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Sutton Fall Festival Royalty Elected...

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Criner captures crowns at So. Charleston Twirling Expo

The South Charleston Twirling Expo was held on Sunday, September 11 at the South Charleston Rec Center. This competition showcased the talents of twirlers from across the state representing their respective schools. Among the different events that day, the competition featured a Miss Majorette Festival title that consisted of a series of poses and short interview, a Miss Feature Twirler title that showcased a portion of each twirlers field routine, and a Feature Twirler Solo category showcasing a routine with one, two, and three batons.

Braxton County Eagle Twirler Braelyn Criner captured title at the So. Charleston Twirling Expo in Miss Majorette Festival, Miss Feature Twirler and Feature Twirler Solo Champion.

Braelyn Criner, sophomore at Braxton County High School represented the Pride of Braxton County Band as Feature Twirler in this competition. She competed in all three categories and brought home first place in each event earning the titles of South Charleston Twirling Expo Miss Majorette Festival, Miss Feature Twirler, and Feature Twirler Solo Champion.

Braelyn has been twirling since the age of 7 with the Chicks with Sticks Competition group, earning state and national titles and is now in her second year twirling for the Braxton County High School Band.

"I am thankful for my coaches who have spent years training me and have helped me reach my goals. It is an honor to now be able to represent my school in a sport that I love," Criner said.

Braxton one of 7 counties to receive broadband grant

Governor Jim Justice has announced seven counties in central West Virginia are receiving grant funding to install broadband and high-speed internet.

The more than $17 million Phase 1 project awarded to the Roane County Economic Development Authority (RCEDA) is funded by the new Gig-Ready grant, which is earmarked from federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

The Phase 1 project will use existing utility poles, where possible, through Braxton, Calhoun, Clay, Gilmer, Jackson, Roane and Webster counties with interconnection points in Webster Springs and Dixie. The RCEDA is providing a 25-percent match on the $23 million project with WesBanco providing the interim financing.

The Phase 1 project will cover approximately 285 miles, providing broadband to more than 8,700 homes and businesses. Of that approximately 33 miles of backbone and 23 miles of last mile fiber will make high speed internet available to an estimated 650 households and businesses in Braxton County.

"This is an exciting time for us," said Mark Whitley, Executive Director of the Roane County Economic Development Authority (RCEDA), which applied for the grant dollars. "The impact will be major for our seven county partners. The Phase 1 project will boost online learning, business efficiency, virtual communications, healthcare services and so much more. The overall quality of life will be greatly enhanced. This project makes our region a better place to live, work and play."

Terrell Ellis, Executive Director of the Braxton County Development Authority echoed her Roane counterpart's comments. "This is exceptionally good news for Braxton and the other counties that have joined in the RCECA grant request. All of the agencies have worked diligently to see this project to fruition.

The RCEDA has two years to complete the first Phase of the project, although it's possible to request an extension if contrators encounter manpower challenges or supply delays.

"And this is just phase one," Whitley said. "We're going to keep moving forward to connect more and more West Virginians. This isn't the end of the story – it's the very beginning."

Six of the counties have already completed Phase II applications, including Braxton, that will extend the project and reach even more households. Those counties are investing more than $4 million toward those extensions, which would total more than $16 million. The extension applications should receive responses sometime this year.

A combination of state, federal, local and private sector investments accelerated the project over the past three years. West Virginia Secretary of Economic Development Mitch Carmichael said the pandemic highlighted the need for swift and aggressive action to extend high-speed internet across West Virginia. "Broadband is no longer a luxury. It's a necessity for navigating today's digital world, and the Gig-Ready grant will be the catalyst for universal broadband in West Virginia," Carmichael said. "We appreciate all the partners who positioned themselves to take advantage of this exciting opportunity."

CityNet will be the project's internet service provider (ISP). Customers within 1,000 feet of the fiber will have broadband access.

"I'm proud of the strong partnership our county commissions, economic development authorities, industry professionals and municipal leaders have developed," Whitley said. "We worked as one team to benefit an entire region. Borders don't matter so much when we're talking about a global community. Now's the time to roll up our sleeves and make West Virginia a part of that community."

Truck or Treat, Mud Bog & Chili Cook-Off set for Holly Gray Park

The Braxton County Fair and Holly Gray Park are planning a Truck or Treat Mud Bog and the Battle of the Bowls Chili Cook-Off for Saturday, October 1. The fundraiser will have fun, family-friendly activities and concessions throughout the day. Admission is $10 per person with kids 10 and under admitted free.

Truck or Treat starts at 11:00 a.m. Kids are invited to wear costumes, and "Truck or Treat" with participating drivers. At noon, there will be Power Wheels races – kids can bring their favorite Power Wheels vehicle and show their driving skills. Later in the day, kids of all ages can show off their speed in the mud run, compete in tug-of-war and other fun events.

The speed pit and mud bog will follow the Power Wheels races. Tri-State Mud Racing (TSMR) rules and guidelines will be in place for the Speed Pit and Mud Bog which will feature a $2,000 purse in addition to 100% payback. There will also be a "Drive It In" class for street legal trucks. For that class, the prize is 100% payback. Registration for the speed pit and mud bog is from 9-11:30 a.m. and the driver's meeting is at 11:45 a.m.

The Battle of the Bowls Chili Cook-Off is a fun, friendly competition to see who will claim bragging rights for their chili cooking skills. Chili can be prepared at home or can be cooked on site, and entries should be at least 4 gallons. Participants must submit a registration form and $25 donation by September 25. Prizes will include $100 and an engraved cutting board for the winning chili. Fan favorite chili will receive $50 and an engraved cutting board. Attendees can vote for their "Fan Favorite Chili" - $5 will get them a stack of taster cups and a voting card. The voting will continue until at least 2:00 p.m. or until 25% of the entries run out of chili.

Rules for the Truck or Treat Mud Bog and the Battle of the Bowls Chili Cook-Off are available from the Braxton County Fair website – www.braxtoncountyfairwv.com Resident may pick up a paper copy of the rules for the Battle of the Bowls Chili Cook-Off at Nettles Equipment or the WVU-Braxton County Extension Office.

"Join us for a great day of fun at Holly Gray Park on Saturday, October 1," says a spokesperson. Gates open at 9:00 a.m. For more information, call 304-765-2809 or email info@braxtoncountyfairwv.com

Residents and employees release balloons in memory of the 26 deceased residents.

Braxton Health Care Center honors deceased

By Shirley Shuman

Last Friday staff and residents of the Braxton Health Care Center released balloons to honor the 26 residents who had died during the last year. Activity director Julia Drake explained how the balloon release came about.

Drake said that a local woman whose mother, a resident at the health care center, had died, asked them to release balloons to honor her mother. Drake and others at the center agreed to fulfill her request and decided to go a step further. "We decided to release balloons to honor all the residents who passed away last year," she said. "Our residents hadn't been able to get together to mourn those who had died because of Covid, so we decided this gave us the opportunity to do that."

Drake emphasized that the balloon release acted as a remembrance of those who died last year and as a celebration not only of the lives of the deceased but also of the freedom which current residents enjoy since the threat of Covid has lessened. "It was a kind of 'coming' out," she said, "letting residents get together."

One current resident, retired Braxton physical education teacher Brenda Hickman, took part in the balloon release. Asked for her reaction to the event, Hickman said, "It wasn't a bad idea. It was a good way to pay respect to those who passed away." She also said she enjoyed the activity. "I saw some kids I'd had in school," she noted, "some whose parents were being honored."

The activity director explained that the balloon release is not the only group activity with which residents will be involved. On September 24, they will be making apple butter, and the public is invited to attend.

Braxton artist receives Pandemic Relief Mini-Grant

Tamarack Foundation for the Arts (TFA) has announced the first round of recipients of the Pandemic Relief Mini-grants. TFA awarded a total of $67,500 in mini-grants to six individual artists, including one from Braxton County, and three non-profit organizations. Funds will be used to sustain, create and restore pandemic-impacted arts-related jobs and arts programming in Southern WV.

Stella Gregory of Sutton operates Athena's Stained Glass On-line Classes: Gregory, a stained glass artist and instructor, will use funds to create educational videos, and take an entrepreneurial workshop with The WV Hive Network as she prepares to create income during post-teaching retirement years.

Other Pandemic Relief Mini-grant recipients and projects include: Jes Reger of Wheeling, Beginners Nature in Watercolor Traveling Workshop: Dana Evans of Verdunville, Shawnee Island Park Murals: Gary Bowling from Bluefield,

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As I See It

By Ed Given

Amendments???

It's been a busy week round here. I had hoped to get a story in this edition about the Rotary Fall Blood Screening. Unfortunately, I ran out of time. If you are a past participant, and we have your email address, you probably already have received a letter and the forms. If not, watch next week's paper or in this issue of the Democrat. In the meantime, we are taking registration forms. We have them here in the office and the hospital Lab Dept. has them.

Another item I'm behind on is some articles detailing the 4 constitutional amendments that will be in the November ballot. I hope to have common sense article detailing exactly what the amendments will do if passed. All too often the wording on such important changes is confusing. I imagine some of that confusion is intentional, but that's subject for another column. My intent is to sort through that and provide clear concise information so voters can make an intelligent decision.

This much I have already learned: Two of the amendments will directly affect the financing structure of our school systems. Proponents of these amendments would have you initially believe that they would save you tax dollars. We all want lower taxes, so that sound great. Unfortunately, if we save a dime today, my initial research indicates we will pay dearly at some point. As is often the case... only big business and the very rich will probably come out on top.

The legislature dealt public education a major blow by passing measures that take funding from public education to pay for private and online schooling. That measure is still before the Supreme Court. These new initiatives, if passed, would make it impossible for public education to continue anything near its present form. The legislature says they will find another funding source. If I've learned anything in the nearly fifty-years I have been behind this desk its... nothing is set in stone when it come to the legislature. I certainly don't think they should expect us to "trust them" these days. There tack record says we can do anything but trust them to do what is best for our state and its people.

Maybe that's why the State Board of Education, which typically doesn't get into political initiatives, has already came out in opposition to Amendment 2. Both Amendment 2 and 3 are the measures that are drawing the most concern and rightfully so. We need to look at them carefully and determine if the good outlays the bad. So far, I am not convinced that these measures will help anyone except legislative leaders further their politicial agenda at the expense of our children and grandchildren's education.

Every Acre Counts

By Kevin Gregory

Predator Serier... Coyotes - Part 1 of 2

This week we begin a four-part series on the major predators in our region to better understand their impacts and the species themselves. Are they as detrimental as some would lead one to believe or a necessary part of our environment? A two-week look at coyotes will start us off followed by a week talking about Racoons and Opossums and then a final week on our regional raptors.

Wile E. Coyote is Back

Ever since Wile E. Coyote chased the Roadrunner around the cartoon desert Americans have had a love/hate relationship with the coyote. If you are a wildlife conservationist, it can go either way from "shoot on sight" relationship or in some areas of our country the outright protection of the coyotes. Pictures of coyotes carrying dead fawns in their mouths, feeding on deer carcasses, etc.... fill up social media and many hunts room chats. Trappers are paid to remove coyotes across the US and some professional hunters make a living killing them on a daily basis. In an increasing number of states, 8 states now, hunting contests for coyotes and other predators have been banned.

