



This beautiful Impala “La Bamba,” reminds us of fun days at the drive-in. High-tech back then! It and many more were on display at the Car Show.

## Vintage/Classic Vehicles Gather at the Labor Day Weekend Car Show

By Fernando Rodriguez

The grounds of the Braxton County Jamboree in Gassaway served as a great backdrop to the dozens of cars, trucks, and motorcycles registered to compete for plaques and

trophies. The participants offered domestic and foreign vehicles, old, older, and much older. The sunny day shone brighter by the reflection of the cars and trucks’ chrome and beautifully waxed fin-

ishes. Some cars staged a nostalgic time of my life, for example, one of the cars was parked by a Drive-In speaker, and a tray with burger, fries, and milkshake cradled in the window of the car, and sporting a bright pair of fuzzy dice, just like the good old days.

Tables set up at one corner of the grounds offered parts and related items for sale or trade. Ron Smith, from Belle, WV, was there attending to the largest display of collectible miniature vehicles I have ever seen. Hundreds of model cars, trucks, and utility vehicles covered every square inch of the many tables.

This event was the brainchild of Jack Friend, whose vision to stage a high-caliber car show in our area began over a year ago. After attending many other shows, Jack decided he would orchestrate one of his own. And a fantastic job he did. Awards included: plaques to the first 100 entries; Furthest Distance Trophy; and Top 45 numerous awards, trophies, and monetary awards. 50-50 tickets were sold by volunteers, and monies given away, along with free water, and more. The show included a Swap Meet area and car tunes were DJ’d out by Fletch. Fun and games for all!

Thank you, Jack, and all individuals that helped orchestrate this event in our community. Big thanks to the sponsors of the show: NAPA Auto Parts, Fisher Auto Parts, Auto Zone, Harts Pro Hardware, and West Virginia Metal Products.



Emily Gray Helmick and daughter Lilith in front of their prize-winning MGB.



Jack Friend was event orchestrator for the car show.



Butch Helmick, Matt Friend, and wife Tonya oversee the “guess how much money in the jar” table.



Ron Smith, of Belle, WV, and his incredible display of collector scale and miniature vehicles were a big hit at last weekend’s event.

## Knights defeat Spencer in opening match of season

Six players scored Braxton Middle’s 11 goals in the Knights’ victory over the Spencer Middle School Yellow Jackets Monday night. Coach Lindsey Casto commented that Mallory Daniels had “a very impressive shot at the goal which led to the first of many goals of the evening.” The players who scored were Daniels, Blaine Hines, Zack McQuain, Josh Anderson, Joal Ransbottom, and Holden Lloyd.

The coach emphasized that the players’ group effort definitely led to the team’s success. “What I think defined our team was that we played as a unit and not as individuals,” the coach commented. She continued to note that her team “played with a very balanced offense” and explained.

“They had good communication and backed up each other. The defense also had a huge impact on the results of the game. Midline defenders kept the ball up to our

offense, and if one slid past them, back defenders were there to get the ball back up the field with one of their strong kicks.” At goal, Hines had 3 saves and Anderson 1.

The Knights, varsity and junior varsity, played Summersville next Wednesday.

See additional coverage of BCMS Sports on Page 8 of this edition.



Zack McQuain works for a Knight score.

## Braxton Magistrate Report

Magistrate Beth Smith

August 30: Ronnie Bland Walker of Gassaway, interfere with or prevent emergency communications, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$6000 cash or surety, terroristic threats, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$15,000 cash only.

August 31: Jesse Leaf of Akron, OH, driving suspended, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; Thomas Justin Ryan Bennett of Fenwick, speeding, no proof of insurance, not guilty plea; Russell Lee Kirk of Fairmont, assault, dismissed, battery, dismissed, unlawful restraint of another person, dismissed, conspiracy, dismissed, state no longer wishes to pursue.

September 1: Leann Toler of Chapmanville, speeding, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; Terry Belt of Birch River, speeding, guilty plea, fine/court costs assessed and paid; Lee Alan Pyles of Morgantown, speeding, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; Connie Jean Holcomb of Sutton, domestic battery, dismissed, parties no longer reside in the same home; William Lee Surwilo, Jr. of Grants-

ville, obstructing an officer, no contest plea, battery on government official, dismissed per plea, five days of jail with credit for time served of five days, fine/court costs assessed.

September 2: Bryan Harris of Foxworth, MS, speeding, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; Douglas Wayne Miller of Rosedale, trespassing asked to leave, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$1500 cash or surety; Paul Adam Sears of Frametown, obstructing an officer x3, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$4500 cash or surety; Charles Cody Greenlief of Sutton, no MVI, no contest plea, unsigned registration, no contest plea, fines/court costs assessed; Leland Doyle Pickens, Jr. of Ireland, hunting without permission, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; Amina Tahirah Glenn of Buffalo, NY, speeding, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed.

September 6: Christina Leigh Kniceley of Sutton, no proof of insurance, dismissed proof provided; Gregory Michael Smith of Sutton, expired registration, dismissed proof provided, expired MVI,

dismissed proof provided; Jessie Grose of Duck, no seatbelt, no contest plea, no proof of insurance, dismissed proof provided, fine assessed and paid; Walter Bradley Sherman, II of Gassaway, harassing phone calls, dismissed-deferred sentence, defendant complete pre-trial diversion.

Magistrate David Singleton

September 6: Jacob Allen Prince of Napier, speeding, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; Ashley N. Lunceford of Gem, failure to obey traffic control device, guilty plea, fine/court costs assessed; Cody Paul Robinson of Exchange, driving suspended-2nd offense, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; Grant M. Moats of Hacker Valley, speeding, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; Sarah B. Balcourt of Sutton, driving revoked for DUI, dismissed, transportation of prohibited items into jail, dismissed, state does not wish to pursue charges at this time; Matthew Ben Hamrick of Gassaway, burglary x2, preliminary hearing waived, transferred to circuit court.

## Central West Virginia Mule & Donkey Show held at Holly Gray Park September 9-11



Photo by Barb Taylor

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

Rain or shine.

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

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

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

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





# Legislative Update

By Delegate Brent Boggs

This week, I want to give honor and appreciation to all the working men and women of our nation. Sometimes as we're caught up in the Labor Day long-weekend schedule, we neglect to show our appreciation for the millions of Americans that sacrifice home and family provide for our health, safety, and security, 24/7/365. Working men and women are truly the backbone of our nation.

Congratulations to Mindi Fitzpatrick on her well-earned retirement last week from the City of Glenville after 36 years of service to the residents and businesses of Glenville. I was excited to attend her retirement luncheon and celebration last Monday at the City Building, where she was honored by the community, state, her peers from across West Virginia and friends. The tributes were made complete by the heartfelt

remarks of her husband, Mayor Dennis Fitzpatrick. Congratulations and thank you for your service, Mindi.

Jean and I enjoyed visiting with friends from the area and throughout the region at the "End of the Rails" Car Show, held at the home of the Braxton Co. Jubilee last Saturday afternoon. It was my honor to be part of the awards ceremony in presenting awards to four of our Veterans that participated in the show. Thank you to Jack Friend and all those that worked to make the show a success. Congratulations to all the winners and participants. Beautiful vehicles, one and all.

While we still have not received formal notification, news reports indicate the House Speaker is calling the House of Delegates back to resume the previous special session from July. Apparently, it will begin next Monday in conjunction with regularly scheduled

interim meetings. Meanwhile, the Senate President, as of this writing on Sunday night before Labor Day, has indicated publicly that he does not plan to call the Senate back into session until there is an agreement on the pending bills.

The following is the September interim committee schedule for next week. With the limited exception of the Commission on Special Investigations (Monday at 3 PM), all meetings are open to the public with streaming audio available.

