

County Commission to Host Public Meeting Regarding Frontier Phone Service

At their regular meeting on July 15, the Braxton County Commission announced that they would host a special meeting for area resident to voice complaints regarding poor and/or inadequate phone service provided by Frontier Communications. The event, which is open to the public, will be held on July 28 at the Braxton County Senior Center beginning at 2:00 p.m. Commission President Lisa Godwin said representatives of the Public Service Commission and Frontier Communications have been invited to attend. The Commission will also field input from the public by phone. Those who can not attend the public meeting are encouraged to call 304-765-2835 during regular business hours.

During the meeting, one of the items on the agenda was Burnsville Lake waterline. Shane Whitehair, Executive Director of Region VII Planning and Development Council was on hand to discuss the matter with the Commission. Whitehair explained that his agency on behalf of the Burnsville Water Authority was pursuing funding for the relocation of a waterline that is currently in Burnsville Lake to land along the lake that will service the Bulltown Campground and other improvement in the area.

The representative further explained that the

project was projected to cost \$6.6 million. Grand funds, currently on track, would amount to \$4.4 million with \$2.2 million coming from other sources. Whitehair requested that the Commission allocate \$125,000 of their American Recover Plan (ARP) funds, to the project. Following the discussion, Larry Clifton made a motion to approve the request.

Addi Facemire, Director of Braxton County Testing Services was first to appear before the Commission. She gave a report on activities of her agency for the month of June. She told the Commission they BCTS had conducted 100 drug screens and that two individuals had successfully completed the terms of their home confinement and had been released.

John Hoffman, OES/9-1-1/EMS Director brought several items before the Commission. He presented monthly reports for both the OES/9-1-1 and EMS. A total of 2,754 calls came into Braxton Control during the month of June. Of those 678 resulted in some type of emergency response. Local law enforcement agency received 183 of those calls; 177 were fire department related; 170 were EMS and 2 resulted in field responses by the Office of Emergency Services (OES).

Hoffman also reviewed the month EMS break-

down prepared by EMS Supervisor Kenny Summers.

The Director requested Barbara Adams, Jody Beall and Fred Thompson be reappointed to three-year terms on the Braxton County E-9-1-1 Advisory Board. That request was granted via a motion by Larry Clifton.

Hoffman stated that Telecommunicator Brent Moore was taking his retirement and would like to be changed from a full-time to part-time employee. In lieu of the vacancy, Hoffman requested that Philip McKown be moved from part-time to full-time. McKown will receive full county benefits and \$12.00 per hour. The request drew the unanimous approval of the Commission.

In other business, the Commission approved the short form settlements as presented by the Fiduciary Supervisor for George Dewey Keener Jr., Norma Sue Robinson, John W. Shaw Sr., and Thomas Edward Tichner.

Correction of Erroneous Assessments were approved for the following: Cynthia Wilson, Russell & Carol Facmire, Jason & Sarah Rexroad, Jeremy Sears, John W. Kennen Jr., and Rebecca Shaver estate.

Three purchase orders were up for consideration. Before acting on the requests Larry Clifton

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Braxton Magistrate Report

Magistrate Beth Smith
July 8: Sarah M. Rogers of Tonawanda, NY, speeding, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed and paid.

July 19: Brenda Joyce Pittman of Flatwoods, driving suspended, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; James Frederick Jeffries of Stonewood, speeding, no contest plea, driving suspended, no contest plea, fines/court costs assessed; Gina Carol Henry of Buffalo, DUI-2nd offense, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$2500 personal recognizance.

Magistrate David Singleton
July 11: Darius Davis of Gassaway, improper registration, no contest plea, no proof of insurance, guilty plea, fines/court costs assessed.

July 12: Howard Douglas Stout of Heaters, driving suspended-general, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed.

July 13: Amy Lynn Jenkins of Burnsville, shoplifting, no contest plea, petit larceny, guilty plea, receiving/transferring stolen goods, dismissed, 180 days of jail, suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation, fine/court costs assessed; Malissa Ann Marsh of Sutton, child abuse resulting in injury, dismissed; Joann Vance of Cameron, destruction of property, dismissed, officer no longer available.

July 14: William Lee

Surwilo, Jr. of Duck, obstructing an officer, battery on an officer, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$2500 cash, surety, or 10% to the court; Justin Michael Brown of Bickmore, no proof of insurance, no contest plea, expired MVI, no contest plea, fines/court costs assessed; Jesse Ryan Tharp of Sutton, possession of meth, no contest plea, public intoxication, no contest plea, fines/court costs assessed; Jordan L. Metheney of Grantsville, possession of controlled substance, dismissed, defendant completed drug rehab program; Delbert D. Fisher, Jr. of Burnsville, obstructing an officer, guilty plea, battery on an officer, guilty plea, assault, dismissed per plea, assault on an officer x2, dismissed per plea, driving suspended, dismissed per plea, leaving the scene of an accident, dismissed per plea, 180 days of jail with credit for time served of 15 days, remainder suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation, fine/court costs assessed.

July 15: James Denver Criner of Frametown, obstructing an officer, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$2000 personal recognizance, driving revoked-3rd offense, warrant issued, bond set at \$10,000 cash only; Haley Jeanine Gibson of Frametown, obstructing an officer, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$1500 personal recognizance; Hannibal

Taft Ryan, IV of Spencer, grand larceny, conspiracy, warrant issued, fleeing with reckless indifference, fraudulent registration, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$25,000 cash only; Hardy Arner of Little Birch, possession of meth, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$2000 personal recognizance; Charlie R. Allen of Burnsville, petit larceny, dismissed, receiving or transferring stolen goods, dismissed, evidence is inconclusive of defendant's participation; Andrew McKinley Brooks of Indian Island, SC, cell phone violation, no contest plea, fine assessed and paid; Ronnie Jack Thayer, Jr. of Burnsville, driving suspended, guilty plea, fine/court costs assessed; Timothy Joseph Cooper of Swiss, reckless driving, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; Howard Douglas Stout of Sutton, driving suspended, no contest plea, fraudulent MVI, no contest plea, no proof of insurance, no contest plea, fraudulent registration, no contest plea, fines/court costs assessed; Teressa Mae Perry of Normantown, no proof of insurance, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed.

July 18: Donald Lee Bowers of Napier, fleeing with reckless indifference, warrant issued, bond set at \$5000 cash or surety; Kevin Byrd of West Union, burglary, grand larceny, conspiracy, warrant issued, bond set at \$50,000 cash only.