Coyote is Summer Coat

Coyotes or *Canis latrans* is a medium sized omnivore – scavenging across the landscape in search of its next meal. Being an omnivore – as the verb implies – it feeds on just about anything that gives it energy to survive. From livestock to your neighbor's cat, coyotes are efficient killers and stealthy hunters covering up to 100 miles a day in search of food.

Are Your Coyotes Locals or Out of Staters?

Recent GPS based studies have shown coyotes have two lifestyles – transient and resident. Resident coyotes typically cover an area on average of 25 square miles. Coyotes can switch back to transients if conditions change in their areas and vice versa. There are several studies both for and against the killing of coyotes and how coyotes adjust their population to cope with the losses. In hotly contested deer predator debates, someone always pulls the chart up that one coyote killing "x" number of deer by killing fawns – fact or fiction? I would argue it depends on a lot of factors and there are no constants. Kansas Wildlife managers are looking at ceasing the killing of coyotes as ranchers who have coyotes on their property don't have livestock losses. Their assertion is resident coyotes are not hunting livestock, so if we kill those resident coyotes and transient coyotes replace them, the new residents may be livestock killers.

The reality is we will not kill our way out of having coyotes around our property's – they are here to stay. So, you can make the personal decision on whether to kill or let walk the coyotes you come across. However, the one thing we can do is understand the coyote and look at the impact it is having on our properties and understand we can control the coyote's success rate!

More about the Coyote

Coyotes are primarily daytime hunters in most of their territory. The myth coyotes are nocturnal hunters is false but they will hunt at night if they need to. Generally, you will see them during daylight hours searching for a quick meal on a field edge or woodlot. Many times, they will go to a kill site to scavenger at night, but hunt during the daylight hours. They use their keen sense of smell and hearing to their benefit, followed closely by excellent eyesight. Resident coyotes typically have dens where they raise their young and each day at dawn and dusk, they yelp to locate each other and give out their instructions to the pack.

Now that we have learned a little about the coyote, next week we will look at data from a recent studies and how our habitat work can play a role in improving our local prey numbers - remember ***Every Acre Counts!***

Just look at this!

A weekly photo of opinion in Braxton County... sometimes good and sometimes not so good.

Sutton Moose Lodge #825 is continuing their community support. Recently they presented a check for $1,000 to the Braxton County Scouts BSA.

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News from our Capitol

by Delegate Brent Boggs

This was a week that Jean and I had worked to keep clear of commitments and appointments, as we were hoping to head south to visit Jessica and the family, with a side trip to see grandson Collin. However, circumstances dictated that we stay close to home for a few days to assist in some family needs. Sometimes it's best to put plans on hold temporarily. The upside is that while we're staying close, we have the opportunity to take in the late-season time on the lake. Beautiful weather, a fall-like feel in the air, and the foliage color are taking on a hint of what we can expect in just a few weeks. Meanwhile, I'm getting the tractor blower ready for the onslaught of falling leaves, coming all too soon.

Last week's two special sessions proved to be a first for members, with a fourth special session called before the 6-week delayed third special session was completed. Instead of adding to the call for special session #3, the Governor chose to have introduced three bills:

SB 4001 - Establishing Certified Industrial Business Expansion Development Program

SB 4002 - Supplementary appropriation to Division of Highways

SB 4003 - Supplementing items of appropriation from State Road Fund to DOH

SB 4001 opens the door for Berkshire-Hathaway, one of several entities owned by Warren Buffett, to purchase the old Century Aluminum property at Ravenswood. While details are yet to be fully released, the development plans will employ hundreds for construction and hundreds more when fully operational. Of even more importance, it will open the door for multiple subsidiary manufacturers.

Years ago, some of West Virginia's best jobs with great pay and benefits were at the old Kaiser Aluminum plant. Hopefully, this will move forward quickly, and West Virginia will see some good jobs return to that area.

The other two bills are important for our road maintenance. SB 4002 moves $150 million from the general revenue surplus to the WV Division of Highways. The funding is devoted to secondary road paving and maintenance, including repairing our many slips and slides. Of that $150 million, over $4 million is earmarked for Braxton and Gilmer Counties. This will not fix all our road issues but will be a welcome addition to the current funding. And, if the weather holds out for several more weeks, we'll see more projects completed in this construction season.

After moving the $150 million to DOH, SB 4003 gives the agency the spending authority to use the funds. Of the total, $125 million will be the amount for actual paving and repairs. The remaining $25 million is earmarked for purchasing and replacing much-needed equipment. As Commissioner Jimmy Wriston and I were meeting immediately after the Finance Committee meeting, he emphasized the need for more trucks in the DOH fleet – a pressing need in each of the ten DOH districts across the State. We also discussed the need for some specialty equipment to be available for statewide use. All three bills were approved by Governor Justice and effective from passage.

At the conclusion of the above, the Senate and House reconvened to complete work on pending bills from the third special session. While the initial plan that was announced was to open the session and appoint conference committee members for work on the abortion issue, the Senate passed their own version of the bill and the House concurred. The Governor signed the bill last Friday.

When this session was initially convened in July, an entire week was wasted, as there was no consensus going in. Six weeks later, there was still no consensus and no conference committee appointed. The income tax issue pushed by the Governor never moved out of the Senate. For the sake of the taxpayers and transparency in government, bills need to be thoroughly vetted in committees and debated on the floor.

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

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The Circus, Circus Experience and Steampunk World: Amy McLaughlin, Charleston, New River Gorge Creative Community-in-Residence: Psychoflauge located in Cowen, Introduction to Paper-quilt and Video Collage: Thomas Jude from Delbarton, Highwall Music Festival: Step By Step, Charleston/Harts, Elaine Purkey Musical Heritage Series: Love Hope Center for the Arts, Fayetteville: They will use funds for operating support.

TFA invites communities to follow and support the progress of the sub-awardees' projects and programming. Contact information for sub-awardees is available upon request. Contact Kandi Workman at kandi@tamarackfoundation.org.

The Pandemic Relief Mini-grant is supported by the National Endowment for the Arts American Rescue Plan funds. In total, TFA will disperse $210,000 over two years in the form of 28 mini-grants that will impact 14 Southern WV counties, serving Braxton, Boone, Clay, Fayette, Kanawha (selected areas only), Lincoln, Logan, McDowell, Mercer, Mingo, Nicholas, Wayne, Webster and Wyoming.

TFA is currently reviewing Round 2 applications and seeking applications for Round 3. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until Oct 31 or until funds are depleted, whichever comes first. Access the mini-grant application at tamarackfoundation.org/grants/.

Learn more about Tamarack Foundation for the Arts at

WV Tourism releases 2022 Fall Foliage Map

In celebration of the upcoming autumn season, the West Virginia Department of Tourism has released its annual fall foliage map. The map, prepared in partnership with the West Virginia Division of Forestry, estimates times of peak foliage throughout the Mountain State to help travelers plan their fall getaways in Almost Heaven.

Braxton County, like most of the northwestern portion of the Mountain State is predicted to peak in Mid-October.

Updates to the fall foliage report will be released weekly, including the percentage of color change across the state, a featured scenic road trip, as well as suggested stops and hikes to make and activities to take part in for prime leaf viewing opportunities.

"Fall in West Virginia is such a special time," said West Virginia Department of Tourism Secretary Chelsea Ruby. "We are gearing up for leaf peeping season and anxiously awaiting our rolling hills to come alive with vibrant hues of red, orange and yellow. There's truly no better place to experience the fall than right here in Almost Heaven and your opportunity begins now and lasts through November."

In addition to the fall foliage map, the Department of Tourism will also offer a live leaf tracker which will be updated in real-time as the season begins to shift to give travelers an inside look at fall color around the state. The tracker features photos from social media using #Almost Heaven and can be viewed online at WVtourism.com/fall.

"As always, we invite all of our guests to join in on the fun and help us showcase our state's natural beauty and jaw-dropping fall colors by sharing photos on social media using #AlmostHeaven," said Ruby.

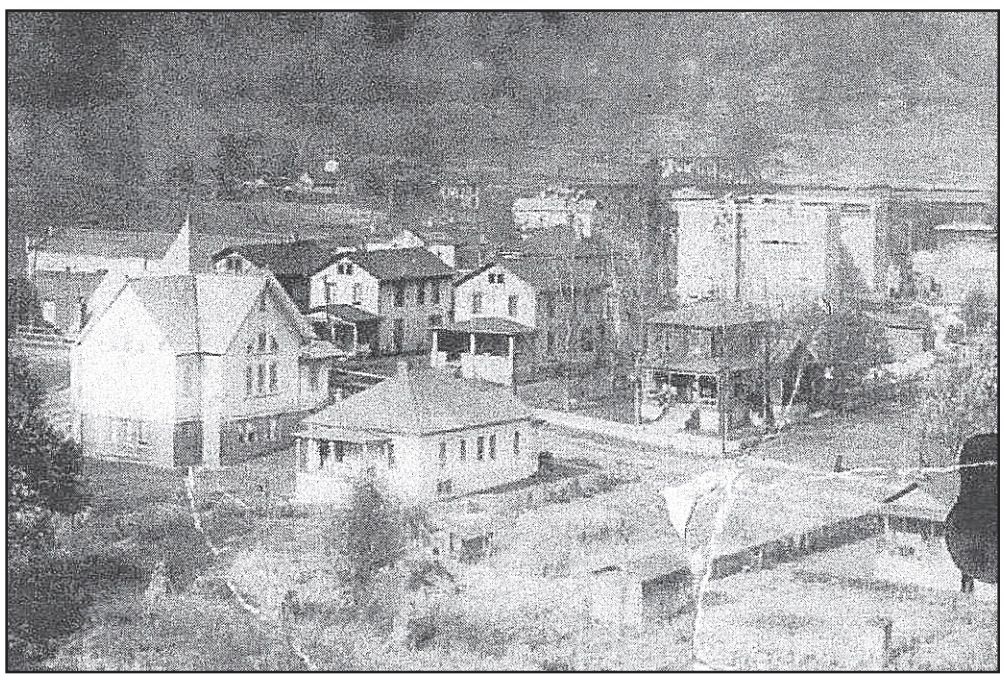
Along with the foliage map and live leaf tracker, travelers can also explore recommended places to stay, spectacular hikes, popular seasonal adventures, special fall festivals and events all at WVtourism.com/fall. Guests are encouraged to plan their fall getaway with the help of the Department of Tourism's free, special edition travel guides which can be downloaded digitally or sent straight to their home with a simple request.

"As the fall foliage season approaches, West Virginia is blessed to have a wide variety of colors decorating its mountainsides," said Division of Forestry Director Tom Cover. "West Virginia is nearly 80% forested with a large number of hardwoods in our landscape, the potential for an array of color variations is always present. With the differences in elevation, color is present for at least thirty days, so take advantage of this once-a-year viewing opportunity and visit the forest."

To access the latest updates, happenings and insider tips around fall in Almost Heaven, visit WVtourism.com/fall.

Way back when...

Long ago in Braxton County



Burnsville – 1940s…
This 1940s photo shows a portion of Burnsville. The Methodist Church and the Willis Burroughs home can be seen in the foreground. Burnsville High School is on the right in the background of the picture. The photo is courtesy of Craig A. Smith and one of many contained in his collections that are featured in a series of historical books Smith authored 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.

