

Board Postpones Discussion on Suspended Staff Member

The Board of Education for Braxton County held their most recent meeting on October 18. It was standing room only in the Board chambers. Board President Evelyn Post opened the meeting with an announcement that the agenda item “request to ratify recommendation for administrative leave with pay pending an ongoing investigation until it is completed” would not be discussed during the meeting. A special meeting will be held at a future date for that discussion. She informed those in the audience wanting to talk about the issue that they could come to the special meeting. One individual requested to still speak with board members. The board went into executive session at 6:04 pm on a motion by Kevin Gregory as it was a personnel issue. They reconvened at 6:14 pm with no decisions made.

Director Kim Dennison provided an overview of the Community In Schools program. She introduced the site coordinators for each school: Cindy Pendry, Davis; Tyler Cunningham, BCHS; Penny Carr, Little Birch; Heather Pritt, Burnsville; Patty Fussell, Frametown; Courtney Shaver, BCMS; Susan Schiefer, Sutton; and Jessica Porto, Flatwoods. Susan Schiefer spoke to board members about the services the CIS program provided for students and their families.

Superintendent Dr. Rhonda Combs gave a brief update to board

members on recent activities. She discussed the changes and hiring in personnel. She thanked board member Kevin Gregory for his assistance in the recent active shooter training at the high school. Dr. Combs also discussed the gathering of data on behavior, academics, and attendance for each school and the district as a whole. She hopes to be able to provide the board with an update by the end of November.

Under regular business, the board approved the following consent agenda items motion by Dr. Kenna Seal: September 27 special meeting and October 4 regular meeting minutes with correction to reflect the addition of the parent volunteers for Frametown; transportation requests; payment of bills; and budget transfers and supplements.

The following professional, service and extra-curricular personnel recommendations were approved on two separate motions: resignation of Shirley Skidmore, bus operator, activity run; and employment for Jo Malcomb, special education teacher (itinerant), 1/2 time and long term substitute principal, 1/2 time, Burnsville, Daisy Peterson, substitute teacher, Kristy Wood, instructional interventionist, BCHS, Patricia Facemire, virtual school facilitator, BCMS, Marsha Skeens, substitute aide and substitute cook, Breann Baultrippe, substitute aide, C. Dawn Cutlip, secretary II/accountant II,

Davis, Veronica Frame, bus operator, activity run and bus #33A, Steven Brown, bus operator, activity run, Shirley Skidmore, bus operator, activity run, Forrest Taylor, head boys basketball coach, BCMS, Robert Lloyd, \$1 assistant cross country coach, BCHS; and resignations for Shannon Allen, substitute teacher, Natalie Hissam, principal, Flatwoods, Susan Williams, substitute aide, and Justin Lowther, assistant boys basketball coach, BCMS.

The board approved Ed Given and Scott Denison to be added to the facilities committee on a motion by Larry Hardway.

On a motion by Dr. Seal, the board approved all fundraisers as they were presented.

Also approved was the request to post for a Behavior Modification Specialist for BCMS, funded through federal funds on a motion by Lisa Ratliff.

Dr. Leatha Williams’ request for accepting the bid received from Hooten Equipment in the amount of \$27,220 for new steamers at the middle school was approved on a motion by Kevin Gregory.

The request to travel out-of-state to the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Regional Conference and Exposition in Baltimore, MD, November 30 to December 3 was approved for Stacey Butler (elementary), Melissa Duckworth (middle school), and Ethan Backus

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Braxton Magistrate Report

Magistrate Beth Smith
October 19: Gerald Michael Stump of Gassaway, driving suspended, no contest plea, fine/court cost assessed.

October 24: David J. Button of Tonawanda, NY, speeding, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; Chester Craig Hamrick of Gassaway, expired registration, dismissed proof provided, no proof of insurance, dismissed proof provided; Ervin L. Mitchell of St. Petersburg, FL, speeding, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed.

October 25: Francis S. Garcia Carranza, District Heights, MD, speeding, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; Justin L. Whitaker of Marydel, DE, speeding, guilty plea, fine/court costs assessed and paid; Robert Hearn of Venetia, PA, speeding, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; Carl Otis Dawson-Moore of Gassaway, no seatbelt, guilty plea, fine assessed; Franklin Delano Thomas, III of Barrackville, speeding, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; Clinton R. Dalton of Daniels, failure to obey stop sign, dismissed, DUI, dismissed, evidence does not support charges beyond a reasonable doubt.

Magistrate David Singleton

October 10: Harry Anderson Sprouse of Maidsville, fugitive from another state, transferred to circuit.

October 17: Kasey Erin Vickers of Alkol, cell phone violation, fine assessed.

October 18: Brandie Leigh Arnett of Napier, possession of marijuana, guilty plea, petit larceny, dismissed per plea, 90 days of jail with credit for time served of five days, remainder suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation, fine/court costs assessed; Thomasina Marie Bennett of Gassaway, disorderly conduct, guilty plea, obstructing an officer, dismissed per plea. fine/court costs assessed; Jason Matthew Rose of Sutton, petit larceny, guilty plea, obstructing an officer, dismissed per plea, 90 days of jail, suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation, fine/court costs assessed; John Bigger, IV of Chloe, no seatbelt, no contest plea, fine assessed and paid; Kelly Ann Mace of Chloe, no seatbelt, no contest plea, fine assessed and paid.

October 19: Kevin Don Drake of Burnsville, sexual abuse in the first degree, sexual abuse by a parent, guardian or custodian, warrant issued, bond set at \$25,000 cash only; Keith Meadows of Roseade, trespassing asked to leave, no contest plea, 30 days of jail with credit for time served of eight days, remainder suspended and placed on eight months unsupervised probation,

fine/court cost assessed.

