

Mike Gioulis Receives Historic Preservation Award

By Fernando Rodriguez

Long-time Sutton resident and Historic Preservation Consultant Mike Gioulis received the Dr. Emory Kemp Lifetime Achievement Award at the Preservation Alliance of West Virginia's Annual WV Historic Preservation Awards Banquet held at the J.Q. Dickinson Salt-Works in Charleston.

This award recognizes Mike's life-long devotion and commitment to the preservation and restoration of historically significant properties throughout the state of West Virginia. Mike has dedicated his work in Historic Preservation in West Virginia since 1977, first as Historical Architect for the West Virginia Department of Culture and History and then as Assistant Director of the Historic Preservation Unit, where Mike participated in Survey and Planning grants, historic resource surveys, review of construction grant projects, and tax certification applications. Historic Preservation Tax credits for rehabilitation may be used to lower the cost of rehabilitating a historic property while providing for the preservation of the property.

He established his private practice in 1984 and has been involved in rehabilitation projects and design assistance programs for downtown structures, including services to the West Virginia Main Street Office, resulting in over eight hundred individual design projects, as well as workshops, resource team visits, and technical assistance responses.

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Mike wrote a Maintenance Manual for downtown property owners and has assisted countless property owners with successful tax certification applications, National Register nominations, revitalization of historic sites, and individual rehabilitation and restoration projects throughout the state.

Thanks to Mike's tireless work, many municipalities have been able to preserve and restore the historic integrity of their Downtown areas and individual structures. Mike conducts business out of his office on Main Street, Sutton, supported and fueled by Dot Gioulis, Mike's indefatigable and devoted partner and wife.

The Preservation Alliance of West Virginia "serves as the statewide grassroots organization dedicated to historic preservation in our Mountain State." The PAWV and its members support and promote historic preservation through education and outreach, advocacy, technical assistance, and heritage tourism development.

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from the National Park Service to help preserve West Virginia's endangered historic buildings, managed Preserve WV AmeriCorps program, which served twenty-nine sites across twenty counties (plus four statewide sites) in West Virginia and assisted in successful statewide efforts to make West Virginia's 25% Historic Tax Credit permanent.

The offices of the PAWV are in Elkins, WV. Visit their website at <https://www.pawv.org/>

The story of the J. Q. Dickinson Salt-Works goes back to the first drilling for brine in 1817. By the 1850's, production of salt was more than three million bushels of salt per year, making the Kanawha Valley the largest salt producing region of the United States, and earning them a Best Salt in The World award at the 1851 London World's Fair.

The J. Q. Dickinson Salt-Works is in Malden, WV, and offers tours of the salt-making process, as well as a shop offering arts and crafts in addition to many distinct types of salt. Visit their website and learn about this historically interesting enterprise. <https://www.jqdsalt.com/>



Mountaineer Food Bank, Hard at Work Feeding WV

The first six months of 2022 have flown by! Mountaineer Food Bank has been on the road serving all of their 48 counties and working on new ways to eradicate hunger in West Virginia. "We're constantly growing and evolving to streamline food accessibility and create an efficient system that better serves our community, especially those who may not know where their next meal will come from," says a MFB spokesperson.

"None of this work would be possible without the continued support of our donors, volunteers and community partners. We are extremely grateful for each and every person who has dedicated their time, talents and gifts to Mountaineer Food Bank."

With the help of their amazing staff and volunteers, they have distributed 10,658,529 lbs. of food and other household necessities to West Virginians in their service area!

From January 1 through June 30, 2022, MFB have conducted 236 mobile pantries, distributing 1,431,772 lbs. of food to 29,548 households (approximately 74,023 individuals). The Mobile Pantry Program allows people who live in "food deserts" to access fresh protein, produce, dairy and shelf-stable food items to sustain them and promote a healthy, well-balanced diet.

So far in the 2022 school year, the Food Bank has conducted 26 kids markets, serving 23,059 lbs. of food to 3,785 kids. Each child received a 7-10 lb. bag of fresh produce, as well as an educational component and recipes. "We look forward to teaching even more children the importance of incorporating fresh fruits and vegetables into their diets!"

Mountaineer Food Bank values the bravery and dedication of all individuals who are currently serving and have previously served in the US Military. As their way of giving back to those who have given so much, they have provided 219,989 lbs. of food to 6,241 veteran households. "We are extremely grateful for our partnership with the VA hospitals throughout the state, as well as the DAV and our other partners who help us continue feeding these families and individuals."

The Food Bank's Feeding Families Prime (FFP) Program is a holistic approach to the traditional food pantry. Launched in 2021, this program focuses on clients with pre-existing medical conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, high blood pressure, obesity and cancer. Although this program is free, it is not a hand-out rather a hand-up. So far, MFB has distributed 183,974 lbs. of food

through their 6 distribution sites.

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) works to improve the health of low-income elderly at least 60 years of age, and who meet income eligibility requirements. Through the CSFP, Mountaineer Food Bank provides nutritious monthly food boxes to local seniors. Each senior food box provides juices, milk, cereal or oatmeal, protein, vegetables, fruits, and cheese. "We've proudly distributed 30,000 lbs. of food to seniors this year."

Like the FFP Program, the Rx Pantry Program works with healthcare companies to offer healthy food to people who are picking up their prescriptions. The Food Bank believes that food is medicine, and wants to help those struggling with pre-existing health conditions to improve their lives with fresh produce, protein and dairy, as well as reduced sugar and sodium products. So far, this program has served 22,072 lbs. to 716 households.

With such vast accomplishments in such a short period of time... one can only imagine what the next six months will bring. To find out how you can assist in feeding the hungry of West Virginia call 304-364-5518 or email: melissa@mountaineerfoodbank.org

Braxton Magistrate Report

Magistrate Beth Smith

July 20: Robert Frederick Bragg of Mount Nebo, petit larceny, destruction of property, warrant issued, bond set at \$1000 personal recognizance; Mason Lynn Williamson of Birch, River, improper registration, dismissed proof provided, speeding, guilty plea, fine/court costs assessed; Martin Lenny Bronkhurst of Sutton, shoplifting, guilty plea, fine/court costs assessed; Sam S. Schrader of Little Birch, expired registration, dismissed proof provided, illegal window tint, dismissed, defendant provided medical documentation; Misty D. Keener of Gassaway, domestic battery, dismissed, victim does not wish to pursue charges.

July 21: Leonard Martin Bronkhurst of Sutton, opening burning of refuse, dismissed, actual charge was a warning, cleaning up after a house fire.

July 23: Steven DeWayne Thayer of Copen, domestic battery-2nd offense, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$5000 cash or surety; Clarence Burmen Burgess of Cross Lanes, possession of controlled substance x2-meth and fentanyl, warrant issued, bond set at \$6000 cash or surety.

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July 26: William Charles Wright of Sutton, prohibited person in possession of firearm, possession of controlled substance with intent to deliver x2-meth and heroin, preliminary hearing waived, transferred to circuit court.

July 26: Lucas Michael Sartin of Sutton, no proof of insurance, obstructing an officer, no operators, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$1500 cash, surety, or 10% to the court; James Denver Criner of Gassaway, worthless check x2, warrant issued, bond set at \$400 personal recognizance; Lisa Deal of Webster Springs, trespassing asked to leave, dismissed, case withdrawn by officer; Cheryl Ann Wine of Burnsville, assault, dismissed, battery, dismissed, both defendant and complainant failed to appear for trial; Heather D. Bender of Sutton, possession with intent to deliver, preliminary hearing waived, transferred to circuit court.

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Courthouse Annex now secure facility

Few would argue that the world is getting to be a much more dangerous place. Mass shootings and other violent crimes are a common occurrence and often take place close to home. When the West Virginia Supreme Court conducted a statewide audit of their facilities some 18 months ago, inadequacies were identified particularly in the magistrate

and family court facilities housed in the Courthouse Annex on Main Street, Sutton.

