder

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Hunter Lemon's cousins, Audrey and Bailey Pritt present a check for \$1,000 to Luke Nettles and Megan Stout of the Braxton County Animal Shelter.

Hunter Lemon family donates \$1,000 to Braxton Animal Shelter

The Braxton County Animal Shelter recently received a special donation. The family of Hunter Lemon presented the Shelter a check for \$1,000 from the recently concluded Hunter Lemon Memorial Scholarship Auction. The donated will be used

to help care of shelter pups.

The donation was presented last week by Hunter's cousins Audrey and Bailey Pritt to Luke Nettles and Megan Stout at the Shelter in late June.

"What an incredible donation to help our furry

friends," said Stout, the Shelter's Adoption Coordinator. We would like to say thank the family of Hunter Lemon and everyone who participated in the Hunter Lemon Memorial Scholarship Auction. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!"



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As I See It

By Ed Given



Hope... for the Educational System...

Last week a commonsense judge in Kanawha County gave a little Hope to the future of our public educational system. Circuit Judge Joanna Tabit ruled that the Hope Scholarship Program is not constitutional. As I have said in the space previously, I believe that program will financially devastate the public educational system of this state if it is allowed to stand.

The Hope Scholarship gives parents the option to use a portion, \$4,600, of their per-pupil expenditure from the state School Aid Formula for educational expenses, such as private-school tuition, home tutoring, learning aids and other expenses.

The State Treasurer's Office who is managing the Hope Scholarship program, has reported that more than 3,146 Hope Scholarship applications have been approved since the May 15 deadline at a potential cost of about \$14.5 million. Only students who are enrolled full time in a public school for either the entire previous year or for 45 calendar days are eligible to apply for the scholarship, but the program opens up to all eligible public, private and homeschool students by 2026 and could cost as much as \$102.9 million.

How can elected officials even imagine that taking that kind of funding from our schools will not have devastating effects on our children's education? At least Judge Tabit has come common sense and recognizes that this was not the intent of our founding fathers when they wrote the state constitution.

"In my view, the Legislature has violated its constitutional obligations regarding public education and funding by enacting ... the Hope Scholarship," Tabit said. "In my view, the plaintiffs and the public school system will suffer irreparable harm if the scholarship program and the legislation establishing it are not enjoined from being implemented."

Of course, State Treasurer Riley Moore has already made statements to correspond with his party's platform, that he plans to appeal the decision to the Supreme Court. In my opinion this program truly is all about the money. Not just the money being pulled from the educational systems but look where it's going. The old adage of "follow the money" reveals interesting tid-bits. For the most part it is only the affluent that can afford private schools. Look at the millions and millions of tax dollars that will basically go to private companies, their stockholders and individuals. Some legislators have already admitted that they have private interests in these companies that will run alternative schools. The State Treasurer will benefit financially, now or in the future, for managing the funds. Attorneys will make a fortune in tax funded dollars representing the legislature, treasure and those who promote the idea.

We can only Hope that the Supreme Court is as logical as Judge Tabit was in her decision and interprets the law as our founding fathers intended it... our tax dollars should benefit the majority of our children and grandchildren not just a select few.

Every Acre Counts

By Kevin Gregory

Helping Stop the Wild Turkeys' Decline Part 1 of 2

In this two-part article we will discuss the Eastern Turkey's decline and how we can help on our property to advert the loss of this great bird.

Everyone loves to see the large gobblers strutting in the spring showers and listening to the echoing calls in the morning mountain air. This is a sight and sound which is on the decline nationwide. It would be a shame if your children or your grandchildren would not be able to see or hear a wild turkey, but that is exactly where we are headed. From a low in 1903 of less than 300,000 nationwide to a high in 2004 of over 6 million birds we are now back down below 5 million and falling.

Last year alone, West Virginia saw a 33% decrease in harvest numbers and 2021 was 39% below the 10-year average. Yes, mass production contributes to harvest numbers, but the fact is our number of eastern wild turkeys is declining. Through the 70s, 80s and early 90s, poult recruitment was over 4 poults per clutch. The latest data is showing less than 2 poults per nest are making it to young adulthood. A study from the Midwest showed a nest survival rate of 21% - that means at least one poult hatched.

Why? Turkeys are losing habitat like many other species across our nation. Habitat loss is not about a new apartment complex, it is



Gobblers working through a wooded lot.

about millions of acres not managed by land-owners for wildlife, but for humans. Predators, weather, climate change, etc.... all affect the wild turkey numbers. Habitat which supports the turkey through all its' life cycle while thwarting the efforts of predators and providing cover from weather can help reverse the trend - every acre counts.

What is the basic lifecycle of the average

Eastern Wild Turkey in West Virginia? For the Eastern Wild Turkey, we will use the following annual life cycle -

- **March - May - Breeding Period**

- **June - August - Nest Establishment and Poult Rearing**

- **Sept - December - Winter Prep**

- **December - March - Winter Survival**

Using our example property of 10 acres that we have used in several articles; we will look at what our property currently provides for wild turkey throughout their yearly lifecycle. **As a reminder, our property was made up of 2 acres of house location, 4 acres of pasture/old hay fields, and 4 acres of mature woods.**

March - May - Breeding Period

Strutting areas where the males can show off their colors and boldness. Field edges and small openings provide the strutting males with areas to show off and keep them safe from predators waiting in a forests edge. Hens looking for a mate can also move in larger groups putting many eyes on the defense for predators.

Property Area Assessment - 4 Acres of Pasture/Old Hayfield

Provide an excellent area for this spring activity and if temperatures allow even a possibility for early bugging.

Property Area Assessment - 4 Acres of Mature Woods

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Just look at this!

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



July 1 was an important date for the Braxton County Rotary Club. It marked the official changing of officers for the local civic organization. Ed Given (right) officially passed the gavel to Rotarian Dylan Johnson at last Wednesday's regular meeting at Shoney's Restaurant in Flatwoods. Dylan will lead the local Rotarians for the next two years. For information on becoming a Rotarian, contact Ed, Dylan or any member of the Braxton County Club.

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News from our Capitol

by Delegate Brent Boggs

Over the years, the executive branch made available to the Finance committees their long-term fiscal projections which provided valuable insights into what direction the state budget revenue collections may be trending in the next several years. Otherwise known as the 6-Year Plan, this was a mandatory starting point for any discussions for budget cuts, increases in spending, and how we can responsibly give back to the taxpayers. Unfortunately, this valuable planning document is no longer provided to legislators for the past few years. Without the benefit of reviewing those projections of out-year revenue and expenses, proposing permanent spending increases or tax cuts has the potential to place the state in financial jeopardy. In short, it's difficult to do your due diligence if you don't have all the facts needed to make fiscally

responsible decisions.

Last week, Governor Justice announced his desire to place an aggregate ten percent income tax cut for West Virginia state taxes. As of this writing, we still do not know what "aggregate" references, nor have legislators had the opportunity to see and review the proposed bill. Since I've not seen the bill, I can only go on the assumption that a 10 percent tax cut is across the board in all income brackets. If that is indeed the case, this cut will benefit the wealthy much more than low- and middle-income workers, who make up a majority of working West Virginians and need help coping with the high cost of fuel, food, and other goods.

The proposal would have no impact on any federal taxes. I'll withhold final judgement until the bill comes before members, but here is a rough, back-of-the-envelope estimate as to what a 10% state income tax cut would

do - or fail to do for WV taxpayers. According to the independent, non-profit **Tax Foundation**, with the proposed tax cuts, rather than seeing a 10% increase on paychecks, most West Virginians would like only to see an increase of a few dollars per pay period.

People making \$10,000 a year would expect to see a tax reduction of only \$40 over the course of a year. People making \$25,000 would save \$112.50; and those with an annual income of \$40,000 would see a tax reduction of \$240 per year.

People making more money, and therefore paying higher rates, would see the most savings. Those making \$60,000 would save \$390 a year, and people making \$100,000 would see savings of \$650. When you get to even higher income earners, the savings run into the thousands annually.

Several of us have previously proposed other options when similar tax reduction schemes were on the table that would put a more meaningful amount in the pockets of most working West Virginia families and retirees, such as a 3-month motor fuel tax holiday, or a direct rebate in a fixed amount to all taxpayers.

These proposals would benefit everyone more reasonably, thereby giving more help to those needing a greater degree of relief.

West Virginia ended the 2022 fiscal year with a \$1.3 billion state surplus, due primarily to high energy prices and low revenue estimates. Will that be the case in two years? Three years? Five years? We've seen big surpluses before, only to see the national economy or energy prices tank, leading to emergency cuts in vital services and programs. Answering those multi-year budget and revenue questions would be beneficial in determining the responsible best path forward to provide economic relief to all West Virginians.

This fall, a constitutional amendment will be on the ballot in West Virginia that has the potential to cost as much as \$750 million annually, by phasing-in an exemption for equipment for large manufacturing entities, long sought by big businesses. Also included is a removal of the personal property tax on vehicles. This alone has the potential for a major blow to county

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istic which has been notable is her relationship with students. Asked what she enjoyed most about her job, Simons said, “Talking to the kids. [During breaks] we had a lot of kids coming into our janitor’s closet to talk about their home lives, what happened to them. We always tried to give them good advice.”

Simons retired at the end of the recent school term Asked how she would fill her time now, she noted that she and her husband Tim, also a retired and respected custodian, “like to travel” and mentioned two sites—Pigeon Forge and the beach. She also enjoys spending time with her parents, and, like many Braxton Countians, she has a big garden and will be canning much of what she grows.

One point she made which may be related to her work as a custodian is her attitude toward her lawn. “I’m “picky about my yard,” she stated. “I mow the grass and make sure it’s done right.”

In her quieter times, Simons enjoys listening to music. “I like the older rock and roll and older country,” she said.

Now that she’s retired, will she miss her job? Indicating that there are definitely aspects of the job she’ll miss, she said, “I’ll miss being at school; I’ve been there so long. I’ll miss the students and staff. I thought we always had good teachers.” Her final words: “I’ll miss the building.” Perhaps the building will miss her, too. So will the people inside the building.

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ers will enjoy maximum exposure during the length of the Fair, and the opportunity to represent Braxton County to the thousands of attendees at the Fair. For those that plan on continuing to compete in other Pageants, this is a huge feather in

their caps.

I asked Gary which, of all the Pageants held throughout the year, was the most wanted by the contestants. Not surprisingly, he shared that the Sutton Fall Festival Pageant was the closest to their hearts. The reason? It’s a Sutton community event, it is home, as some put it. There’s a special feeling of being home and working closely with the community we live in.

Congratulations to the 2022 Braxton County Fair Queen Averie Goshert and the Queen’s Court Soffi Bee, Arabella Crookshanks, Siarah Armstrong, and Madison Short.

Other winners include Braxton County Fair Pre-Teen Queen, Allie Rhodes, Braxton County Fair Teen Queen, Alyssa Carpenter, Braxton County Fair Mrs. Queen, Amber Haddix, and Braxton County Fair Ms. Queen, Kristin Nimble.

The 2022 Braxton County Fair takes place at Holly Gray Park from August 2 to August 6. For information visit the BCF Facebook page www.facebook.com/Braxton-County-Fair-1940821772870846

Congratulations to all the Queens, Kings, Princesses, Princes, Runner Ups, and Award recipients, and wish all continued success in your endeavors.

Thank you, Gary Beamer, Sweetheart Productions, and your hard-working network of assistants, for bringing your high-class pageants to the Town of Sutton, and for giving our community a chance to showcase their talents.

If you wish information about becoming a contestant or helping Gary make these events happen, visit Gary’s Facebook page at www.facebook.com/gary.beamer.10/about

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



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A hen bugging in a fallow field.

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providing possible roosting locations and possible strutting areas gobblers can utilize, there is not a lot of food as plant life is scattered. Yes, they will use it if that is all they have, but it is not a preferred option. This is a weakness on our property for this phase.

June – August – Nest Establishment and Poul Rearing – Hens prefer nesting areas of reality thick cover with difficult access, but not so thick they cannot have multiple avenues of escape. Thick areas also limit predators from finding nests and eating eggs while the hen is away. The second phase of this period is poult rearing.

Property Area Assessment – 4 Acres of Pasture/Old hayfield - Poults die from exposure and not being able to regulate their body temperatures. Wet grasses, thick pasture grasses or hay fields typically spell disaster for young poults as they lose body heat through the early morning dew soaking their body and not being able to recover. While they do provide cover and a bugging area for older poults, tall, thick grassy areas are not ideal for poult survival. This is an area where our property has a weakness and we will need to address.

Property Area Assessment – 4 Acres of Mature Woods – The closed canopy woods will provide an open area where poults can move freely and hens may find a nesting spot within an old deadfall, however, insect production is limited in a closed canopy forest and predators make easy work of young poults – especially for

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budgets and school funding. This will be up to the voters to determine on a statewide basis.

