



(Left to Right) Tim Hoover , Becky and Randy Conrad have opened the Bad Axe Bistro on Main Street, Sutton

Bad Axe Bistro Opens

Great Food and Axe Throwing Comes to Sutton!

By Fernando Rodriguez

An exciting new restaurant is now open on Main Street Sutton, in the building that originally housed the P. J. Berry's General Store, later Ben Franklin, and much later, PJ Berry's restaurant. The venue, an eclectic mix of foods and entertainment will feature modestly priced appetizers, salads, sandwiches, wraps and burgers for lunch or anytime, and a complete dinner menu comprised of delicious entrees including steaks, fish, shrimp, chicken, and assorted pastas, again, all priced to please any age, any budget.

The Bad Axe Bistro is the reality vision of owners

Randy and Becky Conrad, and Tim Hoover. They, and their crew, have been working day and night to ready the restaurant and open as soon as possible. The venue has been unoccupied since the PJ Berry's restaurant closed a few years ago. The Downtown Sutton has been craving a return of a place to have tasty food at decent prices, where folks can meet, eat, and socialize.

Well, I left out a particularly important tidbit of information. Axe throwing??? Yes, indeed. Customers will be able to rent one of the existing four lanes and throw axes at a target on a wall to their hearts' content. The point

of axe throwing is like that of dart throwing. One must get their axe to stick in all the right places on a target. The targets will be projected on the wall so that one may select which target to use. This can be played in teams, or individually.

The Bad Axe Bistro is now open Monday through Saturday 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. for lunch, and Thursday, Friday, and Saturday till 10 p. m. for dinner. Sunday the BAB will be closed; however, it is available for parties and other private events.

The Bistro is located at 226 Main Street, Sutton, West Virginia.

Visit the Bad Axe Bistro Facebook page for the menu and information at <https://www.facebook.com/BADAXEBISTRO>

Commission Holds Brief Session

The Braxton County Commission conducted a brief meeting on Friday, August 5.

First to speak to the commission was Josh Nichols from Flatwoods Canoe Run PSD. He presented the commissioners with the first invoice for the Holly Gray Park Sewer Project for professional engineering services provided by E.L. Robinson Engineering and requested the allocated funds be released to pay the invoice and move forward with the project. Larry Clifton made the motion to release the allocated ARP funds in the amount of \$250,000.

Next to speak was John Hoffman, OES/9-1-1/EMS Director. He did not have the OES/9-1-1 report available as there was an issue running the report on police activity in the new CAD system but would have it available at the next meeting. He did, however, have the EMS report. During the month of July, Braxton EMS responded to 169 calls for emergency services, with 175 patient contacts. Of these calls, 102 were street emergencies that resulted in transport to a medical facility, 52 were either stand-by, cancelled in route, refused transport, no patient contact, DOA, or mutual aid. EMS has 21 BLS transports and no ALS transports. Larry Clifton requested Hoffman present a profit/loss statement for July for the EMS in the near future.

Commission President Lisa Godwin requested

the county provide the funds for the second ambulance crew required to cover the week Braxton County Fair in the amount of \$3500. The request was approved on a motion by Larry Clifton.

President Godwin briefly discussed the recent public meeting regarding Frontier phone service issues. She noted the meeting was well attended with 78 in attendance and 22 individuals who signed up to speak concerning their issues. Since the meeting, the battery backup units have been replaced in two locations in the county.

In other business, the probate appointments for July 2022 were approved as well as the correction of erroneous assessments list and consolidation for Francis J. Atsberger on motions by Larry Clifton.

Three purchase orders were also approved on separate motions by Larry Clifton and Melvin Gum: #755 to Evans Auto Repair, strut assemblies/alignment/ labor for 2013 Ford Interceptor in the amount of \$793.19; #756 to General Appliance, freon replacement and labor for Annex cooling system for \$2,600; and #757 to Lowes, mower for animal shelter for \$2,499.

Larry Clifton made motions to approved the following items: Bobby Painter to do FY 21/22 Financial Statement; purchase of bulletproof vests for Howard Carpenter and Floyd Cunningham for Annex Security; letter of resignation from Addi Facemire, BC Test-

ing Services Center; approval of Medical Emergency Absentee Voting Policy; purchasing eight IRP radios and charging station for ambulances with ARP funding in the amount of \$12,912 total; and invoices for county, p-card, and EMS.

Melvin Gum made the motions to approve to advertise for position at the BC Testing Services Center and approval of the July 15 meeting minutes.

The commission approved to authorize Lisa Godwin, as Commission President, to sign on behalf of the Animal Shelter Estate as beneficiary on a motion by Larry Clifton. The shelter was recently named as a beneficiary in an estate for approximately \$15,000.

After a brief discussion, the commission approved the Just One Generation request for WVSNP CAT Grant Pass Thru funding in the amount of \$1276.90 on a motion by Larry Clifton. The funding is to cover operational costs until the invoice reimbursements are completed.

The commission went into executive session to discuss personnel at 9:23am on a motion by Larry Clifton. They reconvened at 10:26pm.

Edie Tichner requested a discussion on the Co-op program at Braxton County High School be placed on the upcoming work session after the executive session.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:37am on a motion by Larry Clifton.

New Gym for BCMS to be Finished Soon

By Shirley Shuman

A much-needed renovation of Braxton County Middle School's gymnasium is underway, and Principal Amy Perkins thinks it will be finished soon. The renovation includes installing new bleachers, painting the walls, and refinishing the floor. To emphasize the need for these changes, Perkins and others discussed some of the problems found in the almost-30-year-old facility.

"We couldn't have a whole-school assembly," she said, "because one section of the bleachers couldn't be used. They were unsafe." Another serious problem was the condition of the gym floor. Since it hadn't been refinished, it was slick and therefore dangerous.

Two individuals who used the gym on a regular basis commented on the condition of the floor. Stephanie Chapman, physical education instructor, described one of the problems she and her students faced during physical education classes. "We have had simple running exercises," she said, "when kids had troubles stopping. The floor was so slick they slid when they tried to stop. The risk of injury was much greater because students could fall. One or two actually fell, but no one was injured."

Chapman also discussed the condition of the bleachers. "Even the bleachers didn't align properly. Some seats were unsafe, and gaps between seats could easily have caused a student to fall," she said.

Girls' basketball coach Matt Pritt echoed Chapman's comments about the slickness of the floor. He also noted that his players had slipped but said there had been no injuries. Coach Pritt also noted, too, that with one side of the bleachers being condemned, there wasn't enough seating for fans.

