

Senator Capito Makes Stops in Braxton

U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito traveled to Braxton and Kanawha counties on Tuesday of this week where she met with higher-education leaders and visited the local food bank.

Senator Capito stopped by the Mountaineer Food Bank location in Gassaway just after 10:00 a.m. August 16, where she received a tour of the facility and met with the company's leadership team to discuss expansion efforts.

"For more than four decades, Mountaineer Food Bank has provided resources to communities and families in West Virginia when they needed it the most. I commend their gracious service and appreciate the chance to learn more about their operations and expansion plans today. Mountaineer Food Bank is a light in our state, and I will continue to help the facility gain access to the resources they need to continue successfully serving our state," Senator Capito said.

Created in 1981, Mountaineer Food Bank provides food and other household items to an emergency food network spanning 48 counties.

"We enjoyed welcoming Senator Capito back to our main facility in Gassaway, especially during a time when even more of our neighbors are unsure of where their next meal is coming from," Chad Morrison, Mountaineer Food Bank CEO,



MFB's CEO Chad Morrison (Center) discusses the additional stress short supply and high demand have placed on the Food Bank to Senator Capito and Braxton County's House of Delegates member Brent Boggs.

said. "Her continued support is critical to the 200,000 plus West Virginians facing food insecurity. We are excited to continuing working with Senator Capito to improve access and nutritious options for Mountaineers throughout our state."

Senator Capito's first stop Tuesday was the University of Charleston (UC) where she met

with President Marty Roth and Vice President Gail Carter. During the visit, Senator Capito received a tour of the campus to learn about new additions and discussed with the UC leadership recent Congressionally Directed Spending funding she secured, as well as an Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant she announced for the university in May.

"It is great to see University of Charleston continue to take steps to improve its campus and overall experience. I am particularly impressed to see how they are using federal dollars to support new and innovative advancements that will not only physically improve the university, but also continue to attract the best and brightest," Senator Capito said.

"The University of Charleston is grateful for Senator Capito's deep commitment to higher education," UC President Marty Roth said. "We work closely with statewide employers to help them address their talent acquisition and development

needs, which in turn drives our innovation around student learning and new programs. The recent support we have received from the US DOJ, EDA, HRSA, and NSF through Senator Capito's advocacy is ensuring that we remain a premier university in West Virginia and the region."

Braxton Included in \$3.3 Million in Weatherization Assistance Program Grants

West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice recently announces over \$3.3 million in Weatherization Assistance Program grant funding for 12 agencies across the state working to reduce energy costs for low-income families by improving the energy efficiency of their homes. Mountain CAP of West Virginia, Inc. has been awarded \$163,541.00 to be applied in it's service area of Braxton, Lewis, Upshur and Webster Counties.

The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) was created in 1976 to increase the energy efficiency of dwellings owned or occupied by low-income persons, especially low-income persons who are particularly vulnerable, such as the elderly, people with disabilities, families with children, high residential energy users, and households with a high energy burden.

The West Virginia Development Office administers the WAP in West Virginia on behalf of the DOE.

The program uses some of the most advanced technologies and

testing protocols available in the housing industry. Weatherization crews use computerized energy audits and advanced diagnostic equipment, such as the blower door, manometer, and infrared camera to determine the most cost-effective measures appropriate for each home.

Typical measures include installing insulation in walls, floors, and attics; reducing air infiltration and pressure imbalances; sealing and repairing ducts; and tuning and repairing heating and cooling units. Crews use DOE funds to install only those energy-efficiency measures that meet a Savings-to-Investment Ratio of 1:1 and above. A limited amount of DOE funds may be used to address energy-related health and safety problems, or to perform incidental repairs. This approach ensures the program's cost-effectiveness.

In addition to the comfort, health benefits, and energy savings for the household, the energy conservation resulting from the efforts of state and local agencies helps the United States reduce

both dependence on foreign oil and its carbon footprint.

West Virginia has chosen to use Community Action Agencies (CAAs) as the designated service providers to weatherize homes for income-eligible homeowners, renters, and multiple dwelling units throughout the state.

Additional CAA's receiving WAP funds include the following: Change, Inc. \$397,703.00, Coalfield Community Action Partnership, Inc. \$194,628.00, Community Action of South Eastern West Virginia, Inc. \$329,786.00, Community Resources, Inc. \$423,383.00, Eastern WV Community Action Agency, Inc. \$349,384.00, MountainHeart Community Services, Inc. \$146,647.00, Nicholas Community Action Partnership, Inc. \$62,058.00, North Central WV Community Action Association, Inc. \$716,794.00, PRIDE Community Services, Inc. \$149,688.00, Southwestern Community Action Council, Inc. \$435,210.00 and WV Community Action Partnerships, Inc. \$30,000.00.

Braxton Magistrate Report

Magistrate Beth Smith

August 15: Scotty Boggs of Spencer, speeding, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; Emily Hacker of Sutton, no seatbelt, no contest plea, fine assessed; Haylee Mateo of Morgantown, speeding, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; Brandie Leigh Arnett of Napier, possession of controlled substance x2, conspiracy x2, unlawful use of access device x2, warrant issued, bond set at \$26,000 personal recognizance; Derek W. Parker of Evarts, KY, speeding, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; Tyler Ray Castle of Mount Nebo, attempt to commit arson, dismissed, no damage done to property and does not meet statutory definition; Jeffery Lynn Tingler of Sutton, obstructing an officer x5, dismissed, deferred sentence.