October 20: David Allen Carper of Gassaway, domestic battery-2nd offense, dismissed, victim does not wish to pursue charges; Corey Mark Agosti of Bob White, speeding, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; Christopher Loren Lacy of Burnsville, no proof of insurance, dismissed proof provided, no registration, dismissed proof provided; Tyler Helmick of Little Birch, no seatbelt, no contest plea, no proof of insurance, dismissed proof provided; Cody M. Hacker of Gem, no proof of insurance, no contest plea, improper registration, dismissed proof provided; Jason Lee Turner of Strange Creek, failure to pay for gas, guilty plea, driving suspended, guilty plea, fines/court costs assessed; Lukas M. Sartin of Erbacon, obstructing an officer, guilty plea, no proof of insurance, dismissed per plea, no operators, dismissed per plea, 60 days of jail with credit for time served of 17 days, remainder suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation, fine/court costs assessed.

October 21: Gary Lou Ramsey of Gassaway, possession of meth with intent to deliver, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$15,000 cash only; Joshua McCourt of Sutton, domestic battery, domestic assault, warrant issued,

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Burnsville Man Charged with Sexual Abuse of Minor

Trooper C.D. Harper of the Sutton Detachment of the West Virginia State Police recently investigated a complain of sexual abuse by a parent or guardian in the Burnsville area. The officer’s initial information led him to the residence of Kevin Don Drake on Burnsville Road in Burnsville.

Trooper Harper interviewed Drake and confronted him with allegations he had sexual contact with an underage female juvenile in early October. The incident occurred at a location other than Drake’s residence, according to the criminal complaint.

At the conclusion of Trooper Harp-



er’s investigation, a warrant was issued for the arrest of Drake, 49 on October 19. He was charged with the felony offenses of sexual abuse by parent or guardian and sexual abuse in the 1st degree. The accused was arraigned before Braxton County Magistrate Beth Smith where his bond was

set at \$25,000 cash only.

If convicted of the charges against him, Drake faces one to five years in prison and up to a \$10,000 fine on each charge.

At press-time, Drake remained incarcerated in the Central Regional Jail awaiting additional court appearances.

New York Couple Arrested for Cocaine Possession

Deputies A. C. Jordan and A. L. Groves of the Braxton County Sheriff’s Department were on routine patrol in the southern part of Braxton County on Saturday, October 22 when they stopped at the Servia Park and Ride.

As they approached the parking area, they witnessed a male and female standing in the back left corner of the facility. As they approached the pair went to a vehicle near the entrance of the facility.

The female who got in the passenger seat of a silver in color Buick, voluntarily offered to produce her driver’s license. While the female, later identified as Josephine Benedetto,



Benedetto



Ogorman

47, of Onondage, NY, was retrieving her license from her purse, Deputy Jordan observed a clear smoking apparatus on the passenger side floorboards. He also detected a strong odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle.

Benedetto and the male driver, identified as Scott Ogorman, 50, of the same NY address, were placed in handcuffs while officers searched their vehicle. That search

revealed several packages of what later tested positive for cocaine, a large sum of cash as well as digital weighing scales. The illegal substance amounted to 15.33 grams.

The pair was arrested and taken to Central Regional Jail. They have been charged with possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver and conspiracy. Both were arraigned before Braxton County Magistrate David Singleton where their bond was set at \$25,000 cash only.

Benedetto and Ogorman are currently housed in the Central Regional Jail awaiting additional court appearances.

Burnsville PUB Requests Funding Form Commission

The first person to address the Braxton County Commission at their regular meeting October 21 was Dylan Johnson on behalf of the Burnsville Public Utility Board. Johnson presented the Commission with a cost estimate to provide water to the Pleasant Hill area. Those figures projected that \$6.7 million dollars would be needed to complete the project which would provide potable water to 50 to 100 customers.

Johnson requested that the Commission allocate \$125,000 of their ARP funding to the project for engineering service that were necessary for the project to advance. After hearing the presentation, Larry Clifton introduced a motion to place the subject on the agenda of their next work session. That action was approved. President Lisa Godwin said that meeting would be scheduled following a meeting with the Commission, WV American Water, County Public Service Districts, and the Burnsville entity set for October 25.

Marie Lockard, Director of Braxton Testing Center appeared before the Commission to provide information pertaining to her agency’s activities for the month of September. That report detailed that Braxton Testing had conducted 36 drug screening during the period.

Stanley Norman, President of the Roseade Senior Citizens Inc., appeared before the Commission to request financial assistance regarding the replacement of air conditioning units in the center’s 2 buildings. He stated that a window unit was needed for one building at a cost of \$800. The low estimate for the complete package system for the larger building came in at \$8,275.00. A motion by Larry Clifton moved consideration of assistance to a work session for further discussion.

April Lloyd, Administrator of the Braxton County Health Department and a member of the local LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Council) discussed a letter from LEPC President Randal Conrad requesting that his organization’s bank account which is connected to the county be separated so that the LEPC can participate with WVOASIS. Permission was granted on a motion by Melvin Gum.

In other business, the Commission approved the short form settlements for the following as presented by the Fiduciary Supervisor: French Stephen Beane, Keith R. Belknap, Marmel Brown, Virginia Carol Morris, Orlando Lee Rader and Elsie Shreve.

Three purchase orders were approved via sepa-

rate motions. The Sheriff was authorized to have 4 tires and alignment performed to a police cruiser by Evans Auto at a cost of \$1,137.35; The Sheriff’s 2019 Chevy Silverado will receive a new radiator from Mid-State Chevrolet costing \$945.06; Johnson Controls will perform emergency repairs to the fire alarm system at the 9-1-1 Center at a cost of \$1,279.75.