Dr. Brenda Wells, Director of Operational Services and Maintenance, indicated that the problem with the bleachers



Work had been done on gym renovations at the middle school over summer break.

will be six inches wider. As Dr. Wells pointed out, "Basketball players will now be able to shoot three-pointers from the side. With the old bleachers, they would have had to stand out of bounds to try a three-point shot." Coach Pritt pointed out that the wider gym will provide an advantage for both teams. The refinished floor will definitely be a plus for everyone concerned--students in physical education classes, basketball players, individuals simply walking in the gym. An addition here that should please students and faculty alike will be center court. Principal Perkins indicated that a Knight in full color will command that spot.

Color will be featured inside the new facility. The walls, painted in the school's red and black colors, will provide a background which will please students and faculty, Principal Perkins is certain. The new bleachers, a bright red, will provide color and much more. They will be safe, as the old ones weren't. Also, they will be set back further than the older ones. As a result, the gym floor

Obviously happy with the prospect of an attractive gym, the principal noted, "In addition to the additional safety of the refinished floor, the colorful and safe new bleachers, brightly painted walls, there is another big plus. We take pride in our school here at Braxton County Middle School, and this addition will give us one more aspect of our school of which we can be proud."

Braxton Magistrate Report

Magistrate Beth Smith

August 3: Carol E. Solomon of Boca Raton, FL, speeding, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed and paid; Samantha Brooke Starcher of Wallback, petit larceny, obstructing an officer, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$2500 cash or surety.

Magistrate David Singleton

August 1: Leslie Marshall-Kendall of Gassaway, no proof of insurance, dismissed proof provided; James H. Sink of Bud, driving suspended-general, no contest plea, no seatbelt, no contest plea, fines/court costs assessed; Paul D. Wick, III of Cranberry Township, PA, speeding, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed and paid.

August 3: Terry J. Segar of Apollo, PA, speeding, guilty plea, fine/court costs assessed and paid; Krisin Kantadatba of Conot Creek, FL, speed-

ing, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed and paid.

August 5: Rusty Lee Chewning of Burnsville, harassment, dismissed, lack of evidence; Douglas Wayne Miller of Rosedale, no proof of insurance, no contest plea, expired MVI, no contest plea, fines/court costs assessed; Lauren M. Greenstein of Mooresville, NC, speeding, no contest plea.

August 6: Jeremy Alan Westfall of Sutton, obstructing an officer x4, warrant issued, bond set at \$2000 cash or surety.

August 8: Christopher W. Hoffman of Napier, possession of controlled substance x2, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$2500 cash or surety.

Obituaries

into it and what it had become.

Loved ones that cleared the path for Johnny Dale are his parents, Walter Elliott Taylor and Ruby Emogene Brown Taylor, and his sister, Sonja V. Hosey.

Loved ones that will miss Johnny Dale until they meet again are his wife, Debbie Jean Taylor; his son, Johnny (Robin) Taylor, Jr.; his daughters, Stephanie Hayhurst and Jamie Greer; his stepdaughter, Amanda Roberts, his nephew, Jonathan (Rachel) Bragg who he loved as if he were a son of his own; his grandchildren, Jodi (Andy) Adkins, Bethany Martin, Dyllen “Bubby” Williams, Skyler “Raynie” Hayhurst, Brantley Bragg, Satara Greer, Nathaniel “Peanut” Moyers, Warren Neff, Jaxson Neff, Emma Greer; his great-grandchildren, Hunt-er Adkins and Isabella Adkins; his sisters, Shelby (Ron) Hoover, Faye Bragg, Kathy (Tim) Moore, Donna (Tom) Williams, Joyce Flanagan and Terry Clark, Kay (Chuck) Tenney; his brother, Mike Taylor; as well as his extended family and an abundance of friends. He will forever be in their hearts and missed very much every day. The world will not be the same. Until we are together again one day, as Johnny Dale would say “Later...”

Johnny Dale’s funeral was 1 P.M. Friday, August 5, 2022 at Roach Funeral Home, 708 Braxton Street, Gassaway with Reverend Linn Schiefer officiating. Burial was in the Rocky Acres Family Cemetery, Birch River.

His visitation was two hours prior to the service at the funeral home.

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

Arthur “Lenny” Leonard Pickens

Arthur “Lenny” Leonard Pickens, 73, of Ireland, passed away in the comfort of his home on Friday, July 29, 2022. He was

born in Philippi on August 21, 1948, a son of the late Charles David and Alta Fisher Pickens.

In addition to his parents, Lenny was preceded in death by two step-sisters: Shirley Kay Sprouse and Mary Louise Allman; and one step brother, Sonny Allman.

Forever cherishing their memories of Lenny’s hard-working nature are two sons: Jason Leonard Pickens and Thomas Michael Pickens both of Jupiter, FL; one brother, Chuck Pickens of Ireland; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Lenny was a Christian by faith and graduated in the class of 1966 from Harbor High School in Ashtabula, OH. He worked in a foreign car repair shop in Jupiter, FL. Recently, he was self-employed as a mechanic and iron worker with his partner, Ford Gregory. Lenny liked to go fishing, ride in his side-by-side, collect antiques, and attend the WVU Mountaineer football games

Family and friends gathered for Visitation at Clutter Funeral Services – Alkire Chapel located at 190 Wild Cat Road in Ireland from 12-1 p.m. on Tuesday, August 2, 2022. Funeral Services were held at 1 p.m. with Kevin Gregory and Ed-die Williams as officiants.

Interment followed at the Kincaid Cemetery on Buttermilk Road in Ireland.

We, at Clutter Funeral Services – Alkire Chapel, are honored and privileged to serve the family of Arthur “Lenny” Leonard Pickens. Online condolences may be expressed at www.Clutter-FuneralHome.com.

Hayward Bazzle Hosey

Hayward Bazzle Hosey, 70 of Webster Springs passed away on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 at Summersville Regional Medical Center. He was born October 9, 1951 in Sutton to the late Burl and Clara Clutter Hosey and previously worked at the saw mill.

Bazzle enjoyed hunting, fishing, working in the yard, sitting on the porch, visiting with people, and spending time with his nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother Scott Hosey; and sisters Dorothy Baughman and Dollie Dilley.

He is survived by his sisters Bonnie Cogar and Mable Giles; many nieces and nephews; several great-nieces and great-nephews; great-great-nieces Halleigh, Maria, and Haidyn; great-great-nephew Littlest Scott on the way; and many friends and neighbors who will mourn his passing.