The Sutton Dam looms over the early-morning bustle of boaters waiting for their time to launch into the 2022 Elk River Summer Float.

Elk River Summer Float Draws Over 300 Boats

By Fernando Rodriguez

Good water, great weather, and over 300 registered boats contributed to the success of the largest ever gathering of worthy watercrafts at the seventh 2022 Elk River Summer Float. A steady long line of vehicles carrying all types of kayaks and canoes passed by the busy registration shelter to unload the crafts at the launch site. The vehicles were then driven to the Elk River Camp and RV, the site where the boats were taken out of the water and then home. A shuttle bus then brought the kayakers back to the Sutton Dam area to launch their boats.

Z-Mans Barbecue set up shop at the Elk River Camp and RV site and offered a special BBQ meal deal.

Orchestration and promotion of the Elk River Summer Float was accomplished by Braxton

County Convention and Visitors Bureau Director Andrew Smith and his staff and sponsored by WV American Water, Mon Power, The Spot, Elk River Paddle and Yak, Sports Connection, and Visit Braxton, WV! There were rumors of Bigfoot sightings along the banks of the Elk River. I guess Bigfoot doesn't like the water, so it stayed in the woods.

Due to a first-time requirement by the Sutton Lake US Army Corps of Engineers, The CVB staff could not partake in the festivities the day of the Float. The on-site Registration, the landing at the Elk River Camp and RV, and all other activities were handled by Lori Dittman, owner of Elk River Paddle & Yak in Gassaway, and her hardworking team of volunteers.

The Elk River Summer Float is one of the largest

events taking place in the town of Sutton. It attracts folk from as far as Las Vegas to the New England area. Events of this magnitude demand the cooperation of the different businesses and agencies in the Braxton County area. The Float brings attention to Sutton Lake, the Elk River, the Sutton Dam, and the Sutton Dam recreation area. We depend on the cooperation of the Sutton Lake US Army Corps of Engineers in order to make this, the Dam 5K race, and other events that take place in the area to happen.

Thank you to all for providing a fun, safe, super-enjoyable event where folks of all ages are able to participate and enjoy.

Visit Braxton WV! Tourist information center and home of the Flatwoods Monster Museum is located at 208 Main Street, 304-765-6533. Check out

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New Superintendent Discusses Objectives with BoE

The Board of Education for Braxton County held their most recent meeting on Tuesday, July 19.

Board President Evelyn Post opened the meeting by reminding the board members of their goal setting special meeting on July 27. She also discussed WVDE Policy 2322. The state policy is for accountability of Board of Educations throughout the state. During her recent presidents' retreat, the policy was discussed and the state will be doing audits of agendas and meeting minutes this year to make sure boards in compliance with the policy.

Director Linda Sears gave a brief update to board members on the fourth week of summer school. She noted students are really enjoying the field trips. She informed the board, at the middle school students worked on more construction projects for the outdoor area as part of their unit on measurement. Director Sears also reported the high school credit recovery is still ongoing and more students are coming in for classes.

Superintendent Dr. Rhonda Combs discussed

her plans moving forward in reference to her continuous school improvement updates. She stated she planned on sharing the most recent data as it was available and will discuss this in more detail at the upcoming special meeting.

Dr. Combs stated the summer program was a huge positive for the schools with the large number of students attending. She also plans on working with the directors over the summer with continuing professional development and the back to school continuing education plans.

She is still working with Director Brenda Wells and John Hoffman on school safety plans and wants to complete a full safety audit of all of the schools to help with the planning.

Director of Attendance Tim Via gave a brief overview of open enrollment and out of attendance area policies because of questions from the last meeting. The state open enrollment policy states the county has to allow out of county enrollment if room is available for the grade level requested. These students do not

have to go into their first choice school if room is not available there, but can be placed in another school that has an opening available. The out of attendance area students are in county students asking to attend schools out of their attendance area. If more students than openings apply for a place, a lottery drawing takes place by the board for placement.

Head Start Director Christina Bailey presented the board with the Head Start grant application of which the majority, 68%, goes to salaries for the program. Currently Braxton has eight classrooms with eight teachers and eight assistants. The grant allows for 70% of their salaries to be covered. The county has two family service positions which are 100% funded and a pre-k/head start coordinator which receives 99% salary funding. Also 100% funded by the Head Start grant is two part-time academic coaches and Director Bailey at 33% and her secretary at 35%. Included

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Legislative Update

By Delegate Brent Boggs

As grandkids grow older, the time you get to spend with them as grandparents depend on making the time and effort to work around their increasingly busy schedules. Jean and I had a wonderful week with Carson and Kenzie. Soon to enter their final year of middle school in Hurricane, they wanted to come up and stay with us after the previous week at church camp in Cowen. Helping us work around the property was offset with swimming, fishing, sharing stories and lots of laughter in the house. The golden retrievers stick with them like glue when the kids and grandkids visit, with Waldo and Buddy always watching or listening for their “kids”.

It was sad news to learn of the passing of Virginia “Gigi” Manchin, First Lady of Glenville State University, and wife of GSU President Dr. Mark Manchin. Mrs. Manchin passed away on July 13 after an extended illness. Gigi was a wonderful lady, and her passing is a tremendous loss to family, friends, the GSU community, and all West Virginians. Gigi and Mark marked 50 years of marriage last month. Jean and I extend our deepest condolences to Mark, their children and grandchildren, and the entire Manchin and Mastroguiseppe family during this time of sadness.

The monthly interim legislative meetings for July will be held July 24 – 26 at the Capitol. Below is the complete schedule for each of the meetings next week. Also built into the schedule appears to be potential time

for the special session mentioned by Governor Justice several days ago. However, as of this writing on Sunday night, legislators have yet to receive official notification or proclamation normally issued by the Governor, including any special session agenda items.

Tax income cuts remain the mystery item if a session is called in conjunction with the interim meetings. More studies and articles emerge daily and the example of what happened in Kansas several years ago when cutting taxes leads to raising other taxes and fees. What’s worse, most of these tax cuts tend to strongly favor the top earners, while the low- and middle-income folks bear the burden. I hope details emerge this week so the public can weigh in on any proposal. Otherwise, it gives me pause for concern.

