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Greathouse is IBO World Champion

By Shirley Shuman

Tiffany Greathouse began shooting a bow when she was six. On August 13, she won the IBO World Championship in her class. From the time she began shooting competitively at the age of 10, she has been a consistent winner. Greathouse attributes her interest in archery and much of her success to her father, Rodney Greathouse.

“Dad has shot all his life,” she said, “and I was interested in what he did. He bought me a kid’s bow first to see if I’d like it. I loved it, and that was the beginning. The first year I competed, I won the state shoot, and I have bundles of buckles from state shoots earned since that time.”

Greathouse moved on to national and then world competition. Her father, Rodney, explained. “She began IBO in 2010. She has been on the podium for nationals three times since then. In those



three times, she won first, second, and third,” he noted. To qualify for IBO world competition, an archer must place in national events.

His daughter shoots in the Female Hunter Class, and her targets are 3D. For the world event, archers come from all over the world. According to Rodney Greathouse, competition lasts three days during which the competing archers are narrowed down to five, who shoot for the world championship.

The IBO world champ explained the scoring procedure. “I shot at 3D animal targets,” she

said. “There are rings (targets) on the animal. The 10-rings have a center about the size of a 50-cent piece, maybe a little smaller. Then there are 8-point rings and 5-point rings. An arrow in the center of the 10-point ring gives the archer a 1-point bonus.”

She continued to explain that each archer shoots at 40 targets for a possible 400 points. From that shooting, the top five from each class are chosen to compete against each other for the championship. The five shoot in a final round of 10 targets which determine the champion. Greathouse ended with 513 points and the championship.

The outdoor competition season is over. For now, local archers will shoot at Midstate Archers to prepare for indoor competition. Since she only placed second in the Indoor World Championship, Tracy Greathouse will be there to practice. She isn’t a fan of second place.

Lisa Conant receives City National’s City Cares Award

City National Bank has awarded Lisa Conant, Vice President, Retail Banking and Branch Manager of the Flatwoods and Sutton branches with the City Cares award for outstanding community service. As part of her award recognition, Lisa chose Braxton County Humane Society to receive a \$1500 donation.

Lisa volunteers often in her community,

working with numerous events and organizations. She organizes donation drives for Just One Generation Cat Rescue and works with the Braxton County Coalition with their toy drives for children.

Each year, City recognizes employees who are dedicated to serving their communities with the City Cares award and a donation to a charity of their choice. Lisa was nominated for the award

by her peers and was one of six winners chosen this year.

“City’s many generous and community-minded employees are the driving force behind our commitment to serve the communities where we live and work. This year’s City Cares winners exemplify that giving spirit that has become an integral part of our daily work,” President and CEO Skip Hageboeck said.

Elk Conservation District announces fall approvals

The Elk Conservation District (ECD) provides local self-government leadership and initiative for the development and conservation of soil, water, and related resources. In cooperation with private landowners, government agencies, and private organizations, we will develop an integrated planning, education, and management program that will protect, restore, and enhance those resources. The ultimate goal is to protect and conserve our soil, land, water, and related resources for the health, safety, and general welfare of our state’s citizens. In addition to our conservation planning services, we also assist in stream restoration

and provide educational programming to schools and civic organizations about the value of conservation and stewardship of the environment.

ECD approved the following applications for lime in the following amounts: Howard Bennett, \$840; Harold Johnson, \$266; Wayne Stephenson, \$968; Mike Moles, \$480; Kathryn Boggs, \$720; George P. Herndon, \$1,160; Johnny Singleton, \$800; Tina Rapp, \$1,050; Patricia Cox, \$1,548; Mark Robinson, \$680; Jason Hamric, \$564; Ben Mullens, \$2,000; Harold Herndon, \$1,720; Ross J. Young, \$1,040; Given’s Bison, \$800; Donald Hamrick, \$440; Joe Bell, \$780; Bill

Lowther, \$182; Aleece Smith, \$800; Linda Sparks, \$2,760; Steven Claypoole, \$2,000; Cleve Westfall, \$2,000; Jamie Markham, \$1,200.

ECD approved the following applications for fencing in the following amounts: Jamie Markham, \$1,500; Tim Bailes, \$1,500; Maria Moles, \$1,500; Aleece Smith, \$1,500; Doug Given, \$1,500; Georgina Jarvis, \$1,500; Johnny Singleton, \$1,500; Wayne Stephenson, \$1,500; Patricia Cox, \$1,500.

For more information on any of the programs that ECD offers please visit our office at 738 Airport Road, Sutton, call 304-765-2535 or visit our Facebook page.

Sutton Town Council Conducts Busy Session

The Sutton Town Council held their most recent meeting on August 25.

Mayor JD Hoover opened the meeting with a shout out to the town crew for their hard work cleaning up around the community after the recent storms. He informed council members work has begun on the fall festival and the

Christmas parade. Mayor Hoover also updated on the status of the old buildings on Main Street. The lawyer is getting the deed prepared for the property transfer.

Three individuals spoke to council with their concerns. First was Billy White, he thanked the council for the opportunity to work

for them and for finding his weed eater. He asked the council consider rehiring him to work for the town.

Next to speak was Jeffrey Sutton. He spoke to council about his concerns with the ditch filling up with trash on South First Street and potholes on that street. He stated he spoke with Chief Shane Boggs with

Webster man faces drug charges in Braxton

What began as a routine investigation of a suspicious vehicle turned into much more for officers of the Sutton Detachment of the West Virginia State Police.

On Sunday, August 28, Trooper C. D. Harper received a complained through the Braxton 9-1-1 Center, that someone had reported seeing a red Chevrolet Camaro on Scotts Fork / Bonnie Road with the two occupants having sex in public view.

Senior Trooper Harper and Trooper Clark apprehended the described vehicle on Scotts Fork near the Sunrise Road Intersection. When officers asked the driver to get out of his vehicle to question him regarding the indecent exposure complaint, they observed a handgun in the driver’s side door compartment.

Trooper Garrett and Deputy Groves of the Braxton County Sheriff’s Department joined the investigation to aid in further searching the vehicle. That search turned up a smoking apparatus in the back seat and a black back in the backseat, within reach of the driver. When officers opened the bag, they found a clear bag containing approximately 222 grams (a half pound) of what was believed to be meth, a set of digital scales and smoking pipes. Officers also confiscated \$1,045 in cash from Tanner’s person. He also admitted to the allegations of indecent exposure during questioning by Troopers.

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The Driver identified as Michael Kevin Tanner, 53, of Webster Springs was charged with possession with intent to deliver methamphetamine. Tanner was arraigned before Braxton County Magistrate David Singleton where his bond was placed at \$50,000 cash only. Tanner remains incarcerated at the Central Regional Jail in lieu of that bond.

Officers discovered that Tanner was convicted in 2016 in Webster County of domestic violence and is prohibited from owning or possessing a firearm. Trooper Harper intends to present evidence to the next Grand Jury pertaining to Tanner being a prohibited person in possession of a firearm for possible indictment. The female passenger has not been charged; however the investigation is continuing.

Braxton Memorial recognized for advancements in electronic medical records

Healthcare Information and Management Society (HIMSS) has recognized 12 WVU Medicine hospitals and more than 500 clinics for their adoption of electronic medical records (EMR). Braxton County Memorial was among those honored.

The HIMSS Electronic Medical Record Adoption Model (EMRAM) measures clinical outcomes, patient engagement, and clinician use of EMR technology to strengthen organizational performance and health outcomes across patient populations. The internationally applicable EMRAM incorporates methodology and algorithms to score a whole hospital, including inpatient, outpatient, and day care services provided on the hospital campus. EMRAM scores hospitals around the world relative to their digital maturity, providing a detailed road map to ease adoption and begin a digital transformation journey towards aspirational outcomes.

Measuring evidence-based data at each stage, organizations use EMRAM to optimize digital work environments, improve performance and financial sustainability, build a sustainable workforce, and support an exceptional patient experience. Leveraging information digitally improves patient safety and

clinician satisfaction by reducing errors in care, length of stay for patients and duplicated care orders, and streamlining the access and use of data to inform care delivery.

The Twelve WVU Medicine hospitals have received Stage 7 validation – the highest possible – from HIMSS. In addition to BCMH they include Berkeley Medical Center, Camden Clark Medical Center, Jackson General Hospital, J.W Ruby Memorial Hospital, Potomac Valley Hospital, Reynolds Memorial Hospital, St. Joseph’s Hospital, Summersville Regional Medical Center, Uniontown Hospital, United Hospital Center and Wetzel County Hospital.

“HIMSS Stage 7 doesn’t just benchmark whether you have the capability, it benchmarks your actual utilization of the technology to improve safety. There are around 270 hospitals in the country that have reached a HIMSS Stage 7. When you look at what we’re doing as an organization compared to our peers, 12 out of 270 is a pretty high percentage for a health system with 17 member hospitals,” Albert L. Wright, Jr., president and CEO of the WVU Health System, said. “Our leadership team is committed to making sure not only do we have the technology,

but we’re utilizing it to make sure we’re taking great care of patients.”

The HIMSS Outpatient Electronic Medical Record Adoption Model (O-EMRAM) is used to assess EMR implementation for outpatient facilities of hospitals and health systems globally, guiding the data-driven advancement of facilities through EMR technology.

With the O-EMRAM, hospitals and health systems optimize the continuation of care for patients and populations outside the walls of the acute care setting and ensure all care documentation is available online to the clinical team when and where they need it. Organizations can leverage the O-EMRAM to improve the person-enabled health and governance dimensions of digital health in the outpatient setting.

More than 500 WVU Medicine outpatient clinics in West Virginia and Pennsylvania achieved Stage 7 validation from HIMSS.

“This is a tremendous validation of our commitment to deploying EHR functionality that enables our care teams to provide the best care for our patients,” David Rich, M.D., WVU Medicine chief medical information officer, said.

For more information on WVU Medicine, visit WVUMedicine.org.

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As I See It

By Ed Given



Some think the public doesn't have a right to know...

The ACLU of West Virginia is suing state Senate president Craig Blair and three others on behalf of a Greenbrier County woman who was unlawfully ejected from the Senate chamber for attempting to record deliberations on the special session abortion law bill.

The ACLU filed two suits describing the same allegations: one in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia, and one in Kanawha County Circuit Court.

