



# Superintendent pleased with start of school year

By Shirley Shuman

"The schools are ready." Dr. Rhonda Combs said of the first week of school. "They have a warm atmosphere and had fun activities to welcome students back." Braxton's new superintendent is eager to work with Board of Education members and Central Office staff to do whatever needs to be done to improve the education of Braxton County students and to retain all that currently works well.

Coming from a much more urban area in Brooke County, Dr. Combs is adjusting to the different culture of this area. "I do like the small-town atmosphere," she noted when asked to assess what she has seen in the communities and

the schools. "I'm really big on giving kids opportunities. We'll be reaching out to communities and to families. My assumption is that Braxton has a strong community sense. I've already seen a lot of support because people put in volunteer time," she said. Here the superintendent referred to the volunteers who helped after Flatwoods Elementary's building and parking lot suffered flood damage.

The new superintendent realizes that problems exist and is ready to try to solve them. After addressing what she and her staff face in low funding, Dr. Combs explained that she and those with whom she works have begun working on it. "This is a challenge," she said, "but



Dr. Rhonda Combs, BC Superintendent of Schools.

there are many opportunities for funding, including grants."

Continuing, she noted that she is aware of the negative

effects of the last two years. Asked whether the school system is where it should be, Dr. Combs responded, "There is room for improvement, especially in academics, but we're addressing all of these things. I'm currently working on goals [for the school year and for the school system]. I'm trying to combine my goals with those of the Board members."

To achieve academic improvement, Dr. Combs explained that staff will work as a team to focus on data. "We'll have a lot of focus on that data," she said. There will also be other areas explored to improve the academic level of Braxton County schools and their students.

The superinten-

dent, summarizing her philosophy, said, "I do believe that all students can learn. Some need a lot of support, and some learn at their level. No one size fits all." At this point, Dr. Combs noted, "We need to understand that education is empowerment. Respect for small towns is good, but respect for what's out there is also good. Opportunities for experience allows students to realize their potential and how to get there." She mentioned here that the high school's CTE program has already provided some opportunities for experience.

In closing, Dr. Combs emphasized that her administration is "moving toward more transparency, and she is definitely open to suggestions."

# BoE hears updates on facilities and flooding Sheriff DellaMea proposes hiring Chief Deputy

The Braxton Board of Education held a lengthy meeting on August 16. The majority of the meeting was a discussion of the facilities.

Dr. Brenda Wells, Facilities Director, went over the processes involved with facilities management with the new board members and superintendent. She discussed the importance of principals keeping her updated with work request using the SchoolDude program. She also reviewed funding options at the facility level.

Dr. Wells updated the board on the new gym at the middle school. Painting had been completed and work on the floor would begin September 12. The bleachers will be installed upon completion of the floor around September 28. The project should be completed by October 14. Board President Evelyn Post took the opportunity to thank Kelly Pritt for her work painting at the middle school.

Dr. Wells then discussed the issue of flooding at Flatwoods Elementary School. The technician would be running the culverts on August 17. One of the culverts near the school they know to be an issue already. That culvert is almost two-thirds full of dirt and debris. Dr. Wells, as well as board members, recognized Amanda Gum and her crew of volunteers that worked on getting the playground repaired before school started. The county spent over \$4000 for the pea gravel that the volunteers used to complete the repairs. Larry Hardway noted he had spoken with OES Director John Hoffman with his safety concerns due to the flooding. Hoffman stated that the storm drain near the south entrance of the school was very inadequate. Possible actions to correct the issue included building a wall or redoing the drainage in that area. President Post stated she talked with

the DOH district supervisor about having a meeting with the stakeholders involved with correcting the issues.

Other projects Dr. Wells discussed were the freezer at the high school, which is scheduled to be shipped mid-September, the replacement of the HVAC systems at the BCHS, and the new roof at the high school.

She also reviewed items that are needed for the facilities including a scissor lift, box truck, CTE van, dump truck with plow, BOE vehicles, and shop truck. Another area with major issues is the bus garage. Those issues have been placed on the bottom of the list as the repairs to buses come first.

She ended her presentation discussing the contract with EMCOR and their preventative maintenance plans.

The first person to speak to the board was Pamela Brown. She voiced her concerns with the boys' soccer team at the high school. Currently only 11 players are on the team which leaves no subs if someone is injured or sick. She also is concerned that the athletes will not have a break during the game as it consists of two straight 40 minute halves with only a 10 minute half-time. Dr. Tony Minney, BCHS Principal, noted that a 12th player has joined the team and once the first grading period is complete, a few more boys will be eligible to play. Boys' soccer coach Rick Garavaglia noted that he can play games with as low as seven players and that they were trying to build the program. Coach Garavaglia also voiced concerns over a co-ed team.

Kevin Gregory briefly discussed the formation of different committees that were discussed during the goal setting meeting for the board members to serve on.

President Post asked about having the activity buses as an option for

students. Dr. Wells stated the postings could start for those runs.

Superintendent Dr. Rhonda Combs discussed the numerous professional development trainings that were available to staff over the summer. She briefly talked about the districtwide training through Bowles Rice that went over the mandatory reporting, social media and bullying, and the employee code of conduct.

Dr. Combs noted the General Summative Assessment scores are now public. Director Linda Sears will be doing a presentation to board members at the September 6 meeting and the scores will be going out to students and their parents.

She noted the first day of school was a great first day and the only issue was a tree down across one road that delayed one bus route.

Dr. Combs informed board members that she made a change at the central office. Tim Via will now oversee safety and crisis management as well as his other duties. He will be attending training in October and will work on transitioning everything.

She ended with a brief discussion on covid. Dr. Combs noted she had been contact by the state department on updates with covid

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One of the first requests to come before the Braxton County Commission at their regular meeting on Friday, August 19 was from Sheriff Lou DellaMea to fill the position of Chief Deputy. The Sheriff explained that a successful applicant would be responsible for direct supervision of all subordinate Deputy Sheriffs, preparing work schedules and other reports for the Sheriff's approval. He added that the applicant must also be a certified police officer with prior supervision experience.

After hearing the request, Commission President Lisa Godwin told the Sheriff that the Commission would have to reactivate the local Civil Service Board which would have to approve the request before the Commission could take action. Godwin stated that the Commission would move forward with corrective action pertaining to the Civil Service Board. Later in the meeting Lieutenant Bryce Scarboro of the Sheriff's Department stated that he had spoken with the three members previously appointed to the Civil Service Board and all three were willing to continue to serve in that capacity.

Eddie Williams was first to speak to the Board. He gave the Commission an update on the activities of the Pleasant Hill Waterline Association in the area

of fundraising and activities planned for the near future.

Williams also addressed problems at the Falls Run Community Center which is utilized as a polling precinct during elections for that portion of the county. He stated that there was a soft spot in the floor and the porch needed work. He also identified an old concrete walkway that needed to be removed. He requested the county, as they had in the past, provide the labor for the repairs and the Park and Recreation Board would purchase the materials. President Godwin stated that she would have the County Maintenance Department look at the repairs needed.

Beth Atkins introduced Samantha Foster the new librarian at the Sutton Public Library. Foster in turn, reviewed programs that the library was providing and answered questions for the Commission.

The Commission President reviewed the OES/9-1-1 report provided by Director John Hoffman who was not in attendance. That report revealed that Braxton County had fielded 2,757 calls during the month of July with 693 being of an emergency nature. Of those, 561 were referred to the county's law enforcement agencies, 138 were fire related and 175 pertained to the EMS.

On a motion introduced by Larry Clifton, the Commission approved the short form settlements for the following as submitted by the Fiduciary Supervisor: Velma Lynn Clifton, Harold Stephen Gillespie, Linda F. Singleton, Nelva Squires, and John C. Squires.

A motion by Melvin Gum approved the correction of erroneous assessments for: Cynthia Duran, Kortney Davis, Sharon L. Thorne and Foster M Heater, James H. Hall, Lois E. Blake, Lawrence & Anita Wimer, Michael

Rexroad, Charles Lane, Lou Ann Gaines, Robert Coffman, Jacob E. Fairburn Jr., Jesse L & Shirley Teters, Cody A. James, Arthur Boggs Jr., WJ McElwee, Randal Kendall, James W. Belknap, Patrick & Veronica McVay, and Edna Tonkin.

A request to consolidate contiguous tracts of land for tax purposes was approved for Coy J or Jesse Belknap.

Three purchase orders were approved via separate motions: \$10,992 for 8 portable SORN Radios and 12 charges for EMS; Sports Connection, \$1,785 for lettering on 3 Sheriff's cruisers; General Appliance, \$1,919.50 to repair an air handler in the Court room.

The Commission approved a written request from John Hoffman to rehire Ralph A. Marshall as a full-time Emergency Vehicle Operator with extra assigned duties to include ambulance maintenance coordinator and driver training for new hires.

The Commission also approved a request from Hoffman as Mapping Coordinator to name a gravel road off Little Buffalo Road, Eagles Landing Drive.

The Commission approved intragovernmental agreements with the towns of Sutton and Flatwoods for the County to service as Flood Coordinator within the municipalities.

The Commission reviewed the need for small window air conditioning units for the Courthouse Annex while the new unit was being bid and installed. Larry Clifton made a motion to purchase the lowest price which was Wal-Mart for 4-8,000 btu units costing \$2,563.88 and 6-5,000 btu units costing \$2,153.88.

Separate motions approved the county and

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## Sobriety Checkpoint planned for August 25

The West Virginia State Police-Sutton Detachment in conjunction with the Commission of Drunk Driving Prevention will be conducting a Sobriety Checkpoint on Thursday, August 25. The purpose of the checkpoint is to prevent and deter impaired driving.

The Sobriety Checkpoint will be located on Route 4 near Flatwoods Interchange of I-79, in front of the Braxton County High School. The Sobriety Checkpoint may be moved to an alternate location if the primary location becomes unsafe due to traffic congestion or if a hazardous or otherwise unsafe situation arises.

The Sobriety Checkpoint will begin at 6:00 pm and conclude at 12:00 am (midnight). Motorists who wish to avoid the Sobriety Checkpoint may take an alternate route of travel.

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## As I See It

By Ed Given



## From our readers

### Gassaway train...

Hello everybody who loves the train! Thanks for caring.

The train was a restricted donation from a private source, presented to Town Council and approved as to the exact location in May 2021.

Now just over a year

later it has been moved outside the playground area and is tied and tagged as dangerous. There are a lot of moving parts to the situation. I hope to speak with a school official this week and track down the exact ruling as to why wood on the playground is dangerous.

Please come and voice your opinion, pro or con, August 25 at 6 o'clock at the Gassaway Community Building. Your opinion, your voice is important and you need to be heard.

Sincerely,  
Lois Cole



Young Red Oak Starting from last fall's acorn.

the article, we will focus on why deer use acorns the way they do.

### The Acorn - Why Do Deer Eat Them?

The white oak is probably the king of the acorn kingdom. When white oak acorns are dropping, deer will likely be around to pick them up. Many an article has been written about the deer coming to the should of the thuds as the white oak acorns fall to the ground. The acorns provide the deer with valuable fat for the upcoming rut and winter months and can be an abundant food source at certain times. Writers have often stated - me included - that the tannin in a white oak if less than that of a red oak and hence the deer like them better because they eat them first. How-

ever, recent studies are finding the tannin levels, which make the nut taste bitter, is nearly the same in white oaks and red oaks. So why do deer prefer or seem to prefer white oak acorns over red oak acorns - it may actually be about "time" and not taste.

