



Jenny Parsons, Community President for Huntington Bank (Left) and Chad Prather, West Virginia Regional President of Huntington Bank (Right) present a check for \$150,000 to Mountaineer Food Banks CEO Chad Morrison, CEO.

Huntington Bank Pledges \$150,000 to Mountaineer Food Bank

Over 13,000 veterans in West Virginia experience food insecurity. Mountaineer Food Bank is dedicated to helping these veterans keep food on their tables through their Veterans Table Program.

The program provides shelf-stable and fresh food boxes to veterans, including those who are homebound. When Mountaineer Food Bank Board Member and Huntington National Bank's West Virginia Regional President Chad Prather heard that veterans in the Mountain State didn't have enough food, he knew something had to be done.

"To think that someone could serve our country and one day does not have food on their table, it's just not OK with me," Prather said. "We can do better

here in West Virginia."

Huntington Bank pledged \$150,000 on Oct. 20, during the Mountaineer Food Bank board meeting in Flatwoods, to help expand the Veterans Table Feeding Program to Charleston and Parkersburg, which will give more veterans access to the food they need.

"We're grateful for Chad and Huntington Bank for seeing a need and helping us to reach more veterans across the state," said Chad Morrison, Chief Executive Officer at the Mountaineer Food Bank. "We couldn't do this without our community partners."

The Veterans Table Program is facilitated through partnerships with two Veterans Affairs hospitals in Beckley and Clarksburg, along with

community partner sites located in Morgantown, Jefferson County, and Braxton County.

Volunteers from the Department of Veteran Affairs, Disabled Veterans of America and the local community run the distribution sites with the food bank, serving hundreds of veterans, their families and even their pets.

As part of the donation, Huntington Bank worked with Pikewood Media Group to create a Veterans Table video. Visit WVEnriched.com to view how hundreds of veterans receive the food they need to get through the month.

To learn how to donate, volunteer or sign up for the Veterans Table, visit, mountaineerfoodbank.org/veteranstable.

Garavaglia Named LKC Soccer Player of the Year

By Shirley Shuman

Recently announced Little Kanawha Conference honors included five BCHS players from the boys' soccer team. First-Team All-Conference honors went to Addison Grindo and Matthias Garavaglia. The 2022 LKC Player of the Year went to Garavaglia, who led the team in both goals and assists.

Garavaglia scored 33 goals and had 17 assists on the season. In points,



his coach noted, he ranks high among soccer players in the state. Grindo

scored 14 goals and had 14 assists.

LKC Second-Team honors went to Richard Westfall, Owen McCallister, and Nick Brown. During the season, Westfall scored 12 goals and had five assists. Brown, who as a defender isn't expected to score many goals, had three goals and three assists. As goalie, McCallister recorded 81 saves and allowed only 13 goals to be scored against him.

LUCAS to offer lung cancer screening in Burnsville

LUCAS, a first of its kind, state-of-the-art mobile lung cancer screening unit, will visit Braxton County offering low-dose computed tomography (LDCT) scans. LUCAS

A service of WVU Medicine-WVU Hospitals and the WVU Cancer Institute, LUCAS will be at Mike and Ikes Plaza in Burnsville from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Nov. 23. For an appointment, call 304-266-7029.

Patient and staff safety is a top priority, and extra precautions will be taken during the pandemic. These include staff wearing masks, patients waiting in their car until their appointment time, and thorough sanitization between patients.

The lung cancer screenings are billed to private insurance, Medicaid, or Medicare. Uninsured patients living in West Virginia who meet screening criteria can receive their lung cancer screening on LUCAS through the generosity of grant funding and donations. A physician's order and prior authorization from insurance are required to get screened. Appointments must be made 14 or more days in advance of the visit to allow time for insurance pre-authorizations.

LUCAS, an acronym for Lung Cancer Screening, builds upon the success and infrastructure established by Bonnie's Bus. In West Virginia, more people die of lung cancer

than colorectal, prostate, and breast cancer combined. LUCAS travels to the 42 counties in the state without easy access to lung cancer screening.

Similar to mammography, regular lung cancer screening can detect cancer early, when it is easier to treat and cure. Both units are part of the WVU Cancer Institute Mobile Cancer Screening Program and work in collaboration with a statewide partnership of clinicians, public health professionals, and other community leaders to reduce the number of deaths from breast and lung cancer in West Virginia.

For information on LUCAS, see WVUCancer.org/LUCAS.

Workman pleads guilty minutes before trial begins

On October 31, a petit jury assembled in the Braxton County Circuit Courtroom to hear the case of State of West Virginia v. Samuel Thomas Workman with the Honorable Richard A. Face-mire presiding.

The defendant had been previously indicted for the 2021 crime of murder of a three-year-old child. The case was presented to the Grand Jury by CPL. B. K. Smith of the Sutton Detachment of the West Virginia State Police. After hearing the evidence, the Grand Jury indicted Workman on charges of first-degree murder, death of a child



by parent, guardian or custodian by child abuse and child neglect creating substantial risk of serious bodily injury or death, all felonies.

As the potential jurors stood before Judge Face-mire to be sworn by the clerk, counsel for the de-

fendant asked to approach the bench. At the last possible moment, Workman accepted the State's proposed plea agreement to First Degree Murder and was convicted of the same as well as an additional charge of Child Neglect.

Workman was returned to the Central Regional Jail to await sentencing which is set for December 12 at 9:15 a.m. He is facing a minimum of 15 years to life for the convictions.

CPL. Smith was assisted in his investigation by the Braxton County Sheriff's Department, Gassaway Police Department and the FBI.

New business in Gassaway offers a variety of "old" goods

By Shirley Shuman

On October 25, Mark and Betty Dudley opened the Treasure Trove at 714 Elk Street in Gassaway. As its name implies, the business has a genuine "trove" of goods in a wide range. The couple moved their business, previously at Little Otter, to Gassaway, where they have found "friendly people and nice surroundings."

Explaining why they chose the type of business they operate, Mark Dudley answered, "We like old things, and we had quite a collection from which we started the business." He did note that they have added extensively to what they had originally, and the store itself certainly shows a wide array of goods.

In naming what they offer, the owners began with primitive items, which the two appreciate, and con-

tinued with antiques, of which they have many. One of the most interesting of the antiques is an old school desk-and-chair combination that is adjustable and is in perfect condition. Another which may appeal to many is a treadle Singer sewing machine which needs only a belt to operate effectively.

For those who once read the Nancy Drew or Hardy Boys series of books, the Dudleys have sets which might interest collectors. They also have for sale old license plates from different areas. Continuing with smaller items available, the customer can find interesting glassware and dishware as well as knives and coins and even cap pistols. Among the larger items, their offerings include a buffet and a table and chairs, all antiques.