Not only did the Supreme identify the problem areas, but they also provide grant funding to fix the issues. That work is now complete and beginning last Monday the Courthouse Annex became a secure facility complete with a security staff.

Assessor Edie Tincher and Magistrates David Singleton and Beth Smith collaborated to write the grant which nearly \$50,000 to the county. Those funds provided new surveillance cameras in all the court rooms, hallways and waiting areas, distress buttons in the courtrooms and offices, a magnetic locking system from the front door, a medal detector and provisions for the security staff office.

Anyone entering the building during regular business hours will ring the buzzer, to the right of the main entrance to gain access. Those entering are also subject to search by the security staff. Former Sheriff Howard Carpenter, now a security officer at the Annex, along with Floyd Cunningham, says that visitors to the various courts and office in the building should leave unnecessary personal belongings in their vehicles. He also reminds area residents that weapons of any type are prohibited inside the facility even if the holder has a concealed carry permit.

Magistrate David Singleton was pleased to see the efforts come to

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Don't Miss It...
Braxton County Fair
August 3rd - 7th, 2021
Holly Gray Park
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FAIRS & FESTIVALS
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Legislative Update

By Delegate Brent Boggs

As I write this Sunday evening, I've already been to the Capitol this afternoon after church services for meetings; then back home before heading back for the beginning of Governor Justice's most recent special session. This time, there is only one bill on the agenda, dealing with a small reduction to State income taxes. During the past several days, a rift appears to have developed between the Governor and Senate leadership on his income tax bill versus the upcoming constitutional amendment on the ballot in November.

Overall, a tax reduction is a good thing, providing that vital services on which the public depends will not suffer reduction or elimination. The Governor proposed a ten percent "aggregate" cut in rates, creating a permanent \$250 million hit to the state budget. As the draft bill stands at this writing, the "married filing jointly" brackets reflect minimal tax decreases using the broad income examples supplied by the Governor's staff.

One thing is clear. All the competing tax reduction schemes I've heard may be considered will do little for those that need immediate relief from inflation. For example, the \$50k bracket amounts to slightly over a \$9 reduction in taxes every pay period. However, for those in the \$250k to \$1M brackets, it may be a slightly smaller percentage of tax reduction but you're looking at substantial dollars.

It is unclear if the Senate will take up the bill for consideration, as their leadership is focusing on tax reductions to big manufacturers this fall if the constitutional amendment is approved by voters in November. In the long run, care must be taken to ensure that tax relief is done in a respon-

sible manner. It's great to cut a tax, but much worse to reverse course and be forced to reinstate it back on later.

Since taking over the phone system from Verizon, the complaints regarding substandard telephone and internet service offered by Frontier in our area have increased dramatically. It appears Frontier is not reinvesting enough in maintenance and service upgrades. It is common for service outages to go on for multiple days, weeks or longer; phones routinely operate sporadically or don't work at all during periods of rain; phone lines are on the ground or strung in bushes instead of being secured to poles; fallen trees have lines almost forced lines to the ground in multiple locations. With the lack of cell phone coverage in much of our most rural areas, a lack of dependable phone service is a real hazard to our citizens, especially our vulnerable senior citizen population. This impacts the ability to summon fire, ambulance and police services when needed most. My file of Frontier complaints grows larger with each passing month.

To provide a forum to address these issues, there will be a meeting for concerned citizens at the Braxton Senior Center on Thursday, July 28 at 2:00 PM. Representatives of the WV Public Service Commission and Frontier have indicated to Braxton County Commission President Lisa Godwin that they will be in attendance. If you're having a Frontier issue, I urge you to attend and get your complaints and concerns on record. We all deserve better than what we're getting now from Frontier and the WV Public Service Commission needs to take even stronger action for consumers in their

oversight of Frontier.

Let me add that we have a great group of dedicated Frontier workers in our area and throughout West Virginia. They too are frustrated by a lack of repair supplies, equipment, and the need for more technicians and service workers. Also, they can only do the work when and where they are authorized by Frontier to do so. I thank them for doing their best under less-than-ideal company leadership.

I want to thank all the volunteer firefighters and first responders that turned out last Saturday at the Braxton Senior Center and Sutton Lake for a training session on water rescue techniques and swift water rescue. The tragic loss of firefighter John Forbush during an attempt to rescue vehicle occupants in Elk River recently is a reminder that emergency water rescue may be needed at any time and place. And, with our rivers, streams, and lakes in central West Virginia – coupled with the high likelihood of floodwaters on a regular basis – the need for specialized training and proper equipment for the conditions at hand is a necessity for our first responders. Thanks to all those that participated in the training and for the trainers and sponsors that led the training sessions.

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.

Aquatic Acrobatic Show to highlight this year's Fairs/Festivals Celebration

The 2022 Braxton County Fairs & Festivals Celebration will be held August 2-6 at Holly Gray Park on Airport Road in Sutton. The Fair Board has been working hard the last several months to provide a family friendly, affordable fair for people to enjoy.

A highlight for the week is the Aquatic Acrobatic Show with 2 shows nightly and three shows on Saturday. With a beautiful setup, computer sound system, a custom designed water stage, special-water effects, and more! 5 generations of the most talented performers, features springboard maneuvers, living mermaids, aqua bola feats, even a Jet Ski!

Myers Amusements will be returning to the Braxton County Fair and will provide fun rides for the whole family. Wrist bands are required for the carnival and are included with paid admission. Rides will operate from 6:00 until 10:00 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday; 6:00 until 11:00 p.m. on Friday. On Saturday, the carnival will be open from noon until 5:00 p.m. and from 6:00 through 11:00 p.m. Food trailers, novelties, carnival games and a flea market with a variety of vendors will be available during the Braxton County Fair.

"Family Night" will be Tuesday, August 2nd. Fair activities will kick off with American Legion Post 33 conducting the opening ceremony at 5:00 PM. Bruno, Mirabel, CoComelon and the Story Booth Characters will be at the stage for a meet and greet and photos from 6-8:00 PM. Moose, from the Sutton Moose Lodge 825 and Bobber the Water Safety Dog are also scheduled to be there. The Best Dressed Livestock Contest is at 7:00 PM in the Barn.

Wednesday, August 3rd, is the day for rabbit, poultry beef cattle and market hog shows at the barn. Livestock shows kick off at 5:00 p.m. On stage, Willie D & No Regrets will perform at 7:00 p.m. and Frank Conn and the Partners will close out the show at 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 4th, will feature the Sheep and Goat shows in the barn beginning at 6:00 p.m. Dixie Highway will perform two shows at 7:00 and 8:30 p.m.

Friday, August 5th, the Braxton County Fair has something for everyone. 4-H and FFA members will sell their livestock projects beginning at 7:00 PM. Nate Barnes will be on stage at 7:30 p.m. Quartz Hill Records newcomer Nate Barnes is a young, blue-collar power plant worker who writes and sings about the work and the everyday life he lived in the small town of South Haven, Michigan. Barnes sings about God, family, hard work, heartache, love, the simple life and its simple joys. He sings about getting by - and the blood, sweat and



The Kentucky Headhunters are headlining this year's Braxton County Fair entertainment.

hunters, declared "the great American rock 'n' roll band" by Billboard magazine, began their professional journey in 1968 when brothers Fred and Richard Young and cousins Greg Martin and Anthony Kenney formed the Southern blues-rock band Itchy Brother. The band morphed into The Kentucky Headhunters in 1986. Their first album, 1989's Pickin' On Nashville, was released by Mercury Records and surprised the world, becoming a bona fide hit, selling over two million copies. The album won a Grammy Award, three Country Music Awards, an American Music Award and an Academy of Country Music Award. It spawned four consecutive Top 40 Country hits. Currently, the band is made up of Richard Young, Fred Young, Greg Martin and Doug Phelps. Their songs include, "Walk Softly on This Heart of Mine," "Dumas Walker," and their biggest hit, "Oh, Lonesome Me."