The Commission reviewed a letter from Mountain CAP Executive Director Kathy McMurray stating that while Larry Clifton was appointed to their Board of Directors to represent the commission, he had been unable to attend. They requested that another commissioner replace him. Larry Clifton made a motion that Lisa Godwin fill the position. That motion unanimously passed.

Following a review, Melvin Gum made a motion to pay the county and EMS bills as presented. The minutes of the Commission’s October 7 meeting and Board of Equalization meetings were also approved as presented by the County Clerk.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Braxton County Commission will be on November 4 beginning at 9:00 a.m.



Braxton County Senior Center Menu

2% Milk served with each meal.

November Menu subject to change due to food availability

Tuesday 1 Lasagna, Garden Salad, Garlic Bread, Fruit. Wednesday 2 Red Beans and Rice, Smoked Sausage, Boiled Cabbage, Cornbread, Fruit. Thursday 3 Salon Patty, Pasta with peas, Stewed Tomatoes, Fruit. Friday 4 Sausage Biscuit with Gravy, Roasted Potatoes, Fruit. Monday 7 Spaghetti with Meatballs, Garden Salad, Garlic Bread, Fruit. Tuesday 8 Holiday Center Closed. Wednesday 9 Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Dinner Roll, Pea Salad, Fruit. Thursday 10 Pepperoni Roll, Tomato Soup with Cheese, Crackers, Fruit. Friday 11 Holiday Center Closed. Monday 14 Pot Roast, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Broccoli Casserole, Dinner Roll, Fruit. Tuesday 15 Chicken Corn Chowder, Boiled Cabbage, Cornbread, Fruit. Wednesday 16 Hot Dog with Chili, Tater Tots, Cole-slaw, Fruit. Thursday 17 Thanksgiving Dinner Turkey and Dressing, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Sweet Potato Casserole, Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Cranberry Sauce. Friday 18 Chicken Alfredo, Broccoli, Garlic

Magistrate...

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bond set at \$1800 cash or surety; James Denver Criner of Frametown, fraudulent use of access device x8, driving revoked for DUI, preliminary hearing waived, transferred to circuit court, petit larceny, guilty plea, conspiracy, guilty plea, worthless check x2, guilty plea, obstructing an officer, dismissed per plea, credit for time served, fines/court costs assessed; Carli E. Ryan of Sewickly, PA, speeding, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed

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Bread, Fruit. Monday 21 Chili, Sweet Potatoes, Crackers, Fruit. Tuesday 22 Pork Riblet on Bun, Tater Tots, Cole-slaw, Fruit. Wednesday 23 Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Peas, Dinner Roll, Fruit. Thursday 24 Holiday Center Closed. Friday 25 Holiday Center Closed. Monday 28 Garlic Tomato Shrimp Pasta, Garlic Bread, Glazed Carrots, Fruit. Tuesday 29 Breakfast Bake, Hash Browns, Biscuit, Spiced Apples. Wednesday 30 Board Meeting Hamburger Steak with Onion Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Corn Pudding, Dinner Roll, Fruit.

and paid; Tony Franklin Burdette, II of Sutton, no proof of insurance, dismissed proof provided, expired registration, dismissed proof provided; Lisa Utt of Sutton, disruption of school, no contest plea, 30 days of jail with credit for time served of seven days, remainder suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised, probation, fine/court costs assessed; Shannon A. Farrow of Mount Hope, speeding, guilty plea, fine/court costs assessed; William K. Keener, II of Burnsville, possession of meth, guilty plea, fine/court costs assessed.

October 23: Scott Ogorman of Onandaga, NY, possession of cocaine with intent to deliver, conspiracy, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$25,000 cash only; Josephine Benedetto of Onandaga, NY, possession of cocaine with intent to deliver, conspiracy, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$25,000 cash only.

Legislative Update

By Delegate Brent Boggs

The string of great October weather continues. Frosty mornings, mild days and low winds add up to perfect squirrel hunting weather or just a great walk in the woods with Waldo and Buddy. They're great squirrel chasers but too easily distracted. When you stop, they immediately come back and jockey for position as close as they can get to me. While they are beautiful, healthy golden retrievers, they are more descriptively, golden leaners. If you take a step away, they'll topple over. People dogs, for sure.

This is the first time since 1994 that I've not been on the ballot, so it still seems unfamiliar not to have a truck bed full of signs and tools in the spring and fall. We'll see what the future holds down the road. In the meantime, I'm working diligently every day to move projects forward that have been in the works and to set up opportunities for next year and beyond that will benefit Braxton and Gilmer Counties.

I want to remind everyone that early voting begins this week, October 26 through Nov. 5. Election Day is Tuesday, November 8. With all the options available for casting your vote – including traditional Election Day voting – there are few excuses for failing to exercise your right to select your county, state, and federal elected officials.

It's been a busy highway maintenance season in both Gilmer and Braxton Counties; crews fixing slips and slides, resurfacing, routine maintenance and tending to weather-related emergencies. Hopefully, the weather will continue to cooperate, and even more projects can be completed this year.

Meanwhile, after several months of delays in relocating utility lines and a major gas main that required a bore under Elk River, the upper Gassaway bridge

replacement project is underway. The cooperative autumn weather has thus far allowed late season construction on both sides of Elk River. Expect delays periodically as the project gears up to accomplish as much as possible before winter weather sets in.

Likewise, the Burnsville T-Beam bridge replacement is now out for bids. This is great news for residents in town and around the Burnsville vicinity, including down Rt. 5. This project does not require land acquisition and as I understand it, the same contract recipient will demolish and rebuild the new structure in the same location.