In addition to all of

this, the store's inventory includes health and nutritional products. These include vitamins and minerals, and Dudley indicated they will soon have more herbal combinations. Everything, he noted, is homeopathic, including a liquid copper formula supposedly for health maintenance and silver hyderol. One of the most fascinating item in the entire store is an ear-wax candle. Recommended to remove ear wax, the item has a pointed end which goes into the ear canal, and on the other end is a candle which one lights. Purportedly, the candle draws the wax out of the ear.

To provide an interesting experience to prospective customers or just curious visitors, Treasure Trove is open, and the owners invite the public to drop in for a visit.



The Braxton County Middle School Knights CWVAC Soccer Champs.

Knights Capture CWVAC Soccer Championship

By Shirley Shuman

A successful season for the BCMS Knights' soccer team culminated in a 4-1 win over Summersville last Saturday for the conference championship. Obviously happy with her team's win, Coach Lindsay Casto said, "I was very proud of the team's focus, discipline, and mental toughness. We had a few take it on their shoulders with massive efforts on both sides of the ball. They were not going to be denied."

In goal for the Knights, Blaine Hines "fought hard to keep the Bears' shots away from Braxton's net. He secured the goal and saved a total of 11 shots from entering." As the score shows, Hines allowed only one goal to enter the Knights' net.

Scoring for Braxton came from Josh Anderson, Holden Lloyd, Mackenna Robinson, and Joal Ransbottom.

Coach Casto spoke of the "steely nerves" of her players as well as the "enthusiastic fans for both sides." At the end of the first half, the score was tied 1-1, but the Knights' coach said her players "came together and knew what they had to do to dominate the field for the remainder of the game, and they did exactly that." She added, "Summersville came to play, and I'm proud of all the players on both teams. It was a great match and everyone showed sportsmanship.

To get to the final game, the Knights played George Washington

Middle School two days before. In that semi-final game, the Braxton coach noted, "Braxton's get-it-done work ethic outlasted George Washington's attack." The result was a 3-1 win for the Knights and a trip to the championship game.

After describing the tension her team showed--the eighth-graders aware that if they didn't win, this would be their last game as Knights and the lower classmen realizing it could be the last game they played as a team with the eighth-graders, the coach gave a rundown of the game.

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Christmas from the Heart

Fall is in the air, but the spirit of Christmas is already being felt as volunteers are preparing for the Christmas from the Heart Program in Braxton County. Christmas from the Heart is a local program sponsored through the Braxton Community Coalition and staffed by volunteers from various churches and groups who desire to show the love of Jesus by helping meet the needs of children and the elderly at Christmas time. This program is available for children or the elderly who would not otherwise have a Christmas. There-

fore, if you or your family WILL receive from another organization or be able to purchase Christmas gifts, you will not qualify for this particular program.

G u i d e l i n e s for the program:

- Children must live in Braxton County and be no older than a 12th grader enrolled in Braxton County Schools or Home Schooled.
- A parent/Legal Guardian/Foster Care Parent is required to fill out applications for children.
- Elderly must be 65 or older and live in Braxton County.

Applications will be taken November 2nd from

10:00 am - 6:00 pm and November 3rd from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm at the Flatwoods Community Building.

If you, your church or organization would like to volunteer or would consider sponsoring a child or elderly individual please contact Amanda Criner at the Braxton Community Coalition (304) 644-2828. If you would like to make a financial donation or sponsorship please make your payment payable to: Braxton Community Coalition (indicate Christmas from the Heart Sponsor) and mail to PO Box 76, Flatwoods, WV 26621.

Braxton County Sheriff’s Department to Host Coats, Hats, and Gloves Drive

The Braxton County Sheriff’s Department is proud to announce that we will be assisting Braxton County Emergency Services in the collection of coats, hats, and gloves for their first annual com-

munity Christmas tree lighting event!

This event will take place on December 2, 2022, 5:00pm to 6:00pm, at the Braxton County Emergency Services building. Different stations will be

set up at the building that will allow the youth of Braxton County to decorate Christmas ornaments to be placed on the community Christmas tree. A special guest, Santa, will visit with those in attendance.

A donation box will be set up at the Braxton County Sheriff’s Department located at 505 Main Street, Sutton. Please drop off items between the hours of 8:00am to 4:00pm Monday through Friday. Deadline for drop off will be December 1, 2022 at 10:00am.

If you have any questions about this event, you may contact OES/ E-911 Director John Hoffman at 304-765-3320 or Melinda Randall at 304-765-5361. You may also contact Chelesa Jones at the Sheriff’s Department with any questions about dropping off donated items. She can be reached at 304-765-3308.

We appreciate your support!

The American Legion Post #33 Christmas Cash Raffle

The American Legion Post #33 is currently holding a raffle for Christmas Cash. Prizes awarded will be \$300, \$200, and \$100 in cash for first, second, and third place drawings. For more informa-

tion or to buy tickets for the drawing contact an American Legion Post # 33 member. Tickets will also be sold during the Veteran’s Day Reception to be held on Friday November 11, 2022 at the Braxton County Armory.

Ladies of St. Thomas Church host Christmas Sale Nov 3 & 4

The ladies of St. Thomas Church will hold a Christmas Sale in the Parish Hall at 624 Kanawha St. in Gassaway on November 3rd & 4th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on November 5th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

including trees, wreaths, table decorations and lights!

We also have crafts, baked goods, children’s toys, winter and Christmas clothes and furniture such as a roll-top desk and TV cabinet plus too many other items to mention.

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Legislative Update

By Delegate Brent Boggs

Faith and family are at the core of America, our values, and the freedoms we enjoy, individually and collectively. That’s why I’ve always pointed out at every opportunity that every day is Veterans Day, not just once each year. That said, the actual date of 11/11 is fast approaching with important opportunities being set to honor our esteemed veterans and their families. I’m looking forward to helping honor our veterans this week in Gilmer County and the following week in Braxton County. I’m always in awe of the selfless service and sacrifice of each veteran, their families, and the stories they share. Honoring our Veterans continues the generational connection of service, sacrifice, and what makes our nation great.

Like many of you, I received the distressing news this week that Kroger Co. executives have notified local employees of the closure of our Gassaway Kroger store in early 2023. As a large employer that provides good wages and benefits, this is yet another gut punch to our local economy in central West Virginia.

