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Delegate Brent Boggs (right) presented ceremonial signs depicting the John Forbush Memorial Bridge to (L to R) Tom Skeens for the GVFD, John's fiancé, Amber Frame, his grandmother, Ruthann Samples, and brother William.

## Senior Center bridge named in honor of John D. Forbush

A special announcement came at the 9-11 Remembrance Ceremony hosted by American Legion Post 33 last Saturday at the Braxton County Senior Center. Delegate Brent Boggs was the guest speaker for the event that not only memorialized the tragedy of the terrorist attack twenty-one years ago, but also was a tribute to first responders. During his presentation Delegate Boggs made a special announcement that the Governor had proclaimed the bridge crossing Elk River to the Senior Center as the John D. Forbush Memorial Bridge in honor of the Gassaway Firefighter who lost his life attempting to res-

cue two victims of a car crash earlier this year.

"I have had several people approach me about naming the bridge at the Senior Center in honor of John. Normally, the legislature makes those designations and of course, since I am not running for reelection, I won't be there in January when they convene. The Governor, however, also has the power to make such a recognition. I presented the case to the Governor, and he readily agreed. He pushed the measure through and was able to get the proclamation and ceremonial signs by last Saturday's event.

"I believe the permanent memorial is

important to the community and the Forbush family. I am very pleased that it came together in a manner that allowed the announcement to be made on such an important and historical days as 9-11," added Boggs.

Replica ceremonial signs were presented to John Forbush's brother, William, grandmother, Ruthann Samples, fiancé, Amber Frame, Gassaway VFD representative Tom Skeens, and one will be given to the Braxton County Fire Fighters Association. The permanent signs at the bridge should be erected later this year.

See Governor Jim Justice's complete proclamation on Page 3.

## Town of Sutton proclaims Constitution Week

Sutton Mayor JD Hoover called the September 8 meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Recorder Laurel Petolicchio was the only member absent.

The meeting opened with a request from Elizabeth Stewart and Beth Atkins from the Elk River Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). They requested Mayor Hoover to proclaim the week of September 17-23 to be "Constitution Week" in the town. The request was granted as the mayor signed the proclamation asking citizens to reflect on the

constitution and what it means to be an American.

Mayor Hoover up-  
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Sutton Mayor JD Hoover signs a proclamation declaring Sept. 17-23 Constitution Week in the town.

## MFB joins Feeding America's Hunger Action Month Campaign

For Hunger Action Month® this September, Mountaineer Food Bank will join Feeding America and other member food banks to inspire people to join the fight to end hunger and raise awareness of people experiencing food insecurity in West Virginia and across the United States. Food banks around the country are working to make a real and lasting impact on hunger in their communities, and they are asking for the public's support.

September marks the 15th year Feeding America, the nation's largest domestic hunger-relief organization with a nationwide network of 200 food banks,

including Mountaineer Food Bank and 60,000 partner food pantries and meal programs, has organized the annual call to action. This year's campaign presents the impossible choices that millions of people in America are often forced to make between food and other basic needs.

"Hunger is a reality for over 200,000 individuals in West Virginia. The impacts of the pandemic and inflation have only made it more difficult for families to put food on the table," said Mountaineer Food Bank's CEO, Chad Morrison. "Hunger Action Month is a great opportunity to get involved whether its through do-

nating, volunteering, or simply spreading the word about our work."

During the month of September, people across West Virginia can get involved by learning, committing, and speaking up about ways to ending hunger. Mountaineer Food Bank encourages the community to make a financial donation, commit to volunteering, or learning more about hunger in West Virginia.

**Editor's Note:** Correction - Last week's front-page story was an error caused in production. That article actually pertained to 2021 campaign. We apologize for any confusion or misunderstanding it may have created.

## WV Music Hall of Fame announces 2023 inductees

### Braxton's Buddy Griffin to be inshrined

The West Virginia Music Hall of Fame has announced their Class of 2023 inductees. They include well-known Braxton County musician, Buddy Griffin.

"The West Virginia Music Hall of Fame's class of 2023 continues our mission to recognize outstanding artists who were born or raised in the Mountain State," said Michael Lipton, Director of the WV Music Hall of Fame. "Our ninth-class honors five unique and diverse West Virginia artists who have made lasting contributions to the music of their home state and American music."

"Like most West Virginians, these inductees come from humble beginnings and succeeded on their own terms thanks to their passion and determination," he added. "We want to send a message to all young West Virginians that no matter where you live and no matter what your



circumstances are, if you have passion and determination you can succeed!"

One of WV's best-known and most widely respected bluegrass and traditional country musicians, Buddy Griffin is a multi-instrumentalist who has toured and recorded with legendary acts including Jim & Jesse and the Virginia Boys, the Osborne Brothers, Mother Maybelle Carter, Johnny Russell, the Goins Brothers, and Mack Samples and the Samples Brothers.

Growing up in a musical family in Braxton County his parents taught him all the instruments as well as the importance of using humor to entertain an audience. Griffin graduated in 1971 from Glenville State College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in education, and

became the staff banjo and fiddle player for WWVA's Jamboree USA in Wheeling. Over the years, he has played on the Grand Ole Opry more than 200 times and has appeared on more than 150 recordings.

In 2002, working with the Fine Arts Department at Glenville State College, Griffin introduced the first-ever four-year college degree program in bluegrass music and ran the program for several years. In 2011, he received the Vandalia Award from the West Virginia Division of Culture and History, and in 2019, he was honored with an honorary doctorate from the school.

Also joining the Hall of Fame next year will be Barbara Nissman, a world renown concert pianist; Fuzzy Haskins and Calvin Simon, founding members of Parliament Funkadelic as well as deceased members to be inducted include first-generation bluegrass group the Lonesome Pine Fiddlers and Hammond B-3 organ player Winston Wells.

West Virginia Public Broadcasting will air the induction ceremony live in May 2023.

## Gassaway Train makes it's way to Board of Ed agenda

The Braxton County Board of Education opened the most recent meeting on September 6 with Lois Cole, resident of the Town of Gassaway, speaking to the board about issues at the town park which is used by Davis Elementary. She presented the board with photos of a wooden train she had purchased for the town park. The town approved the placement of the train in the park, but now has said the train cannot be in there due to the school children using the park, noting a letter sent by the superintendent to the town. Cole has requested a copy of the letter from the Town of Gassaway repeatedly but has not received it. She asked the board for a copy of the letter. Cole posed several other questions including state code about wood on playgrounds and the agreement between the town and the school system for use of the town park. She also noted funds had been raised for other playground equipment for students and residents to use, but she has been unable to move forward on because of the issue of wooden equipment on the playground.

Board President Evelyn Post informed Cole that Superintendent Dr. Rhonda Combs will research the issue to find answers to her questions and will have a report prepared for the next meeting. Board member Larry Hardway thanked Lois Cole for her hard work she has done for the revitalization of the town park

over the last few years.

Director Linda Sears presented the board with an update on the WV General Summative Assessment results. She noted the proficiency rates are "not good at all and need to be addressed," but she also stated there were "some pockets of good" in the results and it was not all bad. Sears discussed plans on working to correct issues with scores including the expansion of iReady to the middle school, addressing attendance issues, data analysis with staff and students, and the addition of advance classes at the middle school level.

Superintendent Combs presented her goals to board members for the upcoming year. Items included were increasing proficiency and graduation rates and addressing chronic absenteeism in the schools. She also noted she wanted to look at the breakdowns of issues affecting learning that were occurring outside of instructional time.

Dr. Leatha Williams presented the board information on purchasing new camera and phone systems for the school system. The camera systems need to be upgraded for Sutton, Davis, Little Birch, Frametown, and Burnsville elementary schools. She presented the board with options for doing two schools this year and then two or three next year. Dr. Williams also noted the phone systems are considered at the "end of the service," meaning there is no way to continue with updates

for the system as it stands. The board approved for Dr. Williams to move forward with sending out Requests for Information for both projects and look at options for doing all five schools this year on a motion by Kevin Gregory.

Dr. Williams also gave the board a brief update on child nutrition policy changes, including the Wellness Policy and raises in rates for second and adult meals based on changes in state policy and inflation. The updated prices would be released publicly.

Under regular business, the board approved the following consent agenda items on a motion by Dr. Kenna Seal: approval of August 16 meeting minutes with correction; payment of bills; budget transfers and supplements; and corrected treasurer's report.

The board had a brief executive session from 6:29pm to 6:47pm to discuss personnel. The following professional, service and extra-curricular personnel recommendations were approved on two separate motions following the executive session: resignations for Eva Riffle, fifth grade teacher, Burnsville and Marcy Hamilton, bus operator; employment of Jacob Yanero, substitute teacher and co-assistant football coach, BCHS, Myrtle Copen, el-

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## As I See It

*By Ed Given*



### Hats off to Brent Boggs...

A front-page story in this issue details the naming of the bridge over Elk River that provides access to the Braxton County Senior Center. As is noted in that story, Brent Boggs is the driving force behind the memorializing of John D. Forbush by naming the bridge, just a few yards away from where the river claimed him, in his honor.

I spoke briefly with Brent on Monday. He was at the Capitol for yet another Special Session. We'll talk about that in a minute.

Few delegates would have been able to accomplish the task that Brent did in the short time frame that it occurred. His wealth of experience gave him the knowledge to know how to go through the back door to get things done in Charleston. It certainly paid off this time. Now a young firefighter who made the ultimate sacrifice will be forever remembered when people pass between Gassaway and Sutton.

Brent also said that while it was definitely last minute, he was very glad that he was able to make the announcement on the 9-11 anniversary that was also designated by the American Legion to honor first responders.

Brent did a great job not only this past week but for the decades he has serviced as our legislator. I knew when he made the announcement not to seek reelection that our county was losing a valuable asset. Not taking anything away from the two candidates who are seeking to replace him, but his vast experience, professionalism and dedication to his fellow man, leave very big shoes to be filled.

Brent deserves the credit for this latest accomplishing in honoring John Forbush. He also deserves a huge thank you for the citizens of our county for his honorable service.

Before I finish this writing I just have to say that I don't understand how the legislature can hold yet another special session, at a big expense to the taxpayers, considering they never finished the last one. I guess they have found some loop-hole that allows such a phenomenon, but I don't think it's right. Finish what you start before moving on. Make a decision, right or wrong, and let the voters know where you stand. Yes, at least the abortion issue is a sensitive one, but, isn't that what we elect our representatives to do? Make a decision, you can't avoid the issue forever!

## From our readers

### Gassaway Citizens' Concerns...

Dear Editor,

While we are waiting for the town to respond to information (about the playground train) requested in writing and posted in last week's Citizens' News, additional concerns are surfacing.

Catholic Hill Park - Why is a potential town park a dumping ground? A "No More Dumping" sign is prominently displayed on the entrance gate. Yet a 100 year old house on Elk Street was recently demolished and hauled to the Catholic Hill Park and partially burned.

Many questions are being asked. Was the dumping authorized? By whose authority? Was attention given to the possibility of lead paint or asbestos in the building?

Piles of ashes, shingles, metal and other unnamed materials remain on the field.

Should a much-needed recreation area be turned into a dump? This is within the city limits and has unlimited potential for serving the community.

The big question is "Do any hazardous materials remain?"

Sincerely,  
Lois Cole  
Gassaway

### 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.

Letters should be mailed to: Editor, **Braxton Citizens' News**, P.O. Box 516, Sutton, WV 26601.