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with Internet access, my legislative email address is: Brent.Boggs@WVHouse.gov

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

Annual Adopt-A-Highway cleanup set for Sept. 24

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) is now accepting registrations for the Adopt-A-Highway Fall Statewide Cleanup set for Saturday, September 24.

Co-sponsored by the WVDEP and the state Division of Highways (DOH), the Adopt-A-Highway program is administered by the WVDEP's Rehabilitation Environmental Action Plan (REAP) and improves the quality of the state's environment by encouraging public involvement in the elimination of highway litter.

Since the program's inception in 1988, state citizens have cleaned up close to 70,000 miles of state highways and roads during annual spring and fall Adopt-A-Highway events.

Individuals, families, churches, businesses, schools, civic organizations, government agencies and communities can register to pick up trash on almost any state-maintained road, back road, or main route. Private roads and interstate highways cannot be adopted.

The Adopt-A-Highway program provides garbage bags, work gloves and safety vests to volunteers, and takes care of disposing of collected trash. Volunteers must be at least 12 years old to participate. One-time cleanups are encouraged but must be registered.

Groups must register in advance by September 16 and inform their county DOH garage if they need supplies. Supplies may be picked up during normal business hours at your local DOH garage.

To register, call 1-800-322-5530 or send an email to dep.aah@wv.gov. If you reach the REAP voicemail, please leave your name, phone number, group name, date of cleanup, number of participants, and the county where your adopted road is located.

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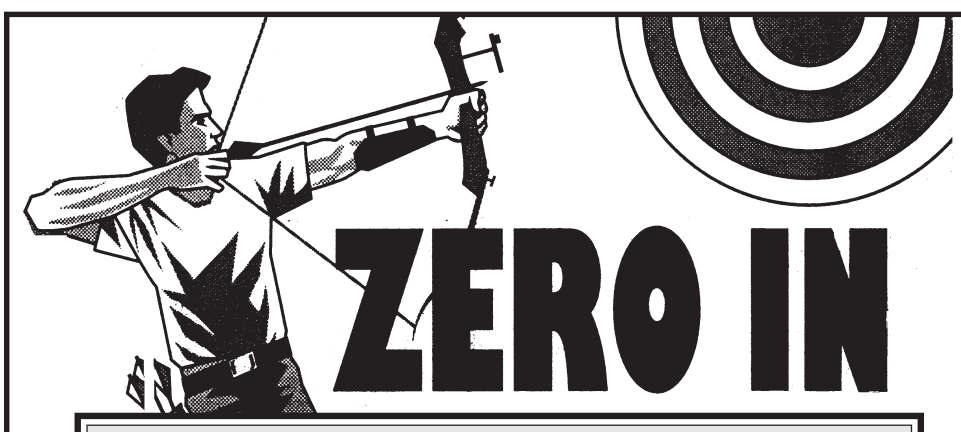

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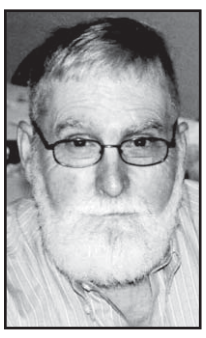
Roylee Brady

Roylee Brady, 72, of Webster Springs passed away on Saturday, September 10, 2022 at CAMC Memorial Hospital in Charleston.



Born June 5, 1950 at home in Laurel Fork, he was the son of the late Calvin and Marelean (Cogar) Brady, Jr.

Roy was a mechanic and enjoyed working on and trading cars. He also enjoyed being in the woods, fishing, and hunting. He had a giving heart and always helped those in need. He would give his shirt off of his back to anyone that needed it. But, most of all, he loved his family. He was a very loving father and a wonderful grandfather.

Left to cherish his memory are his children: Christopher Brady, and Christine (husband, Jerry) Hamrick, all of Webster Springs; grandchildren: Shalton (wife, Lacy) Hamrick, Corey (wife, Lillian) Hamrick, and Tyler Hamrick; great-grandchildren: Damian, Tristan, Mason, and Kinsley Hamrick; siblings: Martha (husband, Benny) Rexroad, Olive Rexroad, Kathy Burr, and Mike (wife, Darlene) Brady; and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

Friends joined the family for a visitation 6-9pm, Thursday, September 15, 2022 at Dodd & Reed Funeral Home, Webster Springs.

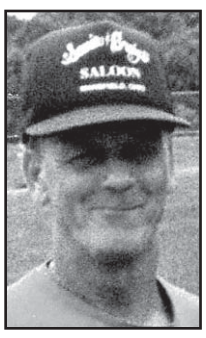
In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the funeral home to assist the family with final expenses.

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

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

James Camden Hamner

James Camden Hamner, 79, of Sutton, passed away surrounded by loving family on Sunday, September 11, 2022 at Braxton Memorial Hospital, Gassaway.



He was born January 5, 1943 in Sutton, WV to the late Alvie Burl & Lula Pearl Blankenship Hamner. Also preceding him in death are his sisters, Margaret Frick, Irene Beamer, Joetta Groff, Annamae Wolfgang, Beatrice Allen, Catherine Wade, Mary Harper; brothers, Burton Hamner, Jack Hamner.

James was a farmer and loved to deer hunt and loved his dog.

He is survived by his sisters, Alice Williams of Gassaway, Peggy Hamner of Newville. He is also survived by several loving nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held 1:00 pm, Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at Greene-Robertson Funeral Home, Sutton with Pastor Eric Veltre officiating. Burial followed at Newville Cemetery, Newville, WV. Friends called 6 to 8 pm, Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at the funeral home.

Greene-Robertson Funeral Home is humbled to be serving the Hamner family.

Online condolences may be sent to: greenerobertsonfuneralhome.com

Rosco "Hammerman" Stump

Rosco "Hammerman" Stump, 77, of Petersburg, WV, passed away on Tuesday, August 16, 2022, in Oakland, MD.

Born October 19, 1944, in Normantown, WV, he was the son of the late Andy B. Stump and Nellie (Greenleaf) Stump. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Janette Marie (Cottrill) Stump; two brothers, Leanard and Ferris Stump; two sisters, Drusilla James and Helen Jenkins; and one great-grandson, Matthew VanMeter.

He was a truck driver for a trucking company.

Surviving are one daughter, Patricia Lahman of Weirton, WV; five sisters, Bessie Heather, Burnsville, WV, Anna Mae Carpenter, Gassaway, WV, Odie Jenkins, Gassaway, Ruth Givins, Frametown, WV, and Rachel Pauline, North Carolina; three brothers, Charles Edward, Wilsey, WV, Russell Stump, Chapel, WV, and Henry Stump, Gassaway; as well as six grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

Rosco will be cremated and no services are planned at this time.

Newman Funeral Homes, P.A is assisting the family with funeral arrangements.

Condolences may be left for his family at www.newmanfuneralhomes.com.

Anetta F. Marks

Anetta F. Marks, 67, of Gassaway, passed away on Friday, September 16, 2022 at Braxton County Memorial Hospital.

She was born in Sutton on September 26, 1954 to the late Arlie and Nellie Ruth Stump Rollyson.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, Camden "Cam" Marks; brother and sister-in-law, Ed and Ruby Rollyson; and nephew, Jeffrey Rollyson.

Anetta graduated from high school and had a long wonderful work career. She was employed by SuperX/Revco for 20 years. She also worked the service desk at Wal-Mart. She also was a caregiver for others. She was a gardener who enjoyed cooking and baking. She loved collecting and carrying purses. She would often go yardsaleing. She cared deeply for her dogs. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She will be missed.

She will be forever remembered by her sons, Anthony Marks (special friend, Amanda Daniels-Marks) of Victor, Lucas Marks (Betsy) of Gassaway, Jesse Marks (Kalley Bragg) of Gassaway; sister, Sarah Gibson (Rick) of Strange Creek; brother Dorsel Rollyson (Carol) of Gassaway; nine grandchildren; and special cousin, Sharon Dollison.

Anetta's funeral will be 1 P.M. Thursday, September 22, 2022 at Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway. Burial will follow in Sugar Creek Cemetery, Gassaway.

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

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial donations be made to Braxton County Animal Shelter, 10 Animal Shelter Lane, Sutton, WV 26601.

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

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 was cremated and a gathering of family of friends will begin at 5:30 P.M. Friday, September 23, 2022 at Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway.

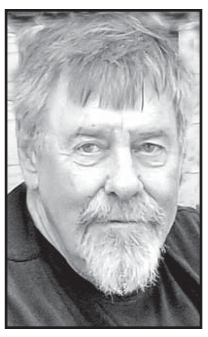
A Celebration of Life Service will be 6 P.M. Friday, September 23rd at the funeral home.

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

Arrangements by Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway, WV.

James Edward "Butch" Michael

James Edward "Butch" Michael, 72, of Morgantown, passed away Saturday, September 17, 2022 at his home surrounded by his loving family from medical complications. Butch was born in Fairmont on August 13, 1950 to the late James Lee and Laura Collier Michael.



Butch had been employed as a truck driver and was a former coal miner. Butch had a variety of hobbies. He enjoyed woodworking, knife making, metal detecting and shine making. He always enjoyed working on his farm and lately had taken up the hobby of curing and smoking various Italian meats.

Butch is survived by his wife, Marilyn "Jaye" Steorts Michael, daughters, Billie Sue (Jerry) Vance of Morgantown, Jamie Lee (Kevin) Ellis of North Carolina and Jo Clair (Tim) Morgan of Fairmont; son, James "Paul" Michael (Jacoba) of Sutton; grandchildren, Clay Murray, Josi Murray, Allie Morgan, Myla Morgan, Carly Morgan, Delilah Michael and Sterling Michael; step-grandchildren, Jeremy Vance (Amber), Trey Vance (Ari), and Tori Vance: his former wife, Clara Anderson Michael of Morgantown; sister, Nora Lee (Mike) Simcoe of Morgantown; father-in-law, Rodney E. (Wanda) Steorts; and brother-in-law, Rodney E. (Judy) Steorts II.

In addition to his parents, Butch is preceded in death by his mother- in-law, Margaret Ellebrecht.

Friends may gather at McCulla Funeral Home 770 Fairmont Road on Friday, September 23, 2022 from 4pm until the 7pm funeral service with Sean Walters officiating. Interment will be at 11 am on Saturday at the Sutton Cemetery in Sutton, WV.

In lieu of flowers, the family ask that donations be made to the Snider United Methodist Church c/o Gloria Rowan 116 Hidden Valley Road Morgantown, WV 26501. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.McCulla.com.

Dr. Alfred Taylor "Al" Billips

Dr. Alfred Taylor "Al" Billips, 85 of Glenville, WV; departed this earthly life in the morning hours of Monday, September 12, 2022 at his residence with his loving wife and daughter by his side.

He was born June 7, 1937 in Harlan, KY; son of the late Alfred and Hazel McKnight Billips.

Al is a graduate of East Knoxville High School, class of 1955. He obtained his Master's degree in divinity from Emory University and his Doctor of Education degree from the University of Georgia. Al worked for Glenville State University for many years as the Dean of Student Affairs, having retired in 1999 with 34 years' experience.

Al is a very proud member of the Boy Scout of America, having been a Boy Scout leader for many years and a longtime member of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Glenville. In his spare time, Al enjoyed fishing, gardening, spending time with family and friends, and spoiling his grandchildren whenever possible.

On June 17, 1962 Al was united in marriage to Bennie Kay Murphy Billips, who survives at their Glenville home.