Funeral Services to celebrate Bazzle’s life were held on Monday, August 8, 2022 at 2:00 PM at Dodd & Reed Funeral Home with Pastor Doy Carpenter officiating. Interment followed in Beaver Run Cemetery, Bolair. Friends joined the family for visitation two hours prior to service time at the Funeral Home.

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

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

Lenora Belle Johnston

Lenora Belle Johnston, age 91, of Chardon, OH,

peacefully passed away on August 1, 2022, at Chardon Health-care Center. She was born on February 23, 1931, to William and Bertha (nee: Lyons) Triplett in Strange Creek, WV. She graduated from Nicholas County High School, Class of 1950, and married Robert Johnston on January 10, 1953, in Akron, OH. He preceded her in death on March 4, 2002.

Lenora moved to Chester Township in 1974 where she raised her family. She enjoyed sewing and reading her bible. Survivors include her children; sons, Robert (Julia) Johnston Jr. of Munson Twp., OH, Benjamin (Cynthia) Johnston of Willoughby Hills, OH; daughter, Julie Wagner of Ashtabula, OH; sister, Carol Young of Mount Lookout, W.V. and 3 grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her parents, husband, Robert; 3 brothers and 4 sisters.

The family received friends from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 7,

2022, at the Burr Funeral Home, 116 South Street, Chardon, OH 44024. A funeral service followed at 7:00 p.m.

Graveside Service were at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, August 8, 2022, at the Chester Township Cemetery, Chillicothe Road, Chesterland, OH 44026.

Arrangements made by the Burr Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Chardon, OH. Information and condolences online at www.burrservice.com

Susan Marie Mace

Susan Marie Mace, 94 of Hacker Valley, passed away on Monday, August 1, 2022 at Hubbard Hospice House in Charleston. She was born February 4, 1928 in Coe to the late Everett and Lora Hammons Nicholas and was a retired store clerk.

She was a lifelong resident of Webster County and a member of the Hacker Valley United Methodist Church. She enjoyed talking and visiting; cooking and baking; and doing what she could for her neighbors.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Carl G. Mace; sister Gladys “Maxine” Faulkner, and brothers William S. Nicholas and Lloyd Lee Nicholas.

Susan is survived by her brother Everett Nicholas, Jr.; special friend Earlene Anderson; nieces and nephews; and many extended family, friends and neighbors who will mourn her passing.

Friends joined the family for visitation on Thurs-

day, August 4, 2022 from 6:00 to 9:00 PM at Hacker Valley United Methodist Church, Hacker Valley.

Funeral Services to celebrate Susan’s life were held on Friday, August 5, 2022 at 2:00 PM at Hacker Valley United Methodist Church officiating. She was laid to rest beside her husband in Hacker Valley Cemetery.

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

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

Lena Jo Byrne Riffle

Lena Jo Byrne Riffle, 84, of Gem (Burnsville), WV died Monday August 1, 2022.

She was born in Braxton County on April 23, 1938 to the late Ralph Byrne and Thelma J. Conrad Byrne.

Lena “Jo” most recently owned & operated Jo’s Café and enjoyed meeting and talking to her patrons. In her earlier years she provided care for several family members.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband of 47 years, Hubert Riffle, in 2006; her sister, Frances Byrne; brothers, Denzil Ray Byrne and James “Spink” Byrne; and foster brother, Larry Conrad.

Her funeral service was 1 P.M. Thursday, August 4, 2022 at Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway with Reverend Delmas Singleton officiating. Burial was in the Little Kanawha Memorial Gardens, Heaters.

Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

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

Bettye Lee Bowles

Bettye Lee Bowles of Sutton WV passed away August 3rd 2022, at the age of 97.

Bettye was born on February 15th 1925. She is the youngest of 14 children. She worked as a teachers aide for 25 years, and was a member of Christ Church United Methodist of Sutton. She was married to Harrison Loren Bowles. She is survived by her son Rickie D Bowles from Detroit. Her granddaughters, Tracie Greene of NC, Wendy Bowles-Domingo of HI, Loren Bowles of WV, and Latasha Bowles-Jackson of WV, as well as many great and great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Harrison Bowles, her sisters, Francis L. Martin, Dorothy E. Martin, Jenita Martin, Gertrude Martin, Martha L. Martin, Cosetta M Martin, Her brothers, Henry Martin, Robert G. Martin, Earnest J Martin, George M Martin, Reynard L. Martin, Charles Martin and Donald Martin. Great grand daughter Aaliyah Bowles-Domingo and great grandson Tyrone Bowles.

Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday August 13th at Greene-Robertson Funeral home, with BeBe Marshall officiating. Friends may call one hour before service, at Funeral Home. In Lieu of flowers, the family suggest that donations be made to Christ Church United Methodist of Sutton, WV 26601.

Norman Floyd Nottingham

Norman Floyd Nottingham, 78, of Strange Creek passed away on Monday, January 24, 2022 at Plateau Medical center, Oak Hill, WV.

He was born in Braxton County on February 16, 1943 to the late Emma and Floyd Nottingham.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by infant sons, Norman F. Nottingham, Jr. and Steve Edward Nottingham; and son, David Allen Nottingham; brothers, Jackie Nottingham and James Brackie Nottingham; and sisters, Marlene Smith and Georgia Houston Chippis.

Norman was retired from Timken Company, Canton, Ohio with 34 years of service. He liked to work outside and hunt.

He is survived by his wife of 24 years, Mary Walter Nottingham; and daughter, Cindy Jean Phillips and husband, David of Daniels, WV; grandchildren, Rylee Jean Phillips and Reese Emery Phillips; and sister, Shirley Smith of Canton, OH.

In keeping with Norman’s wishes he was cremated.

His memorial service will be 12 Noon Monday, August 15, 2022 at Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway with Reverend Johnny Conrad officiating.

Inurnment will follow at Nottingham Cemetery, Strange Creek.

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

Arrangements by Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway, WV.

Verdine Belle Rollyson

Verdine Belle Rollyson, 69, of Belfont, passed away on Friday, August 5, 2022 at Encompass Health in Morgantown, WV.

She was born March 20, 1953 in Gassaway to the late Orville and Nola Miller Cook.

Verdine was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and Christian. She attended the Belfont-Simpson Church. She enjoyed working in her garden at home and she loved to bake and cook. She will be missed.

She will be forever remembered by her husband of 51 years, Tommy Rollyson; son, Justin Rollyson and wife, Jacqueline, of Belfont; grandchildren Brooklyn Paige Rollyson and Brooklyn Taylor Hays.

Verdine’s funeral was 11 A.M. Monday, August 8, 2022 at Belfont-Simpson Church with Reverend Wally Post officiating. Interment followed in the Rollyson Family Cemetery, Belfont.