If we look at the germination time period of the white oak vs. the red oak, we find large differences. When a white oak acorn hits the forest floor, it can germinate and began to grow roots within 2 weeks. Most, if not all white oak acorns, that are good nuts, germinate within 3-4 weeks and therefore are gone or pretty close gone as a food source. Red oaks take months to germinate. Graduate students at Florida State University are working



## Every Acre Counts

By Kevin Gregory

### Appalachian Deer Food Series - Acorns

Last week we discussed several native plants that provide benefits for deer and other wildlife. This week we will finish the short series with a look at acorns or "akerns" as may folks pronounce them.

Acorns are the nut of our native oaks. Much has been written and hundreds of stories told of the great acorn tree deer always go to when the nuts begin hitting the ground. Whitetail Deer fanatics have touted the acorn as a major food source and "the place to be" when

the trees are producing if you are looking to put some meat on the table. So, let's take a look at the acorns and specifically at the two major types of acorns found in central West Virginia - the White Oak and the Red Oak.

Over the past couple of years several studies have looked at how deer use acorns. Many landowners think it is a sin to cut down a white oak tree and have just about as much trouble when it comes to cutting down a red oak. In order to take the myths and legends out of



Young white oak tree beginning its push toward the forest canopy.

on a acorn study which is showing similar results to other studies which show deer choose acorns and other food

sources based on when they are present. In other words, if the white Please turn to **EVERY ACRE** page 3

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## News from our Capitol

by Delegate Brent Boggs

Last week brought some rapidly rising water and localized flooding in areas throughout central West Virginia. I traveled extensively in Braxton and Gilmer Counties last week to check on the scope of the damage. While out, I encountered multiple DOH crews and working to clear storm debris and repair the damage. I appreciate the efforts of our highway maintenance workers and likewise appreciate their response in getting our roadways open after flood-related events.

In recent years, situations are occurring with increasing frequency where there has not been coordination with DOH in placing mismatched and undersized pipes and culverts. It usually works properly for a while, but eventually the flow can get restricted; a blockage forms; and land, business, or residential flooding results. Coupled with the ever-increasing erratic weather patterns,

it's a problem that is costly to correct.

One recent local situation required a special vacuum truck to be brought in from Pennsylvania to clear obstructions from mis-matched drainage pipes impacting Flatwoods Elementary and residents nearby. Hopefully, this will resolve the situation. Meanwhile, I'm recommending to the administration and the DOT that they consider purchasing one or two of these specialized vehicles for use by DOH statewide, when needed. I believe it would be a good investment in protecting property damage and dangers to residents and businesses.

It was great to visit with my friend and former House of Delegates colleague, U.S. Senator Shelly Capito last Tuesday morning during a meeting at Mountaineer Food Bank. Her son, Del. Moore Capito, currently serves in the House with me and it's always great to catch up on family. Moreover, I appreciate her willingness to

listen and act on concerns on the Federal level that impact our citizens here in central West Virginia.

Jean and I spent last Thursday on the road in Glenville and then over to Normantown, Stumptown and on to Rosedale before heading home. It was great to spend time with Glenville Mayor Dennis Fitzpatrick and folks downtown. Also, we stopped by the Gilmer Senior Center to spend some time with Director Sally Mathess, her staff, and many seniors in attendance. I hope I didn't distract anyone from the bingo game as I checked on the availability of an extra hot roll from the kitchen. I'm looking forward to heading over to Glenville in the next few days to spend more time and for a GSU on-campus visit.

Congratulations to my long-time friend and BCHS Class of '74 graduate, Kim West, on the recent announcement by Glenville State University that she will be inducted into the Curtis Elam Athletic Hall of Fame in October. This is a well-deserved honor. Her outstanding athletic accomplishments at Glenville State; her great career as a teacher, coach and athletic official

have earned the respect and appreciation of students, athletes and her colleagues throughout the region and state. Congratulations, Kim!

Finally, school is already underway in most counties, with a few late-starting county school systems beginning this week. I'm deeply appreciative of our public school teachers and administrators for their dedication to the students. I also want to thank our school service personnel for all they do to enhance and enrich the lives of our kids. From the bus drivers that start and end the school day with our kids; the cooks that take such good care of their nutritional needs; the classroom aides that assist in educating our kids; the custodians that maintain our school facilities; the school staff that interact with our kids each day. Everyone in our schools plays a part in creating a positive learning environment.

Looking back on Jessica and Justin's school days, some of their best memories include not only teachers, but all the school service personnel that took such good care of them. Going back even

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guidelines and testing kits for students.

The superintendent also presented the board with two options concerning the position of athletic director. The first was to hire a full-time position posted as assistant principal to the high school and districtwide athletic director. The second option was to increase the supplemental pay for the position as it is currently posted. Both Dr. Combs and Dr. Minney recommended the first option as most beneficial for the schools and to build the programs. Option one was approved on a motion by Larry Hardway with a second by Dr. Kenna Seal.

Under regular business, the board approved the following consent agenda items on a motion by Dr. Kenna Seal with a second by Kevin Gregory: approval of minutes for the July 27 special meeting/work session and the August 2 regular meeting; payment of bills; transportation requests; and budget transfers and supplements.

The following professional, service, and extra-curricular personnel recommendations were also approved on a motion by Larry Hardway with a second by Lisa Ratliff: employment of substitute teachers- John B. Schiefer, Heather Leach-Jones, Shannon Allen, and Rhonda Hunt, Christopher Chance McTaggart, social studies teacher, BCMS, Forrest Taylor, from special education teacher, BCMS to alternative education teacher, BCHS, Virginia Carpenter, from cook, Burnsville to cook, BCMS, Lisa Allen, cook, half-time position, BCHS, Heinrich Harman, special education supervisory/instructional/transportation aide, Nathan Smarr, girls soccer coach, BCHS, and James Huffman and Nathan Short, co-assistant football coaches, BCMS; and resignations for Wesley Monk, elementary music teacher, Randall Brown,

social studies, seventh grade and head boys basketball coach, BCMS, Patrick Facemire, art instructor/world language facilitator, BCMS, Clifton Long, biology, BCHS, Patty Montgomery, substitute teacher, Jeffrey Dennison, substitute bus operator, and Kevin Brown, mechanic/bus operator.

The board approved the fundraisers as presented and the permission to post for interventionist on two separate motions.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 6 at 6:00 pm. As always, members of the Braxton County community are encouraged to attend regular board meetings. Anyone wishing to speak as a delegate or with public concerns may do so by signing in up to 15 minutes prior to the start of the meeting.

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EMS bills for payment as well as the minutes of the Commission's August 5 regular meeting and August 15 emergency meeting pertaining to the air-conditioning unit in the Annex.

Beth Atkins told the commission of an upcoming public meeting in Sutton on August 23 pertaining to the Elk River Trail

Commission President Godwin requested a motion to go into executive session under section 6-9-A4 of the State Code to discuss a personnel related matter. That motion was approved at 9:40 a.m. The Commission reconvened in regular session at 10:16 a.m. with no action taken.

Being no further business to consider the meeting adjourned. The next regular meeting of the Braxton County Commission September 2 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

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oak is only available for two to three weeks, the deer are keying on that food source to take advantage of it while it is there. Once gone, they

move to another food source and the initial FSU studies found they came back to red oaks 4-5 months later when that was just about all that remained. When you add in the fact that white oaks don't produce large mass yields every year, deer know when the white oak acorns hit the ground, they are a limited commodity.

This fact of germination timing is readily evident if you pick up a couple acorns and start your own trees. My Chestnut Oak (Red Oak sub-species) took nearly 4 months in the refrigerator to germinate and the two white oaks I had in the package with them had 6-inch roots by then.

It begs the question, "which oak acorn is more important to the whitetail deer, turkey, bear, etc....?". Given the fact that red oak acorns are present during the harshest period of the winter, I would argue red oaks. But if you look at your property from a diversity perspective and with a focus of providing food 12 months out the year, not just 4, then you need quality acorn drops from both. White Oaks produce every other year on average and red oaks generally produce annually. If you have both in your woodlot, you have high quality food for your wildlife for 3-4 months to aid in the wildlife making it through the winter in good physical shape.

We will cover the importance of quality trees versus quantity in a later article but having several different varieties of red oak and white oak only adds to the diversity of you property and to the healthy conditions we want to have for our wildlife.

Remember - Every Acre Counts!

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further, all the teachers and school support personnel I had many years ago had a profound positive impact on my school days. In short, education begins when you board the bus in the morning and ends when you step off. Then, it's up to parents, grandparents, or other family members to encourage, assist and prepare them for the next day. I'm thankful for having a host of positive role models growing up, providing me with valuable life lessons.

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

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

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**Seniors beware...**

*By Deb Miller, JD, WV Senior Legal Aid volunteer*

Charlie didn't realize it but once he fell for the fake sweepstakes scam, he became a big target for many similar scams.

He was pleased to be a winner, so he bought seven \$50 gift cards as requested to cover handling costs for his great, but elusive, sweepstakes prize.

Charlie was anxious to make sure he would get the fabulous reward even though he didn't think he had heard of the sweepstakes before or had any memory of entering.

Charlie had no clue about it, but there is actually a "sucker list" industry that keeps track of scam victims. Criminals sell this information to other criminals because it's a highly successful pathway for taking people's money.

How could Charlie be fooled? Scammers find ways to make their victims feel good about the process that's going on, even when frustrations occur. They also know what to say to eliminate suspicion. It's happening this very minute to other unsuspecting Charlies and Susies and Annas.

You can avoid being scammed. When any so-called wonderful opportunity includes buying gift cards to assure that everything works out, slam the phone down! Delete that email! The gift cards are the signal that this is a big-time rip-off

scam.

The use of gift cards assures that all your money will disappear. There will be no benefit for you at all, and you won't be able to get your money back.

For those who believe it's real, like Charlie did, other scammers will be happy to get your name and contact information. Whether the next one will be a tech support scam or a fake online sweetheart for you (another scam that often involves thousands of dollars lost and real heartache), the whole system is designed to take your money.

The scammer doesn't care if he or she bleeds you dry. They will just move on to the next victim.

Many don't realize that a side effect of several medications can decrease a person's inhibitions. Without realizing it, a person can become less skeptical than before and more prone to taking risks than they would have been without that medication.

The medication and its new behavior can actually lower the barriers to accepting the scam. Yes, taking certain pills can help with medical needs while also making a person more gullible.

Family members and friends need to be aware of this potential side effect.

Also, many victims will do their best to hide that they've been scammed. They feel foolish and embarrassed. Many become very good at covering up these situations and keep believing it will work out.

Those who learn of the victim's situation should remember that being judgmental will likely lead to having the victim shut them off.

Whether we want to believe it or not, any adult of any age can be scammed.

While some feel that they should always answer their phone and never screen their calls, scammers appreciate that attitude.

An answering machine can save you from being the next scam victim. If you are receiving a valid call, that person will leave a message. But most computers from call rooms don't.