## Sunday, September 11, 2022

1:00 PM Joint Commission on Economic Development

House Education

1:00 PM Post Audits Subcommittee

Senate Finance

2:00 PM Legislative Oversight Commission

on Workforce Investment for Economic Development - Agenda

House Education

2:00 PM Select Committee on PEIA, Seniors and Long-Term Care

Senate Finance

3:00 PM Legislative Oversight Commission

on Education Accountability

Senate Finance

3:00 PM Joint Legislative Committee on Flooding

Senate Judiciary

5:00 PM Joint Legislative Oversight Commission

on Dept of Transportation Accountability

Senate Judiciary

5:00 PM Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources Subcommittee

Senate Finance

6:00 PM Naming Resolutions Subcommittee

- Department of Transportation Accountability Commission

Senate Judiciary

Monday, September 12, 2022

8:00 AM Joint Legislative Oversight Commission on State Water Resources

House Education

9:00 AM Joint Standing Committee on Pensions and Retirement

Senate Finance

9:00 AM Joint Committee on Volunteer Fire Departments and Emergency Medical Services

Senate Judiciary

10:00 AM Joint Standing Committee on Finance

House Chamber

10:00 AM Joint Standing Committee on the Judiciary

Senate Chamber

1:00 PM Joint Committee on Health

House Chamber

2:00 PM Joint Committee on Technology

Senate Finance

3:00 PM Commission on Special Investigations

Senate Finance

3:00 PM Select Committee on Infrastructure

Senate Judiciary

4:00 PM Select Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Senate Judiciary

5:00 PM Joint Committee

tee on Natural Gas Development

House Chamber

5:00 PM Legislative Oversight Commission

on Health and Human Resources Accountability

Senate Finance

**Tuesday, September 13, 2022**

8:00 AM Labor and Worker Safety Issues

House Education

8:00 AM Select Committee on Minority Issues

Senate Finance

9:00 AM Agriculture and Rural Development

Senate Judiciary

10:00 AM Forest Management Review Commission

Senate Finance

10:00 AM Joint Committee on Children and Families

Senate Judiciary

1:00 PM Commission on Interstate Cooperation

Senate Finance

1:00 PM Legislative Oversight Committee on Regional Jail and Correctional Facility Authority

Senate Judiciary

2:00 PM Joint Committee on Government and Finance

Senate Finance

3:00 PM Joint Committee on Government Operations

House Chamber

3:00 PM Joint Standing Committee on Government Organization

House Chamber

4:00 PM Joint Standing Committee on Energy

House Chamber

4:00 PM Joint Standing Committee on Government Organization

House Chamber

4:00 PM Joint Standing Committee on Education

Senate Chamber

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: Brent.Boggs@WVHouse.gov

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.



Jaden Rhodes, Isabella Payne, Allison Marks, Elizabeth Reynolds, Brenna Hoard, Paxton Schrader,

## Little Birch Elementary Announces New Members of Student Leadership Team

Congratulations to the newly elected members of the LBE Student Leadership Team. Two students are selected from grades 3-5 each year to serve on the advisory committee and help with a variety of projects throughout the year. Eligibility is based on academic perfor-

mance, positive behavior, cooperation, and leadership potential. This year, Student Leadership Team members will participate in broadcasting activities, courtesy of the grant provided by the WV Broadcasting Association.

3rd Grade: Jaden Rhodes, Isabella Payne.

4th Grade: Allison Marks, Elizabeth Reynolds.

5th Grade: Brenna Hoard, Paxton Schrader.

Principal Wine is excited to work with this fantastic and creative group of students throughout the 2022-2023 school year!

## September To Remember Car Show

Don't forget to come to the Friends of Burnsville Lake September to Remember Car Show this Saturday, September 10th at Burnsville Lake.

Car show set up is

from 10 to Noon and the show from Noon to 3:00 p.m. Awards will be presented at 3:00 p.m. In addition to the car show, craft vendors will be on hand to sell their products.

Food will be available and the Kowboyz will be performing.

Activities take place in the Left Fork Day Use Area adjacent to the boat launch. Come out and have some fun!

## Kanawha Alumni Association Meeting

The Kanawha Alumni Association will meet on Sunday, September 18th at

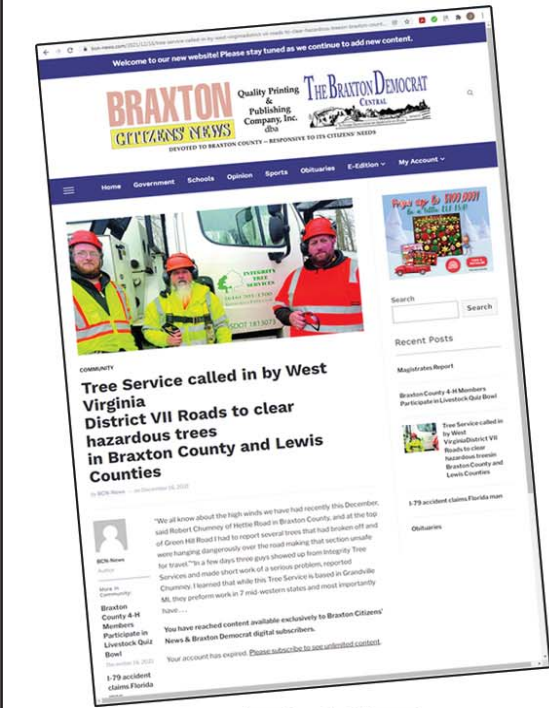
1:30 p.m. at the Burnsville Community Building.

Members can join tele-

phonically if they prefer; contact an officer for accommodations.

# Take a look who is making their debut on the World Wide Web!

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# Obituaries

## Dorothy Mae (Street) Cunningham

Dorothy Mae (Street) Cunningham, 83, of White Sulphur Springs, WV, a believer in salvation through the work of Jesus

on the cross, went home to be with The Lord Saturday, August 27, 2022, at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Carl Jr and Laura, in Croton, OH.

Dorothy was born June 30th, 1939 in Rowe, Buchanan County, VA to Joseph Berry and Mary Myrtle Street.

She was preceded in death by her lovingly devoted husband Carl Dexter Cunningham, Sr, her hunting/fishing buddy/rival with whom she shared great joy in teaching their children, grandchildren and many nieces/nephews how to fish, hunt and love the outdoors through the 58 years and 9 months of their marriage.

Also preceded in death by her parents and stepfather Robert Calhoun, sisters; Lula ‘Sis’(Arvil) Roland and Virginia ‘Tom’(Ervin) Blankenship, brothers; Archie, Estill, Donald ‘Donnie’, Robert ‘Buster’(Wilma), Earl, James(Phyllis), Henry (Donna), special nephew, Ralph Blankenship and grandson Trevor Fraley.

Survived by her children: Tamera Fraley, White Sulphur Springs, WV, Carl Jr (Laura), Croton, OH and Deanna(Taizoon) Shamsher, Reynoldsburg, OH; grandchildren; Kristina (Ronald) Bigler, Karyl (James Hollingshead), Nafisa(Bryce) Kennedy, all of OH; Ali(Misty) Shamsher of TX, Tiffany Brewster and Jefferson Fraley of WV; great grandchildren; Noah, Samuel and Zoe Shamsher, Winston and Dexter Kennedy, Verity and Bella Mae, sister-in-law Faye Street, MD and many cousins, nieces and nephews, all who were well loved by her.

Funeral service were held at 12:00 noon on Thursday, September 1, 2022. Family received friends one hour prior to the service from 11:00-12:00. Burial followed at Green Hill Cemetery.

Stockert Funeral Home & Cremation is honored to serve the family of Dorothy Mae Cunningham.

## Regina Gail “Jeannie” Hosey

Regina Gail “Jeannie” Hosey, 66 of Webster Springs, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, August 30, 2022 at her

home. She was born October 31, 1955 in Buckhannon to the late Leonard and Wilma Hall Riffle.

Jeannie was Christian by faith and was a devoted wife and mother. She worked for Mor-for-Less in Cherry Falls for many years and became friends with so many. She enjoyed working and was an avid reader.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her grandson Eric Chase Davis and brothers Jim and Terry Riffle.

Jeannie is survived by her loving husband, Isaac “Ike” Hosey; children Jennifer (Wayne) Jordan,

Lorra (Boone) Hamrick, and Lee Hosey; sister Agnes Carpenter; grandchildren Jakob Payne, Leah Hamrick, Bryana Hughart, and Isaac Hosey; several nieces and nephews; and many extended family and friends to mourn her passing.