Also, the Flatwoods, Gassaway-Sutton, and Rt. 19 intersection at Coon Knob on I-79 will be receiving updated, high-tower LED lighting in 2023. This is long overdue to make these interchanges more user and visitor friendly. I know the upgraded lights at Burnsville have been a great help for Exit 79, serving Burnsville, Glenville, Glenville State University, Burnsville Lake, and many other motorists that expect a well-lighted and safe interchange. These upgrades need to extend to Frametown and Servia, too.

Sadly, central West Virginia experienced yet another tragedy recently with the loss of two of our friends and neighbors because of a crossover accident on I-79 in Lewis County. A few months ago, a similar accident occurred between Flatwoods and Burnsville. The extremely narrow separation between north and south lanes in many locations highlights the urgent need for cable barriers all along the I-79 corridor. I've made multiple requests to DOH over the years for the cable barrier installation to be expedited. Likewise with guardrails on our state routes and secondary roads. This expansion is coming our way, but it must be better prioritized by federal highway officials

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(high school) on a motion by Lisa Ratliff.

The board approved to appoint Lisa Ratliff to the Sick Leave Bank Committee on a motion by Kevin Gregory.

On a motion by Dr. Seal, the 3-step pay increase for Math and Special Education teachers was approved.

The board went back into executive session at 7:15 pm for a discussion

to allow for accelerated installation and directed funding.

I will again call on the Governor's office to help DOH leverage any and all federal funds – while adding surplus funds from the general revenue budget surplus – in order to make this happen as soon as possible. Unfortunately, accidents like the most recent tragic event will continue to occur until the median areas have safe and secure separation installed on our interstate highways.

Finally, a personal note that made my day last Thursday evening. A few years ago, our family donated the 1948 International Cub tractor that originally belonged to my grandparents, J.B and Mattie Westfall, to the BCHS FFA program. The idea stemmed from conversations with work friends in the upper Ohio River area. In that area, families donated older tractors; refurbished them; and raffled them off to raise funds for FFA and other vocational programs.

After a few years of the old tractor being in the dry and secured on the BCHS campus, the overhaul, repainting, new decals reached final completion late last school year. It was such a successful and educational venture, I'm pleased to report that it is now in good use with the FFA program, transporting greenhouse materials and other supplies on campus and used in parades and special events. Josh Porto drove it up to our home prior to the BCHS Homecoming parade in Gassaway for a preview. I look forward to going for a ride in upcoming parades and events.

The last time it was used at its home at Bonnie was when I plowed my grandparents garden in 1973, a few months before my granddad's death. I am so thankful to see it now have a meaningful and permanent home, working for our FFA students as a tribute to our Papaw and Mamaw Westfall.

If you need assistance, please contact me at my home office at: 151 Park Street, Gassaway, WV 26624. The phone number is 304-364-8411. For those with Internet access, my legislative email address is: Brent.Boggs@WVHouse.gov

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

Vote to Re-Elect

Lisa Mace

Godwin

Braxton County Commissioner

We hear it all the time - politics and party lines

Lisa Mace Godwin will continue to vote

for whats best for *all* Braxton County citizens

◆**Hard Working** ◆**Dedicated**

◆**Conscientious** ◆**Honest**

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◆**Trustworthy**

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My Grateful Tablet

By: Jeanette Riffle

I was sorting through some things to clear out my wicker basket here by my chair and found a Steno Pad that I had started writing in clear back in April of 2016. I had been jotting down things to be grateful for. I read over the whole tablet and brought it up to current. It really lifted me up to read all those positive stories of blessings that had come my way and it reminded me that we should count our blessings every day. Look for the blessings and they will out weigh the bad. Romans 8:28 tells us that all things work together to the good, to them that love God, to them that are the called according to his purpose. I had gone through a serious knee joint replacement surgery, where muscles had to be pulled over to line my leg up straight

with the new joint. I had to learn how to walk again. Muscles were stiff, tight and very painful. It required a lot of physical therapy. I had jotted down all the things that I was thankful for and all that I was able to accomplish each day. You can't just sit and let someone wait on you after a knee surgery or you will never be able to walk right again. I got a good report when I went for a check up but in recent years, arthritis has set in. My back, feet and ankles are the worst. It is causing difficulty now in getting around. I can do light house work, laundry, cooking and baking. I have hobbies to keep up with when I come to my chair to get off my feet. I like to work with my hands.

I have tons of afghans, throws, chair covers and baby blankets that I need

to start selling. I like to crochet.

We are having another beautiful, sunny, blue sky day. Rosedale Baptist Church is into revival starting this evening at 7:00 and will run through next Friday. Everyone welcome. We have Drive In Church for those who cannot handle the steps up into the church. Just tune into 101. 9 FM to hear what is going on inside. This started with the Covid pandemic so people could come to church and feel safe. Those that went inside to conduct the service wore a mask. We are still hearing of people coming down with this virus but it is slowing down. The vaccines help.

I will close for this time. Everyone take care and enjoy these nice days we are getting. It is 85 degrees out in the sun right now. Remember to count your blessings. God bless!

Chopping Wood and Carrying Water

By: Joseph J. Mazzella

It was the end of Summer and the cool breezes of Fall were in the air. I was a twelve year old boy: skinny, gangly, and in the midst of puberty. Before me was a truckload of wood my Dad, brother and I had unloaded the day before. Now I needed to take it one wheelbarrow load at a time around the house to where we were stacking the chopped wood into cords and covering it with tarp to keep it from getting wet. We were still a few cords short if we wanted to keep the wood stove heating our home for the cold Winter to

come.