The 2022 Braxton County Fair will come to a loud and thrilling end with one of the largest fireworks displays in central WV. There are a limited number of stage front reserved seats available for Saturday, \$10 each. So, reserve yours today by calling 304-765-2809. Season tickets are now available at \$35 each. You can purchase season tickets until 4:00 PM on August 2nd from local Peoples Bank locations in Gassaway and Flatwoods. You can also use PayPal for your season tickets - check out the Tickets tab on our website: braxton-county fairwv.com The online option for tickets ends at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, July 29. Daily admission is \$6 on Tuesday, \$8 on Wednesday, \$10 for Thursday, \$12 Friday and \$15 for Saturday.

For exhibitors of produce, baked goods, handiwork, photos and such, exhibit entry is on Monday, August 1 between 3:00 and 6:00 p.m. More information about exhibits is available on our website. Fairgoers can check out all the exhibits from 6-9 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and Saturday from noon to 6:00 p.m. Anyone interested in short-term employment, stop by Holly Gray Park near the stage on Saturday, July 30 at 10:00 a.m. to complete an application. Unfortunately these measures are necessary but with what is happening in today's world safety has taken on a new meaning. I am grateful that the Supreme Court provided a 100% grant to fund these improvements, which only left the Commission to fund the staffing of the security station. We also regret any inconvenience to the public but unfortunately, we have had no choice but to take these measures," she concludes.

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Capping off Saturday's events, The Kentucky Headhunters take the stage at 9:00 PM. The Kentucky Head-

Gassaway Public Library's Ocean of Possibilities resumes for two more sessions

This week, Gassaway Public Library is continuing exploring Oceans of Possibilities with exciting ways to learn.

This Monday, the children listened to books read aloud by Jessica Pettry-Cook about pirates. Those books included Are pirates polite by Corinne Demas and How I became a pirate by Melinda Long

The children colored and decorated wooden treasure chests and filled them with pirate treasures. Each chest was decorated to the child's liking with colorful markers.

The Oceans of Possibilities program continues until August 8th.

Monday, August 1 stu-



Students who participated in the Oceans of Possibilities program worked hard as they created colorful wooden treasure boxes to fill.

Students will explore underwater adventures where they will be read fun education books, work on an

activity and enjoy shelf stable meal packs provided by the Mountaineer Food Bank. Each child receives a free book provided by Braxton County Schools. They also receive a certificate to McDonalds. Photo courtesy of Jessica Pettry-Cook

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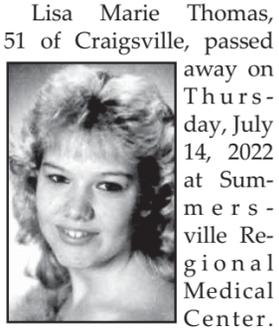
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fruition. "I regret that this type of restriction is necessary, but in our modern-day society precautions are necessary," the Magistrate stated. "I also thank the County Commission for their assistance in updating the security system for our courts and offices."

Commission President, Lisa Godwin echoed Singleton's sentiments. "It is

Obituaries

Lisa Marie Thomas



Lisa Marie Thomas, 51 of Craigsville, passed away on Thursday, July 14, 2022 at Summersville Regional Medical Center.

She was born July 27, 1970 in Webster Springs to Raleigh "Barry" and Anita Bragg Armentrout. Lisa was a former Security Guard. She liked to hunt and fish and enjoyed flowers. She loved her family and friends and her puppy Yogi and cat Cloe.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by her children Jonathan Adrian Lee Thomas and Tyler Wesley Thomas; companion Dave Wilson; Aunts and uncles Steve Armentrout, Denny Armentrout, Linda Turner, Nancy (Elliet) Gross and her daughter Angie, Olen and Patricia Selman, Ann Hawkins, Dave Bragg, Jim Bragg, Rick Bragg, Debbie Stanley, and John Paul Bragg; and many cousins, friends and extended family members to mourn her passing.

She was preceded in death by her aunt Sheila Perrine and uncle Donnie Bragg.

In keeping with Lisa's wishes, cremation has taken place and no services will be held at this time.

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

Adams-Reed Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Thomas family.

Anna Faye Clifton Mollohan

Anna Faye Clifton Mollohan, 88, of Little Birch went to her heavenly home to be with her Lord and Savior on Friday, July 22, 2022, at her residence, with family by her side.



She was born in Widener, WV on July 13, 1934, a daughter to the late Harry and Vena Crites Bragg. She was a member of Stump Chapel Church, where she enjoyed singing with the choir and heading up the adult craft for VBS.

She and her husband, Edgar, both gave their life to Christ at Rose Hill Church, Nicholas County, in 1970, where they faithfully attended with their seven children. Many happy years are remembered there praising God, singing, and 'dinner on the ground' at annual homecomings.

Anna Faye was an aide for the Head-start program at Little Birch Elementary. She was an artist who loved sewing, crocheting, painting, and all types of crafts. Her crocheting won blue ribbon awards all over the state of West Virginia. She enjoyed making gifts for her family and friends. One of her greatest joys in this life was singing with her husband, Edgar and children in churches for homecomings and revivals in different counties for many years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her first husband, Edgar Clifton, her second husband, Arden Mollohan, her infant granddaughter, Shireen Afrazi, infant great grandson, Landon Keith Rexroad, sisters: Rosalene Rittenour of Texas, Bessie Cogar of Ohio,

brothers: Don and Danny Bragg of Ohio. Also preceding her in death were son-in-laws: Sonny Dow and Carl Hairston.

Anna Faye is survived by her children: Julie Clifton and Kay Dow, both of Charleston, WV, Linda Afrazi (Sohrab) of Rocky Hill, CT, Connie Rose (Tony), Steve Clifton, Edward Clifton (Sue), Andrea Tonkin (Lavern), all of Little Birch, WV, one sister, Carol Bragg of Tampa, FL. She is also survived by 14 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren, all of whom she was so proud of and was always joyful to see.

Her legacy is that of being a strong and outspoken witness for Christ. She loved her family fiercely and was supportive and caring of them. She will be greatly missed by all her children and friends.

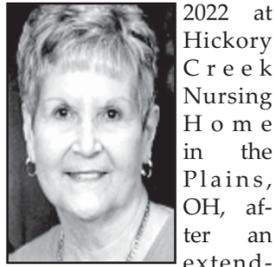
Funeral services were held 1:00 pm, Monday, July 25, 2022 at Greene-Robertson Funeral Home, Sutton with Rev. Earl Elliott and Rev. Dale Harper officiating. Burial followed at Braxton Memorial Cemetery, Airport Rd. Sutton, WV. Friends called 11:30 am till 1:00 pm at the funeral home on Monday.

Greene-Robertson Funeral Home is humbly serving the Clifton/ Mollohan families.

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

Margaret Ann Case

Margaret Ann Case, 81, of Belpre, OH died July 12, 2022 at Hickory Creek Nursing Home in the Plains, OH, after an extended illness of Alzheimers.



She was born the daughter of the late Ray and Irene Callison at Strange Creek, WV. She was a member of Rockland United Methodist Church. She enjoyed watching her husband play music in the Case Family Quartet. She loved helping out in church.

She had many friends and neighbors she loved to socialize with. She was an active member of Eastern Star in Belpre, OH and was a past Worthy Matron. She retired from Kroger after many years of service to travel and spend time with her family, grandchild and husband of 51 years, Jimmy Junior Case, who preceded her in death.