The plaintiff is Tiffany Morgan Walton, a construction worker. In addition to Blair, defendants are Senate Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms Grover Miller, Division of Protective Services (Capitol police) Director Kevin Foreman and DPS Officer Van Armstrong.

Walton was at the Capitol on July 29th during a heated debate regarding the Governor's proposed income tax reduction bill and the abortions measure. According to what I have read Ms. Walton was allowed to video tape the discussion on the tax measure but stopped from recording discussion on HB 302, the abortion measure. Walton, according to an ACLU new release, correctly reaffirmed her right to record the proceeding in a non-disruptive manner. The Capitol police laughed at her and threatened to arrest her if she didn't leave the gallery.

Nick Ward, an ACLU attorney said that the US Constitution, state law and existing case law clearly allow the public to film such matters. "The Sunshine Law lies at the heart of democracy," Ward said in a press release. "Without transparency, government cannot be held responsible to the people it serves," he added.

This latest action is obviously the most glaring but clearly illustrates the attitude of the current leadership in state government. "How dare you question my actions," seems to be the prevailing though. They have used the heavy-handed approach anytime someone says or does something they don't agree with. It happened with the teachers strike. It happens all the time when local newspapers are critical. Why do you think they are so determined to remove legal advertisements from easy access.

This attitude is counterproductive to our constitution and a free and open government. I can only hope this law suite prevails and people like Blair realize that the Government is By the People For the People!!!

From our readers

The train...

Friends and Neighbors,
Thanks for showing up at the August 25 Town Council Meeting and voicing your opinion. If you couldn't attend, please talk to someone who was there.

Originally the Train (which is Amish made, sanded, painted and well maintained) was tagged as dangerous because it is wooden. Yet this not so nice picnic table in the accompanying photo has been on a Braxton County Elementary School playground for

years. Also, notice the wood chips.

I'm sure there is a WV rule somewhere pertaining to this and I'm still trying to get to the source. Someone said it only pertains to preschool or maybe it was a ruling prior to 2003 when toxic chemicals were used to pressure treat lumber.

Another reason given for the train's removal was that it wasn't covered by insurance. Yet a statement from the current carrier says "Most general liability policies will cover any owned premises including a playground for liability, no unusual cost difference. Wooden playgrounds can be covered as property and liability and would not cause any issue that I am aware of."

So, the mystery



remains. Why was the train removed? Is the community park being turned over to the school system? What are the true issues regarding wood, control, insurance and liability?

Those who came to the meeting, thank

you! We voiced our opinions, but I don't think we were heard. You can't fail until you stop trying, so I urge you to keep asking questions. Be nice but don't give up.

Lois Cole
Gassaway, WV

Education-D-Minus

I am going to collect some rambling thoughts on mankind's failure to teach itself practices that would greatly improve his life. The most perplexing failure I can think of. For thousands and thousands of years mankind has failed to realize/install in people the importance of empirical knowledge-life lessons learned by those that went before us.

Why has mankind not learned this after thousands of years? By the time one becomes a teenager he should have been programmed to seek guidance from the elders. I am growing old but back in the younger years note just how little guidance we received.

Tragic... Most of these children could have been anything they wanted to be-if they had just received the guidance and opportunity they needed. And this failure persists yet today.

Finally in the 21st century we are realizing the importance of

education thanks to the insight of people like Bernie Saunders. But lord the wheels turn slow. I grew up in rural WV and after four-hundred-fifty-years (450 yrs.) after whiteman started this American experiment my parents didn't have access to high school. Primitive times-but!!

In this wonderful democracy it is very important to have a well-educated populace. We are governed by the people. We get to vote and elect our leaders. I have called this the American curse - too many people that vote aren't qualified to govern. A real threat to a democracy. Give the people a college education and things will be so much better, I guarantee.

For the last couple of years this curse has been on full display. Opinions express in the political arena have been so misguiding (lies) and with complete disrespect for the nation. Many are so derelict as to ignore guidance from experts. They have earned the

title of psychopaths. The depth of this delusion I am sure would confound the experts.

How valuable is education? Giving people a college education is just as valuable as our coal, gas, trees. With a great boast in incomes, entrepreneurship, creativity, a more qualified workforce makes education one of the best investments our country could make. How can this not be a priority? Invest in the people...

Can anyone explain the gun violence in our country? In the richest country on the planet, with the most opportu-

nity of any country-a hundred people a day are killed by firearms. Insanity! What would free college do for this? How many thousands of lives could be saved a year? If we instill in these people a sense of worth, a sense of confidence, a sense of pride -aren't they likely to elevate themselves above that level of existence?

Certainly! The cost of our penal system necessitated by this curse is a horrible waste of our nation's assets, enough I would guess to send everyone to college forever.

Better minds make a better country... Educate!

Every Acre Counts

By Kevin Gregory

Sept. Habitat Chores

We are closing in on September and the beginning of the fall hunting seasons. Just as quickly the weather seems to be turning a little less humid and nights are beginning to cool down. Fall is my favorite time of the year

and I really enjoy the cool evenings around the fire pit. On the habitat front, fall is a great time to make your final preparations for hunting season and for the upcoming winter months.

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News from our Capitol

by Delegate Brent Boggs

I enjoy celebrating the birthdays of others, but growing up, my parents always kept birthdays in the immediate family a low-key event. That changed for me when I married Jean. She grew up with birthdays being a celebration and always has made my birthday, those of our kids and grandkids, and our family a special time. She's also great at sending cards and greetings to extended family, neighbors, and friends throughout central West Virginia.

Last Wednesday, my dad celebrated his ninety-second birthday and Jean did a great job in making it special for him throughout the week, since family was unable to get together mid-week. And, as our family has a reunion in late August annually, both dad and mom were able to enjoy several special days, an hour or two at a time. These days, they tire easily and don't venture out for very long. When I watch my

grandkids walking beside them, my mind quickly drifts back to seeing them as I did in my youth. But despite all the ongoing challenges they face, I never cease to give thanks for still having both my parents

I also want to thank everyone that made time to wish Dad a happy birthday through my social media account. Dad isn't on Facebook, but he was humbled and amazed that hundreds of messages of well-wishes were sent his way.

Now that school is officially underway throughout the State and we have our first week of high school football in the books, everyone is hopeful for a year that isn't interrupted by COVID. Students and our communities need an uninterrupted school year but make no mistake – we're not out of the woods yet with COVID and the evolving variants.

Meanwhile, school security is on everyone's mind after the tragic events that have plagued

our nation in recent years; most recently the unspeakable tragedy in a Texas elementary school a few months ago. I've written and spoken about school safety on several occasions. I am concerned that excluded from the many conversations and plans that Governor Justice has for surplus revenue, he fails to put forth a comprehensive plan for securing our schools. Not just some schools and not just superficial upgrades, but a tight, secure, and meaningful security plan that is tailored to each school. This would also include safeguards from emergency exits being left propped open, broken, or inadequately secured.

A few interim meetings ago, then School Building Authority Executive Director, David Roach, met with both the Finance and Education Committees to discuss the need to fully secure our schools from the threats of today and tomorrow. I'm sure all the communities that have experienced mass casualty events never dreamed their school would be one that was affected. Our citizens now realize that we can ill afford to assume it cannot happen in West Virginia or anywhere else. Pre-

liminary estimates indicate that it will cost in the neighborhood of \$500,000 per school. Some may not require that much expense, but in some, the cost may run into the millions of dollars. And, with hundreds of schools in our State, you can do some quick math to know this will not be an inexpensive initiative.

During the legislative session, many of us felt that this is of such importance to protect our students, staff, and teachers that a portion of the budget surplus should be set aside to begin the planning process to get a better understanding of costs and timelines for completion. Sadly, that suggestion was not met with support of the executive branch.

In recent days, the former Executive Director of SBA has now been elevated to the position of State Superintendent of Schools after former Supt. Clayton Burch decided to step down to lead the WV School for the Deaf and Blind in Romney, near where his elderly parents reside in Hampshire County. Superintendent Roach is well versed in the school security issue, and I have hope that in his new role, he can influence

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proper maintenance on the drains and ditches throughout the town over the last several years. He discussed need for better equipment in order to complete work but the town would need a secure storage facility before purchasing such items.

Municipal Clerk Robin Smith informed council the yearly inspection of the recycling truck was scheduled for the following week. Repair on the damage door is scheduled but not until after the inspection.

Council member Jon Crum told council he looked at the drainage issue coming off of Town Hill after the recent storm and had a video of the water flow.

Mayor Hoover discussed the damage done to Industrial Circle and the need to stabilizer filler to keep it from happening again. Council discussed contacting a company that does that type of work and getting a quote.

Chief Shane Boggs updated the council on the police department since the last meeting. His department has issued 23 citations and impounded six vehicles. The SWAT training that was originally scheduled had been cancelled. One of the instructors has been injured and unable to do the training. Chief Boggs and Officer Jonathan Sergeant attended active shooter training with the FBI instead.

Chief Boggs also noted several warrants have been served and the municipal court will start issuing warrants for arrest for those individuals failing to pay for citations.

Jon Crum informed council that it had been brought to his attention that the air compressor units for the AC were not located on town property. He discussed looking into that issue further and the property boundaries.

Beth Atkins briefly informed council on the Elk River Trail meeting that was held on August 23.

She updated council

on the banners for the poles in town. The brackets will cost \$84 per set and the town will need at least 20. The banners can be done by Sports Connection in Gassaway and an affordable cost depending on the design.

Atkins also noted she had someone to develop a QR code that will take individuals to the town website. Council discussed possibly getting stickers with code imprinted on them.

Catherine Hoover told the council she had been in contact with Shelia Butler at the County Clerk’s office concerning the election ordinances. She asked Butler to speak to council at the September 22 meeting.

Jon Crum noted the version three of the ordinances had been emailed to council members for input and comments. He asked that each member look at the ordinances related to their committee.

Under regular business, the council approved the minutes of August 11 meeting and the payment of bills on two separate motion made by Steve Facemire.

Council approved to advertise for bids to sell the Crown Victoria on a motion by Steve Facemire with a second by Robyn Dolan. Also approved was to advertise to have the roof inspected on a motion by Steve Facemire with a second by Recorder Laurel Petolicchio.

Council went into executive session at 6:49 pm to discuss personnel issues. They reconvened at 8:02 pm.

On a motion by Recorder Laurel Petolicchio with a second by Beth Atkins, council approved purchase safety vest for the Municipal Judge and Municipal Clerk.