Surviving are 3 children, Patricia Kay Bash and husband Freddie of Glenville, Linda Yapundich and husband Robert of Hickory, NC; and Alan Billips and wife Debbie of Jeffersonville, KY; 4 grandchildren, Rachel Harper and husband Sam, Morgan, Kayee, and Nick Yapundich, and 4 great-grandchildren, Benjamin and Madelyn Harper and James and Luke Wagers.

Also surviving are a host of church family and many other wonderful family and friends.

Along with his parents, Al is preceded in death by his sister, Betty Jo Billips.

A graveside service was conducted at the Meadow Lane Cemetery, WV Hwy 5 West of Glenville at 11:00 AM; Friday, September 16, 2022 with Rev. Mike Ford officiating.

Following graveside services a meal was prepared in Al's honor at the Trinity United Methodist Church on Main Street in Glenville. All were encouraged to come and share in food and fellowship.

Ellyson Mortuary, Inc., is honored to assist the family of Dr. Alfred Taylor "Al" Billips with arrangements.

Central West Virginia Aging Services and C.A.R.E., Inc. hosts Annual Veteran's Day Parade and Reception

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We are currently looking for participants for the Annual Veteran's Day parade which will be held in Gassaway on Friday November 11th.

If you or your organization would be interested in participating, please contact Shelly by calling (304)765-3271 or e-mailing sflint@frontier.com

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Community Calendar

Central WV Riding Club open show

The Central WV Riding Club will be holding its open show Saturday, September 24 at Holly Gray Park in Sutton. The show starts at 5:00 p.m. Come out and enjoy the evening and cheer on your favorite rider.

Fall Rummage Sale

The Burnsville United Methodist Charge will host a fall Rummage and Bake Sale Friday & Saturday, October 7 & 8. The sale will be open from 9 am til 5 pm each day. Concessions and homemade baked goods will be sold from the basement of the Methodist Church. We are accepting donations of new or gently used items that can be brought to the church. We ask that you make arrangements to bring them by when someone can receive them and take inside, come out and browse the tables that will be full of a variety of wares - books, cups, candles, clothes, dishes, pots, pans, shoes, tools, decorations, toys, and much more.

Lanty and Della Facemire Family Reunion

Lanty and Della Facemire Family Reunion September 24th at 1:00 P.M. at the Flatwoods Community Building. Friends and family welcome. Bring a covered dish.

Annual Veteran's Day Parade

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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 assessory 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. This is located on the left fk. of Riley Run Rd. between Gassaway (Approx. 14 mile) & Normantown (Approx. 6 mile). There will be signs.

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 vendors. Free Admission. Shop local and support local artists. Contact Mandi at 304-860-9739, mandi@g2handwerker.com or Sally Stover at 304-872-3552, veteransmemorialpark@frontier.com.

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

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.

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.

Braxton County Senior Center September Food Menu

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

Always Blessed Connections Co updated pantry days

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

Sutton Cemetery Town Hill

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

Public Notice

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

AA - Recovery Meetings

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

Sutton Public Library Create to Donate

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

Burnsville Public Library Board of Trustees meetings

Burnsville Public Library Board of Trustees meets the second Monday of each month at 5:00 pm at the library. Meetings are open to the public. During the pandemic, if you would like to attend but don't feel comfortable attending in person please reach out. We could arrange a way for you to attend virtually.

Burnsville Community Center event bookings

Are you looking for a place to host an event? If so, the Burnsville Community Center is available for bookings. Reasonable rates with or without kitchen. For more information or to book your event, please call 304-853-2605 Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm.

Public Sevice Announcement

Since the outbreak of Covid 19 in the US, both addiction and alcohol use are on the rise. Alcohol sales showed a tremendous increase as on line alcohol sales skyrocketed. While short term alcohol abuse can have its own serious consequences, regular, heavy use of alcohol can result in long term damage to the body. Learn more about alcohol addiction and what can be done by visiting: https://www.narcononnewliferetreat.org/blog/signs-that-alcohol-use-is-getting-dangerous.html

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Laziness

What terms describe the lazy?

Prov 6:6-8

6 Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise:

7 Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler,

8 Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest.

Prov 12:27

27 The slothful man roasteth not that which he took in hunting: but the substance of a diligent man is precious.

What is the chief occupation of the sluggard?

Prov 19:15

15 Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep; and an idle soul shall suffer hunger.

Prov 6:9

9 How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep?

Does a lazy person enjoy his occupation?

Prov 26:14

14 As the door turneth upon his hinges, so doth the slothful upon his bed.

How can you tell if one is lazy?

Prov 24:30-31

30 I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding;

31 And, lo, it was all grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down.

What are some excuses that a lazy person might give for not working?

Prov 20:4

4 The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; therefore shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing.

Prov 22:13

13 The slothful man saith, There is a lion without, I shall be slain in the streets.

Matt 25:24-26

24 Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed:

25 And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine.

26 His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed:

Is someone who is lazy a happy person?

Prov 21:25

25 The desire of the slothful killeth him; for his hands refuse to labour.

Does a lazy person make others happy?

Prov 10:26

26 As vinegar to the teeth, and as smoke to the eyes, so is the sluggard to them that send him.

What are some evil effects of laziness?

Prov 6:11

11 So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man.

Prov 18:9

9 He also that is slothful in his work is brother to him that is a great waster.

Prov 26:16

16 The sluggard is wiser in his own conceit than seven men that can render a reason.

What general rule did Solomon express in Ecclesiastes?

Eccl 10:18

18 By much slothfulness the building decayeth; and through idleness of the hands the house droppeth through.

What other attribute did Jesus associate slothfulness?

Matt 25:26

26 His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed:

KJV

Matt 25:26-27

26 "But his master replied, 'Wicked man! Lazy slave! Since you knew I would demand your profit, 27 you should at least have put my money into the bank so I could have some interest.

TLB

What did Paul have to say on the subject admonishing Christians?

Rom 12:11

11 Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;

2 Thess 3:10-14

10 For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.

11 For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies.

12 Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread.

13 But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing.

14 And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.

1 Tim 5:8

8 But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.

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Community Corner

County Stories

Summer and Fall Picnics

By: Jeanette Riffle

Several people have told me that they enjoy reading my stories of the good ole days. I was going through a tote bag of real old magazines and hard copy stories that I have written and kept. I got an idea of something to write about. Sometimes it is hard to come up with something every week and I was glad that my friend, Susie Cook, gave me some stories last week of her memories. Anyway, I have a lot of stories of the picnics we went on when I was growing up back in the 1940's and 50's. My dad was always doing things on the spur of the moment and he would have Mom get some things together for a cook out at the wide spot of Bear Fork where there was a picnic table with benches. The 4-H picnic area had a homemade grill and a barrel there for trash. There was wood and Dad took matches for a fire to cook what he called " Larp." Mom fried bacon until crisp and then removed it to a plate. She washed and peeled potatoes from our cellar, peeled and chopped one of our onions, and fried those in the bacon grease in a big cast iron skillet. You scramble eggs through everything at the last when the rest gets done. Salt and pepper everything. We have had the same thing over in Ohio in Amish country and it was listed as German Fries on the menu. Theirs had chopped green peppers, mushrooms, and meat of your choice along with the potatoes and onions. They put melted cheese on top. I fix it like that here, sometimes. I also slice fry squash in mine.

Mom took newspapers to line the table and benches with, for us to have a clean surface to eat and to sit on. Dad always went to a country store and bought cookies, Kool Aid, paper plates and cups. Mom filled a picnic jug with Kool Aid before we left out. She took soap, wet wash clothes and a towel for us to wash up before and after we ate. That was a lot of work on her but everything tasted so good cooked over a wood fire and out in the fresh air like that. I remember a chocolate covered marshmallow cookie that Dad called " wagon wheels" and an anise cookie with either white or pink icing. That was an enjoyable outing and not far from home. The weekend trips were to state parks like Holly River, WV

Wildlife Center and one time we went to Hellvisha, a town near Davis. Dad stopped at a cheese shop on the way home and got some Lindbergher, a German cheese that smells awful. My youngest bother was asleep in the back seat, leaning against me, and he smelled that cheese and woke up. He asked me what the name of that town was back there. I told him it was, " Hellvisha." He said, " It smells like it."

Mom got so tickled she forgot about being mad at Dad for bringing such a rotten smelling cheese in the car for us to have to smell on a hot summer day.

Until next time, everyone be safe. We aren't hearing of so many cases of those evil viruses now, but we hear of people falling and getting hurt. Please focus and walk slow. Be careful and always be looking for something to grab hold of. Take care and God bless!

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Feel free to contact me direct to ensure you and your family are included in what our pantry is offering.

Left to Right: Charlie Straley, Frank Blake, Harley Murphy, Russell Shaw, Jerry Brown, Paul Gillespie, Harry Riley, Olen Riffle, Art Moore

Officers of American Legion Post 33 inducted during September meeting

Officers of American Legion Braxton Post 33 were officially inducted at their September meeting. The induction was conducted by American Legion State Vice-Commandeer, Charlie Straley who resides in Jane Lew, WV.

Straley also extended his gratitude to the officers and members for their many activities that benefit veterans, their families and the community.

The inductees included: Frank Blake, Historian; Harley Murphy, Treasurer; Russell Shaw, Chaplain; Jerry Brown, Sergeant at Arms; Paul Gillespie, Commander; Harry Riley, Adjutant; Olen Riffle, Vice-Commander and Art Moore, Service Officer.

Post 33's next meeting will be on Monday, October 3, 7 p.m. in the Braxton County Senior Citizens Center.

Left, Paul Gillespie, Post 33 Commander
Right, Charlie Straley, State Vice-Commander

August meeting held by the Town of Flatwoods Council

The Town of Flatwoods Council held a meeting on August 16, at the Flatwood Municipal Building. Mayor Dale Ball called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Opening Prayer was led by Councilman Dennis Miller.

Members present: Mayor Dale Ball, Treasurer/Recorder Lisa Hamrick, Police Chief Shawn Brown, Council Members: Brenda Ball, Jake Hamrick, Dennis Miller, Luke Malensek, and Keith Long by phone.

Citizens present: Linda James, Lorie Brown, and John Hoffman, Braxton County EMS Director.

Lisa Hamrick read the minutes from July 19, 2022, meeting. Brenda Ball made the motion to approve the minutes as read. Jake Hamrick seconded. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Lisa Hamrick read the Treasurer's Report. Dennis Miller made the motion to approve the report as read. Keith Long seconded. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Citizen's Concerns: Complaints about the noise tractor trailers are making were heard. The noise would fall under a noise ordinance and a decibel meter would have to be furnished and calibrated.

John Hoffman, Braxton County EMS Director addressed the council about the flooding occurring in Flatwoods. According to FEMA, Flatwoods is not in a flood plain. The Corps of Engineer is convening a study for an emergency action plan for all of Braxton that will show the flooding issues and response to flooding. Mr. Hoffman stated that flood plain management falls on the mayor unless an Administrator/Manager is appointed.

Update on Doctors Lane/Miracle Street, a map from Department of Highways states that all of Doctors Lane is owned by the state. Mayor Ball spoke to Trevor Harper from State Road. Mr. Harper said that he would speak to his supervisor about fixing it.

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

No action taken on street repair since the state has been contacted.