Friends may join the family for visitation on Sunday, September 4, 2022 from 6-9 PM at Dodd & Reed Funeral Home. Funeral Services to celebrate Jeannie’s life will be held on Monday, September 5, 2022 at 2:00 PM at Dodd & Reed Funeral Home with Pastor Kenneth Pritt officiating. Interment will follow in Big Run Cemetery, Diana.

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

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

## Janet Marie (Moffatt) Tenney

Janet Marie (Moffatt) Tenney, 64, of Exchange,



WV, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Sunday, August 28, 2022 surrounded by her family. She was born March 2, 1958 in Webster Springs, WV, the daughter of Don Basil Moffatt, who survives, and the late Opalene Stella (Underwood) Moffatt.

Janet graduated from Webster Springs High School in 1976. She married the love of her life, Charles Tenney, on August 10, 1977. She worked for many years as the secretary for the West Virginia Association of Land Surveyors before following her husband’s call to serve the Lord in evangelism. Through this call, Janet got to see many parts of the United States and make a multitude of very close friends whom she would visit year after year. She even got the opportunity to travel to St. Lucia, Scotland and Israel.

When Janet was at home, she could likely be found in her sewing room or in the kitchen cooking. She cherished time doing both, especially with her grandchildren. She enjoyed spending as much time with her family as possible. Janet loved a house full of people, whether relatives or church family that had come from near or far.

Janet is survived by her husband of 45 years, her children Patrick (Jennifer) Tenney of Morgantown, WV and Amy (Christopher) Blount of Lost Creek, WV, three grandchildren, Morgan Tenney, Julia Blount and Kole Blount, two brothers and five sisters, mother-in-law June Tenney, sister-in-law Lola Cochran, many nieces, nephews and extended family.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Opalene Moffatt, father-in-law Ralph Tenney, brother Don Duane Moffatt and niece Kristina Swecker.

Friends joined the family for visitation on Saturday, September 3, 2022 from 5-9 PM at Dodd & Reed Funeral Home, Webster Springs. Funeral Services were held at 2 PM on Sunday, September 4, 2022 at the funeral home with Pastor Ryan Skidmore and Evangelist Robbie Morrison officiating. Burial followed at the Meadowland Cemetery, Bergoo, WV.

Online condolences

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

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

## Dennis Gail “Denny” Mustoe

Dennis Gail “Denny” Mustoe, 67 of Point Mountain,



Webster County, fulfilled his earthly journey and went to be with Jesus in Heaven on Friday, August 26, 2022 at UPMC in Pittsburgh, PA.

He was born September 21, 1954 at Webster Memorial Hospital. He was the son of the late William J. and Anna B. Cogar Mustoe.

Denny graduated Webster Springs High School in 1972. He went on to become a bricklayer and construction worker, which he did for many years. He was an avid hunter and always enjoyed spending time with friends and family, cracking jokes and being the center of attention.

Denny’s true zeal and zest by far was telling people about the Lord, evangelizing in many of the local churches around the county. He was a member of Cherry Falls Chapel and enjoyed attending services on a regular basis. He loved spending time with his church family and studying about God’s word and promises.

Denny is survived by his loving wife, Brenda Byrd Mustoe; son Bradley “Toby” Mustoe of Curtin; stepsons Wayne and Kelly Payne of Poca and Jonny Payne of Webster Springs; sister Karen Mustoe Kinney of Parcoal; brother and sister-in-law John and Elaine Mustoe of Curtin; sister and brother-in-law Cheryl and John Hamrick of Webster Springs; sister-in-law Bonnie Ryherd of AZ; grandchildren, Emma, Caitlynn, and Silas Mustoe of Webster Springs, Jakob Payne of Glenville, Abigail Payne of Morgantown, and Phoenix and Conley Payne of Elkins.

Friends joined the family for visitation on Friday, September 2, 2022 from 6-9 PM at Dodd & Reed Funeral Home. Services to celebrate Denny’s life were held on Saturday, September 3, 2022 at 11:00 AM at Dodd & Reed Funeral Home with Pastor Keith Williams, Pastor Kenneth Pritt, and Brother Mike Woods officiating. Interment followed in Fairview Cemetery, Webster Springs.

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

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

## Brenda Mae Lunsford

Brenda Mae Lunsford, 72 of Bolair, passed away on Friday, August 26, 2022 at her residence. She was born May 10,

1950 in Webster Springs, the daughter of the late Dave and Mamie Woods of Kingfisher.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Jim Lunsford; son-in-law Dave Clutter, and brother-in-law Mike Miller.

After retiring from Ford Motor Company, Brenda and Jim traveled with the carnival for 9 years before settling into their home in Bolair, where Brenda enjoyed

competing with Mike Collins for best kept yard until her health let Mike win. She also enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. Brenda was a beloved member of the community.

Left to cherish her memory are her children, James “Speed” Lunsford of Bolair; Angi (Jack) Boggs of Mount Nebo; grandchildren, Jymi (Clinton) Cutlip of Webster Springs, Whitley Cogar (fiancé Leonard Rule) of Webster Springs, Chelsi Lunsford (fiancé Andy Canada) of Webster springs, James Lunsford (companion Paige Smith) of Bolair and mother Katrina Lunsford; Jake (Chasey) Boggs of Richwood, and Jordan Boggs of Canvas; siblings, Arthur (Bendeta) Woods of Webster Springs; Junior (Mary) Woods of Medina, OH, and Linda Miller of Bolair; six grandkids; 12 great-grandkids; and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her passing.

Services to celebrate Brenda’s life were held on Friday, September 2, 2022 at 11:00 AM at Dodd & Reed Funeral Home, Webster Springs. Burial followed in Woods Cemetery. Friends joined the family for visitation on Thursday, September 1, 2022 from 6-9 PM at the Funeral Home.

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

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

## Belinda Lea Burroughs

Belinda Lea Burroughs, 53, of Heaters passed



away on Saturday, August 27, 2022 at WVU Medicine Ruby Memorial Hospital, Morgantown, WV.

She was born March 22, 1969 in Gassaway to Terry Lee and Theda Estelle Parsons Bly of Gassaway.

Belinda was preceded in death by her brother, Terry Lee Bly.

A 1987 graduate of Braxton County High School, Belinda went on to be an accountant. She was employed by Charles E. Smith and Company for 12 years and then went on to work for Mid-State Marina for 10 years. She was a master seamstress in sewing and embroidery. ATV riding with her husband and family was one of her favorite pastimes. Belinda was a daily bible reader and enjoyed listening to podcasts that shared the gospel. She was a Baptist and a Christian by faith. She also enjoyed boating and swimming at Sutton Lake. Her and her husband had a garden and she canned from her harvest. You could find her doing 1000+ piece puzzles at her home. She also enjoyed online games, especially Hay Day. She loved spending time with her family and her presence will truly be missed in their lives.

In addition to her parents she is survived by husband, Chris Burroughs, of Heaters; sister, Meredith Hoover (Frank) of Gassaway; and nieces, Courtney Prescott (Matthew) and Britney Hoover (Erik). She is also survived by her great niece, Frances Hoover and great nephew, Erik Solis; brothers-in-law, Rick Burroughs (Lois) and Bill Burroughs; and sister-in-law, Katy Murray (Bill) and several nieces and nephews.

Belinda’s graveside

service will be 11 A.M. Wednesday, August 31, 2022 at Burroughs Cemetery, Heaters with Pastor Rodney England officiating.

Service of Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway, WV.

Words of comfort and fond memories may be extended to the family at [www.roachfuneralhome.com](http://www.roachfuneralhome.com).

## John Franklin Myles

John Franklin Myles, 86, of Sutton, went home to be with his Lord on Thursday, September 1, 2022 at Lewis A. Johnson VA Hospital, Bridgeport.