Margaret is survived by her daughters Lisa Case Dodd and her husband Michael of Parkersburg and Terri Case Bonnett of Columbus, OH; her granddaughter Erica Tucker and her husband Darryl; 3 great grandchildren Darryl, Emerson and Tori all of Columbus, OH; sisters Ethel Jarvis, Janet Vance, Clara Townsend and Flossie Jacobs; 3 brothers John, Robert and Birchie Callison

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by sisters Helen Morris and Betty Campbell and brother James Callison.

Funeral services were 11am Saturday July 16, 2022, at the Leavitt Funeral Home Belpre. Burial followed at Rockland Cemetery Belpre. Visitation was Friday from 6-8pm with an Eastern Star Service at 7:45pm. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.LeavittFuneralHome.com

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Betty Jane Stover

Betty Jane Stover, 66 of Webster Springs, passed away on Saturday, July 16, 2022 at WVU Hospital, Ruby Memorial. She was born February 14, 1956 in Fayetteville to the late Lemuel and Edna Stevens and was a homemaker.

Betty enjoyed quilting, drawing, watching scary movies, and working puzzles. Her greatest joy was her children and grandchildren. She loved them all dearly.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers, Steve, Frank and Roy Stevens and sisters, Mary Ann Garrison and Nancy Stevens.

She is survived by her son Leroy Stevens; daughter Joanna Baldwin; grandchildren Jeremiah Emory Johnson, Felicia Dessahrai Keeton, and George Thomas Stevens; great-grandchildren Luke Alexander Holenchick, Azzariah Marie Johnson, Kristen Keeton, and Amberlynn Keeton; special nephews Lemuel Steve Garrison and Roy Lee Garrison; special friends Cheryl and Vince Funk; and several other extended family and friends to mourn her passing.

In keeping with her wishes, cremation has taken place and no services will be held at this time.

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

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

Hedy L. Cogar

Hedy L. Cogar, 80, of Diana, passed away on Monday, July 18, 2022 at Piert Center at Fairmont. She was born April 17, 1942 in Diana to the late Camden and Jeanette Fanning Cool and spent her life in Diana.



She enjoyed crochet and talking with her friends on the phone.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband William P. Cogar, Sr.; brother Tex Cool; and sisters Rita Kay Cool and

Katherine Genelda Cool.

Hedy is survived by her son William P. "Bill" Cogar, Jr.; brother David Borusiewicz, Sr.; and several other extended family and friends to mourn her passing.

Funeral Services to celebrate Hedy's life were held on Thursday, July 21, 2022 at 1:00 PM at Dodd & Reed Funeral Home with Rev. Richie Propst officiating. She was laid to rest beside her husband in Holly River Baptist Church Cemetery, Diana.

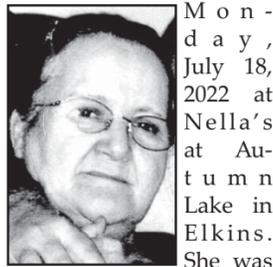
Friends joined the family for visitation one hour prior to service time at Dodd & Reed Funeral Home.

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

Lena Ethel Ware

Lena Ethel Ware, 71 of Diana passed away on Monday, July 18, 2022 at Nella's at Autumn Lake in Elkins. She was born December 13, 1950 in Webster County to the late Morgan and Glenna Claypool Fisher and was the last surviving one in her family.



She was a homemaker, enjoyed working in the garden, and playing horse-shoes. She loved her dogs and spending time with her family.

In addition to parents, she was preceded in death by her son Robert "Robby" Dean Quinn, II and all her siblings.

Lena is survived by her children, Arnold "Bubby" Ware, Jr., Thomas "Tommy" Ray Ware, Timothy Lee Ware, and Lisa Ann (Benjamin Casto) Ware; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several other extended family and friends to mourn her passing.

Private Services were held for Lena at Dodd & Reed Funeral Home, Webster Springs with Pastor Larry Jo Bragg officiating. She was laid to rest in Vance Cemetery, Hacker Valley.

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

Braxton County Senior Center August Menu

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

Monday 1 Steak and Pepper Strips, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Peas, Dinner Roll, Fruit. Tuesday 2 Taco Salad with Chips, Black Beans, Corn, Fruit. Wednesday 3 Pot Roast, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Honey Glazed Carrots, Dinner Roll, Fruit. Thursday 4 Salmon Patty, Stewed Tomatoes, Macaroni Salad, Fruit. Friday 5 Creamed Tomatoes, Biscuit, Sausage, Roasted Potatoes, Fruit. Monday 8 Beef Vegetable Soup, Cornbread, Broccoli Casserole, Fruit. Tuesday 9 Annual Picnic Pork BBQ Sandwich, Sweet Potato Fries, Coleslaw, Fruit. Wednesday 10 Roasted Pork Loin, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Dinner Roll Fruit. Thursday 11 Cold Cut Sandwich with Lettuce and Tomato, Baked Beans, Fruit. Friday 12 Pepperoni Roll, Tomato Soup with Cheddar Cheese Crack-

ers, Fruit. Monday 15 Chicken Enchilada, Pepper Strips, Black Beans, Rice, Fruit. Tuesday 16 Tuna Salad on Lettuce, Pasta with Peas, Stewed Tomatoes, Fruit. Wednesday 17 Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Dinner Roll, Pea Salad, Fruit. Thursday 18 Spaghetti with Meatballs, Garden Salad, Garlic Bread, Fruit. Friday 19 Pinto Beans, Cornbread, Beets, Fruits. Monday 22 Chili, Sweet Potatoes, Crackers, Fruit. Tuesday 23 Chicken Ala King, Rice, Dinner Roll, Fruit. Wednesday 24 Cornish Pasti, Peas, Dinner Roll, Fruit. Thursday 25 Breakfast Bake, Hash Browns, Biscuit, Spiced Apples. Friday 26 Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Garden Salad, Fruit. Monday 29 Hamburger Steak with Onion Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Spinach, Casserole, Dinner Role, Fruit. Tuesday 30 Chicken Alfredo, Broccoli, Garlic Bread, Fruit. Wednesday 31 Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Dinner Roll, Fruit.

WVU Braxton/Clay Master Gardeners Seed Saving Workshop

WVU Braxton/Clay Master Gardeners will be offering a seed saving workshop - talk at the Sutton Farmers Market on Saturday, July 30, 2022.

The workshop will begin at 11:00am and continue through 11:00am. You

may want to bring a chair. WVU Braxton/Clay Master Gardeners involve themselves with various community service projects. The group appreciates your support and we hope to see you at the workshop.

Sutton Moose Lodge #825 host BCHS Cheer BINGO Fundraiser on August 6

Sutton Moose Lodge #825 is helping the Braxton County High School Cheerleaders raise funds for the cost of new uniforms on Saturday, August 6 at 11:00 A.M held at the Sutton Moose Lodge.

There will be twenty games for twenty dollars with cash prizes of twenty dollars per game. There will be a one thousand dollar jackpot. Tickets sold by Braxton County High School Cheer family and friends.

Braxton County Middle School Back to School Bash

Braxton County Middle School has announced their Back to School Bash for Thursday, August, 11th from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. Students and families

will be able to meet their teachers for the 2022-23 school year, take tours of their classes and the school campus, win prizes and have fun!

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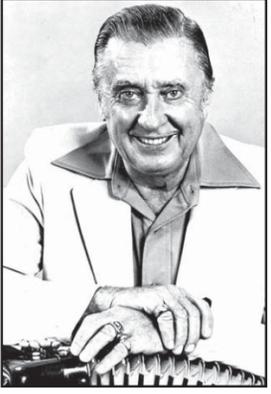
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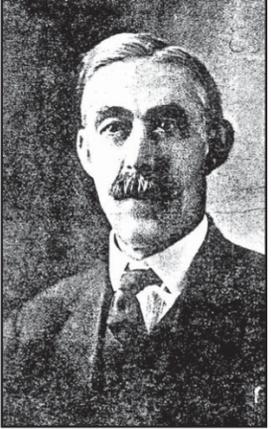
This Week in West Virginia History

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 27, 1909: Coach "Dyke" Raese was born in Davis. He directed West Virginia University to its first major sports national championship, winning the 1942 National Invitation Tournament in basketball.