Also, to protect yourself against telemarketers (but probably not scammers), sign up for the National Do Not Call Registry at [donotcall.gov](http://donotcall.gov).

Whether calling from Nigeria, Jamaica or just up the road, the scammers are thieves and know they are hard to catch. Avoiding them takes some effort, but it's your hard-earned money on the line.

For free help with scams or other legal issues, state residents age 60 or older are encouraged to check with the West Virginia Senior Legal Aid hotline at 800-229-5068. The staff attorney will help you figure out what's needed to handle the situation.

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# OBITUARIES

## Velma R. Cowger Bender Jordan



Velma R. Cowger Bender Jordan, 88 of Hacker Valley went to her heavenly home on Tuesday, August 16, 2022 following an extended illness. She was born September 3, 1933 on Lick Run, near Hacker Valley, to Ernest and Effie Hamrick Cowger.

She was Treasurer of the Hacker Valley Senior Citizens and a faithful member of the Hacker Valley Baptist Church where she had taught Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and was Church Treasurer. She knew God and made sure her children and grandchildren knew him as well. Velma was an excellent cook and grew one of the largest gardens around, canning everything she could. She was fun and fun loving; telling jokes, playing in the rain, and enjoying her family spending time with her and with each other at her home.

She is survived by four sons: Edward (Brenda) Bender of Chesterfield, VA, Ernie Bender of North Chesterfield, VA, Marvin (Rebecca) Bender and Andrew (Heather) Bender both of Hacker Valley; six daughters: Linda (Dewayne) Mayle of Clarksburg, Geretta (Wallace) Pugh of Hacker Valley, Connie (Tom) Clark of Charleston, Renita (Bobby) Crowe of South Chesterfield, VA, Joan (Frankie) Williams of Hacker Valley, and Desta (Dalton) Harvey of Frederick, MD; daughters-in-law: Alice Bender of Hobbs, NM and Betty Bender of Belington; two stepsons: Rodney (Terri) Jordan of Lewisburg and Randall (Vickie) Jordan of Hacker Valley; one brother, Emery Cowger of Nutter Fort; three sisters: Vauna Cogar of North Canton, OH, Vada Barnett of Mogadore, OH and Anetha Woods of Buckhannon; 38 grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren; her special little friend Coco; and several nieces, nephews, and extended family and friends to mourn her passing.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, Jearl Curt Bender; second

husband, Edward Jink Jordan; sons, Herbert Bender and Ervin David Bender; daughter, Mary Mills; son-in-law Jeff Mills; two grandsons, TJ Clark and Landon Levi Garrett, III.

The family would like to thank WV Hospice of Buckhannon for their special care during the last ten months as well as our sister-in-law, Heather Bender, who was her caregiver for the last few years.

Friends joined the family for visitation on Friday, August 19, 2022 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM and on Saturday, August 20, 2022 from 11:00 to 1:00 at Hacker Valley Baptist Church. Funeral Services to celebrate Velma's life were held at 1:00 PM on Saturday at the Church with Pastor John Elbert and Pastor Ed Groves officiating. Interment followed in Cutlip Cemetery, Hacker Valley.

For the safety of everyone, the family requests facial coverings be worn during all services.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.doddreedfh.com](http://www.doddreedfh.com).

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

## Garland D. Hall

Garland D. Hall, 85 of Hugheston, formerly of French Creek, passed away on Monday, August 15, 2022 at Sanctuary of the Ohio Valley.

He was born January 20, 1937 in Removal to the late Okey F. and Nora Ware Hall and was a United States Army Veteran.

Garland enjoyed gardening, woodworking, and owned and operated Jerry Run Grocery for 12 years, a job he thoroughly enjoyed.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife Veda Ireda Brown Hall; son Garland D. Hall, Jr.; brother Gordon R. Hall; and sisters Lors Hall and Dorothy Isenhart.

Garland is survived by his sons Theron Roger Hall and John Glenn (Shawna) Hall; grandchildren Cody Hall, Harlan Hall, and Clarice Hall; and several nieces, nephews, and extended family and friends to mourn his passing.

Friends may join the family for visitation on Sunday, August 21,

2022 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at Dodd & Reed Funeral Home. Funeral Services to celebrate Garland's life will be held at 6:00 PM at the Funeral Home with Pastor Chris Cosner officiating. Military Honors to follow.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.doddreedfh.com](http://www.doddreedfh.com).

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

## Doris Hope White

Doris Hope White, of Webster Springs, WV, went to be with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Monday, August 15th, 2022 due to a short illness.

She worked at Webster County Memorial Hospital under Dr. Paul Bennett and Dr. Robert Mace for 30+ years until she decided to retire. She was also a long time member of the Webster County Woodchopping Festival Committee and a member of the First Baptist Church of Webster Springs where she absolutely loved singing in the choir. She enjoyed watching any and all sports, especially her Webster County Highlanders and West Virginia Mountaineers.

Doris was preceded in death by her husband Hale (Bud) White; parents Paul and Phyllis Hull; and brother Frank Hull, all of Webster Springs.

She is survived by her daughters Kathy (Jack) Tonkin and daughter Kelli (Charles) Cochran of Webster Springs; son Jeffrey (Jodie) White of Lebanon, Tennessee; brothers Tom Hull of San Diego, CA and Bill (Anna) of St. Albans; step-son Larry (Marilena) Tracy of AZ; seven grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; four step-great-grandchildren; along with many nieces and nephews.

Per her last wishes, cremation has taken place and a graveside service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, Doris and her family request that donations be made to the First Baptist Church of Webster Springs or to the Webster County Woodchopping Festival.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.doddreedfh.com](http://www.doddreedfh.com).

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

## Dana L. Stalnaker

Dana L. Stalnaker, 91, of Talcott gained his heavenly reward; his faith is now sight; on Sunday August 7, 2022 at CAMC General Hospital following a short illness.

Born August 1, 1931 at Braxton County, WV he was the son of the late Samuel and Lula Underwood Stalnaker.

He served his country during the Korean War as a Corporal with the First and Third Armored Divisions. Worked as an orderly for the Weston and Hinton Hospitals, former insurance salesman and factory worker. A former charter member of the Greenbrier Valley Rural Fire Dept. After his graduation from Seminary in Kentucky he served as Pastor for Steer Run Baptist Church until 1966 when he was called to be the pastor of the Rollynsburg Baptist where he served until the Lord called him home. Preacher Stalnaker enjoyed gospel music, singing in the quartet at church functions, watching westerns, reading Louis L'Amour books and spending time with his family, church family, friends but especially his grandchildren. He was the last surviving member of his immediate family.

Besides his parents he was preceded in death by his wife Eleanor Stalnaker; great grandson, Aiden Jackson; siblings, Marvis Rollyson, Viril Stalnaker, Virlin Stalnaker, Kelsie Stalnaker, Irene Jarvis, Opal Jarvis and Thurl Stalnaker.

Those left to cherish his memory include two sons, Mark S. Stalnaker of Newport News, VA and Matthew A. Stalnaker and wife Jamie of Hinton; grandchildren, Rachel, Stephen, Emily, Rebecca, Daniel, Luke, Brooke, and Bruce Jr.; great grandchildren, Avah, Mila and Alexander.

Funeral services were held 12:00 pm Thursday August 11, 2022 at the Rollynsburg Baptist Church with Pastors Don Bean and Joe Collins officiating. Burial followed in the Talcott Cemetery. Friends may call from 6-8 pm Wednesday August 10, 2022 at the Rollynsburg Baptist Church at Talcott. Family will served as pallbearers.

## Neil Thomas McPherson

Neil Thomas McPherson, 35, of Orlando, WV; (Oil Creek Community) departed this life suddenly on Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at his home on McCauley Run Road.

He was born February 25, 1987 in Weston, WV; son of Jerry McPherson of Orlando, WV; and Kathy Venable Cummings and husband George of Luray, VA.

Neil is a graduate of Luray High School in Luray, VA; and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management from Virginia Tech University. He was previously employed as the Director of

the Senior Employment program at Central West Virginia Aging.

Neil was an animal lover and leaves behind 2 beloved dogs, Sweetie and Peanut. He loved basketball and Virginia Tech and West Virginia University sports. As an adult, Neil returned to West Virginia where he enjoyed cooking, gardening, and canning. He enjoyed a wide array of music from Casting Crowns to Dave Matthews, and was a Christian by faith.

Neil's passion in life was helping others and he was always thinking of ways to give back. He was open about his own struggles and helped many by always having a kind heart and listening ear. When you think of Neil, celebrate the good memories you have of him and remember that life is short and fragile.

Along with his parents, Neil is survived by sisters, Lindsay Raeburn and husband Brett and Marisa Cummings, niece, Lennon Cummings, nephew, Porter Raeburn, and grandmothers, Louise Fultz and Mary Lee McPherson.

Also surviving is a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, and many other wonderful family and friends.

Neil is preceded in death by his grandfathers, Franklin Venable and Thomas A. "Tom" McPherson.

A funeral service was conducted at the Ellyson Mortuary, Inc., 2 Vanhorn Drive, Glenville, WV; 26351 at 1:00 PM; Wednesday, August 17, 2022 with Pastor Tony Conrad officiating. Burial followed in the McPherson Cemetery near Burnsville. Friends were received from 11:00 - 1:00 Wednesday at the mortuary in Glenville.

In lieu of flowers the family request memorial contributions be made to the Tom McPherson Athletic Scholarship Fund at Glenville State University or simply check in with a friend regarding their mental health.

Ellyson Mortuary, Inc., is honored to assist the family of Neil Thomas McPherson with arrangements.

## Melissa J. (Hamrick) Williams "Missy"

Melissa J. (Hamrick) Williams "Missy", 45, of Buckhannon, went to be with the Lord on Friday, August 19, 2022 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Buckhannon.



She is survived by her children: Daniel Ramsey (Becky Westfall), Penny Ramsey, Trisha Ramsey (Gregg McFarland), Pam Lake (Rick), and Donna Conrad (Donald); brother: Dennis Eads and sister: Violet Hardway; 12-grandchildren and 12-great grandchildren.

Linda's wishes to be cremated are being honored by her family. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

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Born October 23, 1976 in Richwood, she was the daughter of Rick Cutlip of Webster Springs and the late Victoria (Hamrick) Hanna and her husband, John.

She was an active member of Rebekah Lodge #91 of Hacker Valley and the Northern Webster County Improvement Council and countless other activities.

Left to cherish her memory are her loving husband of 20 years, Travis Williams; sons: Issac Hamrick, Carter Williams, and Trey Williams; fathers: John Hanna and Rick Cutlip; brother, Chad Hanna; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends to mourn her passing.

Missy was preceded in death by her mother Victoria Hanna.

Services to celebrate Missy's life will be held 1pm, Wednesday, August 24, 2022 at Dodd & Reed Funeral Home, Webster Springs, with Pastor Ty Farlow officiating. Friends may join the family for visitation two hours prior to the funeral service.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.doddreedfh.com](http://www.doddreedfh.com)

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

## Linda Carol Eads

Linda Carol Eads, 78, of Duck, WV passed away on August 18, 2022. She was born on August 14, 1944 in Sutton, WV to parents Bert and Vada Duffield Eads.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents; brother: Bud Spencer; sisters: Charlotte Agrabrite, Barbara Bostic, Lillian Taylor and Sally Butcher.