He was born November 30, 1935 in Erbacon, WV, the son of the late Ralph & Mamie Rose Miles. He is also preceded in death by his son, Troy Myles; daughters, Diane Lane, Donna White; brothers, Doy, Herbert, Jr. & Jearald Miles; sisters, Waneta, Wanda, Wilma.

Frank worked as a Coal Miner and also was a Contractor. He served his country as a Army Veteran and was a member of Stump Chapel Baptist Church, Tesla, where he served as a Trustee at the church.

He is survived by his loving wife, Mary Holcomb Myles; grandchildren, Lori Stover Williams, Brandi Huffman, Scott Lane, Serina Myles, Michael Gibson; great grandchildren, Troy Stover, Cameron Huffman, Caylee Huffman, Aiden Wright, Ali Wright, Landon Wright, Coen Lane; brother, Jack Miles of Cottle, WV; sisters, Ruth Toler of Flatwoods, Wilda Evans of Akron, OH.

Upon Frank’s request the body will be cremated and there will be no service.

# Houghton Carte family note of thanks

The family of Lou Houghton Carte would like to thank everyone who sent flowers, good and cards when she passed away.

Special thanks to Hospice Care at CAMC Memorial for their compassion and kindness.

Special thanks also to Pastor Joe Bob Truman for

Greene-Robertson Funeral Home is humbled have served the Myles family.

On line condolences may be sent to: [green-robertsonfuneralhome.com](mailto:green-robertsonfuneralhome.com)

## Barbara Lynn Prince

A Celebration of Life/Memorial for Barbara Lynn

Prince will be held on 10 September at the Prince Family Graveyard in Lakelane, Heaters, WV at 12 noon followed by some light refreshments on the farm. As announced last fall Lynn passed away peacefully in her sleep after a short illness. Please join her sisters, Kim and Janet as well as her nephew Christopher, Great niece Pandora and Great Great Niece we spread ashes on dads grave.

Barbara Lynn Prince of Conroe, Texas was born in Gassaway, WV on December 19, 1957 and passed away on October 12, 2021. She was preceded in death by her son, Patrick Martin, mother Dolores Ann Heater Prince Respass, father Oley Maxel Prince and grandparents John & Beula Heater and Oscar & Mertie Prince.

She was survived by her husband Randy Smick, sisters Kimberly (Prince) Boss, Jill (Prince) Gaffney and Janet (Prince) DeVoe, daughter Zoe Paige Hansen, Uncle Danny Heater, Aunt Carol Heater, granddaughter Abby Martin, grandson Axl Martin as well as many nephews and nieces.

Lynn was a 1975 graduate of BCHS. She had a thirst for knowledge and obtained her Bachelors degree in business and loved being a student in nature. She is also an Army veteran serving four years in the service in Germany.

doing the service.

Thank you Ryan and Heather Roach.

Thanks to the Lloyd brothers for opening and closing the grave, and the ladies who prepared and served dinner.

God Bless each of you.

Lou Houghton Carte family


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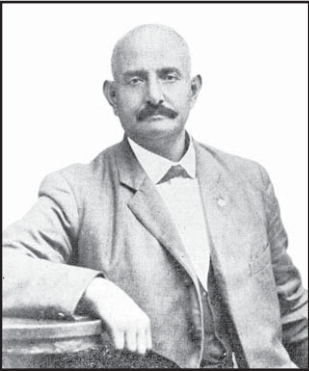
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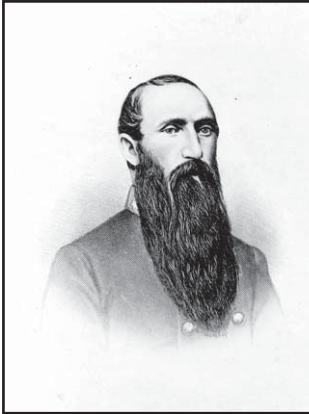
The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia at [www.wvencyclopedia.org](http://www.wvencyclopedia.org).

Sept. 7, 1808: Peter Godwin Van Winkle was born in New York City. Van Winkle was elected as one of the first two U.S. senators from the new state of West Virginia.



Sept. 7, 1848: Christopher Harrison Payne was born in Monroe County. In 1896, Payne became the state's first black legislator when he was elected to the House of Delegates from Fayette County.

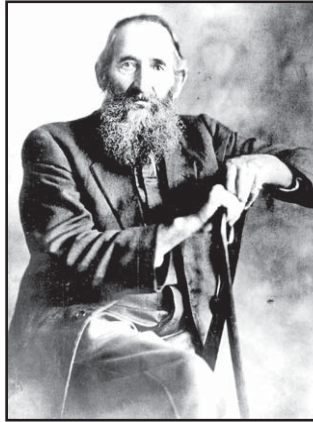
Sept. 7, 1937: Photographer Arnout "Sonny" Hyde Jr. was born in Bluefield. His images of nature and people have appeared in magazines, books, and calendars throughout the U.S. and Europe.



Sept. 8, 1862: Raiders led by Confederate Gen. Albert G. Jenkins, a Cabell County native, rode into Barboursville. They skirmished with the enemy, then rode into Wayne, Logan, and Raleigh counties.

Sept. 8, 1947: Morris Harvey College (now University of Charleston) moved to its current loca-

tion on the south side of the Kanawha River.



Sept. 9, 1839: Anderson "Devil Anse" Hatfield was born in Mingo County. He was the patriarch of the Hatfield family and their leader during the Hatfield-McCoy feud.

Sept. 10, 1782: Frontier heroine Betty Zane is credited with saving Fort Henry in Wheeling during an attack by the British and Indians. According to one account, Zane sprinted across a field to retrieve gunpowder from the Zane family cabin.

Sept. 10, 1861: The Battle of Carnifex Ferry took place on the Gauley River. Union General William Rosecrans sent in brigades one at a time as they arrived at the battlefield, allowing the outnumbered Confederates to repulse the piecemeal attacks. During the night, the Confederates decided to retreat before they could be defeated in the morning.

Sept. 10, 1996: Movie and television actress Joanne Dru died in Los Angeles. Dru was born Joan Letitia Lacock in Logan, West Virginia. Her movie career included more than 40 films.

Sept. 11, 1913: Ritter Park in Huntington opened. During the Great Depression, the Works Progress Administration contributed to constructing the roads and stonework around the park.

Sept. 12, 1872: The Great Bend Tunnel was completed. The tunnel, also known as Big Bend Tunnel, is the place where John Henry defeated the steam drill, becoming one of the world's great folk heroes.

Sept. 12, 1952: A group

of local youths were startled from a game of football by a fireball streaking across the sky. The fireball fell to earth just beyond a hillside at Flatwoods. This sighting led to the legend of the Braxton County Monster.

Sept. 12, 1974: Kanawha County schools were closed for four days because of an escalation in violence during the Kanawha County Textbook Controversy. Throughout October and November, sporadic violence continued as protesters demanded the resignation of pro-textbook board members and the superintendent of schools.

Sept. 13, 1844: Milton Humphreys was born in Greenbrier County. During the Civil War, he enlisted in the Confederate service as a sergeant. At the battle of Fayetteville, Humphreys fired his cannon at Union artillery from behind an intervening forest. This demonstration set a precedent for modern warfare by the use of indirect fire.

Sept. 13, 1848: Attorney "J. R." Clifford was born in present Grant County. In 1887, Clifford became the first African-American admitted to practice law before the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals. He was one of the first lawyers in the nation to challenge segregated schools.

Sept. 13, 1862: Confederate and Union forces clashed in Charleston. Southern artillery gained the high ground on Fort Hill and smashed the federals who were lining the west bank of the Elk River.

Sept. 13, 1910: Musician Leon "Chu" Berry was born in Wheeling. He was one of the most highly regarded saxophonists of the Swing Era.