August 16: Arlen S. Lambert of New Tazewell, TN, speeding, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; Alex Camden Godfrey of Morgantown, expired MVI, dismissed proof provided; Robert Ray Jones of Glenville, possession of controlled substance, dismissed, prosecution does not wish to pursue, possession of controlled substance x2, conspir-

acy x2, probable cause found at preliminary hearing, transferred to circuit; Cameron Wade Crites of Birch River, burglary x2, conspiracy x2, dismissed, not enough evidence to pursue at this time.

Magistrate David Singleton

August 9: David Allen Carper of Gassaway, possession of meth, guilty plea, 180 days of jail, suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation, fine/court costs assessed; Cason Kessinger of Huntington, speeding, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed and paid; Caleb S. Skidmore of Sutton, speeding, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed and paid; Richard Earl Riffle of Frametown, speeding, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed and paid; Marty Monroe Mace of Sutton, no seatbelt, fine assessed; Braden Todd Wood of Duck, domestic assault, dismissed, domestic battery, dismissed, destruction of property, dismissed, victim does not wish to pursue charges.

August 10: Aaron D. Solomon of Mooresville, speeding in construction zone, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; Glenn D. Rine-

hart of South Charleston, aggravated DUI, leaving the scene of an accident, ticket issued, bond set at \$3000 personal recognizance.

August 11: Ronnie L. Gosling of Sutton, no seatbelt, no contest plea, fine assessed and paid.

August 12: Mackenzie J. Wimer of Gassaway, possession of meth, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$3000 personal recognizance; Carl Allen of Frametown, expired license, dismissed proof provided; Dewayne Michael Hamrick of Gassaway, no seatbelt, no contest plea, no proof of insurance, dismissed proof provided, fine assessed and paid.

August 13: Jessica Ann Taylor of Summersville, transportation of prohibited items into jail, warrant issued, bond set at \$15,000 cash or surety; Rachel Mollohan of Flatwoods, failure to register as sex offender, warrant issued, bond set at \$5000 cash or surety.

August 15: Mesina Char Leavitt of Red Mountain, CA, no proof of insurance, no contest plea, no seatbelt, no contest plea, fines/court costs assessed; Harry Bosley, II of Cedarville, driving revoked for DUI, warrant issued, bond set at \$1500 cash or surety.

Inaugural WV Whitetail Summit Held at Flatwoods

Sportsmen and women, hunters and the WV DNR came together Friday, August 4 in Flatwoods for the first West Virginia Whitetail Summit. This event was provided free of charge and all sportsmen, sportswomen and stakeholders were welcome.

Attendees heard from Brett Skelly, WVDNR Deer Project Leader, about the West Virginia Deer Management Program, and the ongoing organization dedicated to improving the quality of WV's

Ethan Barton (WVDNR special-ist), with his in-depth explanations about EHD (Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease) and CWD (Chronic Wasting Disease) affecting some of our deer herds

The West Virginia Deer Association (WVDA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of WV's

deer herds through education, conservation and

the promotion of quality hunting opportuni-

ties for all West Virginia hunters.



Ethan Barton discusses his research with Summit attendees.

The WVDA was established in December of 2021 by a committed group of deer enthusiasts from all over the state with the goal of creating a unified voice for all of West Virginia's deer hunters, regardless of method. The WVDA Board of Directors includes a representative for each of the six

WVDNR Districts and adopts a quality minded approach to herd, habitat and hunter management as we consider future programs, advocacy and projects related to the core mission.

"Thank you to all the attendees and a special thank you to Brett, Ethan and the numerous other WV DNR folks that helped make this happen," said a Summit spokesperson.



Obituaries

Lura “Lou” Lester Houghton Carte

Lura “Lou” Lester Houghton Carte, 78, of Strange Creek, passed a w a y Friday, A u - gust 12, 2022 at C A M C Memorial Hospice Care, Charleston, WV with her family by her side.

She was born in Pineville, WV on October 18, 1943 to the late Lawrence and Lillie Farley Lester.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her first husband, Cledith Houghton and her second husband, Reggie Carte; three sisters and four brothers.

Lou was a homemaker and a caregiver. She enjoyed gardening and canning. Quilting was also one of her favorite pastimes. On the television she enjoyed watching westerns, including Gunsmoke and Cheyenne and game shows. She was a member of Eureka Methodist Church and was a Christian by faith.

She will be forever remembered by her daughters, Lisa Young and husband, Ronnie, Beverly Young and husband, Johnny, and Teresa Rose and husband, Donald, all of Strange Creek; grandchildren, Mark Young and wife, Skylar, Nathan Young and Ryan Young all of Strange Creek, John Rose and Derek Rose both of Little Birch, and Clayton Eagle of Oak Island, NC. She is also survived by great grandchildren, Colton Young, Jessa Young, Darrell Rose, Teagan Rose, Matthew Rose, Sora Rose, Kenshin Rose, Katurah Rose, Azariah Rose, Shechaniah Rose, Lakyen Rose, and Everett Eagle; and several nieces and nephews.

Lou’s funeral was 1 P.M. Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway with Pastor Joseph Truman officiating. Interment followed in the Bail Cemetery, Strange Creek.

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

The family would like to express special thanks to Hospice Care at CAMC Memorial for their compassionate care of Lou.

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

Hubert “Tiny” Vinton Claypoole

Hubert “Tiny” Vinton Claypoole, 87, of Heaters, passed away on Saturday, August 6, 2022 at WVU Medicine Braxton County Memorial Hospital, Gassaway.