As soon as I heard of the proposed Kroger – Albertson mega-merger a few weeks ago, my concerns immediately turned to personal experiences with mergers. In railroad terms, when companies merge, it’s usually the little guys – employees, customers, and communities – at the end of the line that tends to get cut loose as companies try to polish up the bottom line. Not only is this conduct short-sighted, but it’s also another reason why big businesses seldom have the best interests of the communities they serve at heart.

I lived and worked through several railroad mergers or spin-off transactions during my railroad career and none of them – not one – ever was a good thing for rural communities. Local businesses, shippers, and families at the end of the line always had to bear the burden of corporate cutbacks. Jobs were lost and the oppor-

tunities for young people entering the workforce diminished. In fact, I spent the last decade of my railroad career working on the road or out of town. For me, I was able to compensate for the inconvenience. A younger employee would have relocated out of necessity.

Jean and I have been loyal Kroger customers for over forty years and our families for even longer. Our Governor and our United States Senators need to get actively and forcefully involved in leaning on Kroger executives for a plan to keep the Gassaway store and any other WV locations that are on the chopping block open. Otherwise, we’ll have no local competition, which always leads to higher prices and less service.

It is troubling that at the same time some in government are trying to convince voters to approve Amendment 2 – something that was crafted to primarily benefit big businesses and out of state corporations with our tax dollars – that an out of state corporation is about to eliminate some great local jobs, uproot local families, and put a chokehold on local grocery competition.

Again, I urge everyone to contact Governor Justice (304-558-2000); Senator Manchin (Washington office: 202-224-3954 or Charleston office: 304-342-5855) and Senator Capito (Washington office: 202-224-6472 or Charleston office: 304-347-5372) and respectfully request they exercise the power of their offices to request Kroger to reconsider their store closure decision. Profitable local businesses that have a high impact in our communities should not be allowed to be sacrificed by parent corporations, while at the same time they will be seeking the blessings of Congress in completing yet another mega-merger.

I want to remind everyone that early voting continues this week through November 5th. Election Day is Tuesday, November 8. With all the options available for casting your vote – including traditional Elec-

tion Day voting – there are few excuses for failing to exercise your right to select your county, state, and federal elected officials.

Speaking of elections, more and more money is being poured into campaigns while less and less scrutiny is placed on outright lies, deception and campaign mudslinging. Statewide and national groups are already flooding mailboxes and social media with this type of advertising. Everyone should reject and condemn negative ads. I call on all candidates to reject these efforts, regardless of the source. Whether a negative ad is designed to benefit or hurt a particular candidate, the mere fact that they continue to proliferate is reason enough to object. When voters reject negative campaigning with their votes, everyone wins.

Finally, one final thought for the week. The hammer-wielding assailant that nearly killed the husband of House Speaker Pelosi last week is just the latest in the unacceptable hatemongering and reckless policies espoused by conspiracy theorists and those intent on the demise of our nation. Whether the January 6 mob; those that seek to overthrow the government; or those individuals that seek to intimidate and harm elected officials and their families on the federal, state, and local level, every freedom-loving American needs to condemn this behavior, regardless of political differences. The tone for all this begins in Washington, DC. Once both sides of the political aisle reject and stop tolerating extremism, America can once again breathe a sigh of relief and return to the values we hold dear.

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.

Knights...

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After the first half, the Knights were up 2-0 with both goals coming

from Zack McQuain. Because of George Washington’s strength on both side of the ball, “the Knights had to be prepped and ready for

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-

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

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every play and shot they had.” Coach Casto noted that the Back D made up of Kaylee Jo Casto, Tanner Rader, and Sparrow Potasnik-Reiter “built a wall and tried to keep the ball from going back towards their goal.” Sweepers Maddison Singleton and Josh Anderson backed them up “as the last defense to kick it back up the field.” McQuain scored another goal in the second half to secure the win.

Mid D Makenna Robinson, Cade Squires, and Mallory Daniels “played strong and block the ball to create plays for the offense—Zack, Joal, and Holden.” Hines, Braxton’s goalie allowed only one George Washington shot into the Knights’ net.

Looking at the season and the team’s hard work, Coach Casto remarked, “I’m honored to be a part of the Knights’ development and so excited about the future of BCMS soccer. It has been a great season and one that I will never forget.”

Obituaries

Gilmer Camden Dennison, Sr.

Gilmer Camden Dennison, Sr., 76, of Little Birch, passed away on Thursday, October 27, 2022 at Braxton Memorial Hospital, Gassaway.

He was born February 24, 1946 in Little Birch the son of the late William Edwin & Macel Bucklin Dennison. Also preceding him in death was his son, Richard Dennison and two brothers, William “Junior” Edwin Dennison and Kenneth Dennison.

Gilmer was a logger, Army veteran and Christian by faith.

He is survived by his son, Gilmer Camden Dennison, Jr. (Sherry) of Little Birch; sisters, Thelma Myers of Buckhannon, Betty Smith of Apple Grove, WV; grandchildren, Katelynn Mace (Cody), Rachel Dennison, Grant Dennison, Blake Dennison; great grandchildren, Bentley Mace, Layla Mace, Ryder Mace.

Funeral services were held 2:00 pm, Sunday, October 30, 2022 at Greene-Robertson Funeral Home, Sutton with Rev Linn Schiefer officiating. Burial followed at Williams Cemetery, Little Birch. Friends called 1 hour before the service at the funeral home.

Greene-Robertson Funeral Home is humbly serving the Dennison family.

Online condolences may be sent to: greene-robertsonfuneralhome.com

Selva ‘Jean’ Payne

Selva ‘Jean’ Payne, 82, of Norton, Ohio, formerly of Myrtle Beach, S.C., and Webster County, W.V., passed away peacefully with her children on Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at home.

Born on March, 9, 1940, in Marlinton, she was the daughter of Jack B. Gibson and Margaret S. Shinaberry and sister of Bill Gibson.

Jean was a loving wife to Russell C. Payne; you would often see them volunteering their time together at Camp Caesar, helping the camp and working with children. She was a Baptist by faith. Jean was involved in many endeavors. She ran a car wash in Cowen, worked as a mail carrier, and a home health care provider, supporting patients within her home. Jean’s greatest passion was loving her family, her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Surviving are her children Donald Mollohan, Susan Underation, Nancy (Mike) Swan, and Salina (Jerome) Greene; stepchildren, David (Margaret) Payne, Kathy (Dale) Huls and Jennifer Wood; brother Bill (Ella) Gibson of Pennsylvania; daughter in law Deloris Mollohan; 15 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; special friends, Dorcas and Beth; and other extended family and friends.

Services to celebrate Jean’s life were held at 11:00 AM on Monday, October 31, 2022 at Adams-Reed Funeral Home,

Cowen. Burial followed in West Virginia Memorial Gardens, Calvin. Friends joined the family for visitation one hour prior to service time at the Funeral Home.