Council approved to terminate employment of Jason Rose effective immediately on a motion by Recorder Petolicchio with a second by Steve Facemire. Also approved by council was the motion by Catherine Hoover with a second by Beth Atkins to raise the pay of Officer Sergeant from \$15 to \$20 per hour.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.



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- New Arrivals:**
- New Load: Vinyl Flooring
 - New Load: 16’ treated decking boards
 - New Load: 7/17”, 1/2” & 9/32 OSB
 - New Load: Laminate Counter Tops, 10’ & 12’ various colors
 - New Load: Pre-Hung Exterior Doors
 - New Load: Interior Door Slabs
 - New Load White Paint -Satin, Flat, 5 gal & 1 gal
 - New Load: Butcherblock Countertops – Acacia & Beech
 - New Load: T1-11 siding 5/8" & 11/32"
 - New Load: ¾” Plywood
 - New Load: Metal Roofing 8’, 12’ & 16’
 - New Load: Poly ISO Insulation 4’X4" & 4’X8^{1/2}’
 - New Load: 11/32" Beadboard Siding

- Materials available:**
- Tub/Showers
 - Windows, Various sizes
 - House Wrap
 - Treated Decking
 - Mobile Home Doors: 32” & 34”
 - Hand Sanitizer - 1 L Glass bottles
 - Butcherblock Counter Tops - Beech
 - Paint - 1 gal. Satin White
 - Kitchen & Bathroom Faucets
 - Flooring Laminate, Vinyl & Underlayment
 - Floor Tile: 12x12, 18x18, 6x24. 12x24
 - Tile Setting Materials & Tools
 - Fiberglass blow-in insulation - machine for rent
 - Roofing Shingles
 - Toilets
 - Wood Frame Mirrors
 - Selection of Vanity Tops
 - Granite/Stone Slabs
 - Door panels (interior)
 - Door Knobs
 - Tub/Shower units
- Other items too numerous to mention

The Central WV Outreach Center needs clean used oil to heat with this Winter. Please call for details.

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On our list of September habitat tasks, we have the following – final inventory of invasive plant locations and treatments, food plots in the ground, hard mass inventory, and maintenance on your tractor, ATV or UTV.

Continuing control of our invasive plants is key in September as Autumn Olive is producing its berries for re-seeding and Japanese Stilt Grass is shooting up spear-like seed heads. Treating your woody invasives with a basal treatment or cutting them and stump treating is a great way to ham-

mer them before hunting season is here and it helps with new growth next spring. Stilt Grass and Japanese Knotweed are vulnerable this time of year as well. Using an herbicide to kill Stilt Grass before it seeds out keeps the new seeds out or your seed bank. Mowing or cutting Japanese Knotweed and then spraying the new shoots make it vulnerable to the spray and helps control it where it is treated. Tree of Heaven can be stump cut or basal treated – for me basal treatment seems to work well throughout the summer months – to keep them in check. Once you complete your work, but sure to note where you have treated and so you can check your progress next spring.

Getting your fall food plots in the ground now is critical for them to be ready for your late September or October hunts. Planting fall species like turnips, oats, and other grains bring the deer into your hunting spots on a regular basis. If you are using a no-till rotation, terminate your Buckwheat – or other cover crop and get your brassicas, grains and other seeds in the ground. If you are fall planting clover, September is a great time to get it started so the root establishment can take place throughout the winter. Next spring your clover will spring to life as the soil temp raises. Finally, if you are battling cool season grasses like Orchard, Fescue, Rye, etc.... now is a good time to treat them so they don’t compete in early spring with your food plot system.

Spending some time checking on the hard mass status of your habitat is a great way to determine your fall hunting strategies. This

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year I plan to mark my big white oak acorn producers and then conduct some Timber Stand Improvement around them like I did my persimmons last year. I determine which trees are producing the best acorn crops. I mark those white oaks and remove or kill the other trees within 20-40 feet (or you can use the touching canopy rule.) The touching canopy rule is to kill all trees touching the canopy of your “keeper” tree. This promotes increased growth in your quality “keeper” tree by freeing up nutrients in the soil and lowering the canopy competition.

Hope you have a fun and safe time in the woods this September and have great success with the start of our West Virginia fall hunting seasons. Until next week....

Remember - Every Acre Counts!

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legislative leaders to move swiftly and decisively on this issue.

History has shown quite clearly that budget surpluses are cyclic in nature. Over the past twenty-five years, we’ve laid aside a \$1 billion rainy day balance (adjusted for the stock market fluctuations); privatized workers comp (saving our businesses hundreds of millions of dollars); paid down pension debt so that a fully funded state pension system is within sight, due to policies we’ve implemented twenty years ago that tightened our state belt with realistic state budgets.

Over the next few months, you will hear many pros and cons regarding tax proposals. Pay close attention who they will benefit and who will be left out. Take note of the power grab underway that could potentially shift local control of schools and taxes to the Legislature. Twenty-four-hour cable news may have everyone’s attention, but sometimes what is happening or not happening close to home is what is really the most important.

If you need assistance, 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: **B r e n t . B o g g s @ 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.

Letters to the Editor: Our policy...

We would like to remind readers that we welcome letters to the editor.

We would like to reiterate our policy of not publishing letters that do not contain the author’s identification. You must enclose a phone number for verification purposes. The number will not be published.

We reserve the right to edit and/or refuse any letter. We do not accept letters refuting or endorsing candidates for any upcoming election.

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OBITUARIES

Charles R. “Charlie” White
Charles R. “Charlie” White, age 48 of Lorain, passed away unexpectedly on July 30, 2022 in Lorain, Ohio.

Born January 25, 1974 to Dana and Loretta (nee Paul) White in Elyria, Charles spent most of his life in the Lorain County area. He also lived in Braxton County, West Virginia for a short time.

A workaholic, Charles loved working various jobs. He loved bluegrass music and spending time with his grandchildren.

Surviving are his children, Emily White, Carlie White, William White and Tyler Thompson; grandchildren, Emma, Micah and Jennah; father, Dana White Sr.; brothers, Alex, Robert, Dana Jr., Ronzal, Wayne and Billy; sister, Tanya as well as many aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his mother in 2007; grandchild, Maddox as well as his uncle, Charles White.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, September 3, 2022 at 2:00 P.M. at Hope Baptist Church in Frametown, WV.

Gerald Raymond “Pop-paw Soggy” Flare
Gerald Raymond “Pop-paw Soggy” Flare of Swiss, WV passed away August 17, 2022 peacefully surrounded by his whole family at his bedside. Gerald was preceded in death by his loving parents, Charles Raymond Glare and Isa Mahala Flare and a brother, James Loranzie Flare.

Gerald was from Webster Springs; he met his future wife Edwina and moved to the Swiss area in the early 80’s got married and started their beautiful family. Gerald was a well-known man for his outgoing personality and caring heart. He loved to make people laugh and carried a smile on his face always. He started doing shows and dances to continue to share his personality with the world to make more people feel happiness and joy and that is

where he became “Pop-paw Soggy.”

Surviving are his wife Edwina “Winnie” Flare; son, Joshua (Kim) Flare of Summersville and daughter Jessica (J.D) Lanham of Dixie; grandchildren Brandon (Bacon) Lanham (19), Jordan (Biscuit) Lanham (16) and Khloe (Spitfire) Lanham (9).

Pop-paw Soggy was all about his family. He would do anything for them and to make sure they were happy and had anything they needed. He was a proud husband, father and grandfather. He had a heart of gold and was so full of life, laughter and love.

Please come help the family celebrate the life of this wonderful and outgoing man; graveside service will be held 2:00 PM, Saturday, August 27, 2022 at Fairview Cemetery, Webster Springs with Pastor Larry Cochran officiating.

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

Dodd & Reed Funeral Home, Webster Springs is honored to be serving Flare family.

Desiree R. Brown
Desiree R. Brown, 45, of Frametown, passed away on Wednesday, August 17, 2022.

She was born on April 29, 1977 in Virginia to Frances Lydia Smith Dilley of Sutton and the late Roy Darrell Dilley.

Desiree was a clerk and shift manager at Citgo. She enjoyed reading fantasy books and watching scary movies. She truly enjoyed being around her family.

She will be forever remembered by her husband, Kevin Brown; sons, Dakota Brown, Christian Brown, Devin Brown and Colten Brown all of Frametown; mother, Frances Dilley of Sutton; brothers, Greg Dilley of Sutton and Joseph Deuly of Sutton.

Desiree will be cremated and a family memorial service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements by Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway.

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

Gloria Jean Singleton
Gloria Jean Singleton of Heaters, WV passed away on August 24, 2022.

She was born in Charlottesville, VA on August 26, 1950 to parents Melvin and Helen Snow.

Gloria is preceded in death by her parents; brother: Roger Snow and sister: Nancy Shull.

She was a Christian by faith. Gloria enjoyed gardening, watching her beautiful flowers grow and loved spending time with family. She cherished her beloved dog, Elly.

Those left to cherish her memory are; husband: Roger Singleton; children: Kenny Buttry and Charlotte Dean; 4-grandchildren, 1-great grandchild; and brothers: Hank Snow and Bobby Snow. Several nieces and nephews and special niece: Theresa Snow.

Funeral Service were held at 3:00 pm on Saturday, August 27, 2022 at Stockert Funeral Home & Cremation, 378 Flatwoods Corner Road, Flatwoods, WV 26621. Family received friends two hours prior to the service from 1:00-3:00.

Stockert Funeral Home & Cremation is honored to serve the family of Gloria Jean Singleton.

James P. “Shorty” Rose, Sr.

James P. “Shorty” Rose, Sr. , age 76 of

Bergoo passed away Friday, August 26, 2022. He was born November 29, 1945 in Bergoo and was the son of the late Gerald Rose, Sr and Mary Moore Rose Snyder who survives of Bergoo.

He is also preceded in death by a brother, Gerald “Jerry” Rose Jr and sisters, Mary “Mousie” Hall and Brenda Brewer.

Shorty was well known throughout the county as talented carpenter; he was known to do work for people even though he knew they were not able to pay. He was always willing to help those in need whatever the situation was. Shorty loved his cars, flowers, hunting, fishing, ginsenging , just being outdoors but most of all he loved his family.

In addition to his mother he is survived by his wife, Carol Rose; sons, James “Jimmy” Rose, Jr and Gerald Rose; daughter, Crystal Rose; eight grandchildren; three great grandchildren and one on the way; sisters, Anna Jean Vandevender and Sharon Davis.