He was born December 15, 1934 on Bonnie Road, Exchange to the late Roy and Bess Taylor Claypoole.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his sister, Leola Frame.

Tiny was a farmer and gardener who loved all his horses. He was a Jack of All Trades on his farm and he truly enjoyed passing his farming knowledge down to his next generation. If a neighbor had a cow that needed help birthing or anyone in the community needed anything, Tiny was there to help. He will be missed by all who knew him.

He will be forever remembered by his daughters, Cinda Chapman and husband, Paul, of Char-

lotte, NC, Carol Boll and husband, Butch, of Virginia, and Casey Westfall and husband, Scott, of Heaters, Christina Bailey and husband, Richard; ex-wife, Linda Claypoole; grandchildren, Christine Chapman, Matthew Chapman, Ashley Webb and her husband, Michael, Adeline Westfall, Kaleb Westfall, Alana Bailey and Hunter Bailey; and one expected great grandson on the way.

Tiny’s graveside service was 11 A.M. Wednesday, August 10, 2022 at Ware Cemetery, Airport Road, Sutton, WV with Reverend Scott Belknap officiating.

Service of Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway.

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

Marvin E. “Gene” Hacker

Marvin E. “Gene” Hacker, 80, of Exchange, passed away on Sunday, August 7, 2022 at home with his f a m - ily by his side.

He was born in Exchange on March 20, 1942 to the late Arthur Lee and Thelma E. Burke Hacker.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by four brothers, Ralph Hacker, Lanta Hacker, Hurley Vance “Doc” Hacker, and Kenneth Hacker; one sister, Reva Evans; and sister-in-law, Karen Hacker.

Gene was a member of the Pleasant Hill Methodist Church and was a Christian by faith. Earlier in his life he worked at Weston State Hospital in maintenance. He retired from the Central West Virginia regional Jail also as a maintenance worker. He was a farmer who enjoyed caring for his cows. He also logged and was head sawer at a saw mill. Gene had an excellent work ethic and took full advantage of the daylight hours. He thoroughly enjoyed his grandchildren. An outdoorsmans, he enjoyed coon, rabbit and deer hunting. In his spare time he liked to go camping with his family. Gene was a physically strong person who was also strong willed.

He will be forever remembered by his wife of 61 ½ years, Mildred Posey Hacker; son, William Lewis Hacker and wife, Carolyn Sue, of Exchange; daughter, Kelli A. Wayne and husband, Sam, of Chapel; brothers, Darrell Hacker and wife, Peggy, Thomas Hacker and wife, Vada, Roger Hacker, Zennle Hacker and wife, Vickey, Ronnie Hacker and wife, April; brother-in-law, Leroy Posey; sisters, Barbara Cogar and husband, Edward “Cub”, Laura Boggs and husband, Gary, and Thelma Blake and husband, Jerry; sisters-in-law, Emma Jean Hacker and Barbara Hacker Porter; grandchildren, Sherri Hacker, Robert Heater,Ethan Hacker and wife, Morgan, Emmitt Wayne, Alexa Steele; great grandchildren, Jamie Wine, Kaleb Heater, and Ariella Steele. He is also survived by great granddaughter, Payton and several nieces and nephews.

Gene’s funeral was 1 p.m., Wednesday, August 10, 2022 at Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway with Pastor Ron Acord officiati-


ing. Interment followed in the Hacker Family Cemetery, Exchange.

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

Kenneth L. Pulliam

Kenneth L. Pulliam, age 88, passed away unexpectedly on August 10, 2022.

 Born on September 17, 1933 in Copen, WV to the late Matthew and Nellie (Nicholson) Pulliam, Ken was a resident of Green for the past two years, previously of Clinton for 44 years. A veteran of the Korean War serving with the U.S. Army, he retired from the Babcock and Wilcox Company in Barberton after 41 years of service.


Ken will be missed dearly by all who knew him. He was a proud West Virginian who valued family above all else. He made many friends over the years, both in his working career at Babcock and Wilcox, and in the neighborhoods in which he lived. He loved bluegrass music with a passion and attended many concerts over the years with his beloved wife Betty. He was a tireless worker and was always there to lend a helping hand to his kids and to anyone else who was fortunate enough to know him. He was a terrific story-teller, and often recounted stories from growing up in small -town West Virginia; the many jobs he held at B&W over the years; and the many long-distance driving trips he made to every corner of the country. He loved anything to do with NASA and flight in general and regretted not fulfilling his dream of obtaining a pilot’s license. We can all rest assured now that Ken finally got his wings – from the Good Lord above.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his sister, Anita Bennett and brother-in-law, Robert Graff. Ken is survived by his loving wife of 67 years, Betty J.; son, Ronald (Valerie) Pulliam of Uniontown; daughter, Rhonda (Harold) Pyles of Philippi, WV; five grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren; sister, Caroline Graff of Youngstown; brother, Jimmy (Nancy) Pulliam of Salem, VA; many nieces, nephews, other family and friends.

Funeral service will be Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at 11:30 a.m. at Zak-Thacker & Monbarren Funeral Home, 132 N. Portage St., Doylestown, OH 44230 with Pastor Rod Grabski, officiating. Burial with military honors will immediately follow the service at Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery. Calling hours will be one hour prior to service time. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Village of St. Edward at Green, 3813 Fortuna Dr., Akron, OH 44312. Online obituary and guest registry are available at www.zakmonbarrenfh.com (Zak-Thacker & Monbarren, 330-658-2211)

Mrs. Elsie Ann Smith

Went home to be The Lord on Sunday, August 7, 2022.