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

Adams-Reed Funeral Home, Cowen, is honored to be serving the Payne family.

Marjory Ellen Lough

Marjory Ellen Lough, 87 of Webster Springs passed away on Saturday, October 22, 2022 at Webster Nursing & Rehab Center after a brief illness. She was born September 22, 1935 in Webster County to the late James Grant Lough and Elva C. Ware Lough.

Marjory previously worked for Moore Business Forms as a camera operator. She loved to quilt, flower garden, and go to yard sales.

She is survived by her sister Marie (Dana) Brooks of Webster Springs; nieces and nephews Gary (Angie) Brooks of Collierville, TN, Brian (Marcie) Brooks of Dover, NC, J. Richard Bright and Debbie (Darrell) Clutter both of Webster Springs, and Vickie (Homer) Nicley of Oak Hill; great-nieces and nephews James Hamrick, Latisha (Jordan) Walker, Andra (Josh) Hamrick, and Leighann (Todd) Lynch; and many extended family and friends. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister and brother-in-law Mildred and Richard Bright.

Friends joined the family for Graveside Services

on Saturday, October 29, 2022 at 1:00 PM at WV Memorial Gardens.

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

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

Patricia Lee Cochran

Patricia Lee Cochran, 77 of Craigsville, went home to be with the Lord on Monday, October 24, 2022 at her home surrounded by those who loved her.

She was born May 12, 1945 in Webster Springs to the late Roland and Gracie Goff McCourt.

Patty previously worked as a clerk at Foodland and Dollar General and was a member of Alderson Missionary Baptist Church. She enjoyed going out to eat, flower gardening, and driving around to see the deer.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husbands, Ted Sablotny and John Cochran; brother Jesse James McCourt; granddaughter Whitney; and step-grandson Corey Bragg.

Left to cherish her memory are her children, John Sablotny, Sofia Swope, and Sonia Marcum; step-daughters, Leamont Bragg and Eva-lea Beckstrom; brother Dale (Linda) McCourt; sister-in-law Katie Dille; three grandchildren; eight step-grandchildren; and many cousins, nieces, nephews, and extended family and friends to mourn her passing.

Friends joined the family for visitation on Thursday, October 27, 2022 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at Adams-Reed Funeral Home. Services to celebrate Patty’s life were held on Friday, October 28, 2022 at 12:00 PM at Adams-Reed Funeral Home, Cowen, with Pastors Ed Groves and Sam Luppino officiating. Interment followed in West Virginia Memorial Gardens, Calvin.

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

Adams-Reed Funeral Home is honored to be serving Patty’s family.

Robert Lee “Bob” Tinney

Robert Lee “Bob” Tinney, 82, passed away on Friday, October 28, 2022, at his son’s home on the Tinney Family Farm on Bug Ridge Road in Sutton.

He was born September 22, 1940, in Sutton to the late Creed W. Tinney and Gladys May Johnson Tinney.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his wife, Sharon Lou Robinson Tinney.

Bob graduated from high school and headed to the military. He was a U.S. Army Special Forces Veteran of the Vietnam War. He often remembered his Special Forces Creed, “DE OPPRESSO LIBER”, which in Latin means “To free the oppressed”. He shared this motto with his fellow Special Forces throughout history and its meaning became ingrained into his daily life. His servant attitude was also displayed in his civic activities as he was a long-time member with the Sutton Volunteer Fire Department. Bob worked and retired in the coal mining industry as a coal miner and driller operator.

He is survived by his two sons, Shannon Tinney and wife, Wendy, of Fairmont, WV, and Chad Tinney and partner, Lori Phillips, of Sutton; two daughters, Laura Tinney of Maidsville, WV and Lori Toothman and husband, Dean, of Barrackville, WV; six grandchildren; brother, Creed Farrell Tinney of Wadsworth, OH; sister, Janet Carol Cottrill of Elgin, OK; and numerous nephews and nieces.

In keeping with Bob’s wishes he will be

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

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Sutton Volunteer Fire Department, 403 Main Street, Sutton, WV 26601.

Special thanks to WV Caring for their compassionate hospice care of Bob.

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

Arrangements by Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway, WV.

Anna Lee Allen

Anna Lee Allen, 91, of Gassaway, passed away on Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at Clay Health Care Center.

She was born on September 13, 1931 to the late Harry Ford and Beatrice Singleton Metheny.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, James M. Allen; and her brother, John Ford.

She was a homemaker and a caregiver for others. She loved to go shopping. When she was home, she enjoyed crocheting.

Anna is survived by her children, Earle Ford Allen of Grafton, James Harold Allen of Frametown, Judith Ann Hall of Duck, John Harry Allen of Gassaway, and Randy B. Allen of Gassaway; six grandchildren; and 15 great grandchildren.

Her funeral service was 1 P.M. Saturday, October 29, 2022 at Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway with Reverend Rich Demastus officiating. Burial followed in the Reip Cemetery, Frametown.

Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

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



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The Town of Burnsville holds October Town Council Meeting

The Burnsville Town Council meeting was held on October 10. The meeting called to order at 6:03pm by Mayor, Paul Bragg.

Members in Attendance: Steve Wine, Tom Crutchfield, Becky Jackson, Paul Bragg and Angela Morgan. Kisha Verton and John Verton attended by phone. Citizens in Attendance: Sherry Ratliff.

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

Sherry Ratliff told council that the majority of her lawn

has been mowed. She stated she has had a lot of health issues which is why she hadn't been able to keep up. She was also upset because she feels she is being harassed by her neighbor.

Under Communications from the Mayor, the following items were discussed: WV Attorney General, re: Allergan Opioid Settlement; WV Attorney General, re: CVS Opioid Settlement; WV Attorney General, re: TEVA Opioid Settlement; WV State Treasurer, re: Statement of Account; BC Sheriff, re: Property Tax Distribution;

BC Assessor, re: Dog Taxes; WV State Treasurer, re: Oil & Gas; and WV State Auditor, re: Delinquent & Nonentered Land Sale.

Billie Linger had told Pam that she was no longer interested in serving on the Park and Recreation Board. Steve made a motion to remove Billie from the board and appoint Angela Morgan, seconded by Becky, motion carried. Steve made a motion to approve the WV Local Government Election and Release Forms for Allergan, CVS and Teva, seconded by Becky, motion carried. Steve made a motion to approve Grant Amendment #2 to extend the contract period for the sewer project, seconded by Tom, motion carried. October 25th from 12:00-4:00 has been set to interview Engineers for the landslide remediation project. Steve, Angie and Paul will conduct the interviews.