Her visitation was one hour prior to the service at the church.

Service of Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway.

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

Johnny Dale Taylor

Johnny Dale Taylor of Birch River passed away Monday, August 1, 2022, at the age of 69, lovingly surrounded by his family.

He was born on September 28, 1952 in Twenty Mile, Nicholas County. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. Johnny Dale was a lineman until he retired after 46 years but retirement was not for him. He kept himself busy working at Southern States of Gassaway for the past two years. He loved working at the store and would come home and tell stories about his days and about his friends and the people he met there.

Anyone who knew Johnny Dale knew that he worked hard all his life. From sunup to sundown whether it was at work, on his farm, in the garden, or helping a friend or neighbor. He had a generous heart and never hesitated to help people out when they needed it. There also was not a baby or child that he did not claim as his own. Because he was a big kid at heart, they all loved him right back.

Johnny Dale loved being a papaw and spending time with his grandchildren. He could talk about them all day. You could find him with his friends every Saturday having shooting matches in his shooting shack. Johnny Dale was a little guy and became known as “little britches” to his friends. He enjoyed working his farm and was proud of all the hard work he had put

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2022-2023 School Bus Schedules

Burnsville/Heaters/Flatwoods Areas	AM	PM
Bus 42A - Arnold Bender, Operator		
Orlando Post Office-Turnaround	6:25	4:39
McCauley Run Rd.	6:33	4:27
Idb08001	6:45	4:16
Main Street - Post Office	6:51	4:10
Burnsville Dam Turnaround	6:57	4:08
Burnsville Elementary	7:12	3:38
BCMS-transfer w/Buses #34A & 43A (pm only)	7:30	3:30
BCHS-transfer w/Buses #34A & 43A (am only)	7:40	3:35
Sutton Elementary	8:05	3:05
Bus 29A - Paul Burton, Operator		
Intersection of Copen Rd & Bull Fork Rd Turnaround	6:36	4:59
Arnett Road Turnaround	6:45	4:48
Copen Road - Childer's	6:55	4:38
Copen Road & Rt. 5	7:10	4:23
Burnsville Elementary	7:16	4:17
Drake's Trailer Park	7:32	4:01
Flatwoods Elementary	7:53	3:40
Braxton County High School	7:58	3:35
Braxton County Middle School	8:00	3:30
Bus 36A - Marcy Hamilton, Operator		
Corley Caress Road	6:32	4:35
Berry Fork Road	7:06	4:10
Stone Run/Berry Fork Road Intersection	7:21	3:56
Harley Brown's Trailer Park	7:28	3:48
Flatwoods Elementary	7:30	3:45
Braxton County Middle	7:38	3:35
Braxton County High	7:40	3:30
Bus 37A - Scott Mosley, Operator		
Braxton Industries	6:41	4:42
Knawl Creek Turnaround	6:53	4:30
Pigeon Roost	7:03	4:20
Curry Ridge Road	7:12	4:12
Napier - Transfer with Bus #40A	7:20	4:10
Gauley Turnpike (Lloyd's Sawmill)	7:25	4:03
Mt. View Estates	7:37	3:51
Flatwoods Elementary	7:44	3:40
Braxton County Middle	7:50	3:30
Braxton County High	7:52	3:35
Bus 40A - Simon Arnold, Operator		
Pleasant Hill Rd/Green Hill/Wimmer's	6:40	4:40
Keith's Run Rd.	7:08	4:14
Napier - Transfer with Bus #37A	7:17	3:56
Grass Run Road/Route 5	7:36	3:42
Burnsville Elementary	7:49	3:25
Little Birch/Sutton/Flatwoods Areas	AM	PM
Bus 22 - Darla Shaver, Operator		
Crites Mountain Turnaround	6:40	4:45
Coffman Hill/Erbacon Road Turnaround	7:02	4:20
Two Lick Turnaround	7:25	3:56
Little Birch Elementary	7:20	4:04
Stump Chapel (Transfer with Bus #26A)	7:32	3:54
Braxton County Middle	7:50	3:35
Braxton County High	7:55	3:30
Bus 23 - Shirley Skidmore, Operator		
Exchange Bridge Rt. 19/26	7:02	4:12
Wolford's	7:14	3:55
Meckley/Morrison	7:19	3:48
Ashley Place Trailer Park (BCMS/BCHS)	7:30	3:39
Braxton County Middle	7:32	3:35
Braxton County High	7:34	3:30
Ashley Place Trailer Park (Elementary)	7:38	3:15
Sutton Elementary	7:43	3:05
Bus 44 - Travis Jagielski, Operator		
Buck Fork Road Turnaround	6:50	4:30
Herold Road 28/US19	6:58	4:18
Frame's Custom Meats	7:02	4:14
Keener's, Herold Road	7:09	4:07
Edgar Given Parkway	7:20	3:56
Buckeye Road Turnaround	7:21	3:55
End of Bridge/Stonewall Street	7:22	3:54
City National Bank (p.m.)	---	3:52
Sutton Elementary	7:24	3:50
Braxton County Middle	7:36	3:35
Braxton County High	7:40	3:30
Bus 32A - Bill Rose, Operator		
Polemic Church Junction on 38/4	6:55	4:15
Cross Rt. 19, Brooks Run Mine Office	7:10	4:07
Jackson Stone Quarry	7:13	4:04
Little Birch Elementary	7:20	4:00
Locust Estates	7:26	3:56
Mustard's Last Stand	7:28	3:54
Rowan's Trailer Park (Lower)	7:29	3:49
Shaw's Trailer Park	7:31	3:49
Sutton Elementary	7:40	3:41
Braxton County Middle	7:52	3:35
Braxton County High	7:55	3:30
Bus 26A - Matt Pitcock, Operator		
Baker's Run Campground	6:53	4:43
Ruth's Carry Out Store-Villers	6:58	4:35
Junction of Stoney Creek/Poplar Ridge	7:06	4:28
Junction of Morton/Camp Scott Rd-Transfer w/ Bus #28A	7:17	4:10
Jackson's Trailer Park	7:25	4:07
Rt. 19 & Centralia Road Junction	7:28	4:04
Stump Chapel - Transfer w/Bus #22	7:32	3:54
Little Birch Elementary	7:40	3:40
Bus 28A - Allen Shaver, Operator		
Barnett Cemetary Pavillion Turnaround	6:55	4:34
Morton's Orchard Rd/Centrailia Rd.-Transfer w/Bus #26A	7:17	4:12
Jackson's	7:21	4:08
Substation	7:29	4:04
Braxton Co. Health Department	7:31	4:02