 Elsie was born in August of 1939 in Cowen, West Virginia. The first child of six to Ray and Mabel Johns of Camp

Run, Erbacon, where she was raised on the family farm. She was The One and Only to her husband Frank H. Smith of Garfield Heights, and they made their home in nearby Valley View, Ohio.

Elsie is survived by her brother Roy of Webster Springs; her daughter Cindy; her son Paul and his wife Mary; her grandchildren Frank (Kim), Hayden, Hannah and Adam (Aubrey); her Great Grandchildren Vin, Dane, Cullen and Alice; many cherished nieces and nephews and Grand nieces and nephews.

Graveside service for Elsie were held at the Johns Family Cemetery on Camp Run, on Sunday, August 14, 2022 at 2 p.m. with Pastor Eddie Green officiating.


In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations, to be used only toward the upkeep of the cemetery, and greatly appreciated by her family, be sent to Johns Family Cemetery 510 Webster Road, Webster Springs, WV 26288.

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

Adams-Reed Funeral Home is honored to be serving Elsie’s family.

Nelson Dean Hines

Nelson Dean Hines, 88 of Birch River, passed away on Thursday, August 11, 2022 at Braxton Nursing and Rehab Center.

 He was born June 17, 1934 in Hacker Valley to the late Rosco and Mable Mayse Hines.

Nelson was a United States Army Veteran and a retired chipper operator for Coastal Lumber Company. He was an avid bird watcher, especially red cardinals; enjoyed turkey and deer hunting when he was able; loved WWE; was a talker; and absolutely loved his family. To him, family was everything.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his great-grandson Tyler James Fister, Jr. Nelson is survived by his wife of 53 years, Carol Ware Hines; daughter Deanna Hines; sons Nelson “Lynn” (Geneva) Hines and Brandon Hines; grandchildren Destiny Fister, Dana Davis, Fern Stibler, and Wayne Hines; great-granddaughter Kirra Fister; and several nieces, nephews, and extended family and friends to mourn his passing.

Memorial Services will be held Saturday, August 27, 2022 at 2:00 PM at Dodd & Reed Funeral Home with Pastor Bennie Cowger officiating. Friends may join the family for a time of gathering one hour prior to service time at the Funeral Home.

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

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

BC Sheriff’s Department 2022 School Zone Notice

The Braxton County Sheriff’s Department Will increase patrols in school zones this Fall.

“Please help us protect our children by slowing down in school zones!” Sheriff Lou DellaMea



Holly Gray Park Plays Sonic the Hedgehog 2 for Third Monthly Drive-In Move Night

Holly Gray Park will host its monthly Drive-In Movie Night on Saturday, August 20th.

The movie of the month will feature Sonic the Hedgehog 2. The Movie begins at 9:00 P.M.

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

site.

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

Holly Gray Park will be showing a monthly movie through September, follow the Holly Gray Park on Facebook to keep track of movie selected each month.

All proceeds benefit Holly Gray Park.

Labor Day Weekend Car Show

There will be a car, truck, motorcycle, and tractor show held on Saturday, September 3, rain date will be Saturday, September 10, at the Braxton County Jamboree at 258 Parsons Dr, Gassaway, WV 26624, 1/8 mile on Chapel Road from Dairy Queen. Registration starts at 10:00 A.M. There will be a breakfast at 9:00 A.M. a 50/50 with drawings at 12:00 Noon, 1:00 P.M., 2:00 P.M., and 3:00 P.M.

for \$50.00. Plaques will be given to first one hundred who enter and a Furthest Distance Trophy and cash awarded. Top 45 numerous awards and trophies. There will also be a swap-meet, you must call to reserve a spot due to limited space. Car tunes by Fletch, Fun and games for all. For more information, call Jack Friend at (304)364-4663 Days, (304)689-6898 and (304)804-3182 evenings.

Stalnaker Family Reunion

The Stalnaker Reunion will be held on September 4 at the Corley Church Pavilion

in Corley, WV. It’s time for family and friends to get together once again. Hope to see everyone.

French and Sarah Jarvis Reunion

The French and Sarah Jarvis Reunion will be held on Sunday, September 4 at the Gassaway Firehouse Multi-purpose Room from

10:00 A.M. till ?? Come out and visit with family and friends. Bring a covered dish. Everyone is welcome.

Gassaway Town Council Meeting

The Gassaway Town Council will hold a meeting on Thursday,

August 25, at 6:00 P.M. at the Gassaway Community Building



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The Gassaway Market heads to the streets to hosts second monthly flea market

Come join friends and neighbors on Sunday, August 21st at noon to hunt for local deals at The Gassaway Market along Elk Street from the Gassaway Community Center down to the Gassaway Public Library. Due to a sink hole opening, it is unsafe to hold the flea market at The Depot.

The Strumalongs will be provide musical entertainment and BBQ and frozen treats will be available.

A registration table

will be set up infront of the Annabelle for un-registered vendors.

Registration forms can now be found on-line at the following link: <https://forms.gle/4nk2eYADZ93WYfPX8>

Vendors are encouraged to register for easier access to information. Participants are also encouraged to bring their own home-grown goods, home-made crafts, and yard sale items. Spots are free for all vendors for 2022!

Starting in September, the Gassaway Market at the Depot will host two flea markets consisting of the first and third. The group will soon offer an online website for all things Depot where vendors will be spotlighted. Be on the lookout for additional information coming soon!

For more information, please contact Nik and Beth Salvo at (304)853-0002 or on Facebook at Gassaway Market at The Depot.