Those wishing to email their letters, may send submissions to: [editor@bcn-news.com](mailto:editor@bcn-news.com)

## Every Acre Counts

*By Kevin Gregory*

### Assessing Successes and Failures Preparing for Next Spring - Part 2

Last week we covered the assessment of Goals 1 & 2. This week we assess Goals 3 & 4 to see if the work being done is having the desired effect.

Goal 3 - Increase the whitetail buck age structure and retain mature (3.5 years and older) on the property through habitat and woodlot management.

5 years ago, at the beginning of my planning (Fall/Winter of 2017), I ran a trail camera survey from Aug to Feb. to determine the

number of deer using the property daily. The results averaged a total of 7 deer using the area daily. 4 of the regulars were does and 3 were bucks. The largest buck was a basket rack 8 point I aged at 2.5 years old. 2018 yielded similar results with a total of 18 different bucks visiting the property throughout the fall and into winter, but none captured on film were older than 2.5. In 2019 things started to change - my camera survey yielded a daily average of 10 deer and I



### 3.5 Year Olds

had two 3.5 year old bucks - a 10 point and an eight point on the cameras regularly. In 2020 and 2021, I had 5 bucks visiting the property aged at 3.5. As of this article, I have 9 bucks on camera and 5 of them are 3.5 and I have 2 that are 4.5.

I consider this goal at 50% - while my age structure is increasing and I am really enjoying seeing 10 point bucks on a regular basis, I believe my high doe population is keeping the older bucks off the property throughout the fall. The rut will bring them in for sure, but my goal is to grow and hold mature bucks as well, so I need to continue this year with a little "trigger" management on my doe population.

Goal 4 - Establish the habitat to support a Ruffed Grouse population on our property and maintain a consistent population.

As of this article, I have no grouse on the property that we know of. My wife thought she heard a male drumming last spring, but we could never confirm that.



*Open Canopy Hard Woods*

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## News from our Capitol

*by Delegate Brent Boggs*

In preparation for Legislative meetings at the Capitol this week, my mind has drifted often to the events of twenty-one years ago as the terrorist attacks unfolded in Washington, DC, New York City, and Shanksville, PA. It remains difficult and troubling for those old enough to recollect the events of that infamous day personally. On that day, 9/11 joined other dates in infamy, such as Pearl Harbor; the assignation of President Kennedy; the fateful loss of the Space Shuttle on takeoff, to name a few.

The coverage of those horrific 9/11 events: the cowardly attack by murderous terrorists on innocent civilians; the heroism of our first responders and citizens; the sadness at the unthinkable loss of life in NYC, at the Pentagon, and in Shanksville; the disbelief of all Americans that such an attack occurred on our soil; all of this and more brought back the churning, sickening feeling, overwhelming

sadness, and anger that roiled in each American old enough to watch the attack unfold on live television. The weeks and months of recovery efforts took a toll on the health of those responders and volunteers desperately searching for victims and later, the recovery of remains. Even today, first responders are dying from working the debris at Ground Zero. We remember. We indeed will always remember.

Out of the tragedies, one memory that I long to keep is the national unity, collective sense of purpose and bipartisanship that the 9/11 attacks brought about immediately to our nation. Congress rallied behind President Bush. Political differences were set aside for the national good. There were no republicans, democrats, independents, or no party Americans on September 12, 2001. There were only Americans. Flags were flying across our nation. We had a collective national purpose.

What has happened in the last twenty-one years?

Sadly, and almost without notice, we've watched this country lose our sense of unity. Political one-upmanship rules the day. Still others use the circumstance to sow discord, lies, and violence. Social media has provided the ability for anyone from anywhere to say anything with no regard for the truth and no penalty for outright lies, deception and misinformation. Our adversaries recognized this vulnerability years ago and have capitalized in ways that are both frightening and the consequences yet to be fully understood. Our enemies now see a segment of our nation that thrives on conspiracy theories and a distrust of everyone that doesn't agree with their point of view.

America desperately needs to regain the unity we experienced after 9/11. Moreover, we remain in a still-dangerous global pandemic that continues to claim hundreds of lives each day. Thus far, we've lost over 1 million nationwide; 7,300 in WV. I pray we return to a unified nation and a time where we can agree to disagree in a respectful manner, seeking consensus whenever possible, but always putting God and country first.

To our first responders, my heartfelt thanks and appreciation for what you have done, what you're

doing today and what you will continue to do for us in the weeks and years to come. You are our first defense in times of crime, emergency, distress, and need. You are and will always be in my prayers for safety, strength, and perseverance. It's easy for the public to become complacent in their appreciation for what our first responders do for us and the sacrifices they and their families make to serve our counties and communities. Whether paid or volunteer, the risks and dangers are real. But the unspeakable tragedy of September 11, 2001, brought to the forefront of a shaken nation what first responders do...to protect and serve.

Finally, I appreciate Governor Justice agreeing to my request to immediately name the bridge across Elk River beside the Braxton Co. Senior Center "John D. Forbush Memorial Bridge". John lost his life in responding to an emergency call in May when a mother drove into Elk River from the Senior Center parking lot. As naming resolutions often get caught up in political bickering between the House and Senate, this was one that I believe needed to occur immediately. The bridge naming will be a permanent re-

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dated council that the deed transfer for the property on Main Street had been completed.

Beth Atkins spoke on behalf of the Judy’s Garden Club. They have been working with the fifth grade class at Sutton Elementary in the community garden behind City National Bank. She requested council recognize those students with a certification of appreciation later in the month. She also stated she had been working with Elizabeth Stewart on documenting a brief history of Sutton.

The new Library Director for the Sutton Public Library Samantha Foster gave a brief presentation to council members on what programs are going on at the library and thanked them for their continued support.

Steve Facemire updated council on a concern that was addressed at the previous meeting of water issues on a property on Town Hill. He noted he had been observing the water issue during recent rains and it seems to be a private property issue as the water runoff is actually coming from a neighbor’s property. He also discussed issues with drainage in other areas of town as well as work on culverts and ditches. Steve Facemire noted the paving of the alley next to the school had been completed.

Jon Crum brought up a concern of erosion on North Hill Road. Robyn Dolan will work on setting up a meeting with the Department of Highways to discuss that issue as it is a county road.

Steve Facemire brought up a concern of public safety with the sculpture having sharp edges and blocking the sidewalk on Main Street. Police Chief Shane Boggs noted the owner received citations for the blockage of the road. He suggested the town send a registered letter requesting the sculpture be removed in a timely manner.

Also discussed was the work being com-

pleted on the gas line. Council members noted the reclamation of the area along the river and main road looked good.

Chief Boggs briefly updated council on his department. Work was ongoing on several investigations and his department worked with the Sutton Volunteer Fire Department with traffic control while they cleaned the bridge in Sutton.

Municipal Clerk Smith updated the council on the recycling truck inspection. The inspection went good other than the damage done to the door. Once the door is repaired, the truck will be re-inspected and the title should be released to the town in January. Beth Atkins noted the Burnsville town clerk had contacted the town about picking up their recycling. Apparently a deal had been made with the previous administration for Sutton to pick up recycling in Burnsville even though there was no monetary compensation. Burnsville was informed that this administration would not be doing the recycling pick up for them.

Council discussed the town seal still has not been located. Mayor Hoover will contact the Attorney General’s office to see about getting a replacement seal.

Jon Crum reported on an issue with the main trusses under the stage at the Farmers Market. Supplies and boards would be purchased to repair and reinforce the trusses.

Steve Facemire noted that the plow truck will need four new tires before winter. He also informed council that he was looking into salt spreaders currently up for bid at the state surplus auction for parts for the town’s salt spreader. Beth Atkins stated another company would be coming in to give a quote on a chairlift for the community building. Steve Facemire stated he has not had any luck finding another estimate on an elevator.

Council briefly discussed the upcoming Fall Festival on October 1. Municipal Clerk Robin Smith also spoke to the county commission

gaining permission to decorate around the courthouse for Christmas.

Jon Crum updated council on his progress with the work on the ordinances. While talking about ordinances, Steve Facemire brought up an issue with individuals using the town trash receptacles for their personal garbage and if there was an ordinance on that.

Beth Atkins presented additional quotes for the banners and their brackets. She is hoping to have an estimate by the next meeting for final approval by council.

In regular business, council approved the August 25 meeting minutes with one correction on a motion by Steve Facemire. Also approved on a motion by Robyn Dolan were the bills as presented after a brief discussion on the phone bill and the purchase of Benadryl for the first aid kits.

On two motions by Steve Facemire, council approved to pay mileage for Municipal Clerk Robin Smith and Recorder Laurel Petolicchio to attend the State Auditor’s training in Bridgeport on October 11 and for Municipal Judge Rodney Jamison and Municipal Clerk Robin Smith to attend the Municipal Court training on October 31 to November 1.

The bid for roof repair was approved by the council on a motion by Catherine Hoover. Council discussed options on how to get more bids for projects in town moving forward including contacting other towns and using Region VII.

Council went into executive session at 7:20 pm to discuss personnel. They reconvened at 7:40 pm. On a motion by Steve Facemire, council approved to hire Danny Bushnell as a part-time town employee.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm. The next regular meeting will be September 22 at 6:00 pm.

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elementary music teacher, Cynthia Sprouse, instructional interventionist, Burnsville, Katrina Dennison, instructional interventionist, Davis, Gail Balcourt, instructional interventionist, Flatwoods, Donna Lambert, instructional interventionist, Frametown, John B. Schiefer, instructional interventionist, Sutton, Ocie Allen, fifth grade teacher, Burnsville, Treva Simons, substitute custodian, Lisa Allen, from half-time cook BCHS to Burnsville, George Dennison, activity bus operator, BCMS/BCHS to Airport Road to Flatwoods, to Burnsville, Shirley Skidmore, activity bus operator, BCMS/BCHS to Davis to Frametown, Billy Rose, activity bus operator, BCMS/BCHS to Sutton to Little Birch, and Kristi Martin, \$1 assistant cheer coach, BCMS; and leave for Teresa Childers, extended medical leave.

All fundraisers that were presented were approved on a motion by Lisa Ratliff. Also approved was the permission to post for mentors on a motion by Dr. Seal and the travel request for Dr. Grace Wine, Little Birch Principal, to attend a conference in Pittsburgh, PA October 17-18 was approved on a motion by Lisa Ratliff.

Board members discussed adding meeting

Way back when... Long ago in Braxton County



Central Petroleum...

This photograph was taken in the late 1950’s and shows Central Petroleum Products, which distributed Gulf Oil products, located near the “Y” in Sutton at the intersection of Routes 4 & 19. In its day, the company provided gasoline and other petroleum products to service stations throughout central West Virginia. Though no longer in use, the building still stands today. The

photo is courtesy of Craig A. Smith collection and is featured in a series of historical books about Braxton County titled “Looking Back”. The five volumes are filled with old pictures and county history. These books, The History of Braxton County, The History of Bulltown and Craig’s three cookbooks are available for purchase at the Citizens’ News/Democrat-Central Office, 501 Main Street, Sutton, WV.

dates based on state requirements for financials. Those dates will be added to the agenda for the next meeting to be approved.

Dr. Seal asked about the iReady program in schools and the issues with the new WVEIS program. Kevin Gregory informed board he would not be able to attend the September 20 meeting. He also asked about the protocol for visiting schools as a board member. Dr. Combs asked the board members to let her know so she can inform the principals. President

Post commented on the start of activity buses for after school programs.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 20 at 6:00 pm.

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minder of his bravery and a shared reminder to everyone that our police, firefighters, and emergency medical personnel have dangerous jobs that can never be taken for granted.

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](mailto: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.

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  - 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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OBITUARIES

**Mary Jo Browning**  
Mary Jo Browning, 87, of Birch River passed away Wednesday, September 7, 2022 at the Hubbard Hospice House in Charleston, WV.