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

Tom made a motion to adjourn at 6:57pm, meeting adjourned.

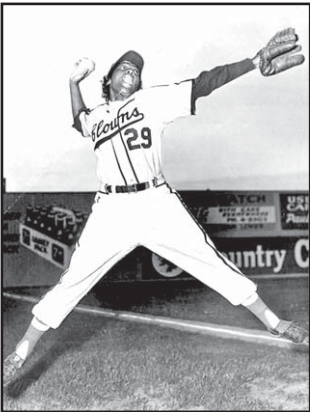
The next regular meeting was on October 24.

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.

Nov. 2, 1859: John Brown was tried for murder, treason, and insurrection in the Jefferson County courthouse at Charles Town. Brown's raid on Harpers Ferry galvanized the nation, further alienating North and South and drastically reducing any possible middle ground for compromise.

Nov. 2, 1952: Tri-State Airport in Wayne County was dedicated, with the first official landing made at 11 a.m. by Piedmont Airlines.



Nov. 2, 1996: Baseball player Toni Stone died.

Born in Bluefield, she joined the Negro Major League in 1953, becoming the first woman to play professional baseball.

Nov. 3, 1947: Kanawha Airport (now Yeager International Airport) was dedicated. World War I ace Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker was among the dignitaries present.



Nov. 4-5, 1985: Heavy rains led to devastating floods in parts of West Virginia. Forty-seven people were killed, and several towns were severely damaged.



Nov. 5, 1891: Alfred Earle "Greasy" Neale was born in Parkersburg. He was one of West Virginia's greatest all-around athletes.



Nov. 5, 1922: Cecil Underwood was born at Josephs Mills in Tyler County. Underwood, West Virginia's 25th and 32nd governor, served as the state's youngest and oldest chief executive.

Nov. 6, 1863: Confederate troops led by Brig. Gen. John Echols were defeated at Droop Mountain by a larger federal force led by Brig. Gen. William W. Averell. This was one of the most important Civil War battles fought on West Virginia soil.

Nov. 6, 1923: A methane gas explosion killed 27 men inside the Glen Rogers coal mine in Wyoming County. The mine, which opened in 1921, became one of the state's largest. A total of 160 fatalities over a 31-year period occurred at the mine before it was closed.

Nov. 7, 1775: The historic Forks-of-Cheat Baptist Church was organized about six miles north of Morgantown. It is the oldest church with continuous records west of the Alleghenies in West Virginia.

Nov. 8, 1936: "It's Wheeling Steel," a half-hour musical variety radio program, debuted over WWVA in Wheeling, West Virginia. The program was an instant success with local audiences and later became a nationwide sensation.

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BC Jamboree November Music Lineup

The Braxton County Jamboree music schedule for November is as follows:

November 4 Frank Conn and the Partners, November 11 Nebo Mountain Bluegrass, November 18 Daniel Lilly and the Lilly Mountaineers, November 25 Dixie Highway.

All shows played at the Braxton County Jamboree will be played from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Friday.

Concessions will be available for purchase. No Alcohol Permitted at any event. The Braxton County Jamboree is Handicap-Accessible. For more information and to follow the Braxton County Jamboree please visit Facebook or online at <http://braxton-countyjamboree.WebStarts.com/>

You may also contact Lena Parsons at (304) 364-5577 or by email at e-mail--lparsons804@gmail.com

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OFFICIAL BALLOT					
A	BRAXTON COUNTY, WV	B	GENERAL ELECTION	C	NOVEMBER 8, 2022
INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER 1. To vote you must darken the oval () completely next to the candidate or issue of your choice.		COUNTY TICKET		BALLOT ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS	
NATIONAL TICKET		FOR CIRCUIT CLERK (Vote For ONE)		Amendment No. 1: Clarification of the Judiciary's Role in Impeachment Proceedings Amendment	
		<input type="radio"/> NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED REP		Summary of Purpose: Clarifying that courts have no authority or jurisdiction to intercede or intervene in or interfere with impeachment proceedings of the House of Delegates or the Senate; and specifying that a judgment rendered by the Senate following an impeachment trial is not reviewable by any court of this state.	
		<input type="radio"/> SUSAN (FRAME) LEMON DEM Gassaway			
		<input type="radio"/> NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED LBN			
		<input type="radio"/> NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED MTN			
		<input type="radio"/> Write-in, If Any			
FOR U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 1ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT (Vote For ONE)		FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER (Vote For ONE) Not more than one resident of any magisterial district may be elected.		Instructions to Voters: To vote in favor of the Amendment submitted, darken the oval next to "FOR". To vote against the Amendment, darken the oval next to "AGAINST".	
		<input type="radio"/> NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED REP		<input type="radio"/> FOR	
		<input type="radio"/> LISA MACE GODWIN DEM Burnsville Northern Dist.		<input type="radio"/> AGAINST	
		<input type="radio"/> NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED LBN		Amendment No. 2: Property Tax Modernization Amendment	
		<input type="radio"/> NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED MTN		Summary of Purpose: To amend the State Constitution by providing the Legislature with authority to exempt tangible machinery and equipment personal property directly used in business activity and tangible inventory personal property directly used in business activity and personal property tax on motor vehicles from ad valorem property taxation by general law.	
		<input type="radio"/> GARY D. HERNDON IND Flatwoods Northern Dist.		Instructions to Voters: To vote in favor of the Amendment submitted, darken the oval next to "FOR". To vote against the Amendment, darken the oval next to "AGAINST".	
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STATE TICKET		FOR COUNTY CLERK (Vote For ONE)		<input type="radio"/> AGAINST	
FOR STATE SENATOR 11TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT (Vote For ONE)		<input type="radio"/> NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED REP		Amendment No. 3: Incorporation of Churches or Religious Denominations Amendment	
		<input type="radio"/> SUE (SINGLETON) RUTHERFORD DEM Sutton		Summary of Purpose: To authorize the incorporation of churches or religious denominations.	
		<input type="radio"/> NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED LBN		Instructions to Voters: To vote in favor of the Amendment submitted, darken the oval next to "FOR". To vote against the Amendment, darken the oval next to "AGAINST".	
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FOR MEMBER OF HOUSE OF DELEGATES 63RD DELEGATE DISTRICT (Vote For ONE)		<input type="radio"/> NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED MTN			
		<input type="radio"/> LORI COWGER DITTMAN REP Gassaway Braxton Co.			
		<input type="radio"/> KEVIN CARPENTER DEM Sutton Braxton Co.			
		<input type="radio"/> NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED LBN			
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PRECINCT 3				VOTE BOTH SIDES	