She was a Baptist by faith. Linda enjoyed quilting, reading and loved spending time with her family.

She is survived by her children: Daniel Ramsey (Becky Westfall), Penny Ramsey, Trisha Ramsey (Gregg McFarland), Pam Lake (Rick), and Donna Conrad (Donald); brother: Dennis Eads and sister: Violet Hardway; 12-grandchildren and 12-great grandchildren.

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These studies are from the "Living Free"

## Little Otter Community Church Summer Revival

The Little Otter Community Church on Chapel Route in Gassaway is hosting a Summer Revival from Thursday, August 25th to Saturday, August 27th at 7:00 P.M. On Thursday, Richie and

Christina Propst will be Preaching and Singing. On Friday, Wayne Family Singing and Ed (Jannie) Rollyson Preaching. On Saturday, Billy Smith Singing and Eric Veltre Preaching.

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**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.

**Benefit Dinner for Robert Stump**  
 There will be a spaghetti benefit dinner held for retired firefighter Robert Stump on Sunday, September 4, 2022 at the Glenville Fire House starting at 12:00 P.M. The menu will consist of spaghetti, green beans, bread, and desserts. There will also be an auction. Robert Stump has been diagnosed with Pulmonary Fibrosis, because he spent many decades daily risking his life to fight fires as a volunteer fire fighter. He struggles every moment for breath even with twenty-four hour oxygen and due to the quick decline in his health now struggles to walk and will need aid and a spike in copay for the very medications he needs to live, there is a major financial strain.

**Flatwoods Monster Fest**  
 Flatwoods WV September 9th 7-9 pm and 10th 11am-7pm. Parade, music: Kowboyz, Lincoln county cloggers parade and show, Paw patrol, Face painting, Balloons animals, Flatwoods Monster and much more. Come out and enjoy. For Information call 678-7334

**Flatwoods United Methodist Church Special Guest Cancelled**  
 Church Starts @ 9:45 am. Special Guest Southern Grace Gospel Group. Covered Dish Dinner.

**Stout Reunion**  
 Friends and family of the late Tom and Rosa Stout are invited to attend our reunion at the home of Roger and Lucretia Stout of Gassaway on Saturday, September 3, 2022. Plan to join us for a good Day of fellowship and delicious food.

**Stalnaker 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 September 4 at the Gassaway Firehouse Multi-purpose Room from 10 am till ?? come out and visit with family and friends. Bring a covered dish. Everyone is welcome.

**Gassaway Town Council Meeting**  
 Thursday, August 25, at 6:00 P.M. at the Community Building

**The Little Kanawha Independent Church Special Sing**  
 The Little Kanawha Independent Church on Route 5, Burnsville WV, will be having a Special Sing on August 27, 2022. It will start at 6:00 p.m. The featured singers will be The Cruickshank & Facemire Families. We welcome everyone to come and join us in Praise and Song in the Lord. Pastor: Ronzel Roberts.

**Family Reunion**  
 The family of Mack and Alice Groff Ratliff will be having their family reunion on Saturday, Sept. 3, 2022 at the Burnsville community building. Please bring a covered dish. Friends and family are invited to come join us and share memories and pictures. We hope to see you there!

**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.

**Painting with Quincy Class**  
 The Friends of Burnsville Lake are sponsoring a painting class with Quincy on Friday evening, August 26th at the Burnsville Community Building. The class begins at 6:30 p.m. and the cost is \$30. Refreshments will be provided. Come and bring a friend! Visit our Facebook page for more details, Friends of Burnsville Lake-FOBL.

**Cancellation of the 2022 Gross Family Reunion**  
 Scheduled for September 17 2022 at the Carson Dobbins Shelter in Holly Gray Park, Sutton, WV due to COVID!

**Braxton County Senior Center August Activities**  
 Mondays, August 22,29: Choir 10:00 A.M to 11:00 A.M. , Wii Bowling at 12:00 P.M. Tuesdays 23,30: Craft Class 9:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. , Exercise Class 1:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Wednesdays, August 24,31: Craft Class 9:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. , Wii Bowling at 12:00 P.M. , Afternoon Card Playing. Thursdays, August 25: Live Music Bible Study 10:00 A.M. , Embroidery Group, Afternoon Card Playing, Exercise Class 1:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Fridays, August 5,12,19,26: Bingo 10:00

**Braxton County Senior Center August Menu**  
 Tuesday 23 Chicken Ala King, Rice, Dinner Roll, Fruit. Wednesday 24 Cornish Pasty, Peas, Dinner Roll, Fruit. Thursday 25 Breakfast Bake, Hash Browns, Biscuit, Spiced Apples. Friday 26 Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Garden Salad, Fruit. Monday 29 Hamburger Steak with Onion Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Spinach, Casserole, Dinner Role, Fruit. Tuesday 30 Chicken Alfredo, Broccoli, Garlic Bread, Fruit. Wednesday 31 Meat-

loaf, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Dinner Roll, Fruit.

**Copen School Reunion**  
 The Copen School Reunion will be held on September 3, 2022, same place and same time. Come out and enjoy the day.

**The Isaacs in concert**  
 August 26, 7 PM at the Sue Morris Sports Complex, Outdoor Stage- Join "The Isaacs" in concert with the opening by "The Putnam Family". Bring a lawn chair or listen from your car on the short-range station, 96.7 FM. Admission is free. For more information call The First Baptist Church of Glenville (304) 462-7015.

**Always Blessed Connections Co updated pantry days**  
 Always Blessed Connections Co will open our pantry on the 3rd, 4th and 5th (if applicable) Friday of each month from 1pm to 5pm. Fresh produce, pantry staples and now USDA foods available. Feel free to call (912) 398-3244 to ensure you and your family are included in what our pantry is offering.

**Sutton Cemetery Town Hill**  
 Any donations toward the upkeep of the Sutton Cemetery located on Town Hill are greatly appreciated. Decorations or flowers left 60 days past Memorial Day should be removed to make mowing easier. Mark payments to "Sutton Cemetery Trust" and mail to: Catherine Hoover, 292 N. Baxter Street, Sutton, WV 26601. Thank you, Sutton Cemetery Trustees

**Public Notice**  
 The Central West Virginia Hunting Dog Association has closed for business, and will no longer host canine hunts, activities or events under this club name or FEIN # 20-8653001. We appreciate those who have attended events and supported the club throughout the years, and it has been a pleasure to serve our community.

**Harris Cemetery**  
 Mowing season is upon us. Donations are needed and appreciated for the mowing and upkeep of the Harris Cemetery, Bug Ridge WV. All donations should be sent to the Harris Cemetery c/o Cindy Gaston 2936 Old Turnpike Road, Sutton WV 26601. A special thank you to all who donate.

**Gibson Cemetery donations needed**  
 Money is needed for mowing and upkeep of Gibson Cemetery. Thank you to the ones that paid last year. Please send to: Deborah M. Campbell, 888 Gibson Road, Flatwoods, WV 26621-8104.

**Fairview Cemetery**  
 If you have family buried in one of the cemeteries at Fairview, please donate to the cost of mowing and maintenance. Checks need to be made out to Fairview Cemetery and contributions mailed to Sharon Craft, 48 Nicholas Run Rd, Gassaway, WV 26624. We very much appreciate your help.

**Tesla Cemetery Donations needed**  
 Donations are needed for the upkeep of Tesla Cemetery. Please send donations to: Jim Morris, 5506 Appalachian Corridor, Sutton, WV 26601.

**Donations needed**  
 Donations are needed for the mowing and upkeep of the Otter Hill Cemetery. In care of: Revelea Lemon, 1125 Cutlip Fork Road, Gassaway, WV 26624. Thank you for the ones who have already paid.

**Elizabeth Chapel**  
 Its spring again and time for mowing and upkeep of the cemetery. Thank you to all that donated last year. Please mail donations to Ronald L. Facemire, 910 Two Lick Road, Sutton, WV 26601. For questions, call 304-765-7824.

**Hoover Cemetery**  
 Its spring again and time to start mowing and working to upkeep the cemetery. Thank you to all that donated last year. Please mail donations to Rhettta May Facemire, 910 Two Lick Road, Sutton, WV 26601 (304-765-7824) or Harold Batton, 8078 Bug Ridge Road, Sutton, WV 26601 (304-765-2360).

**AA - Recovery Meetings**  
 AA - Recovery Meetings will be held on Tuesdays, 7pm at Spruce Grove Church, 44 Spruce Grove Rd., Frametown, WV 26623. Contact: Ed Rollyson 304-435-9333

**Jackson Cemetery Little Birch**  
 It is time to start mowing and working to upkeep our cemetery. Thanks to those who donated last year: Cecil and E. Lynn Rose, Nancy Friend, Herb and Becky Cogar, Anna Dordrill, Shelby Bowyer, and Bernard and Patty Mollohan. Send your donation to: Patty Mollohan, PO Box 61, Little Birch, WV 26629.

**Braxton County Cemetery donations**  
 The Trustees of the Braxton County Cemetery located on route 15 near Holly Gray Park are accepting donations for mowing and upkeep of the cemetery. Please mail donations to Braxton County Cemetery Association, PO Box 342, Flatwoods, WV 26621. Thank you for your support.

**Jacob Shaver Memorial Cemetery meeting**

Donations for cemetery maintenance greatly appreciated.

**"The Journey"**  
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from the "Living Free" program curriculum and it is a biblically-based study and everyone is welcome to participate. We serve food at 5:30 PM each Monday at 602 Elk Street, Gassaway, WV. We have many areas that we are able to minister to others as well such as the areas of destructive behaviors, negative attitudes, unhealthy relationships, and substance abuse. To register or if you have questions you can call Pastor Eric Veltre at 304-689-0000.

## I've got that joy

When I was a child at church services we would often sing this song, I've got that joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart, where, down in my heart, where, down in my heart, I've got that joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart, down in my heart to stay. We would really get excited while singing this little tune, wouldn't it be great if everyone could sing this song and really feel it.

There is a contrast between the words joy and happiness, joy is a state of mind, an attitude, and happiness depends a lot on circumstances such as finding something that you have been looking for and finally found it, finding money in your couch or car seat, someone giving you money but on the other side of the coin so to speak what if you get some sad news, or you lost some money or you have been disappointed by someone or something and thus our happiness can evaporate. But it is joy that keeps our state of mind through the ups and downs of circumstances. Someone once said that joy comes by these three things and you spell out the word J O Y, Jesus first, Matt 6:33

33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Others second. Phil 2:3-5  
 3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. 4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. 5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

Your self last, for it is our part to serve others and not to be served. Phil 2:5-8  
 5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

In the book of Philippians the Apostle Paul wrote about the thread of joy in our lives, he mentions it some sixteen times with the words joy or rejoice and the unusual thing about this book is Paul is writing this book from prison awaiting to be executed. There are two variables here, either he was stark raving mad or he actually found the meaning of joy and I think the latter is correct.

Phil 1:4  
 4 Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy,  
 Phil 2:2  
 2 Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.  
 Phil 2:17  
 17 Yea, and if I be offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy, and rejoice with you all.  
 Phil 2:18  
 18 For the same cause also do ye joy, and rejoice with me.