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# Dog Tails: Stories from the Braxton County Animal Shelter

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

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

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

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



**Dolly** is a four year old female Bluetick Coonhound who weighs around seventy pounds. She was picked up along the interstate exit ramp by a family who was traveling home to Tennessee, she came to us as a stray. Dolly is leash trained and very friendly. Super friendly with all other dogs and not super energetic but will play. Dolly is treat motivated and has really good recall. She wouldn't do well in a home with cats because she has the drive to chase them. Dolly keeps her paws on the floor so we think she'd do well with kids. This girl is just a joy to be around and puts a smile on everyone's faces with her adorable hound ears and always happy tail



**Freckles and Jelly Bean** are fourteen to sixteen week old Heeler Hound mixes. They both weight twenty to twenty-five pounds. Freckles is a male and pictured first, Jelly Bean is a female and pictured second. These siblings are super sweet dogs who seem to already be on their way to walking well on a leash. Freckles is a

little more outgoing and Jelly Bean loves to play fetch and roll over for belly scratches.

**Dexter** is a four year old neutered male Pit/Basset mix who weighs around forty pounds. He



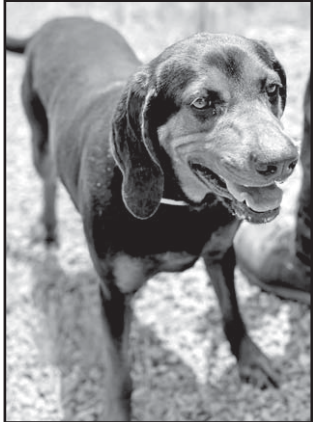
was surrendered because he wasn't getting along with his husky mix brother so he may be dog selective but so far we have tested him with multiple dogs in the shelter and he has done wonderful! He lived with two children and two cats and did great with both. Dexter is house trained, crate trained, walks on a leash and would make a wonderful addition to almost any home. He is medium energy, he will play with toys but he isn't too rambunctious. Our only request is if there are other dogs in the home, we set up a meet and greet before adoption.

**Paul** is a neutered senior male Border Collie who is ten plus years



old. He has had a rough time in his previous life. He was collected by our humane officer along with other dogs living in deplorable living conditions with very little health care. Paul is on the road to a better life and we would like to see his journey continue into a quiet home where he can live out his best days with love and kindness. Paul was groomed completely free of charge by Paws and Claws and looks and feels like a new man. He was treated for ear infection, eye infection, and skin infection by Dr. Johnson. Paul's heart, lungs, blood sugar, liver and kidney's are good. He is deaf and he doesn't get in a hurry, but he is a gentle, kind old man, deserving of the very best.

Meet **Josie**, She is a four year old female Black and Tan who



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

it often.



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



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



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

## BC Farm Bureau Meeting Sep 19

Braxton County Farm Bureau will meet on Monday, Sept. 19, 2022 at 7 PM at the Flatwoods Community Building with guest speaker Dylan Johnson-Conservation Specialist for the WV Conservation Agency. Please mark your calendars and attend. He will let us know what Ag Programs that are available thru Elk Conservation District.

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

Adoption of ownerless cats and kittens came later, as was incorporated with the program because there was no place else for these animals to go. Our ability to take in new cats and kittens is very limited. If you have thoughtfully considered pet ownership, NOW may be the time to add a feline friend to your family.

Our program has several healthy, social cats and kittens that are available for a modest adoption fee. Adoption fees include immunizations, deworming, flea protection, as well as spay/neuter and rabies vaccine

when the kittens are four-five months old.

Featured today are a litter of eight week old siblings that were turned over to Just One Generation were they were orphaned at four weeks of age. They have been lovingly raised in indoor foster homes, and are well-socialized with adults, children, and other pets.

Our usual adoption fee has been reduced to \$45 each or two for \$70, which includes the spay/neuter/rabies vaccine at Central WV Animal Hospital in Gassaway when they reach appropriate age.

Additional photos of these and other available cats and kittens can be seen on [petfinder.com](http://petfinder.com) by entering a search for CATS at location 26623 or on the Just One Generation Facebook page. Contact Sally Stewart for additional information at 304-364-4136.

## Junior Girl Scouts Bake Sale Thank You

Junior Girl Scouts Kearney Maxwell and Laura Puckett want to thank the members of Judy's Garden Club and Shannon Dean for contributing to their bake sale on September 3rd.

Also would like to thank the people of Braxton County who came out to support the girls and the Sutton Community Garden.

The sale was a great success!



ANDY: Gray and white tabby, male



KC: Black, medium hair female



PIP: Tuxedo male.





**ACCEPTING SEALED BIDS**  
The Town of Sutton is currently accepting sealed bids on a 2007 Crown Victoria, VIN #2FAFP71W07X106631. Vehicle is being sold as is and where is. The Town of Sutton reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. Please submit sealed bids to the

Town of Sutton, PO Box 366, Sutton, WV 26601 no later than 4:00 pm on Friday, September 16, 2022. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact our office at 304-765- 5581. 9-1 9-8b

**NOTICE**

The Town of Sutton is currently looking for an individual or company to complete a roof inspection on the town building. Please contact the Town of Sutton at 304-765- 5581 or by mail PO Box 366, Sutton, WV 26601 no later than 4:00 pm on Friday, September 16, 2022. 9-1 9-8b

# Burnsville Town Council holds August meeting

The Burnsville Town Council meeting held on August 8 was called to order at 6:22 pm by Mayor, Paul Bragg. Prayer led by John Verton.

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

Citizens in Attendance: Dylan Johnson, Sutton Chief Shane Boggs, Shane Whitehair and Cary Smith.

B.P.U.B. Members in Attendance: Jerry McPherson.

John made a motion to approve the minutes and financials, seconded by Kisha, motion carried.

Police Officer Report was submitted. Chief Boggs presented information regarding a SWAT Certification training program hosted by Ground Operations Development that Matt Kesling could attend at a cost of \$950 plus

the cost of ammo.

Under Communications from the Mayor, the following items were discussed: WV State Auditor, re: IRP/Public Utilities; Letter of interest from Jill Cooper for Municipal Judge; WV State Treasurer, re: Video Lottery; Braxton Co. Assessor, re: Dog Taxes; Braxton Co. Sheriff, re: Property Taxes; WV State Treasurer, re: Statement of Account; and Job application from J. Ball.

Steve made a motion to approve Resolution #5 approving invoices relating to services for the Wastewater Collection Rehabilitation Project, seconded by John, motion carried. Discussion was held on a property that the town had bought for a lift station in the early 2000's in which the deed was not recorded by the attorney at the time. It had since been sold to an individual at a tax sale. Council will reach out to this individual and make an offer to purchase it back.

Members from the BPUB requested financial help with a sewer problem on Church St. and also for a roof leak at the utility company. These requests were tabled until the next meeting. Since members from the utility were present, council said they have had multiple complaints from the public about no one being in the office during normal business hours to help customers with their bills or other water related issues and said this situation needed to be resolved. Council requested Jill Cooper be invited to the next meeting.

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

Kisha made a motion to adjourn at 8:46pm, meeting adjourned.

Next regular meeting is on August 22nd, 2022.

# The Pigeon Shoot



**Larry Knight**

Just recently Mr. Bobby Moore had his annual pigeon shoot. There were people from far and near that came to be a part of this historic event. The targets were placed at random distances from 35 yards to 100 yards. The firing positions were setting with a rest and shooting offhand and offhand with

a post rest. This was a fun fun afternoon for everyone. Firing commenced about 230pm and continued until around 600pm. There were some local hot shots that competed and some that was not so hot. The luck of the draw as they say. There were some of the shooters that tasted the pain of defeat, nothing serious we all have our

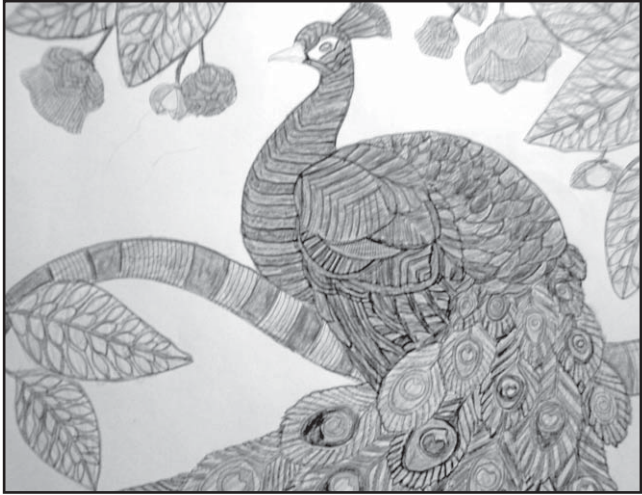
# New Crayons

**By: Jeanette Riffle**

Our granddaughter got me interested in those new adult coloring books. She gave me one with some pencil crayons. My mind went back to that time Mom got me a big box of crayons for school when I was in elementary. It had 48 crayons and I was so excited over all those different colors that I hadn't seen before. I always liked the smell of a new box of crayons. I don't like sharpening all my pencil crayons but you can use ink gel pens instead. I have finished coloring in two different books now so we will have to pick up another one. It is relaxing to color or crochet when I have to come to my easy

chair to get off my feet from doing household chores. I like to work with my hands.