POLL CLERKS

SAMPLE BALLOT DISCLAIMER
I, the undersigned County Clerk of Braxton County, West Virginia, do hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct Official Sample Ballot for the November 8th, 2022 General Election, containing all of the candidates and issues to be voted for. I certify this Official Sample Ballot this 6th day of October, 2022 by affixing my signature hereto.
Original Signed
Sue Ann Rutherford Braxton County Clerk

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Braxton County Senior Center lunch menu for November

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

Thursday 3 Salmon
Patty, Pasta with peas.
Stewed Tomatoes, Fruit.
Friday 4 Sausage Biscuit
with Gravy, Roasted
Potatoes, Fruit. Mon-
day 7 Spaghetti with
Meatballs, Garden Sal-
ad, Garlic Bread, Fruit.
Tuesday 8 Holiday Cen-

ter 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, Coleslaw, 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 Bread, Fruit. Monday 21 Chili, Sweet Potatoes, Crackers, Fruit. Tuesday 22 Pork Riblet on Bun, Tater Tots, Coleslaw, 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.

So Many Sick People Right Now

By: Jeanette Riffle

We have never heard of so much sickness as there is right now and so many different things. Flu has started early, there's RSV, Covid variants, strep throat, and head colds that sometimes go on down into secondary complications. My husband has had an upper respiratory thing that is like a real bad head cold. He has been in all week doctoring and sleeping. He went to our primary care doctor Tuesday, when he got up congested, hoarse, coughing and sneezing. She put him on a couple prescriptions to keep it from getting any worse. I took a mild case of it and so far my home remedies are working. I have been sleepy and tired but I will try to get a story together. I am drinking

organic Throat Coat Tea and I'm not coughing as much as I was. We stay home when we are sick so as not to spread it and I have to be careful anyhow. I got a severe allergic reaction to the last flu shot I got. I did alright when they were growing the vaccine in egg whites but my body was sure fighting whatever they grow it in now. I usually stay away from crowds when the flu starts.

We have been having some beautiful blue sky days lately and warm by afternoon. We have had a few hard frosts though. One morning when we got up, the frost was so white it looked like a light covering of snow on everything out there. The Burning Bushes show up a brilliant burgundy in white frost or snow. I

am finding hard copies of stories that I have written through the years and I might start using one of them now and then. I debated this time whether or not to write about my first year at school.

That would be first grade to Miss Charlotte James. In 1951, I was in first grade at Norman-town High School.

We didn't get any Trick or Treaters this year. We left the porch light off. That is supposed to be the sign that you aren't participating. We were afraid of children coming into sickness and really, we didn't feel like opening the door and letting cold night air in. I will wrap this up for this time.

Everyone be careful
and continue to be safe.
Take care and God bless!

Making Time for the Important Things

By: Joseph J. Mazzella

Earlier this year the phone companies stopped supporting the software for my old 3G flip phone so like the rest of the modern world

I was forced to buy a new Smart Phone. I didn't use it much at first, only to get a call from my daughter or to play a game or two. Soon, however, I found it far

easier to surf the web or check out Facebook on the smart phone than my computer. Even with my limited time I quickly found myself spending more and more of it on this phone. It happened almost without me noticing it.

Yesterday I was on it scrolling and scrolling through the sea of stories, posts, news, and videos. Then suddenly a long, white, furry nose pushed its way between me and my phone. I started to push it away but that only got me a lick from my chin to my glasses. Laughing I put the phone down, took my smeared glasses off and petted my dog. Soon we were hugging, romping around, and playing fetch down the hallways of my home. And I noticed something too. There was a feeling in my heart: a wonderful mixture of love, laughter, and joy. It was a feeling that I hadn't gotten once during all that time I had spent on my phone.

Strange how it took a dog to remind me of what is important for our souls. I vowed then to spend less time on my addictive phone and more time doing the important things in life like hugging my children, talking to my friends, writing letters, loving others and even playing with my dogs. It is these things that fill my heart with love. It is these things that fill my days with joy. It is these things that bring me closer to Heaven, goodness, and God.

Technology is here to stay. But we shouldn't let it control us or our time. We should use it only when it helps us to do the important things like loving each other, making this world a better place, or growing closer to our Heavenly Father while we are still here on Earth.

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BALLOT ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS					
Amendment No. 4: Education Accountability Amendment					
Summary of Purpose: The purpose of this amendment is to clarify that the rules and policies promulgated by the State Board of Education, are subject to legislative review, approval, amendment, or rejection.					
Instructions to Voters: To vote in favor of the Amendment submitted, darken the oval next to "FOR". To vote against the Amendment, darken the oval next to "AGAINST".					
<div><input type="radio"/> FOR</div> <div><input type="radio"/> AGAINST</div>					
SAMPLE BALLOT					
VOTE BOTH SIDES					

**BUSINESS
& SERVICES**

A black and white illustration of a woman with styled hair and a pearl necklace, looking at a newspaper. The newspaper has several 'HELP WANTED' advertisements. One ad for 'REPAIRS' shows a man working on a car. Another ad for 'DECORATIONS' shows a man in a suit. The woman's hand is visible, pointing towards the ads.

A black and white photograph of a 'FOR RENT' sign. The sign is rectangular with a thick black border and is tilted slightly to the right. It features the words 'FOR RENT' in large, bold, white capital letters on a black background. Below this, the word 'BRAXTON' is written in smaller, bold, black capital letters on a white background. The sign is mounted on a wooden post, and the background shows a blurred view of a house and trees.

**MISC.
ITEMS**

CHRISTMAS SALE: The ladies of St. Thomas Church will hold a Christmas Sale in the Parish Hall at 624 Kanawha St. in Gassaway on November 3rd & 4th

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On the Other Side of the Mountain

I often come across subjects I find very interesting. My choice of topics varies greatly . I would like to share some of them with you. .

We watched recently a documentary about Harriet Tubman. She was born as a slave around 1820. Her name was Araminta Ross, one of 11 children.

She was taken away from her family at five years of age to take care of an infant of a slave holder’s wife. It was a difficult life. Later when she was 12 years old, she started working in the fields. She was injured as a young girl (14 years old?), when she refused to take part in whipping a young man for going to a store without permission. The young man ran away but the overseer picked up a heavy iron weight to throw at him. It hit Araminta instead. It nearly crushed her skull, leaving a deep scar. She was unconscious for days, but recovered. She never received any medical care. She suffered seizures for the rest of her life from this brutal injury.