Sutton Bridge (barber shop side)	7:34	3:57
Courthouse-stop is close to trash drop off loc (evening only)	---	3:55
Sutton Elementary	7:38	3:52
Braxton County High School	7:51	3:35
Braxton County Middle School	7:49	3:30
Bus 34A - Mary Rose, Operator		
Brush Run Road-Abraham's	6:43	4:41
Tom's Run Road	6:51	4:33
Mouth of Brush Camp	7:05	4:23
Cutlip's Baptist Church	7:20	4:20
Junction of Beech Fork Road	7:18	4:13
Braxton County Middle	7:42	3:35
Braxton County High	7:48	3:30
Prophetic House of Prayer	7:50	3:48
Flatwoods Elementary	7:53	3:45
Bus 43A - Keith Brown, Operator		
Kniceley/McCray Cemetery on Vernon Road Turnaround	6:20	5:05
Corley-Caress Rd - Shanabarger's	6:32	4:45
Kanawha Run Trading Post Turnaround	6:40	4:40
Top of Newville Hill	6:50	4:30
McClain Ridge Road - Hatmaker's	7:07	4:16
D & D Auction Bldg	7:13	4:10
Days Inn Drive	7:23	4:05
Dyers Hill Road - Dunbar	7:25	4:02
Salt Lick Rd/Train Trussel Turnaround	7:32	3:50
Flatwoods Elementary	7:40	3:45
Braxton County Middle	7:48	3:30
Braxton County High	7:50	3:35
Bus 35A - Bonnie Gendreau, Operator		
Airport Rd at Flatwoods Run Rd.-Turnaround	6:50	4:39
Meadow Lane-Currence-Turnaround	6:53	4:36
Bee Run Road	7:07	4:22
White Oak Estates (pm only)	---	4:16
Camden Hill Heights	7:15	4:08
Robbins Nest Daycare (pm only)	---	4:00
Sutton Elementary	7:25	4:01
Braxton County Middle	7:39	3:30
Braxton County High	7:41	3:35
City National Bank (Sutton Lane-pm only)	---	3:50
Flatwoods Elementary	7:50	3:42
Frametown/Gassaway Areas	AM	PM
Bus 30A - George Dennison, Operator		
Middle Run Road - Sears	6:23	4:45
Upper Mill Creek Road - Demastus	6:53	4:25
Frametown Elementary	7:05	4:13
Sugar Camp Church	7:14	4:04
Davis Elementary	7:20	3:58
Formerly Old Foodland Lot	7:25	3:53
Pizza Hut hill	7:30	3:48
Braxton County Middle	7:48	3:30
Braxton County High	7:50	3:35
Bus 27A - Robert Mitchell, Operator		
Mount Run Road	6:25	4:50
Elmira Church	6:32	4:43
Old Servia School	6:40	4:35
Frametown Elementary	7:15	4:00
Braxton County Middle	7:32	3:30
Braxton County High	7:35	3:35
Bus 33A - Mark Smyth, Operator		
Bender's Run Road	6:36	4:58
Nicholas Run Road	6:40	4:54
Fairview Church Turnaround	6:54	4:30
Tunnel Fork/Turnaround at Railroad Tracks	7:16	4:10
Pletcher Motors	7:34	4:02
Davis Elementary	7:32	4:00
Braxton County Middle	7:52	3:35
Braxton County High	7:55	3:30
Bus 31A - Michael Singleton, Operator		
Brush Camp Road	5:55	5:30
Little Otter Road	6:35	4:50
Cutlips Fork Turnaround	6:55	4:32
Davis Elementary	7:21	4:05
LeRose Ford	7:34	3:57
Sutton Moose Lodge	7:36	3:54
Sutton Elementary	7:39	3:52
Braxton County Middle	7:50	3:30
Braxton County High	7:55	3:35
Flatwoods Elementary	8:00	3:00
Bus 38A - Brent Rose, Operator		
Keener's Ridge/Mt. Olive Church	6:35	4:40
Staley's, Rt. 42	6:44	4:29
Strange Creek Bridge	6:57	4:25
Lower Mill Creek	7:05	4:15
Frametown Elementary - Transfer with Bus #39A	7:10	4:10
Braxton County Middle	7:45	3:35
Braxton County High	7:48	3:30
Bus 39A - Mark Rose, Operator		
Road Run Rd/Green Bridge - O'Brien Rd	6:20	5:00
Mill Fork Bridge	6:45	4:25
Rosedale Senior Citizens' Building	6:50	4:20
Upper Sleith Rd	7:00	4:15
Wilsie Store/Belfont Rd (Belfont Students)	7:05	4:10
Frametown Elementary - Transfer to Bus #38A	7:15	4:00
Bus 41A - Jeremy Cantrell, Operator		
Tate Creek Rd - Clemento's	6:34	4:42
Joe's Fork Road	6:51	4:27
Frametown Elementary	7:08	4:10
Sugar Creek Baptist Church	7:17	4:00
Davis Elementary	7:25	4:08
Dept of Highways	7:38	3:31
Deer Forrest Apts. (Elementary Students Only)	7:42	3:27
Davis Elementary	7:52	3:10

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8-11 8-18b



Pat's Chats

By Pat Ridpath

Sheri-Lyn sent me pictures from the Sabbath School and Church services which were held at Holly River State Park today, but I just cannot get them attached, so I give up.

In spite of some threatening weather forecasts a little earlier this week, this morning turned out to be quite pleasant with no rain expected until later, so off to Holly River many went, meeting at the Park. Barry had Zoom and other technical equipment running and broadcasting. (The rain DID come and everyone had to grab things and more to the shelter of the pavilion, but pictures looked like they were still having fun.

Our lesson this week was entitled Indestructible Hope. Much of the scripture that was taken from Habakkuk and could be very troublesome if we don't remember that although things will get worse, we have God's promises to depend on, knowing that though His promises are sure we must hold on to them and trust His Word and not give in to despair. We have no trouble seeing great evil all around us. Some of us may wonder at times why things are so far away from God's plans for us. We think, "How could I have gone so far away from God?" Our lesson answers this, saying 'Just one step at a time.' We know that

we need to stay in touch with God, and getting out into His wonderful nature scenes is one way to do it. I wish you could have joined the group. (I could not go because I am sort of crippled now with a bad knee, but hopefully that will be taken care of soon.) I hope you will get to see some of the beauty of the day in the video you can see if you type this into your computer or click on it with whatever device you use to view the programs. If you have ZOOM, all you need to do is "join a meeting" on your screen and choose Meeting ID # 961 2015 7208.