July 28, 1915: Frankie Yankovic was born in Davis, Tucker County. Yankovic did more to popularize polka music than any other performer.



July 29, 1873: Malcolm Malachi "Mack" Day was born. As sheriff of McDowell County, he claimed that God had called him to enforce Prohibition, even arresting an uncle and his own son.

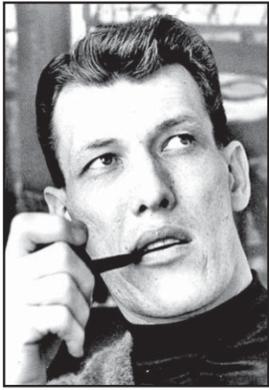
July 29-31, 1915: Camp Good Luck, believed to be the world's first 4-H club encampment, was held at Elkwater in southern Randolph County.

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



July 29, 1918: Novelist Mary Lee Settle was born in Charleston. Her literary reputation rests on the "Beulah Quintet," a sequence of five historical novels spanning four centuries.



July 30, 1973: The Frederick Hotel in downtown Huntington closed to transient trade. After it was built in 1905, it was touted as the most elegant hotel between Pittsburgh and Cincinnati.

July 31, 1932: Actor Theodore Crawford "Ted" Cassidy was born in Pittsburgh but was raised in Philippi. He was best known for his role as Lurch on "The Addams Family."



American Legion Post #33 meeting

The American Legion Braxton Post 33's August meeting will be on Mon-

Aug. 1, 1921: Baldwin-Felts detectives shot and killed Sid Hatfield and Ed Chambers as they approached the McDowell County Courthouse in Welch. As Matewan's police chief, Hatfield had assisted the United Mine Workers campaign to organize Tug Fork miners.



Aug. 1, 1940: Justice Franklin Cleckley was born in Huntington. He was the first African-American to serve on the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals. In 2001, the Supreme Court referred to Cleckley's handbooks on evidence and criminal procedure as "the bible for West Virginia's judges and attorneys."

Aug. 2, 2009: Golfers Sam Snead and Bill Campbell became the first two inductees into the West Virginia Golf Hall of Fame.

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day, August 1st at 7:00 P.M. at the Braxton County Senior Citizens Center.

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 loves 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.

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

visiting and eating with family and friends.

Hope to do it again next year.
Jean Morrison.

Rhodes, Rose, and Sartin Reunion thank you

Thanks to all who attended the Rhodes, Rose and Sartin Reunion.

Everyone had a good day

MEET THE CANDIDATE

Kevin Carpenter, Democratic Candidate for the West Virginia House of Delegates 63rd District will be holding a Meet the Candidate event Wednesday, August 17th, 2022 at the Elk River Hotel and Café at 616 Main St Sutton WV 26601 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM.

Light hors d'oeuvres will be served. The new 63rd District replaces the 34th District represented by retiring Delegate Brent Boggs that encompasses Braxton and eastern Gilmer Counties. Bring your questions, concerns and ideas on how best to move our district and state forward.

Please call Kevin at 304 765 5960 or visit www.kevincarpenter.us for more information.

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Dog Tails: Stories from the Braxton County Animal Shelter:

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

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

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

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



Piper is a five month old female Chow mix. She and her sister were found stray and living in what looked to be a groundhog hole. This girl was feral and did not enjoy human touch when she came to the shelter in early June but she has come such a long way in the last month. Piper loves adventuring around outdoors and now loves a pet on the head and a kind voice. She has learned to walk on a leash and gets along with other dogs here in the shelter. She is smart and very treat motivated so she would be easy to teach new tricks.



Daphne is a littermate Piper. Daphne is a five month old female chow mix puppy. She has the softest coat imaginable. She has been around children of all ages, dogs of all breeds and livestock and has done well. She would not do well in a home with chickens because she loves to chase them. This is a very social girl and she is learning to walk on a leash.



Chelsea is our second intake of the pack of dumped dogs on Tom's Run Rd. She is a cute female mixed breed around two years old. This girl is an all-around excellent dog. We checked for a spay scar and don't see one. She will be spayed before leaving the shelter though. She is around fifty pounds but could use some weight put on. She tries to get attention with her paws but is slowly learning to keep her paws on the floor. She's just a lover, and also very dog social, walks on a leash.



This handsome chunk is **Charley!** Notice his cute little punk rock Mohawk. He was the third dog dumped on Tom's Run Rd. He seems to be about as friendly as they come! He just lumbers around smiling and panting and asking for pets. He seems to get along great with other dogs too. He walks on a leash and isn't a big barker here either. He's shorter in stature but a thick boy, around sixty pounds.



Sierra is the fourth of the dumped dogs from Tom's Run Rd. She is the sweetest little one to two year old bearded terrier mix female. Her hair is a bit wiry and so cute. This little love bug is just looking for a lap to sit on and a human to adore. Sierra is very dog friendly but is more seeking human attention. She walks on a leash.



Honey is a five to six year old, thirty-five pound female Red Tick Hound mix that was picked up as a stray by animal control. We don't know much about her, but we do know she's given the name honey because she's as sweet as they come. Honey acts timid to be touched at times but is learning fast that she enjoys loving pets. She's dog friendly and gentle and loves a soft voice talking to her. She walks great on a leash. And doesn't bark a lot in her kennel.



Rascal This sweet boy is ten months old. His momma is a Great Dane and we can't be sure the breed of the father. He has lived mainly outdoors and was very timid when he came to the shelter but he is warming up to our staff quickly. This guys has been around children and is very gentle, do not jump up at all. He is also dog social and has been around chickens and rabbits as well.



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



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.



This Cracker Jack is **Bernie**. He's got the funniest personality and the most beautiful brindles. He loves the sun on his face and a good roll in the grass and does not have time for our photo shoot bc he needs to relax. Bernie was found walking on the interstate at Frametown and picked up by a Good Samaritan and brought to our shelter. We think he's young, one to two years old, and he's neutered! We love this goofy guy and he loves all other dogs. Walks great on a leash, not a big barker, and weighs around 40lb.

Making A Trip For Nothing

By Larry Knight

I was doing a re run on the past hunting experiences. My dog Suzy and I left on a cold frosty morning and must have walked 3 miles, then the frost started melting off when the sun came out. About this time the squirrels started stirring around looking for food. About this time Suzy treed big red squirrel her first that morning. The squirrel was a big red fox squirrel that clumb up a big popular tree which was about 3ft through next to the ground. There were plenty of popular seeds hanging from the branches of the popular tree. These seeds were the food source for big red. That made breakfast close by for big red. By then it was about 10 o'clock in the morning and the leaves on the ground were frost covered.

When you moved your feet in the leaves the squirrel would move around the side of the tree from the noise. I was having a time getting the cross hairs lined up on the squirrel. My dog Suzy would move and rattle the leaves. Finally I did get a not very good shot at the squirrel. My shot did not hit the mark and the squirrel moved around the tree some more. Big red being out of my site I had to locate him again. So here we go again ring around the rosie. Then by moving very slowly I eased round the tree and got in a position where I had a shot and it also missed the



mark. I believe that big red had played the game before. By this time big red had moved up the big popular tree even higher almost to the top of the tree. I thought I could see enough of big red for a shot. When I shot I saw a small twig fall that was in line of where I was aiming. Big red was not having anymore of that stuff. He came down the tree to a big limb that was like a super highway for him and away he went into the tree tops. The tree limb was a great escape route for him. Had big red known what I had discovered he would have set down and laughed. I had just learned that there were only 3 22 shells in the gun and that I had no more. I had took the box of shells out of my coat pocket at the house and had not put the shells back in my coat pocket. I was very disappointed not so much that I did not get big red but because I had not put the shells back in my pocket before I had left the house. I now carry a small pill

bottle with spare ammo in it, just in case.