When she feared to be sold (she was maybe 22 or 24 years old), she escaped, made it to Philadelphia where she found

work in a household as a servant. She had changed her name to Harriet (her mother’s name) and Tubman a free black man she had married. This is only her youth, she is best known as an adult as a “conductor” of the Underground Railroad, leading enslaved people to freedom. She became known as the “Moses” of her people .A survey conducted at the end of the 20th century named her as one of the most famous civilians in the history before the civil war.

This woman was amazing and we should tell her story as an example of extreme courage but also as an individual who, under challenging circumstances, succeeded . She had a healthy self-awareness. I’ve only touched briefly on a few of her accomplishments. She was uneducated but it said in the documentary that she had a “different” intellect. She learned to navigate by the stars and, for security, only traveled at night. She avoided any roads, knew her ways through swamps and forests.

She disguised herself by appearing as an old woman, sometimes as a man, sometimes as a trader of chickens. She was in constant peril, but

was never caught and she never lost anybody she brought to freedom. It was this “different” intellect that all of a sudden made a connection in my mind with the West Virginians we met when we first moved here.

They had an intellect that I often in the past mistook for common sense, but it is more far reaching. They had skills honed by years of subsistence living. They knew their way through the woods, they could predict weather by observations without today’s satellites .They knew how to raise crops. They were skilled traders of goods. They also were able to make a distinction of character in people they did not know well. Today’s crooks would be the laughing stock of these intellectuals.

Our democracy would not be in danger if those folks could still vote today. I have never seen so much intelligence that was so integrated in every day’s life in every possible way as with these dear people.

If I were still a teacher today, I would make sure that my students learn about role models, people who had the strength, the intuition, the foresight and the drive to make a

difference in other people’s lives . I had Gandhi in my youth, later Nelson Mandela and Martin Luther King. If I were to tell children about Harriett Tubman, I would invite a few Kindergartners to my 3rd or 4th grade classroom, or maybe we could visit them as a class. We would ask them questions about what they like in Kindergarten, if they walk to school or use the bus, if they have pets, if they have a favorite book, if they have friends, what they like to eat etc. Returning to our own classroom, I would ask MY students about their impressions, then we would write them down. The next step would be to ask them to write of what they remember when they were 5 years old.

Eventually I would tell them that life for children was very different

200 or so years ago. We would study Tubman’ s

life, her hardships and her successes. I am certain that today’s kids would not feel any guilt, but compassion for the little girl who had to leave home and work for strangers at a very young age. This has nothing to do with critical race theory. This is only a stupid slogan made up to confuse and distract us from REAL issues that are too hard to solve for those charlatans. We need to know about our past to find out what worked and what we did wrong. We don’t want to repeat the wrongs, but we want to find paths to reasonable solutions.

I would like to mention that we have a local celebrity among us.

Lindsey Collins from Birch River was named logger of the year in WV for

2022 by the WVFA. I looked up the the requirements to get such recognition. This program recog-

nizes outstanding logging contractors and their performances. Somebody has to be involved in forest management, timber harvesting, business management and safety procedures. The nominee establishes and enforces safety standards and regulations in harvesting timber and transportation. There are personal safety recommendations that a nominee should enforce with his employees, like safety gear for eyes, ears, feet, head and legs. Lindsey is a fifth generation logger. The name of his company reflects this heritage, “Second-hand Tradition limited”. It must be in his DNA! Lindsey and his wife have 3 children. As long as I have known him, he had always had a solid character, was well grounded, dependable, but so were his parents and his siblings. Congratulations, Lindsey!

Sutton Town Council Holds October meeting

Mayor JD Hoover called the October 27th Sutton Town Council meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Jon Crum updated the council about the light at the end of Main Street. He stated he was still working on trying to get in touch with someone at Mon Power to address the wattage of the light. He has a pole number but that is not one listed for the town, so he is trying to sort it out.

Robyn Dolan discussed drainage issues on South Industrial. She asked the Birch Street be finished as it was not complete as previously believed. Dolan is also still waiting to hear back from DOH about the cleaning of a couple of ditches on roads that the state is responsible for and she will be contacting the Weston office.

Steve Facemire stated he did have a complete list of the county roads in the town limits but has not been able to locate it. He asked Catherine Hoover to speak to Marsha Lloyd as she may have the list.

The purchase of the salt spreader was discussed. Mayor Hoover asked about the servicing of the unit. Facemire stated there were a couple of different options for servicing and that it would

have a warranty.

Facemire also revisited the need for the purchase of a tractor with different attachments to complete work around town.

Recorder Laurel Petolicchio brought up the need for a secure storage facility for the town equipment. Options were discussed, including placing on building on the property owned by the town on Town Hill. Jon Crum stated he had a camera he would install where the equipment is currently located.

Steve Facemire informed council the recycling grant truck was in the shop for repairs as scheduled. Once the repairs are complete, the truck can be re-inspected in order to be released to the town in January. He noted the truck will need to have some kind of lining placed in the bed for protection once the town has it.

The police department was briefly discussed. Beth Atkins stated the Chief Shane Boggs was still scheduled for the academy in January. Both he and Officer Jonathan Sergeant recently completed training in Indiana.

Catherine Hoover noted the workers were cleaning up a drain near her house when they noticed the smell of gas. She

contacted the gas company and there was a leak. They have the repairs scheduled to be completed.

Steve Facemire also discussed cleaning the trees and brush coming off of Town Hill.

Beth Atkins updated council on the search for either a chair lift or elevator to be installed in the town building. She had contacted five companies to see what was available. She also contacted the state about the inspections that will need to be completed every year. Council requested she continue moving forward with the project.

Council discussed the town ordinances. Atkins discussed the need for ordinances to be on record even for items that are covered in state code. If the town does not have an ordinance with the fine schedule listed, the charge cannot be processed through municipal court but must go through magistrates instead.

Mayor Hoover asked about specific ordinances in reference to consequences for individuals that have refused to get a business license. Steve Facemire also asked if there was an ordinance on landlords being required to get businesses licenses. Jon Crum will review the current ordinances for answers.

Catherine Hoover thanked Frontier for their assistance with the installation of the banners and their brackets throughout town. Move brackets and banners would be purchased for installation. Council discussed giving businesses the opportunity to donate or purchase banners.

The approval of the previous meeting of October 13 was tabled until the next meeting and no bills were presented for payment.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 10 at 6:00 pm.