She was born December 21, 1934, the daughter of the late Carmel and Mabel Lloyd Johnson. Also preceding her in death was her brothers John Johnson, Glen Johnson, William 'Bill' Johnson, and sister Anna Mae Murphy. Mary was a homemaker, enjoyed canning, gardening, and spending time with her family. She was a Christian by faith and attended Birch River Baptist Church.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband, Hershel 'Fred' Browning, son, Jeff (Robin) Browning, daughter, Jill (Matt) Fowler, and grandsons, Ryan Browning and Justin Browning.

Graveside services were held Saturday, September 10, 2022 at Keener-Wood Cemetery, Birch River, WV with Rev. Jim Murphy officiating. Friends called from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Friday, September 9, 2022 at Greene-Robertson Funeral Home, Sutton, WV.

Greene-Robertson Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Browning family.

Online condolences may be sent to: [greenes-robertsonfuneralhome.com](mailto:greenes-robertsonfuneralhome.com)

**Thelma (Dempsey) Sims**  
Thelma (Dempsey) Sims, 85, of Cowen, West Virginia passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at Peyton Hospice House, Lewisburg.

Born September 25, 1936 in Tioga, she was the daughter of the late Cecil and Emma (Culvert) Dempsey. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Junior Sims; and siblings: Martha Knapp, Darrous

Martin Memorial Service

A memorial service for Lena J. Martin will be held on September 17 at 12:00 pm at Holly

Dempsey, Cora Selman, Robert Dempsey, and Donzel Dempsey.

Thelma was a Christian and enjoyed attending church whenever possible. She enjoyed singing hymns and spending time with her friends and family.

Left to cherish her memory are her daughters: Mary Ann (husband, Glen) Bragg, Brenda (husband, Rex) Ware and Helena Chaney; her son Robert Sims; sisters: Barbara Mathis, Mary Sims, and Helen Carpenter; five grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her passing.

Services to celebrate Thelma's life were held 2pm on Friday, September 9, 2022 at Adams-Reed Funeral Home, Cowen. Burial followed at Odd Fellows Cemetery, Cowen. Friends joined the family for visitation one hour prior to the service time.

In lieu of food and flowers, the family requests donations be made to: Peyton Hospice House, 1265 Maplewood Ave., Lewisburg, WV 24901.

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

Adams-Reed Funeral Home is honored to be serving Thelma's family.

**John Stephen Baker**  
John Stephen Baker, 54, of Gassaway, West Virginia passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, September 6, 2022.

John was born in Wellsboro, Pennsylvania on December 29, 1967 to the late Arthur William Baker and Dorothea Mildred Breuer Baker.

John was the youngest of eight children. He graduated from Wellsboro Senior High in 1986. Most recently, he was a paraprofessional driver who transported clients to their supervised visitations. Before that, John worked at Braxton County Memorial Hospital for 14 years in the Housekeeping Department. He took much pride in his work.

John was a Philadelphia Eagles superfan, enjoyed working with his model trains, and spent much time growing his coin collection. John was a fantastic uncle who loved all his nieces and nephews. Watching his nephew Adam Smith play football was one of the greatest joys of his life. Before he passed away, John also loved watching his great niece, Jane, and great nephews, Noah and Emmett, while their parents worked. His entire family will deeply miss making new memories with him.

John is survived by his brothers, William Baker and Arthur Robert Baker; sisters, Kathleen Talada, Brenda Badmone, Johanna Shelmire, Dorothea Shuster, and Alice Smith; nieces and nephews; and several great nieces and nephews. John lived with his sister Alice, her husband Stephen Smith, and her children Elyse Kopp, James Dwight Pierson, Shyloh Lusk, Hannah Mireles, and Adam Smith for many years.

John will be cremated, and his services are pending. Words of comfort and fond memories may be extended to the family at [www.roachfuneralhome.com](http://www.roachfuneralhome.com). Arrangements by Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway, WV.

**Tammy Hinkle-Wood**  
Tammy Hinkle-Wood, 48, of Buckhannon, passed away on Friday, September 9, 2022 at Saint Joseph's Hospital, Buckhannon.

She was born in Gassaway on February 8, 1974 to the late Calvin and Jean Frame Burge.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her brother, Jimmy Aaron Burge and her first husband, Daniel Hinkle.

Tammy was a 1993 graduate of Braxton County High School. She was a homemaker but also worked out of the home as a custodian. She loved to decorate her home with primitives. She was a good cook and her family will remember her two favorite meals, meatloaf and lasagna.

She will be forever remembered by her husband, Mitch Wood, of Buckhannon; and son, Joshua Hinkle (Corina) of Sutton; and stepson,

Jerod Andrew Wood of Buckhannon. She is also survived by her unborn grandson, Asher Hinkle.

Tammy's visitation was from 5 to 7 P.M. Monday, September 12, 2022 at Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway.

Her funeral was 11 A.M. Tuesday, September 13th at the funeral home.

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

**Robert A. "SpongeBob" Hudson**  
Robert A. "SpongeBob" Hudson, 35, of Gassaway passed away on Wednesday, September 7, 2022 at WVU Medicine Ruby Memorial Hospital, Morgantown, WV.

He was born March 23, 1987 in Cleveland, Ohio. Preceding him in death was his infant niece, Pamela Fisher and his cousin, Dale Hudson.

Spongebob, as most knew, him had a helping heart. You would often see him driving a side by side, hauling a trailer down Bluefield road. He mowed and split wood for people. He liked to tinker on cars and machines. Hunting and fishing were his favorite pastimes. He also worked for the town of Burnsville for some time. Interestingly, Spongebob gained his nickname from Tom Shuman who coached him during his freshman year of football. He went on to be a 2007 graduate of Braxton County High School. He had many friends who knew him. He will be missed. The family finds comfort that he was a CORE organ donor and will continue to be helping others.

He will be forever remembered by his mother, Joelle Hudson Greathouse and stepfather, Doug Greathouse of Burnsville; Robert Dobbins, who was like a father to him, of Gassaway; son, Karson Cunningham of Ohio; brothers, Joseph Dobbins of Gassaway, and Bradley Dobbins and wife, Josie, of Gassaway; sisters, Madonna Collins and Freda Fisher both of Buckhannon; maternal grandmother, Dale Lee of Burnsville; nieces, Katelynn, Malina, and Brooklynn; nephews, Clayton, Landon, Walker, David, Anthony and Jonathan. He is also survived by several aunts, uncles and many cousins.

A gathering of family and friends was from 5 to 7 P.M. Sunday, September 11, 2022 at Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway. He was cremated following services. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to Roach Funeral Home, 708 Braxton Street, Gassaway, WV 26624 to assist with funeral costs.

Mountain Makers in the Park

Mountain Makers in the Park will be held on Friday, September 30, 12pm-7pm, & Saturday, October 1, 10am-6pm at the Nicholas County Veterans' Memorial Park in Summersville. Handmade crafts and food

KAA Meeting September 18

The Kanawha Alumni Association will meet on Sunday, September 18th at 1:30 p.m. at the Burnsville Community

Building. Members can join telephonically if they prefer; contact an officer for accommodations.

**Timothy Michael Johnson**

Timothy Michael Johnson, 41, of Sutton, formerly of Oak Hill, passed away on Friday, September 9, 2022 at WVU Medicine United Hospital Center surrounded by his family.

He was born on February 16, 1981 in Raleigh County to Edward Merle and Sharon Kay Morton Johnson of Oak Hill.

Tim was a kind hearted guy that enjoyed going on outdoor adventures with his wife. He loved to fish.

In addition to his parents he is survived by his wife, Michelle Myers Johnson of Sutton; sons, Caleb Michael Johnson and wife, Nautica, of Oak Hill, Payton Nottingham and Kaden Nottingham both of Sutton; daughter, Vivian Johnson of Oak Hill; brothers Edward Johnson II and wife, Yun, of Ft. Worth, TX; sisters, Angela Johnson and companion, Jason Gravley, of Oak Hill and Chrystal Reller and husband, Josh, of Las Vegas, NV; four nephews and one niece; several aunts, uncles and cousins; and his loving dog, Riley.

Tim's funeral will be 5 P.M. Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway. Burial will follow in the Sugar Creek Cemetery, Gassaway.

Visitation will be two hours prior to the service at the funeral home.

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

**Desper Lee Lemon "Tex"**

Desper Lee Lemon "Tex", 87, of St. Albans, passed away peacefully at home on August 12, 2022 surrounded by family.

He was born on July 30, 1935 to Thomas and Susie Lemon and raised in Sugar Creek, WV. He was a 1954 graduate of Gassaway High School and moved to St. Albans in 1956 to work for Union Carbide where he continued to work for the next 39 years until retirement. On a weekend trip home to visit family his best friend and soon to be brother-in-law, Roland Wilson, introduced him to the love of his life, Mary Lou Mollohan. They were married on March 14, 1959, and had their only child and light of his life, Tonya Lemon several years later.

He was an active member of the St. Albans community for 65 years and served at

City Councilman for 11 years. Desper was a member of St. Peter's United Methodist Church for many years and cherished his time spend with his church family. He was a brother of Washington Lodge #58 for 59 years and was very proud to be a Mason. In 2021 for his extensive work in the community, the City of St. Albans honored Desper with his very own holiday and August 2nd officially became Desper Lemon Day. In July 2022, the SAPD honored Desper with a memorial flower garden in front of their new police station for many years of support they received from him.

Desper loved spending time with his family at the family farm in Braxton County. At the farm he enjoyed four-wheeling and sitting on the front porch waving at those passing by and listening to the whip-poorwills.

Desper was a one-of-a-kind, charismatic, hardworking family man who will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Mary Lou Lemon of St. Albans, daughter, Tonya Lemon of Charleston, sister, Sharon Loyd of Gassaway as well as several beloved nieces and nephews, and honorary grandsons, Cayden and Silas Cooper of St. Albans, who are missing their adored Popaw so very much

A celebration of Life will be held October 1, 2022 at the Green-Robertson Funeral Home, Sutton. Visitation will be from 12-2pm, service at 2pm.

There will be another Celebration of Life to be held at St. Peter's United Methodist Church, October 22, 2022. Visitation will be 1-2pm with the service at 2pm.

In lieu of flowers, please make a memorial contribution to St. Peter's United Methodist Church, St. Albans, WV.

**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; great grandchild, Maddi Lane, brothers, James Harold "Gib", 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 Toller of Flatwoods, Wilda Evans of Akron, OH.

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

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

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

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Flatwoods United Methodist Church special sing

Flatwoods United Methodist Church special singer Saved By Grace on September 18th. Church starts at 9:45 A.M. Covered dish dinner. Come out and enjoy the day the Lord has made.

## 2023 WV Envirothon work shop to be held at Holly Gray Park

A teachers’ workshop for those interested in preparing a team for the 2023 WV Envirothon will be held at Holly-Gray Park near Sutton on Monday, Sept. 19, beginning at 9 a.m. and lasting until 3 p.m. Representatives from various state and federal agencies will help teachers prepare their students for sessions on aquatics, soils, wildlife, forestry and the 5th Topic. A pizza lunch will be provided. A teacher stipend of \$150 and a school grant of \$200 is available to advisers who attend the workshop, train a team and participate in the 2023 WV Envirothon event. Feel free to bring 1-2 students along to the training with you. Student cost is also free! Please RSVP with Heather Duncan at [hduncan@wvca.us](mailto:hduncan@wvca.us) by September 14

## Burnsville Public Library fundraiser

Sutton Moose Lodge #825 will be hosting a baked steak dinner for Burnsville Public Library on Saturday, October 1st from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at Braxton County Middle School. Dinners will consist of baked steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, drink (for eat-in only) and dessert. The cost will be \$12.00 per meal and the dinner will be eat-in but take-out is available. Contact a Burnsville Public Library Board Member or the Library at (304)853-2338 for tickets. Thank you for supporting the Burnsville Public Library.