Sunday, July 24
1:00 PM Joint Commission on Economic Development
House Judiciary
1:00 PM Post Audits Subcommittee
Senate Finance
2:00 PM Select Committee on PEIA, Seniors and Long-Term Care
House Gov. Org.
2:00 PM Agriculture and Rural Development
Senate Judiciary
3:00 PM Legislative Oversight Commission on Education Accountability
Senate Finance
3:00 PM Joint Legislative Committee on Flooding
Senate Judiciary
5:00 PM Joint Legislative Oversight Commission on Dept. of Transportation Accountability
Senate Judiciary
6:00 PM Naming Resolutions Subcommittee

Senate Judiciary
Monday, July 25
8:00 AM Joint Standing Committee on Pensions and Retirement
Senate Finance
9:00 AM Joint Standing Committee on Finance
House Chamber
9:00 AM Joint Standing Committee on the Judiciary
Senate Chamber
1:00 PM Forest Management Review Commission
Senate Finance
1:00 PM Joint Committee on Children and Families
Senate Judiciary
3:00 PM Commission on Special Investigations
Senate Finance
3:00 PM Select Committee on Infrastructure
Senate Judiciary
4:00 PM Select Committee on Veterans’ Affairs
Senate Judiciary
5:00 PM Joint Committee on Government Operations
House Chamber
5:00 PM Joint Standing Committee on Government Organization
House Chamber
5:00 PM Joint Standing Committee on Education
Senate Chamber
Tuesday, July 26, 2022
9:00 AM Joint Committee on Health
House Gov. Org.
1:00 PM Labor and Worker Safety Issues
House Judiciary
2:00 PM Legislative Oversight Committee on Regional Jail and Correctional Facility Authority
Senate Judiciary
2:00 PM Joint Committee on Government and Finance
Senate Finance
4:00 PM Joint Committee on Natural Gas Development
House Chamber
4:00 PM Joint Standing Committee on Energy
House Chamber
4:00 PM Legislative Oversight Commission on Health and Human Resources
Accountability
Senate Finance

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

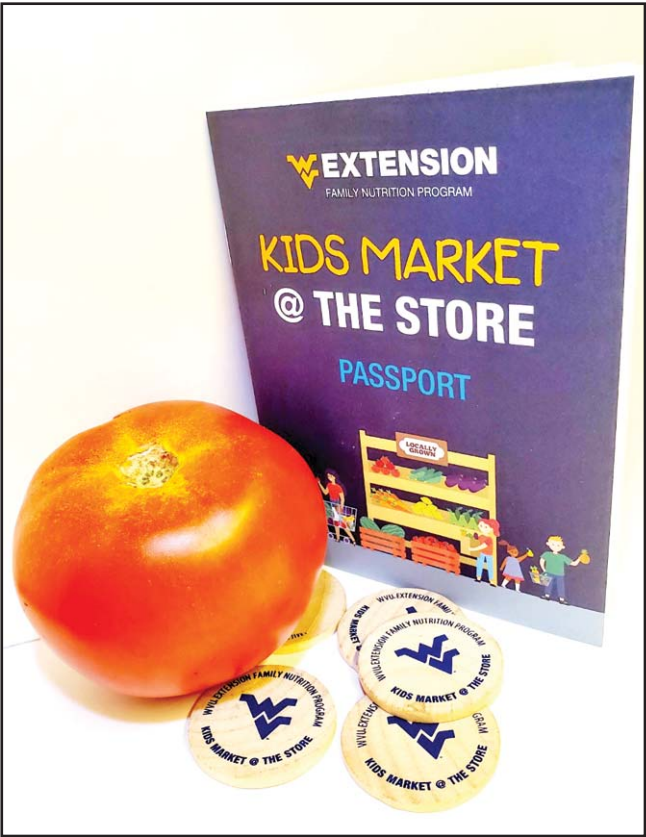
Remember to thank a Veteran every day for their service and remember our troops - at home and abroad - and keep them and their families in your thoughts and prayers. Until next week, take care.

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

Commission...

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made a motion to void PO# 744 to Amazon for LED flashlights due to not having a charge account with the company. PO# 752 was the first to be approved. The Sheriff’s Law Enforcement Division will purchase 6 LED Stinger Flashlights from Galls at a cost of \$1,170.53.

The Sheriff will also benefit from a purchase order to Evans Auto for \$1,142.21 for 4 tires, brake pads and an oil change to the 2014 Ford Taurus cruiser.

The final purchase order approved authorized Bay Diesel Corporation to repair a generator at the 9-1-1 Center at a cost of \$639.72

Following a brief discussion, Larry Clifton made a motion to proceed with gathering prices toward purchasing bullet proof vests for the Animal Control Officer and the Process Server.

The Commission voted to raise the mileage reimbursement rate to 62.5 cents per mile for county employees and office holders in light of the rising gasoline prices. That process will be monitored and adjusted if the price at the pumps falls significantly.

Melvin Gum made a motion to renew the agreement with Global Science & Technology Inc. to license, maintain and support the County’s website for one year, beginning July 1, 2022, at a cost of \$1,995.

The Commission approved the purchase of a new riding lawnmower for the Animal Shelter not to exceed \$2,500.

Commission President Lisa Godwin outlined an upcoming public meeting

to voice concerns and complaints regarding Frontier phone service. (See accompanying article for details.)

Following a review Melvin Gum made a motion to approve the county and EMS invoices.

A separate motion approved the minutes of the Commission’s July 1 meeting.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Braxton County Commission will convene at 9:00 a.m. on August 5.

Float...

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their Facebook page for upcoming events https://www.facebook.com/braxtonwv

Elk River Paddle and Yak is in Gassaway and may be reached at 304-314-3880. Check out their website for info on kayak rental and shuttle service for the Elk River. https://elkriverpaddleandyak.com/ and their Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/elkriverpaddleandyak

Board...

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in the grant application is funding for background checks, supplies, training and travel. She also noted that all head start/pre-k playgrounds have been updated through the program as well with head start pandemic funds.

Under regular business, the board approved the following consent agenda items

on a motion by Dr. Kenna Seal with a second by Larry Hardway: payment of bills; budget transfers and supplements and treasurer’s report.

The following professional, service, and extra-curricular personnel recommendations were approved on a motion by Lisa Ratliff with a second by Kevin Gregory: employment of Amy Perkins, from assistant principal, BCMS to principal, BCMS, Johnna Cable, 2022 summer-special education supervisory/instructional/transportation aide (as needed), Jennifer Arambula, flag/majorette coach, BCHS, and Forrest Taylor, head track coach, BCMS; and resignations for Carmen Skiles, second grade teacher, Burnsville, and Sherry Moats, substitute aide and cook.