One cautionary note. Next year and beyond, look for proposals in the House and Senate to give the Legislature the authority to “adjust” property tax rates. I predict this will be the way out when talks begin of how to “make counties whole” financially if the manufacturing equipment tax exemption amendment passes.

There will be much to consider during any special session the Governor calls, whether it’s this month or later in the year. But make no mistake, a special session now, the November election, and next year’s legislative session and budget will have a deep impact on citizens across the State. What sounds good today may well lead to major cuts to vital services down the road if budgets need to be slashed mid-year.

To conclude this week, a sad note on the passing of a local Gassaway businessman, community

leader and friend, Orlando “Shorty” Rader. Shorty was instrumental in the creation of the Gassaway Area Improvement Council, dedicated to the beautification of downtown storefronts and streets, clean-up, and removal of dilapidated properties, and restoring pride to the community to attract new businesses, visitors and residents to Gassaway and central West Virginia. He battled ALS with courage and strength, and he will be greatly missed and well-remembered. Jean and I send our sincere condolences to his wife, Sherry, his kids, grandkids, and extended family.

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

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Sandra K. Campbell Firth
Sandra K. Campbell Firth Born September 23, 1946 as the eldest daughter of the late Hale Campbell and Kathryn “Biddle” Singleton Campbell Duckworth.

She grew up in the Exchange community and graduated from Gassaway High School in 1964. She went to St. Mary’s School of Nursing graduating in 1967. She joined the Army and did her basic training at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, TX. She then was deployed to Vietnam and served as a nurse to most critically wounded soldiers for 14 months. She was exposed to Agent Orange and suffered PTSD for the rest of her life. She returned to Fort Knox, KY where she finished her commitment to the Army.

As a civilian nurse she worked at the “old” United Hospital Center and at Clarksburg Veterans Hospital. While working there she saw a spiritual need for the Veterans suffering with PTSD. Having relied on the Lord all her life she went back to college to get her degree in Biblical Theology and Counseling so she could become a chaplain. A requirement to be a chaplain is one must be a pastor. So she became a Methodist pastor to four small churches in Arnettsville, WV for 12 years. She served as chaplain at Ruby Memorial Hospital and Clarksburg Veterans Hospital until her retirement about five years ago.

Sandra was married to John William Firth and they had a son, John Christopher Firth. After her husband’s death, Sandra raised her son as a single mom.

Sandra went home to meet her Lord on June 14, 2022, Flag Day for the country she loved and served, at United Hospital Center. She leaves behind to mourn their loss her son John, her sister Brenda, six grandchildren (Brandon, Daniel, Shayne, Harmony, Joshua, and William), and aunt Imogene Martson and two brother-in-laws (Stanley Firth and Carl Gray), a host of cousins and many friends.

She met her life’s goals: to be a nurse, to be in the Army and to serve the Lord as best she could by serving others,

“Well done thy good and faithful servant, enter into your rest.”

At Sandra’s request, cremation has taken place. A celebration of life will be held at 7:00 pm, July 21, 2022 at Quiet Dell Methodist Church as a gospel sing, singing hymns. She loved music and singing. She wants it to be a happy service.

Billy Lee Skidmore, Jr.
Billy Lee Skidmore, Jr., 75 of Webster Springs, passed away on Monday, July 4, 2022 at Ruby Memorial Hospital.



He was born June 14, 1947 in Webster Springs to the late Billie Lee and Geraldine Katharine “Susie” Spencer Skidmore.

Billy was a member of Elk Valley Chapel; was a retired school bus driver for the Webster County Board of Education; a member of the Webster Springs Volunteer Fire Department for 25 years; a former police officer and Webster Springs Mayor; and was a former drum major at Webster Springs High School. He liked boating, skiing, and traveling to the ocean. He loved to cook and listen to music and was an avid Dallas Cowboys fan.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife Linda Sue Comuzie Skidmore.

He is survived by his daughter Julie Lee (Nicky) Skidmore; brother Jimmy Skidmore; sisters Kathy (Buck) Hamrick, Marjorie (Reggie) Stewart, and Connie (Ken) Skidmore; and several nieces and nephews and extended family and friends.

Funeral Services to celebrate Billy’s life were held on Sunday, July 10, 2022 at 4:00 PM at Dodd & Reed Funeral Home. Interment followed in Holly River Baptist Church Cemetery, Diana. Friends joined the family for visitation two hours prior to service time at the Funeral Home.

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

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

Robert Preston “Robbie” Cook

Robert Preston “Robbie” Cook, 58, of Rose-dale, WV, passed away on July 2, 2022, at his brother home in Strange Creek.

He was born Decem-

ber 31, 1963 in Hinton, WV to the late Boyd Pres-ton & Martha Glenda Bragg Cook. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his sister, Carol “Sissy” Cook Huppenthal; brother, Ricky Allen Cook.

Robbie was a Environmental Inspector and a Christian by faith. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, golf, Netflix, cooking and grilling.

He is survived by his sons, Tyler Cook of Roanoke, VA, Cameron Cook of Heaters; daughters, Taylor Cook, Brittany Lowther both of Charles-ton, WV; brothers, Steve Cook, Sam Cook, Frank Cook; sister, Sandy Rob-inson; grandchildren, Brinly Lowther and Pres-ton Lowther.

Upon request the body will be cremated.

Greene-Robertson Funeral Home is humbled to serve the Cook Family.

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

Norma Lee Friend

Norma Lee Friend, 90, of Cynthiana, KY formerly of Tornado, WV, went home to be with her Lord on Monday, July 4, 2022, in Ken-tucky.

She was born January 29, 1932 in Bickmore, WV, the daughter of Bernard & Bessie Holcomb Legg. Also preceding her in death were her husband, Ernest Lee Friend whom passed in 2009; sister, Opal Mor-ton; a infant brother; sister-in-law, Pearl Legg.

Norma was woman who loved the outdoors. She would plant a garden every year only to give half the vegetables to neighbors, friends and family. She also liked hunting in the fall with her son John near the family homestead in In-dore, WV. She loved her flower garden which she was proud to have a variety of flowers thru out her yard.

Norma was a Chris-tian by faith and loved her neighbors, friends, and family. We will all miss her boisterous laugh.

She is survived by her son, John Friend (Bonnie) of Cynthiana, KY; daughter, Doris Jeffers (Steve) of Sutton, WV; grandchildren, Chad Jeffers of Sutton, Brandi Noble (Michael Maggard) of Cynthiana, James Friend (Rebecca) of Cyn-thiana, Cory Jeffers of Tornado; great grandchildren, whom she loved dearly, Jeremy Noble, Kynlynn Noble, Brandin Noble, Kayden Friend, Jax Friend, Landon Mor-rison, Kinsley Morrison, Wyatt Caswell; brothers, Bill Legg (Sandra) of St. Albans, Harold Legg of Beckwith, WV; many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Norma will truly be missed by all.

A graveside memo-rial service in Norma’s honor will be held at a later date.

On line condolences may be sent to: greene-robertsonfuneralhome.com

Artley “Art” B. Duffield

Artley “Art” B. Duffield, 81, of Gassaway passed away on Monday, July 4, 2022 at Glenville Center.

He was born on De-cember 8, 1940 in Gas-saway to the late Lala

B. and Wilda L. Bean Duffield.

Art was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years, Sandra Mae Duffield; and his infant sister, Donna Lee Duffield.

Working on and tin-kering with old cars was a favorite pastime of his. He enjoyed collecting guns and sport shoot-ing. He was a certified public accountant and owned his own account-ing business.

Art is survived by his son, Mark Lee Duffield of Gassaway; brothers, Terry Duffield and wife, Mary, of Gassaway; and Randy Duffield and com-panion, Carolyn Fisher, of Gassaway.

In keeping with his wishes he was cremated.

A private inurnment will be in the Sugar Creek Cemetery, Gassaway at a later date.

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

Arrangements by Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway.

Frances I. Thompson,

Frances I. Thomp-son, 93, of Gassaway, WV, passed away peacefully at the Laurels of Nor-worth nursing home in Colum-bus, Ohio on March 1, 2022 with her sons, Ros-coe W. Thompson, Jr. and Lonnie G. Thomp-son, at her side.

Frances was born in Progress, WV on April 20, 1928 to the late W.W. Riffle and Madge Gerwig Riffle.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roscoe W. Thompson, her only daughter, Regina Thompson, and her six siblings.

Frances was a very special lady who was strong, independent, lov-ing, smart, creative, and thoughtful. Although she had a warm and beauti-ful heart, she never failed to stand her ground. Frances worked many jobs after her husband passed in 1966 and she was best known as an excellent seamstress and for her 100% hand-made quilts that she loved to gift to family and friends.

Frances is survived by her older son, Ros-coe W. Thompson, Jr. and his wife Patricia and their children, Roscoe III, Rosemary, and Robert, and by her younger son, Lonnie G., Thompson and his wife Ellen, and their daughter Regina. She also has 12 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Her Celebration of Life Service will be 1 P.M. Saturday, July 16, 2022 at Roach Funer-al Home, 708 Braxton Street, Gassaway with her son, Reverend Ros-coe W. Thompson, Jr., presiding. Inurnment will follow at Sugar Creek Cemetery, Gassaway.

Calling hours began at noon at the funeral home.

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

Shorty (Orlando Lee) Rader

Shorty (Orlando Lee) Rader, a lifelong resident of Gassaway, went home to be with Jesus after a long struggle with A.L.S.

He passed away peacefully, at his home, on Saturday, July 9, 2022 with his loving wife and family at his bedside.

Shorty was born in Gassaway on January 12, 1950 to the late Tink and Lola Bender Rader.

In addition to his par-ents he was preceded in

death by two brothers and one sister.

Shorty loved life and his hometown and always worked to better his com-munity. He loved serv-ing God and his church family. After graduating Gassaway High School in 1967, he was a barber for twenty years, then went on to own and operate Sports connection, which he truly loved, for over thirty years.

He is survived by his cherished wife, Sherry; daughter, Sherri Jack (Lane); grandson, Trey; daughter, Karri Jo Rous-set (Ric); granddaughter, Adrianna; son, Kenneth Browning (Trina); grand-sons, Kyle and Jakob; brother, Fred Rader (Ber-nice) and several nieces and nephews.

Shorty’s funeral ser-vice will be 2 P.M. Tues-day, July 12, 2022 at Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway with Reverend Tom Harper officiating. Interment will follow in the Beall’s Mill Cemetery, Gassaway.

Visitation was four hours prior to the service at the funeral home.

A special thanks to all of the caregivers at Kanawha Hospice for their compassionate care of Shorty.

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

Richard Lane Black

Richard Lane Black, 86, passed away Tues-d a y , July 5, 2022, at his resi-dence.

He was born Jan. 26, 1936, in Wood-b i n e , W.Va., a son of Glen and Freda Casto Black.

Lane was employed by Youngstown Steel Door for many years, re-tiring in 1991, and then worked for the United States Postal Service in Youngstown until his final retirement.

Lane served his coun-try during the Korean War in the Army.

Lane loved following basketball and stock car racing, and enjoyed bowl-ing and playing cards, but his greatest joy was watching his grandchil-dren’s sporting events.

Lane is survived by his wife of 59 years, the former Delores “Dolly” Petrycki; three children and nine grandchildren.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by one grandchild and a son-in-law.

Family called from noon to 1 p.m. Friday at the Lane Family Funeral Homes, Austintown Chap-el, followed by a private service at 1 p.m.

Robert Van “Buck” Hamrick

Robert Van “Buck” Hamrick, 62 of Valley



Head, passed away on Wednes-d a y , July 6, 2022 at Davis Medical Center in El-k i n s . He

was born January 30, 1960 in Orrville, Ohio to Elzie and Linda Mc-Cullough Hamrick.

Buck enjoyed work-ing with his hands, gar-den-ing, and spending time with his family.

In addition to his par-ents, he is survived by his wife, Kathy Skidmore Hamrick; step-children Jerome (Salina) Greene and Stephanie (Scott) Holcomb; brother Steve (Carrie) Hamrick; sister Lavonna (Dave) Maxhei-mer; four grandchildren; and several nieces, neph-ews, and other extended

family.

Private Services for the family will be held at a later date.

Online condolences may be made to the fam-ily at www.doddreedfh.com.

Dodd & Reed Funeral Home is honored to be serving Robert’s family.

B. Caroline Gillespie Cochran

B. Caroline Gillespie Cochran, 78 of Webster



Spring, passed away on Thurs-d a y , J u n e 3 0 , 2 0 2 2 , seven d a y s follow-ing the

passing of her husband of 55 years, Melvin W. Cochran, who passed on June 23, 2022. She passed away of compli-cations 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 addi-tion to her parents, she was preceded in death

by brothers Eugene, Jimmy, Bernard and Felix and sisters, Helen, Louise and Lucille.