Friends may join the family for visitation on Tuesday, August 30, 2022 from 6-9 PM at Dodd & Reed Funeral Home, Webster Springs. Funeral service will be held 11 AM on Wednesday, August 31, 2022 at the funeral home with Pastor Bennie Cowger officiating. Burial will follow at Swecker Cemetery at Brady Gate.

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

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

Charles Victor “Vic” Moyers

Charles Victor “Vic” Moyers, 67 of Butchers Run Road, Cedarville, WV; departed this earthly life in the later

afternoon hours of Saturday, August 20, 2022 at his residence with his loving family by his side. He was born October 21, 1954 in Sutton, WV; son of the late Charles Junior and Bernice Mae Childers Moyers.

Vic is a graduate of Gilmer County High School, class of 1972 and a graduate of Glenville State University class of 1979. Vic became a professional surveyor and worked for Smith Land Surveying for over 30 years. Vic had numerous accomplishments as a surveyor which included being President of the WV Society of Professional Surveyors in 2002 and 2003, Surveyor of the year in 2003, Director and Chapter Representative of the State Society for 12 plus years, served 3 years on the National Surveying Exam Writing Committee for NCEES, was a key member of the State Surveyors Society legislative team from 1996 to 2006 helping structure many of the laws and regulations surveyors operate under today. While at SLS, Vic served as Sr. Project Surveyor winning multiple mapping awards which included the 1st National Mapping Award issued to a WV firm.

Vic was a Christian by faith and in his spare time he enjoyed time with family and friends, living the quiet life in Gilmer County, hunting, fishing, being outdoors, spending time in the

mountains, and he loved listening, playing, and singing music.

On November 26, 1976 Vic was united in marriage to Roberta Stump Moyers, who survives at the Butchers Run home.

Surviving are 4 sons, Victor Shaun Moyers and wife Vanessa of Kingwood, WV; Keith Moyers and wife Nicole of Tanner, WV; Chris Moyers of Glenville, WV; and Doug Moyers and his wife Ciara of Cedarville, WV; and 2 siblings, Kevin “Joe” Moyers and wife Ann and Katherine Hark and husband David both of Cedarville.

Also surviving are 9 grandchildren, Laynie, Kaelynn, Garrett, Holly and Margaret Moyers, Arielle Rose and husband Anthony, John, Daniel, and Rebekah Baker, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and many other wonderful family and friends.

Along with his parents, Vic is preceded in death by a granddaughter, Ella Grace Moyers.

A funeral service was conducted at the Ellyson Mortuary, Inc., 2 Vanhorn Drive, Glenville, WV; 26351 at 11:00 AM; Friday, August 26, 2022 with Pastor Bryan Groves officiating. Burial followed at the McHenry II Cemetery near Sand Fork. Friends were received from 4:00-7:00 PM, Thursday evening at the mortuary in Glenville.

In lieu of flowers, the family request memorial contributions be made to the C. Vic Moyers P.S. Memorial Scholarship Fund. Checks can be mailed to: GSU Foundation, 200 High Street, Glenville, WV 26351. Online donations can be made through the Glenville State University Foundation Donation Form | Glenville State University and choosing the “C. Vic Moyers P.S. Scholarship Fund” in the scholarship designation drop-down menu.

Ellyson Mortuary, Inc. is honored to assist the family of Charles Victor “Vic” Moyers with

Sutton Baptist Church hosts Revival in September

Sutton Baptist Church, located at 506 Main Street, will be hosting a Revival September 16-18. Evangelist Matt Wilkins from Lynchburg, VA will be speaking at each service. Wilkins has preached the Gospel message for over 20 years. Friday and Saturday service will begin at 7:00 pm and Sunday

traditional arrangements.

Mack W. Green
Mack W. Green, 78 of Webster Springs passed away on Wednesday, August 24, 2022 at Summersville Regional Medical Center.

He was born June 23, 1944 in Webster Springs to the late Allen Elliott and Mary Elizabeth Payne Green.

He worked for the School Board, enjoyed fishing, was an avid hunter, and enjoyed playing guitar. He was Pentecostal by faith.

Mack is survived by his sons Hubert (Crystal) Green and William (Kerry) Green; daughters Lisa (Bennie) Anderson and Janie (Joseph) Malley; mother of his children, Judy Green; sisters Louberta Carol Utt and Retha M. Grimes; grandchildren Cody, Dustin, Bennie Jr., Samantha, Bailey, Serenity, Joey, Charlie and Aaliyah; and several nieces, nephews and extended family and friends to mourn his passing.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers Orlando, George, Roy, and Lantie Green; and sisters Reba Carden, Leoma Loucille Hamrick, Deloris Mcle, Lenora Clutter, and Eva Carpenter; and granddaughter Cassandra.

Friends joined the family for visitation on Saturday, August 27, 2022 from 6:00 to 9:00 PM at Dodd & Reed Funeral Home. Funeral Services to celebrate Mack’s life were held on Sunday, August 28, 2022 at 2:00 PM with Pastor Clarence McCourt officiating. Interment followed in Joe McCourt Cemetery, Webster Springs.

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

Campsite decorating contest

Attention campers! If you are planning on camping at Bulltown or Riffle Run Campgrounds from August 29-September 3, the

Friends of Burnsville Lake is sponsoring a Campsite Decorating Contest. The theme is Go Team Go! Decorate your campsite for your favorite team—high school, collegiate or pro! Entries will be judged on September 3. Winners will be selected from each campground and will receive a specially designed flag for your campsite.

Flatwoods Monster Fest

The Annual Flatwoods Monster Fest to be held in Flatwoods West Virginia on September 10th from 11:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

There will be a parade, music: by the 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 304-678-7334.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Community Give-away

Hope Baptist Church will host a Community Giveaway in Frametown WV on Saturday, September 10th from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

Birch River Ruritan Club hotst 3rd Annual Cornhole Tournament

3rd Annual Cornhole Tournament on Saturday, September 3rd, beginning at 10:00 am, hosted by the Birch River Ruritan Club. Cost is \$10 per team. Cash payout for 1st and 2nd place. Remaining proceeds to benefit the Birch River Fire Department. Location: Ruritan Lot across from GoMart. For early registration and additional information, contact: Greg Frame (304) 481-7267. You may also register the day of the event. Please arrive by 9:45 am to register. Like us on Facebook!

Full Board Meeting

The Region VI Workforce Development Board Full Board will meet Thursday, September 8, 2022 from 10:30 am at the Marion County Convention & Visitors Bureau located in Pleasant Valley, WV. For more information about the meeting, contact Maria Larry at 304-368-9530. Region VI is and Equal Opportunity Employer/Program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request for individuals with disabilities. If you have a hearing impairment and need assistance, please call WV Relay7-1-1.

2022 Burnsville Lake, Battle Of Bulltown - Civil War Reenactment Schedule

Friday, October 14: 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Kids Day Event. 4:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. Open Registration and Camp Set Up. Saturday, October 15: 7:00 A.M. Reveille (Military wakeup). 9:00 A.M. Camps open to public. 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. Field Tactical for Troops. 12:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. Lunch and Rest. 3:00 P.M. Confederates Memorial Service. 5:00 P.M. Camps close to public and evening meal for re-enactors. 8:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. Civil War Ball at Campground Interpretive Shelter. (Open to public). Sunday, October 16: 7:00 A.M. Reveille (Military wakeup). 11:00 A.M. St. Michael’s Church Service (Open to public). 2:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. Break Camp and Return Home.

Belknap Reunion

The Belknap Reunion will be held on September 10at Cedar Creek Park Rec. All Family and friends are welcome. Bring a covered dish and enjoy the day.

“The Journey”

“The Journey” of Hope and Restoration helps with life-controlling problems that you could be facing on a daily basis. These studies are done in a small group setting that meets each Monday at 6:00 PM. We have taught lessons about Grief, Anger, Committed Couples, and Depression. We are currently starting a class dealing with anxiety, and fear it is a 10-week class. These studies are 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.

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 Sump 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 11am7pm. 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

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.

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.

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!

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.

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 Rhetta 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 Dodrill, 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.

Sutton Public Library Create to Donate

Don’t forget that our Create to Donate drop-in class has restarted! Join us every Thursday from 12:30-2:30pm. All the materials are provided, just show up! No previous experience required.

TELEPHONE TRIBUTE

A True Story By Paul Villard
When I was quite young, my family had one of the first telephones in our neighborhood. I remember well the polished oak case fastened to the wall on the lower stair landing. The shiny receiver hung on the side of the box. I even remembered the number - 105. I was too little to reach the telephone, but used to listen with fascination when my mother talked into it. Once she lifted me up to speak to my father, who was away on business. Magic! Then I discovered that somewhere inside that wonderful device lived an amazing person – her name was “Information Please”, and there was nothing that she did not know. My mother could ask her for anybody’s number and when our clock ran down, Information Please immediately supplied the correct time.

My first personal experience with this genie-in-the-receiver came one day while my mother was visiting a neighbor. Amusing myself at the tool bench in the basement, I whacked my finger with a hammer. The pain was terrible but there didn’t seem to be of much use crying because there was no one home to offer sympathy. I walked around the house sucking my throbbing finger, finally arriving at the stair way. The telephone! Quickly I ran for the footstool in the parlor and dragged it to the landing. Climbing up, I unhooked the receiver and held it to my ear.

Information Please, I said into the mouthpiece just above my head. A click or two, and a small clear voice spoke into my ear.

Information.
I hurt my finger, I wailed into the phone. The tears came readily enough now that I had an audience.

Isn’t your mother home? came the question. Nobody’s at home but me, I blubbered. Are you bleeding? No, I replied. I hit it with the hammer and it hurts. Can you open your icebox? she asked. I said I could.

Then chip off a little piece of ice and hold it on your finger. That will stop the hurt. Be careful when you use the ice pick, she admonished. And don’t cry. You’ll be alright.

After that. I called Information Please for everything. I asked for help with my geography and she told me where Philadelphia was, and the Orinco...the romantic river I was going to explore when I grew up. She helped me with my arithmetic, and she told me that a pet chipmunk, that I had caught in the park just the day before, would eat fruits and nuts.