## BHA hosts 2nd Annual Haunted Trail

You are invited to the Bulltown Historical Association 2nd Annual Haunted Trail on Saturday, October 22, 2022. Less of a scare trail will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. while a more of a scare trail will be held from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. There will be a free hot chocolate and goodie bags for the kids. Bring a flashlight as the trail will be dark. For more information, please call the Bulltown Historical Area Museum at (304)452-8170 or email [bulltownhistoricalassociation@gmail.com](mailto:bulltownhistoricalassociation@gmail.com)

## BHCC Apple Butter/Fun Fall Day

Braxton Healthcare Center invites all to attend our Apple Butter/Fall Fun Day on Saturday September 24 with fun starting at 8:00 am. Activities to include apple butter making, live entertainment, inflatables, concessions and much more. We look forward to seeing everyone. Please contact Julia at 304 765-2861 with any questions. Event address is 859 Days Drive Sutton.

## Creek State Park Foundation 2nd Annual Fall Festival

Come join the Cedar Creek State Park Foun-

ation during our 2nd Annual Fall Festival. This event will be held Friday and Saturday September 16 & 17 at Cedar Creek State Park. Friday night we will host a square dance at the rec building followed by smores in the parking area. Saturday will bring lots of craft vendors, music, food, cornhole tournament, a live auction and more. All fun starts at 10 am. Proceeds go the the foundation for improvements throughout the park. For any questions please contact the committee at 304-517-6146

## Braxton County Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting

Please be advised that the next meeting of the Braxton County Local Emergency Planning Committee is scheduled on 9/13/22 at 12:00 noon at 3 Girls Dinner Restaurant. Please advise us if you plan to attend. If you have any questions regarding this meeting, please feel free to email at [braxton-lepc@gmail.com](mailto:braxton-lepc@gmail.com)

## Braxton County Jamboree September musical lineup

The Braxton County Jamboree music schedule for the remainder of September features Jessica Schoonover, Rick Tincher, and the Birch River Band on the 16th, and Dixie Highway on the 30th. All shows played at the Braxton County Jamboree will be played from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Friday. Concessions will be available for purchase. No Alcohol Permitted at any event. The Braxton County Jamboree is Handicap Accessible. For more information and to follow the Braxton County Jamboree please visit Facebook or online at <http://braxtoncountyjamboree.WebStarts.com>. You may also contact Lena Parsons at (304) 364-5577 or by email at [e-mail-lparsons804@gmail.com](mailto:e-mail-lparsons804@gmail.com)

## Sutton Fall Festival

The Sutton Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, October 1, 2022. Event activities start at 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. in Downtown Sutton. After 5:00 P.M. activities move indoors to local businesses. Activities include: vendors, live music, food, kids games, fire show and more.

## Sutton Public Library Showing “Harriet”

Sutton Public Library will be showing the 2019 film, Harriet as an after-hours event on Tuesday, September 13th from 7-9 PM. This showing is free to the public, but any par-

ticipants must reserve spots ahead of time as seating is limited. Only 20 spots are available. Parental discretion is advised as the movie is rated PG-13. RSVP by calling the library at (304)-765-7224. Library hours are: Sunday: Closed, Monday: 8-4, Tuesday: 11-7, Wednesday: Closed, Thursday: 11-7, Friday: 8-4, Saturday: Closed

## BC Farm Bureau meeting

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.

## Rummage Sale

Christ United Methodist (next to the movie theater, Sutton, will be hosting a Rumage Sale on Saturday October 1, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

## Youth Night At CUMC

Christ United Methodist Church (next to the movie theater), Sutton, will be hosting a youth night opened to the youth of all ages. Various games (board games, ping pong, air hockey, etc.) will be available. A light snack will be provided. Information on the youth night and permission slips will be provided. We are taking a small break and will be opening back up on September 16, 2022 at 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

## 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 will be at 10:00 am. On Friday, September 16, The Tenny’s will provide special music. The Facemire’s will perform on Saturday and SBC Choir on Sunday. Following the Sunday Morning Service at 10:00 am, they will have their Fall Picnic. All are welcome to join them as they seek the Lord.

## Braxton County Senior Center September Food Menu

2% milk served with each meal. Menu subject to change due to food availability. 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.

## 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.

## “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.

## 50th Proclamation signing



Richard Roach, Mayor of Gassaway and Ruth Mooney, Regent of Elk River Chapter.

## Paul’s view of heaven

What sort of man was this Paul (Saul of Tarsus) before his conversion?

Acts 8:1-3  
8:1 And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles.

2 And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him.

3 As for Saul, he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison.

Acts 9:1-2  
9:1 And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest,

2 And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.

To what religious sect did Paul belong before his conversion?

Phil 3:5  
5 Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee;

What did this religious sect believe concerning the supernatural?

Acts 23:8  
8 For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, neither angel, nor spirit: but the Pharisees confess both. How was Paul converted?

Acts 9:3-6  
3 And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:

4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

6 And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.

Acts 9:10-12  
10 And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord.

11 And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth,

12 And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight.

Acts 9:17-18  
17 And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.

18 And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.

Acts 22:16  
16 And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

Paul tells of his visit in the third person(2cor. 12:1-5) How long ago had this event happened? 2 Cor 12:2

2 I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven. Was Paul in his body? 2 Cor 12:3

3 And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) Where did he go? 2 Cor 12:2-4

2 I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven.

3 And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;)

4 How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. What did he witness? 2 Cor 12:4

4 How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. When may this event have happened? Acts 14:19-20

19 And there came thither certain Jews from Antioch and Iconium, who persuaded the people, and, having stoned Paul, drew him out of the city, supposing he had been dead.

20 Howbeit, as the disciples stood round about him, he rose up, and came into the city: and the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe. How did Paul sum up what he witnessed? 1 Cor 2:9

9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. For what did this experience cause Paul to yearn for? Phil 1:23  
Phil 1:23

23 For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better:

What confidence did this experience give Paul? 2 Tim 4:6-8

6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

Heaven is not a myth, it is real and after this life is over those who are found faithful will be with God and Christ in this beautiful place. Rev 21:6-7

6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

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# COMMUNITY CORNER

## COUNTY STORIES

### Take a Cattle Truck ‘Ride to Mt. Nebo

By: Jeanette Riffle

My friend, Susie Cook, of Braxton Co. calls me every week to check on us and see if we are alright and this past week she called and was telling me some of her good memories. I might have already written about she and some of her cousins going to the State Gospel Sing in the back of her uncle’s cattle truck, I can’t remember for sure, but that was one of her stories and she got me so tickled. She said that her grandpa wanted to go to Mt. Nebo to see Ralph Stanley, as that was his favorite singer. They didn’t have a car but one of Susie’s uncles had a big cattle truck. He offered to take everyone in the family, in the back of his truck. Susie, her sister, and several cousins were so excited to get to go. She said they had so much fun and the weather was warm.

They didn’t get rained on or anything. It was a long trip there and back home. I think they took food and water. Her grandpa had his picture taken standing beside Ralph Stanley and he put it in a frame and hung it on the wall to show everyone. He was so proud of that picture. I got so tickled just picturing this big cattle truck pulling in at that sing, loaded with kids instead of cattle. Get there one way or the other. I bet that really got the attention. Then she was telling me about a family reunion at her grandparent’s house and about 40 people showed up. They only had one bedroom and like a lot of homes back then, there was a bed in the living room. Everyone spent the night there. The men slept outside on the ground. The women and kids slept in the house on the floor. She

said they just threw down quilts, blankets or whatever they could round up to sleep on. I wondered how they fed all those people. Her grandma must have had to make a lot of biscuits and gravy the next morning. My husband was telling me about taking a field trip in the back of a cattle truck when he was in Rosedale Grade School. They took sack lunches and something to drink. They went to Holly River State Park and to the State Game Farm as those were both in the same area. The Game Farm has a new name now. It has been changed to WV Wildlife Center. Dad took us there when I was growing up. Mom fixed picnic food fit for a king and my parents put it in boxes in the trunk of the car. They had a Styrofoam cooler for things that had to be kept cold. I have good memories of going on picnics when I was growing up. Until next time, continue to be safe and take care. God bless and keep you in his care!

burdens. Bravely and cheerfully carry the burdens of today. Today’s trust and faith we must have. But we are not asked to live more than a day at a time. He who gives strength for today will give strength for tomorrow.

“Nothing wounds the soul like the sharp darts of unbelief. When trial comes, as it will, do not worry or complain. Silence in the soul makes more distinct the voice of God. ‘Then are they glad because they be quiet.’ (Psalm 107:30)

Remember that underneath you are the everlasting arms. ‘Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him’ (Psalm 17:7) He is guiding you into a harbor of gracious experience --- In Heavenly Places, p. 269.” Maranatha



Gassaway Public Library hosts Davis Elementary School teachers to a surprise picnic at the library.

### Gassaway Public Library welcomes Davis Elementary staff back to school

Gassaway Public Library welcomed Davis Elementary staff back to school with a surprise picnic lunch at the library. Our local Walmart at Flatwoods furnished sub

sandwiches with plenty of fresh toppings. The library furnished sweet tea and chips. There was a brief meeting after lunch to discuss library time for Davis Elementary

students. The staff at Gassaway Public Library is excited to have the students return. We are prepared and have many new children’s titles to choose from.

### WVDOH is out getting the gravel roads in Braxton County winter ready

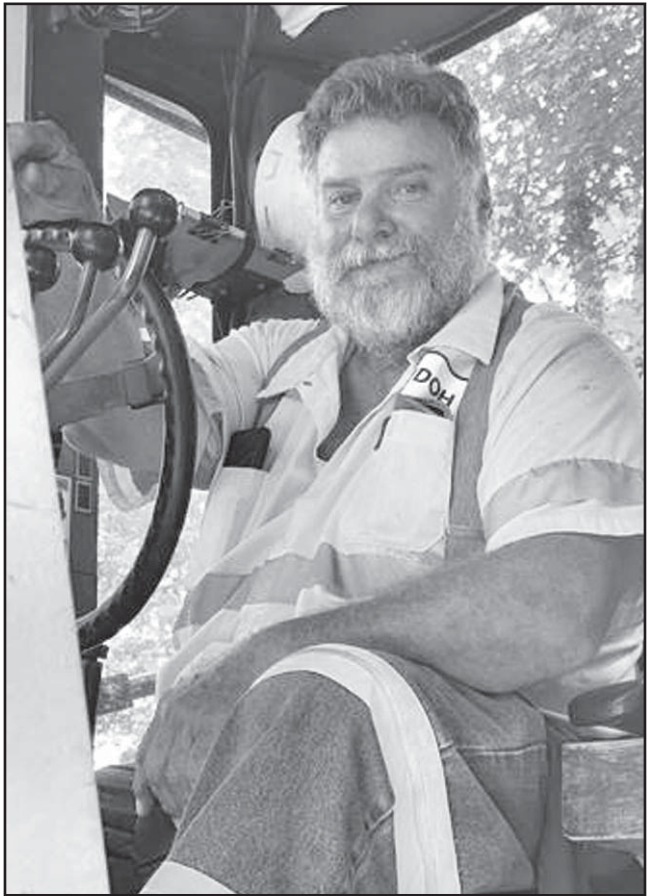
Here’s Jeff Johnson out of the Heaters Sub Station for the Roads Department working the roads in Northeastern Braxton County, he’s operating the County Grader to fill in potholes and clear gullies and culverts before Winter hits.