Suzy was a fine companion and her love was squirrel hunting. Suzy did not mind going with me to a flea market or yard sale. The strap I fastened to her collar. More than once someone would ask how much for the beagle. I would reply dont insult her she does not have a drop of beagle blood in her body. I could not sell my friend even if she did have. Suzy loved to go fishing too she would grab hold of a fish and drag it if that was the only way she could move it. She would growl if she could not shake the fish. I had Suzy many many years she was about 19yrs old when she passed on to the happy hunting ground. We squirrel hunted a few times when she was in her 15th year. She was clumsy and could not see very well and her hearing was not very good but she was a good soldier to the end. Just one dog like that in a lifetime. I think of you often this time of year, by Suzy.

Pat's Chats

By Pat Ridpath



Our usual speakers for church were all going to be unavailable for our own service, so Samantha Venegas told her husband (our pastor, Daniel Venegas,) that she would speak in his place. I am so glad she did. I am so sorry that our phone was not working, and our Zoom was out. I am sad that those of you who enjoy our online services missed her talk. She presented a well-planned and beautiful message for us. She touched on several thoughts, but one of the things she talked about was fear. She talked about being afraid. and described some of her fearful moments. She told us that

there are at least 365 verses in the Bible that tell us not to fear. One of my favorites of these is Isaiah 41:10 (NKJV); "Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand." Here God is telling us that we are not alone. The entire Bible is a love letter about how His love for us will protect us and bring us home. He didn't say we would never have trouble. He didn't say we wouldn't face a crisis, a pandemic, or other unexpected tragedy. He just tells us not to fear because we are not alone.

Daniel and Samantha have only been living here for a relatively short time, but they have cheered us with their positive attitudes despite covid and other tragedies. Samantha is now a teacher at the Seventh-day Adventist Elementary School in Elkins. Both of them seem to enjoy activities they helped plan and they join in the happiness of things like Crazy Hat Night, Crazy Hair Night, and other activities for all our church family and friends. Most Saturday nights include some kind of special activity. It is delightful to see the happiness in the faces of the young ones.

They have another activity planned to which all of you are invited. You can join us for our church service and picnic lunch at Holly River State Park on August 6. Maranatha

More Wildlife

By: Jeanette Riffle

Our big dog was barking and not chasing anything one night this week. Hubby went out with a light and noticed that Rascal was looking up in a tree. He shined the light up there and saw a big hoot owl.

It wasn't afraid. Stayed right there and later he went out and saw an owl on the ground. They were hunting. Might be seeing some rodents out there at night. Then an unusual thing happened this past week. We were looking out the back window at deer and one was on the creek bank, on the other side of the creek, eating something. A bird was dive bombing the deer, fighting it and trying to get it to leave. The bird must have had a nest over there and the deer was getting too close. We keep watching to see if the deer comes back. It liked whatever was growing there. There is something that grows in the ditch across the road from us that deer eat in August. We see a lot of wildlife here.

Friday night was Program Night at Rosedale Baptist and we had a good turn out. People were praising the Lord this morning at church for a wonderful week of VBS. Four young people got saved. I got back to play the organ again this morning. Have been under the weather with the sinus / allergy issues and arthritis. Also, the heat gets to me. We are thankful for the good health we do have though, considering our age. We enjoyed the message that my great nephew, Stew-

art Fitzwater, brought us on children and the importance of bringing the children to church even if gas is too high. Many of us were saved as a child and several were saved during a VBS.

There is a lot of talent at our church and we sang several songs even after church was closing. People kept requesting that we sing more songs. I enjoyed singing on that song, " It Is Well With My Soul." We had all harmony parts and there was a new gentleman in the back of the church

that can really sing good. If you are looking for an old country church that sill sings the old time hymns, come on over and join us. I will close for this time and I hope everyone is well.. There are still viruses going around. Someone announced that there is a new variant of Covid in the southern part of the state, now.

We need to pray, pray, pray! Hubby and I have had all 4 vaccines and are hopefully building up the immune system to fight the viruses. Please continue to be safe.

Take care and God bless!

Polemic Run Baptist hosts Church Picnic August 14

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Sutton High School Class of 69 Reunion held

The SHS Class of 1969 held their annual class reunion on Saturday, July 2 at the Flatwoods Commu-

nity Building. 23 members of the Class of 69 were present for the event. Classmates brought

family members to join the fun as they reminisced about school and happenings over the years.



Gloria James pictured with various lap and baby quilts she created and donated to the Gassaway Public Library.

Gloria James donates lap and baby quilts to the Gassaway Public Library

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Friday, August 5
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REQUEST FOR SEALED BIDS - REROOFING AND RELATED WORK - CRAIGSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY, NICHOLAS COUNTY, WV

The Craigsville Public Library is soliciting bids for reroofing all or portions of the Library building located at 63 Library Lane in Craigsville, WV, 26205. The building is about 4,200 square feet in area and consists of several adjoining sections with a complex roof structure. Based on the successful bidder's evaluation of the existing roofing and on that bidder's recommendations, the job may include tear-off and replacement of all existing roofing materials, or tear-off and replacement of only

certain portions of the roofing. If damaged or deteriorated roof sheathing is found on any part of the structure, the job will include removal and replacement of that sheathing.

The job will include repair as needed, or removal and replacement, of an existing powered roof vent which is believed to not be operating, along with the addition, if feasible, of other moisture venting provisions such as a ridge vent and/or a second powered vent. The job will also include such ancillary and detail work as is necessary to assure an acceptable and professionally completed job. The "BID INSTRUCTIONS AND BID PACKAGE" will be available at the front desk of the Library on and after July 27, 2022. Each bidder is required to obtain and read the Bid Instructions And Bid Package, to provide the information required thereby, and to include the completed package as part of their bid.

A pre-bid meeting will be held at the Library on Friday, August 5, 2022 at 1:00 PM. Attendance at the pre-bid meeting is not mandatory, but is suggested for all interested potential bidders. All bids must be marked "Sealed Bid - Roofing" and must be received by the Library on or before August 25, 2022, at 5:00

PM. Bid opening is expected to take place at a special meeting of the Craigsville Library Board on August 25, 2022, at 6:30 PM, or as soon thereafter as a quorum of the Board shall meet (the date will be announced if different).

The Craigsville Public Library may waive any informalities or minor defects, may reject any and all bids, and may request additional information from any bidder. Bidders must be licensed and insured and must comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Contract Work Hours, Safety Standards Act and the West Virginia Division of Labor Wage Rates. The Library does not discriminate due to race, creed, color, national origin, gender or age.

To obtain a copy of the Bid Instructions And Bid Package, contact the Library office at 304-742-3532, or call 304-880-6481 or 304-880-5501 if calling outside Library operating hours. You may also email your request to: craigsvillepubliclibrary@gmail.com

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On the Other Side of the Mountain

I guess we could just grow what we absolutely need during the season, but we want to preserve some crops for the leaner times in winter. What happens, we grow more than we need because we figure we could have a crop failure due to deer damage, to disease, to miscalculation of germination and production. We pick produce and berries right after morning chores which consists of feeding the goats and putting them on pasture, feeding and checking on the sheep who are already on pasture, feeding the chickens and changing their water and making sure all of them are present, not having been a tasty victim of a possum or a racoon during the night. The kitchen table is full of fresh stuff and we spend some time to either freeze, can or dry it.