And there was the time that Petey, our pet canary, died. I called Information Please and told her the sad story. She listened, then said the usual thing grown-ups say to soothe a child. But I was unconsoled. Why was it that birds should sing so beautifully and bring joy to whole families, only to end up as a heap of feathers feet up, on the bottom of a cage? She must have sensed my deep concern, for she quietly said, Paul, always remember that there are other worlds to sing in. Somehow, I felt better.

Page 2 - Another day I was at the telephone, Information, said the now familiar voice. How do you spell fix? F-I-X. At that instant my sister, who took unholy joy in scaring me, jumped off the stairs at me with a banshee shriek, YAAAAAAA! I fell off the stool, pulling the receiver out of the box by its roots. We were both terrified. Information Please was no longer there, and I was not at all sure that I hadn’t hurt her when I pulled the receiver out. Minutes later, there was a man on the porch. I’m a telephone repairman. I was working down the street and the operator said there might be some trouble at this number. He reached for the receiver in my hand.

What happened? I told him. Well, we can fix that in a minute or two. He opened the telephone box exposing a maze of wires and coils, and fiddled for a while with the end of the receiver cord, tightened things with a small screwdriver. He juggled the hook up and down a few times, then spoke into the phone. Hi, this is Peter. Everything’s under control at 105. The kid’s sister scared him and he pulled the cord out of the box. He hung up, smiled, gave me a pat on the head and walked out the door.

All this took place in a small town in the Pacific Northwest. Then, when I was nine years old, we moved across the country to Boston, and I missed my mentor acutely. Information Please belonged in that old wooden box back at home, and I somehow never thought of trying the tall, skinny new phone that sat on the small table in the hall. Yet as I grew into my teens, the memories of those childhood conversations never really left me. Often in moments of doubt and perplexity, I would recall the serene sense of security I had when I knew that I could call Information Please and get the right answer. I appreciated now how very patient, understanding and kind she was to have wasted her time on a little boy.

A few years later, on my way back to college, my plane put down in Seattle. I had about half an hour between plane connections, and I spent 15 minutes or so on the phone with my sister who lived there now, happily mellowed by marriage and motherhood. Then, really without thinking what I was doing, I dialed my hometown operator and said, Information Please. Miraculously, I heard again the small, clear voice that I knew so well: Information.

I hadn’t planned this, but I heard myself saying, Could you tell me, please, how to spell the word “fix”? There was a long pause. Then came the softly spoken answer. I guess, said Information Please, that your finger must have healed by now. I laughed. So it’s really still you. I wonder if you have any idea how much you meant to me during all that time. I wonder, she replied, if you know how much you meant to me? I never had any children, and I used to look forward to your calls. Silly, wasn’t it?

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COMMUNITY CORNER

COUNTY STORIES

Goodbye August

Some people are anxious for fall and others are hating to see summer end. Most are saying that August went by so fast. We stayed busy most of August getting ready for fall. On the nice days when it wasn't raining, Hubby did a lot of painting. The back deck and ramp needed painted. He mows several acres here every week. It is best to get out there early to get ahead of the heat. Mold, ragweed, and pollen from cut grasses are bad right now for those of us with allergies. Some people call it hay fever from the pollen of cut grasses are flying in the air. We will feel better when everything freezes down outside. It was only in he mid 50's when we got up this morning

but reached 102 out in the sun, today. Numbers were down at Rosedale Baptist this morning. A lot of folks were out sick with Covid. It seems to have made a come back. It's nice to have the Drive-In Church thing and just tune into 101.9 FM. You can hear what is going on inside. The elevator is down and some of us can't do all those steps up into the church. Also, if you don't feel well or you have been exposed to Covid and want to play on the safe side, you can stay out in your vehicle and listen to the service inside. I have been sending cards and letters to sick people and I have two pen pals that write me often. Not many write let-

ters anymore. It has become a lost art. My mother taught me how to write letters. She kept perfumed stationary and nice boxes of All Occasion Card on hands all the time. She also called friends and relatives to check on them from time to time. She would put a pretty hankie in a birthday card for her lady friends. Well, our foxes have found something else to eat besides apples. They can be seen after dark, up on the road bank here, looking for field mice. When Hubby was weed eating those steep banks up at the road, he said he would see field mice jumping everywhere. We hire that job to be done now. I will wrap this up for this week. Until next time, be safe and stay well. May the good Lord bless and keep you in his care.

PAT'S CHAT

By : PAT RIDPATH



Frustrations are the story of my life since I've had this knee problem. It seems to have messed with my mental abilities as well as my physical abilities. Surgeries are backed up by the doctor who is going to do my knee-replacement surgery, and he has no openings until the first week of February. They put me on a list for a cancellation appointment. So far, no one has cancelled. When I wrote my Chat last week, I somehow accidentally got the "new" gmail and nothing worked the same as it did before. I lost the whole Chat and could not retrieve it, so finally gave up. But, I am so glad I found a way to restore the original gmail, so I am going to try to remem-

ber a couple of things to share with you from memory. First, last Saturday after church, I came home and meant to sit on my lounge chair but I sat on the edge (not seat) of it, and ended up flat on the floor. The day was extremely hot and the new flooring felt so cool, I asked my daughter not to try to help me up until I cooled off. A little later she came to help me get up. I cannot without lots of pain, roll over on my knees, and we couldn't reach Chuck (my son). He had left his cell phone in his truck and was having a cook-out with some friends. It was a dilemma. I remembered how many times the local EMT's had gotten my sister, Mary Ann Bucklew, up off the floor after sometimes as long as an overnight because she couldn't reach a phone. I decided we

should call 911. In a very few minutes "angels" came - Sherry Woody and Bradley Byers. Oh, how I love them! I am proud of our Emergency Squad. Second, my most beautiful, smartest, just graduated Master's Degree (magna cum laude) granddaughter, Laura Elizabeth (Bucklew) Bucholtz flew to Pittsburgh with her mom, Sandra Desmond, to attend a reunion with their Kupiec relatives. They rented a car and came down to spend two wonderful days with us. (I have only ONE granddaughter, so I can brag on her without hurting others.) I am sure there are other incidents within the last two weeks that I could share with you, but I cannot remember any of them. I hope everyone has a Happy Labor Day next weekend. I am going to tell you what my Mom, Allegra Louisa McNemar Wiant, used to tell us (because she hated for people to talk about others). She said, "If you cannot say something good about someone, say nothing at all." God bless you, everyone. Maranatha

Braxton County Books for Babies returns for fifth year

Braxton Books for Babies is gearing up for a new school year. For the past five school years, we have been working with parents to increase literacy skills from birth to school-enrollment. Books for Babies provides parents with tips that encourage preliteracy skills, along with engaging and educational activities for children. The focus of the program is to instill at an early age the importance of literacy. Parents can register each month to receive a packet that contains books for toddlers. The packets also contain early literacy and math activities for parents to complete with their babies. Parents can register their child for the program each month, packets are picked up at the Board of Education, followed by a Facebook live event, where the parents and their children participate in toddler-focused activities, such as song and dance videos and a read aloud of one of the month's book selections. This year's themes include: fall, farm, opposites, healthy habits, peek-a-boo, emotions/kindness, sharing and spring. This program provides an opportunity to build a connection with the families of

future Braxton County students. The program runs from September to April. For more registration information, please see our Braxton Books for Babies Facebook page. The 2022-2023 schedule is as follows with subject to change: September students learn about Fall. Registration starts on September 1, 2022. Packet pickup is on September 13 from 10:00 to 11:00 A.M. at the Braxton County Board Office. The Facebook Live will be on Friday September 16. Students go to the farm in October. Registration starts on October 3, 2022. Packet pickup is on October 11 from 10:00 to 11:00 A.M. at the Braxton County Board Office. The Facebook Live will be on Friday October 14. In November students learn about opposites. Registration starts on November 1, 2022. Packet pickup is on November 15 from 10:00 to 11:00 A.M. at the Braxton County Board Office. The Facebook Live will be on Friday November 18. December is the month to be healthy. Registration starts on December 3, 2022. Packet pickup is on December 13 from 10:00 to 11:00 A.M.

at the Braxton County Board Office. The Facebook Live will be on Friday December 16. January students will learn about Peek-A-Boo. Registration starts on January 3, 2022. Packet pickup is on January 17, 2023 from 10:00 to 11:00 A.M. at the Braxton County Board Office. The Facebook Live will be on Friday January 20. In February students learn about sharing. Registration starts on February 1, 2022. Packet pickup is on February 14 from 10:00 to 11:00 A.M. at the Braxton County Board Office. The Facebook Live will be on Friday February 17. March students will learn about emotions and kindness. Registration starts on March 1, 2022. Packet pickup is on March 14 from 10:00 to 11:00 A.M. at the Braxton County Board Office. The Facebook Live will be on Friday February 17. Spring will be the final learning experience for Braxton Books for Babies in April. Registration starts on April , 2022. Packet pickup is on April 11 from 10:00 to 11:00 A.M. at the Braxton County Board Office. The Facebook Live will be on Friday April 14.

Meet a MFB Food Banker

This week the Mountaineer Food Bank is highlighting Melissa England! Melissa serves as our Volunteer Coordinator and Office Receptionist/Data Entry. She has worked with MFB since 1999. Melissa's interest to serve as the Volunteer Coordinator came from her own prior experience of volunteering. She served at her church as a Girls Club Counselor, which involved volunteering at nursing homes and hospitals and she also was a parent volunteer at her children's schools. Melissa, alongside of her husband, Rodney, and their two children Amanda and Gabriel, pioneered the Mid State Church of God in Gassaway, WV, 23 years ago, where her husband serves as the Pastor. Melissa currently serves on the WV Church of God



Melissa England, Volunteer Coordinator and Office Receptionist/Data Entry

Burnsville Public Library Board of Trustees meetings

Burnsville Public Library Board of Trustees meets the second Monday of each month at 5:00 pm at the library. Meetings are open to the public. During the pan-

demic, if you would like to attend but don't feel comfortable attending in person please reach out. We could arrange a way for you to attend virtually.

TELEPHONE

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It didn't seem silly, but I didn't say so. Instead I told her how often I had thought of her over the years, and I asked if I could call her again when I come back to visit my sister when

the semester was over. Please do. Just ask for Sally. Goodbye Sally. It sounded strange for Information Please to have a name. If I run into any chipmunks, I'll tell them to eat fruits and nuts. Do that, she said. And I expect one of these days you'll be off for the Orinoco.