Jeff said, “I have been with the WVDOH for 12 years and usually operate the Brush Tractors cutting our right of ways of filth and overgrowth, but today my Crew Boss Matt Helmick told me to run the grader.”

“Today we are working Green Hill Road, Hettie Road, and Pleasant Hill Road over to the junction of Painter Fork Road and next we will work Falls Run Road all in preparation for Winter.”

Jeff said, he lives in Exchange on Trace Run and graduated in 1981 from Braxton High School in Flatwoods/ Sutton and enjoys his work as you get to operate all kinds of different big equipment.

“Today I have Jeff Carpenter and Shane Clutter hauling gravel covering the soft spots after I the “Scar Fire” the potholes. With all the rain we have had



Jeff Johnson at the helm of his grader.

the potholes dominate along these gravel roads and we need them ready for safe travel with the coming freezing and thawing that Winter brings.”, said Mr. Johnson.

We ran into Brandon Jones with his wife Barbara and son Fabian who just moved to 806 Hettie Road this May from Clearwater Florida.

Brandon said, “He was happy to see the gravel road, that runs within 30 feet of his front door, being graded and new Crush n’ Run gravel spread as with all the rains this year the erosion in spots was hard to travel over. Yep, my neighbors told me the Braxton Road crews would be here before Winter.”

### PAT’S CHAT BY: PAT RIDPATH



I am sure many of you shed tears as you watched the English and whole world sadness at the death of the amazing Queen Elizabeth. I decided amid my tears that I would tell you just one incident in my life regarding the Queen. When as a teenager, just graduated from Burnsville High School, I worked in Washington, D.C. in the office of Senator Matthew M. Neely who, after being governor of West Virginia, became a Senator from West Virginia. Not long after I began working there, Queen Elizabeth and her husband visited the Senate Office Building. All of us office staff were encouraged to go to the Senate chambers and sit in the balcony to watch their entourage explore the Senate floor. When the Senate is in session, the Vice President sits in a huge chair to lead out. As the group of

visitors explored, the Queen got close to the large chair. Her minute figure was almost lost from sight. I heard Prince Philip teasingly say, “Try it for size?” I am sure I saw a small smile on her face. That experience endeared her to me. I have forgotten many things over the years, but not that. I, along with the rest of the world, had witnessed the life of a really elegant lady as she maintained a watch over her country. I loved her. Our Church had a Celebration of Life in honor of Fred Seeley who died recently. Randy Dustin, one of our Elders, somehow amid his obligations as Elder, teacher, part time preacher, provider of special music for many services, caretaker of his mother, husband to his wife, Susan, and father to his grandchildren, plus managing his trucking business and drove five days a week himself, made time to prepare for the Memorial for Fred and perform the many ob-

ligations entailed with becoming the executor of Fred’s will. God blessed him and the service was marvelous. If you would like to see some of the program so well recorded and played for us by Barry Scott, go to The Seventh-day Adventist Facebook site and enjoy the sights and sounds of it. I want to share with you a bit of our Sabbath School lesson for that day, taken from Steps to Christ, pp. 121, 122. “The psalmist says, ‘Trust in the Lord, and do good, so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.’ Psalm 37:3. ‘Trust in the Lord.’ Each day has its burdens, it cares and perplexities and trials. So many borrowed troubles intrude, so many fears are indulged, such a weight of anxiety is expressed, that one might suppose we had no pitying, loving Saviour ready to hear all our requests and to be to us a present help in every time of need. “Some are always fearing, and borrowing trouble. Every day they are surrounded with the tokens of God’s love; every day they are enjoying the bounties of His providence; but they overlook these present blessings. Their minds are continually dwelling upon something disagreeable which they fear may come, or some difficulty may really exist which, though small, blinds their eyes to the many things that demand gratitude.” “In every trial we have strong consolation. Is not our Saviour touched with the feeling of our infirmities? Has He not been tempted in all points like as we are? And has He not invited us to take every trial and perplexity to Him? Then let us not make ourselves miserable over tomorrow’s

### Junior Girl Scouts 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!



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

### LBE elects new 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 performance,

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!



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# Sutton Fall Festival returns

By **Fernando Rodriguez**

The Sutton Fall Festival returns to Downton Sutton after a two-year absence because of the COVID-19 pandemic on Saturday, October 1, 2022, beginning with the opening ceremony at 9:30 a. m. and lasting until 5:00 p. m., at which time there will be live music and axe throwing contest at the Bad Axe Bistro on Main Street.

The 2022 Sutton Fall Festival is orchestrated by Pageant Master and member of the Board of Directors of the Sutton Community Development Corporation Gary Beamer, best known for staging epic beauty pageants, the 2021 Town of Sutton Christmas Parade, and the Braxton County

Fair, and a myriad of supporters and volunteers. Gary and the 2022 Sutton Fall Festival Queens will be present all day at the festival, where they will assist with the dozens of activities within the festival, which will include the Kids bicycle show and other activities for kids, the Howling Hooties Puppy Pageant, the Pretty Baby Contest, the Rubber Ducky Regatta, and the Scarecrow Competition.

Many foods and arts and crafts vendors will make their wares available on the streets and at the Courthouse Square. In addition, the Story Booth Characters will be there for the children to become part of their fairy tales, and a face painting

station will be open to decorate the children's faces. Other activities include: a Cornhole Tournament, sponsored by the Bad Axe Bistro, a Petting Zoo, a kids' bike safety demonstration by the Sutton Police Department, story time with Diamond Diva at the Sutton Public Library, the Out of the Ashes Fire Show, a great Car Show, sponsored by the Sutton Moose Lodge, and the Rubber Ducky Regatta, where one can win prize money. Music and sound will be provided by Larry Jones and Robert Jarrett, better known as the Karaoke Kowboyz, and Josh Oldaker.

Mark your calendars! There will be many fun somethings at the 2022 Sutton Fall Festival for folks of all ages. Come out and support one of the Town of Sutton and Braxton County's major events. An enjoyable time for all is guaranteed.

## Memorial service for Morton

A memorial will be held for Peter "Pete" Morton on Sunday, September 18 at 2:00 pm at the Wayside Church in Sutton. He

went to his heavenly home on September 18, 2020. He did not have Covid. Friends and family are invited to help us celebrate his life.

## THIS WEEK IN WEST VIRGINIA HISTORY

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



Sept. 14, 1898: Okey L. Patteson was born in Mingo County. Patteson, called the "Great Persuader," tackled difficult decisions as West Virginia's 23rd governor from 1949 to 1953.



Sept. 15, 1875: Henry Hatfield was born near Matewan, Mingo County. As a doctor in the coal camps, he helped secure funding to establish three miners hospitals for the southern part of the state. In 1912, he was elected the state's 14th governor.



Sept. 15, 1906: Songwriter Jack Rollins was born in Keyser. Rollins wrote the lyrics to "Here Comes Peter Cottontail" and "Frosty

the Snow Man," two of America's most popular songs.



Sept. 16, 1926: Writer John Knowles was born in Fairmont. He attained literary fame in 1959 with his first novel, *A Separate Peace*.



Sept. 16, 1950: Scholar Henry Louis Gates Jr. was born in Keyser. Gates is one of the leading African-American intellectuals in the United States and has written several books, including *Colored People: A Memoir*, which describes his experiences growing up in Mineral County.

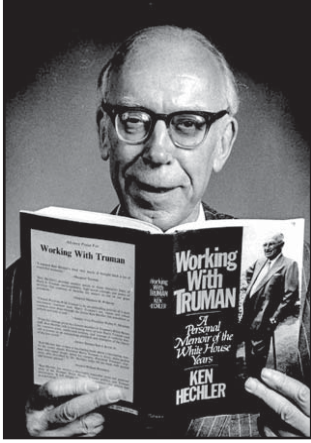
Sept. 17, 1848: Artist Lily Irene Jackson was born in Parkersburg. Jackson was best known as a painter of animal portraits and floral arrangements, and as an advocate for the arts.



Sept. 18, 1947: Historian and journalist Minnie Kendall Lowther died. Born in Ritchie County, she was one of the first West Virginia women to become a newspaper editor.

Sept. 18, 1989: Playwright Maryat Lee died in Lewisburg. She established Eco Theater in Summers County as an indigenous mountain theater, using Summers County people as actors.

Sept. 19, 1892: William "Bill" Blizzard was born in Cabin Creek, Kanawha County. Blizzard became one of West Virginia's most influential and controversial labor leaders of the 20th century.



Sept. 20, 1914: Ken Hechler was born on Long Island, New York. Hechler served 18 years in the U.S. Congress and four terms as West Virginia's secretary of state.

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

## Free Giveaway

There will be a free giveaway at the Burnsville Community Building on September 20 and 21, 9am to 3pm.

Clothing and household wares.

## Dog Tales: 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

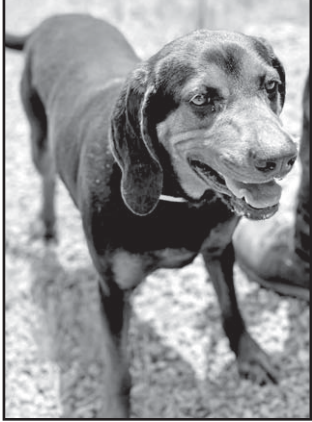
female and pictured second. These siblings are super sweet dogs who seem to already be on their way to walking well on a leash. Freckles is a little more outgoing and Jelly Bean loves to play fetch and roll over for belly scratches.



**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.

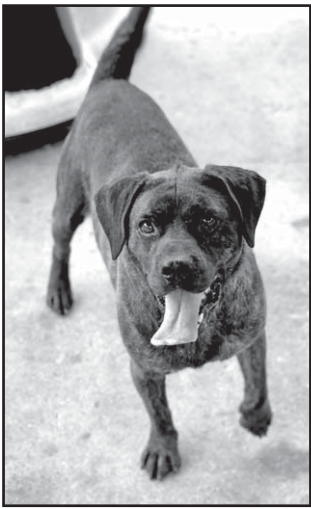


Meet **Josie**, She is a four year old female Black and Tan who came to our shelter as a stray from the Burnsville city limits area. We believe she has only ever lived outdoors. She walks excellent on a leash and is in great

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



# Friends of Burnsville Lake hosts September to Remember

It is our duty as citizens of this nation to remember and pay tribute to the victims of 9/11. The Friends of Burnsville Lake chose once again to honor this day with their September to Remember event on Saturday, September 10th at Burnsville Dam. There was a car show, food, and entertainment. The audience enjoyed the music of the Kowboyz. Food was available from Z-man Barbecue and the Friends group. A silent auction was held, and 50/50 tickets were sold. The lucky winner of the Big Horn fire pit raffle was Steve Smith of Jane Lew and D. J. Henline won the 50/50 drawing. The results of the car show were as follows: Top 10—Terry Frazier, Roy Conrad, Troy Grose, Scott Schimmel, Matthew Carson, Jack Friend, Pat Wilson, Ward Cogar, Harold

Singleton and Chana Duley. Best of Show Results: Car—Harold Singleton, Truck—Jack Friend, Motorcycle—Pat Wilson. There were no trikes entered in the show. The Kid's Choice winner was Chana Dully and the Peoples Choice winner was Roy Conrad. The Best of Show trophy went to Debbie Singleton. The Friends would like to thank our sponsors. Without your contribution our event would not have been a success. Sponsors were AutoZone, Burnsville NAPA, Burnsville Marina, Davis Gourmet Pickup, Elk River Hotel & Café, Fastlane Automotive, Fisher Auto Parts, Kathryn Knight, Legg's Beauty Shop, Lloyd's Hardware, Lloyd's Restaurant, Outpost Construction, Piccadilly's Florist, Sutton NAPA, Wild Scissors and Willie's TLC Car Repair.