Also approved by the board on two separate motions were permission to post for BCHS girls soccer coach and permission to post classroom instructional aide, 1st/2nd grade, Burnsville, and English as a second language instructional support specialist, part-time position. Board member Kevin Gregory asked about the federal source for those two positions. Director of Federal Programs Kim Denison stated the aid was coming from a continued school improvement federal funds and the specialist was from Title I funds.

The board approved the permission to attend school in Braxton County on a motion by Dr. Seal with a second by Lisa Ratliff.

Fundraisers from Little Birch, BCMS and BCHS were approved on a motion by Kevin Gregory with a second by Lisa Ratliff.

The board ended the meeting with the appointment of board members to various committees. Lisa Ratliff will serve on the 4-H Extension Service committee, Dr. Kenna Seal with continue with the Head Start Advisory Committee, Larry Hardway will now serve on the Recreation Authority, and Kevin Gregory will sit on the new School Safety/Crisis Management committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm. The next regular meeting will be August 2 at 6:00 pm in the board office. As always, members of the Braxton County community are encouraged to attend regular board meetings. Any parent or concerned community member wishing to speak as a delegate or with public concerns may do so by signing in up to 15 minutes prior to the start of the meeting.

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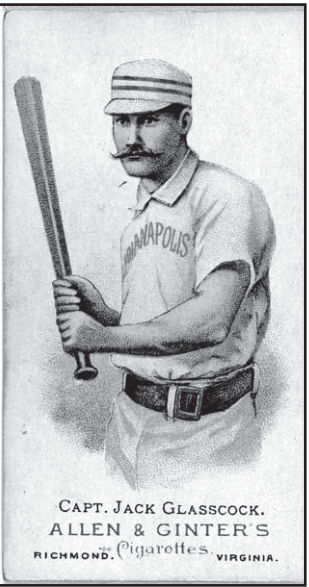
This Week in West Virginia History

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 20, 2010: Carte Goodwin became the nation's youngest senator when he took the oath of office. Goodwin was appointed to fill Robert C. Byrd's seat in the U.S. Senate following Byrd's death.



July 21, 1924: Don Knotts was born in Morgantown. Knotts will be forever remembered as Barney Fife on the "Andy Griffith Show."



July 22, 1859: Athlete John Wesley "Jack" Glasscock was born in Wheeling. Glasscock, who played bare-handed, became one of baseball's premier shortstops in the 19th century.

July 22, 1937: Musician Tommy Thompson was born in St. Albans, Kanawha County. Through his group the Red Clay Ramblers and a career that spanned four decades, Thompson

Just One Generation: Kitty Korner Adoptable Cats

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 until after Labor Day.

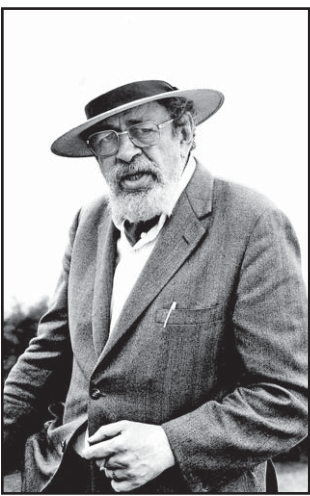
Our spay/neuter assistance program will continue during this time. For information and registration for Spay/Neuter Assist, you can contact Diane Ratliff at 978-317-1941. If you have thoughtfully considered pet ownership, NOW may be the time to add a feline friend to your family.

Our program still has several healthy, social cats and kittens that are available for a modest adoption fee. Adoption fees include immunizations, deworming, flea

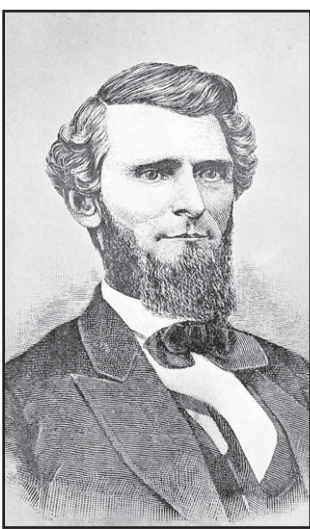
played a major role in keeping old-time music alive.



July 23, 1863: Financier and industrialist Isaac Thomas Mann was born in Greenbrier County. As president of the Bank of Bramwell and president of the Pocahontas Fuel Company for three decades, "Ike" Mann held vast holdings in coal, timber, and especially financial institutions.



July 23, 1919: Novelist Davis Grubb was born in Moundsville. His renown came with his first novel, Night of the Hunter (1953), a gripping suspense story adapted to film in 1955 and for television in 1991.



July 24, 1823: Arthur Boreman, West Virginia's first governor, was born in Waynesburg, Pennsylvania. Boreman's family moved to Middlebourne, Tyler County, while he was still an infant.

July 24, 1919: Sam Taylor of Mercer County took the oath to become a member of the West Virginia State Police, the first person to do so. During his tenure with the State Police, Taylor tracked moonshiners and bootleggers, and helped to set up new state police detachments.



July 24, 1942: Actor Chris Sarandon was born in Beckley. A film, stage and television performer, some of his credits include The Nightmare Before Christmas, The Princess Bride and an Oscar nomination for Dog Day Afternoon.

July 25, 1864: A colony of eight Catholic nuns set out from Washington, D.C., and Frederick, Maryland, for Parkersburg. The sisters, who created a monastery there and named it DeSales Heights, ran a boarding school for young women for 75 years.

July 26, 1942: Camp Washington-Carver was dedicated and opened to the public. The camp, located at Clifftop, Fayette County, was the first 4-H camp for African-Americans in the country. The camp's great chestnut lodge is the largest log structure in West Virginia.

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



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

Sutton Baptist Church hosts Annual Block Party

Join the Sutton Baptist Church for our annual block party on Saturday, August 20 at 5:00 to 7:00 P.M.

We will be giving out one hundred free backpacks with school supplies. We will have carnival games, free food, and a fun time

for the whole family. All are welcome.

Sutton Baptist Church exists to worship God, teach people to grow spiritually, provide opportunities to serve others, and encourage one another in fellowship while reaching the community for Jesus Christ.

Town of Flatwoods Council holds meeting June meeting

The Town of Flatwoods Council meeting was held on June 21, at the Flatwood Municipal Building. Mayor Dale Ball called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Opening Prayer was led by Councilman Luke Malensek

Members present: Mayor Dale Ball, Treasurer/Recorder Lisa Hamrick, Council Members: Brenda Ball, Jake Hamrick, Dennis Miller, and Luke Malensek,

Citizens present: Linda James, Lorie Brown, and Danny Lee Smallwood Jr.