Phil 4:1  
 4:1 Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved.

Phil 1:18  
 18 What then? notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretence, or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice.

Phil 2:16  
 16 Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.

Phil 2:18  
 18 For the same cause also do ye joy, and rejoice with me.

Phil 2:28  
 28 I sent him therefore the more carefully, that, when ye see him again, ye may rejoice, and that I may be the less sorrowful.

Phil 3:1  
 3:1 Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you, to me indeed is not grievous, but for you it is safe.

Phil 3:3  
 3 For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.

Phil 4:4  
 4 Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice.

In the very face of death Paul could be joyous in Christ Jesus because he found what real joy was, it was being a Christian and knowing this fact.

2 Cor 5:1-2  
 5:1 For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:

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## COUNTY STORIES

### Time To Plant Fall Crops

I was talking to my youngest brother, Brent Stewart, recently, and he said he got his turnip seeds planted and he was wishing for rain. I wish we could give them some of our rain. It has rained almost every day. Thunder rumbled all night long in the distance last night and woke us up this morning right over top of the house. Lightning flashed and the rain picked up. Things had settled down and cleared off though by the time we got ready to go to church. The sun even came out later. I did the Drive In Church this morning because the elevator is down and I can't climb all those steep steps to get up into the church. Just tune into 101.9 FM and hear what is going on inside. That sure has come in handy. We had visitors from Ohio today and

there were other visitors there, too.

We saw State Road workers out digging ditches and cleaning up messes from flood waters this past week when we went to Spencer. We saw several trees that had uprooted and had fallen in the road. Those had been cleared out of the way. There were a lot of them. So much rain causes muddy banks and trees uproot and fall. One day this past week, we heard a commotion up at the road and we saw a State Rd. truck hauling a damaged culvert. Hubby said they were probably taking it somewhere to be used for scrap metal. Culverts got clogged up and some were damaged in that recent flood that I wrote about. I saw on FB where some areas got almost three inches of rain. Those that live

up on a hill don't have to worry about flooding. Water drains off but those of us down in a valley get high water. It's a good thing Hubby didn't put in a garden this year. It would have been a lake. Some people are telling me they had to dig their potatoes early because some of them were rotting in the ground. They have to be put somewhere to dry and then put in a potato bin. My parents had a big potato bin in the cellar and it would be clear full and heaped up with potatoes and some white sweet potatoes. I remember the squirrel suppers with mashed potatoes and yellow squirrel gravy. White sweet potatoes and fodder beans, biscuits, squirrel and gravy, applesauce made from the Early Harvest apples, was one of my favorite meals. My Stewart grandparents had an apple orchard and there were enough apples to share with us. We don't eat squirrel anymore, though. Sometimes the taste changes when we get older.

Until next time, enjoy the last of the garden. Some people gather in the last of the crops and grind them up into chow chow, a pickled relish recipe that is good with brown beans, fried potatoes and cornbread in the fall and winter. Take care and God bless!

### 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.



Librarian Samantha Foster and assistant Jocelyn Gibson accept Delegate Brent Boggs generous donation from the state.

## Sutton Public Library receives state donation

On August 22nd, Braxton County Delegate Brent Boggs visited Sutton Public Library to donate \$2,000 on the

state's behalf. This money came from the Local Economic Development Fund, and it will be used for general improvements and upgrades for the library. The library is extremely grateful for this generous donation.

## Meet a MFB Food Banker

This week the Mountaineer Food Bank is highlighting Leanna Blakenship!

Leanna has been employed with the food bank for just under a year and works as a produce packer in our warehouse. Leanna also assists other departments in the warehouse as needed.

In her free time, Leanna enjoys trail riding and competing in local horse shows or barrel races. She also enjoys spending quality time and sightseeing West Virginia with her husband Robert and daughter Jody.

Thank you, Leanna, for all you do for the Mountaineer Food Bank.



Leanna Blakenship

## 2022 Burnsville Lake, Battle of Bulltown Civil War Reenactment

Mark your calendar for the 2022 Burnsville Lake, Battle Of Bulltown -Civil War Reenactment!

If you are interested in participating in this event as a reenactor or have a reenactment unit, please contact us.

The Battle of Bulltown was a small skirmish fought during the American Civil War near Bulltown in Braxton County, West Virginia on October 13, 1863.

In the fall of 1863, William Lowther Jackson, the cousin of "Stonewall" Jackson, led a raiding party of 800 men into central West Virginia to capture the strategic "fort" at Bulltown which overlooked an important crossing of the Little Kanawha River. The goal was to cut Federal communications between the Greenbrier and Kanawha Valleys.

The Union garrison of roughly 400 men was

commanded by Captain William Mattingly. The Union troops manned a "fort" of makeshift log barricades and shallow trenches which can still be seen today.

Jackson approached Bulltown secretly. He divided his forces in an attempt to converge on the Union position from two different directions. The Confederates advanced at 4:30am on October 13. They quickly captured the Federal pickets but failed to take the main garrison by surprise.

The Confederates advanced against the fort and a drawn-out skirmish lasted until about 4:30pm, almost twelve hours after the battle began. Twice, Jackson sent a flag of truce with a demand to surrender to which Captain Mattingly replied, "I will fight until Hell freezes over and then fight on the ice".

Jackson eventually retreated back towards

the Greenbrier Valley. Casualties were very light considering the length of the battle. On the Union side there were no fatalities. Captain Mattingly was wounded in the thigh and there were some other slight wounds in the Federal camp. The Confederates lost eight killed and a like number wounded.

One civilian, Moses Cunningham, who owned the farm on which the majority of the battle took place, was wounded when he ran out of his house shouting "Hurrah for Jeff Davis."

The battle was the last significant Confederate offensive in West Virginia and the Confederate goals of disrupting the Federal communications were thwarted.

For more information follow the Burnsville Lake, US Army Corps of Engineers Facebook page.

## Hacker Family note of gratitude

The family of Marvin E. "Gene" Hacker wants to thank everyone who sent flowers, cards, and

visited him while he was sick.

A special thanks goes out to our niece Donna

Ellyson who helped get hospice care for him. We also want to thank Central WV Aging, Braxton County Senior Center and Kanawha County Hospice Care, especially Katie, Amy, Angie, and Ricky. We also want to thank Bobbie the caregiver who gave excellent care to Gene.

Special thanks to Pastor Ron Acord for the fine message he gave. Thanks to Ryan and Heather Roach, Loyd brothers, the ladies of the Pulse Church for dinner they brought to our home after the service.

May God bless and keep each and every one of you.

Marvin E. "Gene" Hacker family

## Braxton County Newspapers have a new presence on the World Wide Web



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## Sutton Baptist Church hosts Annual Block Party

Sutton Baptist Church hosted their Annual Block Party on Saturday, August 20 from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M.

& cheese, cotton candy, popcorn and drinks. The event was a fun time for the whole family.

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

Sutton Baptist Church handed out one hundred free backpacks with school supplies to participating children

Children of all ages enjoyed carnival games, such as a cake walk and dunk booth. Free food such as hotdogs, nachos



An assortment of complimentary refreshments were provided at the successful event.



One hundred students received free book bags filled with school supplies.



Carnival games filled the Sutton Baptist Church parking lot for children of all ages to enjoy including a cake walk, dunk booth, putt putt golf, a ring toss and more.



Senator Capito looks at fresh food being packed at the MFB.

## Senator Capito Visits Mountaineer Food Bank

U.S Senator Shelley Moore Capito, R-W. Va., visited Mountaineer Food Banks main facility in Gassaway on Tuesday, August 16th. Capito received a tour of the facility where she met with the food banks leadership team to learn more about their operations and future plans for meeting the continued need throughout West Virginia.

"For more than four decades, Mountaineer Food Bank has provided resources to communities and families in West Virginia when they needed it the most," Capito said. "I commend their gracious service and appreciate the chance to learn more about their operations and expansion plans. 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."

"We enjoyed welcoming Senator Capito back to our main facility in Gassaway, especially during a time when even



Senator Capito, Delegate Brent Boggs, and Chad Morrison, MFB CEO

more of our neighbors are unsure of where their next meal is coming from," Chad Morrison, Mountaineer Food Bank CEO, said. "Her continued support is critical to the 200,000 plus West Virginians facing food insecurity.

We are excited to continue working with Senator Capito to improve access and nutritious options for Mountaineers across our state."

To learn more about Mountaineer Food Bank, please visit [www.mountaineerfoodbank.org](http://www.mountaineerfoodbank.org).



SHS Class of 1967

## Sutton High School Class Of 1967 55th Year Reunion

The Sutton High School Class of 1967 got together for their 55th year reunion on July 2, at We're Family Park, Inc. A delicious meal was prepared and served by Country Girls Catering, thank you Debbie Hamric and Amy Hamrick.

Classmates present were Darrell and Sally Hays Browning; Shelia Hoover and George Calkins; Leland Rhodes; Kathleen Coombs; Mar-

sha White and Ralph Lloyd; Karen James and Smokey Connor; Charlotte Stout and Jay Chidester; Judy Simmons and David Singleton; Evelyn Jean Simmons Wright; Madeline Frame Wurst; Jane Dyer; Susan Mollohan Lyncford; Glen and Jennifer Belknap;; Charles and Margaret

Knights; Arden and Pam Freeman; George and Peg Loyd; Butch Facemire; Thomas B.

Gillespie; Gary Hamrick; and Patty Barnes.

Also, present were Donna Hyer Coombs, Class of 1966 and her sister Annie Harris; Kay Herndon Bowyer, Class of 1968; Lela Mae Posey Brady, Class of 1968; and Alan Brady. Madeline Frame's daughter and grandchild were present also.

Even with all the rain showers throughout the day an enjoyable time was had by all.

## West Virginia Trappers Association Convention September 16-17

The West Virginia Trappers Association will hold their 53rd Annual Convention at the Gilmer County Recreation Center 1365 Sycamore Run Road Glenville, WV on September 16-17, 2022. Gate opens at 10AM on Friday and 8AM on Saturday. Demos both days.

Free Trappers Education Classes on Saturday September 17th,

registration at 8:30AM, class starts at 9AM. Beekeeping seminar on Friday at 4PM. Coyote Hunting Seminar on Saturday at 3:00PM. WV Muzzleloaders Association will have classes on learning to Tomahawk Throw and Shoot muzzleloaders from 10am-5pm Saturday. WV Bowhunters will also be present.

Vendors will be present both days with trap-

ping supplies and much more. Benefit Auction will be Saturday at 2pm. Public is welcome. Free Admission and Free Gate Ticket for hourly drawings. Something for everyone. Bring your family and enjoy the day!

Information and Vendors can contact Briana Frederick at 304-997-1863 or see our website at [www.wvtrappers.com](http://www.wvtrappers.com)

## MAGISTRATE COURT

### R-E-P-O-R-T

#### Magistrate Beth Smith Court

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, conspiracy 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.

August 17: James E. Case of Cowen, no proof of insurance, no contest plea, fine/court costs as-

essed; Lora Mae Jarvis of Left Hand, battery x2, warrant issued, bond set at \$1500 personal recognizance; Bobby Lee Greenleaf of Frametown, no seatbelt, no contest plea, fine assessed and paid; David P. Ruble of Mineral Wells, failure to maintain control, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; Johnny Bennett Martin of Ivydale, grand larceny, dismissed, conspiracy, dismissed, state does not wish to pursue charges; Megan Arthella Duffield of Ivydale, possession of controlled substance, dismissed, defendant is currently in rehab per court order.