Top ten winners.



Best in Class Car winner.



Best in Class Truck - Jack Friend



Best in Show- - Debbie Singleton



Best in class motorcycle.



Kids choice - Chana Dully



Best in class motorcycle - Pat Wilson



Kids Choice winners.



Best in class car - Harold Singleton.



Trophies to be awarded.



Debbie Singleton - Best in Show



Peoples choice - Roy Conrad

September to Remember

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★ Vendors

★ Music

★ Food

★ Door Prizes

★ Silent Auction

★ 50/50 Drawing

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The Kowboyz provided musical entertainment.

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# Mules and Donkeys in Braxton, Oh My!

By **Fernando Rodriguez**

Stormy skies and rain did not stop the 28th Central West Virginia Mule & Donkey Show at Holly Gray Park this past weekend. The show, started by Bob Smith and Karen Carr 28 years ago,

sported fifty-five classes in which the mules and donkeys could compete. The classes included everything from wagon and cart pulling, barrel races, costume competition, to pleasure driving. Many classes aimed

at children were also available. Bob and Karen passed away years ago, however, the shows have been brought to Braxton County successively, following the tradition set by them.

A sizable number of food concessions and vendors lined the trail at the park, along with a considerable size silent auction. Holly Gray Park made primitive and camper sites with hookups and bath-

rooms and showers for the contestants to spend the weekend at the park with their animals. Thank you to the members and volunteers of the Central West Virginia Riding Club and Holly Gray

Park for staging this major event in Braxton County. The highlights of the show and winners in the different classes will appear in a later edition of the Citizen News and the Braxton Democrat.



*Kylie Young mounting and ready to ride to the arena.*



*Single Driving Mules and Donkeys Class entries parade around the arena.*



*Kids had a great time doing the Mule Stick Competition.*



*Lisa Fryman going home with Costume and Halter Classes entries Henry and Herbie.*



*Entries in the Old Timers Driving Mule and Donkey Class.*



*Judges do their judging for the entries to the Old Timers Pleasure Mule and Donkey Class.*



*Patrice Schwegman drives an uncooperative Django around the arena for the Ladies Driving Class. Gabe Wright takes in the event.*



*Patrice Schwegman readies Django to ride in the Ladies Driving Class.*





# LEGAL NOTICES

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## TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in him by that certain Deed of Trust, dated September 5, 2020, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Braxton County, West Virginia, in Document No. 2020003069, in Book No. 258, at Page 365, Thomas M Stewart and Brittney Cool did convey unto Daniel T. Baker, Trustee(s), certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; and the beneficiary has elected to appoint Seneca Trustees, Inc., as Substitute Trustee; and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by Movement Mortgage, LLC to foreclose thereunder, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Braxton County Courthouse in Sutton, West Virginia, on October 12, 2022 at 12:00 PM the following described real estate, together with its improvements, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in 03 - Flatwoods District, Braxton County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:

All the following described real estate, together with the buildings and improvements thereon and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in the Village of Flatwoods, on the headwaters of Salt Lick Creek, Holly District, Braxton County, West Virginia, and being bounded and described as follows:  
BEGINNING at a stake at the edge of the state road (being U.S. 19 and West Virginia State Route 4), thence along and with the State Road in a northeasterly direction a distance of 200 feet to an iron stake; thence in a westerly direction, along with the line of Glen Cochran, a distance of 150 feet to an iron stake; thence along and with the line of Jack Davis, a distance of 186 feet, in a southerly direction; thence through the residue of the tract of Goldie Reip, crossing a driveway, a distance of 128 feet to a stake at the edge of the State Road, the beginning corner, containing 1/2 acre, more or less, and being designated as Tax Map 5, Parcel 21.1.

And being the same real estate conveyed to Grantors by Deed to be recorded contemporaneously herewith.  
The Grantee, its successors and assigns, shall have the right to use the driveway, or right of way, which runs from the county road through the original tract of 9.5 acres and into the property herein conveyed, together with the right to maintain and repair same.

Grantors further Grant and Convey to Grantee any and all right, title and interest they may have to any rights of ways or easements incident to their ownership of the above described real estate.

THIS conveyance is made subject to all valid exceptions, reservations, restrictions, conditions, easements, rights of way or other servitudes, if any, made retained or created in prior Deeds of record in the chain of title to the property herein conveyed.

At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have an address of: 335 Gauley Turnpike, Flatwoods, WV 26621.

The referenced real estate will be conveyed with no covenants of warranty, and subject to all covenants, restrictions, easements, rights of way and reservations which may be a matter of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office or visible upon the ground, all prior liens and encumbrances, including, without limitation, liens for real estate taxes, incinerator, sanitary and sewer charges. The purchasers at the sale shall be responsible for paying the recording costs and also the tax on the privilege of transferring real property (the cost of the tax stamp to be affixed to the deed). The purchasers shall be responsible for payment of all real estate taxes.

The subject property will be sold in "AS IS" condition. The Substitute Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property. TERMS: \$9000.00 in cash and/or certified funds as deposit at the time of sale with the balance due and payable within 30 days of the day of sale.

FEDERAL TAX LIEN: In the event that there are Federal Tax Liens against the property, the United States would have the right to redeem the property within a period of 120 days from the date of such sale or the period allowable for redemption under local law, whichever is longer.

Pursuant to the Deed of Trust, the Trustee may postpone the sale by public announcement at the time and place designated or by posting a notice of the same, and act by agent in the execution of the sale. The parties secured by the Deed of Trust reserve the right to purchase the property at such sale.

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## NOTICE OF FILING OF ESTATES

TO THE CREDITORS AND BENEFICIARIES OF THE WITHIN NAMED DECEASED PERSONS:

I have before me the estates of the following deceased persons and the accounts of the fiduciaries of their respective estates:

DECEDENT: CARYL JEAN NOTTINGHAM

FIDUCIARY: DANIEL NOTTINGHAM

2105 NOBLE VIEW DR  
RANCHO PALOS VERDES, CA 90275

DECEDENT: DELMAS EUGENE SARTIN

FIDUCIARY: RUBY LYNN ROLLYSON

8587 OLD TURNPIKE RD  
LITTLE BIRCH, WV 26623

DECEDENT: TOMMY DARRELL KNIPP

FIDUCARY: TERRI PEMBERTON

3251 MAHOLA DR.  
HUNTINGTON, WV 25704

DECEDENT: MARVIN EUGENE HACKER

FIDUCIARY: WILLIAM LEWIS HACKER

7995 SCOTTS FORK BONNIE ROAD

EXCHANGE, WV 26619

AND KELLI ANN WAYNE

7448 CHAPEL RD  
GASSAWAY, WV 26624

DECEDENT: LURA ELLEN CARTE

FIDUCIARY: LISA YOUNG

107 GARDEN LANE  
DUCK, WV 25063

DECEDENT: MARY HELEN LOCKARD

FIDUCIARY: MAX JAY LOCKARD

P O BOX 38  
FLATWOODS, WV 26621

DECEDENT: DESSIE ELLEN MILES

FIDUCIARY: CATHY GEORGE

206 LOCUST ESTATES RD  
SUTTON, WV 26601

DECEDENT: MARY LEAH O'DELL

FIDUCIARY: MARK O'DELL

P O BOX 347  
FRAMETOWN, WV 26623

DECEDENT: JAMES ROGER MARSH

FIDUCIARY: VELDA JOAN MARSH

P O BOX 344  
GASSAWAY, WV 26624

DECEDENT: GARY DALE RHODES

FIDUCIARY: PATSY RHODES

14753 ELK RIVER RD  
DUCK, WV 25063

ANCILLARY ADMINISTRATION:

DECEDENT: LAURA MAE RIFFLE

FIDUCIARY: ANDREA MAE ATWOOD

2189 LAMBERTON RD.  
CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, OH 44118

AND CELIA BETH ROGERS

6136 CONSTANCE CIRCLE NW  
CANTON, OH 44718

DECEDENT: JACKIE E. CUNNINGHAM

FIDUCIARY: GEOFFREY CUNNINGHAM

1607 CHAPMAN RD  
CROFTON, MD 21114

All persons having any claims against the estate(s) of any of the above-named persons whether due or not, are notified to exhibit the same with vouchers thereof, legally verified, to the fiduciary of such deceased persons as shown herein within 60 days from the first publication or on or before the 2nd day of October, 2022, otherwise any or all such Claims may by law be excluded from all benefits of said estate(s). All beneficiaries of said estate(s) may appear either before the above-named fiduciary by the date first above shown or thereafter before the Fiduciary Supervisor by the date last above shown to examine said claims and otherwise protect their respective interests.

Given under my hand this the 1st day of September, 2022.

TAMERA FACEMIRE

Fiduciary Supervisor 9-7 9-13b

## NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING SERVICES

The Town of Burnsville, Braxton County, West Virginia is requesting statements of qualifications from engineering consulting firms to provide environmental and geotechnical engineering services for the Town of Burnsville Landslide Remediation Project in preparation for their Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant application. Professional services to be provided will begin with a geotechnical investigation and may also include, but will not be limited to, the following: site evaluation; mitigation strategy development; and completion of a preliminary engineering report. If the project is moved to implementation, project design; preparation of all necessary permit applications; preparation of construction plans, specifications, and bidding documents; assistance during bidding; construction administration services; and construction inspection services will also be needed. Sources of funding for this project may include, but not limited to, the

FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

Procurement of said services will be in accordance with WV Code Chapter 5G and 2 CFR 200. All firms interested in being considered for this selection must submit at least five hard copies and one electronic copy of a proposal detailing qualifications, technical expertise, management, and staffing capabilities, related prior experience, and professional references.

The goal of the competitive process is to objectively select the firm who will provide the highest quality service. Accordingly, technical expertise and related experience will be weighed heavily. The candidates judged most qualified based on a review of the statements of qualifications will be interviewed. The firm determined to be the most qualified based on an evaluation of the interviews will be asked to prepare fee proposals for engineering services as project scopes are finalized. Please submit five hard copies of all requested information to: Town of Burnsville, PO Box 305, Burnsville, WV 26335 (Address for Fed Ex/UPS only: 106 Municipal St., Burnsville, WV 26335)

Please submit an electronic copy of all requested information to: Carrie Wallace, Region VII Planning & Development Council, Project Coordinator at cwallace@regionvii.com.

Proposals will be accepted until Friday, September 30, 2022, at 3 p.m. The town reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all submissions. All work will be performed following the regulations issued by State and Federal agencies relative hereto. The selected candidate will be required to comply with Appendix II of 2 CFR Part 200, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Executive Order 11246, Section 109 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1974, Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Conflict of Interest Statement, and the Access to Records provisions. The town shall ensure, to the fullest extent possible, that positive efforts are made to utilize small businesses, including those in rural areas, minority-owned firms, and women-owned business enterprises. The town will not discriminate against any interested individual or firm on the grounds of race, creed, color, sex, age, handicap, or national origin in the award of the contract.

Paul Bragg, Mayor  
Town of Burnsville 9-13 9-20b

## ORDER OF PUBLICATION

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF BRAXTON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

CIVIL ACTION NO. 22-D-57

IN RE:

The Marriage of:  
Melissa Renee Arner, Petitioner

and  
Hardy Arner, Respondent

THE OBJECT OF THIS SUIT IS TO OBTAIN A DIVORCE.