I got off to a quick start but soon realized I needed to go slower if I didn't want to exhaust myself. I took my time then stacking the wood so each cord was sturdy with no chance of toppling over. It became a game seeing how neat I could stack it and I found myself even smiling during this hard work. After a while the wood was stacked and my skinny arms were tired but I wasn't done yet. I still needed to fetch the five gallon water jugs from the spring near our home. Our well water was so full of iron that it tasted terrible, so all cooking

and drinking water had to come from the spring. The five gallon jugs felt like they weighed a ton, but taking them one at a time I got them up the hill and back to the house.

I was worn out by this time but as I carried up the last jug I saw my Mom smiling at me from the porch with a glass of iced tea in her hand. She gave it to me and we sat down on the porch with our dogs at our feet. We never said a word just watched the leaves blowing in the breeze, but there was such a peace, a love, and a joy in the air that it felt like it came from Heaven above.

Recently I read an old Zen proverb that goes: "Before enlightenment, chopping wood and carrying water. After enlightenment, chopping wood and carrying water." It awakened that memory in my mind once more and I felt myself smiling and thanking God and Mom for that special moment that lives on in my heart.

Enlightened or not, in this life we all have some wood chopping and water carrying to do. It is best then to do it with love in our hearts. It is best to do it joyfully under Heaven's eyes. And when you are done it is best to sip some tea with someone you love.

of soups, cornbread, Italian bread, deserts, iced tea and coffee. The buffet will be served from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Eat-in or take-out. Payment is by donation only.

"Thank you for supporting your volunteer fire department. We look forward to seeing you."

rant. Please advise us if you plan to attend.

If you have any questions regarding this meeting, please feel free to email at braxtonlepc@gmail.com

BVFD to host Soup Buffet

The Burnsville Volunteer Fire Department will host a Soup Buffet on November 5 at the Burnsville Community Building. "Enjoy the fall season with your favorite homemade soups and all the fixings," says a representative.

The menu will consist

BC Local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting Nov 8

Please be advised that the next meeting of the Braxton County Local Emergency Planning Committee is scheduled on 11/08/22 at 12:00 noon at 3 Girls Dinner Restau-

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

BRAXTON COUNTY TRICK OR TREAT

GASSAWAY OCTOBER 29TH 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.
BURNSVILLE OCTOBER 29TH 5:30 - 7:30 P.M.
SUTTON OCTOBER 29TH 6:00 - 7:30 P.M.
FLATWOODS OCTOBER 29TH 5:30 - 7:00 P.M.
NEWVILLE OCTOBER 29TH 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.
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TRUNK OR TREATS IN BRAXTON COUNTY

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LUZADERS 3 GIRLS DINER OCTOBER 29TH 4:00 - 6:00 P.M.
TOWN OF FLATWOODS OCTOBER 29TH 3:00 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.

BE SAFE AND HAVE FUN!

TRICK OR TREAT SMELL MY FEET!



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You will take notice that RELLA B CVETICAN, the purchaser of tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-000000095, BUFFALO 5/7 OF 22.75AC, located in OTTER, which was returned delinquent in the name of FRIEND GILBERT C ET AL, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Braxton County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 26th day of October, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2023 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 31, 2023. -\$169.90
Amount of subsequent years taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2023. -\$73.83
Amount paid for Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2022 following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023. -\$421.64
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023. -\$130.71
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff – cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Lou Dellamea, Sheriff and Treasurer of Braxton County. -\$796.08
Cost of Certification of Redemption – cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor. -\$35.00
You may redeem at any time before March 31, 2023, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.
Return to: WV State Auditor's Office, County Collections Division, 1900 Kanawha Blvd East, Building 1, Room W-114 Charleston, West Virginia, 25305.
Questions please call 1-888-509-6568 option 2 10-13 10-27b

NOTICE TO REDEEM

2021-S-000000097 - Braxton County – RELLA B CVETICAN To: CLARENCE HURST HEIRS, JENEVA HURST HEIRS, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all unknown heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT OTTER
MAP 9999 PARCEL 0129 0001
You will take notice that RELLA B CVETICAN, the purchaser of tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-000000097, 29AC OG TRIPLETT, located in HURST CLARENCE & JENEVA, which was returned delinquent in the name of, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Braxton County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 26th day of October, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real

estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2023 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 31, 2023. -\$100.47
Amount of subsequent years taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2023. -\$6.33
Amount paid for Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2022 following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023. -\$405.89
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023. -\$287.14
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff – cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Lou Dellamea, Sheriff and Treasurer of Braxton County. -\$799.93
Cost of Certification of Redemption – cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor. -\$35.00
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NOTICE TO REDEEM

2021-S-000000100 - Braxton County – RELLA B CVETICAN To: ROBERT BURTON WESTFALL AKA R B WESTFALL, EULAH RUTH WESTFALL MARKS PATRICK, ICIE VIOLA ELIZABETH WESTFALL, GRACIE MERLE WESTFALL, BERTHA WESTFALL, CHARLES HENRY WESTFALL, LAWRENCE G MARKS, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all unknown heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT SALT LICK
MAP 13H PARCEL 0003 00003001
You will take notice that RELLA B CVETICAN, the purchaser of tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-000000100, 4/5 OF 34AC PUZZLE RUN, located in SALT LICK, which was returned delinquent in the name of WESTFALL R B HRS, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Braxton County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 26th day of October, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2023 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 31, 2023. -\$318.53
Amount of subsequent years taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2023. -\$217.80
Amount paid for Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2022 following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023. -\$394.90
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023. -\$128.57
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff – cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Lou Dellamea, Sheriff and Treasurer of Braxton County. -\$1,059.80
Cost of Certification of Redemption – cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor. -\$35.00
You may redeem at any time before March 31, 2023, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.
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Paint Class for Burnsville

Freedom Festival Nov 4
The Burnsville Freedom Festival in partnership with the Tiny Sparrow Art Studio will be hosting a painting class on November 4th at 6pm at the Burnsville Community

Center. All supplies will be furnished and refreshments will be served. Cost is \$30.00 per person. This is a fundraising event for the festival. Call 304-853-2605 for more information

Sutton High School Alumni Association November meeting

The Sutton High School Alumni Association has taken on the task of planning to resume the groups Annual Alumni Banquet.

ber 6, 2022, at the Alumni Building (the old Bowling Green School Building) on Airport Road. All interested Alumni are invited to attend and to assist with plans and preparations.