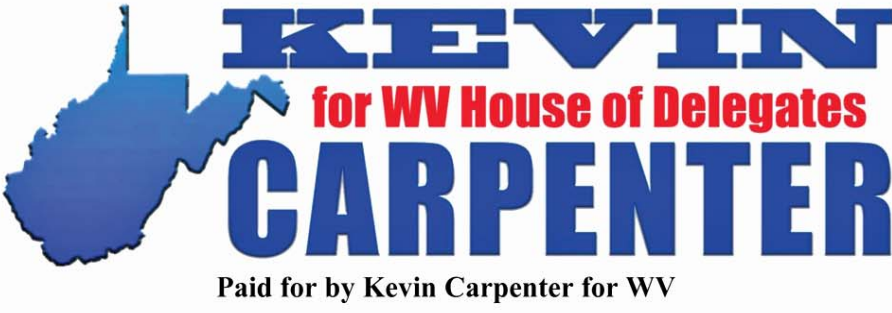
Kroger Closing is the Canary in the Coal Mine



Kroger’s announcement on Monday that it will close its store in Gassaway - with the loss of 52 jobs - is like the proverbial “Canary in the Coal Mine” for our community. Our thoughts are with those works and their families.

Monday’s announcement is a result of our community being ignored by leadership in Charleston for too long. We must do more and we must do better.

We need new leadership that will fight for economic development in communities like ours. Leadership that is committed to building infrastructure, broadband, and an education system that will prepare our kids for the jobs of the future.



Why I Ride



Riding in bad weather, on bad roads, and the scariest ride of my riding days



Monarch Pass on a good day. The store I bypassed in the fog is in the background.

Welcome to November! Hopefully, you did not listen to my suggestions about putting your bike away for the winter, detailed in last week’s column. The sunny in the 60s days that followed delivered beautiful clear days, perfect for riding. Anyway, if you really love riding a motorcycle, you will ride through all kinds of harsh weather and on all kinds of bad roads. I have experienced them all, including lightning, hail, 40 mph crosswinds, tumbleweed across the highway, blinding rain, and cold. You gotta love it! So true. Here are some tips for riding during some unexpected, or planned, situations.

Riding in the rain would be the most common event. First thing to do is to avoid riding in the rain. Check the weather report before you embark on your journey. But say you’re riding down the road, you look ahead to see some nasty looking clouds in the horizon. Pull over to a safe area or

get off the road, put on your raingear, and make yourself visible with reflective gear. Slow down and make your throttle, braking, and cornering smooth operations. If you must brake, use both front and rear brakes. Keep the bike as upright as possible to prevent it from sliding out from under you. Use your body to keep the bike upright with more rubber on the road. Increase your following distance and use your engine to help decelerate. If you encounter poor visibility, DO NOT STOP! Slow down and follow the road markings on the side of the road. Find a dry line to ride on towards the middle of the road and look out for extra slippery spots and puddles. Keep the ride smooth. A windshield on your bike really helps, as well as an anti-fog helmet shield. Be very careful at railroad crossings. These become real slick when wet. Cross as close to perpendicular as possible.

So, you made it through

the storm, and now you encounter a construction area with grooved pavement, uneven road surfaces, potholes, loose gravel, and debris. You fearless riders will do the following: Riding on grooved pavement feels as though your bike wants to wander everywhere. Do not fight it, instead, maintain a constant speed and use gentle control. At the same time, watch for clear pathways through gravel, potholes, and uneven pavement. Approach uneven road surfaces at the highest angle possible. Find your way around potholes, puddles, and debris. Slow down and look at where you are going. Mind the cones and barrels. These could be hit by other drivers and flipped onto your path. You could fall if you hit one of them. Finally, watch for other drivers. Choose the lane that is safest to you. Road paint, sealants, and hot tar create major hazards to motorcyclists. Stay away from them. There are a couple of states, like Alaska, which have only two seasons: winter, and construction. Plan your trip to avoid construction sites.

If you happen to venture upon a dirt road that has turned muddy, avoid sudden moves, use a higher gear, and play with the clutch, stand on the foot pegs. Reduce your speed before the muddy section and keep even throttle. As soon as you roll off the gas, your bike will go wherever it wants to. Steer the bike with your feet and don’t clamp your legs or knees, otherwise, if the bike slides you will

get thrown off balance along with it.

Ride smart. Slow down, look where you are going, and stay calm. You can do this!

A few years ago, a trip West to Gunnison, Colorado, took me from Missouri, through Kansas, and into Colorado on U. S. Route 50. U. S. Route 50 stretches 3,073 miles, from West Sacramento, CA, to Ocean City, MD, on the Atlantic Ocean. It’s a great road to travel on to avoid Interstate riding. Just West of Salida, CO, SR 50 crosses the Continental Divide and over Monarch Pass, then a little over one hundred miles to Gunnison. I had lunch in Salida, and the weather looked good to ride on over Monarch. There’s a restaurant/souvenir place at the Monarch Summit, 11,312 feet

elevation, where I was going to take a break before proceeding to Gunnison. As soon as I started riding up Monarch Mountain, the weather turned on me, heavy rain, wind, and about a foot of visibility in front of me. US 50 going up Monarch Mountain is a pretty narrow 2-lane road with major drop offs, most of the time on both sides of the road. People die on this road driving in clear weather. My only guide was the white line on the side of the road, which I could see under the motorcycle. My plan was to pray really hard and make it to the summit store, where I would stay until the storm passed. After what seemed an eternity of anticipation, I felt the motorcycle starting to go down the mountain. The fog was so thick, that

I had bypassed the store, and was headed down the mountain. My heart was thumping so hard it shook my chest. I don’t know what was wetter, the rain, or my tears of fear. This trip confirmed my belief in the power of prayer. I am not sure why, but when I reached a parking area at the bottom of the mountain, after another seemingly endless road, I parked the bike, and with my body shaking, I kissed the ground.

This wasn’t my first time over the pass, and it wasn’t my last. I learned to pay more detailed attention to the weather. Got to Gunnison and celebrated with my friend, and did more praying, however, this time was all about being grateful.

Ride safe and ride smart.



The weather can change from beautiful to hazardous in a hurry. Check the weather report before you ride.



Some of the different roads you might have to ride on. Top right, loose gravel, and broken road. You can see the Alaska Pipeline on the left side of the picture.



Construction sites present a rider with all sorts of hazards. Some of the construction sites in Alaska were so bad and long, one had to wait and follow a pilot car. Some sites were over five miles long.

CHAPEL OF PRAYER BAPTIST CHURCH

FALL FESTIVAL

Invite your friends and family and join us for an evening of hayrides, cotton candy, bonfires, carnival games, popcorn, face painting, and so much more!

November 5th, 2022 at 2:00 PM
Victory Mountain Campground
4828 Scott's Fork Bonnie Road
Exchange WV 26619

Call us at (304) 689-6285 or message us on Facebook @ Chapel of Prayer Baptist Church for more details.