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To the Above-Named Respondent:

It appearing by affidavit filed in this action that Hardy Arner is a non-resident of the State of West Virginia or has an unknown address. It is hereby ordered that Melissa Arner serve upon Hardy Arner, Circuit Clerk's Office, whose address is 300 Main St. Ste 101, Sutton, West Virginia an Answer, including any related counterclaim or defense you may have to the Petition For Divorce filed in this action on or before October 11, 2022. If you fail to Answer the Petition for Divorce, a judgment may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition. A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk's Office.

Entered by the Clerk of said Court  
Braxton Co. Circuit Court.  
Susan Lemon  
Clerk of the Court 9-13 9-20p

## Magistrate Beth Smith Court

September 2: Charles Cody Greenleaf 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; Larry Dean Holcomb of Ivydale, expired MVI, dismissed proof provided; Bronson Ward McNemar of Buckhannon, speeding, no contest plea, expired MVI, dismissed per plea, fine/court costs assessed.

September 10: Joshua Thomas Casto of Orlando, domestic assault, destruction of property, possession of marijuana, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$3000 cash, surety, or 10% to the court;

September 11: David Allen Carper of Gassaway, domestic battery-2nd offense, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$2500 cash, surety, or 10% to the court; Cheyenne B. Culverhouse of Sutton, domestic battery, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$1500 personal recognizance; Lance T. Culverhouse of Sutton, domestic battery, war-

rantless arrest, bond set at \$300 personal recognizance; Thomasina M. Bennett of Clarksburg, obstructing an officer, disorderly conduct, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$1500 personal recognizance.

September 12: David Fae Duffield of Sutton, failure to register x2, warrant issued, bond set at \$10,000 cash only.

## 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.

September 7: Brandon Gene Cunningham of St. Mary's, expired MVI, dismissed proof provided; Robert W. Foster of Frametown, no seatbelt, guilty plea, fine assessed.

September 8: Laddie Dean Nichols of Frametown, prohibited person in possession of a firearm, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$15,000 cash, surety, or 10% to the court; Theresa Ann Sodaro of Sutton, obstructing an officer, guilty plea, 180 days of jail with credit for time served of eleven days, remainder suspended

and placed on eight months unsupervised probation, fine/court costs assessed; Howard E. Stackhouse of Sutton, cell phone violation, no contest plea, fine assessed; Nicholas I. Long of Sutton, possession of meth, dismissed-deferred sentence, defendant completed pre-trial diversion; Ronnie B. Walker of Gassaway, threatening to commit a terrorist act, dismissed per plea, interference of access to emergency services, guilty plea, 90 days of jail with credit for time served of eleven days, remainder suspended and placed on eight months of unsupervised probation, fine/court costs assessed; Phillip Wine of Copen, no proof of insurance, dismissed proof provided; Veronica Scott West of Sunbury, PA, speeding, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed.

September 9: Lindsay Frances Harman of Gassaway, no proof of insurance, dismissed proof provided; Danny Junior Sartin of Sutton, no seatbelt, guilty plea, fine assessed and paid; Greg Russell Springston of Spencer, possession of controlled substance x2, dismiss, driving suspended, dismissed, state does not wish to pursue charges at this time; Brett Allen Carson of Sutton, destruction of property, domestic assault, possession of marijuana, warrantless issued, bond set at \$3000 cash, surety, or 10% to the court; Steven H. Evans of Sutton, false information to trooper, guilty plea, false information to trooper, dismissed per plea, driving suspended-general, dismissed per plea, 60 days of jail, suspended and placed on eight months unsupervised probation, fine/court costs assessed.

# Thousand Springs Quilt Club hosts 12th Annual Quilt Show

The Annual Thousand Springs Quilt Club will be hosting their 12th year Quilt Show on Saturday October 1, 2022 from noon till 2:00. All quilts to be judged need to be there by 11:00 and there is a \$2.00 entry fee per quilt to be judged. You may feel free to bring any quilt for display only, if you like.

Judging will take place at 1:30. Tickets are on sale now

for a sewing assessorly filled basket as well as a Singer Sewing Machine. There will be a 'fat quarter' game and you will need to bring 4 fat quarters to play. There is also a paper piecing class being organized, so if you're interested in the class you will need to pre-register by Sept. 23rd for preparations for the class to be made.

Refreshments will be available, and due to high water the rd.

could be impassable and the show will be held on Sat. October 8th at the same time. For road conditions or any information you would like to have, feel free to contact Jo Gerwig @ 304 364 5561 or Donna Moore @ 304 462 5394

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## Eagles defeat Indians Saturday for first win of the season

Fans saw several BCHS football records broken

Braxton defeated Berkeley Springs 41-35 in Saturday's game played on the Eagles' home field. The win came with several big plays along with tougher defense which included two fumble recoveries returned for touchdowns and two interceptions. Records broken included both team and

individual. The Eagles set a team record for fumble recoveries returned for touchdowns in one game. They had two against Berkeley Springs. Tyler Cox scored both of those and, in doing so, set an individual record. He set another record--the longest fumble recovery scoring run

for a touchdown. Cox's 97 yard-return broke Yannick Yewawa's previous record of 90 yards. Cox also had a 97-yard rush for a touchdown, another school record. Matt Haley's 90-yard TD rush in 1995 was the previous record.

Looking at the game overall, Eagles' coach Deandre Williams saw

this team do more of what he wants them to do every game although he did mention a problem which has continued throughout the first three games—mental mistakes. Coach Williams noted, "This game was a tough game due to us making the small mental mistakes, but the boys played for four quarters and didn't let the adversity that they faced throughout the game [get] them down. They continued to play as a team and came out victorious."

Game stats show Berkeley Springs with 489 yards of offense compared to Braxton's 249, The Indians depended on the pass for most of their offense and ended with 369 yards passing, Braxton quarterback Logan Bennett threw for 25 yards. Cox, the Eagles' leading rusher, gained 157 yards on 10 carries. Cox also had an impressive 420

all-purpose yards. The Indians' leading rusher, quarterback Connor Duvall, gained 94 yards.

After the Indians came up with a quick 7-0 lead to begin the first quarter, the Eagles scored three consecutive touchdowns to lead 21-7. Braxton's first score came as Cox ran the ensuing kick-off 77 yards for six, and Matthew Garavaglia's kick tied the score. Braxton went up 14-7 with a fumble return by Cox and another successful kick by Garavaglia. The Eagles added seven as Cox took the handoff on Braxton's first play from scrimmage and raced 97 yards for the TD. Garavaglia sent another kick

through the uprights.

The Indians came back in the second with two unanswered touchdowns to pull within seven of a tie. Bryce Leegan's 12-yard TD rush gave the Eagles some breathing room. Then, a safety early in the third put Berkeley Springs in the position to go ahead with a touchdown, and that's what happened. Duvall scored for the Indians, and they went up 29-27. The Eagles took over from that point and put two touchdowns on the board for the win. Cox rushed for the first, then on the Indians' next possession, recovered a fumble and returned it 62 yards for another six.



Bryce Leegan works the ball down the field.



Logan Bennett looks for an open teammate.



Tyler Cox with the tackle.



Matthais Garavaglia with PAT kick.



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| <del>AUG 26</del> | <del>LINCOLN AT BRAXTON</del>          |
| <del>SEP 2</del>  | <del>WEBSTER AT GILMER</del>           |
| <del>SEP 10</del> | <del>BERKELEY SPRINGS AT BRAXTON</del> |
| SEP 16            | BRAXTON AT EAST FAIRMONT               |
| SEP 30            | BRAXTON AT LIBERTY (HARRISON)          |

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Bryce Leegan receiving handoff from Logan Bennett



The Eagles Defense taking down the Indian running back.

#### Eagles' individual defensive stats against Berkeley Springs:

| Player        | Total tackles | Sacks | Tackles for loss | Interceptions |
|---------------|---------------|-------|------------------|---------------|
| T. Cox        | 9             | 0     |                  |               |
| J. Short      | 8             | 0     | 2                | 0             |
| A Currence    | 6             | 0     | 0                | 0             |
| C Facemore    | 5             | 0     | 1                | 0             |
| L Bennett     | 4             | 0     | 0                | 0             |
| B Leegan      | 4             | 1     | 1.5              | 0             |
| R. McLaughlin | 4             | 1     | 0.5              | 0             |
| E. Moore      | 3             | 0     | 0                | 0             |
| S. Deal       | 2             | 2     | 2                | 0             |
| J. Bishop     | 2             | 0     | 0                | 0             |
| M. Garavaglia | 1             | 0     | 0                | 0             |

#### Eagles' offensive stats against Berkeley Springs:

| Player        | Number of carries | Yards gained |
|---------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Tyler Cox     | 10                | 157, 2 TDs   |
| Bryce Leegan  | 12                | 69, 1 TD     |
| Logan Bennett | 2                 | 3            |

|               |                                    |
|---------------|------------------------------------|
| Passing:      |                                    |
| Logan Bennett | 1 completion, 4 attempts, 25 yards |
| Receiving:    |                                    |
| Tyler Cox     | 1 reception, 25 yards              |



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



The Lady Eagles took first place at the Oak Hill invitational.

## BCHS girls continue success by placing in last two 5Ks

Team wins one meet, places third in larger contest

Last week, the Lady Eagles won one cross country meet and placed third in another. The team has placed in every meet they have entered this season. Running in the five-team meet at Oak Hill Tuesday, Braxton took first place. That race included five teams. Five Braxton girls placed in the top 20 to earn awards. Leading her team and all runners, Addison Lloyd crossed the finish line first. Bethany Payne was close behind to take second place, and Heidi Payne finished sixth. Teagan Huff took ninth place, and Nicole Bramble 10th. Lindsay Tetrick just missed earning a medal as she finished

24th. In addition to runners from the five teams, runners from several schools which don't have full teams also competed. Only two Braxton boys competed at Oak Hill. Jeremy Kelly placed 31st and Jacob Stevens 39th. Those not running Tuesday had other extra-curricular activities that afternoon. Along with their third-place award in Saturday's Forest Festival Invitational, two Braxton girls earned medals by placing in the top 15. Lloyd finished fifth and Laura Cain sixth. Coach Berry described the more competitive race at Elkins Saturday. "The course was slippery, and competition was tough, but Braxton ran with all their heart, and it showed. I'm so proud!"



Jeremy Kelly and Jacob Stevens

| BCHS girls' individual results in Oak Hill Invitational Meet |       |       |
|--|-------|-------|
| Runner   | Time  | Place |
| Addison Lloyd  | 23:22 | 1st   |
| Bethany Payne  | 23:52 | 2nd   |
| Heidi Payne  | 25:43 | 6th   |
| Teagan Huff  | 25:21 | 9th   |
| Nicole Bramble   | 26:25 | 10th  |
| Lindsay Tetrick  | 30:04 | 24th  |

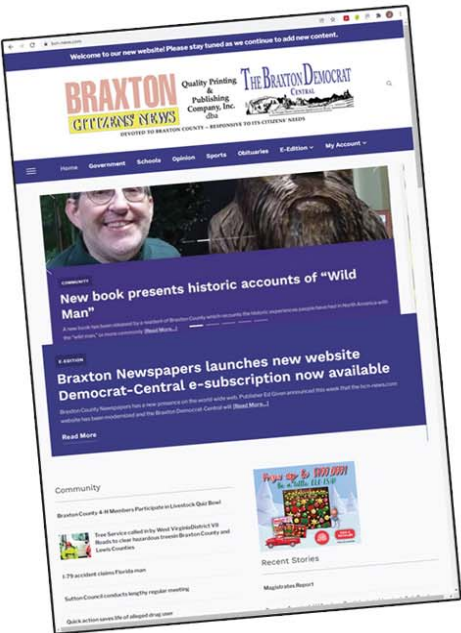
  

| Braxton boys' individual results in Oak Hill Invitational |       |       |
|---|-------|-------|
| Runner  | Time  | Place |
| Jeremy Kelly  | 25:57 | 31st  |
| Jacob Stevens   | 26:58 | 39th  |

| BCHS girls' individual results in Forest Festival Invitational: |          |       |
|---|----------|-------|
| Runner  | Time     | Place |
| Addison Lloyd   | 23:04.48 | 5th   |
| Laura Cain  | 23:28.30 | 6th   |
| Bethany Payne   | 24:41.32 | 17th  |
| Heidi Payne   | 25:49.86 | 22nd  |
| Teagan Huff   | 26:12.19 | 26th  |
| Nicole Bramble  | 26:22.76 | 30th  |
| Lindsay Tetrick   | 28:22.09 | 40th  |

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Addison Lloyd and Laura Cain placed in the Forest Festival race.