Questions please call 1-888-509-6568 option 2 10-13 10-27b

NOTICE TO REDEEM

2021-S-000000101 - Braxton County – RELLA B CVETICAN To: MELVINA ETNEY KNICELEY AKA M E KницеLEY, M E KницеLEY, NETTIE KницеLEY PERRINE, ZELAH MADELINE KницеLEY JOHNSON, LULU DIEU KницеLEY HAMRICK, GARRETT BEECHER KницеLEY, LOTHROP SUMMERS KницеLEY, SEWARD GUY KницеLEY, EULA FOREST KницеLEY GIBSON, IZA COLUMBIA KницеLEY LUNSFORD, TALL TREES & LAND LLC, M E KницеLEY HEIRS C/O SUSAN LUNCEFORD BAKER, M E KницеLEY HEIRS C/O LISAJANE LUNCEFORD, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all unknown heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT SALT LICK
MAP 13K PARCEL 0009 00003001
You will take notice that RELLA B CVETICAN, the purchaser of tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-000000101, KANAWHA LAUREL RUN 16/48 OF 52.5 AC, located in SALT LICK, which was returned delinquent in the name of KницеLEY M E HRS, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Braxton County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 26th day of October, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2023 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 31, 2023. -\$247.75
Amount of subsequent years taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2023. -\$149.28
Amount paid for Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2022 following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023. -\$416.88
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023. -\$180.71
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff – cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Lou Dellamea, Sheriff and Treasurer of Braxton County. -\$994.62
Cost of Certification of Redemption – cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor. -\$35.00
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Questions please call 1-888-509-6568 option 2 10-13 10-27b

PUBLIC HEARING

The Braxton County Commission will hold a public hearing on Friday, November 4, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. in the County Commission Courtroom located on the third floor of the Main Courthouse, 300 Main Street, Sutton, West Virginia. The County Commission is considering an adoption of a County Ordinance governing Commercial Dog Breeding operations in Braxton County in accordance with West Virginia Code. West Virginia Code §19-20-26 directs applicable Permit Types and Annual Permit Fees. Annual Permit fees are not expected to exceed \$250.00 for Class I Commercial Dog Breeder (possessing 10-30 unsterilized dogs over the age of one (1) year at any one time for the exclusive purpose of breeding), \$500.00 for a Class II Commercial Dog Breeder (possesses more than 30 unsterilized dogs over the age of one (1) at any time). The purpose of the hearing is to obtain information and public input on the Commercial Dog Breeding needs of Braxton County. All interested persons are urged to attend. Written comments will be received by the Braxton County Commission, P.O. Box 486, Sutton, WV 26601, until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, November 14, 2022, for those unable to attend. For more information, please contact the office of the Braxton County Commission (304)765-2835. 10-27b

ACCEPTING BIDS

Burnsville Public Utility Board is accepting bids for a roof replacement/repair to the main plant located at 54 Buckeye Alley, Burnsville, WV. Bids will be received via mail at PO Box 306 Burnsville, WV 26335 or by email at bpuboard@frontier.com. Interested individuals wanting to view the site may call 304-222-8684. Bids will be received through cob November 5, 2022. 10-27 11-3b

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We have most of our firewood in the shed. It should cover the demand for the winter. We might cut here and there a few pieces that fell on a fence or are obstructing the driveway. We feel smug. All our wood is seasoned, tress that fell after storms and spent a year or two on the ground or leaning against another tree. We cut mostly big, some very big logs and it will require some serious splitting. Greg offered to buy a wood splitter. I enjoy this job a lot and only need Greg's help if I encounter some really gnarly, twisted piece. I thanked him for the offer. As long as I can swing an ax, make use of a wedge and a sledge hammer, we will save some firewood while I am busting some logs and getting heated up with my very efficient, internal heat pump!

Both Knights soccer teams have successful games

By Shirley Shuman

In the last game of the regular season, the BCMS varsity soccer team scored a 9-0 shut-out against Midland Trail on Oct. 18. Coach Lindsay Casto noted that the win came “despite frigid temperatures and wet ground.” She added, “The team came together and made it a successful night.”

Seven different Braxton players scored goals on the way to the win. Two—Joal Ransbottom and Josh Anderson, each had two goals. Scoring one goal each were Zack McQuain, Makenna Robinson, Mallory Daniels, Blaine Hines, and Tanner Rader. The coach pointed out that “defenders such as Makenna Robinson, Mallory Daniels, and Tanner Rader “were able to play offense and score goals.”

Monday night, in their first game in the CWVAC tournament, the Knights won a close game against Webster to earn the right to move to the semi-finals. Braxton outscored Webster 3-2 with McQuain scoring two goals and Ransbottom one. Hines, in goal for the entire game, saved 10 shots from entering the Knights’ net.

Coach Casto said of this game, “The team played hard and with their heart. The stands were full with excitement, and the passion of the game was not only with the players on the field but also the spectators in the stands. Soccer is a team sport. The Knights showed aggressiveness and quick development of the ball all while racing against the time clock.”