This has been another rainy Sunday. There were 65 present at Rosedale Baptist this morning. We had some visitors. Devotions were taken from Psalms 150 where people were instructed to praise the Lord on all the instruments they had and the sermon was from Isaiah 55: 6-11. When the Lord spoke, he took complex things and broke them down into simple things that could be understood. We are responsible for spreading the Word but not responsible for what happens. That is between a person and the Holy Spirit. The battle is the Lord's.



Well, the painting projects are underway but not finished. Hubby painted the back deck, ramp and rails. He wants to put another coat on the top of the railings. I have to put on sunglasses when I step out the back door on a sunny day because the floors are a shiny light gray and the railings are white. It blinds me without dark glasses. Now, that would be something to stumble down a handicapped ramp because it was blinding you. Not so handicapped. LOL. Everything was a dull redwood stain before and the stain was wearing off. All they had was a bright red stain at the stores and we didn't want that.

The shingles were nailed back on the ramp before I ever tried going down. Enough of that funny stuff. I will close for this time. Everyone continue to be safe and take care. The variant of that virus is going around now and some people are getting really sick. It takes a good while to get your strength back. Most people are saying it settled in their sinuses and the cough remains.

May the Lord bless and keep you in his care.



Exciting things happened yesterday at our church. There were many visitors, which we all enjoyed. It seems extra lonely when the Covid numbers go up and people remain at home and go to church via Zoom! Don't get me wrong! I am not complaining about Zoom - just very grateful for the chance to share our love of Jesus without fear of spreading or getting Covid. It was good to see the pews mostly occupied.

Many people yesterday attended to see our newest little member dedicated. His name is River Eddy. He is a precious bundle of perfect beauty, a handsome fellow. We prayed a lot for him and his momma, Brittany, because he had to enter life early, about seven and a half weeks early. Momma is doing good, too, with normal blood pressures now. In spite of such a rushed birth, he is doing great and has about doubled his birth weight already. He is about seven pounds, I think they said, and doing well. Please help us keep him healthy and his mommy well by praying for him and his mother. Brittany's parents, Sue and Will now have four grandsons under four. They seem very happy about that.

In the afternoon after church several members went to Lewis County Park with their lunches and enjoyed a picnic among the wonders of God's beautiful creations. Sadly, I could not go because of my knee problems.

Next Sabbath, September 10, Immediately after our potluck dinner, we will have a Celebration of Life Memorial beginning at 1:30 p.m. with Military Honors for Fred Seeley, a long-time member of our church who died recently. We have heard from many of his friends from throughout the United States. If you want to attend, join us at church at 11:00 a.m. (or come at 10:00 a.m. and join our Sabbath School classes) but be prompt for the Military Honors, because the Honors Team will have another Ceremony to attend to shortly after for another veteran.

# 21 Yard Sales

**By: Joseph J. Mazzella**

After a whole week of rain we finally had a comfortable, beautiful Summer day outside. My family and I were driving to a nearby town when my daughter spotted a yard sale. A few miles down the road we saw another and another and another. In all we counted 21 yard sales on our drive. I joked that they pop up like flowers when the rain ends. We saw tables full of nick nacks. We saw plates, glasses, and silverware. We saw old toys and a couple of guitars. We saw huge piles of clothes and even a piece of furniture or two for sale. Most of all we saw lots of smiling people talking, laughing, sitting, and standing in the sunshine.

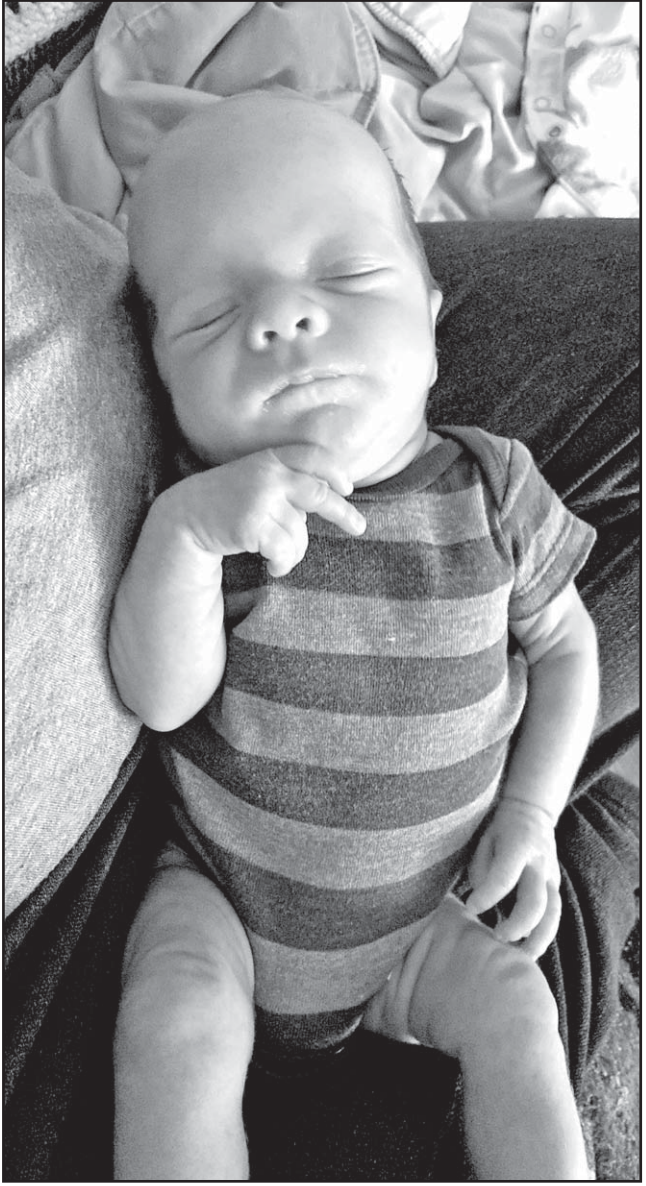
Seeing all of this brought back memories of my childhood. Most of the clothes in my closet back then came from yard sales. My Mom was a talented yard sale shopper and when I was little she would drag me along with her. I used to hate going to

If you want to donate in memory of Fred Seeley, it is my suggestion that you give to our Children's Offering, as Fred was always encouraging gifts for the Children's funds and paid for sending some children to camp or other activities.

Our attention in our

studies this week has tried to get us to barely notice what people say. Rely on God and trust His promises and hopefully people will trust you and you may then exert an influence for good. Your Light will represent Jesus who never reviled. He will help us be calm and considerate of others and have a happy temper that is unperturbed by circumstances because God is transforming our natures by His grace. I pray to be like that.

Maranatha



**Family and friends prayed over River Eddy at this weekends service.**

them until one special day when I saw that they also sold old books at them. After that I always browsed the books until it was time to go and sometimes Mom would buy me one too. Soon a large part of my at home library came from yard sale books. To me they were more priceless than first editions.

Why do we have yard sales? It certainly isn't for the money. For all the time and effort people put into them they would hardly make minimum wage from the sales. I think rather it is that yard sales bring us together. We get rid

of our old things and we buy "new" old things. We talk and catch up with old friends and new neighbors. We get a chance to help and give and share without seeming to. We connect in kindness and love amongst all the old stuff.