Lisa Hamrick read the minutes from April 19, 2022, meeting. Luke Malensek made the motion to approve the minutes as read. Jake Hamrick seconded. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Lisa Hamrick read the Treasurer's Report. Luke Malensek made the motion to approve the report as read. Keith Long seconded. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Under Citizen's Concerns the following items were discussed: Miracle Street has holes in the road that are becoming deeper. Depot Street has

2 potholes and the road is turning into river when it rains.

Luke Malensek said that there are cats running loose around Flatwoods Baptist church. Lorie gave an update on 4th of July. Kowboyz is coming to perform, there will be chips, cookies, and drinks. The Police Department will have a giveaway for Project Child Safe.

Dennis Miller was recognized for helping with 4th of July entertainment.

Motion was made by Keith Long for the following new business license, The Shoppe. Dennis Miller seconded. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Motion was made by Luke Malensek for the following renewal business licenses: Braxton Community Coalition; Connie's Creations, LLC; Evolution Fitness; Flatwoods Monster Fest; Keith's Alignment and Mechanical; Kellington Protection Service, LLC; Kniceley's Insurance Agency; L & K Car Wash; Link Media Outdoor; Schwan's Home Service; Stockert Funeral Home and Cremation; The Spot; and Triplett Business Services, Inc. Jake Hamrick

seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

New Business: Lisa Hamrick read the bill list; Luke Malensek made a motion to approve the bill list as read. Dennis Miller seconded. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Dennis Miller made a motion to have the town side by side to be looked at for repairs. Luke Malensek seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Jake Hamrick made a motion to purchase active shooter Armor Kit and helmet in the amount of \$2000 to be purchased out of American Rescue Plan Funds. Luke Malensek seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Dennis Miller made a motion to table salt spreader purchase until the side by side is repaired. Jake Hamrick seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Jake Hamrick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Luke Malensek seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Dad's Recliner

By: Joseph J. Mazzella

When I was 5 years old my Dad, Mom, two brothers and I all lived in my Nana's 70 year old ramshackle house. We didn't really own anything but since we didn't feel poor, we weren't poor. We grew our own food, patched our own clothes, and were happy. And after school each day I would play outside and wait patiently for my Dad to get home from work.

He would always arrive tired and covered in grease from working as an auto mechanic. I would wait as he scrubbed the oil off his hands and changed out of his dirty, grimy coveralls. Then he would settle into his worn out old recliner while my Mom and Nana cooked dinner. And with a smile he'd let me climb on his lap so we could watch TV together. I still remember his thick, calloused hands holding mine and his strong arms around me. I always felt so safe there, so peaceful, so content, and so loved.

Now I am 55 years old. My hair, what there is left of it, is mostly gray. I have wrinkles and laugh lines as deep as canyons. My body often feels achy. I have a bad back and a bit of a belly. I get mail urging me to join the AARP. I am the oldest generation alive in my

family with Dad, Mom, and Nana all in Heaven. Yet, a part of me is still that 5 year old boy. A part of me still longs to climb in that beat up old recliner with my Dad one more time. I want to tell him how much I love him and thank him for always making me feel safe and loved and happy as a child. Instead I look up to the skies and send my thanks and my

love heavenward. I do so because I know that Dad and my Heavenly Father are watching over me and loving me even now.

Life here goes by so fast, yet each moment of it is precious. Cherish them all then. Fill every one of them with love, laughter, kindness, smiles, hugs, and joy. Sit back and enjoy every second life gives you no matter how beat up or worn out your recliner may be.



Olivia Ramsey Recieves James Lambert Scholarship

Pictured is Olivia Ramsey with her check from the James Lambert Scholarship.

Olivia begins her journey to become a nurse this fall. Congratulations to her and best of luck!!

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On the Other Side of the Mountain

In order to keep up with the demand of the farm and the garden, we need to increase the hours of the day or I need to find a way to get back to my speed of functioning I had about 20 years ago! Both options are unrealistic, so some things don't get done, or are delayed considerably. Sometimes one can have the best intentions of taking care of at least one item on the to-do list, then maybe rainy weather interferes, the tractor breaks down, the tool breaks or I get into a yellow jacket nest and the weed eating comes to a halt, while I try to keep away from the angry nest protectors.

It is the height of the season, and we are able to pick fresh produce every day. The blueberries are just about over, but we still have raspberries and blackberries are only starting. The beans are blooming but not ready for harvesting anything yet. We have summer squash, cucumbers, many different varieties of greens, tomatoes from the hoop house and on top of it, the offerings from the woods, mushrooms. It has been hot and humid, perfect conditions for mushrooms to grow. We only pick and eat mushrooms we know well, like puffballs, chanterelles, oyster mushrooms, morels, old man of the woods, chicken of the woods (or sulfur mushroom) and hen of the woods. Morels can be found in the spring if we are lucky. We used to find them under old apple trees, but the past few years they have disappeared. Deer and turkeys ate them and disturbed the mycelium that produces the mushrooms.

Mushrooms are the fruiting body of their underground network, called the mycelium. Mycelium is a fungal network, consisting of a thread-like structure underground or in rotting tree trunks. This feathery filament breaks down organic matter, feeds on it and when it reaches a certain stage of growth it will produce a mushroom, which will make spores above ground. These spores are dispersed by the wind and each spore is capable of starting a mycelium underground. It is a perfect example of decomposition and regeneration. We have not seen any puffballs this year so far, but there is still time for them to show up.

I look for chanterelles in the same places every year and they never disappoint us. Oyster mushrooms pop up on deciduous trees that are laying on the ground or on dead trees still standing. They are a fast growing species. Sulfur mushrooms are bright orange, often very big and have a meat-like, very firm texture. If you are interested in harvesting wild mushrooms but are not able to identify them, contact a mycologist, the Extension Office or somebody who is familiar with collecting mushrooms. You can show them samples you have collected and they can verify their safety for you to eat them. There are also workshops in federal and state parks during the height of the mushroom season where one can learn what to look for. It was the late Herman Cutlip who made sure we were familiar with chanterelles as not to confuse



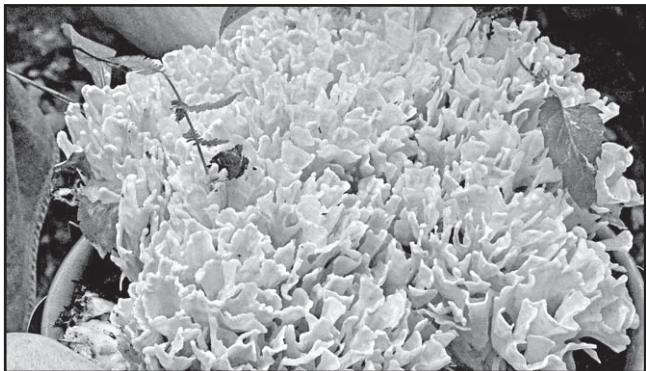
What we picked this morning.