The Town of Burnsville Holds July Meeting

The Burnsville Town Council held their regular meeting on July 25. The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm by Mayor, Paul Bragg and the prayer was led by John Verton.

Members in Attendance: Steve Wine, Tom Crutchfield, John Verton, Paul Bragg, Angela Morgan and Kisha Verton. Absent was Becky Jackson.

Steve made a motion to approve the minutes and

financials with correction, seconded by Kisha, motion carried.

Police Officer Report was submitted.

Under Communications from the Mayor, the following items were discussed: WV State Auditor, re: Tax Loss Restoration Fund; Application received from Michael Haymond; and WV State Treasurer, re: Table Games, Greenbrier Games, Wine, Liquor &

Private Club Tax & Coal Severance.

After reviewing an application received for the Chief of Police position, an interview was set for Thursday at 5pm. Steve made a motion to accept the new FDA Grant terms for the mini dump truck and if approved to pay the 25% match using funds on hand in the amount of \$6350-\$8350 depending on cost at time of purchase, seconded by Kisha, motion carried. Angie reminded council there would be a special meeting on August 8th at 5:30pm with a representative from FEMA and for the citizens of N. Main St. & Oak St.

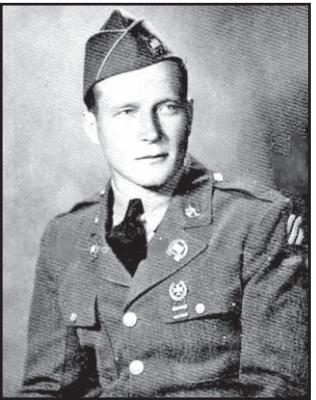
Steve made a motion to approve the payment of bills as submitted, seconded by Kisha, motion carried.

Steve made a motion to adjourn at 7:04pm, seconded Kisha, meeting adjourned.

The next regular meeting was on August 8.

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.



Aug. 17, 1944: Staff Sergeant Stanley Bender earned the Medal of Honor in southern France. Bender rushed through intense machine gun fire and grenades, and knocked out two German machine guns with rifle fire. His actions inspired the rest of the company to take out a German roadblock, kill 37 enemy soldiers, and take 26 prisoners.

Aug. 17, 1976: The National Mine Health and Safety Academy opened at Beaver, near Beckley. The academy, located on an 80-acre campus, is the world's largest educational institution devoted solely to safety and health in mining.



Aug. 18, 1885: Arte-

mus Ward Cox was born on a farm at Red Knob, Roane County. In 1914, Cox bought the George Ort Department Store on Capitol Street in Charleston. That store became the first in a chain of 21 A. W. Cox stores in West Virginia, Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky.

Aug. 19, 1863: Union cavalry under Brig. Gen. William Woods Averell destroyed the Confederate saltpeter works near Franklin.

Aug. 19, 1997: Fiddler Curly Ray Cline died. Born in Logan County, Cline was a member of the Lonesome Pine Fiddlers and Ralph Stanley's Clinch Mountain Boys.



Aug. 20, 1851: The oldest statue in West Virginia, a nine-foot wood carving of Patrick Henry, was dedicated at the county courthouse in Morgan-

town.

Aug. 21, 1861: Confederate troops under Gen. John B. Floyd crossed the Gauley River at Carnifex Ferry, Nicholas County, and began to entrench their position. It was the beginning of what became known as the Battle of Keslers Cross Lanes.

Aug. 22, 1872: Following the Constitutional Convention of 1872, the West Virginia electorate ratified a new state constitution by a vote of 42,344 to 37,777. In the same election, the voters rejected a controversial convention proposition that would have restricted office-holding to whites.



Aug. 23, 1970: The Mormon Church established its first "stake," or congregation, in West Virginia. The stake was organized in Charleston with a membership of nearly 4,000 people.

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

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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 "Forever" homes and are anxious to meet you.

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

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

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

This sweet beagle Momma is **River**! She is a five year old female who came in with her three, one and a half year old children. She has a very laidback personality and would love a quiet home to laze around in like hound dogs do. River doesn't bark much here in the shelter and walks great on a leash. She has only ever lived outside but would be a calm indoor dog. She loves one on one attention.

Maggie is River's pup! She is a one and half year old female Beagle. She has only ever lived outside. Dog and kid friendly, super sweet girl. She's eager for attention.

Ace (whiter on his face) and his brother BT are also puppies that belong to River. They are one and a half year old male Beagles who weigh thirty to thirty-five pounds. These boys are playful (comical together) and sniff around like beagles do! They both walk on a leash and a very dog friendly. They love kids and would do well with older children. They have good recall to a whistle as well.

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8-11 8-18b



Pat's Chats

By Pat Ridpath

This has been a very difficult few months (and years, really). It was so sad to hear of the death of another Burnsville Alumni of the 1951 class of Burnsville High School, Kenneth Pulliam. He and his wife, Betty Jean Graff Pulliam, had gone to a facility that took care of their needs. Ronnie, their son, called me and told me that his mom will be staying at the same facility and retain the same phone number but be moved into a unit where she can be a part of their many activities and the trips that many of them do. Kenny had not been interested in the activities but Ronnie thinks his mom will. Pray for Kenny's family and friends.

I, along with them, will dearly miss his kind, gentle presence in our lives.

Today several church members went to the Charleston Adventist Church for the funeral service of Amanda McClanahan, the daughter of our beloved Randy Dustin who is a very active Elder, and who often sings for us and preaches. It will be a privilege, though difficult, for him and his dear wife, Susan, to raise Amanda's sons, Jason and Clay. They also need your prayers.