#### Magistrate David Singleton's Court

August 12: 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.

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# The Spirit of West Virginia Brightens the 2022 WV Sweetheart State Open Pageant

By **Fernando Rodriguez**

Once again, the stage of the Landmark Studio for the Arts shone and sparkled by the decorative crowns, ribbons, trophies, balloons, colored lights, and unicorns. Unicorns? Yes indeed. The magical creatures were seen on pillows, as inflatables all over the stage, at the end of sticks, and stuffed. Pageant Master Gary Beamer and his tireless crew of supporters and volunteers continue to outdo previous pageants by sheer manifestations

of imagination and creativity. All is aimed at creating an event that is elegant, entertaining, and best of all, lots of fun for the contestants.

This Pageant began with, what I know is my favorite category, the formal gowns. Contestants from birth to mature adults and wearing their best and flashiest attire and smiles, presented their styles to the judges, doing their best to earn high scores and be chosen for a title. Titles which included, for all divisions, overall Best

Smile, Best Attire, Most Beautiful, and Most Photogenic. There's recognition for Fan Favorites, People's Choice, and Talent. In addition to the traditional titles of Queens in all divisions, this Pageant included a State Supreme title, Baby Miss WV, Little Miss WV, Junior Miss WV, and Junior Miss, Teen Miss, Miss, Mrs., Ms., and Golden Braxton County.

There was a Talent Show portion of the program, followed by a show-your-West Vir-

ginia- colors section.

Some of the winners include:

Teen Miss Braxton County Queen, Emma Hare; Miss Braxton County Queen, Siarah Conrad; Mrs. Braxton County Queen, Shyeanna Rigenbach; Ms. Braxton County Queen, Cindy Wilcoxon; and Golden Braxton County Queen, Glenna Rollins.

Baby Miss WV, Arianna Smith; Little Miss WV, Arya Parks; Jr. Miss WV, Grace Seitz; Jr. Miss Braxton County, Mya McCallister.

Congratulations to all the Title winners. Everybody is a winner in the Sweetheart Productions Pageants. Thank you, Gary Beamer and your fabulous helpers for another spectacular event!

Find out how to become a contestant or volunteer. Visit Gary's Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/gary.beamer.10/about>

In addition, visit the WV Association of Fairs & Festivals Pageants Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/WVAFF> and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/818688524927587>



Lavonna Clark, 2022 Ms. State Supreme Queen gets her crown from Amanda Hawkins, 2022 WV Sweetheart Festival Spirit Queen.



Back row, left to right: 2022 Teen Miss Braxton County Queen, Emma Hare; 2022 Ms. Braxton County Queen, Cindy Wilcoxon; 2022 State Supreme Braxton County Queen, Christine Isabelle; 2022 Golden Braxton County Queen, Glenna Rollins; 2022 Mrs. Braxton County Queen, Shyeanna Rigenbach; and 2022 Miss Braxton County Queen, Siarah Conrad. Front row: 2022 Little Miss Braxton County Queen, Arya Parks; 2022 Jr. Miss Braxton County Queen, Grace Seitz; and Jr. Miss Braxton County Queen, a Braxton County Girl, Mya McCallister.



Crowned; Siarah Conrad, 2022 Miss Braxton County Queen; Jasmine Morton Mohr, Mrs. State Supreme Queen; Emma Howell, Mrs. State Queen; Durbin Archer, 0-11 months Braxton County Queen; and behind the Unicorn, contestant #5.



Talent Show part of the Pageant abounds with musicians, singers, and dancers.



Emma Rice, 2022 Ms. WV Sweetheart Festival Queen instructs the contestants where to go and announces the entries to the stage. Amanda Hawkins, 2022 WV Sweetheart Festival Spirit Queen assists.



From the youngest to the oldest, everyone is a winner in the 2022 WV Sweetheart State Open Pageant.



Rylee DeWitt, 2022 State Supreme Queen, Best Attire, and Most Photogenic.



Pageant Master Gary Beamer confers with the panel of judges.

# LEGAL NOTICES

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## ADVERTISEMENT

Notice is hereby given that BROOKS RUN MINING COMPANY, LLC, 2691 LITTLE BIRCH RD, SUTTON, WV 26601 has a permit on file with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for the surface mining of approximately 18.62 acres and has submitted an application to the DEP, 47 School Street, Suite 301, Philippi, WV, 26416-1600, for renewal of Article 3 Permit Number H052900 to Operate a haulroad in the N/A seam of coal. The operation is discharging into Panther Run of Little Birch River of Birch River of Elk River and is located 4.0 miles, West of ERBACON in HOLLY District of Braxton County, Longitude 80° 39' 35" and Latitude 38° 32' 2" (Coordinates from USGS Topographic Map).

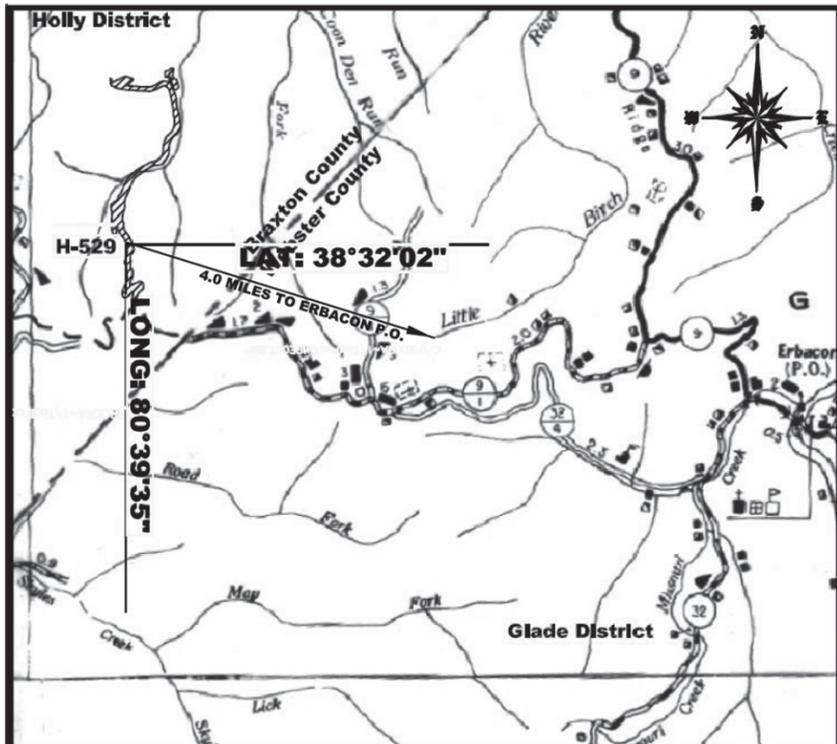
Surface of the area associated herewith is owned by:  
Brooks Run Mining Company, LLC 2691 Little Birch Road Sutton WV, 26601  
Wendella Belknap Rt. 4 Box 65 Riffle, WV 26635  
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\*and the mineral associated herewith is owned by:  
M-B, LLC P.O. Box 390 Forsyth, GA 21029

\*and the mineral within 100 feet of the permit area is owned by:  
M-B, LLC P.O. Box 390 Forsyth, GA 21029

Surface of the area within 100 feet of the permit area is owned by:  
Phillip Lane 16426 LOUISVILLE STREET HOMEWORTH, OH 44634  
WV DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION 1900 Washington Street, East Charleston, WV 25305  
M-B, LLC P.O. Box 390 Forsyth, GA 21029

Written comments and/or requests for an informal conference of the permit renewal application shall identify the applicant and application number and will be received by the Permit Supervisor at the DEP address above until October 7, 2022, or thirty (30) days from the date of final publication. A copy of the application will be available for review until October 7, 2022, or thirty (30) days from the date of final publication in the DEP Regional Office located at the address above and is available at: [http://apps.dep.wv.gov/WebApp/\\_dep/Search/ePermitting/ePermittingApplicationSearchPage.cfm](http://apps.dep.wv.gov/WebApp/_dep/Search/ePermitting/ePermittingApplicationSearchPage.cfm).  
The above link can be accessed from a computer at all West Virginia public libraries. DEP Telephone Number: 304-457-3219 Permit Number: H052900 \*These items are to be completed only for operations involving mineral removal. Include location map in accordance with 38-2-3.2(b)(2). 08-16,23,30 09-07b



## GENERAL LOCATION MAP TAKEN FROM COUNTY HIGHWAY MAPS

BRAXTON AND WEBSTER COUNTIES HOLLY AND GLADE DISTRICTS  
PERMIT H-529 NPDES WV0050857  
QUADRANGLE: Little Birch SCALE: 1" = 1 MILE

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## WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Division of Highways NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service ([www.bidx.com](http://www.bidx.com)) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia until October 18, 2022 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project(s):

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BRIDGE: 11699 CONCRETE SLAB ON FABRICATED STEEL GIRDER

SPAN(S): 1 STRUCTURE STEEL:

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The West Virginia Department of Transportation Division of Highways hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award.

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## ORDER OF PUBLICATION IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BRAXTON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

American Credit Acceptance

Plaintiff,

VS.

Michael Anthony Stalnaker

Defendant,

CASE NO.: CC-04-2021-C-5

Judge: Richard Facemire

The object of the above-entitled

action in an action in which the

Plaintiff alleges that the Defend-

ant is indebted to the Plaintiff

pursuant to certain contracts

related to Defendant's purchase

of a 2013 Ford F250 VIN: 1FT-

7W2B6DEA89338 and in which

the Plaintiff seeks possession of that

aforsaid vehicle.

And is appearing by an Affidavit

filed in this action that, despite

due diligence, the whereabouts

of the Defendant, Michael An-

thony Stalnaker, cannot be as-

certained by the Plaintiff in order

to effect personal service upon

him, the sheriff of the county be-

ing unable to serve the Defendant

after two attempts.

It is hereby ORDERED that Mi-

chael Anthony Stalnaker do serve

upon the Braxton Circuit Court,

Braxton County Courthouse,

300 Main Street, Sutton, WV

26601 and Plaintiff's Counsel,

Riley Rodgers, whose address is

1100 Superior Ave East, Suite

1100, Cleveland, OH 44114, an

Answer or other defense to the

Complaint filed in this action on

or before September 12, 2022 or

otherwise, Judgment by Default

will be rendered against the said

Defendant at any time thereafter.

A copy of the Complaint can be

obtained from the undersigned

Clerk at this office.

Entered by the Clerk of the Court

this 8th day of August, 2022.

Susan Lemon

Braxton Circuit Court Clerk

8-23 8-30b

## ORDER OF PUBLICATION IN THE FAMILY COURT OF BRAXTON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

CIVIL ACTION NO. 18-D-106

IN RE:

The Marriage of:

Nick Robertson Lafever,

Petitioner

and

Maria Grace Lafever,

Respondent

PETITION FOR MODIFICATION.

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MENT.