Oyster mushrooms.



Ghost or Indian plant.



Cauliflower mushroom.

them with the poisonous look alike, the Jack-o-Lanterns. Trish Hooker also educated us that when we collect mushrooms not to use plastic bags, but a porous basket that spreads possible spores along our trip.

We love all the mushrooms I mentioned above. They are delicious, different from store-bought ones. Sometimes I pick a mess for lunch, sometimes we end up with a bounty of them. We used to dry them, but I found a better option for folks who don't plan ahead their choice of items for a meal. I cook them for a few minutes (till tender) in a little bit of butter, sometimes more than a little bit. If you are afraid of using butter, coconut or olive oil are good alternatives.

First clean off all dirt, leaves, roots from the mushrooms, then wash off all sand or other debris. Immediately after washing cut them in sizes you prefer, then put them in the frying pan that contains your favorite grease, fat or oil. I cook them ca 8 minutes, then put them in a stainless-steel bowl to cool down, while I prepare the next batch.

Once they have cooled off, I put them in Ziplock bags in portions I consider reasonable for us. After labeling we put them in the freezer.

That's what I find so convenient. If we feel we would love to have some chanterelles with our rice, on top of a cheese sandwich, with some pasta or in an omelette, we take them out of the freezer and heat them up in a pan. The butter prevents them from sticking to the pot and within minutes they are available for any recipe, while the dried mushrooms need pre-planning,

soaking for at least 30 minutes then cooking for an extended period of time and not tasting as fresh as the frozen ones.

Last year we discovered for the first time what mushroom lovers call "the elusive mushroom". We had never encountered it on our farm and when we first saw it, we wondered what kind of beautiful, white, curly monster grew under a dead oak stump. It was about 10" to 12" across, hard to ignore. We checked out the photo that Greg took with images on the internet and it turned out to be a "cauliflower" mushroom, a delicacy, but rare. We picked it and tried out if it met the expectations of its aficionados. It fulfilled all of our expectations, as far as flavor and texture are concerned. As luck would have it, it grew again in its original place but also across the road in the woods with two heads, under a dead oak tree, still standing.

Nature has so many surprises and it never ceases to fascinate us, be it flowers, birds, insects, mushrooms, ghost pipes. Every day offers something new and rewarding. Being connected with nature is therapeutic for body and mind.

Today I thought I accomplished everything that was urgent for this ONE day, but I soon realized that I cheated, crossing out an item that was just partially completed. Now I feel I cheated myself. Well, tomorrow is another day. If I were a politician, cheating and lying would be my nature and would not bother me in the least. We have to realize the lower the approval rating for an elected official, the more honest and trustworthy he or she is.



Pat's Chats

By Pat Ridpath



Leroy Gail Wine with Jane Wine Freshour (before she started school).

When I wrote Pat's Chat last week I mentioned that Seventh-day Adventists are interested in helping with matters that have to do with physical and mental health. Our congregations often have classes in some subject to do with those areas of our lives, along with the spiritual teachings. I saw a sweet story on Facebook that got my attention. I hope you will enjoy it as much as I did. Here it is, copied straight from Jane Wine Freshour's facebook:

"Jane Wine Freshour is with Linda Buck Wine.

"Folks I'm sure most of you know this dirty, rotten, low down scoundrel that I love with all my heart.

"This is my Uncle Leroy Gail Wine with me at my grandma Wine's house at Copen. He was always so good to me. Took me fishing down by the Church next to Mary Childers' house and I got a fishhook in my finger. I think it about scared him to death. It didn't take him long getting me to the house.

"I wasn't in school yet and he took me to a play at Burnsville School along

with a date. I sat between them in the car and at the play. I wasn't letting her sit beside my Uncle.

"I still have a little pearl necklace he sent me when he was overseas in the Air Force. You don't forget those things.

"He would always tease me and ask me what I was going to get him for Christmas. Why I came up with the answer I'll never know but I told him I was getting him a pig's tail. Well, when one of the neighbors butchered mom got the pig's tail and put it in the freezer. Guess what he got? He was flabbergasted, he couldn't believe I even remembered that from months before. Got him good that time.

"I loved doing things to him to get him fired up, it didn't take much, lol. Just mention Merle Haggard, politics, etc. and that's all it took. He always called me Storma Jane.

"Family referred to him as 'The Boy' and that he was. Now to get to the reason I'm posting this today.

"My Uncle Leroy is 45 years sober today and I am so proud of him. I

know it couldn't have been easy, but he did it. He has stayed in AA and speaks to different groups. If he could do it, anyone can. Just wish he didn't live in Colorado so we could be together.

"I love you B-tweet!"

The Bible is filled with many warnings about drinking, and I am sure drugs would be included. Proverbs 23, the whole chapter tells it like it is. Verses 29 through 32 says "Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentious: who hath babbling? who hath redness of eyes? Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder." Most people do not hesitate to drink, many of them do not know what it can do to you. Like Mr. Leroy Wine above, he learned the hard way and has tried ever since to warn others of the danger. Hollywood doesn't pay any attention and even Hallmark (the innocent romantic icon for young people) proudly displays the use of a toast, a drink of liquor on every occasion. This same chapter, Proverbs 23, gives other serious warnings, but still we go on our merry way destroying God's temple, our bodies. See verse 2 in this chapter. It says "put a knife to thy throat, if thou be a man given to appetite. (That steps on my toes!!) I did not change Jane's note except added a few spaces between sentences and a couple of apostrophes. God has given us an amazing body and promises to live in us by His Holy Spirit. How can we dare to abuse this gift He has given to each of us! Yet, in spite of all of our failings, He has promised never to leave us or forsake us (Deuteronomy 31:8).

(i Coriathians 6:19 & 20: "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and you are not your own? - For ye are bought with a price' therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." It is God's temple we are destroying when we yield to temptations to do destructive, unhealthy things to our body.)