Among many whom we lost recently, there is our beloved deacon, Jerry Heckert, (Oh, how we miss that man!) and also a dear young man we all loved, Ike Petty.

I recall a couple of other members of our church family who died. Mike, the son of another member and Betty Shock of Helvitia who was a member of the Church. A very upsetting event, also, was the death of Fred Seeley, a long-time member of our church, whose memorial has been postponed until 2nd Sabbath in September.

Amidst all this, I lost all of my own siblings, including my older brother, my baby brother, and my sister. who was also a member of our church. I think there comes a time when we are each one firmly reminded that we, too, will be gone someday. If you would like a pamphlet entitled "What Happens When You Die?" - please, just send me a request by email to patschat.ridpath41@gmail.com or write to me, Pat Ridpath, 42 1/2 South Florida Street, Buckhannon, WV 26201. Maranatha

Flood of August, 2022

By: Jeanette Riffle

Some areas around us experienced one of the worst floods in years this past week. Steer Creek came up out of it's banks behind us into the backyard and water filled in the low part of the woods beside us. It got up behind the garden shed but not in our garage or under the house like it has before. Hubby put up a stick in the dirt out back by the garden shed and kept checking to see how much it was rising.

Finally, the water looked glassy like it was settled and not coming in more. Our water was coming from up above us and out of Tanner Rd. here by the bridge. We heard later that O'Brien got a cloud burst and so did Tanner Rd. There was a lot of damage done. Neighbors are pitching in to help build foot bridges back and clean up messes. Culverts were washed out and clogged up. New culverts have to be put in. Mon Power has really been busy restoring power. Our whole house generator ran one whole night. We lost power and phone both for a while. Trees are uprooting on

muddy banks from all the rain we have had. They fall on a power line and bring it down. I have been seeing pictures of flood damage on FB the whole weekend. We are just thankful that no lives were lost due to high water.

Now, for the comical side, a fox came to the apple tree and was determined to stay and eat apples. Our dog kept barking and hubby went out to see what was out there. He ended up running that fox off three times. This was somewhere between 10:00 and 11:00 pm, the night of the flood. Oh, what a night! Later on, the generator kicked on and it is so loud that we wouldn't have heard the dog barking. I had to use ear plugs to be able to sleep with that generator up on platform, outside our bedroom window. We have been tired and

sleepy all week. There's a red fox and a gray fox hanging around here. Last summer a gray fox climbed that apple tree. It left though when a light was shined in it's eyes. That one this week liked those apples so much that it just kept coming back. Little, hard, sour apples. Everything scrunches on those apples like they taste delicious, though. Wildlife is comical to watch sometimes.

Well, we are about half way through August. I am anxious for cool September mornings. I hope it isn't so rainy, though. Until next time, everyone be safe and take care. Oh, by the way, that two ingredient biscuit recipe must have been a joke. They were awful. I will stick to my tried and true recipes. This wasn't the first time a FB recipe went out the back door. May the Lord bless and keep you in his care.

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By: Joseph J. Mazzella

It was the Summer that everything broke. So far we'd had two broken washing machines, a dead DVD player, a cracked faucet, a broken chair, a flat tire, and vet bills for our oldest, ailing dog. All of them had seriously drained my savings and made me wonder what the heck was going on in my life. The latest problem had been a toilet tank that stopped filling. It was a 30 mile round trip to the only open hardware store but I made the drive. It did feel like the straw that broke the camel's back and I was feeling both stressed and a little depressed from it all.

After picking up a new valve for the toilet tank I started driving home. Suddenly, a yellow butterfly fluttered in front of my speeding car. I knew I must have crushed it against the grill. I felt terrible. Ever since my Mom died 30 years ago butterflies had served as a special reminder of her love for me. In my heart I saw her spirit riding on the back of every butterfly that flew by me. Now I had killed one.

I felt an urging deep within to pull over as soon as I could and check the grill for the dead butterfly. I pulled over to a wide spot in the road and parked the car. I got out and looked down at the grill. The yellow butterfly lay flat against it but looked otherwise undamaged. I eased my fin-

The Town of Flatwoods Holds July Meeting

The Town of Flatwoods held their regular meeting on July 19 at the Flatwoods Municipal Building. Mayor Dale Ball called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Opening Prayer was led by Councilman Luke Malensek.

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

Citizens present: Linda James, Noah Hamrick II, Owain Hamrick and Danny Lee Smallwood Jr.

Lisa Hamrick read the minutes from June 21, 2022, meeting. Jake

Hamrick made the motion to approve the minutes as read. Dennis Miller seconded. All were in favor, the motion carried.

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

A petition to fix Miracle Street was presented to the council.

The Town thanked everybody that helped with 4th of July celebration.

Motion was made by Luke Malensek to renew Stone Run-Picadally's business license. Jake Hamrick seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

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

Dennis Miller made a motion to table UTV estimate. Luke Malensek seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Dennis Miller made a motion to approve the first reading of Special Events Ordinance. Luke Malensek seconded the motion, the motion carried.

Jake Hamrick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. Luke Malensek seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

The Rollyson Family Note of Thanks

Tommy Rollyson and Family would like to thank everyone that came out on such short notice to help dig Verdine's grave. Those people include: Ray Rollyson, Chris Jackson, Alex and Elizabeth Perrin, Alec and Forest James, Richard and Kraden Mitchell, David Campbell, David Mitchell, Da-

vid Rexroad, Denny Rexroad, Willie James, Brian and Cassidy Hall, Stevie Jarvis, Mark Cook, Jeremy Cottrill, Ernie Cantrell, Daniel Deuly, and Brooklyn and Bob Hays.