Surviving is broth-er David of Webster Springs and sister Sam-mie (Bob) Allman of Buckhannon. She is also survived by son Max (wife Sandra) Cochran of Webster Springs; four grandchil-dren, 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, Ele-na; 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 Clarks-burg 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 origi-nally hired by Charlie Dodd in 1969 as beau-tician for Dodd & Hurt Funeral Home and con-tinued working when the business changed to Dodd & Reed Funeral Home.

She enjoyed travel-ing 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 scrab-bble player. Reading his-toric fiction and WV murder mystery books was her pleasure.

Celebration of Life Services were held on Tuesday, July 5, 2022 at 12:00 noon at Dodd & Reed Funeral Home with Pastor Marty Cow-ger officiating and Eu-logy given by Jack Al-sop. She was laid to rest beside Melvin at Big Run Cemetery, Di-ana. Friends joined the family for visitation two hours prior to service time.

Friends joined the family for Graveside Ser-vices at 2:30 PM at Big Run Cemetery, Diana.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions may be made to Em-manuel Assembly of God, PO Box 839, Cow-en, WV 26206.

Online condolences may be made to the fam-ily at www.doddreedfh.com.

Dodd & Reed Funer-al Home is honored to be serving the Cochran family.

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- The deceased should be a current or former resident of the newspaper’s coverage area (Braxton County and the surrounding areas), or have family members who have lived or are living in this area.
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Braxton County Farm Bureau

Braxton County Farm Bureau will meet on Monday July 25, 2022 at 5 PM at Holly Gray Park for their annual picnic. Please plan to attend and bring a covered dish.

Sutton Eagles Family Reunion

Sutton Eagles Family Reunion Saturday, August 6th at the Flatwoods Community Center at 11:00 A.M. Bring a covered dish. Everybody welcome.

Gospel Sing

Morrison United Methodist Church, Airport Road, Sutton will be hosting a Gospel Sing on Saturday, July 16 at 6:00 pm. Admission is FREE. The Gospel Sing will feature Carolyn Conner with a performance by The Shaver Sisters. For more information call 304-517-0651 or 304-765-5819.

Veteran Town Hall

The Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center will host a Veteran Town Hall event that is open to the public. The event will be held on Saturday, July 15 from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm at the Braxton County Senior Citizens’ Center. Our goal is to ensure Veterans, their families, and beneficiaries have the opportunity to be heard, and have their concerns addressed by senior VA officials.

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.

Burnsville Elementary School hosts Outdoor Open House

Burnsville Elementary School will host an outdoor open house on Tuesday, August 17th from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M. in front of the school. We have fun for everyone including books, backpacks, school supplies, games and face painting. There will also be free gifts for parents/guardians that participate. We hope to see you there.

Gassaway Farmers and Flea Market

First Gassaway Farmers and Flea Market held July 17. The Town of Gassaway has announced its first Farmers and Flea Market event for Sunday, July 17th at noon at the Train Depot. Bring your home grown goods, homemade crafts, and yard sale items. Take advantage now of your first year as a vendor for free. Come join friends and neighbors every third Sunday monthly to shop and sell in one centralized area. For more information, please contact Nik and Beth Salvo at (304)853-0002 or on Facebook at facebook.com/gassawaymarket

GHS Class of 69 Reunion

The Gassaway High School Class of 1969 will hold their 53rd reunion at the Luzader’s Restaurant in Flatwoods, on Saturday, July 16 at 12 noon. Come out and enjoy your classmates. We order from the menu.

Braxton County Senior Center July Menu

Menu subject to change due to food availability. 2% milk served with each meal. Tuesday 12 Pepperoni Roll, Tomato Soup with Cheddar Cheese, Cracker, Fruit. Wednesday 13 Pork Chop, Scalloped Potatoes, Beets, Dinner Roll, 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 Roll, 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 Roll, 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.

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 Pizza! 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.

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 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

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.

Harris Cemetery

Mowing season is upon us. Donations are needed and appreciated for the mowing and upkeep 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.

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

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 Dordrill, 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.

Jacob Shaver Memorial Cemetery meeting

Donations for cemetery maintenance greatly appreciated.

“The Journey”

It is called “The Journey” of Hope and Restoration, these studies are through the “Living Free” program curriculum. These studies are done in a small group setting that meets each Monday at 6:00 pm. The lesson that we are currently studying is “Coping with Losses of Life”. This is a biblically-based study and everyone is welcome to participate. We serve food at 5:30 PM each Monday at 602 Elk Street, Gassaway, WV. We have many areas that we are able to minister to others as well such as the areas of destructive behaviors, harmful emotions, negative attitudes, unhealthy relationships, and substance abuse. To register or if you have questions you can call Pastor Eric Veltre at 304-689-0000.

Sutton Public Library Create to Donate

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

Burnsville Public Library Board of Trustees meetings

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

Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery helps with all Hurts, Habits, and Hangups. Every Thursday evening, meet at 6:00 PM for light meal and fellowship, large group meetings begin at 7:00 PM with small group meetings immediately following. Meetings held at the Pulse in Gassaway. If you have any questions please call Pastor Doug Smiles.

Burnsville Community Center event bookings

Are you looking for a place to host an event? If so, the Burnsville Community Center is available for bookings. Reasonable rates with or without kitchen. For more information or to book your event, please call 304-853-2605 Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm.

Public Sevice

Announcement

Since the outbreak of Covid 19 in the US, both addiction and alcohol use are on the rise. Alcohol sales showed a tremendous increase as on line alcohol sales skyrocketed. While short term alcohol abuse can have its own serious conse-

quences, regular, heavy use of alcohol can result in long term damage to the body. Learn more about alcohol addiction and what can be done by visiting: <https://www.narcononnewliferetreat.org/blog/signs-that-alcohol-use-is-getting-dangerous.html>

A pure life:

To have a pure life we must have a pure heart and to have a pure heart we must have pure thoughts. The heart speaks from what is contained in it.

Matt 12:34-37

34 O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. 35 A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. 36 But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. 37 For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

How can we start to purify our hearts? We start by admitting God into our lives and how do we do that?

8 Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God

KJV

James 4:8

8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

Heb 4:12-13

12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. 13 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

How do we permit God to come into our lives? We have to start with obedience.

Rom 10:10-17

10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. 12 For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. 13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. 14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? 15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! 16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? 17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Rom 6:17-18

17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. 18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness. We need to change our direction in life, instead of following the things of the world we need to focus on the things of God.

Acts 3:19

19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord:

Acts 17:30

30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:

We must claim God with our mouth

Rom 10:10

10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Matt 10:32

32 Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.

We must come in contact with the saving blood of Jesus Christ

Rom 6:1-6

6:1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? 2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? 3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? 4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: 6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. 1 Peter 3:20-21

20 Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. 21 The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

Acts 22:16

16 And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

Mark 16:16

16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

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COMMUNITY CORNER

COUNTY STORIES

By: JEANETTE RIFFLE

Caught Red Handed



A doe stands on her hind feet to reach apples.

I have been writing about all the critters that have been coming to our big apple tree and this is the biggest one yet. Hubby was having trouble with the old tractor. It wouldn't start. He went out to check it again and the dog followed him. All of a sudden Rascal started barking and was looking towards the apple tree. There stood a big doe standing on her hind feet so she could

reach up and get at the apples.

I saw them do that in the front yard over at Dad's one time. He had me go out and run the deer off and pick up the apples that had fallen to the ground. Those deer were actually shaking the tree to make apples fall. Dad wanted me to wash, peel, chop and cook him some applesauce. By the way, the problem with the old tractor

was a vapor lock and it started when it cooled off.

We are running the robot vacuum cleaner and I came to my chair to get out of the way. We have company coming tomorrow and we are cleaning house. I have enjoyed seeing what my relatives and friends did over the 4th. The pictures and stories go through my news feed on FB. We just enjoyed watching fire works from across the country, on big screen TV and we fixed good meals. When our son called home, I asked him what they did and he said they just went in the backyard and looked up at the sky. There were fire works everywhere. It is like that in the suburbs of Detroit. I will wrap this up for this time and get busy . People are traveling and going to beaches and visiting relatives. It's that time of year. Pray for safe travels.

Until next time everyone take care and God bless!

PAT'S CHAT

By : PAT RIDPATH



The teaching and study of health is a very active part of most Seventh-day Adventist churches, services, schools, studies, programs and wellness activities. We have not had much of that for the last two or three years in our church, partly because of Covid. It was rather disappointing to my daughter and me that Loma Linda, our Adventist medical university in California, didn't put out more guidelines and articles to help guide us through these times. At least some encouragement to wear masks and get vaccinated was scattered about, but nothing really pressing the importance of these things as much as we would have liked. It is my opinion that the devil, that created-angel-who-rebelled-against-God-early-on, got so out-of-hand that he and his legions of angels-become-demons who were cast out of Heaven with him and ultimately confined to the planet Earth to await their final destruction, who is now going about as a roaring lion seeking whom he will devour, was instrumental in creating the viruses and diseases that plague us. I also believe that God works with His people (those who believe in Him and His goodness) and helps them develop remedies and vaccinations that help us in our battle against things like Covid and Monkeypox.

Here is a beautiful hymn that came to Robin's mind as she thought about all of

Always Blessed Connections Co updated pantry days

Always Blessed Connections Co will open our pantry on the 3rd, 4th and 5th (if applicable) Friday of each month from 1pm to 5pm.

Fresh produce, pantry staples and now USDA foods available.

Feel free to contact me direct to ensure you and your family are included in what our pantry is offering.

this:

THE GREAT PHYSICIAN NOW IS NEAR

1 The Great Physician now is near,
The sympathizing Jesus;
He speaks the drooping heart to cheer,
Oh, hear the voice of Jesus!
Sweetest note in seraph song;
Sweetest name on mortal tongue;
Sweetest carol ever sung:
Jesus, blessed Jesus!

2 Your many sins are all forgiv'n,
Oh, hear the voice of Jesus;
The veil 'twixt you and God is riven,
Redemption wrought by Jesus.

3 All glory to the dying Lamb!
I now believe in Jesus;
I love the blessed Savior's name,
I love the name of Jesus.

4 His name dispels my guilt and fear,
No other name but Jesus;
Oh, how my soul delights to hear
The precious name of Jesus!
Maranatha

Dr. Amy Pearson Seeing Patients in Mon Health Buckhannon Office

Beginning Tuesday, July 12, Dr. Amy Pearson, Primary Care Provider and Pediatrician, will begin seeing patients in Buckhannon, WV. The facility is located at 132 Cinema Circle next to the Buckhannon Cinema off Brushy Fork Road.

Dr. Pearson is an experienced family practitioner delivering comprehensive family and pediatric care services, including vaccinations. She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in treating the whole family. She welcomes her many patients from Buckhannon and the Upshur County area to her new office in Buckhannon.

She is board certified in family medicine by the American Board of Family Medicine. She graduated from the Marshall University School of Medicine and performed her residency at Marshall University.

Dr. Pearson will see patients in Buckhannon on Tuesdays and Thursdays. She will continue seeing patients at the West



Dr. Amy Pearson, Primary Care Provider and Pediatrician

Second Street office in by calling Buckhannon Weston on Mondays and 304-473-0670, or in Fridays. Patients can schedule appointments Weston 304-269-6620.

BCHS Lady Eagles Basketball Team host first annual Ballerina 5K Night Run/Walk

Braxton County High School Lady Eagles Basketball team presents the first annual Ballerina 5K Run/Walk Night Run.

Everyone is invited to come out to Holly Gray Park in Sutton, WV on July 30th with your tutu's, glow in the dark gear, and run the park at night.

Registration is happening now. The cost is \$25.00 to pre-register online at ap-timing.com. The cost will be \$30.00 on the

night of the race starting at 7:00 P.M. with the race starting at 9:00 P.M.

All proceeds will go to the Braxton County High School

Lady Eagles Basketball Team.

Free race shirts to the first fifty registrants. Glow sticks and other goodies available while supplies last.

Veteran Town Hall July 15

The Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center will host a Veteran Town Hall event that is open to the public.

The event will be held on Saturday, July 15 from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm at the Braxton

County Senior Citizens' Center.

Our goal is to ensure Veterans, their families, and beneficiaries have the opportunity to be heard, and have their concerns addressed by senior VA officials

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Braxton County Students graduate from Glenville State University

Eight Braxton County students have received their degrees from Glenville State University as part of the University's May 2022 Commencement.

Seth I. Arnold of Burnsville graduated Magna Cum Laude with an Associate in Arts degree in General Studies as part of GSU's Milestone Initiative.

Max J. Brady of Flatwoods earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Art.

Zachary M. Cyriacks of Sutton received a Bachelor of Arts Education degree in Elementary Education (K-6) and Multi-Categorical Special Education (K-6).

Abigail E. Long of Heaters graduated Cum Laude with an Associate in Arts degree in General Studies as part of GSU's Milestone Initiative.