We had a good early cabbage crop and we converted it all into sauerkraut. We eat one or two tablespoons of raw sauerkraut at every lunch meal. In the past we made it in stoneware, but we find it easier to do it in qt. jars. It is hard to keep the

sauerkraut clean and at even temperatures in big crocks, but in glass jars it is protected and when it reaches the degree of fermentation that we like, we can keep them in the fridge. Making sauerkraut was also more of a fall activity, but we want to have it all year round. The reason we eat sauerkraut is that it acts as a probiotic. It feeds the microbiom and strengthens the immune system. Bacteria converts the sugar in cabbage into lactic acid and it inhibits the growth of bad bacteria. I posted the simple recipe in the past in my column. If you need it again, let us know and we will send you the directions.

Another fermented food we love, is turnips. I don't particularly appreciate cooked turnips, but they are delicious when fermented. They serve health-wise the same purpose as sauerkraut. Start seeding turnips now or till about 60 to 70 days before the first frost. The pH of the soil should be around 6 to 7. Turnips don't need a high nitrogen content, but sprinkle some bone-meal in the furrow. If

there is too much nitrogen in the soil turnips might develop an unpleasant flavor. Once the seedlings are up, thin them to 4" apart. They should develop nice bulbs within 6 to 10 weeks. The weather will be cooler by then

(hopefully) and no need for a fast harvest. I use the food processor with the shredding blade to prepare them for fermenting.

A headline caught my interest, "The insect IQ tests are causing a buzz among scientists". We all have heard of how important bees are for pollination and we are also aware how vulnerable they are to Varroa Mite, to pesticides applied to crops. Apparently there are 3600 different bee species. If we consider that worldwide 100 different crop varieties are grown, which provide 90% of the world's food and that their pollination depends on bee pollination, we better show them respect, we will starve if they cannot perform their duty. 80% of all flowering plants, including fruit and vegetable crops depend on bee pollination. So, what

does this have to do with insect IQ?

Lars Chittka, professor of sensory and behavioral ecology at the Queen Mary University in London has studied bees for 30 years. His team did experiments with female bee workers that whenever a bee gets something right she gets a sugar reward. Bees are shown monochrome images of human faces and one of them is associated with the sugar reward. Then they give them an array of different human faces and indeed the bees will find the correct one, the one that doles out sugar rewards. Chitka mentions that it takes one to two dozen trials for proficient face recognition.

Bees can count. The

scientists put a food source in an area, then put 3 identical landmarks in the flight path to the food source. After the bees were comfortable with the arrangement, the researchers decreased or increased the number of landmarks. When they were spaced closer, the bees landed earlier, missed the food source, when they were farther apart they flew too far away. The landmarks were identical, the bees could not identify one particular one, so the conclusion was made that the bees relied on counting the landmarks.

Chitka also discovered that some bees are more confident and curious than others, he calls them "genius bees". They

have the capacity to improve techniques as if there were a thought in the bee's head of how will I get the desired outcome? Bees learn from each other by watching behavior and the scientific team discovered that they do not just copy behavior, but improve on it. It was not explained how bees can make a distinction between "abstract" to "different", but apparently they can.

The scientists concluded that bees are sentient, able to feel, perceive and are conscious!

Maybe we could learn something from bees, but as far as copying from each other goes, I can't think this moment of a "genius human being" at the moment.



Bobber the Water Safety Dog is excited to see all of his friends from last year and more at this Jungle themed birthday party!

Gather 'Round, Jungle Friends, Its Bobber's Birthday

The Friends of Burnsville Lake cordially invites you to join them for some sweet birthday treats to celebrate Bobber the Water Safety Dog's Birthday!

Come in your best safari-themed costume

on Saturday, August 13th from 5:00 to 6:00 P.M. at the Bulltown Interpretive Shelter at 1 Burnsville Lake Rd, Burnsville, WV 26335.

The Kowboyz will be providing musical enter-

tainment from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. after.

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Spring 2022 inductees to Glenville State University's Kappa Omicron chapter of international education honor society Kappa Delta Pi (l-r) Abigail Taylor, Madison Shepherd, Heather Sears, Emily Lewis, Cameron Knopp, Samantha Hall, Myrtle Copen, and Stormie Alverson. (GSU Photo/Dustin Crutchfield)

Eight inducted into International Education Honor Society at Glenville State University

Eight Glenville State University students have been installed as new members of the international education honor society, Kappa Delta Pi (KDP).

The students all took the oath as the newest KDP members at a ceremony held on campus at the end of the Spring semester. Those inducted included: Abigail Taylor, Madison Shepherd, Heather Sears, Emily Lewis, Cameron Knopp, Samantha Hall, Myrtle Copen, and Stormie Alverson.

Membership in GSU's chapter – the Kappa Omicron chapter – is by invitation only. To receive an invitation to join, prospective members must be fully admitted into the teacher

education program, have at least 12 credit hours in educational courses programmed, in progress, or completed, have completed at least 30 credit hours of collegiate course work, have a cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 or greater, and must exhibit commendable personal qualities and worthy educational ideals.

The Kappa Omicron chapter of KDP was established in 1966 by then-Education Department Chairman Dr. Wendell Hardway. GSU's chapter is currently co-counseled by Dr. Gerda Kumpiene and Dr. Will Vann.

"I am very happy to see these students become our newest members of the Kappa Omicron chapter of

KDP. This is an outstanding organization and I know that these future educators will uphold our reputation for producing skilled, reflective, and responsive teaching professionals through word and deed," said Dean of Education, Connie Stout O'Dell.

Kappa Delta Pi was founded in 1911 to foster excellence in education and promote fellowship among those dedicated to teaching. The mission of KDP is to advance quality education by inspiring teachers to prepare all learners for future challenges. Members of KDP receive access to exclusive resources including publications, classroom materials, webinars, and scholarships and grants.

Why I Ride

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There's an old saying circulated among motorcycle riders, goes like this: "The only motorcycle parked outside a psychiatrist's office is the one owned by the Psychiatrist." The therapeutic benefit of riding a motorcycle is one of many perks associated with the sport. Sport? Oh man, it is so much more than that, and different for all riders. One commonality that is certainly present among all riders is that "you gotta love it." If you don't believe me, ask a rider that just got here after riding hours in one-hundred-degree weather, or torrential rains, or bad roadways. The relationship between rider and machine transcends the mere love of riding. Many of us are motorcycle riders before we are whatever we do in life. I feel riding a bike defines us more than our professions.

Motorcycle riders are the nicest bunch of individuals you can find anywhere. They will help you if you are stooped by the side of the road. They will talk with you, no matter where you are or who you are. We are a family. We treat each other well.

I ride because I love to ride, yes, but I ride because of the sense of freedom I feel, the detachment from the monotonous, routine life. I don't ride

because of the feel of the wind blowing through my hair, or the loudness of the exhaust pipes, or because I think I'm cool riding a motorcycle. I ride because I want to, and thank God, I can. The rubber tires are my legs and feet; the thumping engine is my heart; the headlights are my GPS, where they point, that's where I'm going. The parts of my body above the handlebars synthesize all the sensa-

tions into a strange but delicious estate of bliss. I yearn for that sweet spot as I ride, where the combination of road, speed, wind, and weather makes me feel as though I am flying like a bird. I am one with my bike, can't tell whether the bike is riding itself, or I am riding the bike. It's a meditative state.

I will be sharing my travels, my humble experiences, and information

and advise about riding and about motorcycles. I also hope to cover changes in motorcycle legislation, motorcycle safety, and happenings in the motorcycle community. We will discuss the importance of, not just where you are going, but where you have been. Please email me asking me questions and sharing your experiences, suggestions, and advice. Let me know what you would like to read in this column. I write for you, let's ride together.

Motorcycle riding is an equal opportunity thing. If it has two wheels, (or sometimes three) it's a motorcycle, no matter the brand, the size, or age of the bike.

Help me make this column successful. Email me at the email address above. If you see me on the street, stop me, talk with me.

Peace.



Lulu, owned by Jennifer Johnson Miller.