Thank you all for lending a helping hand on such short notice to someone when in need.

We would also like to thank everyone that

attended the viewing or funeral as well as those who came, called, cooked, and offered comfort and support. There were far too many to individually name but we love and appreciate you all!

A special thanks to Bobby and Linda Rollyson for traveling such a great distance just to be with family, Also to Ryan, Heather, and Tate Roach, The Loyd Brothers, and Wally and Ernestine Post for a wonderful service celebrating the life of such a special lady. It's such a blessing to see so many friends, family, and neighbors come together and for that we are so grateful.

A Huge thank you to the churches and individuals for the love donations and the use of the Belfont Simpson Church for the service.

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The Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum earned a place in the Guinness Book of World Records in 2014 for the largest collection of motorcycles in the world. It is so much more than that. In addition to hosting more than 1,600 motorcycles spanning over 100 years of production, 99% of which can run within an hour, the Museum also hosts the world’s largest Lotus collection, which includes one-of-a-kind models and collector models, like Dan Gurney’s Lotus 29, the first entry into the Indianapolis 500.

The Museum building is part of an 880-acre park, complete with a world-class 17-turn, 2.38-mile racetrack, the Porsche Sport Driving School. Almost 1,000 bikes are on display on any given day, representing 200 different manufacturers from 20 countries.

The Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum is the brainchild of George Barber, a 1960s Porsche race car driver, with an outstanding track record of 63 first-place wins. George became interested in collecting and restoring classic cars in 1988, however, seeing that many large car collections and exhibitions already existed, turned his attention to building the world’s “best and largest” motorcycle collection. And having visited the museum twice in my travels, I am witness to George’s amazing feats.

The Museum boasts five floors of motorcycle exhibits plus a bottom floor where restoration takes place and houses the Bar-

ber Vintage Motorsports Museum Research Library. Although not open to the public, staff members are at the ready to help outside researchers with their inquiries.

Plan on spending at least one day walking around the exhibits, some which are three-stories high, and wonder at the beautiful motorcycles on display. A lot of the older motorcycles I consider works of art. The craftsmanship and design features will floor you. All the motorcycles include a history, so be ready to learn.

The Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum is in Leeds, Alabama, which is near the Talladega Superspeedway, an official NASCAR racetrack, and close to Birmingham AL, synonymous with the Civil Rights movement, and home of the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, Birmingham Botanical Gardens, Birmingham Museum of Art, 16th Street Baptist Church, and the Sloss Furnaces National Historic

Landmark.

The trip to Leeds, AL from West Virginia takes you through beautiful sections of West Virginia, Virginia, and Tennessee. Even though it only takes 9 hours to get there, you might want to stop along the way and check out the countryside and many attractions along the way. Many great rides are available withing a short distance from Leeds. Word of advice, plan on not being there during a race at the Talladega Superspeedway. Not only do accommodations get pricey, but they also become hard to find.

The Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum is open April 1-September 30, Monday through Saturday

10am-6pm, Sundays Noon-p.m. October 1-March 31 Monday through Saturday 10am-5pm, Sunday Noon to p.m. Admission: Adults: \$16.50 (includes applicable taxes), Children ages 4-12: \$11 (includes applicable

taxes), Children 3 and under: FREE.

Visit the museum’s website at <https://www.barbermuseum.org/> and their FB page <https://www.facebook.com/BarberMotorsportsPark>



Size comparison hand-small broccoli head.



Cut off broccoli shoot near main stem.



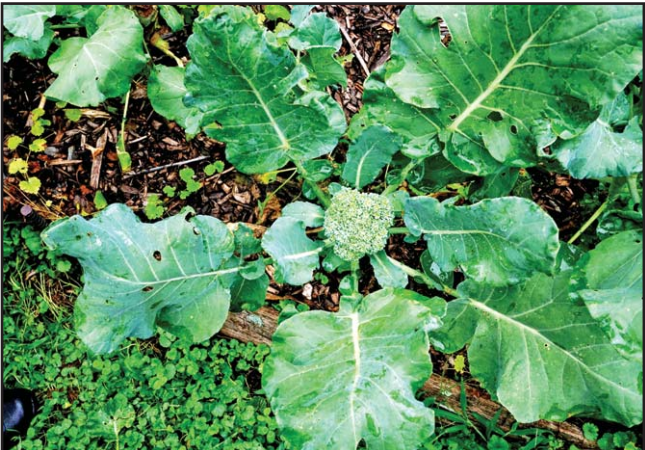
Today’s harvest.



New shoots from ground.



Small broccoli head on shoot



Broccoli head on shoot.

On the Other Side of the Mountain

By Verena Sava

I am trying to keep a very scaled back record of what we are doing every day, a short weather report, firsts of putting animals on pasture in spring, planting of various crops and where (Greg keeps a photo record of that), unexpected weather occurrences, discrepancies from other years, when migrating birds appear, observances of insect presence, dates of cutting hay and its apparent quality and so on. So far it has been a season of surprises in some areas. At first the beans did not do well, even though we seeded them around the same time as every other year. Turned out the ground never had a chance to warm up to the ideal germination temperature for the beans, due to the extreme temperature fluctuations at this time. Once the soil warmed up, they did well, but they had a difficult start. These weather conditions were perfect for the brassicas, they did very well. We had the fewest numbers of hummingbirds this year. Their return was later than usual. I can’t count them or

distinguish individuals among them, but instead of filling up two sugar-water feeders every two days or so, I only need to refill a single one, once every week. So far, we have not seen one monarch butterfly this year, while plenty of milkweed plants are waiting for them. The Japanese beetles outnumbered all their previous invasions, they almost defoliated an apple tree, they dined on the basswood tree to turn its foliage into lace, they attacked the roses, surprisingly only some of the grapes, but also the blueberry bushes, and the false nettles, a nuisance weed for which otherwise, nobody ever had developed a taste. We have plenty of native butterflies and pollinators and we are lucky to celebrate the absence of bean beetles.....so far.