Chance McTaggart of Gassaway earned a Bachelor of Arts Education degree in Social Studies Education (5-adult). McTaggart was also a Hidden Promise Scholar.

Heather L. Moore of Duck graduated Magna Cum Laude with an Associate in Science degree in Forest Technology and a Bachelor of Science degree in Forest Technology.

Lexi N. Pletcher of Sutton graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Natural Resource Management with a concentration in Forest Technology and a minor in Environmental Science.

The Milestone Initiative signifies the important academic accomplishment of students who are working toward a bachelor's degree.

Founded in 1872, Glenville State University is a public liberal arts institution located in Glenville, West Virginia. The University offers a variety of traditional and online degree programs and several NCAA Division II athletic teams.

WV WIC Partners with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

The West Virginia Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) is partnering with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, a program that provides free books by mail to encourage early childhood literacy.

In line with the CDC's Developmental Milestones, reading and engaging with children is important for brain, language, and speech development. Children are eligible for WIC through the age of 5 years, aligning with the Imagination Library program duration.

Each year, as part of the Imagination Library, a panel of early childhood literacy experts reviews books for inclusion in the monthly Imagination Library mailing. The program mails free books to registered children from birth to age five, no matter their family's income.

The review panel focuses on specific themes and concepts including inspiration, imagination, love of reading and learning, regard for diversity, culture, promotion of self-esteem and confidence, as well as an appreciation of art and aesthetics. Book selections vary by age.

Register for the Imagination Library online or at a WV WIC clinic. Once registered, the Imagination Library will mail an age-appropriate book to the family each month, addressed to the child.

Local Wreaths Across America volunteers participate in 'Giving in July'

National nonprofit Wreaths Across America (WAA) is celebrating its annual Giving in July campaign. The month is dedicated to the volunteer groups who give back to their communities while helping to share the mission to Remember, Honor and Teach.

'Kirchberg Kids' is one of the local groups that the WAA program partners with in West Virginia to remember and honor our nation's veterans and active-duty military throughout the year. "Giving in July" spotlights these groups and enables supporters the opportunity to 'do good twice.' Through this program, WAA gives back \$5 of each \$15 wreath sponsorship made through 'Kirchberg Kids' to support our local nonprofit WV Caring Hospice.

WV Caring is a natural choice to benefit as it participates in the national 'We Honor Veterans' program, and its employees participate in laying wreaths annually here in WV. Wreaths can be sponsored through the WV Caring Resale Store located in the Mike and Ike's Plaza in Burnsville anytime throughout the month. The Resale Store will be holding a 'Christmas in July' event Saturday, July 23rd from 9am-2pm to further share the mission of WAA. The day will be filled with fun events, refreshments, sales, and a visit from Summer Santa.

Wreaths Across America Day, December 17th, 2022, will be held at West Virginia National Cemetery in Grafton, WV. You can help 'Kirchberg Kids' and West Virginia Caring by sponsoring a veteran's wreath at www.wreathsaacrossamerica.org/wv0060P. Or, for further information on WAA or Christmas in July at the WVC Resale Store, contact Marissa Fox, WV Caring Volunteer Services Coordinator at mfox@wvcaring.org or (304) 853-2279.

Healthy Rowing Kayak Trip July 20th

Join Burnsville Lake, US Army Corps of Engineers at Falls Mills to learn more about how to stay safe and healthy with Kayaking. Learn something while working out for fun.

The kayaking trip will be on Wednesday, July 20th. Please arrive by 9:00 if you are interested in this trip.

Pre-register by calling the Bulltown Historic Area Museum at (304)452-8170 or stopping in. Trip will not happen if there is no one registered.

Bring a friend, some water and healthy snack and get ready to start learning and rowing.



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MAGISTRATE COURT

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Magistrate Beth Smith's Court

July 5: Michael Edward Neal of Chloe, grand larceny, conspiracy, preliminary hearing waived, transferred to circuit court; Lisa Marie Barker of Cairo, grand larceny, burglary, conspiracy, preliminary hearing waived, transferred to circuit court.

July 6: Christopher M. Armstrong, overweight vehicle, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed and paid.

July 7: Michael Willis McCord of Sand Fork, destruction of property, domestic assault-2nd offense, warrant issued, bond set at \$4000 cash or surety; Randall Scott Kniceley of Flatwoods, strangulation, warrant issued, bond set at \$5000 cash, surety, or 10% to the court.

July 9: David Allen Carper of Gassaway, possession of meth, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$3000 personal recognizance.

July 10: Justin Michael Williams of Cowen, possession of controlled substance x2-meth and marijuana, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$2500 cash or surety.

Mon Health Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital hosting Blood Drive with American Red Cross

Mon Health Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital is committed to strengthening our community and helping meet hospital and patient needs through blood donations," said Kevin Stalnaker, Chief Administrative Officer. "This blood drive is our way of giving staff, colleagues and neighbors an opportunity to help save lives."

Blood is a perishable product that can only come from volunteer blood donors. With someone in the U.S. needing blood every two seconds, blood products must be constantly replenished, according to the Red Cross.

"We urge community members to donate blood and help ensure that patients in local hospitals have a supply of blood ready and waiting before an emergency occurs. There's no better feeling than knowing that your blood donation may give someone a second chance at life," Stalnaker concluded.

According to the Red Cross, donors with all blood types are needed, especially those with types O negative, A negative and B negative. To learn more, visit RedCrossBlood.org.

Vicky Murphy, State Farm Agent hosts Back 2 School Supply Collection Drive

Looking to give back to students this summer?

Vicky Murphy, State Farm is excited to kick off a Back 2 School Supply Collection Drive! It's a simple way to help kids in our community, and for every item donated, our office will match that with a supply kit!

1 Supply Kit includes:

- A Folder
- Paper
- Crayons
- Colored pencils
- Washable markers
- Scissors
- A highlighter
- Erasers
- Pencils
- A glue bottle
- A glue stick
- A composition book
- A pen
- and a pencil bag!

Donations will be collected at the State Farm office in Gassaway, WV, from July 5th to July 22nd.

All items are donated directly to the schools of Braxton County this August.

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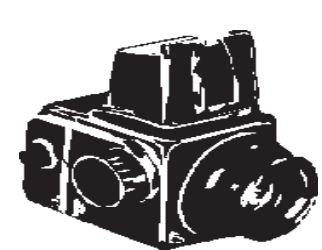
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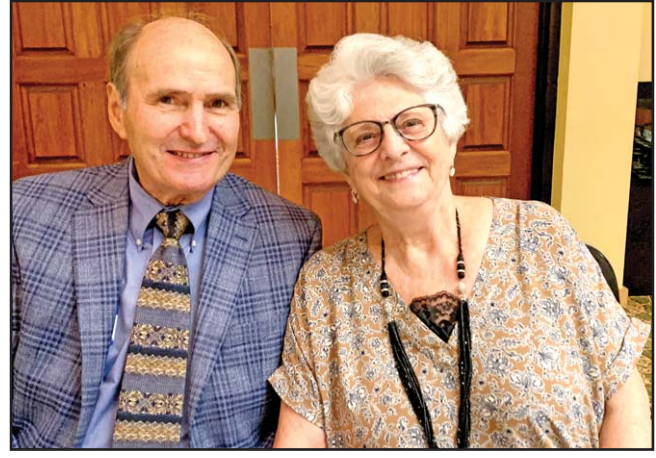
A Photographic Look at... Gassaway High 29th Annual Reunion



Over 120 GHS Alumni and Friends attended the 29th Annual Reunion



GHS Alumni President Barbara Adams welcomes those attending the 100th Anniversary Celebration of GHS.



Master of Ceremonies, Dr. Kenna Seal and his wife Paula.



Jerry Frame and his wife Mary.



Dalton Hardway and his great grandmother.



GHS Alumni Jill James, Barbara Huffman, and Nancy Carr.



The GHS Class of 1967.



Second year scholarship recipients: Hunter Mitchell, Trista Wayne, Riley Skeens, Tate Roach. 2022 scholarship recipients: Dalton Hardway, Drew Pritt, Jessie Flint, Hailey King.

The Hardway family with this years Scholarship Recipient Dalton Hardway.

Over 70 Contestants Compete for Titles in the 2022 Braxton County Fair Pageant

By Fernando Rodriguez

Gary Beamer and Sweetheart Productions brought yet another spectacular event to the stage of the Landmark Studio for the Arts, on Saturday, July 9, 2022: the 2022 Braxton County Fair Pageant. Hours of work were invested by Gary and his tireless team of supporters and volunteers in decorating the stage a la county fair, using oceans of balloons, stuffed ponies, cows, pigs, etc., aimed at creating a feeling of rural America. Master of detail Gary made the contestants' identifying numbers pinned to their gowns different farm animals.

Earning a title in the Braxton County Fair Pageant comes with a long list of responsibilities. In addition to promotion, the Queens, Kings, Princesses, and Princes will be present throughout the Fair, helping at the different events and at the Exhibit Building, Livestock Barn, Indoor Flea Market, and spreading cheer and smiles up and down the Midway. The Pageant was held during two sessions. The morning session was reserved for children from months old to nine years old, and the evening session was for contestants 10 years old and up. The majority of the contestants were female, with titles available for male contestants in the children's divisions. Queens, Kings, Princesses, and Princes were chosen for the Baby Miss, Tiny Miss, Little Miss, Junior Miss, Baby Mister, and Little Mister, for the younger children, and Queens and Runner Ups for the 10 and over divisions, Pre-Teen, Teen, Mrs., Ms., and Miss Divisions. In addition, overall honors were given for Most Photogenic, Most Beautiful, Best Smile, Best Attire, and Ambassador for the children, and Most Photogenic, Miss Congeniality, Miss Fan Favorite, Best Dressed, Best Interview, Most Beautiful, and Best Smile for the 10 and over. The Braxton County Fair Pageant title holders will enjoy maximum exposure during the length of the Fair, and the opportunity to represent Braxton County to the thousands of attendees at the Fair. For those that plan on continuing to compete in other Pageants, this is a huge feather in their caps. I asked Gary which, of all the Pageants held throughout the year, was the most wanted by the contestants. Not surprisingly, he shared that the Sutton Fall Festival Pageant was the closest to their hearts. The reason? It's a Sutton community event, it is home, as some put it. There's a special feeling of being home and working closely with the community we live in. Congratulations to the 2022 Braxton County Fair Queen Averie Goshert and the Queen's Court Soffi Bee, Arabella Crookshanks, Siarah Armstrong, and Madison Short. Other winners include Braxton County Fair Pre-Teen Queen, Allie Rhodes, Braxton County Fair Teen Queen, Alyssa Carpenter, Braxton County Fair Mrs. Queen, Amber Haddix, and Braxton County Fair Ms. Queen, Kristin Nimble. The 2022 Braxton County Fair takes place at Holly Gray Park from August 2 to August 6. For information visit the BCF Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Braxton-County-Fair-1940821772870846>. Congratulations to all the Queens, Kings, Princesses, Princes, Runner Ups, and Award recipients, and wish all continued success in your endeavors. Thank you, Gary Beamer, Sweetheart Productions, and your hard-working network of assistants, for bringing your high-class pageants to the Town of Sutton, and for giving our community a chance to showcase their talents. If you wish information about becoming a contestant or helping Gary make these events happen, visit Gary's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/gary.beamer.10/about>. In addition, visit the WV Association of Fairs & Festivals Pageants Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/WVAFF> and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/>



Sweetheart Productions' Chief Gary Beamer introduces the Pageant's MC's Christa Arthur, recipient of the Trorie Atkinson Spirit Award and 2022 West Virginia Sweetheart Festival Ambassador Queen, and Jaiden Paige Morris, 2019 Sutton Fall Festival Queen.



Blair Spaur, Tiny Miss Braxton County Fair Queen, Most Beautiful, Best Smile, 3-4 years-old division.



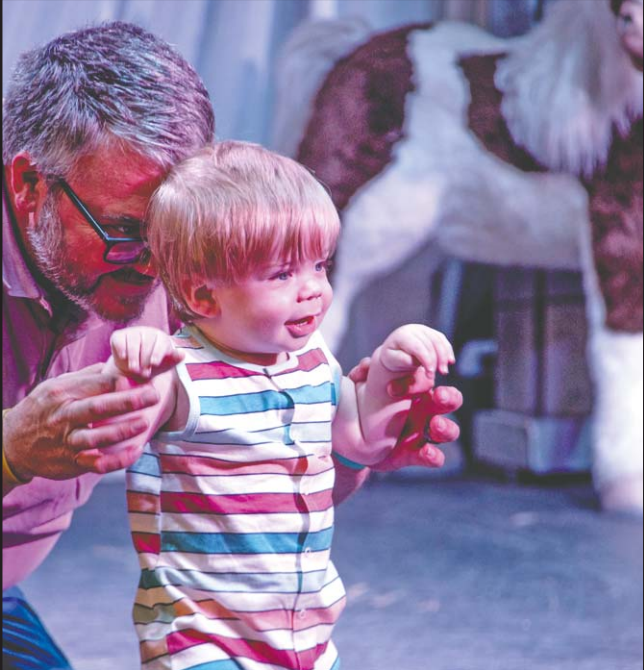
More beautifully gowned women in the Ms. Division pose for the judges.