Maranatha

My First Vacation Bible School

By: Jeanette Riffle

Many churches are into Vacation Bible School right now. This evening was the first night of VBS for Rosedale Baptist and it will run through this Thursday with a program on Friday evening. I remember my first experience with VBS. I was five years old and my brother, Brock Stewart, was two. Dad came home from the country store at Normantown, with the exciting news that Rev. Fell Kennedy was going to start a VBS at the Lockney community building. Dad's mother, Grace Stewart, would go and we could ride down to Lockney with her. Also, we had a neighbor, Bess Moore, that could take us if Grandmother didn't go every day. When the time came for the first day of it, Mom got my brother and I ready and she told me to look out for him as he was so young. There was a good attendance and I remember the action songs and the refreshments. My brother learned that song about , "I'm in the Lord's Army." That one is still used at VBS. We sing it at Rosedale Baptist. Brock

sang it for Mom one day and she was so surprised that a two year old could remember all the verses. Her usual expression was, "Well, I swan."

I also remember going to VBS at my childhood church, Mt Pisgah Baptist, of Stumptown. Dad's aunt, Bess Smith Vanhorn, and her husband, Onnie Vanhorn, had the ministry there in later years when they came back to WV from out west. I was saved during VBS one summer when I was eleven years old. Great uncle , Onnie Vanhorn, baptized me in the creek that runs by the church. There was a missionary woman there that time and she helped with the teachings. My husband can't remember

any VBS up this way at Shock where he grew up. He remembers going to Sunday School at the one room school house when Homer Samson and Katie Twyman taught children's classes on Sunday afternoons after they had gone to their church. That building was used as a community building for whatever was needed. Elder Rodney Minney preached some of his first sermons there when he was called to preach. That building was in sight of us just a ways up the Tanner Rd. here by the bridge. It fell down in recent years. I will close for this time. I hope everyone is well and enjoying summer.

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

SHS Alumni Meeting to be Held at Senior Center

A "third" meeting has been scheduled for July 22, 2022 at 6PM. We will be meeting at the Senior Center Pavilion. Please bring a chair as there is limited seating. This meeting is to "once again" discuss the interest in SHS graduates

continuing with some sort of get together and hopefully make a final decision on whether we can continue. Questions, please call Marsha Lloyd 304-765-2414, Charlotte Chidester 304-765-2192, Dairell/Sally Browning 304-364-8293

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Distributor for the West Virginia Department of Agriculture (15 points of 100 possible)
2. Beef must be ground chuck (80/20) (15 points of 100 possible)
3. Delivery to our central storage on monthly dates established by customer. The projected dates will be the first Thursday of October, November, December, January, February, March, April and May unless it is a holiday. (15 points of 100 possible)
4. Beef must be packages in 10lb packages four packages to a case. This is essential for ordering and delivery to schools. (15 points of 100 possible)
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The first delivery of beef must

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PUBLIC NOTICE:

Proposed Amendments to the WV Constitution to be on the November 8, 2022, General Election Ballot are as follows:

Title of Amendment: "Amendment No. 1: Clarification of the Judiciary's Role in Impeachment Proceedings Amendment"
Summary of Purpose: Clarifying that courts have no authority or jurisdiction to intercede or intervene in or interfere with impeachment proceedings of the House of Delegates or the Senate; and specifying that a judgment rendered by the Senate following an impeachment trial is not reviewable by any court of this state.
Full Text of the Amendment:
ARTICLE IV.
§9. Impeachment of officials.
Any officer of the state may be impeached for maladministration, corruption, incompetency, gross immorality, neglect of duty, or any high crime or misdemeanor. The House of Delegates has the sole power of impeachment. The Senate has the sole power to try impeachments and no person shall be convicted without the concurrence of two thirds of the members elected thereto. When sitting as a court of impeachment, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals, or, if from any cause it be improper for him or her to act, then any other judge of that court, to be designated by it, shall preside; and the senators shall be on oath or affirmation, to do justice according to law and evidence. Judgment in cases of impeachment does not extend further than removal from office, and disqualification to hold any office of honor, trust or profit, under the state; but the party convicted remains liable to indictment, trial, judgment, and punishment according to law. The Senate may sit during the recess of the Legislature for the trial of impeachments. No court of this state has any authority or jurisdiction, by writ or otherwise, to intercede or intervene in, or interfere with, any impeachment proceedings of the House of Delegates or the Senate conducted hereunder; nor is any judgment rendered by the Senate following a trial of impeachment reviewable by any court of this state.

Title of Amendment: "Amendment No. 2: Property Tax Modernization Amendment"
Summary of Purpose: To amend the State Constitution by providing the Legislature with authority to exempt tangible machinery and equipment personal property directly used in business activity and tangible inventory personal property directly used in business activity and personal property tax on motor vehicles from ad valorem property taxation by general law.
Full Text of the Amendment:
ARTICLE X.
§1. Taxation and finance.
Subject to the exceptions in this section contained, taxation shall be equal and uniform throughout the state, and all property, both real and personal, shall be taxed in proportion to its value to be ascertained as directed by law. No one species of property from which a tax may be collected shall be taxed higher than any other species of property of equal value; except that the aggregate of taxes assessed in any one year upon personal property employed exclusively in agriculture, including horticulture and grazing, products of agriculture as above defined, including livestock, while owned by the producer, and money, notes, bonds, bills and accounts receivable, stocks and other similar intangible personal property shall not exceed fifty cents on each one hundred dollars of value thereon and upon all property owned, used and occupied by the owner thereof exclusively for residential purposes and upon farms occupied and cultivated by their owners or bona fide tenants, one dollar; and upon all other property situated outside of municipalities, one dollar and fifty cents; and upon all other property situated within municipalities, two dollars; and the Legislature shall further provide by general law for increasing the maximum rates, authorized to be fixed, by the different levying bodies upon all classes of property, by submitting the question to the voters of the taxing units affected, but no increase shall be effective unless at least sixty percent of the qualified voters shall favor such increase, and such increase shall not continue for a longer period than three years at any one time, and shall never exceed by more than fifty percent the maximum rate herein provided and prescribed by law; and the revenue derived from this source shall be apportioned by the Legislature among the levying units of the state in proportion to the levy laid in said units upon real and other personal property; but property used for educational, literary, scientific, religious or charitable purposes, all cemeteries, public property, tangible machinery and equipment personal property directly used in business activity, tangible inventory personal property directly used in business activity, personal property tax on motor vehicles, the personal property, including livestock, employed exclusively in agriculture as above defined and the products of agriculture as so defined while owned by the producers may by law be exempted from taxation; household goods to the value of two hundred dollars shall be exempted from taxation. The Legislature shall have authority to tax privileges, franchises, and incomes of persons and corporations and to classify and graduate the tax on all incomes according to the amount thereof and to exempt from taxation incomes below a minimum to be fixed from time to time, and such revenues as may be derived from such tax may be appropriated as the Legislature may provide. After the year nineteen hundred thirty-three, the rate of the state tax upon property shall not exceed one cent upon the hundred dollars valuation, except to pay the principal and interest of bonded indebtedness of the state now existing.