Dennis Miller made a motion to spend $2000 from American Plan Rescue Act Funds for Fall and Winter events combined with dates to be determined. Brenda Ball seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

Jake Hamrick made a motion to sign an Intergovernmental Agreement that would allow Braxton County EMS Director, John Hoffman, to act as Flood Plain Manager for the Town of Flatwoods. Keith Long seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

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

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

Jake Hamrick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Brenda Ball seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Stalnaker Reunion

The 74th Stalnaker Reunion was held on September 4 at the Corley Church Pavilion.

The family had a great day to visit with everyone. The rain held off until everyone was ready to leave. We had some wonderful food and nice gifts.

Those attending were Jim and Linda Wilson and Susie Perkins from Webster Springs, Mary Lynn Buckhannon, Cire and Semay Drew, Lauren Snider, Rayrne King, Adrianna Ankins, Ceairra and Oaklyn Pennington all from Sutton, Jim, Dottie, Lana, Addison and Jolene Burns from Heaters, Kay Clifton and Don Wilhelm from Salem, Candy Wheeler from Mt. Clare., Jade and Geagia Aman, Jodi Burris and Astro Russel from Clarksburg, Keith and Beth Stalnaker from Knoxville, TN.

Thankful to be able to get together once again. A big thank you to Vickie Tonkins for helping us use the church pavilion. And thankful for the church members allowing us to use it.

We will be working on our 75th reunion next year. Mark your calendar and plan to join together once again. Every year our family gets smaller. God bless everyone until we meet again.

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Town of Flatwoods celebrates with Flatwoods Monster Fest

The Flatwoods Monster

On Saturday, September 10, the town of Flatwoods celebrated the Flatwoods Monster Fest. The dicey weather forecast may have hindered attendance, but it certainly did not dampen the excitement of those in attendance.

This was the first Monster Fest since 2020, when the COVID 19 virus forced a hiatus for those who came to celebrate the legend of the Flatwoods Monster. Organizer Connie Kniceley said, "Family and friends came together today to celebrate the heritage of the Flatwoods Monster." She states that she is already planning for next year's festival. "I hope to find some things that make the show better in the future."

And come they did. While most in attendance were there from the local area, one transplant attendee brought her young daughter to watch the Lincoln County Cloggers. "She loves to dance and has been excited about seeing them." Other people coming were from neighboring states. Roughly 100 were in attendance for the renewed annual festival.

Vendors came from near and far, with two vendors coming from as far as Putnam County. The wares sold varied from food and sweets to clothing, drink tumblers, Monster and Mothman figurines, and more. One vendor claimed that "an event like this is nice to bring the community together and celebrate the local legends. And it doesn't hurt that I can make some money from it, too."

The day kicked off with a parade featuring a police escort, queens of local fairs, and the fire department. It came from just below the Baptist church to right in front of the main festival grounds next to the municipal building. Folks watched the parade from their porches and along the side of the road.

Kinceley states that, "when I was in grade school here in Flatwoods, we always enjoyed the story of our Flatwoods Green Monster. I love bringing that story of the Monster to our community in this festival. This is the 70th year of the sighting, and it is important to keep the legend alive for the kids."

According to local lore, in September, 1952, there were a number of UFO sightings in the eastern part of the United States. A flaming fireball streaked through the sky of Flatwoods, catching the notice a few boys. Kathleen May, mother of two of the boys, led a small posse to a nearby farm to find where the object landed.

The group witnessed a number of strange and unusual events. May saw a creature from the wreckage glide toward her and spray her with an oily substance. The group retreated to their home and were stricken with ailments ranging from irritated throats and eyes to vomiting. Other sightings in the area were reported, and the military eventually was involved. The witnesses were interviewed by the media, and were questioned by government officials.

About a month later, Kathleen May received a letter from Washington DC stating that the whole incident was a secret government experiment. However, further sightings ensued, and the legend of the Flatwoods Monster was forged.

Kniceley is already actively preparing for next year's festival, set for the second Saturday in September. Vendors, characters, and performers can contact her at 304-678-7334 for more information.

The Town of Flatwoods celebrated the legend of the Flatwoods Monster on Saturday, September 10th at the Flatwoods Monster Fest.

Town of Burnsville Council hold August meeting

The Burnsville Town Council held a meeting on August 29. The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm by Mayor, Paul Bragg.

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

Citizens in Attendance: Jill Cooper and Jake Glance.

Employees in Attendance: Matt Kesling.

Steve made a motion to approve the minutes and financials, seconded by Becky, motion carried.

Police Officer Report was submitted.

Under Communications from the Mayor, the following items were discussed: WV State Auditor, re: IRP/ Public Utilities; WV State Auditor, re: Audit Procurement; WV State Treasurer, re: Video Lottery, Table Games & Greenbrier Games; WV Economic Development, re: LWCF Grants; Braxton Co. Sheriff, re: Property Taxes; WV State Treasurer, re: Statement of Account; Application from Michael Morris; and Application from Nathan Lanham.

Steve made a motion to appoint Jill Cooper as Municipal Judge, seconded by Tom, motion carried. She was sworn in by the Mayor. The USDA Grant was approved for the mini dump truck at 75% of cost. Steve made a motion to adopt the USDA Assurance Agreement, USDA forms AD-1047, AD-1049 & 442-7, seconded by Becky, motion carried. Steve made a motion to open a bank account titled "Project Account" for the town's share of $6400.00, seconded by Becky, motion carried. Steve made a motion to pay half of the cost of the sewer repair on Church St., seconded by Becky, motion carried with 3 yea's and one nay. Steve made a motion to purchase the property on N. Main St. where the lift station is from Clarence Taylor in the amount of $2,000.00, seconded by Tom, motion carried.

Jake Glance from American Water explained what the process would entail if the town sold the utility. Steve made a motion to approve to Data Max as a collection agency for unpaid citations, seconded by Tom, motion carried. Steve made a motion to procure an Engineer for the purpose of the FEMA grant, seconded by Becky, motion carried. Steve made a motion to approve the purchase of bollards for the Veteran's Memorial, seconded by Tom, motion carried. Council set the date for Trick or Treat for October 29th and the Christmas Parade for December 10th. Steve made a motion to approve the purchase of a pallet of black top, seconded by Tom, motion carried. Applications that were received were reviewed with no action.

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

Becky made a motion to adjourn at 7:54pm, meeting adjourned.

The next regular meeting is on September 12.

Little Birch Elementary August Brag Tag Awards

Annie McCourt Principals Award

This year, LBE has introduced Brag tags as academic and behavior awards. Students collect the colorful tags through a school-wide incentive system to encourage and celebrate academic success and positive behavior. For the month of August, the following students received perfect attendance brag tags:

Pre-K: Gage Coen, Elaina Edgell, Makenna Miller, Maria Miller, Madison Morton, Nathan Nicholson, Eowen Putnam.

Kindergarten: Emma Gregory, Winter Blair, Jax Reynolds.

1st Grade: Easton Crow, Mya Gregory, Anastasia Harris-Wright, Qwinten Harris-Wright, Owen Jamison, Hayden Morrison, Carter Rhodes, Denzil Shingler, Clayton Utt.

2nd Grade: Madeleine Putnam, Landin Rankin, Kaiden Sears.

3rd Grade: Isabella Payne, Averie Rose.

4th Grade: Nevaeh Bragg, Chelsie Kesling, Liam Lynch, Allison Marks, Bentley Reynolds, Elizabeth Reynolds, Adium Rose.

5th Grade: Austin Brooks, Aiden Dorsey, Brenna Hoard, Addisynn McCombs, Charles Putnam.

Additional tags were awarded in Mrs. Duffield's Kindergarten & 1st grade class to students who could identify their colors and count to 20.

I know my colors: Timmy Moore, Hunter Woods, Emma Gregory, Nicholas Brooks, Jax Reynolds, Matthew Rose, Winter Blair.

Numbers to 20: Shelby Bender, Hayden Morrison, Qwinten Harris-Wright, Denzil Shingler, Clayton Utt, Maddox Martin, Winter Blair, Bailey Crow, Annie McCourt.

A second-grade student earned the Principal's Award brag tag for demonstrating leadership on the bus.

Each classroom student of the month received a custom brag tag for their accomplishment:

Pre-K Gage - Coen
Kindergarten - Winter Blair
1st Bailey Crow
2nd Bethany George
3rd Aspyn Lane
4th Chelsie Kesling
5th Charles Putnam

August Students of the Month.

Kindergarteners know their colors.

Pre K perfect attendance.

Kindergarten and 1st grade perfect attendance.

Students know their numbers to 20.

2nd and 3rd grade perfect attendance.

4th grade perfect attendance.

5th grade perfect attendance.

Judy's Garden Club hosts September meeting

Judy's Garden Club, Appalachian District, held its regular meeting on September 10, 2022 at the Sutton Public Library. Regular business was discussed and various reports were read and approved.

At this meeting, Mr. Logan White, Corp of Engineers representative, joined in with discussion on various projects. Mr. White invited the group to participate in the upcoming National Public Lands Day on September 17, 2022. This event is also open to the public. There will be tree plantings at the area below Sutton Dam. If you are interested, please gather at the picnic area below the Dam at 1:00pm.

Mr. White also discussed the positive comments coming from the Gerald R. Freeman Campground visitors regarding the various garden projects that are ongoing by Judy's Garden Club. Club member, Karen Huffman, is heading this committee of dedicated and active members.

Judy's Garden Club conducted four raffles during summer activities. The last raffle was a flower quilt which was won by Maria Magaua, on September 3, 2022. Judy's Garden Club appreciates everyones support.

On October 1, 2022, the Sutton Fall Festival will be happening. During this event, Judy's Garden Club will have an activity for children involving plants. The activity will be free of charge and will be located at the Sutton Public Library. The Library will also be having a book sale that day. Hope to see you there.

The next scheduled meeting of Judy's will be October 8, 2022. You are invited to follow Judy's Garden Club on their Facebook page where additional info and updates are posted. Please join anytime in the clubs' efforts. Everyone would love to meet you. Judy's Garden Club thanks you for your support.

From Judy's Garden Club, Happy Gardening!

Judy's Garden Club.

Jennifer and Allie Rhodes.

Maria Magaua was the winner of the quilt raffle.

Braxton Citizens' NEWS

September 20, 2022

Section 2

Special Look at Braxton County

2022 Sutton Fall Festival Royalty Elected at Pageant

Introducing the overjoyed 2022 Sutton Fall Festival Queen, Gracie Marsh. Congratulations Gracie!

Introducing the 2022 Sutton Fall Festival Royalty. From left: 2022 Sutton Fall Festival Diamond Diva: Kathi Hill; 2022 Sutton Fall Festival Mrs. Queen : Jennifer M. Rhodes; 2022 Sutton Fall Festival Ms. Queen: Jessie Pennell; 2022 Sutton Fall Festival Queen: Gracie Marsh; 2022 Sutton Fall Festival Teen Queen : Lauren Morris; 2022 Sutton Fall Festival Preteen Queen: Jacelyn Miller; and 2022 Sutton Fall Festival Ambassador Queen: Arabella Crookshanks.

By Fernando Rodriguez

Fall may not yet be in the air; however, it did not dissuade the selection of the 2022 Sutton Fall Festival Queens, the most desired titles in a pageant staged by Gary Beamer and Sweetheart Production Pageants. Why is this pageant special, you ask? Partly, because the title holders play a major part in making the Sutton Fall Festival a tremendous success. Mostly, because of the close ties to the community. This is home. This is the Town of Sutton, it's special. It happens in the heart of Downtown Sutton.