Contestants in the Pre-Teen Division line up in front of the judges for a final lookover.



Beauties of all ages are part of this Pageant. The contestants of the Mrs. Division show the judges how it's done.



Jayden Dean, Baby Mister, Most Handsome, Best Attire, and Best Smile, Months to 2 years-old division.



Charley Spaur, Junior Miss Braxton County Fair Queen, Most Beautiful, 7-9 years-old division.

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Meet the newly crowned 2022 Braxton County Fair Queen, Averie Goshert.



Reese Mohr, overall Most Photogenic, Best Attire, and Baby Miss Princess, months to 2-years-old division.



The Miss Division, from where the 2022 Braxton County Fair Queen will be chosen, makes a final appearance.



Incredible gowns donned by the Teen Division contestants, showing the judges their best smiles.



LEGAL NOTICES

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**BRAXTON COUNTY
SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
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Pursuant to WV Code 22C-4-3(b), the Braxton County Commission is accepting letters of interest for appointment to the Braxton County Solid Waste Authority

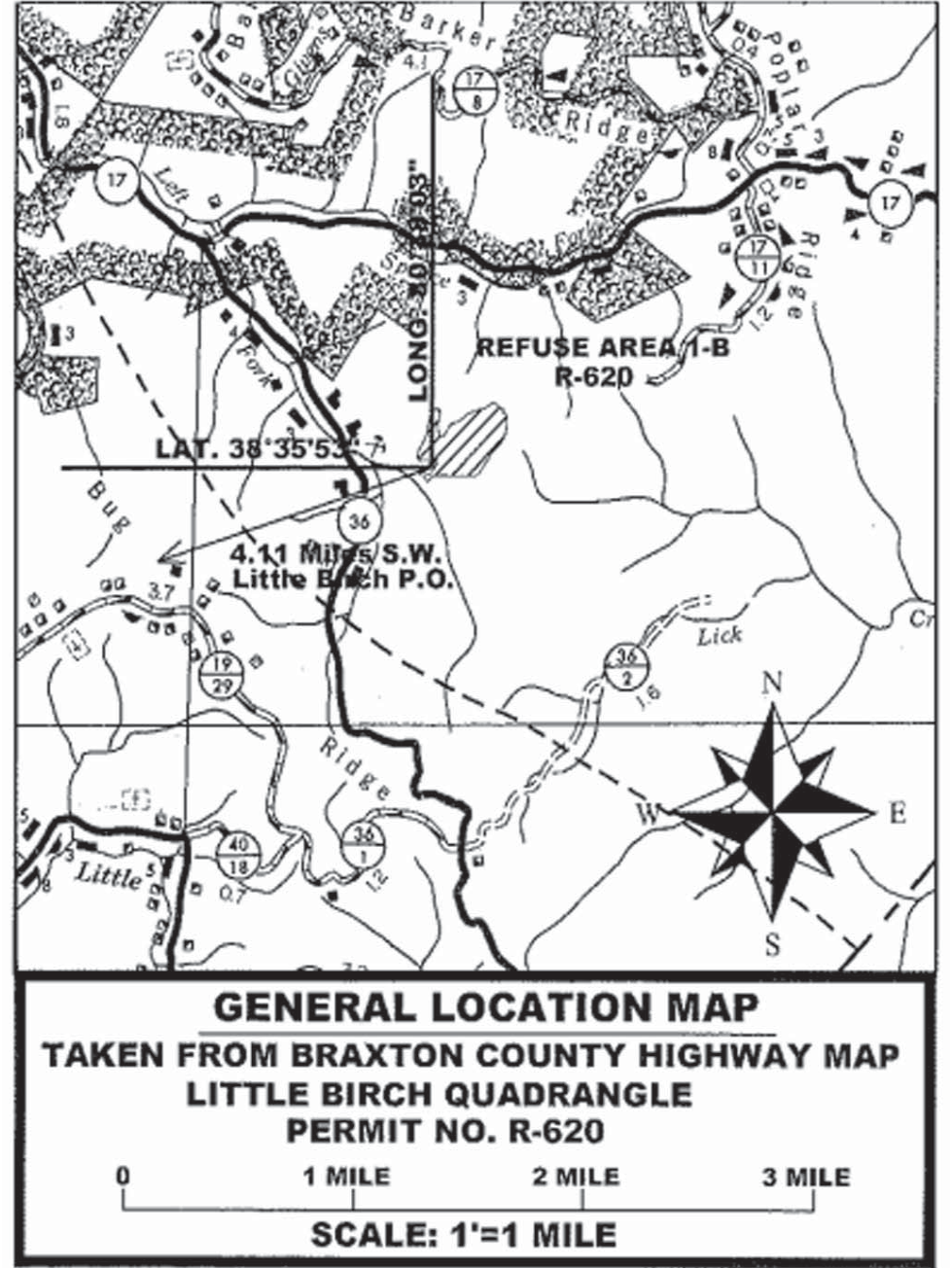
Board. One (1) vacancy currently exists on the Board. Appointed member shall the remainder of a four (4) term vacated by Wilda Skidmore. Term expires on June 30, 2024. Any individual who is residing within the district is eligible to serve as a member of the board.

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. 7-6 7-12b

MR-17 Renewal ADVERTISEMENT

Notice is hereby given that BROOKS RUN MINING COMPANY, LLC, 2691 LITTLE BIRCH RD, SUTTON, WV 26601 has a permit on file with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for the surface mining of approximately 51.96 acres and has submitted an application to the DEP, 47 School Street, Suite 301, Philippi, WV, 26416-1600, for renewal of Article 3 Permit Number R062000 to Operate a Refuse Area in the Not Applicable seam of coal. The operation is discharging into Left Fork of Wolf Creek of Elk River of Kanawha River and is located 4.11 miles, southwest of Little Birch in HOLLY District of Braxton County, Longitude 80° 38' 3" and Latitude 38° 35' 53" (Coordinates from USGS Topographic Map).

Surface of the area associated herewith is owned by: Brooks Run Mining Company, LLC 2691 Little Birch Road, Sutton, WV 26601
*and the mineral associated herewith is owned by Not Applicable
*and the mineral within 100 feet of the permit area is owned by Not Applicable
Surface of the area within 100 feet of the permit area is owned by: Jesse and Ruby Flint Centralia Road, Sutton, WV 26601
Thomas Dillon Centralia Road, Sutton, WV 26601
Written comments and/or requests for an informal conference of the permit renewal application shall identify the applicant and application number and will be received by the Permit Supervisor at the DEP address above until August 26, 2022, or thirty (30) days from the date of final publication. A copy of the application will be available for review until August 26, 2022, or thirty (30) days from the date of final publication in the DEP Regional Office located at the address above and is available at: http://apps.dep.wv.gov/WebApp/_dep/Search/ePermitting/ePermittingApplicationSearchPage.cfm.
The above link can be accessed from a computer at all West Virginia public libraries. DEP Telephone Number: 304-457-3219 Permit Number: R062000
*These items are to be completed only for operations involving mineral removal. Include location map in accordance with 38-2-3.2(b)(2) 07-06 07-26



TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE
The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in him by that certain Deed of Trust, dated June 15, 2009, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Braxton County, West Virginia, in Document No. 2009003329, in Book No. 212, at Page 628 and re-recorded in Document No. 2018004241 (MOD), in Book No. 250, at Page 793, Danny L. Crislip did convey unto Bernard R Mauser, Trustee(s), certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; and the beneficiary has elected to appoint Seneca Trustees, Inc., as Substitute Trustee; and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by MidFirst Bank to foreclose thereunder, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door

of the Braxton County Courthouse in Sutton, West Virginia, on August 10, 2022 at 10:30 AM the following described real estate, together with its improvements, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in 05 - Holly District, Braxton County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows: All of his right, title and interest in and to the following described real estate together with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate on the waters of Laurel Fork of Granny's Creek in Twin Oaks Subdivision as Lot 8, in Holly District, Braxton County, West Virginia, and more particularly bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a 6 foot metal fence post set by a stone, corner to Loretta Nell and Sandra Dawn Cogar (W.B. 17/771) and in line of Gary L. and Judy K. Cogar (489/358), thence leaving Loretta

Nell and Sandra Dawn Cogar and with Gary L. and Judy K. Cogar, S 30 degrees 42' 47" W passing a 6 foot metal fence post set at 69.69 feet in the edge of a 30 foot right of way, in all 84.69 feet to a point in the center of said right of way, corner to Lot 7, Angela L. Cogar (507/145); thence leaving Gary L. and Judy K. Cogar and with center of said right of way and Angela L. Cogar for eight lines, N 85 degrees 17' 29" W 8.28 feet to a point; thence S 85 degrees 07' 18" W 24.20 feet to a point; thence S 72 degrees 34' 41" W 37.31 feet to a point; thence S 61 degrees 43' 58" W 43.83 feet to a point; thence S 44 degrees 38' 04" W 42.36 feet to a point; thence S 28 degrees 43' 20" W 36.53 feet to a point; thence S 7 degrees 19' 04" W 42.52 feet to a point; thence S 6 degrees 23' 46" E 54.70 feet to a point, corner to Lot 13; thence leaving said right of way and Angela L. Cogar and with Lot 13, N 51

degrees 29' 28" W passing a 6 foot metal fence post set at 24.00 feet, in all 301.57 feet to a 6 foot metal fence post set, corner to Lot 12, John H. and Judith Marilee Bright (505/532) and corner to Lot 9 and John H. and Judith Marilee Bright (505/528); thence leaving Lot 13 and with Lot 12 and with Lot 9, N 31 degrees 46' 30" E 285.24 feet to a 6 foot metal fence post set in the line of Loretta Nell and Sandra Dawn Cogar (W.B. 17/771); thence S 57 degrees 39' 33" E 327.06 feet to the point of beginning and containing 1.99 acres, more or less, as surveyed by Brackenrich & Associates, Inc. of Sutton, West Virginia, in June 1995.

And being the same tract of land conveyed to Danny Lee Crislip, by James D. Singleton and Leigh Ann Singleton, his wife, by deed dated the 18th day of May, 2009, not yet of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Braxton County, West Virginia, but is intended to be record simultaneously herewith.
There is RESERVED and EXCEPTED from this conveyance, that portion of that certain 30 foot right of way which crosses the tract herein conveyed, as the same is currently located, for the purpose of ingress, regress and egress to other lots being developed in Twin Oaks Subdivision, said right of way being :shown upon the map or plat of said subdivision.
There is GRANTED unto the party of the second part, the right to use that certain 30 foot right of way as the same is currently located for the purpose of ingress, regress and egress from W. V. Secondary Route 15 and the Old Weston Gauley Turnpike across the residue tract of the first parties herein to the tract of land conveyed.

The grantors covenant and represent that the property herein conveyed contains no underground storage tanks which are being actively used for storing and regulated substance, and they have no actual knowledge or reason to believe that such real property or substrata contains and underground storage tank or was ever used for the storage, treatment or disposal of hazardous waste.
At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have an address of: 126 White Oak Estates, Sutton, WV 26601.
The referenced real estate will be conveyed with no covenants of warranty, and subject to all covenants, restrictions, easements, rights of way and reservations which may be a matter of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office or visible upon the ground, all prior liens and encumbrances, including, without limitation, liens for real estate taxes, incinerator, sanitary and sewer charges. The purchasers at the sale shall be responsible for paying the recording costs and also the tax on the privilege of transferring real property (the cost of the tax stamp to be affixed to the deed). The purchasers shall be responsible for payment of all real estate taxes.
The subject property will be sold in "AS IS" condition. The Substitute Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property.
TERMS: \$9000.00 in cash and/or certified funds as deposit at the time of sale with the balance due and payable within 30 days of the day of sale.
FEDERAL TAX LIEN: In the event that there are Federal Tax Liens against the property, the United States would have the right to redeem the property within a period of 120 days from the date of such sale or the period allowable for redemption under local law, whichever is longer.