I think yard sales teach us something about life too. We can't really own anything here, after all. All we get is temporary possession of our stuff. Then it is time to let it go and pass it on. Then it is time to leave this world and return home to God carrying only the love within us.

# American Legion 9/11 event to be held on September 10

The Ladies Auxiliary of American Legion Braxton Post 33 will conduct a 9/11 Memorial Recognition event on Saturday, September 10.

Auxiliary President, Beth Snodgrass, said, "The event will be held to recognize first responders, police, fire, EMS, and all military." Come to the Braxton County Senior Citizens Center on Saturday

the 10th from 3 until 5 p.m.

We will serve hot dogs and other foods. Come and recognize the many people who serve all of us."

The regular monthly meeting of Post 33, due to the Labor Day holiday weekend, will be Monday, September 12, 7 p.m., at the Senior Center. Officers will be sworn in at that meeting.



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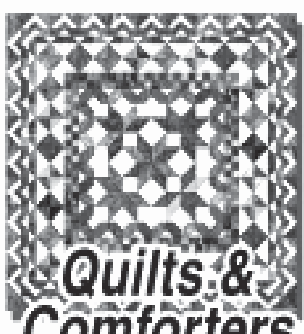
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# Why I Ride



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Olga hiking to take a closer look at the colors in Cranberry Glades.

By Fernando Rodriguez

My email address is now working beautifully. Please use it. Email me your questions, suggestions, and thoughts.

We are approaching what I consider to be the best conditions to get on the bike and ride. The daily temperatures are cooling, however, my personal preference, the colors of nature are changing.

At the risk of sounding poetic, it is the time when Mother Nature breaks out her best paint brushes and paints and decides to be more creative than other times of the year. So, where does one go ride to experience the beauty of the landscape? West Virginia is blessed by generous combinations of great rides and beautiful scenery. Here are some facts and hopefully helpful suggestions for places to ride. I will share this experience: plan your trips so that you may make frequent stops, whether for

Kodak moments or just to take in all the beauty. Keep your eyes and senses on the road at all times. A passenger will let you know where a good place is to stop, as well as take pictures of the places where you cannot stop.

The West Virginia Department of Tourism's 2022 estimated peak fall foliage map, appearing somewhere near the column, shows the best times to check out West Virginia's state and national parks this year. Be aware that these are estimated times of the year. Always check local conditions before you embark on your ride. Based on the map, in late September: Blackwater Falls State Park; Cathedral State Park; Fairfax State Park; Kumbrabow State Forest; and Monongalia National Forest.

In early October: Audra State Park; Beartown State Park; Coopers Rock State Forest; Holly River State

Park; and Tygart Lake State Park.

In mid-October: Cedar Creek State Park; Lost River State Park; Stonewall Resort State Park; and Valley Falls State Park.

In late October: Babcock State Park; Gauley River National Recreation Area; Grandview; Hawk's Nest State Park; New River Gorge National Park; Tomlinson Run State Park; Twin Falls Resort State Park; and Watoga State Park.

For more information, visit the West Virginia Department of Forestry Website at <https://wvforestry.com/wv-fall-foliage/> WV Fall Foliage Report, call the WV Fall Foliage Hotline, 1-800-CALL WVA (1-800-225-5982), and the 2022 Fall Foliage map and Live Leaf Map at <https://wvtourism.com/seasons/fall/> Check out the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve Canyon Rim Webcam <https://www.nps.gov/media/webcam/view.htm?id=03D5B344-9A69-16BC-F00004463B3C22F8>

Below are a few of the many top rated motorcycle roads:

1. U.S. 250- Starting in Elkins, this road takes you over two large mountains with panoramic views of valleys. Drive over beautiful farmland, through thick forest and nearby trickling streams in the Monongahela National Forest. Getting to this ride is quite simple. It has two endpoints, Staunton, VA

and Elkin, WV, so you will go to one of those two points to start the ride. Then, just take US 250 to the other endpoint.

2. U.S. 219- Explore a relaxing drive from Lewisburg to Thomas. This road runs through the Allegheny Mountain range and the Monongahela National Forest past some of the wildest and most scenic parts of the state. Area attractions include Beartown State Park, Cranberry Glades Botanical Area, and Droop Mountain Battlefield. If you have time, be sure to check out Snowshoe Mountain Resort, Canaan Valley Resort State Park, and Blackwater Falls State Park.

3. US 33 (Shenandoah Valley)- This ride has two end points, Harrisonburg, VA to Elkins, WV. It offers access to good amenities, breathtaking views, and a lot of fun twists, turns, drops, and climbs all on the same ride. You'll be able to see amazing mountaintop views, wind through forests, and even cross over of numerous trout streams.

4. Route 39 George Washington National Forest Hills ride. This ride has two endpoints, Marlinton, WV, and Lexington, VA. This 72-mile route helps show the best of West Virginia's gorgeous natural scenery. A large part of this ride travels through the luscious George Washington National Forest, hence the name of this ride.

5. Head of the Dragon. A 91-mile loop in the southwest corner of West Virginia. This loop is right in the middle of the Appalachian Mountain. To get to this ride, I suggest you start in Elkhorn, WV. From there, you take 161 South through Skygusty, to Horsepen, and then to Bishop. There, get onto Rt. 16 and go northwest through Cucumber to Yukon. At Yukon, get onto

Rt. 83 to Bradshaw. Next, switch to Rt. 80 and head north to Laeger where you will get onto US 52. Lastly, you will head east back to Elkhorn finishing the loop.

There are so many more beautiful motorcycle rides in West Virginia. You may consult the Foliage Map and create your own routes, depending on the time of the year.

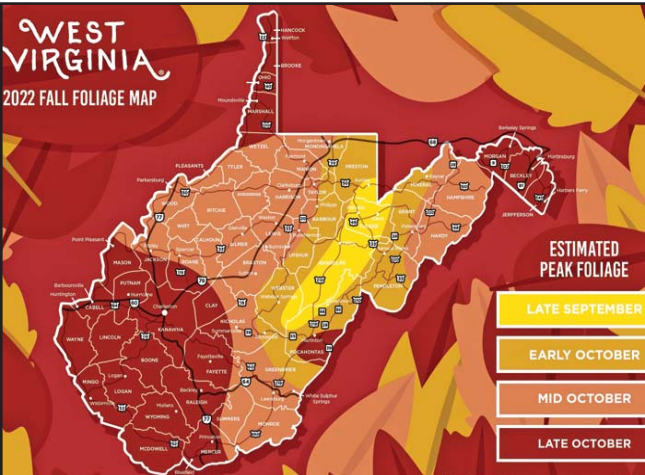
Wherever you decide to go, do it safely and intelligently.

For those that do not ride, or do not want to ride,

consider taking a train ride. More information at Fall Foliage Train Tours 2022 2022 <https://www.american-rails.com/fall-foliage.html>

The Southern West Virginia Motorcycle Rides guide: <https://visitwv.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/VSWVMotorcycleBrochure.pdf>

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2022 West Virginia Fall Foliage Map. Courtesy of <https://wvtourism.com/>



Fall Foliage Coloration Guide. Courtesy of <https://wvforestry.com/wv-fall-foliage/>

# On the Other Side of the Mountain



Greetings to Olga.

By Verena Sava

Covid has certainly changed our social interactions. We don't want any friend, visitor, or people we meet by chance, to get infected. We also don't want to get sick ourselves. We have been vaccinated and boosted, live a mostly secluded life on the farm, but one never knows. I take solace in all the plants and little knick-knacks that remind me of my friends. When I go up to the barn, I greet the red dahlias from Olga, the orange ones from Paul and Sara, the oregano from Brian, the greater Lobelia from Marjorie, the beebalm from Connie, and the hellebores from Doug and Davetta. By the time I reach the barn, my warm feelings and recollections of the many friends that have helped me to a good start of the day. At the house I have sculptures from Bill, a wooden bird from June, a glass bulb with a flower inside from Sam and cute

little pottery pots from Liesel. These reminders of good, loving people make me feel connected even though I might not see any of them for months, and quite a few of them never again because they have passed away. But it does not matter, they represent their spirit and the bond between us.