When we harvest the broccoli heads, usually end of May, beginning of June, we look for a full head, cutting it at its peak, making sure we get it before any yellowing shows on the cluster, just when they are still a deep green. We cut it at an angle, hoping that rain will run off the cut stem

to avoid rotting of the left-over stem. Broccoli will continue to produce side-shoots after the first harvest. In order to encourage the plant to produce side-shoots, we cut the new, much smaller head at the base of the main stem. That triggers the growth of new shoots, which will be similar in the size of the one we cut. If we just harvest the smaller head instead of the whole shoot at the base of the stem, the plant will branch out more from there and make smaller and smaller heads that are almost not worthwhile maintaining the plant. Eventually there will be two, three or four side-shoots sprouting from the base of the stem and by middle of August a completely new broccoli plant will grow from the original mother plant that now exists in just a dried up, or slightly decomposing stem. These new broccoli plants have enough time to develop a new crop before killer frosts set in at the end of November. This method of cutting broccoli assures a continuous harvest from the same plants we set out in April.

This lends itself well for home gardeners, but is not suitable for commercial operations, because shoppers expect full heads of broccoli, not smaller ones from off-shoots.

If you want to deter Mexican bean beetles on your bean plants, use Neem oil, insecticidal soap or Pyola to get rid of them. Make sure you spray all parts of the plant, tops, bottom, and stems. Mexican bean beetles look like their predator the ladybug, but they are yellowish-brown, instead of red. The eggs on the underside of leaves are a cluster of tiny, yellow dots which will turn into larvae about a third of an inch long, no legs but tiny little spikes all over their bodies. They usually appear later in the season, like now and if you want to avoid the infestation, you can plant early varieties, but then you have to deal with soil temperatures in spring that might not be ideal. Some suggest using floating row covers to make it hard for the pests to access their meal, but I find this very inconvenient. It means each time you pick beans you have to

remove the covers, then put them back, which would only be for bush beans and not for pole varieties.

Here comes advice I desperately need to follow more diligently, dead heading flowers. Dahlias, roses, and annuals you don’t want to go to seed are perfect candidates for dead-heading, which consists of removing wilted blooms from your roses and dahlias is an easy way to give your garden a tidy appearance. It also encourages your plants to produce new flowers. Removing the old blooms stops the plant from putting energy into developing seeds, and instead encourages it to produce more flowers. I use clippers for the job, but I have to admit I don’t do it consistently, mostly due to the urgency of other tasks, thinking that deadheading can be done later.

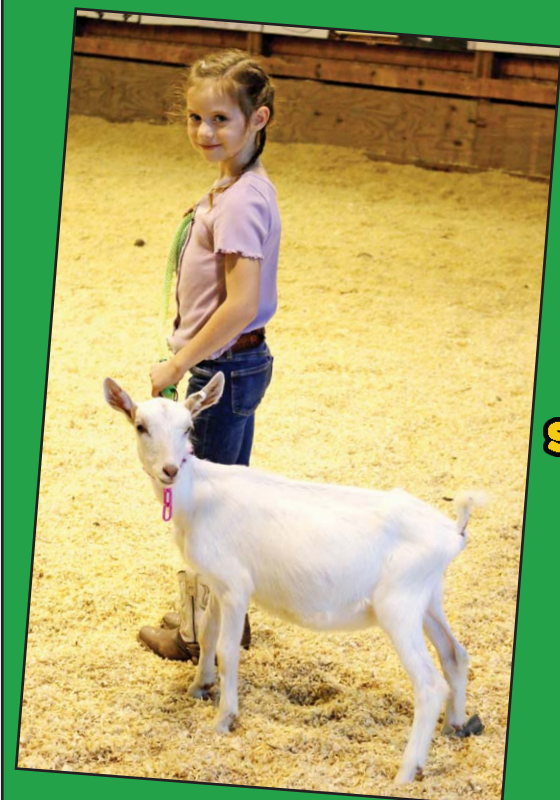
This is the last chance to seed turnips. We are not great turnip fans, but I remembered how we used them when I was a kid. We had some kind of gadget that held a turnip in place and when you turned the handle it cut

the turnip into spaghetti-like strings. Lacking such a device, we use the attachment of our food processor to turn this root vegetable into strings, then we ferment it like sauerkraut, by stuffing the stringy turnips into a quart jar and when halfway full, add a half of a tablespoon of salt, finish the stuffing till the top, add the second half of the tablespoon of salt, compress it with a wooden mallet, fill the jar with boiling water, put on a clean lid and let it ferment for about two to three weeks. It is delicious!

We don’t need any records to know that we had very few visitors during the pandemic. People ask us what we do, being all by ourselves. We actually do what we always do, taking care of the farm, the animals, raising a garden, cutting firewood, Greg spending an enormous amount of time fixing stuff, mechanical work that I have luckily not the slightest clue of doing and realizing that we never have enough time to do what is needed. This is our reality and lifestyle, and we are content.

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