The show began with original choreography numbers danced by the contestants in the various categories. Clad in t-shirts and jeans, the participants jumped, twirled, shook it, and danced to the songs of their choice. Terrific way to get the audience in a jolly mood. Following these stellar performances, Pageant Master Gary Beamer invited all the visiting royalty to say a little bit about themselves and the pageants for which they have earned titles.

Then the real show began. This pageant is all about the gowns. And all about the gowns it was! Again, I admit that the gowns are my favorite category, and this pageant was all gowns! I was dazed by the beauty I saw through the lens of my camera. The elegance, radiance, and sparkle of the gowns, as they reflected the fall-themed lighting shining on the Landmark Studio for the Arts' stage. Ball Gowns, A-Line Gowns, Mermaid Gowns, Empire Waist Gowns, Sheath Gowns, and Trumpet Gowns. Some gowns had wing-like attachments, as if the wearer could just fly; some of the gowns had gorgeous trains, some were strapless. One characteristic all the gowns had in common, all were beautiful, and complemented the contestants wearing them.

Whew! So many pictures! Every pageant I swear to myself that I will reduce the number of pictures I snap to no avail. The women are just too beautiful for me to chance missing the capture of that one special shot. Times that by 30+ contestants, and it adds up. I shot 1,200 pictures at this afternoon's pageant.

The pageant moved on to the question-and-answer spot. Contestants were asked by the MC questions such as "what does success mean to you?" "If you had a choice to throw out one of your husband's belongings, what would you choose?" and "who is your role model?" One by one, the entrants thought and pondered the questions and delivered their best answers.

Then came time for the intermission, during which the judges and tabulators gathered the results of their judging and listed the winners. I have a lot of respect for the ladies and gentlemen judges, it has to be exceedingly difficult to choose among so many beautiful contestants.

"The envelope, please!" The winners in the different divisions include:

2022 Sutton Fall Festival Queen: Gracie Marsh

2022 Sutton Fall Festival Diamond Diva: Kathi Hill

2022 Sutton Fall Festival Ms. Queen: Jessie Pennell

2022 Sutton Fall Festival Mrs. Queen : Jennifer M. Rhodes

2022 Sutton Fall Festival Teen Queen : Lauren Morris

2022 Sutton Fall Festival Preteen Queen: Jacelyn Miller

2022 Sutton Fall Festival Overall Categories:

Best Dressed: Madison Short

Best Interview: Jessica Cornell

Best Smile: Sophia Bee

Fan Favorite: Raegan Brown

2022 Sutton Fall Festival Ambassador Queen: Arabella Crookshanks

Most Photogenic:

Pre Teen: Kenna Marple

Teen: Lauren Morris

Mrs.: Cindy Martin

Ms.: Jessica Cornell

Diamond Diva: Emma Howell

Miss: Madison Short

Congeniality: Emma Howell

Emma Howell, third runner up in the Diamond Diva Division, and winner of Most Photogenic and Congeniality awards, with Christine Isabell, 2021 Sutton Fall Festival Diamond Diva.

Contestants in the Teen Division get the audience going with their choreographed performance.

Pre Teen-Division entrants Elliot Fox, Ariana Weaver, Kenna Marple, and Jacelyn Miller pose for the judges one more time.

Pageant Master Gary Beamer introduces the pageant Mistress of Ceremonies Christina Fowler, Mrs. WV America 2022.

Also out for a last show for the judges are Teen Division contestants Emma Hare, Kasey Armentrout, Raegan Brown, Grace Butcher, Peyton Mckown, and Lauren Morris.

The Diamond Divas' turn to show themselves to the judges. Debbie Shrewsbury, Marjorie Rogers, and Emma Howell.

The judges and tabulators of the 2022 Sutton Fall Festival Pageant.

One more walk around for the judges. Mrs. Division, Melissa West, Cindy Martin, Jennifer Rhodes, Krystal Rectenwald, and Jaimie Russ.

The popular Miss Division, from which the new Queen and Court will be selected. Katelyn Estep, Brooklyn Pekula, Natalie Rhodes, Lidia Midcap, Kendra Lambert, Sophia Bee, Arabella Crookshanks, Madison Short, and Gracie Marsh.

LETTERS OF INTEREST SOLICITED

Pursuant to H.B. 4630 passed on March 6, 2012, the Braxton County Commission is soliciting an individual who has a sincere interest in serving on the Braxton County Recreational Development Authority Board. Currently, a vacancy exists on said Board for a term of five (5) years and "that no more than two (2) of these members represent any one magisterial district located within Braxton County."

If interested for consideration, please submit a letter of interest detailing background information, and a brief summary of why applicant would like to serve.

Submit letter of Interest to the Braxton County Commission, Post Office Box 486, Sutton, West Virginia 26601. Letters of Interest must be postmarked, and/or received by 4:00 p.m., EST, September 30, 2022. EOE

9-20 9-27b

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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09-13 09-20

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.

THIS IS A PUBLICATION BY CLASS II LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT.

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WEBSTER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA THAT BEING THE JUVENILE COURT OF SAID COUNTY

IN RE: State v. KATHY CARTER, et. al., Case Nos. 22-JA-21, 22, 23, 24, 24, 26 and 27
In the Matter of G.D, A.M, M.M, W.M, I.C, J.D and Z.D, Infants, and the parents of said infants,
ORDER OF PUBLICATION
and
NOTICE OF HEARING
TO: KATHY CARTER, BRANDON DIGMAN, JOHN DOE OR THE UNKNOWN FATHER OF G.D, A.M, M.M, W.M, I.C, J.D and Z.D or any other person claiming parental rights to the infant respondents

(The object of this action is to notify the adult respondent parents of an Adjudicatory Hearing scheduled herein so that said adult respondent parents may appear to protect their interests.)

You are hereby notified that an abuse and/or neglect and/or abandonment petition has been filed with the Circuit Court of Webster County, West Virginia, on the 29th day of August, 2022, and assigned Case Number 22-JA-21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27, wherein it is alleged that the father of infant, I.C (08/17/2010), is (BRANDON DIGMAN AND/OR JOHN DOE OR ANY UNKNOWN FATHER, and that the mother of the infant(s) J.D, (08/14/2007) Z.D (09/11/2005),I.C (08/17/2010), is KATHY CARTER, who resides in Braxton County, West Virginia, and that said infants was/were placed in the custody of the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources on or about the 29th day of August, 2022, with said infants remaining in the care, custody and control of the said Department since that time in accordance with WV Code § 49-1-201. An Adjudicatory hearing will be held in this matter on the 7th day of October, 2022 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the courtroom of the Webster County Court House in Webster Springs, West Virginia. You and each of your are hereby notified that you have the right to have counsel present at all stages of these proceedings and ALL PROCEEDINGS CAN RESULT IN THE PERMANENT TERMINATION OF CUSTODIAL AND PARENTAL RIGHTS TO SAID INFANT CHILD.

Accordingly, you and each of you who may have an interest in these proceedings must attend and assert your parental rights and make such defense as you shall deem advisable on the date and time aforesaid, or termination of your custodial and parental rights may be ordered by the Court.

A copy of said petition can be obtained from the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Webster County, West Virginia at the Webster County Court House, Webster Springs, West Virginia and an answer must be served, prior to the next hearing, upon the following:

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA AND WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES, CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES DIVISION
DWAYNE C. VANDEVENDER
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY
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MAGISTRATE COURT R-E-P-O-R-T

Magistrate David Singleton

September 12: Bryan Keith Coyer of Sutton, shoplifting, guilty plea, fine/court costs assessed; Robert Pollara of Middlesex, NJ, speeding, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; Reid Douglas Bailey of Vienna, speeding, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed and paid; Pamela J. Nutter of Summersville, speeding, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; Frank J. Vandall of Decatur, GA, speeding, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed and paid; David Lee McCormick, Jr. of Baisden, speeding, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed and paid; Madison P. Chapman of Weston, speeding, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed and paid.

September 13: Skyeler C. Frame of Summersville, expired MVI, dismissed proof provided, speeding, dismissed; Lonnie D. Helmick of Flatwoods, speeding, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed and paid; Shawn Jarvis of Sutton, no seatbelt, guilty plea, fine assessed and paid; Joseph E. Allison of Ellwood City, PA, speeding, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed and paid; Seth Isaac Arnold of Burnsville, extortion, dismissed, state does not wish to pursue charges.

September 14: Joshua D. Whitesel of Gassaway, no seatbelt, no contest plea, fine assessed and paid; Harry Jacob Hinkel, IV, of Gassaway, failure to register x2, warrant issued, bond set at $10,000 cash or surety; Alyssa Marie Losh of Clarksburg, possession of meth, guilty plea, possession of controlled substance, dismissed per plea, conspiracy, dismissed per plea, fine/court costs assessed.

September 15: William Ray Justice of Burnsville, driving revoked for DUI-3rd offense, warrantless arrest, bond set at $10,000 cash or surety; Steven Howard Duffield of Ivydale, shoplifting, warrant issued, bond set at $1500 personal recognizance.

September 16: Gregory M. Sears of Duck, cell phone violation, guilty plea, fine assessed and paid; Mackenzie Jo Wimer of Gassaway, possession of meth, guilty plea, 90 days of jail, suspended and placed on eight months unsupervised probation, fine/court costs assessed; Dustin Samuel Thompson of Exchange, no seatbelt, fine assessed and paid; Brandon R. Bonds of Wadestown, speeding, guilty plea, no proof of insurance, guilty plea, fines/court costs assessed; James R. Bocian of Fernandina, FL, speeding, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; Matthew Ward Friend of Huntington, no seatbelt, no contest plea, fine assessed.

September 17: Carrie Nicole Brown of Sutton, assault x2, warrantless arrest, bond set at $600 cash or surety.

September 19: Ronny Lawrence Brady of Flatwoods, DUI, warrantless arrest, bond set at $3000 cash, surety, or 10% to the court.

Registration underway for online classes starting Sept. 26, 2022

Students have another opportunity to take fall classes at New River Community and Technical College with Rolling Start Options beginning Monday, Sept. 26, 2022.

"Rolling Start options provide students with flexibility on when they start taking college classes," explained Executive Director for Institutional Advancement and the New River CTC Foundation Michael Green. "The course offerings for the term give students a selection of general education courses required for many majors."

Online classes offered during the ten-week session include American history, English research and composition, general mathematics, public speaking, psychology, medical terminology, Microsoft Office courses, and sociology.

Registration for the fall 2022 Rolling Start Options is underway and will continue through Sept. 23, 2022.

For more information about New River CTC, visit www.newriver.edu, email admissions@newriver.edu or call 866-349-3739.

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Lady Eagles volleyball teams lose to Clay last week

Coach sees improvement since the first game against Clay

By Shirley Shuman

In their only volleyball game last week, the Lady Eagles varsity squad lost 3-0 to Clay. Coach Melissa Keener said of the loss, "It was a much tighter run in points this time around. The Braxton junior varsity girls also lost to Clay's jv team.

Coach Keener said she saw "some great blocks by Skylynn Abraham and Mayson Shingler" in the game. Abraham, Laura Cain, and Emmalee Jarvis also had kills against the Lady Panthers. "The Lady Eagles are working, communicating better together," their coach said. "Each time gets better and better."