In recent play, the Braxton junior varsity won one

game and played to a tie in another. Against Midland Trail’s jv squad, they gained a 3-1 win. In that victory, Holden Lloyd scored two goals and Zoey McQuain one. In goal were Joseph McCollum and Josh Anderson. Coach Casto noted that this was “a tight game” and said her players “held strong throughout.” She added, “The defense formed a strong defensive line and worked hard to keep the ball rolling toward the opponent’s side. The offense continued to work the ball and make shots to the goal.”

The following evening, the junior varsity Knights and Spencer played to a 2-2 tie. This was their last game of the season. Lloyd scored Braxton’s two goals with Ira Ransbottom having an assist on one of them. McCollum had nine saves as goalie.

Braxton’s coach stressed that the junior varsity players “have learned skills, team play, and a love for the game. They continued to improve and play stronger and stronger. We are extremely proud of them.” In the eight games they played, the jv Knights lost their first two games and either tied or won the last six. “The season may be over for the junior varsity now, but we are already thinking of the next one with them, and we can not wait to see what the future holds for this group,” the coach said.

In continuing tournament action, the varsity Knights played George Washington Middle School last night. (The score was not available at press time.)



Blaine Hines defends the goal for the Knights against Webster.



Josh Anderson fights for the ball. Photos courtesy of Janet Six.



Kaylee Casto defends the Knights kicking the ball back down the field.



Joal Ransbottom works the ball towards the goal.



Holden Lloyd works the ball out of Knight territory in the CWVAC tournament.



Cade Squires works to gain control of the ball from a Webster player.



Zack McQuain moves the ball down the field on his way to the Knights first goal.



Maddison Singleton keeps control of the ball.



Tanner Rader keeps the ball in play for the Knights.

BCMS volleyball team ends season on good note

By Shirley Shuman

After losing 3-2 to Geary on Oct.11, the Lady Eagles prepared for back-to-back volleyball matches Oct. 17 and Oct. 18. The rest of their season was involved getting ready for the CWVAC tournament.

On the first night, the Lady Knights played Calhoun and lost both. Coach Leigh Copen said both matches “were close” and added that Braxton “was short a couple of players.

The following night

was Eighth Grade Night, and Lilly Copen, Anna Harper, Codie Browning, Lyla Keener, Aubrey Hines, Adrianna Adkins, Nivaeh Flint Flint, and Brynne Davis were honored. In that match, the Lady Knights beat Geary 2 of 3 sets with scores of Geary 25-Braxton 22, Braxton 25-Geary 15, and Braxton 25-Geary 17. Coach Copen noted that this win gave her girls “a big boost of confidence going into the CWVAC tournament.”

When tournament time came around, Braxton had to beat Summersville to compete in the tournament. They accomplished that in two sets with scores of Braxton 25-Summersville 16, and Braxton 25-Summersville 22. Braxton’s coach remarked that the rest of the tournament “was interesting,” and added, “Braxton had wins and losses but not enough to get [them] into the championship game.”

She noted, “By the time our girls had played

10 sets or more, [they] were tired. With the varsity team, there were not many to sub, and the girls got tired fast plus one girl got sick and had to sit out most of the time. So my normal libero Brynne Davis had to step up big time. She had only practiced the front row a couple of times but she did an amazing job.” She pointed out that Davis “had a couple of spikes and a great tip.”

Speaking of her girls’ playing in the last two

weeks and especially in tournament action, the Braxton coach said, “There were so many spikes, blocks, tips, and some aces to make our playing so great. Our bump, set, spike game was perfect.” Coach Copen also referred

to her “wonderful scorekeepers Carrie Hayes and Courtney Browning who were able to count 28 spikes between five girls in one game.” She added, “Needless to say, I’m super proud of our girls and I can’t wait for next year.”



Neveah Flint passes the ball to a Lady Knight.



Lil Copen sets the ball up for the Lady Knights.



The Lady Knights work together to gain their next point. Photos Courtesy of Janet Six.



Amira Harper spikes the ball.

Why I Ride



It's that dreaded time of the year.

Sad time, really, when we need to start planning the storage of our motorcycles for the winter. I said start planning because we have taken a first-of-the-year ride on January first many a time. Bike hibernation may begin as late as mid-January. I have ridden in very chilly weather, as long as there is no ice or snow on the ground. Doesn't matter how experienced a rider you are, how long you have been riding, or where, the ice is going to win. Besides, the stress and pressure of riding in icy weather cancel any joy to be derived from the ride.

Say you accept the fact that you have to store the bike at a point in space, you might as well do it right so that your scooter is ready to roll come spring. I will compile a list of things to do to your bike to prevent problems. But first, I will share one habit acquired from my experience. Not doing this has cost me two fuel pumps, thanks to the addition of Ethanol to gasoline. Here goes:

If you can syphon all the gas out of your tank easily, do so. Otherwise, run with your bike until you almost run out of gas. Totally running out of gas is not advisable, could cause injector problems. Next, fill the gas tank totally with non-ethanol gas and dump in

some marine grade Stabil. You may buy both at your local marina. Non-ethanol gas is used on boats. Hopefully someday either Ethanol will not be used for gas anymore, (do not hold your breath on this one!) or manufacturers of motorcycles, and others, will have to Ethanol-proof internal combustion engines.

1- Service your motorcycle. Change the oil, replace the fluids, lubricate anything that moves, such as cables, chain, control levers, driveshaft, linkages, locks, pivots for the stand, saddle hinges, steering head, swingarm, switches, wheel bearings, etc. Engine oil, transmission fluid, brake fluid, and antifreeze can all go south. You do not want to store a bike with dirty sludgy oil, or any other tired fluid.

2- Clean and wax your motorcycle. Give it a proper batch to remove dirt, dust, grease, grime, insect roadkill, and bird poop. Any and all of these can corrode metal parts and ruin the paint finish. Let the bike dry completely, then use a good wax on the painted parts, silicone protectant to plastic panels, and polish to the chrome. Lubricate your chain if you have one; if you have a belt, check the condition, and use a recommended belt conditioner.