To the Above-Named Respon-

dent:

It appearing by affidavit filed

in this action that Maria Grace

Lafever is a non-resident of the

State of West Virginia or has an

unknown address. It is hereby

ordered that Maria Grace Laf-

ever serve upon, Nick Lafever,

Petitioner, whose address is 93 N

Elk Street, Gassaway, WV 26624,

West Virginia an Answer, includ-

ing any related counterclaim or

defense you may have to the Pet-

ition For Divorce filed in this action

on or before September 7, 2022.

If you fail to Answer the Petition

for Modification, a judgment may

be taken against you for the relief

demanding in the Petition.

A copy of said Petition can be

obtained from the undersigned

Clerk's Office.

Entered by the Clerk of said

Court Susan Lemon.

Susan Lemon

Clerk of the Court 8-23 8-30b

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Clerk of the Court 8-23 8-30b

## NOTICE

The West Virginia Department of

Transportation (WVDOT) is seek-

ing input to help guide the future

of transportation in West Virginia.

Based upon information obtained

from prior public workshop held

on June 30,2022, WVDOT staff

has developed a Draft 6-year

Statewide Transportation Im-

provement Program (STIP) cover-

ing federal fiscal years (FFY's)

2023-2028. The Draft 2023-2028

STIP identifies planned programs

and project investments over the

6-year period to fund the opera-

tion, preservation, rehabilitation,

and expansion of West Virginia's

highway and transit assets state-

wide with the revenue that is

estimated to be available.

WVDOT is hosting a virtual public

workshop on September 1, 2022,

from 4:00pm to 6:00pm, for the

public to review information on

future federal transportation fund-

ing and projects for the 6-year

period and provide comments

on the Draft STIP document. The

workshop will provide a venue for

the public to ask questions and

discuss the programs established

in the Draft STIP with the proj-

ect team. Please visit the STIP

website at any time during the

workshop to access the virtual

meeting.

<https://transportation.wv.gov/highways/Programming/STIP/Pages/default.aspx>

Each time the STIP is updated,

the public is given the opportunity

to participate in the transporta-

tion planning process. This public

workshop will initiate the official

45-day public comment period

for the adoption of the Draft

2023-2028 STIP. The public is

encouraged to provide comments

on the published STIP material

located at the link above. The 45-

day public comment period will

conclude on October 15, 2022.

Comments and questions can

be submitted electronically via

DOTSTIP@wv.gov or by mail to:

Mr. Chris Kinsey

Programming Division,

West Virginia Division of High-

ways,

1900 Kanawha Boulevard, Build-

ing 5, Room 650,

Charleston, West Virginia 25305

The West Virginia Department of

Transportation will, upon request,

provide reasonable accommoda-

tions including auxiliary aids and

services necessary to afford an

individual with a disability an

equal opportunity to participate

in our services, programs, and

activities. The WVDOT will consider,

upon request, every request for

reasonable accommodations to

provide language interpretation

for people with Limited English

Proficiency and translations of

written materials necessary to

access project information.

Anyone requesting special ser-

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## ORDER OF PUBLICATION IN THE FAMILY COURT OF BRAXTON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

CIVIL ACTION NO. 22-D-53

IN RE:

The Marriage of:

James Lewis Adams,

Petitioner

and

Sarah Lynn Adams,

Respondent

THE OBJECT OF THIS SUIT IS

TO OBTAIN A DIVORCE.

THIS IS A PUBLICATION BY

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MENT.

To the Above-Named Respon-

dent:

It appearing by affidavit filed

in this action that Sarah Lynn

Adams is a non-resident of the

State of West Virginia or has an

unknown address. It is hereby

ordered that Sarah Lynn Adams

serve upon James Lewis Adams,

Petitioner, whose address is 300

Main Street, Room 101, Sutton,

West Virginia an Answer, includ-

ing any related counterclaim or

defense you may have to the Pet-

ition For Divorce filed in this

action on or before September

19, 2022. If you fail to Answer the

Petition for Divorce, a judgment

may be taken against you for the

relief demanded in the Petition.

A copy of said Petition can be

obtained from the undersigned

Clerk's Office.

Entered by the Clerk of said

# SPORTS

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## Eagles' XC girls earned third-place medal in Autumn Classic

Laura Cain and Addison Lloyd both received awards

Eagles' coach Jennifer Berry called the performance of her girls' team "fantastic" as they placed third out of 17 teams running in the Autumn Classic 5K at St. Marys Saturday. In addition,

two of her runners earned awards for placing in the top 20 out of 156 runners.

Commenting on the results, Coach Berry said, "I'm just so proud of their accomplishment for their very first race. They are

Braxton strong!"

Sophomore Laura Cain finished third with a time of 20:04.26. As a freshman last year, Cain led her team in most races. Addison Lloyd, a freshman, crossed the finish line in 13th place. Lloyd, as an eighth grader last season, also led her team throughout the season.

Her time in the Autumn Classic was 21:00.84.

Braxton boys running in Saturday's race were Jeremy Kelly and Jady Squires. This was Kelly's first cross-country race, and he ran it in 23:34.87.

Braxton's next race is the Chick Fil-A in Beckley Saturday.



Addison Lloyd finished thirteenth with a time of 21:00.84.



Sophomore Laura Cain finished third with a time of 20:04.26.



Jeremy Kelly ran his first cross-country race with a time of 23:34.87.



Jady Squires and Jeremy Kelly.

**Girls' results for the Autumn Classic 5K:**

Runner	Time	Place
Laura Cain	20:04.26	5th
Addison Lloyd	21:00.84	13th
Bethany Payne	22:20.03	30th
Heidi Payne	22:52.81	41st
Teagan Huff	24:12.08	60th
Lindsay Tetric	25:08.35	78th



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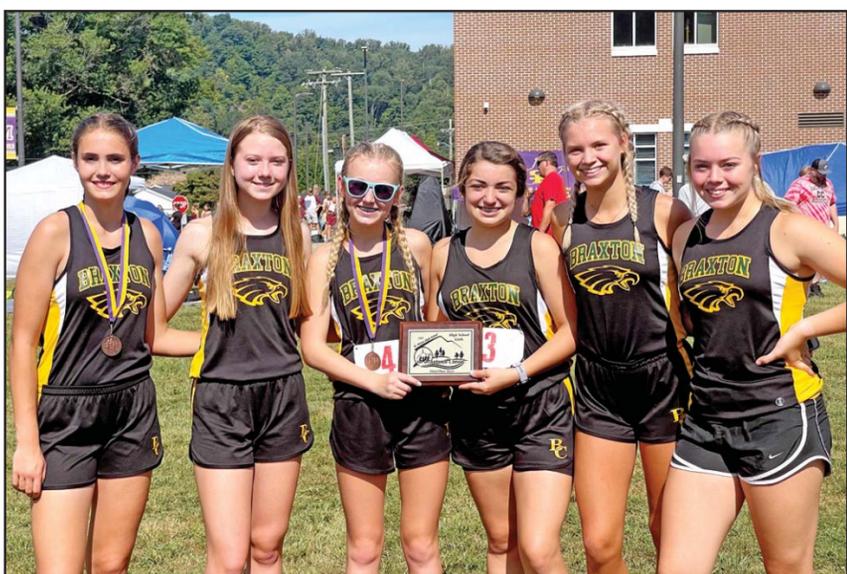
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Laura Cain, Lindsay Tetric, Addison Lloyd, Teagan Huff, Bethany Payne and Heidi Payne



2022 Braxton County High School Golf Team

## Braxton golfers go against tough Nicholas Grizzlies team

The Eagles golf team played Nicholas at Stonewall Jackson resort last week. Nicholas won the match with 128 strokes. Braxton finished at 196. Coach Jerry Frame explained that, for the match, they only recorded the top three scores for both

teams since Braxton has only three golfers.

In that match, Kaylee Criner came in at 57, Shawn Toler at 71, and Braeden Shortall at 68.

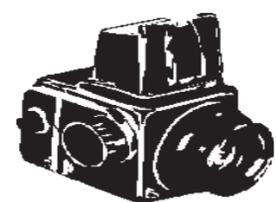
After explaining that the Stonewall Jackson course "is a very difficult one," Coach Frame discussed the problems his

golfers face. "We have two first-year players, so inexperience is a problem," he said. "Another is a lack of knowledge of the game." The coach tries to practice twice a week at Stonewall. Braxton's team hasn't had a home course on which to practice for decades.

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Photos courtesy of James Poling

## A Photographic Look at...

### Braxton County Youth Redskins travel to Elkview



#1 Jansen Poling taking a guy down in the back field C team



Brady Poling #30 getting the only touchdown of the game for B team.



Sawyer Nay #8 getting a pick 6 for a 63 yard touchdown



Zain Moore#7 forcing a fumble for #4 Damon Johnson to scoop up and get some yards.



#1 Dean Hacker getting a guy in the back field



#2 Landon James coming in with a one arm tackle

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### Dixie Highway to play at Braxton County Jamboree August 26th

Dixie Highway will take the stage at the Braxton County Jamboree on August 26 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Concessions will be available for purchase. No Alcohol Permitted at any event. The Braxton County Jamboree is Handicap Accessible. For more information and to follow the Braxton County Jamboree please visit Facebook or online at <http://braxtoncountyjamboree.WebStarts.com/> You may also contact Lena Parsons at (304) 364-5577 or by email at e-mail--lparsons804@gmail.com

# Dog Tales: Stories from the Braxton County Animal Shelter

# KITTY KORNER:

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

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

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

well with older children. They have good recall to a whistle as well.



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



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



This girl with the gorgeous brindle stripes is **Rasha**, she came to the BCAS as a stray so we don't have much history on her. This sweet girl is one to two years old and weighs thirty five to forty pounds. Rasha came into the shelter shut down and withdrawn into the most wonderful pup! Rasha has excellent dog manners and is very patient meeting new dogs and matches their energy. She can be playful and loves toys but she is also good at chilling out with the humans. Rasha is very smart and has been working on sit and lay and has great recall. She is very treat motivated and eager to please. She walks on a leash and doesn't bark a whole lot in the shelter

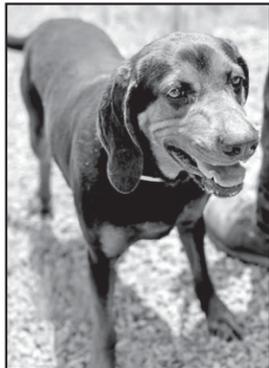


**Honey** is a five to

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



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



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



**Phoenix** was found on a farm as a stray in a hay field and the land owner took her home for a week. He brought her to us because he could not keep her, and he paid her adoption fee for her future adopter. We know that Phoenix is friendly with other dogs but hasn't been around kids or any other animals while he/ we have had her. She walks well on a leash. We're guessing her to be one to two years old weighing about forty pounds. Phoenix loves all the butt scratches and attention she can get. She gravitates more to people than dogs so we call her a "people dog". When she gets really happy she gets low to the ground with her front legs stretched out and bounces.

Just One Generation cat rescue was started in 2013 in response to the severe feline overpopulation in this area. Our initial emphasis was on the Trap, Neuter, and Release (TNR) of feral cats as well as to facilitate the spay/neuter of domestic cats.