Well, Good-bye. Page 3 Just three months later, I was back again at the Seattle airport. A different voice answered, Information, and I asked for Sally. Are you a friend? Yes, I said, an old friend. Then I'm sorry to have to tell you. Sally had been working only part-time the last few years, because she was ill. She died five weeks ago. But before I could hang up, she said, Wait a minute. Did you say your name was Villard? Yes. Well, Sally left a message for you. She wrote it down. What was it? I asked, almost knowing in advance what it would be. Here it is, I'll read it. Tell him I still say there are other worlds to sing in. He'll know what I mean. I thanked her and hung up. I did know what Sally meant. Paul Villard

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Braxton County Senior Center September Food Menu

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Thursday 1 Labor of Love Taco Salad, Chips, Black Beans, Corn, Fruit. Friday 2 Chicken Corn Chowder, Boiled Cabbage, Cornbread, Fruit. Monday, 5 Holiday Center Closed. Tuesday 6 Pork Riblet on Bun, Sweet Potato, Fries, Fruit. Wednesday 7 Salmon Patty, Mixed Vegetables, Macaroni Salad, Fruit. Thursday 8 Pot Roast Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Glazed Carrots, Garden Salad, Dinner Roll, Fruit. Friday 9 Pepperoni Roll, Tomato Soup with Cheese, Crackers Fruit. Monday 12 Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Dinner Roll, Pea Salad, Fruit. Tuesday 13 Sloppy Joe, Coleslaw, Tater Tots, Fruit. Wednesday 14 Chicken Parmesan, Garden Salad, Garlic Bread, Fruit. Thursday 15 Pork Chop, Scalloped Potatoes, Beets, Dinner Roll. Friday 16 Chicken Enchilada, Pepper Strips, Black Beans, Rice, Fruit. Monday 19 Chili, Sweet Potatoes, Crackers, Fruit. Tuesday 20 Red Beans and Rice, Smoked Sausage, Boiled Cabbage, Cornbread, Fruit. Wednesday 21 Pork BBQ Sandwich, Sweet Potatoes, Fries, Coleslaw, Fruit. Thursday 22 Breakfast Bake, Hash Browns, Biscuit, Spiced Apples. Friday 23 Lasagna, Garden Salad, Garlic Bread, Fruit. Monday 26 Baked Fish, Macaroni and Cheese, Mixed Vegetables, Fruit. Tuesday 27 Hamburger Steak with Onion Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Dinner Roll, Fruit. Wednesday 28 Chicken Alfredo, Broccoli, Garlic Bread, Fruit. Thursday 29 Spaghetti with Meatballs, Garden Salad, Garlic Bread, Fruit. Friday 30 Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Peas, Dinner Roll, Fruit.

Mountaineer Food Bank shout out

The Mountaineer Food Bank would like to give a special shout out to Gabbi Wolverton who filled the MFB Summer Driver role this year.

Gabbi was instrumental in delivering shelf stable food boxes with our partnership with FARMACY Coplin Health Systems for the 2022 summer.

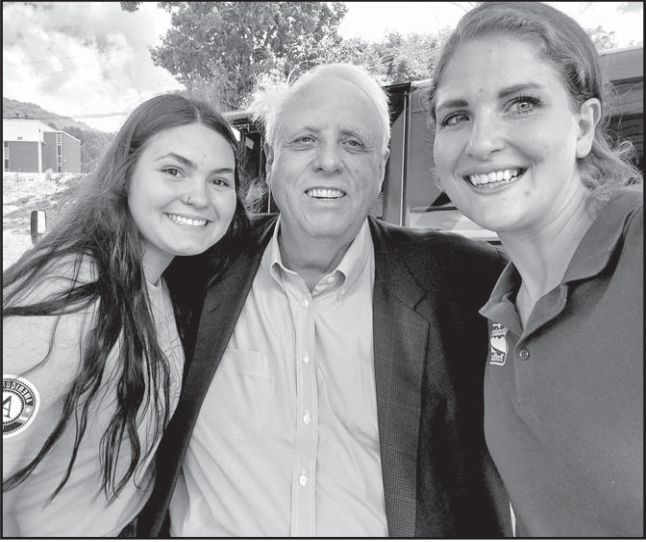
Gabbi was active in Kids Markets, our Door Dash pilot project, and Mobile Pantries.

The Mountaineer Food Bank has enjoyed having Gabbi on our Programs Team this summer!

Gabbi is a junior

ers Fruit. Monday 12 Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Dinner Roll, Pea Salad, Fruit. Tuesday 13 Sloppy Joe, Coleslaw, Tater Tots, Fruit. Wednesday 14 Chicken Parmesan, Garden Salad, Garlic Bread, Fruit. Thursday 15 Pork Chop, Scalloped Potatoes, Beets, Dinner Roll. Friday 16 Chicken Enchilada, Pepper Strips, Black Beans, Rice, Fruit. Monday 19 Chili, Sweet Potatoes, Crackers, Fruit. Tuesday 20 Red Beans and Rice, Smoked Sausage, Boiled Cabbage, Cornbread, Fruit. Wednesday 21 Pork BBQ Sandwich, Sweet Potatoes,

All of us at the Mountaineer Food Bank wish Gabbi all the best!



Gabbi Wolverton, Gov. Jim Justice, and Laura Phillips. at Alderson Broaddus and majoring in nursing starting this week.

THIS WEEK IN WEST VIRGINIA HISTORY

The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia at www.wvencyclopedia.org.

Aug. 31, 1945: The USS West Virginia led American battleships into Tokyo Bay two days before the formal surrender of Japan on September 2, 1945.

Sept. 3, 1890: West Virginia Wesleyan College opened as the West Virginia Conference Seminary. In that first year, 201 men and women undertook a largely preparatory school curriculum. Gradually the school added college-level studies and awarded its first five degrees in 1905.

Sept. 1, 1907: Walter Phillips Reuther was born to German immigrant parents in Wheeling. Reuther was a founder of the modern labor movement and a long-time president of the United Auto Workers.

Sept. 1, 1921: By this date during the Battle of Blair Mountain, miners had captured half of the 25-mile mountain ridge and were ready to descend upon Logan. President Warren Harding placed the strike zone under martial law, and ordered federal troops and a squadron of bomber aircraft into the state.

Sept. 2, 1722: Frontiersman William Crawford was born in present Jefferson County. He was a farmer, soldier, surveyor, and the land agent of George Washington.

Sept. 3, 1966: President Lyndon B. Johnson dedicated the Summersville Dam and Lake. Summersville Lake, located on the Gauley River in Nicholas County, is West Virginia's largest lake, with 2,790 surface acres at summer pool stage and 60 miles of shoreline.

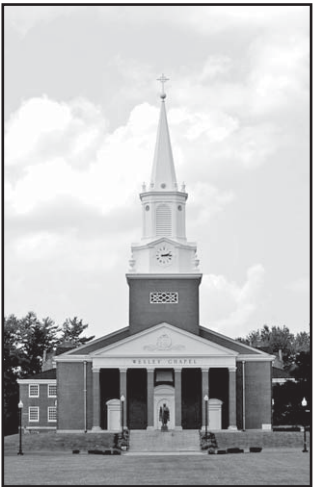
Sept. 4, 1862: General Albert G. Jenkins and his men crossed the Ohio River and became the first to raise the Confederate flag on Ohio soil.

Sept. 5, 1861: Sutton was occupied by 5,000 Union troops. Later in 1861, General Rosecrans bivouacked 10,000 Union troops there, including a future president, William McKinley.

Sept. 6, 1875: Members of the notorious James Gang robbed the Bank of Huntington and got away on horseback. The robbery spawned a host of legends, including stories about outlaw Frank James -- brother of Jesse James -- hiding out in Wayne County.

Sept. 6, 1980: The new Mountaineer Field opened in Morgantown with a 41-27 win over Cincinnati. It was the first game of new coach Don Nehlen, who would become the most successful coach in West Virginia University history.

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MAGISTRATE COURT R-E-P-O-R-T

Magistrate Beth Smith Court

August 16: Jacob Keeling of Left Hand, battery x2, warrant issued, bond set at \$2500 personal recognizance; Aranda Keeling of Left Hand, battery x2, warrant issued, bond set at \$2500 personal recognizance.

August 19: Steven Harold Evans of Sutton, driving suspended-3rd offense, false information to trooper x2, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$2500 personal recognizance; Joseph Bradley Thayer of Roanoke, domestic battery, dismissed, obstructing an officer x2, dismissed, possession of controlled substance, dismissed, prohibited person in possession of a firearm, dismissed, victim refused to cooperate with state; Ashley Lynn Simmons of Gassaway, shoplifting, dismissed, defendant paid for items; David Joshua Williams of Gassaway, delivery of controlled substance, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$50,000 cash only.

Magistrate David Singleton's Court

August 16: Min-dy Marie Anderson of Frametown, no seatbelt, no contest plea, fine assessed and paid; Emilee Ann Putman of Duck, driving suspended, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; Sai S. Katragadda of Cary, NC, speeding, no contest plea, expired registration, dismissed proof provided, fine/court costs assessed.

August 18: Zachary D. Fonner of Bridgeville, PA, speeding, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed and paid.

August 19: Eric George Patrick of Frametown, defective equipment, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; Mac Bailes of Sutton, improper disposal of solid waste, not guilty plea.

August 20: Billy Clifford Lacy of Rosedale, sexual assault-3rd degree, sexual abuse by parent, guardian, or person of trust, distribution and display of obscene matter, warrant issued, bond set at \$50,000 cash or surety; Cary Ethan Coffman of Sutton, possession of controlled substance, obstructing an officer, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$1500 cash or surety; Christopher Wayne Hoffman of Napier, possession of controlled substance x4, dismissed, another individual admitted to committing the crimes defendant was charged with.

August 22: Sarah Beth Balcourt of Sutton, driving revoked for DUI-3rd offense, bringing contraband into jail, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$15,000 cash only; Jakob D. Harman of Elkins, speeding, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed and paid; Keisha Loraine Thomas of Reedsville, possession of meth, guilty plea, shoplifting, dismissed per plea, credit for time served of 41 days, fine/court costs assessed.