Tonight, the team will travel to South Harrison. Saturday they will be going to Ravenswood for a quad match against Ravenswood, Greater Beckley Christian, and Tyler Consolidated.

Anna Wyne bumps the ball to another Lady Eagle keeping it in play.

Mayson Shingler sets the ball for a Lady Eagle assist. Photos courtesy of Janet Six.

SkyLynn Abraham forearm passes to a team mate.

Emmalee Jarvis serves the ball for the Lady Eagles.

Ryleigh Dempsey bump passes to Jaden Foster.

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Eagles drop to 1-3 after Friday's loss to East Fairmont

By Shirley Shuman

Playing at East Fairmont, Braxton's football squad had problems handling the Bees' strong offense led by quarterback Ian Crookshanks. As a result, East Fairmont defeated the Eagles 42-6. Crookshanks either rushed for or passed for five of the team's six touchdowns. The sixth came on an interception and return. The Eagles' quarterbacks threw three interceptions, and Braxton also gave up one fumble.

The ground game of the two teams was equal. The Eagles gained 213 rushing and the Bees had 215. East Fairmont's total offense of 391 yards surpassed Braxton's because Crookshanks passed for 176 yards while the Eagles had 13 passing yards.

Braxton's Bryce Leegan was the leading rusher of the game with 127 yards and one touchdown on 18 carries. With Tyler Cox out early in the game, Leegan had most of the responsibility of the ground game. For East Fairmont Dominic Fantasia led with 107 yards on the ground. Crookshanks ran for 83 yards and two touchdowns.

The Bees scored in the first three quarters, with three touchdowns in the first quarter. At halftime they were up 28-0. Leegan's touchdown for the Eagles came in the third quarter on a 76-yard run.

With an open date this week, Braxton has an away game scheduled at Liberty of Harrison Sept. 30.

Individual offensive stats for Braxton against East Fairmont:

Rushing:		
Athlete	Carries	Yards gained
Bryce Leegan	18	127 yds, 1 TD
Logan Bennett	4	24
Eliah Moore	1	23
Andrew Brandt	4	23
Tyler Cox	4	14
Steven Deal	2	12
Jacob Steven	1	2

Passing:	
Logan Bennett	3 completions, 11 attempts, 13 yards, 1 INT
Brett Bender	0 completions, 3 attempts, 2 INTs
Receiving:	
Tyler Cox	2 receptions for 5 yards
Elijah Marcum	1 reception for 8 yards

Individual defensive statistics for Braxton against Fairmont East

Steven Deal	8 tackles, 0.5 tackles for loss
Andrew Brandt	6 tackles
Elijah Marcum	5 tackles
Bryce Leegan	5 tackles, 1.5 tackles for loss
Jaxon Short	3 tackles, 0.5 tackles for loss
Justin Bishop	3 tackles, 1.5 tackles for loss
Connor Facemire	2 tackles
Carter Lewis	2 tackle
Logan Bennett	1 tackle
Anthony Currence	1 tackle
Brody Smarr	1 tackle
Jacob Stevens	1 tackle

BCMS KNIGHTS

Sports are now featured in the Braxton Democrat-Central

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.

Sept. 21, 1895: Samuel Ivan Taylor was born in Mercer County. Taylor was the first member of the West Virginia state police. He was part of the force that faced off against union miners during the 1921 Battle of Blair Mountain in Logan County

Sept. 21, 1970: Filming began in Moundsville on the movie Fools' Parade, based on the novel by Davis Grubb. The filming concluded one month later when Grubb came to Moundsville for a dinner, accompanied by his dog, making the $750 round trip from New York City in a taxi.

Sept. 22, 1856: Albert Blakeslee "A. B." White was born in Cleveland, Ohio. He was West Virginia's 11th governor, serving from 1901–05. He was the fourth person to serve as governor from Wood County, his adopted home.

Sept. 22, 1894: Louis Bennett Jr. was born in Weston. Bennett was West Virginia's only World War I flying ace. With 12 combat kills, including three aircraft and nine balloons, Bennett placed himself ninth on the roster of aces. This record was accomplished in just 10 days after assignment to his combat unit.

Sept. 23, 1922: Five men were struck and killed at the Glen Rogers mine in Wyoming County when equipment fell during the construction of a deep shaft.

Sept. 23, 1938: The Mingo Oak was cut down after succumbing to the fumes of a burning coal refuse pile. The Mingo Oak, which stood near the Logan-Mingo county line, was more than 500 years old and may have been the largest white oak in the world.

Sept. 24, 1918: George Spencer ''Spanky'' Roberts was born in London, Kanawha County. He entered aviation cadet training with the first class of Tuskegee Airmen and became the first African-American military pilot from West Virginia.

Sept. 25, 1864: George Smith Patton was killed at the Battle of Winchester. Patton, a Charleston lawyer, had organized the Kanawha Riflemen, a Virginia militia company. He was the grandfather of Gen. George S. Patton of World War II.

Sept. 26, 1816: David Hunter Strother was born in Martinsburg. He was an artist and an author who used the pen name "Porte Crayon."

Sept. 26, 1863: The Great Seal of West Virginia was adopted by the legislature. The seal, which has remained unchanged, was designed by Joseph H. Diss Debar.

Sept. 27, 1914: Author Catherine Marshall was born in Johnson City, Tennessee. Her family moved to West Virginia and lived in Keyser during the late 1920s and the 1930s. Her best-loved novel, Christy (1967), was based on her mother's girlhood in the southern mountains.

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.

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.

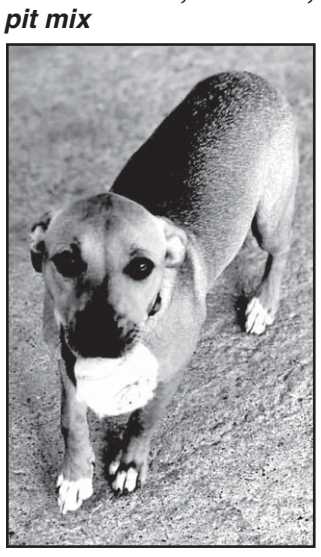
There is a reason we call them man's best friend. We can learn so many things from a dog's behavior, personality, demeanor, resiliency, and most importantly, the willingness to provide their family members with unconditional love, loyalty, and companionship down to their very last breath. BCAS is open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

The BCAS had a rescue transport on Saturday, September 10the where twenty-eight dogs were sent to rescue. On Monday the 12th, we had seventeen puppies surrendered. If you've been thinking or planning to add a new furry friend to your family now is the time to stop by the Braxton County Animal Shelter.

Flicka - female, 6 months, pit mix



Elsie - female, 6 months, pit mix

Tori - female, 6 months, pit mix

Tatum - female, 6 months, pit mix

Larry - male, 5 months, feist mix

Moe - male, 5 months, feist mix

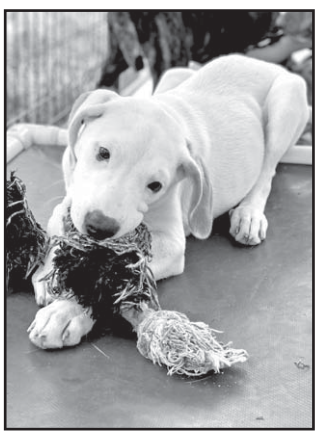
Curly - male, 5 months, feist mix

Nicki - female, 6 weeks, feist/rott mix

Zip - male, 14 weeks, boxer/hound mix

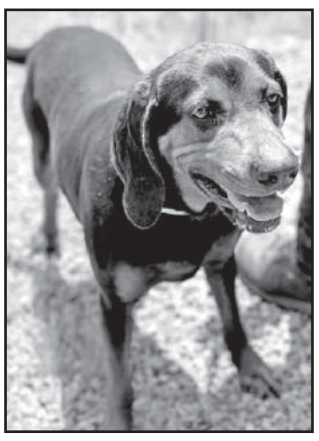
Lemmy - male, 14 weeks, boxer/hound mix

Hansen - male, 14 weeks, boxer/hound mix



Casper - male, 14 weeks, boxer/hound mix

Piper - female, 7 month, chow mix



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.

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

The Braxton County Animal Shelter is in need of bleach donations. To keep our shelter clean and our pups healthy, we sanitize our kennels with bleach and use it quite often.\

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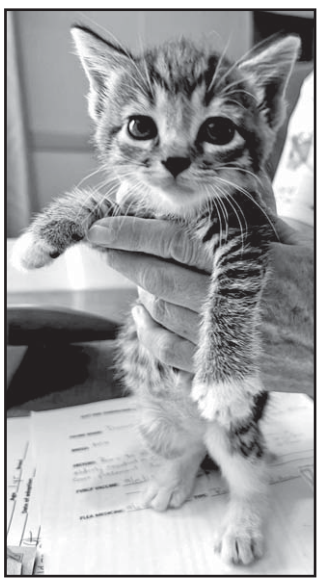
Simba: male, orange body with orange spots



Tippy: female brown tabby with white paws

Lillibet: female white body with calico spots

Dominique: female black/white tuxedow

CWVRC hosts open show

The Central WV Riding Club will be holding its open show Saturday, September 24 at Holly Gray Park in Sutton. The show starts at 5:00 p.m. Come out and enjoy the evening and cheer on your favorite rider.

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Lady Eagles' XC team, ranked #2 in AA, wins two more meets

The Lady Eagles are off at the Braxton Invitational. Photos courtesy of Janet Six.

By Shirley Shuman

The Braxton girls' cross-country team continued its success last week by taking first place in both the Big Ditch Invitational Tuesday and Braxton's No-Excuse Invitational run at Holly Gray Park Saturday. Tuesday's race included 38 female runners and six teams. Fifty-one girls from six teams ran in the Braxton Invitational.

In Tuesday's race, Braxton had six runners in the top 10. Laura Cain finished second at 21:33.6, and Addison Lloyd was a close third with a time of 21:57.6. Fifth place went to Bethany Payne, seventh to Teagan Huff, eighth to Heidi Payne, and ninth to Nicole Bramble. Lindsay Tetrick, who finished fourteenth, was not far behind.

In the boys' race, Jacob Stevens was Braxton's top runner with a time of 23:19.2. Jeremy Kelley followed Stevens at 23:42.1, and Jadyn Squires crossed the finish line at 32:08.5.

Cain paced the Lady Eagles again in Saturday's race with a second-place finish in 22:14.5. Lloyd once more placed third. Her time was 22:26.9. Bethany Payne finished sixth, and Heidi Payne tenth with Bramble close behind her at eleventh. Huff crossed the finish line thirteenth, and Tetrick twentieth.

In the boys' race at Braxton, Stevens finished 41th and Squires 52nd.

Braxton coach Jennifer Berry, referring to the race her team hosted and her team's performance, declared, "I am so proud of our runners. They can say proudly, 'I conquered Kill Hill.'" We celebrated our senior, Heidi Payne Saturday and wish her a future of successful races."

Coach Berry continued by thanking Coach Robert Lloyd and the middle school XC teams and their parents along with the BCHS teams and their parents "for making our Braxton Invitational a success. She also extended "a warm thanks to alumni Anthony Godwin who returned to help our teams with preparing the course and driving the four-wheeler to lead all four races." She added, "A.J. was really supportive of his fellow XC team. It was nice having him around. We miss him running with us."