I reported two weeks ago that we have never seen so many Japanese beetles as we have this year. They are gone, but not the bean beetles and the various stink bugs. The roses bloom again without the blossoms being devoured by the Japanese beetles. As we approach Labor Day, it is time to turn our thoughts towards fall and winter crops. In order to harvest greens for winter, they have to mature before cold weather and frosts put an end to the growing season. They might still grow till the end of November, but once the daylight is short and the temperatures are low, growing

comes to a halt.

Choose spinach, kales, or winter lettuces (endive, escarole, a hardy radicchio) to seed this week. Prepare your soil by adding some compost and before you put your seeds in the row, sprinkle some bonemeal in the furrow. Make sure the soil does not dry out. To speed up germination cover the bed with floating row cover (Remay). These green crops are fine as long as we don't have a heavy frost. All of the varieties mentioned above will survive temperatures above 28 degrees for a day or two but when it happens many mornings in a row, the crops will suffer, look limp. If you are lucky enough to have a hoop house, your greens will be fine till temperatures drop to below 25 degrees. Here is what we do. We put concrete reinforcement wire (12 sections wide) and bend the wire into a bow, which we place over the lettuce bed. Depending on the length of the bed you might need 3 or 4 sections. These bows serve as a sturdy frame to hold up a clear piece of plastic to keep the crop from freezing. We do this when the temperatures drop to 25 degrees as mentioned before, when they dip lower, we add a layer of old blankets or quilts and when there is a danger of single digits or below zero, we add a tarp on top of the whole layering set-up.

It is harder without a hoop house, but we have done it for many

years. Again, using concrete reinforcement wire bows, but when temperatures go below 30 degrees, cover the bows with plastic. As it gets colder, add blankets, but they need to be protected from snow, moisture and rain. Greg constructed another system of bows by using PVC pipes that were about 3' above the wire bows, then we covered them with plastic or a tarp. It makes harvesting more complicated since the whole thing can be covered with snow (which by the way serves as insulator), ut we had to lift the first layer of plastic, somehow crawl underneath a little, lift the blankets, then the other piece of plastic, but as I said, we did this for many years and always had lettuce all winter long.

A hoop house is a welcome luxury. We are in there, lifting the covers, we are dry and it is easy work, no struggle.

This is also the time we will harvest winter squashes. This year we only grew spaghetti and butternut squashes for winter consumption. Pick them when they are ripe, intense color and with a dried-up stem. Do not remove the stem from the ones you pick. Winter squashes should be stored at a temperature from 50 to 55 degrees, at a relative humidity between 50% to 70%. Temperature is easy to measure, but to determine humidity is harder. If the humidity is higher, they tend to

rot. Keep them dry, store them on a dark shelf or in a drawer in the pantry, a closet or the kitchen. Do not store them in the same place as fruit, since the ethylene gas emitted from the ripening fruit will make them rot.

Exposing them to freezing also promotes decay. We store our winter squashes in the guest room when nobody visits or on shelves in the greenhouse which is attached to our living quarters. I had forgotten that I still had four spaghetti squashes and one butternut left from last year

when I wanted to store some new ones. They were all in perfect shape, which is amazing, but I fed them to the chickens since we have so many fresh veggies.

Of course, it is much more rewarding to see each other face to face, but in the meantime, substitutes have to do for the lack of personal contact. An e-mail from many of you, which I have often no spare time to answer during our busy season, is of course always much appreciated too.

Let's raise the glass or the winter-squash to friendship!

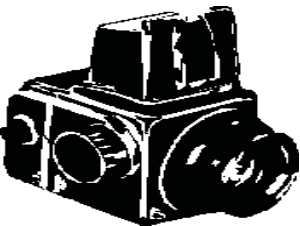


Growing winter lettuce from late 1970s to 2010.



Hoop house lettuce.





Photos courtesy  
of Janet Six

# A Photographic Look at...

## Lady Knights defeat Spencer in opening match of season



Mallory Daniels



Bailey McCallister



Josh Anderson



Maddison Singleton



Holden Lloyd



Kaylee Casto

## Tucker Valley outscores Knights football team 24-18

By Shirley Shuman

The BCMS Knights' first game of the season ended with a one-touchdown loss to Tucker Valley Middle School. Braxton coach James King accredited Tucker Valley's 24-18 win to the play of their strong quarterback. "We just couldn't tackle him," King noted. "On his first carry of the game, he ran 90 yards for a touchdown." That touchdown gave Tucker Valley, after a failed conversion attempt, a 6-0 lead early in the second quarter.

Coach King commented that the teams "were feeling each other out" early in the game. The Knights did have pos-

session most of the first half but could not score. In second quarter action, after Tucker Valley's TD, the Knights took possession deep in their own territory. They used most of the second quarter to move the ball. This possession ended with Remington Huffman connecting with Brady Toler on a 9-yard touchdown pass for the tie. The PAT failed.

Following the touchdown, Aiden Pritt's kick-off fell on Tucker Valley's 35-yard line. Braeden Godfrey fell on the ball, and the Knights' offensive team took the field again. They drove downfield and Huffman once again threw a touchdown

pass, this time to Godfrey. Braxton led 12-6 at halftime.

In second-half action, the Knights scored again with 4:50 left in the third quarter. This touchdown came on Godfrey's 4-yard run. At this point, after two and a half quarters of play, Braxton led 18-6. "After that," Coach King said, "their quarterback

took over the game." In the third quarter, he scored on a 60-yard run, and with 3:43 left in the fourth, he added another touchdown for an 18-18 tie.

Toler returned Tucker's deep ensuing kickoff to the 30-yard line. After several miscues and penalties, they reached midfield. Braxton lost pos-

session on a fourth-down pass which was intercepted. Three plays later, the Tucker Valley quarterback scored the winning touchdown with 34 seconds in the game.

Assessing the game and his team's efforts, Coach King said he was "pleased with how hard the boys played." He

added, "There are some things we need to get lined out, and we will work on those. We also hope to have our players who missed this game because of sickness back for the next one."

The Knights travel to South Harrison for their game this week.

Photos by Angie Short



Trevar Edgerton



Braeden Godfrey



Ryan Stalnaker



Logan Payne

## BCMS cross country boys ran as a team for first time Saturday

*Girls' team placed sixth in St. Marys Invitational*

By Shirley Shuman

Going into Saturday night's race at Cabell Midland, Braxton coach Robert Lloyd was especially pleased to have all his boys running. He was also pleased that the girls' team finished sixth out of 21 teams, and

he had one medalist. "Both teams ran really hard in this race," the coach said.

"For the first time this season, the entire boys' team ran together with the best two runners getting their first shot to go up against other teams.

While everyone gave it their all, Joel Ransbottom [with a time of 14:08 and 67th place] led the way at this meet for the Knights," Coach Lloyd said. "Now that the boys are all together, they can

continue to get better, and we are looking forward to the boys' team placing soon."

Leah Payne led the girls' team with a medal for her 26th place at a time of 14:45.63. "Leah showed up ready to go, and that she did," her coach remarked.

The Knights ran in the Forest Festival Tuesday at Oak Hill Race at Elkins Saturday and will compete again Sunday.



Joal Ransbottom ran the race with a time of 14:08 and made 67th place.



Leah Payne and Mackenzie Anderson both placed for the BCMS Knights.

Individual results for BCMS girls in St. Marys meet:		
Runner	Time	Place
Leah Payne	14:45.63	25
Mackinze Anderson	15:10.26	37
Reece Carpenter	15:17.05	44
Audrey Duckworth	16:53.56	86
Chelsea Payne	17:07.5	178
Emily Whitney	22:09.89	171
Individual results for boys in St. Marys Invitational:		
Runner	Time	Place
Joal Ransbottom	14:08.4	67
Holden Lloyd	14:26.42	80
Ira Ransbottom	15:04.13	103
James Spurlock	16:51.47	144
Raidyn Davis	17:02.20	154
Noah Spaulding	17:11.65	161