If you want to see some of the Holly River activity go to:

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stand anymore pain.

When Tommy last visited his wife I think he knew it was just a matter of time and his wife would be gone, no one but Tommy knows the conversation between him and his wife there in the Morgantown hospital but I want to think Tommy may have been talking of heaven! Should you go first and I remain to walk this lonely road alone. One thing I will have you slowly down that lonely road for soon I will follow you. I want to think the doors of heaven will swing wide for this couple to enter.

Goodby Mrs Rollyson (Margaret)

Just Waiting For You

By Larry Knight

Mr Tommy Rollyson and I met a few years ago. Tommy was more of a brother to me than any brother I have. As the saying goes we jelled quite well. We have a lot in common. Survival and just getting along is important to the both of us. Tommy likes his pups. I have one of his finest examples. Little Miss Tiny reminds me of Tommy. Little Tiny is honest a devoted friend and a pleasure to be around. It is no accident that they both like to hunt.

Tommy has told me he has been married for 50 yrs. A few years back

his wife came down with kidney problems. She has been on the kidney machine now for the past several years. 3 times a week on the machine to remove liquids from her body. Mrs Rollyson was admitted to the hospital at Clarksburg recently. Reports say she not only had the kidney problem but covid and other problems. By this time Mrs Rollyson had lost a large amount of body weight and was weak and frail in body. This past Friday night I got the sad news Mrs Rollyson had passed away. She had lost the race of life her body could not

Dog Tails: Stories from the Braxton County Animal Shelter:

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has lived with kid's ages six and fourteen and loves kids. She knows her name, come and no. She seems to kind of avoid other dogs when we dog test her but she hasn't shown any aggression, maybe just fear. She's a people dog, not a dog's dog. She does sniff them and act interested when they aren't looking so we think she would warm up to another dog she just needs to spend time with them. She loves pets and sits on your feet when you stand close by.

Burnsville Church Rummage Sale

First Baptist Church of Burnsville will be having a rummage sale September 10, 9am to 4pm at the church pavilion. Rain date September 17. All proceeds go to community charities.

A Tale of Three Washers

By: Joseph J. Mazzella

I don't believe in luck, but if I did I would say I have had a string of the bad kind lately. Last week my washing machine broke. It just wouldn't wash. I hadn't had it that long either. Like anyone these days I tried to figure out if I could fix it online but soon realized the repairs would cost more than a new machine would. Then this week my daughter's washing machine broke. It was an older, simpler model so once again I tried to fix it myself and even called my friend who was good at household repairs to take a look at it. Once again, however, it was broken beyond any easy repair. I ended up having to order two, new washing machines putting a couple of big dents in my credit cards. Both got delivered quickly but

I still griped to God about the rough patch I was going through.

As soon as I did my memory traveled back in time to when I was a child. I saw my Nana hand loading an old fashioned wringer washing machine with my dirt caked jeans and muddy shirts. It didn't have a spin cycle so Nana had to put each item through a pair of rolling pin sized wringers to squeeze out the water. Once I had foolishly tried to help and caught my fingers in them. That was a pain I remember to this day.

When the washing was done Nana would often pat the machine affectionately before she took the clothes outside to hang on the clothes lines to dry. She had grown up hand washing clothes and was grateful for the machine

that did so much of the work for her.

Remembering this helped me to realize that once again I was looking at things the wrong way. God has blessed me with so much more than my Nana, Mom, and Dad had. I was getting caught up in the problems and inconveniences of modern life instead of thanking God for all I have and all I am. I apologized to God then and thanked Him for that beautiful memory.

The good old days had their share of struggles and joys. And the good new days have their share of struggles and joys. What matters is how we live them. What matters is what we learn from them. What matters is that we LOVE through the struggles as well as the joys. May all your days be full of Love then no matter how dirty your clothes get.

Another Cornbread Story

By: Jeanette Riffle

Last week I wrote about how the antique corn sheller worked and a daughter of the man who had the grist mill called me for a big chat. She told me some interesting stories and I have been thinking of more, myself. One time when we were home on vacation, my parents sent some homemade meal back with us. We had a Sunday School picnic coming up and I made a pan of cornbread to go with the food I had taken. There was a man there who grew up in Kentucky and he was going on about how good that cornbread was. He said it reminded him of his grandma's cornbread. All of a sudden he made a face and took something out of his mouth, in his hand and looked at it. I asked him what was wrong and he said he thought he had broke a tooth off. He said, "What is a piece of hard corn doing in this cornbread?" After I quit laughing, I apologized and told him that I didn't know. When we got back home, I called my mother and told her what had happened and she told me that you are supposed to sift it. I just assumed that she had already done that. She hadn't told me to sift it when she gave it to me. Evidently, there was just one piece of hard corn in the whole sack and it ended up in Jerry's piece of cornbread. Sometimes a grain just gets through the burrs when corn is being ground and it should always be sifted. I remember sifting flour into a crock when I was growing up. Mom had a kitchen cabinet with the flour bin in the center, where we dumped a sack of flour

and I would turn a handle to crank the flour down into the crock for mixing up a batch of biscuits. My, how things have changed.

We use self rise flour now and we don't have to sift it. I saw a video of a two ingredient biscuit recipe, in my news feed this week that I want to try. It was just self rise flour and whipping cream. You mix it up until it forms a sticky ball and dump it out onto a floured surface. Turn it over four times working the flour in until it is no longer sticky and

cut the biscuits out with a biscuit cutter. Place in a greased pan, making sure the edges don't touch and bake 425 degrees for 12 minutes. Brown under the broiler until golden brown. That would be good with sausage gravy. If I try that recipe, I will let you know how it turned out.

Until next time, everyone take care and enjoy the last of the gardens. It will be time to plant the fall crops after you get everything else out. My Dad planted turnips, mustard and kale greens. God bless and keep you in his care!



Melissa Keener

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On the Other Side of the Mountain

This must have been a record year for the Japanese beetle on our farm. We went along many mornings with a bucket, containing a little bit of soapy water, shaking the beetles into it, then sealing the bucket with a lid. Each time the bucket was half full and the three traps, hung along the fences were full every week. The Japanese beetles will eat anything but flower buds are their favorites. They can congregate in groups of 12 or more on one single bloom. At least this makes it easy to shake them into the bucket. They also like grape leaves, blueberry bushes, their berries, bean leaves, even fake nettles that nobody else touches. It has been a while since we have applied Milky Spore to our garden area, maybe it will be time for another application this month.