Heidi Payne crossing the finish line at the Forest Festival race.

## Lady Eagles win their only soccer game of the week

The Braxton girls' soccer team defeated Midland Trail 3-2 Thursday in their only game of the week. Coach Nate Smarr described the game as "back and forth" and said that at one point it appeared the game would end in a tie. However, his team did score late in the game to get the win. Braxton took the lead early on a penalty kick, but Mid-

land Trail scored to tie the game. The teams traded goals, and, the coach noted, "It looked like we were going to end up with a tie, but we were able to gain possession with about 40 seconds left. Heidi (King) made a great pass to Bre (Smarr) in front of the goal, and she capitalized on it." Smarr scored two of Braxton's goals, and Erica Nicholson scored the other. King had an

assist on Nicholson's goal. Coach Smarr continued to assess the game. "Our seven was solid all night, and Lauren Pritt was terrific in goal. She stopped a few point-blank shots and deflected some others that could have been goals," he said. This week the team is at Nicholas Tuesday. They host Ravenswood on Saturday for Senior Night.



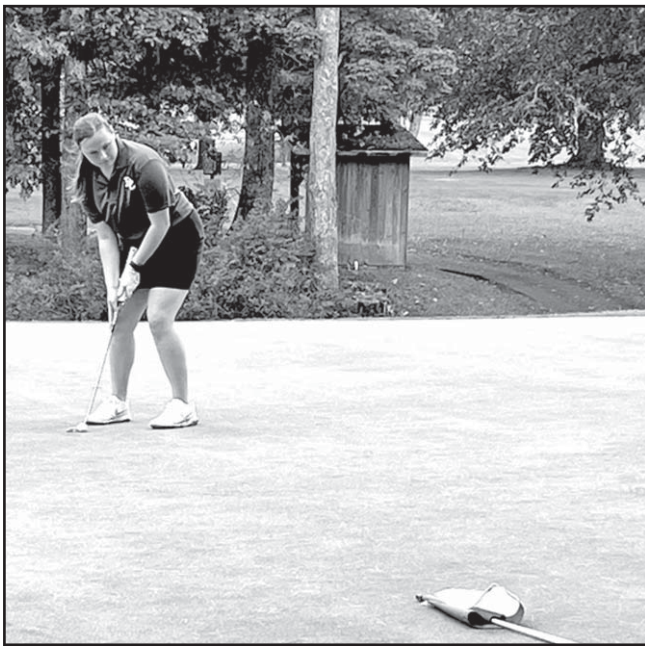
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Braeden Shortall



Kaylee Criner



Shawn Toler

## Golf team has two matches, Criner plays in a state match

The Eagles' golf team had two matches last week as a team, and Kaylee Criner golfed in the West Virginia high school girls' state meet. That match was played at Min-

go Bottom in Wirt County. Criner finished at 121 in the 18-hole match.

Wednesday, Braxton, Nicholas, and Gilmer played in Summersville. Nicholas, with 120

strokes, finished first. Gilmer was second at 136. Braxton's total was 167. Individual finishes for the Eagles showed Criner with 51 strokes, Braedan Shortall 57, and

Shawn Toler 59.

In another nine-hole match at Nicholas, the home team had 142 strokes. Webster came in at 160, Midland Trail at 162, and Braxton 169. In

that match, Criner's total was 59, Toler's 54, and Shortall 65.

Braxton coach Jerry Frame noted that Shortall is a freshman and Toler a sophomore and said that

lack of experience is hindering both boys.

This week the Eagles will play at Gilmer Wednesday and will return to Nicholas Thursday.

## Boys' soccer team defeats Midland Trail and South Harrison

Braxton's boys shut out their opponents in both of their matches last week. Playing at home Tuesday, the Eagles defeated Midland Trail 8-0. Thursday, they traveled to South Harrison where they won 6-0. In both games, they went with 10 players because their eleventh player is out with an injury. Both opponents used 11 players.

In Tuesday's win over Midland Trail, Braxton scored three

goals in the first half and five in the second. Coach Rick Garavaglia commented that his team had 16 shots on goal and scored 8. "That showed efficiency," he said. Matthias Garavaglia scored the Eagles' first goal against Midland Trail. It was unassisted. Taking a cross from Garavaglia, Addison Grindo scored the team's second goal, and Ryken Rutherford got a rebound and kicked it in for the third.

Richard Westfall scored Braxton's first two second-half goals. The first came on a cross from Grindo, who took the ball through the defense and delivered it to Westfall. Westfall's second goal came on a rebound. Nicholas Brown managed a through ball to get it to Grindo for the next goal. Then came other goals from Westfall and Grindo.

Coach Garavaglia called this win "overall a good game." He

added, "We passed the ball well considering we had only 10 players. The team has been passing the ball really well. They're pushing being in the right place and making good passes."

The Braxton coach was not pleased with his team's first half performance against South Harrison Thursday even with a 6-0 win. "We had 13 shots on goal in the first half and only made one," he noted. "South

Harrison had a good goalie, which made a big difference. We had three or four kicks that were close, but we were forcing it." Rutherford scored on an assist from Matthias Garavaglia for the Eagles' only first-half goal.

In the second half, the Eagles "played as a team," their coach said. "We had nine shots on goal and made five of them. Westfall scored three times in the second half. His

first was a header goal following a pass from Grindo. He scored from the left side for his second consecutive goal. In the last goal of the game, Westfall scored on a pass from Garavaglia. Earlier Austin Smarr had taken Westfall's cross to score, and Garavaglia had added another goal.

The Eagles play at Roane Thursday. They host Ravenwood Saturday and will celebrate Senior Day before that game.

## Opening Day for the Braxton County Soccer Club Fall 2022 Season

Opening Day for the Braxton County Soccer Club was on Saturday, September 10th. Several teams took to the field throughout the day, including the U8 Goal Kickers (Coach Face-

mire) and U8 Flame-throwers (Coach Williams). Also, the U12 Black Mambas (Coach Dever).

Though the weather was not the best, the participants were ex-

cited to be back on the field. Win or lose the players had a great time! It was a great day with a lot of community support. Thank you to all of those who came out to support our youth!



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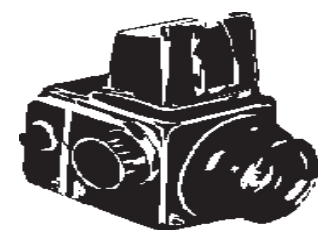




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# Redskins Flag, A, B and C Football



Braxton County Redskins Flag Football



Braxton County Redskins A Team



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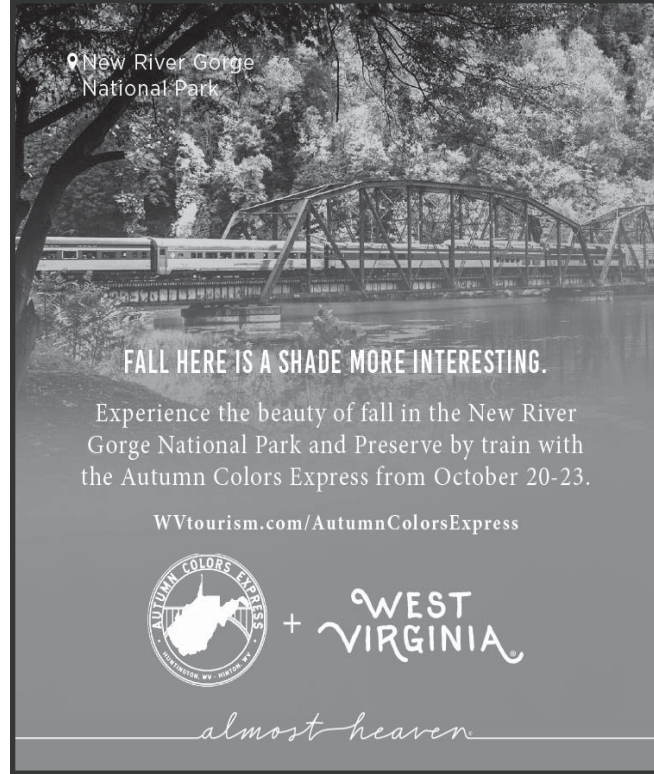
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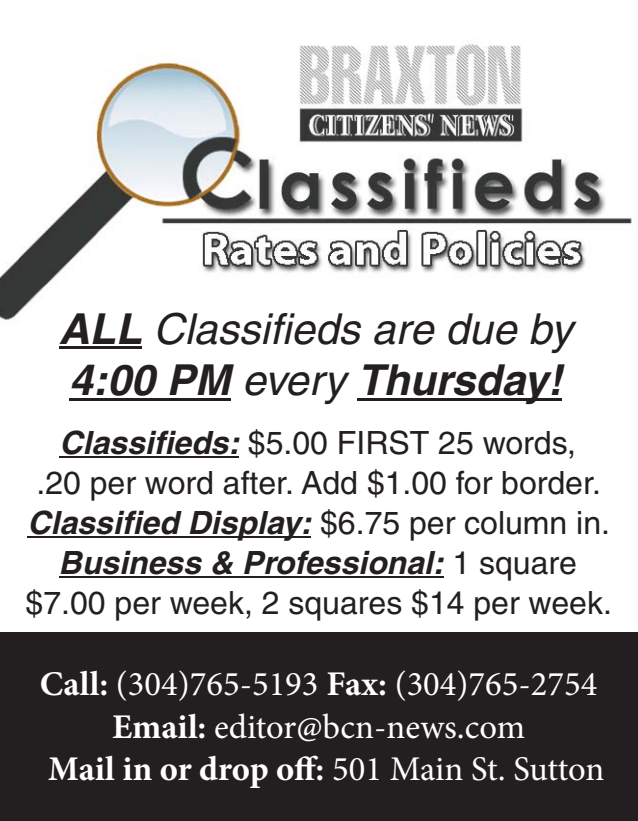
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# Vintage and classic vehicles gather at the Labor Day Weekend Car Show

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 finishes. 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.



Music master DJ Fletch dishes out the car tunes and makes announcements.



Jack Friend, event orchestrator in front of music master DJ Fletch; Swap Area, and entrants and their wheels.



Chrome, paint, rust, artwork, burger, fries, and milkshake?



The Braxton County Jamboree grounds were filled with cars and trucks from all eras. Jack Friend and wife manage the registration table; Butch Helmick, Matt Friend, and Tonya Devart oversee the "guess how much money in the jar" table. Emily Gray Helmick and daughter Lilith in front of prize-winning MGB.

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