Flatwoods Fall Classic ADGA Show September 17

Please make plans to join us for a beautiful fall weekend in the mountains of Wild and Wonderful West Virginia at Holly Gray Park for Fall Classic ADGA Show on Saturday, September 17th.

The event will be two rings showing Senior Doe, Junior Doe and Buck. Ring one will be judged by Christen Adels, PA and ring two will be judged by Alexandra Stewart, OH.

Check in for the event will be Friday, September 16th from 1:00 P.M. to 8:00 A.M. and Saturday, September 17th from 5:00 A.M. to 7:00 A.M.

Show will start at 8:00 A.M. with Senior Does followed by Youth Show-

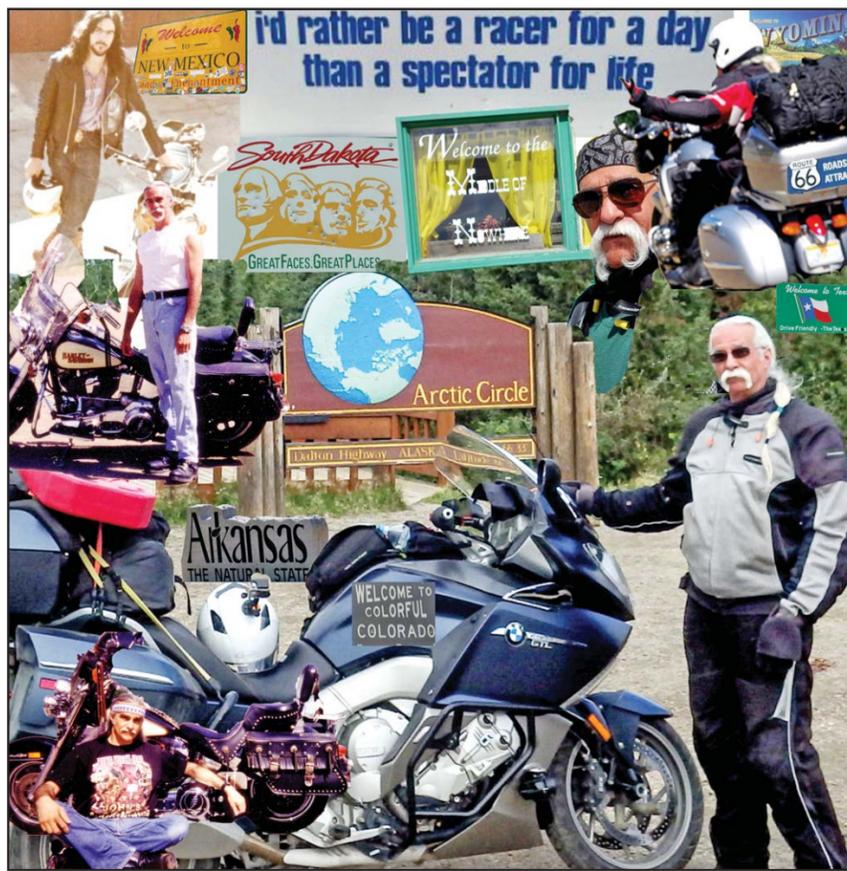
manship with a short break then Junior Does followed by Bucks.

Camping will be \$30 a night with hook ups. Special rate of \$98.00 at the Flatwoods Days Inn. Call (304)765-5055 and ask for the Flatwoods Fall Classic Rate, tell them rate confirmed by John W.

Entry Fees are \$5.00 per head per ring and \$6.00 per ring after September 9th. Limited pens: \$5.00/Pen Pay at show.

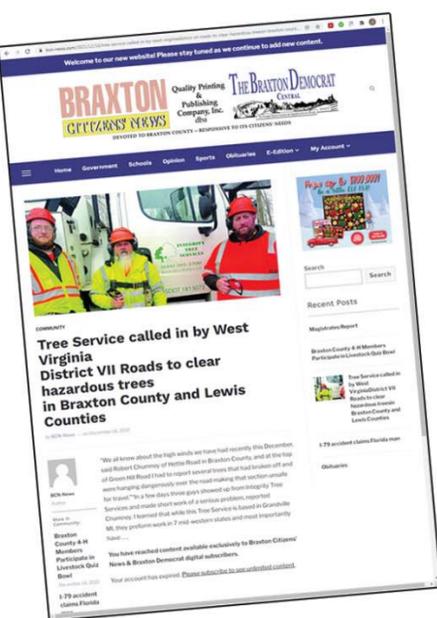
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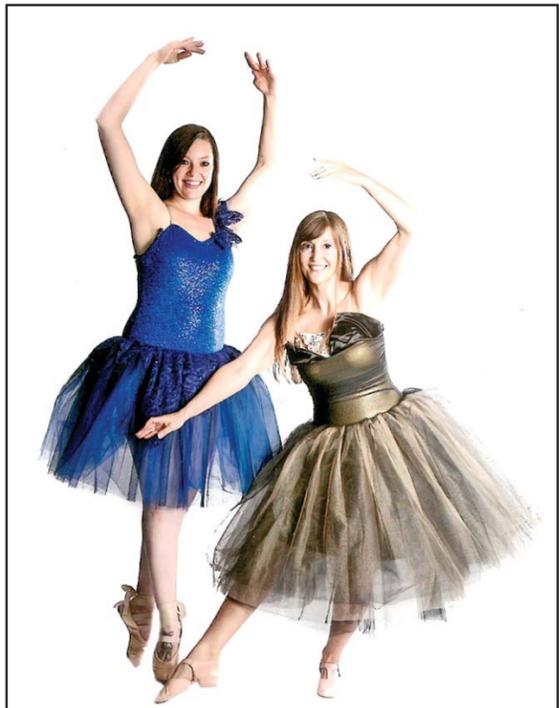
Classes are offered in Tiny Tots, Tap, Jazz, Ballet, and Pointe for students three years of age and up.

Mommy-N-Me is available for ages two years of age through six and their mommies. Mommy-N-Me is a class for students two through six years of age and their mommies. The class consist of movements and stretching activities using fun props, Tap and Ballet techniques, and lots of fun for mommies and little ones.

Adult Jazz and Ballet is offered for ladies nineteen years of age and older.

Moms Dance 2 is a ladies class offered at Cathy Pecora's School of Dance. The class meets Thursdays 7:00 to 7:30 P.M., and is a fun class with Jazz and Ballet Techniques. No dance experience is necessary.

Classes begin August 22 in the Dance Studio located



Registration ends on August 19, at 200 2nd Street in Sutton. To register, call or text (304)644-7623 or (304)765-7621 by August 19th.

FOBL Annual Duck Hunt to be held at Bulltown Campground and Historical Area

The Friends of Burnsville Lake presents their Annual Duck Hunt

Are you ready to go on a duck hunt around Bulltown Campground and Historical Area? The Friends of Burnsville Lake presents their annual Duck Hunt for guests visiting.

As you explore the various areas in and around Bulltown Campground and Historical Area, keep your eyes open for little

rubber ducks hidden by FOBL. If you find a rubber duck, bring it to the gate house to claim a prize. Limited to one prize per person. Ducks will not be hidden on camp sites.

This event is sponsored by Friends of Burnsville Lake. Follow the FOBL on Facebook for more information or call (304) 853-2371.

Burnsville Lake, US Army Corps of Engineers Park Ranger Lisa Hess kept an eye on the ducks during the FOBL 2021 Duck Hunting season.



Sutton Public Library now hiring assistant

Sutton Public Library is now hiring for a part-time assistant position. This position will pay \$11 per hour and offer 20 hours per week with the possibility of additional

hours in the future. Those looking to become a candidate may apply online or submit their resumes directly to the library. The application window will close on Monday,

August 1, 2022. Library hours are
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 Tuesday: 11am-7pm,
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