3- Dealing with the fuel system and gas. You read my recommendation. Ethanol has the nasty habit of pulling outside moisture into your tank. Less of an issue when you ride regularly, however, when the bike is stored, the effect of Ethanol combines with the gasoline's tendency to evaporate and oxidize, and potentially rusting parts of the fuel system and creating a sludge that will clog up the system. Whatever grade of gas you use, fill the tank completely so to avoid any air in the system, and add superior quality fuel stabilizer to help neutralize the ethanol in today's gasoline. Run the bike for a few minutes to make sure the stabilizer runs through the system.

4- Next big deal is the battery. Clean the electrodes on the battery and the wire terminals. Get a smart battery charger that can manage any type of battery you might use. The types are wet cell; gel cell; absorbed glass mat (AGM) and lithium ion. Tenderizing the battery will extend its life and your bike will always be ready to run.

5- Check your tires. Replace them now if they need to be replaced. Inflate the tires a bit higher than required. If you have a center stand, you're gold. The tires will be off the ground

and will prevent flat spots on the tires. If not, prop up the bike so the tires are off the ground, or invest in a set of stands. Some riders put cardboard under the wheels to prevent the moisture from the ground to affect the tires. Carpet squares work also. Others suggest you periodically move the bike to prevent flat spots.

6- Whether you are storing your bike in a garage or storing it outdoors, it is a clever idea to invest in a good cover. If you're storing your bike inside, use a breathable fabric cover. This type of cover will not trap moisture inside and still keep the dust off the bike. Do not use cheap cotton covers, for they will retain moisture. Get a cover made of synthetic materials. Storing your bike outside requires a better-quality cover, one that is waterproof and protects from the elements. However, waterproof covers can collect moisture that will corrode parts of your bike. If you must store your bike outside, bring the battery and seats inside, and consider leaving the motorcycle uncovered. Obviously, if you can find indoor storage, that should be the way to go. Depending on where you live, storage can be expensive, however, the safe environment for the bike and your peace of mind make it worthwhile.

As silly as it may sound, keep your bike pest-free! Rodents love to nest in stored motorcycles. They love to eat the insulation off electrical wires, chew on rubber and plastic parts, and clog up places with their nests. Block the mufflers and airbox inlet with heavy plastic and zip ties and check on this periodically. Spray liquid or chemical near the bike and place some rat and mouse traps in the surrounding area.

7- Lastly, insurance on your motorcycle, an overlooked, and often misguided subject, is worth looking into. Storing your bike for the winter doesn't stop the thieves from stealing it or something damaging the bike, whether you store indoors or outdoors. Theft, fire, vandalism, and storm damage are potential hazards. More likely to happen is the opportunity to ride during unseasonably warm days during winter. It is recommended that you do not cancel the insurance during the winter months, but rather, find a way to lower the premi-



Wash, wax, and polish your motorcycle before storing.



Fill up the gas tank completely and add fuel stabilizer.



Some Dudes get creative and passionate about storing their bikes!



Instant garage, if you can afford this.

ums without sacrificing the coverage. According to the Insurance Information Institute (III), you may be able to purchase what's called a "lay-up" policy, which temporarily suspends all but the comprehensive coverage on your motorcycle insurance. Comprehensive coverage protects you against an event that's not related to a collision, such as theft, vandalism or other similar incident that might occur while the bike is in storage. Remember, if you decide to ride the motorcycle having this coverage and you wreck, you will be responsible for all the costs incurred due to the accident. My suggestion is that you leave your insurance the way it is, or, at most, increase the deduct-

ibles on the coverage. This might lower the premiums, just be sure that you will be able to afford to pay the level of the increased deductibles.

While your bike is in storage, invest some time researching places to where you might enjoy riding to in the spring and summer, and educating yourself to become an even better rider than you already are. I found that marking events on a calendar helps me build my life around those dates, rather than leaving it up to chance. Another suggestion is that you read my column and tell your friends about it. Write me an email. Ask me questions. Share your riding experiences with me, and I will publish them.

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Burnsville Community Educational Outreach Service Club October Meeting

Burnsville Community Educational Outreach Service Club met October 12 at the Mayor's office in Burnsville with Shirley Kelley Hostess. The meeting was called to order by President Betty Carson with roll call and pledge by all.

For Meditation Margie Crislip read a poem "Harvest Time" by Chris Zamer-nard.

Shirley Kelley read the minutes from previous meeting and reported on

the worth of the club. Both were approved.

There were no committee reports but it should be noted that end of year reports are due in November.

They should be filled out and given to the proper chairperson on time.

Cards were sent to Jackie Samples and Bobbie Bragg. Hope they are feeling better.

Beverly Monroe ordered literature to give out for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Thursday, the 20th of October is Achievement Day at Heaters Club. The officers for next year will be presented at that time. Having a covered dish lunch.

Braxton County CEOS will be having a BINGO on October 22 at the Braxton County Jamboree in Chapel. Doors open at 5pm and games start at 6pm.

Pat Drake presented the lesson this month on SUC-CULENTS 101. Succulents are becoming a favorite due to their minimal care and variety of shapes, colors and sizes. They are known for improving the air quality in your home and reducing stress, lowering blood pressure and many other medicinal properties.

Our next meeting will be November 9 with Diane Hosey Hostess and Pat Drake devotions. We meet in the Burnsville Mayors Office at 10am.

Those present and not mentioned above are: Jeannette Dean, Sharon Helnick, Janis Young, Jessica

Vandernick and Sandy Samples, We had a guest today--Betty Pritt and she dismissed us with prayer.

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