August 23: Casey Sabrina Wilson of Glenville, possession of meth, no operators, no insurance, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$3000 cash or surety; James Jordan of Ireland, no seatbelt, guilty plea, fine assessed; Amber N. Dyer of Sutton, driving revoked for DUI-3rd offense, preliminary hearing waived, transferred to circuit court; Tyler Bruce Belt of Dille, destruction of property, dismissed; Keith Edwards Meadows of Rosedale, fleeing from officer x3, dismissed; John D. Keener, II of Charleston, DUI-drugs, no contest plea, 180 days of jail with credit for time served of five days, remainder suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation, fine/court costs assessed.

August 24: Lisa Utt of Gassaway, obstructing an officer x2, dismissed, false reporting of an emergency incident, dismissed; Ernest Scott Bartram of Delbarton, no PFD for child under 12, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed paid; Benton L. Spencer of Pulaski, VA, expired MVI, dismissed proof provided; Carla J. King of Orlando, no proof of insurance, dismissed, proof provided; Justin Michael Williams of Cowen, possession of meth, guilty plea, possession of marijuana, dismissed per plea, 90 days of jail with credit for time served of two days, remainder suspended and placed on eight months unsupervised probation, fine/court costs assessed.

August 25: Mat-thew Ben Hamrick of Gassaway, burglary x2, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$10,000 cash only; Jason Matthew Rose of Sutton, petit larceny, obstructing an officer, warrant issued, bond set at \$2500 personal recognizance; Marco Antonio Reys of Rockville, MD, speeding, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; Ashley N. Brown of Flatwoods, no seatbelt, no contest plea, fine assessed.

August 26: Brian E. Stover of Erie, PA, DUI-commercial vehicle, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$1500 cash or surety; Steven Ronald Crislip of Burnsville, no proof of insurance, dismissed proof provided; James Collins of Birch River, conducting timbering without license x2, no contest plea, fines/court costs assessed; Jessica Ann Taylor of Summersville, bringing contraband into jail, preliminary hearing waived, transferred to circuit court.

August 27: Christopher Wayne Hoffman of Napier, DUI-drugs, possession of controlled substance, warrantless arrest, \$4000 cash, surety, or 10% to the court.

August 28: Michael Kevin Tanner of Webster Springs, possession of meth with intent to deliver, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$50,000 cash only.



Junior Girl Scouts Troop 34969 will hosts a bake sale on Saturday, September 3rd at Kroger.

Junior Girl Scout Troop 34969 hosts bake sale

The Junior Girl Scouts from Troop 34969 are having a bake sale on September 3, 2022 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. at Kroger. They have been volunteering at the Sutton Community Garden all summer and now would like to bring berry bushes to the garden.

Come out and support these girls and the Sutton Community Garden.

Friends of Burnsville Lake sponsor Annual September to Remember

The Friends of Burnsville Lake will be sponsoring their annual September to Remember event on Saturday, September 10th. It will be held at Burnsville Lake in the Left Fork Day Use Area. Each year, this event is held as a tribute of remembrance honoring the people lost during the 9/11 terror attacks.

Set up begins at 10:00 a.m. and runs through 5:00 p.m. Activities include a car show, craft vendors, food, door prizes, silent auction, 50/50 drawing and music provided by the Kowboyz. Interested vendors should contact Sherry at (304) 516-7234 or the Burnsville Lake Office at (304) 853-2371 ext. 0 for more information.

The car show will set up from 10-12 and awards begin at 3:00 p.m. Come out and spend some time with family and friends.

Check out the Friends of Burnsville Lake-FOBL facebook page for more details.



Quincy Potasnik led a large group of talented painters at the class.

Friends of Burnsville Lake sponsor paint class

The Friends of Burnsville Lake was happy to play host to a wonderful group of artists ranging from familiar faces to newcomers and two talented 8-year-olds.

Quincy Potasnik, of Tiny Sparrow Studio in Gassaway served as the instructor for the evening.

She did a great job! Refreshments were provided and Robin Taylor won the fall wall hanging door prize.

The next time you are in Gassaway, be sure to stop in and visit Quincy's studio!



Robin Taylor won the fall wall hanging door prize



Mon Health Medical Center earns Reaccreditation by ACC as designated HeartCARE Center

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The American College of Cardiology (ACC) has recognized Mon Health Medical Center for its demonstrated commitment to comprehensive, high-quality culture and cardiovascular care. Mon Health Medical Center was awarded the HeartCARE Center National Distinction of Excellence for the third year in a row based on meeting accreditation criteria, and through their ongoing performance registry reporting.

Hospitals and health systems that have earned an ACC HeartCARE Center designation have demonstrated their commitment to consistent, high-quality cardiovascular care through process improvement, disease and procedure-specific accreditation, professional excellence, and community engagement.

"This is truly a monumental achievement," said Bradford Warden,

MD, Executive Director of the Mon Health Heart & Vascular Center. "It's a true representation of the quality and technologically advanced care that we provide to each patient. Being the first and only AFib accredited hospital, it is fitting to be the highest rated heart center group of providers. We are humbled and honored to have such recognition. It represents our dedication to providing the very best, highest quality care in a warm, family-oriented environment."

Mon Health Heart & Vascular Center is West Virginia's leader in heart and vascular care. They are the first and only hospital in West Virginia to earn an Atrial Fibrillation (AFib) Accreditation (AFib) Accreditation and the only hospital in the state to participate in the leading-edge CHAMPION-AF clinical trial using the WATCHMAN FLX for AFib treatment. In addition, Mon Health Medical Center is

chest pain accredited by the American College of Cardiology for the tenth year in a row.

"Mon Health Medical Center has demonstrated its commitment to providing North Central West Virginia with excellent heart care," said Deepak L. Bhatt, MD, MPH, FACC, Chair of the ACC Accreditation Management Board. "ACC Accreditation Services is proud to award Mon Health Medical Center with the HeartCARE Center designation."

The ACC offers U.S. and international hospitals like Mon Health Medical Center access to a comprehensive suite of cardiac accreditation services designed to optimize patient outcomes and improve hospital financial performance.

The Mon Health Heart & Vascular Center brings the latest advancements in cardiac care to a community hospital setting. From diagnostics to surgery, a comprehensive approach is used to focus on personalized care and exceptional outcomes. To learn more, visit MonHealth.com/Heart.

Sep 8th Free Naloxone Day Goes Fully Statewide-All 55 Counties Participating

"Save a Life Day is about communities taking care of each other. It activates the local organizations and individuals that see every life as precious and worth saving. When we reach out to those in the depths of despair, we send the message that we want you to be well, and when you're ready to begin healing we are here to help," explained Dr. Diden, Medical Director of Overdose Prevention and Innovation Projects at the WV Bureau for Public Health.

The Braxton County Health Department and Braxton Community Coalition is serving as

2022 Burnsville Lake, Battle Of Bulltown - Civil War Reenactment Schedule

Friday, October 14: 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Kids Day Event. 4:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. Open Registration and Camp Set Up. Saturday, October 15: 7:00 A.M. Reveille (Military wakeup). 9:00 A.M. Camps open to public. 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. Field Tactical for Troops. 12:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. Lunch and Rest. 3:00 P.M. Confederates Memo-

rial Service. 5:00 P.M. Camps close to public and evening meal for re-enactors. 8:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. Civil War Ball at Campground Interpretive Shelter. (Open to public). Sunday, October 16: 7:00 A.M. Reveille (Military wakeup). 11:00 A.M. St. Michael's Church Service (Open to public). 2:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. Break Camp and Return Home.

minutes and people can show up anytime during the hours listed for each site. Distribution sites are: Braxton County Health Department (11:00 - 5:00), Burnsville Public Library (11:00 - 5:00), Copen Community Building (11:00 - 1:00), Shiloh Outreach Center - The Red Rooster (11:00 - 5:00), Frametown Fire Department (11:00 - 5:00), and Little Birch (Location and Time to Be Announced).

Many people know naloxone by one of its brand names, Narcan. Narcan is an easy-to-use nasal spray with no adverse side effects that works to reverse opioid overdoses. Naloxone has been approved by the FDA for over 50 years.

Naloxone saves lives. We are fortunate to have Narcan nasal spray being supplied to us for this event since it is easy to use and requires no assembly. Whether an opioid overdose is a child who accidentally ingests pills, a grandmother with memory lapses who took more medication than she should have, or someone's child who is struggling with addiction, we have an amazing opportunity to save lives in our community.

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Communities In Schools helps Braxton County families soar into the new school year

On Friday, August 26th from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Communities in Schools hosted Braxton County organizations before the Braxton County High School Eagles first football game of the 2022 season for patrons to enjoy.



Community Care of West Virginia



Sutton Baptist Church



US Army Corps of Engineers



Braxton County Schools Title I



Josh and Jessica Porto feed the large crowds.

Libraries, banks and more.

Guests were able to visit each table for additional information. Many organizations held



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raffles and giveaways.

Communities in Schools appreciates the involvement of all our community members who attended.



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SPORTS

Reporting Braxton County's sports action

- Youth
- Middle School
- High School

Eagles lose to Lincoln in football season opener at home

By Shirley Shuman

The Lincoln Cougars came to Braxton County Friday night to win a football game, and they did. The Cougars had first possession and scored in seven plays on a seven-yard pass from Nick Kellar to Aiden Rice. With the extra point, Lincoln led 7-0 and went from there for a 68-20 victory.

On their first possession, the Eagles drove to Lincoln's 36 but on a fourth and five, surrendered the ball. The Cougars scored in five plays and with a successful extra-point kick, went up

14-0 and moved the ball at will for a 55-6 halftime lead.

Braxton got on the board in the second quarter on Logan Bennett's pass to Tyler Cox on a 72-yard pass play. The two-point conversion attempt failed. The Eagles scored first in the second half, this time on a 69-yard run by Cox. Mattias Garavaglia's kick sailed through the uprights. Bryce Leegan scored Braxton's final touchdown early in the fourth quarter on a 17-yard rush. Garavaglia kicked the extra point for Braxton's final total of 20

points.

Head coach Deandre Williams attributed his team's loss basically to one area. "As a coaching staff, we saw many positive things throughout the game, but at times we made mental mistakes which defeated us," he noted. Coach Williams added, "We will emphasize on becoming more disciplined, not letting the mental mistakes we make define who we are as a team the whole game."

Eagles' defensive coordinator Tyler Morlan described what he saw. "Against the run, we tried

to switch up our fronts and a different type of containment, but they [got] some big blocks up front," he said. "In the passing game, they did a great job with some play-action plays and were able to find holes inside the zone," he said. Looking toward improving the team's defensive efforts, Morlan added, "We need to play more aggressively as a whole."