Title of Amendment: "Amendment No. 3: Incorporation of Churches or Religious Denominations Amendment"
Summary of Purpose: To authorize the incorporation of churches or religious denominations.
Full Text of Amendment:
Article VI. The Legislature.
§47. Incorporation of religious denominations permitted.
Provisions may be made by general laws for securing the title to church property, and for the sale and transfer thereof, so that it shall be held, used, or transferred for the purposes of such church or religious denomination. Provisions may also be made by general laws for the incorporation of churches or religious denominations.

Title of Amendment: "Amendment No. 4: Education Accountability Amendment"
Summary of Purpose: The purpose of this amendment is to clarify that the rules and policies promulgated by the State Board of Education, are subject to legislative review, approval, amendment, or rejection.
Full Text of Amendment:
ARTICLE XII. EDUCATION.
§2. Supervision of free schools.
Subject to the provisions of this section, the general supervision of the free schools of the State is vested in the West Virginia Board of Education which shall perform the duties prescribed by law. Under its supervisory duties, the West Virginia Board of Education may promulgate rules or policies which shall be submitted to the Legislature for its review and approval, amendment, or rejection, in whole or in part, in the manner prescribed by general law. The board shall consist of nine members to be appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, for overlapping terms of nine years. No more than five members of the board shall belong to the same political party, and in addition to the general qualifications otherwise required by the Constitution, the Legislature may require other specific qualifications for membership on the board. No member of the board may be removed from office by the Governor except for official misconduct, incompetence, neglect of duty, or gross immorality, and then only in the manner prescribed by law for the removal by the Governor of state elective officers.
The West Virginia Board of Education shall, in the manner prescribed by law, select the State Superintendent of Free Schools who shall serve at its will and pleasure. He or she shall be the chief school officer of the state and shall perform the duties prescribed by law.
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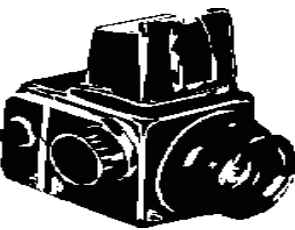
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A Photographic Look at...

2022 Elk River Summer Float A Lot of Paddle



From the left: Lydia Gibson, Heather Arnold, Ronna Dittman, Donna Conrad, and Lori Dittman.



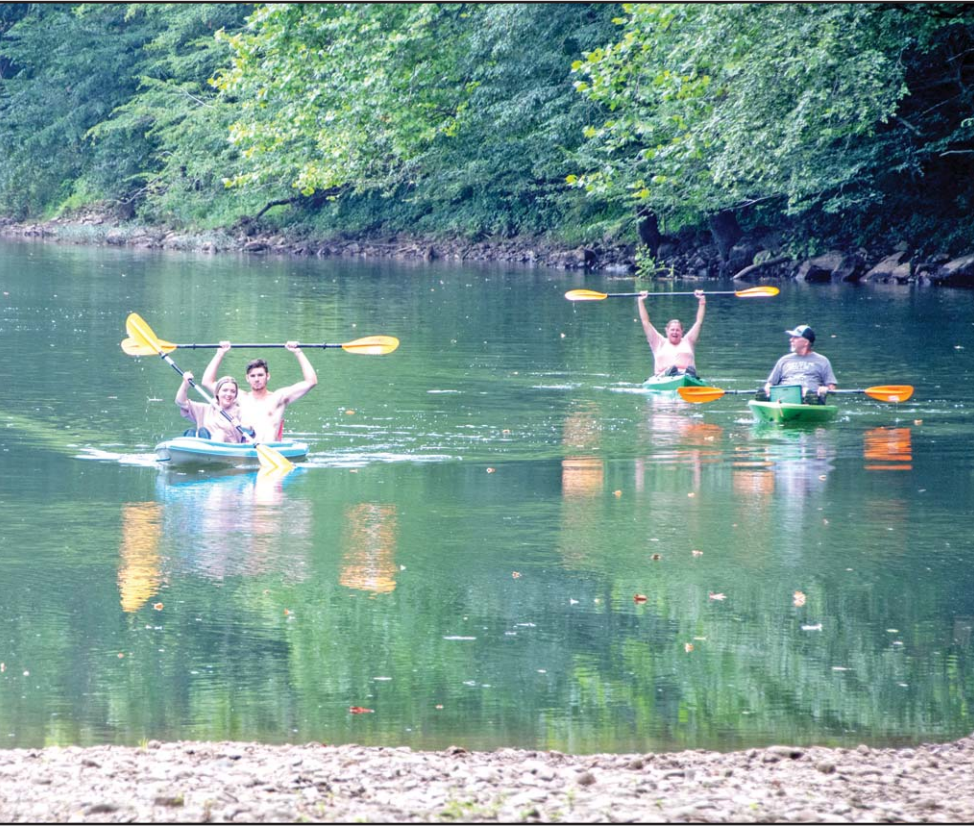
The Sutton Dam looms over the early-morning bustle of the 2022 Elk River Summer Float.



Steady long line of vehicles dropping off their boats.



Boaters waiting for their time to launch.



Photos courtesy of Fernando Rodriguez



BCHS HSTA Club volunteers at MFB

The Braxton County Eagles HSTA club had great day volunteering at the Mountaineer Food Bank!

These students gave up a day of their summer vacation to pack six hundred and forty food boxes to help feed senior citizens in West Virginia!

Ms. Lemon and Mr. Crow report that the students had a great CAMP experience this week, and can't wait to volunteer again. Braxton County High School is very proud of their efforts.

The Mountaineer Food Bank is still searching for individuals or groups to join them at the Sutton Warehouse for Volunteer Saturday on August 13th. Whether its for the full day or just a couple hours, the Mountaineer Food Bank could use your help!

Volunteer opportunities are also available during the week. Call our office at 304-364-5518 to learn more!



Braxton County Eagles HSTA Club.



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