Adoption of ownerless cats and kittens came later, as was incorporated with the program because there was no place else for these animals to go. But, due to previously made travel plans and family commitments, Sally Stewart, program director of Just One Generation, will NOT be available to take in new animals or to adopt cats and kittens until after Labor Day.

Our spay/neuter assistance program will continue during this time. For information and registration for Spay/Neuter Assist, you can contact Diane Ratliff at 978-317-1941.

If you have thoughtfully considered pet ownership, NOW may be the time to add a feline friend to your family. Our program still has several healthy, social cats and kittens that are available for a modest adoption fee.

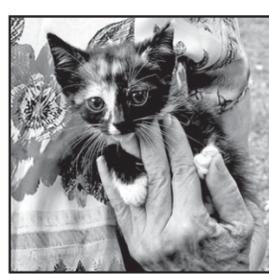
Adoption fees include immunizations, deworming, flea protection, as well as spay/neuter and rabies vaccine when the kittens are four -five months

old. Featured today are a litter of six week old kittens recently accepted by Just One Generation on an emergency basis. Our usual adoption fee has been reduced to \$45 each of two for \$70, which includes the spay/neuter/rabies vaccine at Central WV Animal Hospital in Gas-saway when they reach appropriate age.

Additional photos of these and other available cats and kittens can be seen on petfinder.com by entering a search for CATS at location 26623 or on the Just One Generation Facebook page. Contact Art or Muriel Lewis at 304-765-5071 for additional information.



**GEMINI** ("Gemma"): dilute calico female, 6 weeks



**COMET**: buff orange/white male, 6 weeks

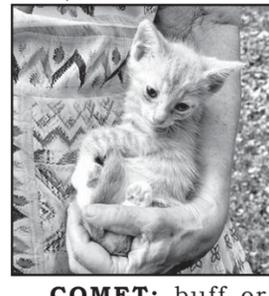
**STAR**: bold calico female, 6 weeks



**ARIEL**: bold calico female, 6 weeks



**TAURUS**: tuxedo male, 6 weeks



**CLETUS**: ginger orange/white male, 6 weeks

## 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](http://www.wvencyclopedia.org).



Aug. 24, 1918: Louis Bennett Jr. died of injuries sustained when his plane was shot down by German anti-aircraft fire. Bennett, with 12 combat kills, was West Virginia's only World War I fighter ace.



August 25, 1903: Soprano Susanne Fisher was born in Sutton. Fisher was the first West Virginian to sing at the Metropolitan Opera.

Aug. 25, 1921: Miners began to arrive at Blair Mountain near the border of Logan and Boone counties. Sheriff Don Chafin, a hated symbol of anti-unionism in southern West Virginia, met them with a combined force of deputies, mine guards, civilian volunteers, and others.



Aug. 25, 2000: The Robert C. Byrd Green Bank Telescope was dedicated. It is the world's largest fully steerable radio telescope.

Aug. 26, 1863: Union and Confederate forces collided in what became known as the Battle of White Sulphur Springs. The next morning, with ammunition nearly depleted, Union Gen. William Averell decided to retreat to his base without accomplishing any of his objectives.



Aug. 26, 1918: Mathematician Katherine Johnson was born in White Sulphur Springs. For 33 years, Johnson worked for NASA doing calculations for manned space flight, including the Apollo 11 moon landing. In 2015, she received the Presidential Medal of Freedom.



Aug. 27, 1902: Mary McClain was born Mary Smith in Huntington. McClain was a blues legend who performed at Carnegie Hall, the White House, the Apollo Theatre, and the Cotton Club.

Aug. 28, 1900: Harrison H. Ferrell Jr. was born in Chicago. Known as "the Dean" to generations of students, he was professor of German, 1928-66, at West Virginia State College (now University) and served as dean and in other capacities from 1930 until 1970.



Aug. 29, 1952: A groundbreaking ceremony was held in Mercer County to mark the beginning of construction of the West Virginia Turnpike. Initially, most of the turnpike was just two lanes because officials believed revenues would be too low to finance four lanes.

Aug. 30, 1862: Confederate raiders under the command of General Albert G. Jenkins attacked and occupied Buckhannon, where they captured 20 prisoners and 5,000 stands of small arms.

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## BC Sheriff's Department 2022 School Zone Notice

The Braxton County Sheriff's Department will increase patrols in school zones this Fall.

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# SPORTS

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## Eagles have a shutout in first boys' soccer game of season



2022 Braxton County High School Eagles Soccer Team

Braxton's 11-player boys' soccer team shut out Tyler Consolidated 4-0 Saturday. Coach Rick Garavaglia gave much of the credit for the win to his team's strong defense.

"With Nicklas Brown at anchor, the defense kept the ball away from Tyler Consolidated most of the game," Coach Garavaglia said. "For the first game of the season, the players did exactly what they had been coached to do. Since we have only 11 players, we're having our players to play with more patience. Passing the ball around is a different kind of soccer than they're used to playing, but they handled it well."

"Braxton controlled

the game overall," the coach noted. "They passed the ball phenomenally. Jadyn Squires, our new player, did a great job. He did everything we asked of him." Garavaglia also commended goalie Owen McCallister for his work. McCallister had nine saves, six in the first half.

The Eagles' scoring began in the first half with a goal by Matthias Garavaglia. Addison Grindo added another first-half goal to bring the score to 2-0 at half-time. In the first half, one of Tyler Consolidated's players got a red card, and his team had to play the remainder of the game with one fewer player.

Second half scoring

came with a goal from Grindo on a corner kick and a goal from Garavaglia with an assist from Grindo.

In his comments on the game, Coach Garavaglia pointed out that it was "a joy to play on a surface (turf) where the risk of injuries is minimal." He noted that players didn't have to worry about "stepping in a hole and injuring an ankle" or suffering some other type of injury because of an uneven field.

The 2022 BCBS boys' soccer team is made up of seniors Matthias Garavaglia, Addison Grindo, and Richard Westfall; juniors Nicholas Brown and Jadyn Squires; sophomores Owen McCallister, Kai-

den Perkins, Matthew Miller, and Ryken Ruth-erford; freshmen Aus-tin Smarr and Aaron Anderson. Captains

are Brown, Garavaglia, Grindo, and Grindo.

Braxton boys have three games this week. Tonight they play Roane

and Thursday night they take on Webster. Both are at home. Saturday, they travel to Parkers-burg Catholic.



2022 Braxton County High School Lady Eagles Soccer Team

## BCBS soccer girls open season with win over Tyler Consolidated

Braxton's girls defeated Tyler Consolidated 6-0 in their first game of the season. Pleased with the win, Coach Nate Smarr said the girls "played extremely well for the amount of practice time we've had with everyone there." The coach continued to say, "Our passing was really good after the first 20 minutes."

In the first 20 minutes of the game, not

much happened, and Coach Smarr attributed that to two factors. "I think nerves and inexperience were definitely a factor to start the game," he said. He pointed out that of his 13 players on the roster, four have either never played or have not played in a long time.

Three different Braxton players scored. Erica Nicholson had three goals, Bre Smarr

two, and Ava Gerwig one. Smarr and Bailey Pritt each had an assist. The coach pointed out that his team had "quite a few shots at goal before Ava put us on the board."

Defensively, Lauren Pritt and Smarr each had two saves in goal. Lila Fitzwater had one. This week the team plays at Petersburg Thursday and at Lincoln Saturday.



2022 Braxton County High School Lady Eagles Volleyball Team

## BCBS volleyball team prepares for August 30 season opener

With 21 girls on her team, Lady Eagles' volleyball coach Melissa Keener is eager for the first game on August 30. Ten returnees, including two seniors, make up the core of the team and many, if not all, will be varsity starters.

In addition to the two seniors—Emmalee Jarvis and Natalie Toler, the team has returning juniors Skylynn Abraham, Mayson Shingler, and Ryleigh Dempsey; sophomores Laura

Cain, Anna Wyne, Zoey Moore, Audra Keener, and Makenna Rollyson. Coach Keener noted that she is familiar with most of the team as she did some volleyball coaching at the middle school.

Since practice began, the coach has seen many strengths in her team. "We have some really good hitters and some really good servers," she said. She also noted that the returning players "work really well together" and hopes to

get the rest of the team to do the same.

"Communication is definitely important in volleyball," Coach Keener pointed out, and that's one of the things we need to work on. We need to become one unit and learn to play off each other."

Braxton's new volleyball coach plans to "make winners" by "building on skills they already have and making the girls healthy and strong."



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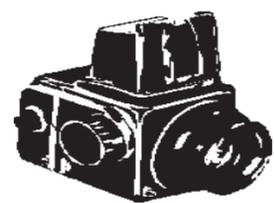
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# A Photographic Look at...

## Braxton County students head back to school



Madelyn Smith, first grader at Davis Elementary.



Kolton Cooks first day as a 6th grader at BCMS.



Aria 5 years old Pre-K, Paisley 7 years old second grade, Peyton 11 years old sixth grade.



Wyatt 1st grade, Ronan-3rd grade, Keaton 4th grade



Gatlin Godfrey, Kindergarten.



Ford Bostic - Kindergarten, Tucker Bostic - first grade.

### Braxton County Emergency Services Safety Fair 2022

Fun & Education for the whole family

Saturday, October 1, 2022 from 10:00 to 2:00 PM at Holly Gray Park

Airport Road Sutton, WV 26601



911 SAF.T.BEE



View and interact with Health Net Helicopter, Fire Truck, and the different ambulances that are used Kids will enjoy face painting, Smokey the Bear, along with other activities there too.

Get your blood-pressure taken.

Come out and have your child's car seat checked out to make sure it is safely installed.

PLUS MUCH MORE!



Come on out and enjoy the day with your family at the Braxton County Emergency Services Safety Fair!

### Central West Virginia Mule and Donkey Show comes to Holly Gray Park

28th Central West Virginia Mule and Donkey Show

The Central West Virginia Mule and Donkey Show, sponsored by Holly Gray Park, will be held on Friday, September 9 at 6:00 P.M. (Exhibitors Dinner, bring a covered dish), Saturday, September 10 at 2:00 P.M., and Sunday, September 11 at 10:00 A.M. Rain or shine.

Camping will be

available with Primitive sites and Camper hookups. There will be restrooms and showers, concessions and vendors on the park grounds. No alcoholic beverages allowed on the premises.

Requirements include a negative Coggins Test and out of state health papers.

This event is for all ages. For more information including stall rentals and reserva-

tions, etc. please contact Darrell and Karen Shaffer at (304)864-0526, Tim and Stacy Smith at (304)532-5306, and Ross and Chris Young at (304)644-8135. You can find more information leading up to the event on Facebook at Central West Virginia Mule and Donkey Show.

Show volunteers or Holly Gray Park will not be responsible for accidents.

### Attention Braxton County Families



Come out to the first home Eagles Football game of the season and have the opportunity to see several county organizations.

### "Soaring Into A New School Year"

A Community Connections Event

August 26, 2022 from 5-7 PM at the Braxton County High School parking lot

Tables will be set up by several community organizations, including Braxton County Coalition, City National Bank, as well as Braxton County Schools Title I and Community In Schools Coordinators. Information will be provided about resources that Braxton County offers

Come enjoy a hotdog and get a chance to win a Family's Season Pass to Eagle Football Games or a T-Shirt.

Come see what Braxton County has to offer!