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

Addison Lloyd placed 3rd at the Braxton Invitational with a time of 22:25.9.

The Braxton runners will run in the Cherry Hill Invitational at Richwood Tuesday and go to Calhoun for another race Saturday.

Photos Courtesy of Janet Six

Individual times/places of Braxton runners in Big Ditch Invitational:

Runner	Time	Place
Laura Cain	21:33.6	1st
Addison Lloyd	21:57.6	2nd
Bethany Payne	23:00.2	5th
Teagan Huff	24:34.3	7th
Heidi Payne	24.55.0	8th
Nicole Bramble	25.04.5	9th
Lindsay Tetrick	25:44.4	14th
Boys:		
Jacob Stevens	23:19.2	
Jeremy Kelly	23.42.1	
Jadyn Squires	32:08.5	

Individual times/places of Braxton runners in Braxton Invitational:

Runner	Time	Place
Laura Cain	22:14.5	2nd
Addison Lloyd	22:25.9	3rd
Bethany Payne	23:05.1	6th
Heidi Payne	24:18.7	10th
Nicole Bramble	24:25.8	11th
Teagan Huff	24:45.4	13th
Lindsay Tetrick	27;39.2	20th
Boys:		
Jacob Stevens	25:15.4	26th
Jadyn Squires	30:00.4	42nd

Laura Cain took second place at the Braxton Invitational with a time of 22:14.5.

Wolf Pack wins season opener

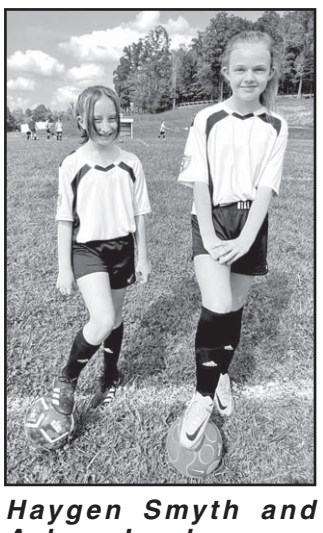
Thomas Gentry battles down the field (photo Stephanie Smyth)

Shawver James and Khloe Mace send the ball back (photo Cred Stephanie Smyth)

Paisleigh Rowe rushes to score (photo- Stephanie Smyth)

September 17th, Opening day for the BCSC U12 Wolf Pack. The afternoon sun was moving across the sky as the pack descended upon the fields at the Braxton County Soccer Club. Although many had already had lunch, the hunger still raged within them. On the menu today, GOALS... The whistle blew and the pack moved forward to begin the feast.

The BCSC U12 Wolf Pack opened their season with a bang, winning the match 8-2 against a notable team from Webster County. It all started with an amazing assist from Khloe Mace to Silas Young for the first of his 5 scores. The Wolf Pack is relatively young, with only 3 players returning from U12 last season. However, they more than make up for it with drive and speed. The pack finished the game with scores from Jackson Smyth, Paisleigh Rowe, Brantley Coyer, and Silas Young.



Haygen Smyth and Aubree Loyd prepare for todays game (Photo credit Jessica Stalnaker)

Jacon Stevens and Jadyn Squires.

Braxton golfers play in two matches

By Shirley Shuman

The Eagles played in two golf matches last week. Wednesday they played at Gilmer, and Thursday they played at Nicholas.

Wednesday's match included Gilmer, Braxton, Calhoun, and Webster. Calhoun won the match, and Gilmer came in second. Webster finished third, and the Eagles were last.

In a match against Nicholas Thursday, Nicholas beat Braxton. The Grizzlies finished with 159 strokes and the Eagles 167. Individual scores for Braxton golfers included Braeden Shortall finishing with 51 strokes---his best score of the season. Kaylee Criner had 54 strokes, Shawn Toler 62.

Yesterday the team traveled to Mingo Bottom to play in the LKC championship meet. For the LKC championship, golfers play 18 holes. Wednesday they return to Gilmer. The golf regionals are scheduled for Monday, September 26.

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BCHS boys have win on Thursday followed by first loss Saturday

By Shirley Shuman

The Eagles began last week's soccer play Thursday win a win over the Roane Raiders. The week ended with a 6-1 loss to Ravenswood.

Braxton picked up their sixth win of the season with a 4-0 victory at Roane Thursday. Scoring was even with two goals in each half. Matthias Garavaglia put the first two goals in for a 2-0 halftime lead. Garavaglia's first goal came after a pass from Ryken Rutherford. Addison Grindo sent a corner kick to Garavaglia for the second one. The Eagles had 11 shots on goal in the first half.

In second half action, Grindo accounted for the first goal to put Braxton up 3-0. That goal came on a pass from Aaron Anderson. With an assist from Garavaglia, Richard Westfall scored the fourth goal of the night.

Coach Rick Garavaglia said that the Raiders "were packing the box in an attempt to keep the Eagles away from the goal." He noted that his players passed well and that Roane only had the ball on Braxton's side of the field two or three times. The Raiders had only one shot on goal in the game. Braxton had a total of 18 shots on goal.

Ravenswood's 6-1 win over the Eagles marked Braxton's first loss. That game began with Ravenswood going up 1-0 on an "own" goal—one scored by the other team. Coach Garavaglia said that a Braxton kick went awry. The Eagles tied the score with their only goal of the night as Garavaglia with an assist from Austin Smarr kicked one past the Ravenswood goalie. "We had four other chances to score in the first half, but we missed wide," the coach noted. Ravenswood scored again to lead 2-1 at halftime.

Coach Garavaglia commented that the Red Devils "had a little of everything" to score their four goals of the second half. "They had some through balls, some direct hits," he noted. Eagles' goalie Owen McCallister had to leave the game in the second half after a collision with one of the Raiders. Richard Westfall took McCallister's place to finish the game. The two goalies combined for 11 saves.

Of the game with Ravenswood, Coach Garavaglia said, "We did a good job the first half. We moved the ball well, but we got tired toward the end. The players are working hard and they're learning." For the Ravenswood game, the teams played nine-vs-nine since Braxton only had nine players.

Last night the Eagles hosted Notre Dame and honored their seniors---Addison Grindo, Matthias Garavaglia, and Richard Westfall. Today they travel to South Harrison, and Thursday they play at Webster. The Braxton coached emphasized the importance of the Webster and South Harrison games since both are LKC rivals.

Photos Courtesy of Janet Six

Nicklas Brown fights to keep possession of the ball for the Eagles.

Richard Westfall as goalie throws the ball back into play after the stop.

Matthias Garavagalia works the ball around the Roane County defense.

Aaron Anderson steals the ball from a Roane County Raider.

Heidi King keeps possesion of the ball.

Erica Nicholas goes up against Raider defense.

Bre Smarr moves the ball into Roane territory.

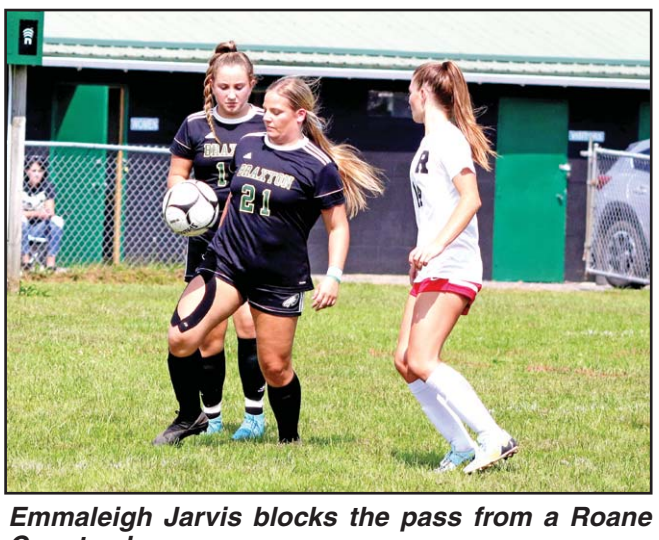
BCHS girls have 1-1 week in soccer matches

By Shirley Shuman

After losing last Tuesday's soccer game to Nicholas, the Lady Eagles defeated Ravenswood on Saturday.

Nicholas won 9-0 over Braxton. Eagles' coach Nate Smarr referred to Nicholas as "very good, very experienced." He added, "Effort wise, the girls continue to play hard. We just keep finding ourselves matched up with experienced teams. We are a very young team. These games will help us grow not only for this year but years to come."

Saturday Braxton won 2-0 over Ravenswood. Bre Smarr and Erica Nicholson scored the goals for the Lady Eagles. Picking up assists were Nicholson and Bailey Pritt. Happy with the win, Coach Smarr noted, "This was a big game for us. Not only was it Senior Day, but this was a LKC conference game.' The first goal against Ravenswood was, Coach Smarr said, "a beautiful corner from Bailey that Erica put in. Our second was a nice cross from Erica to Bre."



Emmaleigh Jarvis blocks the pass from a Roane County player.

Braxton scored both goals in the first half and Coach Smarr remarked, "it was very tight the rest of the game. They made some adjustments on our attack, and defensively we played a solid 80 minutes." He added, "Our seniors—Bre Smarr, Heidi King, and Emmalee Jarvis played big all game for us."

Tonight the team will be home against Midland Trail. Tomorrow night, they host Petersburg.

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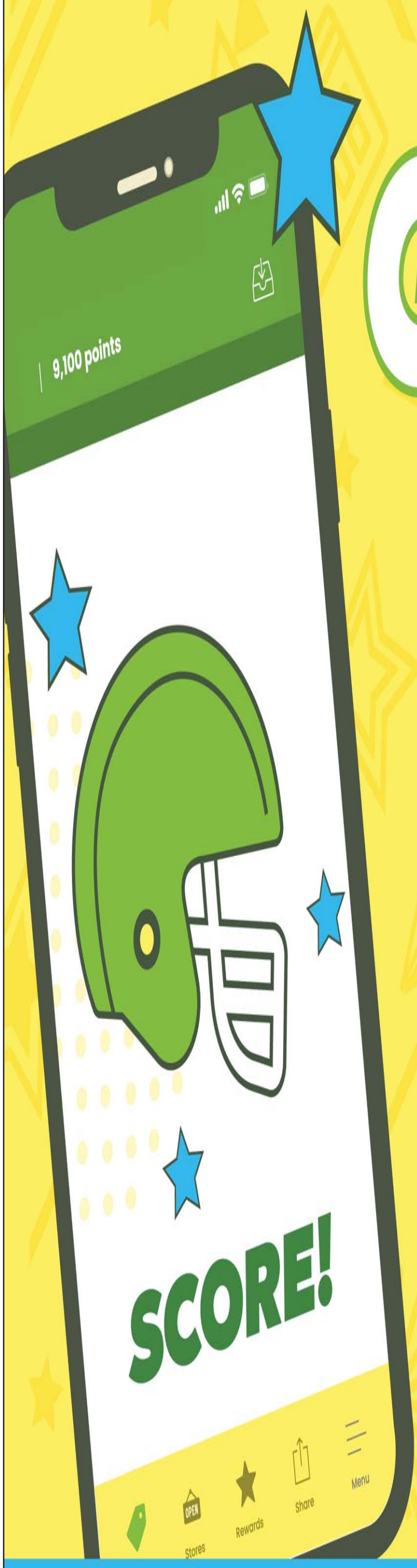

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