Pursuant to the Deed of Trust, the Trustee may postpone the sale by public announcement at the time and place designated or by posting a notice of the same, and act by agent in the execution of the sale. The parties secured by the Deed of Trust reserve the right to purchase the property at such sale.
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Reference File No. 81520
cc: The Braxton Citizen News
July 12, 2022, July 19, 2022

NOTICE OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF ESTATES TO THE CREDITORS AND BENEFICIARIES OF THE WITHIN NAMED DECEASED PERSONS:
I have before me the proposed final settlement of the estates of the following deceased persons, which shall be presented to the County Commission of Braxton County, West Virginia, at the courthouse thereof, in the city of Sutton, on the 15th day of July, 2022 at 9:00 o'clock a.m., which settlements I have either approved or have not approved as indicated below:
APPROVED: GEORGE DEWEY KEENER SR., DECEASED
NORMA SUE ROBINSON, DECEASED
JOHN W SHAW SR., DECEASED
THOMAS EDWARD TICHNER, DECEASED
NOT APPROVED: None
Any persons having any interest in the estate of such deceased person, may appear before the County Commission at the time and place hereinabove specified and thereupon protect his or her interests as they may appear or else may be forever thereafter barred from asserting such interests.
Given under my hand this the 6th July, 2022

Tamera L. Facemire
Fiduciary Supervisor 7-12b

NOTICE OF FILING OF ESTATES TO THE CREDITORS AND BENEFICIARIES OF THE WITHIN NAMED DECEASED PERSONS:
I have before me the estates of the following deceased persons and the accounts of the fiduciaries of their respective estates:
DECEDENT: GILBERT P. RIFFLE
FIDUCIARY: DARLENE RIFFLE
3869 GEM RD
BURNSVILLE, WV 26335
DECEDENT: RICHARD LANE WILSON
FIDUCIARY: CRYSTAL D WILSON
258 FLETCH DR.
FRAMETOWN, WV 26623
DECEDENT: SHANNON MARKLE
FIDUCIARY: JENNIFER MARKLE
3203 CHAPEL RD.
GASSAWAY, WV 26624
DECEDENT: DIANNA K CHAPMAN
FIDUCIARY: MICKEY CHAPMAN
216 LOWER SLEIGHT ROAD
DUCK, WV 25063
DECEDENT: BROOKLIN PAIGE MOORE, INFANT
FIDUCIARY: 1048 ROAD RUN ROAD
SUTTON, WV 26601
DECEDENT: JAMES LEE MITCHELL
FIDUCIARY: JAMES LEE MITCHELL JR
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FRAMETOWN, WV 26623
DECEDENT: NUMAN LACO MACE
FIDUCIARY: CARRIE MACE
441 UPPER MILL CREEK RD.
FRAMETOWN, WV 26623
DECEDENT: MARGARET ANN REXROAD
FIDUCIARY: AMANDA GUM
835 GAULEY TURNPIKE RD.
FLATWOODS, WV 26621
DECEDENT: VIOLET MARIE MILLER
FIDUCIARY: JAMES MILLER
206 SOUTH CHESTNUT ST.
SUTTON, WV 26601
DECEDENT: LOLA RUTH JACKSON
FIDUCIARY: WILLIAM JACKSON
2650 CUTLIP FORD RD
GASSAWAY, WV 26624
DECEDENT: CHRYSAL ROSE BURNS
FIDUCIARY: DOTTIE BURNS
1124 PICKLES FORD RD
HEATERS, WV 26627
All persons having any claims against the estate(s) of any of the above-named persons whether due or not, are notified to exhibit the same with vouchers thereof, legally verified, to the fiduciary of such deceased persons as shown herein within 60 days from the first publication or on or before the 10th day of September, 2022, otherwise any or all such Claims may by law be excluded from all benefits of said estate(s). All beneficiaries of said estate(s) may appear either before the above-named fiduciary by the date first above shown or thereafter before the Fiduciary Supervisor by the date last above shown to examine said claims and otherwise protect their respective interests.
Given under my hand this the 12th day of July, 2022.
TAMERA FACEMIRE
Fiduciary Supervisor 7-12 7-19b

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE
The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in him by that certain Deed of Trust, dated June 15, 2009, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Braxton County, West Virginia, in Document No. 2009003329, in Book No. 212, at Page 628 and re-recorded in Document No. 2018004241 (MOD), in Book No. 250, at Page 793, Danny L. Crislip did convey unto Bernard R Mauser, Trustee(s), certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; and the beneficiary has elected to appoint Seneca Trustees, Inc., as Substitute Trustee; and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by MidFirst Bank to foreclose thereunder, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Braxton County Courthouse in Sutton, West Virginia, on August 10, 2022 at 10:30 AM the following described real estate, together with its improvements, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in 05 - Holly District, Braxton County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows: All of his right, title and interest in and to the following described

real estate together with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate on the waters of Laurel Fork of Granny's Creek in Twin Oaks Subdivision as Lot 8, in Holly District, Braxton County, West Virginia, and more particularly bounded and described as follows:
BEGINNING at a 6 foot metal fence post set by a stone, corner to Loretta Nell and Sandra Dawn Cogar (W.B. 17/771) and in line of Gary L. and Judy K. Cogar (489/358), thence leaving Loretta Nell and Sandra Dawn Cogar and with Gary L. and Judy K. Cogar, S 30 degrees 42' 47" W passing a 6 foot metal fence post set at 69.69 feet in the edge of a 30 foot right of way, in all 84.69 feet to a point in the center of said right of way, corner to Lot 7, Angela L. Cogar (507/145); thence leaving Gary L. and Judy K. Cogar and with center of said right of way and Angela L. Cogar for eight lines, N 85 degrees 17' 29" W 8.28 feet to a point; thence S 85 degrees 07' 18" W 24.20 feet to a point; thence S 72 degrees 34' 41" W 37.31 feet to a point; thence S 61 degrees 43' 58" W 43.83 feet to a point; thence S 44 degrees 38' 04" W 42.36 feet to a point; thence S 28 degrees 43' 20" W 36.53 feet to a point; thence S 7 degrees 19' 04" W 42.52 feet to a point; thence S 6 degrees 23' 46" E 54.70 feet to a point, corner to Lot 13; thence leaving said right of way and Angela L. Cogar and with Lot 13, N 51 degrees 29' 28" W passing a 6 foot metal fence post set at 24.00 feet, in all 301.57 feet to a 6 foot metal fence post set, corner to Lot 12, John H. and Judith Marilee Bright (505/532) and corner to Lot 9 and John H. and Judith Marilee Bright (505/528); thence leaving Lot 13 and with Lot 12 and with Lot 9, N 31 degrees 46' 30" E 285.24 feet to a 6 foot metal fence post set in the line of Loretta Nell and Sandra Dawn Cogar (W.B. 17/771); thence S 57 degrees 39' 33" E 327.06 feet to the point of beginning and containing 1.99 acres, more or less, as surveyed by Brackenrich & Associates, Inc. of Sutton, West Virginia, in June 1995.
And being the same tract of land conveyed to Danny Lee Crislip, by James D. Singleton and Leigh Ann Singleton, his wife, by deed dated the 18th day of May, 2009, not yet of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Braxton County, West Virginia, but is intended to be record simultaneously herewith.
There is RESERVED and EXCEPTED from this conveyance, that portion of that certain 30 foot right of way which crosses the tract herein conveyed, as the same is currently located, for the purpose of ingress, regress and egress to other lots being developed in Twin Oaks Subdivision, said right of way being :shown upon the map or plat of said subdivision.
There is GRANTED unto the party of the second part, the right to use that certain 30 foot right of way as the same is currently located for the purpose of ingress, regress and egress from W. V. Secondary Route 15 and the Old Weston Gauley Turnpike across the residue tract of the first parties herein to the tract of land conveyed.
The grantors covenant and represent that the property herein conveyed contains no underground storage tanks which are being actively used for storing and regulated substance, and they have no actual knowledge or reason to believe that such real property or substrata contains and underground storage tank or was ever used for the storage, treatment or disposal of hazardous waste.
At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have an address of: 126 White Oak Estates, Sutton, WV 26601.
The referenced real estate will be conveyed with no covenants of warranty, and subject to all covenants, restrictions, easements, rights of way and reservations which may be a matter of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office or visible upon the ground, all prior liens and encumbrances, including, without limitation, liens for real estate taxes, incinerator, sanitary and sewer charges. The purchasers at the sale shall be responsible for paying the recording costs and also the tax on the privilege of transferring real property (the cost of the tax stamp to be affixed to the deed). The purchasers shall be responsible for payment of all real estate taxes.
The subject property will be sold in "AS IS" condition. The Substitute Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property.
TERMS: \$9000.00 in cash and/or certified funds as deposit at the time of sale with the balance due and payable within 30 days of the day of sale.
FEDERAL TAX LIEN: In the event that there are Federal Tax Liens against the property, the United States would have the right to redeem the property within a period of 120 days from the date of such sale or the period allowable for redemption under local law, whichever is longer.
Pursuant to the Deed of Trust, the Trustee may postpone the sale by public announcement at the time and place designated or by posting a notice of the same, and act by agent in the execution of the sale. The parties secured by the Deed of Trust reserve the right to purchase the property at such sale.
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Judy's Garden Club.

Judy's Garden Club July 2022 Meeting

Judy's Garden Club, Appalachian District, held its regular meeting on July 9, 2022 at the pavilion at the Braxton County Senior Center. Regular business was discussed and various reports were read and approved. In addition to regular business, new members were welcomed to the club.

At this meeting a presentation was given by Debbie Friend, Braxton County Extension Agent. Mrs. Friend shared information in regard to the upcoming Fall Session of the Braxton/Clay Master Gardener Program. This program is offered through WVU and is being presented online. This is a unique opportunity to become educated in many aspects of gardening. If you are interested in becoming a WVU Extension Master Gardener, please contact Mrs. Friend at her office, 304/765-2809. She can answer any questions and assist getting you enrolled. Pictured are Braxton/Clay Master Gardeners who are also Judy's Garden Club Members. Also, Judy's Gar-



Mary Jacobson and Pat McPherson with the raffle quilt won by Josh Porto. den Club has been selling raffle ticket for a handmade Fairy quilt. The winner was drawn by Mrs. Friend. Josh Porto was the big winner of this lovely quilt. Congratulations to Mr. Porto.

The next scheduled meeting of Judy's will be August 6, 2022. You are invited to follow

Judy's Garden Club on their Facebook page where additional info and updates are posted. Please join us anytime in our efforts. We would love to meet you. Judy's Garden Club thanks you for your support.

From Judy's Garden Club, Happy Gardening!

Mon Health Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital Prepares for Stoke Center Accreditation

Mon Health Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital has announced that the hospital is preparing for a survey to receive designation as a Stroke Center with the nationally-recognized Acute Stroke Ready program.

"The Acute Stroke Ready Program is very important to Mon Health Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital, as it will help the staff care for patients having stroke signs and symptoms," said the recently announced Stroke and Trauma Coordinator, Morgan Norman, RN. "It will be important in providing time-sensitive treatments that result in better outcomes for the patients and citizens of our community."

Stroke is the interruption of blood flow to the brain that can be caused by a blood clot or bleeding within the brain. Mon Health Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital has the capability to diagnose and treat stroke 24 hours a day, seven

days a week, and the new accreditation will provide a greater level of patient confidence.

If a person is experiencing stroke-like symptoms, call 911 or seek treatment immediately. An easy way to remember the signs and symptoms of stroke is to remember the acronym, BE FAST.

Balance – the sudden loss of balance or coordination, and the onset of dizziness

Eyes – Vision changes, blurry vision, or loss of vision

F – Facial weakness or numbness

Arms – Sudden onset of arm weakness

Speech – difficulty speaking or slurred speech

Time – Time to call 911

Risk factors for stroke include high blood pressure, smoking, diets high in fat, obesity, high cholesterol, carotid artery disease, peripheral artery disease, or atrial fibrillation. To reduce the risk of stroke, patients should main-

tain a healthy lifestyle, quit smoking, exercise regularly, limit alcohol intake, and lower stress levels.

To learn more about Mon Health Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital, visit StonewallJacksonHospital.com.

About Mon Health System: Mon Health System is an integrated network of physician clinics, outpatient centers and hospitals in North Central West Virginia that works together to make healthcare more accessible and affordable to the communities it serves. It includes five hospitals – its flagship, Mon Health Medical Center in Morgantown; Mon Health Preston Memorial Hospital in Kingwood; Mon Health Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital in Weston; Mon Health Marion Neighborhood Hospital in White Hall; affiliate, Grafton City Hospital in Grafton; Mon Health- DASCO Home Medical Equipment in Morgantown and Weston; and The Village at Heritage Point. Mon Health System is also part of many Joint Ventures such as Acuity Hospital of Morgantown, Monongalia EMS, Amedisys Hospice, Care Partners, Intermed Labs, Encompass and the Mon Health Center for Outpatient Surgery to preserve choice, improve access and ensure the highest quality of care. For more information, visit monhealth.com.

and Mary McCoy Estate; 2022 as follows: Herb Floyd, George Butcher Family and Dick Bright. If you wish to donate please make check out to Flatwoods Cemetery and mail to Linda Brown 1353 Stone Run Road Flatwoods, WV 26621.