Japanese beetles appear in June, feed ferociously for 30 to 45 days (their adult lifespan), lay their eggs in the ground where they will hatch in a few weeks and start feeding

on the root system of the existing plants there for approximately 10 months while the soil temperature is 65 degrees and above.

During this time period the grubs are the most active. Often August and September are the best time to apply Milky Spore, but the general rule is that the temperature of the ground has to be 65 degrees and above. The Milky Spore product is available everywhere locally.

Application is easy. Imagine a grid of squares on your lawn or garden area where these pests are a nuisance. Every 4' insert a teaspoon of Milky Spores into the soil, then repeat the same procedure another 4' apart and so on. Don't worry about the gaps between the 4' points, the spores will inoculate the area in between naturally. Once the grub eats the spore, the spore will reproduce itself inside the grub and turn the insects' internal fluids into a milky consistency and the grub will die within 7 to 21 days.

As the grub decomposes, the spore survive and will disperse into the soil to infect more grubs. This is how Milky Spore spreads throughout the grub infected area.

What is important in the height of the summer is to check your garden daily. Pick produce every day. Cucumbers before they turn too big, beans almost every three days. If you have more than one kind of beans, or many rows of one singular type, means that you might be picking beans almost every day. Keep the greens trimmed so that they don't go to seed. In July and August we often had to water our garden, but this year we have had so much rain that we never had to use the water hoses. We are trying not to pick our sweet peppers when they are still green, because once they turn red, yellow or purple (colors indicating their ripeness), they taste deliciously sweet. As you pick your veggies, check for bug infestations. Right now we have some bean

beetles that munch on bean plants as well as on cucumbers and squashes.

We use Neem oil and a Pyrethrin (extract from Chrysanthemums) for controlling their expansion. Bean beetles look similar to lady beetles, but they are tan to brownish with black spots. instead of the red lady bugs. The larvae of the bean beetles are yellow spiky balls, a little more than a quarter inch long. Try to spray later in the evening to avoid hurting the pollinators. Pyrethrin is harmful to fish. One can also use insecticidal soap, but the plants have to be drenched thoroughly till they drip. Of course hand-picking the beetles and larvae works too, but if you have many rows of beans it might be overwhelming.

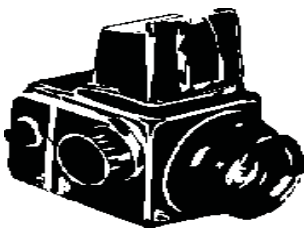
When we pick beans and see these intruders, of course we crush them.

Our apple crop is not reliable. Spring temperatures are the key to an apple harvest. If they bloom early, there is a good chance of a frost kill-

ing the blossoms and if it is too cold or too much rain for insects to fly, pollination won't occur. We had a fairly good return from our apple trees this year. They ripened earlier than other years, but we had one major problem, the birds. The trees were loaded with fruit and many dropped off early. We picked them up and fed them to the goats. We have different varieties that ripen at different times to stagger the harvest. The minute the fruit ripened on one tree the birds launched major attacks, screeching, hacking the apples, inflicting damage on the fruit and also hurling them to the ground. It meant filling up a gallon bucket every morning with damaged apples. We needed to pick them from the tree, but not all of them were evenly ripe. To save what we had, we are drying some every day and if they are a little bit on the sour side, the dried apples are even more appealing.

Every once in a while I check our records from

past years. I use them when we seed brassicas to remember how many we need and which variety did best, or when we seeded lettuce at varies times, or to remember the best time to seed beans, As I browsed through the scribbles, I read that we had to water the garden last July and that the Japanese beetles were the worst ever. So, this year their presence has not changed. The more we pick them, the faster they are replaced and the faster the traps fill up. The national weather service reports that we had 10" above normal rainfall in our region so far in 2022, which explains why there was no need for watering the garden. I like to keep some notes about our daily activities, the weather, how much produce we froze and canned, the condition of the animals, a record on pasture rotation and way ,way down the line, about some entertainment we enjoyed. Memory itself is very unreliable and only written accounts will be accurate.



Photos courtesy of Janet Six

A Photographic Look at...

2022 Braxton County Fair



The Aquatic Acrobatic Show wowed the crowds each night of the fair!



The Karen Carr Memorial Car, Truck, Tractor and Motorcycle Show was held on Saturday, August 6th.



Guests of all ages rode their favorite carnival rides with Myers Amusements.



Blaire Spaur, Tiny Miss Braxton County Fair Queen enjoys the corn box at the Down on the Farm event.



4-H and FFA members sold their livestock projects to a large crowd of supporters.



The Mud Bogs were a crowd pleaser as trucks made their passes working to not get stuck!

Why I Ride

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Planning to ride a long trip?
Here's some information.



Loading the motorcycle for my trip to Alaska. Amazing how much stuff one can pack on a bike if one plans.

My first long bike ride happened in 1971. Sporting brand new bikes, Mike Gioulis a 1971 Honda CB350 and me a 1971 Honda CB450, both double overhead cam bikes, some camping gear, fishing poles, some tools, and blind faith, departed from our homes in Astoria, Queens, NYC and rode to my Uncle's house in Re-

dondo Beach California, then to Mike's Uncle's house in Fremont California, across to the Bob Marshall Wilderness in Montana, where we camped close to two weeks, then to meet folks in the Green Mountains of Vermont, and finally, braving hurricane-like weather, back home in NYC. We were young, but confident that

we could do this. I think it was simpler back then. We didn't plan so much, loaded up the bikes, said see ya to our family and friends, and off we went.

Mike and I talked motorcycles long before we bought one. I never told him, but when I watched Easy Rider in July of 1969, I caught the motorcycle bug, and knew that someday I was going to do what Captain America and Billy did. More on this trip in another column.

Warp speed to 2022. Bikes are bigger and better, roads are more plentiful and better, accommodations are everywhere, (we were out about six weeks, traveled over 10,000 miles, and camped and made our food everyday but one), and in my opinion, the one factor that has made it possible to travel long distances much more relaxed, was the invention of the cellular phone. Yes, AAA is also helpful, if you have phone service and there's a station within reasonable distance. Alright, you set the date for your trip, you block off the range of time on your calendar, now what?

The amount of time invested in planning a trip is proportional to the length of the trip. For example, I rode from Sutton, WV to the Arctic Circle sign North of Fairbanks,

Alaska, South of the Arctic Ocean. I planned for this trip for close to two years. And like all plans, be ready to make changes as the situations call for.