Statistically, Braxton had 204 rushing yards compared to Lincoln's 175. Passing gave Lincoln the edge. The Cougars passed for 214 yards;

the Eagles for 83. Total offensive yardage showed Lincoln with 389, Braxton with 287.

Individually, Tyler Cox led the Eagles' offense in both receiving and rushing. Cox caught three passes for 74 yards and one TD. He carried the ball nine times, gained 143 yards, and scored once. Bryce Leegan totaled 70 yards with one touchdown. Eliah Moore rushed for 31 yards. Quarterback Logan Bennett connected on 6 of 14 passes for 83 yards, one touchdown and three interceptions.

Defensive leaders in-

cluded Connor Facemire with 4 tackles, and Andrew Brandt, Logan Bennett, and Michael Stevens with 3 each.

Braxton will travel to Weston Friday to take on the Lewis County Minutemen. Coach Williams summarized his perspective on the Eagles and the upcoming game. "The mental mistakes that were made on the field don't define who we are as a football team," he said. "We will work on execution on both sides of the ball this week and ensure that we are ready for this week's game against Lewis."



2022 Braxton County Eagles Football Team.



Logan Bennett near interception.



Logan Bennett looks for an open teammate.



Tyler Cox gains yards for the Eagles heading towards the end zone.



Skylor Wine fights to tackle a Lincoln County Cougar.



Matthias Garavaglia with the opening kick.

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Tyler Cox and Jaxson Short bring down a Lincoln County Cougar.



Logan Bennett hands off the ball to Bryce Leegan.



Bryce Leegan keeps the ball in Eagle possession.
Photos by Janet Six

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Eagles boys' soccer team goes 2-0-1 on the week

By Shirley Shuman

In soccer play, the Eagles had two shutouts and one tie in last week's games. Braxton beat Roane and Parkersburg Catholic and played to a tie with Webster, a conference rival.

The Eagles shut out the Roane Raiders 7-0 in their first game last week. Coach Rick Garavaglia attributed the win to "teamwork and good passing along with stretching the opponent's defense." He said, "It was a full team effort." Scoring began with Addison Grindo's goal with an assist by Aaron Anderson. Anderson followed with a goal, and Matthias Garavaglia scored the third goal of the first half.

Garavaglia started the second-half scoring, and Austin Smarr scored on a corner kick to put the Eagles up 7-0 soon after. Richard Westfall and Garavaglia accounted for the final two goals.

The 3-3 tie with Webster did not please Coach Garavaglia since the Highlanders are conference rivals. He explained that, to win Braxton's division of the LKC, the team must beat Webster when the teams play again. The coach did add, "A tie is better than a loss, though."

In the Webster game,

Braxton went up 1-0 on Smarr's goal with an assist by Garavaglia. The Highlanders quickly scored for the tie and added another goal to take a 2-1 lead. On a powerful shot, Garavaglia kicked the ball in for another tie, but the tie didn't last long. With Webster up 3-2, Westfall put one in after a cross from Smarr for the final 3-3 score.

Coach Garavaglia named some of the reasons the Eagles did not win the game. "They came out flat, and they weren't moving the ball," he said. "Braxton did not play their best game." On the other hand, he noted, "Webster came out to play. They were more physical, and they were moving better."

Although Braxton scored four goals in the first half in their 11-0 win over Parkersburg Catholic, the Eagles' coach was not pleased with the team's play. "They didn't play well," he said. "Some moves didn't work so we challenged the players during halftime. We told them they would have to go out with more effort and energy. They had to play better."

The challenge worked as the team scored seven goals in the second half with three players scoring their first goals in a

high school game. Ryan Rutherford, Matthew Miller, and Nicholas Brown all came up with their first goals. Rutherford and Miller both scored twice. Smarr and Aaron Anderson put in the two final second-half goals.

Regarding the change in his team

from the first half, the Eagles' coach said they were "more focused" and "looked like they were having a good time." He added, "Our focus is that with every play, every practice, every game, you have to get better. With our small program, we also have to count on each other as a team."



2022 Eagles Soccer Team



Jadyn Squires works around the defender.



Matthew Miller dribbles the ball towards the goal. Photos by Janet Six.



Kaiden Perkins gets the ball out of Eagle territory.



Addison Grindo goes for a goal.



Matthias Garavaglia dribbles the ball down the field.



Nicklas Brown works the ball around two Roane County Raiders.



Richard Westfall fights to keep the ball in eagle possession.



Austin Smarr takes control of the ball.



Ryken Rutherford steals the ball from a Roane Player.

Lady Eagles have one win, one loss in soccer for the week

By Shirley Shuman

The BCHS girls' soccer team defeated Petersburg last Thursday but lost to Lincoln Saturday.

Braxton outscored Petersburg 8-2. Bre Smarr led the scoring with three goals. Erica Nicholson and Bailey Pritt each had two, and Heidi King added one. Scoring assists were Smarr with two, Nicholson and King with one each.

Eagles' coach Nate Smarr noted that his team "started off very slow and fell behind 1-0 and 2-1." He added, "Our passes were off point the first 20 minutes of the game. After halftime, we started moving the

ball and making the passes to set up easy shots."

Saturday, Lincoln shut out the Lady Eagles 8-0. "As a coach you hate to lose, but I think this game showed us areas we really need to focus on," Coach Smarr said. Braxton was down 2-0 at the half and, the coach noted, "were a break or two away from tying it up." He added, "The girls played hard and we just got tired late in the game which led to a couple easy goals for Lincoln."

Braxton plays Herbert Hoover at home Wednesday and Lincoln at home on Saturday.



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BCHS girls win Chick Fil-A cross country meet at Beckley



Nicole Bramble, Bethany Payne, Addison Lloyd, Laura Cain, Heidi Payne, Teagan Huff, Lindsay Tetrick.

Four Braxton girls place in top 20, earn medals

By Shirley Shuman

With Laura Cain pacing the team, Braxton's girls won Saturday's cross-country meet sponsored by Chick-Fil-A. The Eagles outran teams from top contenders such as George Washington, Charleston Catholic, and Greenbrier East.

Four members of the team placed in the top 20 of 112 runners to earn medals. Cain placed fourth in the race with a time of 21:10.08. Addison

Lloyd's time of 22:05.8 gave her seventh place. Bethany Payne finished at 23:10.5 for 13th, and Heidi Payne placed 18th with a time of 23:33.6.

Jeremy Kelly, who finished 97th, was the only Braxton boy (out of the three on the team) who ran Saturday. Kelly is new to cross country running.

Braxton will run at Cabell Midland High School in the biggest race of the regular season.



Heidi Payne ran a time of 23:33.6 at the Chick Fil-A Cross Country meet.



Bethany Payne placed 13th at the Chick Fil-A Cross Country meet.



Laura Cain placed 4th at the Chick Fil-A Cross Country meet.

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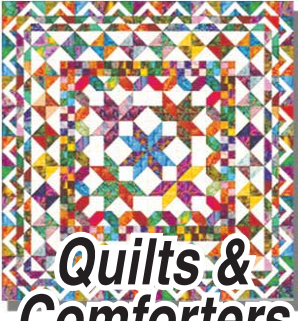
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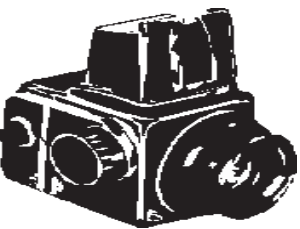
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Redskins Football - A, B, C, Flag Teams play against Roane County



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Terrell Ellis, President of Terrell Ellis & Associates, Executive Director of Advantage Valley, and West Virginia, Program Manager for the Braxton County Development Authority, holds a copy of the plan of recommendations and opens the meeting to the public.



Joey James, Principal member of Downtown Strategies and multi-disciplinary researcher specializing in sustainable economic development, presents the first part of the plan and fields questions from the public.

Plan recommendations of economic opportunities of the Elk River Water and Rails for Trails for the Town of Sutton

By Fernando Rodriguez

The Braxton County Development Authority, the Elk River Trail Foundation, and members of the WV Rails-To-Trails Council, sponsored a well attended meeting held at the Sutton Fire Department Annex on Tuesday August 23, 2022. The purpose of the meeting was to present and gather feedback on a plan of recommendations for the Town of Sutton to benefit from the tourism which will result from the Elk River Trail.

The Elk River Rail and Water Trail will attract users to Clendenin, Clay, Gassaway and Sutton. Currently, the Elk River Rail-Trail has

28 miles open for use to cyclists, hikers, and equestrians, with boat and fishing accesses along the trail. Future plans will extend the rail trail to 54 miles.

The plan, developed by Downtown Strategies, “an environmental and economic development consulting firm that strengthens economies, sustains healthy environments, and builds resilient communities,” will identify business development, marketing, enhanced access to the trail, and community improvements that will facilitate the growth of the economies of communities along the trail, in this case, specifically Sutton.

Joey James, Principal member of Downtown Strategies and multi-disciplinary researcher specializing in sustainable economic development, and Brennan Williams, Community and Economic Development Planner for Downtown Strategies, previewed the plan as it was projected on a screen for all to see. The goal of the plan is to develop strategies to secure revenue from the increase in tourism revenue resulting from visitors to the proposed increase access to the Elk River from Sutton, as well as recommendations for new businesses in the area and improvements to the town to

make it more attractive to visitors.

Terrel Ellis, President of Terrell Ellis & Associates, Executive Director of Advantage Valley, West Virginia, Program Manager for the Braxton County Development Authority, and

so many other hats, is the hard-working orchestrator and link between all the organizations involved in this project. Terrell presented information on the Fostering Advantages

for Start Ups & Entrepreneurial Resurgence in WV (FASTER WV), an organization which provides small business owners access to markets, financing, and education.

As soon as the plan is completed, it will be available at the BCDA Website <https://www.braxtoncountywv.com/> and the Elk River Trail Foundation Website <https://elkrivertail.org/>

For more information visit <https://elkrivertail.org/> <https://wvrailtrails.org/> <https://www.braxtoncountywv.com/> and <https://wvbusinesslink.com/2022/07/22/faster-wv-boosting-entrepreneurship-startups-and-business-expansion/>



Joey James continues his presentation of key points contained in the plan.



Suzanne McGowan of Sutton, Sutton Councilwoman Beth Atkins, and Lois Cole of Gassaway, listen as Terrell Ellis offers information and answers questions.

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