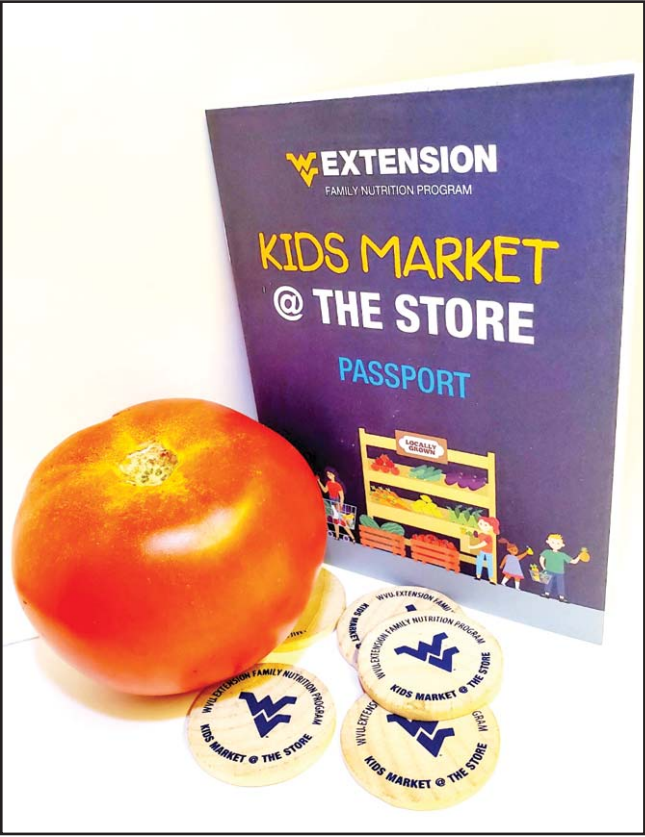
Thanks again to all who have donated.

Kids Market @ the Store program launches in Braxton County

Selah Raines, WVU Extension Family Nutrition Program Health Educator, Braxton County

Kids Market @ the Store launched in Braxton County last week, and families were excited to pick up their free WV grown produce from Nottingham's Store in Duck. The program, offered by WVU Extension Family Nutrition Program, provides \$30 of WV grown produce per family, and each child gets their own veggie passport and shopping bag to use. Yellow tomatoes, red tomatoes, zucchini, cucumbers, red leaf lettuce, and green leaf lettuce were all popular with young shoppers, with the lettuce selling out before the other vegetables. Smiles abounded as children exercised their power to choose their own vegetables.

Weekly deliveries to Nottingham's Store will continue every Thursday for the next several weeks. The last delivery will occur August 11th. Produce for the July 14th delivery will include WV grown red and green leaf lettuce, yellow tomatoes, beets, and cucumbers.



The first program of its kind in WV, Kids Market @ the Store was only offered in two counties last year. We are grateful to the Sisters Health and Wellness Foundation for making our current Kids Market @ the Store experience possible. Although we were only able to serve 100 families in Braxton County this summer, we are hopeful the exceptional

demand for the program's expansion this year will be met with additional community support going forward. If your business or organization would like to help with funding or be a participating store for next year's Kids Market @ the Store in Braxton County, please reach out to Selah Raines by phone at 304-765-2809 or by email at selah.raines@mail.wvu.edu

Pace Yourself Lewis County announces upcoming Walk/Runs

Pace Yourself Lewis County has announced upcoming events with a goal of supporting more physical activity in the county through walk/runs.

The General Lightburn, the longest running event in the county, will be held in Jane Lew on September 17. 46 Climbs, a mental health and depression

awareness event, will also be held and a date and location will be announced at a future time

For several years, Mon Health Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital has been organizing winter walk/runs and the dates for upcoming events are as follows:

- Thursday, November 24 – Gobble Gallop

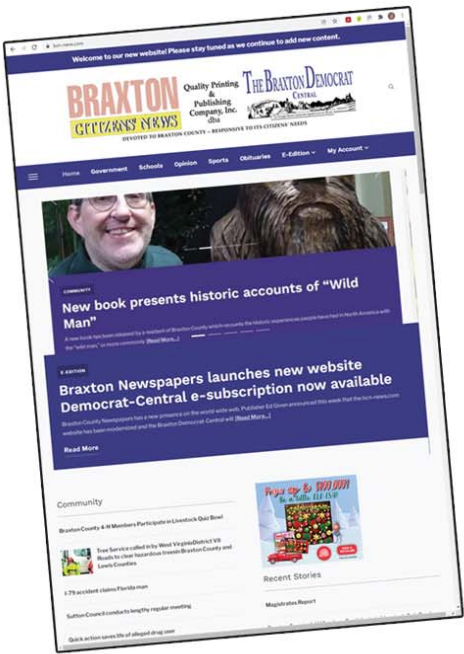
- Saturday, December 3 – Cookies and Cocoa Walk Run

- Saturday, January 7 – Snowball Walk Run

- Saturday, February 4 – Ground Hog Walk Run

To learn more about events happening at Mon Health Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital, visit MonHealth.com/HealthFair.

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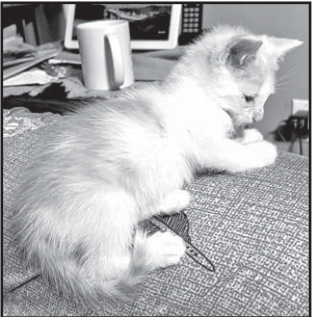
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Just One Generation cat rescue was started in 2013 in response to the severe feline overpopulation in this area. Our initial emphasis was on the Trap, Neuter, and Release (TNR) of feral cats as well as to facilitate the spay/neuter of domestic cats. 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 of our kittens that were either too young or too small to leave on last week's rescue run. 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.



PETE: Male, 7-8 weeks, orange and white short-haired, very social and playful.



BOOMER: Male, 8 weeks, long-haired Maine Coon mix, currently under treatment for respiratory illness but will be placed when fully recovered.



HAPPY: Female, 8 weeks, brown tabby short-haired, very social.



ARLO: Male, 10-12 weeks, tuxedo short-haired, very handsome and loving guy!



ASPEN: Female, 10-12 weeks, blended calico short-haired, sibling to Arlo.

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.

July 13, 1861: The Battle of Corricks Ford took place in Tucker County. Confederate Gen. Robert S. Garnett was killed. He was the first Confederate general killed in the Civil War.

July 14, 1861: Union troops under Gen. Jacob Cox drove Confederate militia and cavalry out of Barboursville during the Battle of Barboursville. Union forces remained in control of Barboursville for the remainder of the war.



lanthropist Michael Late Benedum was born in Bridgeport. He made a fortune in the oil and gas business, but he is best remembered for the establishment of the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation.



July 17, 1914: Singer Eleanor Steber was born in Wheeling. She made her debut with the Metropolitan Opera in 1940.



July 17, 1922: The Cliftonville Mine Battle took place east of Wellsburg, Brooke County. The gun battle between striking miners and sheriff's forces left at least nine people dead.

July 18, 1776: The Methodist bishop Francis Asbury first set foot in present West Virginia outside of Berkeley Springs. He worked extensively in what is now the Eastern Panhandle, preaching and lecturing almost every day, before continuing farther into western Virginia.



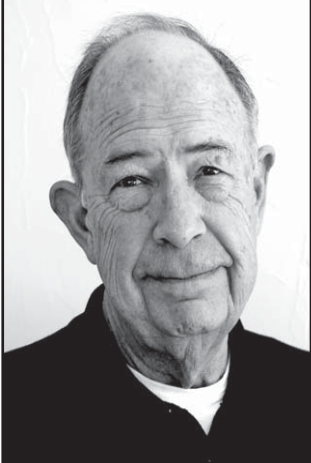
July 18, 1893:

Braxton County Farm Bureau

Braxton County Farm Bureau will meet on Monday July 25, 2022 at 5 PM at Holly Gray

Spencer State Hospital opened. With its connected brick buildings, a quarter-mile in length, the hospital was sometimes referred to as the longest continuous brick building in America. Spencer State Hospital remained in operation until June 1989.

July 19, 1863: A Confederate raid led by Gen. John Morgan came to an end on Buffington Island, near Ravenswood. The Confederates were overtaken by federal troops, local militia, and three U.S. Navy gunboats.



July 19, 1946: Author Stephen Coonts was born in Morgantown. After graduating from West Virginia University and serving in the navy during the Vietnam War, Coonts became a best-selling action and adventure novelist with the 1986 publication of Flight of the Intruder.

e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia is a project of the West Virginia Humanities Council. For more information, contact the West Virginia Humanities Council, 1310 Kanawha Blvd. E., Charleston, WV 25301; (304) 346-8500; or visit e-WV at www.wvencyclopedia.org.

Park for their annual picnic. Please plan to attend and bring a covered dish.

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 unfixed and we are very willing to work with reputable 501c3 rescues.

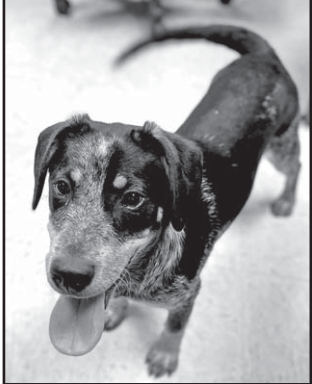
Please call the shelter for vet pricing and ask for our adoption/rescue coordinator Megan at (304)765-2200



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.



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



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



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



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

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.



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 8,9,10 All Stars play two extra innings in game against Ona-Milton



8,9,10 All Star team



Liam Lynch



Brayden Cadle



Kohlton Marks

Braxton County Middle School Fall Soccer

If your child will be attending BCMS this fall and they plan on playing soccer there will be a Non-Mandatory Summer Conditioning Training starting this week. Training will be on

Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 4:30-6:15 at the Weyerhaeuser field for the next three weeks. Players must have a sports physical completed after May 1st before they can participate.



Collin Baldwin



Christian Gum



Khloe Wells



Brayden Cadle

Braxton 8,9,10 All Stars played in Logan on Friday, July 8 going into two extra innings coming up short with a score of 8-9. The team played Monday at 3:30 against Fairmont. Game stats were not available at the time of press.

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Lane Lewis



Lane Lewis



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Burnsville Lake to host Heritage Weekend event



Demonstrations and Hand-on Learning will include Butter Making, Looms, Grain Grinding, Watercolor Painting, crocheting, quilting and Much More..

Burnsville Lake in Burnsville WV will host Heritage Weekend on Friday, July 15th through Sunday, July 17th, 2022. Times are different for each day. You may call the Bulltown Historical Museum for a full schedule with the times. The annual event offers visitors a chance to experience farm life in West Virginia through demonstrations and exhibits. There are also a few hands-on activities for visitors to participate in.

This free event is sponsored by The Bulltown Historical Association in partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The Event takes place in the Bulltown Historical Area, located at the entrance to Bulltown Campground in Napier, West Virginia off Millstone Run Road. The area includes several log structures that predate the Civil War. These buildings were reconstructed in a village setting along a section of the Weston & Gauley Turnpike. One of the structures is the Cunningham House, which belonged to Moses Cunningham, the only civilian injured in the Battle of Bulltown on October 13th, 1863.

Exhibits will include various traditional crafts and farm life demonstrations. Civil War

living historians will also be on hand to provide information about life at Bulltown during the War Between the States. Demonstrations will include Civil War cooking and Camp Life. Talks and tours will also be available throughout the weekend. If enough Re-Enactors show up there may also be a Civil War drill.

Directions to the Heritage Weekend Event: from the south, take exit 67 (Flatwoods) off of I-79 go north on US 19 - turn left onto Millstone Run Road and turn left again onto the Bulltown Campground Road and then left again to enter the Bulltown Historical Area parking lot (follow the brown signs); from the north, take exit 91 (Roanoke) off of I-79 and go south on US 19 - turn right onto Millstone Run Road and turn left again onto the Bulltown Campground Road and then left again to enter the Bulltown Historical Area parking lot (follow the brown signs).

For more information about Heritage Weekend or the Bulltown Historic Area, contact Volunteers at the Bulltown Historical Area Museum, phone: 304-452-8170, or Park Ranger Lisa Hess at the Burnsville Lake Project Office, phone: 304-853-2371.



Heritage Weekend starts Friday, July 15th through Sunday, July 17th, 2022.

American Legion Post 33 awards crossbow

A 15 year old bow hunter from Massachusetts won the Excalibur bow raffled by American Legion Braxton Post 33. Colin Grady from Falmouth, MA, comes to Braxton County to hunt. He is part of a hunting club that has a hunting lease on a farm, the Stone Street Charolaise Ranch, in Braxton County.

Colin is expected to return to Braxton County in a few weeks. In the meantime, his bow was accepted for him from Legion Commander, Paul Gillespie, by a friend, Kraden Mitchell, son of the Richard and Angela Mitchell of the Frametown area.



American Legion Commander, Paul Gillespie and Kraden Mitchell.