Planning a trip includes choosing destinations and possible routes, choice of accommodations, how long you feel comfortable riding in one day, including rest stops, gas stops, food stops, and most importantly, hydration stops. Knowing all this beforehand, and expecting all to change depending on whim, weather, or traffic, will bring you peace of mind on the road. If you use a GPS unit, bring backup maps for confirmation. My GPS unit has taken me on some wild rides, some good, some not so good. Plan your route and stay the day before, trust me on this one.

I could write pages on this subject matter hoping it will help you, however, space is limited here, as it is on your motorcycle, so I will touch on the more basic preparations. Email me with specific questions about this, or any other issues and I will do my best to supply answers for you.

Build up the stamina necessary for a long trip. Start by riding 50 miles, then 100, then 150, and so on, until you find your comfortable riding one-day distance. Do an advance riding course if you can. If the longest ride you ever did was 25 miles or so, you need this. I did an Iron Butt ride once. Rode 1074 miles in 17 hours. That's an average of 63 mph, which included gas, food, and rest stops. I thought I was gonna die!

Check your documentation. Make sure your insurance, license, registration, and inspection are up to date. Join an emergency road service organization, like AAA. Some insurances supply emergency services, make sure they cover what you might need. Bring your passport or voter registration card. Have an emergency fund somewhere other than in your luggage. If your wallet is lost or stolen, you will want cash or credit cards to fin-

ish your trip. Keep a list of numbers on you at all times. A spare ignition key would not hurt. Consider travel insurance and travel medical insurance.

Prepare your motorcycle. Thoroughly service your bike. The Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) uses the acronym T-CLOCS to check six areas before taking a ride. (T)ires and wheels; (C)ontrols; (L)ights and electrics; (O)il and other fluids; (C)hassis; and (S)tands; In addition, check condition of the battery, adjust throttle and brake mechanisms, front and rear brakes, damaged or bent rims; check for loose nuts, bolts, and other parts; and check for worn or broken parts. Avoid needless repairs on the road. Ride the heck out

as spare eyeglasses and contacts, medications, supplements, and things you will use during your overnight stays. I suggest you pack a snack bag containing power snacks to use when you stop for gas or to rest, sunscreen, and lots of water! I suggested methods of hydration in last week's column. I also pack a first aid kit, and hope to use it to help somebody else, however, it's there if needed.

I find the most difficult kit to put together is a tool kit. I wish I could shrink all my tools and accessories and bring them with me, but no dice. Here's a realistic kit: Tire pressure gauge, tire inflator, flat repair kit and air valves. Most everything else is extra, but bring flat and



Clockwise from the bottom right: My 1971 Honda CB450; Mike's 1971 Honda CB350; Lakeside motorcycle glamping.

of your motorcycle at least a week before you leave so that any problems can be taken care of.

Wear proper safety gear. Helmet, eye protection, ear plugs, riding jacket and pants with armor, gloves, and comfy boots. Bring rain gear, be ready to use it, and know when to stop and put it on.

Pack right and light. Use lightweight waterproof or water-resistant luggage. I like the type that expands as needed. Bring a camera, you will want better pictures of your trip than you can take with your phone. Layering and easy to maintain clothing is best. You can always make a laundry stop along the way. This will give you a chance to take a break and meet all sorts of interesting folk. Put together a toiletry bag and include your personal need items, such

Phillips heads screwdrivers, combination wrench set for the sizes you will need, 6-sided sockets and ratchet set, hex keys, flashlights, zip ties, spare fuses and light bulbs, bungee cords, utility knife or multitool, duct tape and mechanics wire, spark plug socket and spark plug. Make sure you get the Standard or Metric version for you motorcycle. CruzTools offers a long list of ready to go toolkits.

Lastly, ride sensibly. Do not speed. Stop and smell the roses. Don't ride if you are angry. Remember that you are invisible to non-motorcycle riders. I choose to ride with truck drivers. I feel the worse truck driver is better than the best automobile driver. Ride defensively. Let everyone go, be extra courteous, and enjoy this beautiful country.

Attorney General Morrisey announces Putnam County student as Statewide 'Kids Kick Opioids' Winner

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey announced a Putnam County student as the statewide winner of this year's Kids Kick Opioids contest, a public service announcement partnership with elementary and middle schools that encourages students to raise awareness of prescription painkiller abuse.

Judges selected Erin Walls from Winfield Middle School in Putnam County as the statewide winner. They chose Walls' artwork from entries submitted by students across West Virginia.

Walls's winning design features a drawing of an opioid pill dealing cards at a poker table where the face cards are images relating to drug abuse. The caption reads, "Don't deal with drugs. LIVES ARE AT STAKE."

"Erin's design shows

the grim reality of the opioid epidemic and how opioid abuse can destroy lives," Attorney General Morrisey said. "My congratulations to Erin, our runners-up and all of our regional winners for their hard work in promoting awareness of opioid abuse. We must do everything possible to attack the root causes of addiction and teach our youth the serious consequences of drug abuse."

Erin's design will soon appear in newspapers across West Virginia as the Attorney General's next public service announcement.

Judges also recognized Mary Calvert from Washington Irving Middle School in Harrison County, Aryana Hinz from Moorefield Middle School in Hardy County, Sheridan Hudson from Rivesville Elementary/

Middle School in Marion County and Abby Allen from Spanishburg Elementary School in Mercer County as the statewide runners-up. Their designs will appear with Erin's on the Attorney General's website.

Judges recognized winning entries from 79 students overall. Those designs will be displayed in the State Capitol in the fall.

Kids Kick Opioids represents one of many initiatives through which the Attorney General has sought to combat West Virginia's drug overdose death rate, including a lawsuit against the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration that achieved sweeping reforms to the nation's drug quota system.

The Attorney General also has combated the opioid crisis with civil litigation, multistate initiatives, funding to target opioid abuse, criminal prosecutions, new technology, engagement with the faith-based community and education.

The West Virginia Board of Pharmacy, West Virginia Association of School Nurses and the Capitol Police assisted the Attorney General in judging the public service announcement contest.

Holly Gray Park announces second yard sale of 2022


Holly Gray Park will be hosting a community yard sale on Saturday, August 13th. Set up begins at 7:00 A.M. while the sale begins at 8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

The sale will be held in the barn, rain or shine. It will cost fifteen dollars to set up and tables are available to rent for five dollars a table. Preregis-

ter to have to opportunity to setup the night before.



Helpful items for vendors to bring are small bills to make change, chairs, a canopy for rain or sun, and grocery bags for clothes and other small items.

Come on out and find great deals before school starts.



Office of the West Virginia Attorney General

Youth Opioid Awareness PSA Contest



Statewide Winner

Erin Walls

Winfield Middle School