Senior Citizens Center, the posting of colors at community events, leading parades and performing dozens of military funerals.

Gillespie added, “We also have a service to help any veteran who happens to be in Braxton County with any problem. Our retired veterans continue to serve.”

Johnson “gets caught” by US Army Corps of Engineers Park Ranger

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

Eric Dever “Got Caught” wearing his life jacket at Burnsville Lake

Eric said, “he always wears his life jacket to set a good example for the kids!”

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

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

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



Eric Dever and his two boys enjoyed a nice day kayaking on Burnsville Lake when they “Got Caught” with their life jackets on!



Campsites at Bulltown and Riffle Run Campgrounds were filled with red white and blue decor during the 4th of July holiday weekend.

Burnsville Lake Campground host campsite decorating contest

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

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

Our campgrounds looked extra spectacular over the holiday weekend for the 4th of July thanks to our campers! Both Rifle run and Bulltown participants did not disappoint! Congratulations to our winners!

Robin Wamsley & Kevin Sacks were the Bulltown winners and Rifle Run winner was Janice Shaffer

A special note from Robin Wamsley & Kevin Sacks states, “Camping at Bulltown has always been a nice, peaceful, and friendly place to come stay. We love coming to the lake and seeing old friends and meeting new ones. The campground and playgrounds are always well maintained. I appreciate the winning banner and thank the Friends of Burnsville Lake for having the contest. Robin and Kevin Sacks Wamsley.”

All of the sites looked



Janice Shaffer.



Robin Wamsley & Kevin Sacks.

incredible!

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

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Central WV Riding Club holds June Show

The Central WV Riding Club held its June Show on Saturday, June 25, 2022, at Holly Gray Park in Sutton. Several exhibitors and spectators were on hand to enjoy the day and cheer on their favorite competitor. The following is a list of the classes entered and their winners:

Lead Line: (1) Vivianne Bruffey-Gracie Lou, (2) Olivia Wilfong-Huck, (3) Allison Farrell-Madigan, (4) Payton Mace-Dragon in the Dollars, (5) Aiden Lindenthal-It's My Time, (6) Ellie Huffman-Charlie Brown

Open Halter or In Hand Class: (1) Garalea Fulks-Pipi, (2) Haven Bland-Finally, (3) Allison Farrell-Madigan, (4) Nevaeh Flint-Revel, (5) Emma Sparks-Sweet Baby Ray, (6) Iris Miller-Jackson

48" and Under Halter or In Hand Class: (1) Ellie Huffman-Charlie Brown, (2) Maddox Huffman-Huck, (3) Kensley Wilson-Brownie, (4) Iris Miller-Kenny the Mini, (5) Ethan Mace-Kiwi, (6) Payton Mace-Willow

Pee Wee Pole Bending: (1) Emma Sparks-Reys Sly Cat, (2) Carter Wayne-Tuey, (3) Landon James-Patches, (4) Maria Wayne-Annie, (5) Emma Sparks-Bo, (6) Traycen Young-Sugar

Youth Pole Bending: (1) Jo Ferguson-Camille, (2) Lillie Fitzwater-Skippy, (3) Sophie Bennett-Waylon, (4) Sarah Dudley-Make It Rain, (5) Elizabeth Cunningham-Drifter, (6) Kensley Wilson-Brownie

Pole Bending Open: (1) Joe Ferguson-Camille, (2) Garalea Fulks-Pipi, (3) Kayla Farley-Sugar, (4) Sophie Bennett-Waylon, (5) Jo Ferguson-Flame, (6) Amber Frame-Wyatt

Pee Wee Barrels: (1) Emma Sparks-Bo, (2) Emma Sparks-Sheza Shining Pearl, (3) Maria Wayne-Annie, (4) Carter Wayne-Tuey, (5) Emma Sparks-Rey's Sly Cat, (6) Landon James-Patches

Open Barrels: (1) Kayla Farley-Sugar, (2) Amber Frame-Wyatt, (3) Jo Ferguson-Flame, (4) Sophie Bennett-Waylon, (5) Garlea Fulks-Pipi, (6) Sarah Dudley-Make It Rain

Youth Barrels: (1) Jo Ferguson-Camille, (2)

Lillie Fitzwater--Skippy, (3) Sophie Bennett-Waylon, (4) Sarah Dudley-Make It Rain, (5) Meredith Murphy-Vegas, (6) Elizabeth Cunningham-Drifter

\$100.00 Barrels: (1) Jo Ferguson-Camille, (2) Lillie Fitzwater--Skippy, (3) Emma Sparks-Bo, (4) Garalea Fulks-Pipi, (5) Carmen Hambrick-Phoenix, (6) Amber Frame-Wyatt

Open Trail: (1) Haven Bland-Finally, (2) Leanna Blankenship-Brandy, (3) Elizabeth Cunningham-Drifter, (4) Emma Sparks-Reys Sly Cat, (5) Meredith Murphy-Vegas, (6) Samantha Frame-Sampson

Stick Horse: Vivianne Bruffey, Jeffrey Miller-Flash, Annabelle Miller-Spirit, Harley Sothen-Major, Cleve Lynn Westfall-Two-Face, Axton Lindenthal-Tucky, Aiden Lindenthal-Thunder, Bryce Dorsey-Whitie, Dakota Smith-Trigger

Pee Wee Walking, Pacing or Racking: (1) Brylynn Scarbro-I'm Just An Illusion, (2) Landon James-Fancy, (3) Haven Bland-Finally, (4) Emma Sparks-Sweet Baby Rat, (5) Heath Goff-Denali, (6) Nevaeh Flint-Revel

Juvenile Open Pleasure: (1) Alyza Jett-The Red Streak, (2) Lila Fitzwater-Ranger, (3) Jayla Hamric-Lightening, (4) Elizabeth Cunningham-Ocean Motion, (5) Gavin Lindenthal-Sharky, (6) John Childers-Two-Face

Gaited English Pleasure: (1) Carrie Mace-Encore's Shakin Lady

Slow Pace: (1) Shannon Allen-Toy, (2) Lila Fitzwater-Nutty Buddy, (3) Larry Wilson-Saddle Tramp, (4) Kim Miller-Fireball, (5) Lorrie Smith-Jumbo Jett

Pee Wee Pony Pleasure: (1) Landon James-Fancy, (2) Jody Blankenship-Whiskey, (3) Emylee Jordan-Sugar, (4) Kenzie Lockard-Lil' Bit, (5) Emma Sparks-Sheza Shining Pearl

Juvenile Pleasure: (1) Jayla Hamric-April, (2) Lila Fitzwater-Ranger, (3) Gavin Lindenthal-Sharky, (4) Elizabeth Cunningham-Ocean Motion, (5) Jo Ferguson-Flame, (6) Maggie Meadows-Matilda

Style Pace: (1) Shannon Allen-Toy, (2) Larry Wilson-Saddle Tramp, (3) Lorrie Smith-Jumbo Jett, (4) Lila Fitzwater-Nutty Buddy, (5) Kim Miller-Fireball

Pee Wee Pleasure: (1) Haven Bland-Finally, (2) Brylynn Scarbro-I'm Just An Illusion, (3) Emma Sparks-Sweet Baby Ray, (4) Nevaeh Flint-Revel, (5) Landon James-Fancy, (6) Ella Groff-Bob

Double Rider: (1) Danny Gross and Karen Westfall-Cyanide, (2) Brylynn Scarbro and Carrie Mace-I'm Just An Illusion, (3) Emma Sparks and Jo Ferguson-Sweet Baby Ray, (4) Sarah Dudley and Jayla Hamric-April, (5) Lillie Fitzwater and Lila Fitzwater-Ranger, (6) Landon James and Jody Blankenship

Country Pleasure Rack: (1) Amber Byrd-Cuervo Gold, (2) Kassy Heavener-Dollars Chump Change, (3) Alyza Jett-The Red Streak, (4) Savanna Moore-Great American Blowout

Egg and Spoon: (1) Jo Ferguson-JT Superstar, (2) Leanna Blankenship-Brandy, (3) Sarah Dudley-Make it Rain, (4) Jayla Hamric-April, (5) Nevaeh Flint-Revel, (6) Tasha Patterson-B. B.

Ladies Pleasure: (1) Carrie Mace-Encore's Shakin' Lady, (2) Amber Byrd-Cuervo Gold, (3) Shannon Allen-Pusher's Armed Hannah, (4) Savanna Moore-Bella of the Ball, (5) Andrea Huffman-Dragon in the Dollars, (6) Megan Bruffey-The Java Jazz

Western Pleasure: (1) Lillie Fitzwater-Skippy, (2) Sophie Bennett-Waylon, (3) Jo Ferguson-Flame, (4) Elizabeth Cunningham-Drifter, (5) Emma Sparks-Reys Sly Cat, (6) Sarah Dudley-Make It Rain

Country Fast Pace: (1) John Given-Peach Cobbler, (2) Kathy Given-Cruze, (3) Larry Wil-

son-Saddle Tramp, (4) Lorrie Smith-Jumbo Jett

Plantation Pleasure Lite Shod Specialty: (1) Carrie Mace-Encore's Shakin Lady, (2) Megan Bruffey-The Java Jazz, (3) Savanna Moore-Cadillac Chromed Out

Open Pleasure: (1) Haven Bland-Finally, (2) Amber Byrd-Cuervo Gold, (3) Shannon Allen-Pusher's Armed Hannah, (4) Andrea Huffman-Dragon in the Dollars, (5) Harley Mace-I'm Armed and Charmed, (6) Brylynn Scarbor-I'm Just An Illusion

Men's Pleasure: (1) Sam Mace-Dollar's Chump Change, (2) Danny Gross-Cyanide, (3) Harley Mace-I'm Armed and Charmed, (4) Pat Shafer-Smoke E Robinson, (5) Thomas McCumbers-Great American Blowout

Gaited Western Pleasure: (1) Carrie Mace-Encore's Shakin Lady, (2) Shannon Allen-Pusher's Armed Hannah, (3) Amber Byrd-Cuervo Gold, (4) Harley Mace-I'm Armed and Charmed, (5) Andrea Huffman-Dragon In the Dollars, (6) Thomas McCumbers

Juvenile Walking Pacing or Racking: (1) Jayla Hamric-April, (2) Elizabeth Cunningham-Ocean Motion, (3) Lila Fitzwater-Ranger, (4) Gavin Lindenthal-Sharky, (5) Maggie Meadows-Matilda, (6) Grayce Jordan-Blaze

Amber Pacing Rider: (1) Amber Frame-Ocean Motion

Walk Trot Open: (1) Jo Ferguson-Flame, (2) Sophie Bennett-Waylon, (3) Lillie Fitzwater-Skippy, (4) Sarah Dudley-Make It Rain, (5) Makahla Case-Shadow, (6) Gavin Lindenthal-Drifter

Spotted Horse Pleasure: (1) Brylynn Scarbro-I'm Just an Illusion, (2) Harley Mace-I'm Armed and Charmed,

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

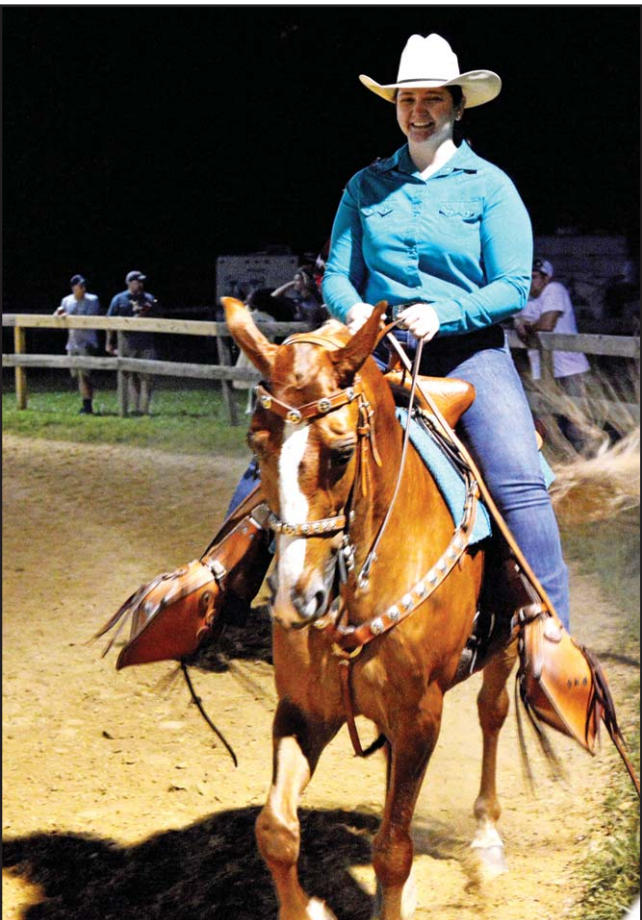
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Harley Mace with I'm Armed and Charmed.



Jayla Hamric with April.



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