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County to Observe Amendments Fail; **Veterans Day this Friday** Godwin, Dittman Elected

Central WV Aging Services has announced that Ray Clifford Strader will be the Parade Marshal for the annual Veterans Day Parade which will be held on Friday November 11th at 11 a.m. in Gassaway. Parade lineup will begin at 10 a.m. A luncheon will immediately follow the parade at the Braxton County Armory. Anyone planning to attend the luncheon should RSVP with the number attending by calling Shelly at (304)765-3668.

CWVAS has also released the name of the Veterans' Luncheon keynote speaker for this year. It will be Sergeant First Class Chris Shortall. Sgt. Shortall is a 2001 Graduate of Braxton County High School and has 22 years of service in the Army National Guard.

He holds Military Occupational Specialties in Combat Engineer, Horizontal Construction Engineer, Carpentry-Masonry Specialist, Military Police and Human Resources.

Sgt. Shortall has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, 6 Army Commendation Medals, 4 Army Achievement Medal, Combat Action Badge, and Air Assault Badge.

He is currently the recruiter and career counselor for Braxton, Gilmer, Calhoun, and Clay Counties.

Ray Strader was born May 21, 1932 on Road Run Road in Orlando, WV. His parents were Linzy and Mae Strader. He had 12 siblings and now lives on Happy Hollow Road,

and went to Burnsville he worked for 37 years. High School where he During that time he did graduated in May 1951. many different jobs in-Mr. Strader married Jean cluding line foreman and (Stalnaker) St5rader on line keeper. After the mill June 03, 1953 and was married for 60 year5s, 6 months, and 6 days. Ray and Jean had two sons Airport later moved to a Alan and Mark Strader, eight grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

Ray joined the army in January 1953 and tion. Immediately after, was discharged in January 1955. He was sent to Orlando, WV. Fort Hood Texas for Bawas sent to the Motor Pool to teach the men how to drive jeep up to 70 mm Tanks. He had to teach 37 men how to drive because there were for over twelve years ad only three of them that currently serves with the could drive. Ray states that when they hit the with funerals for Veteran. firing range, it was total chaos. No one knew how to do anything. After they fired the first round the Division Commander asked Ray where he had learned how to shoot. from shooting squirrels. After that, this became Ray's job for the next two years. He would teach others to drive a jeep and handle firearms. He was also given night duty that lasted four months. Ray with a score of 773.

being After charged, he worked two NRP Officers Association years in Clarksburg and commissioned the metook classes in Industrial morial marker that will Manchin and Shelley tor Manchin. "The Ru- tiative is an extension of Electronics. He then went be dedicated on the Brax-Orlando. Ray attended to work in Pittsburgh ton County Courthouse announced the U.S. De- Networks announced to-Grade School at Orlando for a Steel Mill where square.

closed, he worked at the Pittsburgh Airport as a Security Supervisor. The different location and Ray stayed long enough to set up the security machinery at the new Airport loca-Ray retired and resides in

Ray is now an member sic Training. After five of the American Legion days of Boot Camp, he Post #33 (Braxton). He joined in 1994 and continues to be active serving in different capacities. He has been the Commander of the American Legion Color Guard assisting

> For more information regarding the Veterans Day Parade and reception contact Shelly at (304)765-3271 or e-mail sflint@frontier.com.

Following the parade, Ray told his Commander a special dedication ceremony will take place on the Courthouse lawn at 2:00 p.m. A plaque will be unveiled to honor Braxton County native and Department of Natural Resources Officer Wesley C. Frame Jr. who said that he had to qual- was killed November ify on all of the weapons 10, 1978 while stationed in the division. His score in Monroe County. In was 800 and he qualified Honor of Officer Frame, in the top on the 70 mm a Gassaway High School graduate and U.S. Navy dis- veteran, the West Virginia

Braxton County as they did statewide. In the county's only contested races Lisa Godwin won reelection to a second term on the County Commission, while Lori Dittman will be the new representative for this area in the House of Delegates. The county re-

corded a good turnout 267,693 voted against the for a mid-term election according to the County Clerk's office. A total of 1043 registered voters took advantage of the early voting period, while an additional 2377 went to the polls on Tuesday, November 8th. Fifty-seven more participated by casting an absentee ballot.

In Braxton County and Statewide, voters handed the legislature a resounding defeat in rejecting all four proposed Constitutional Amendments. Vote totals strongly indicated that citizens did not want the legislature to have additional powers.

which would have given were against and 251,797 the Senate final word on any impeachment proceeds, fell by a vote of have given the legisla-2,240 against the change ture the final say-so over

All four Constitutional with only 1,025 in favor. rules, regulations and Amendments on the No- Unofficial statewide tovember ballot failed to tals from the Secretary gain voters support in of State's website show

> Voters reject all 4 Amendments Lisa Godwin wins reelection

Lori Dittman takes **House of Delegates**

amendment with only 195,193 in favor.

Amendment 2 gained the most discussion and the highest vote total. That amendment would have taken tax revenue from the county governments and the school system. A total of 2,500 Braxton County voters opposed the measure with only 854 were in favor. Statewide, 307,343 voted against Amendment 2 while 168,704 supported it.

Amendment 3 would have allowed churches to incorporate. Locally 2,171 opposed the change while 1,088 favored it. State-Locally, Amendment 1 wide total indict 209,787 favored the proposal.

Amendment 4 would

policies set by the State Board of Education. Only 1,111 Braxton voters favored the change while 2,199 opposed

it. Statewide, 274,171 opposed the amendment, 199,330 supported it.

In the local race for County Commission Lisa Godwin won reelection to a second 6-year term with 1,825 votes. Challenger Gary Herndon

received 1,203 unofficial votes.

With long time Delegate Brent Boggs decision not to seek reelection, Lori Cowger Dittman will now represent Braxton and a portion of Gilmer County in the House of Delegates 63rd Delegate District. Dittman outdistanced her opponent, Kevin Carpenter with 2,482 votes to Carpenter's 937.

In the US House race Carol Miller won local with 2,278 votes to Lacy Watson's 837. Miller prevailed district wide.

Bill Hamilton ran unopposed for the Senate seat representing the 11th Senatorial District.

County Clerk Sue Rutherford and Circuit Clerk Susan Lemon also were unopposed in their bids for reelection.

Braxton Included in Rural Partners Community Network

Moore Capito

Senators Joe communities," said Sena- munities and the RPN inirecently ral Partners Community that promise. The initia-

Braxton Magistrate Report

Magistrate Beth Smith

10% to the court.

Lewis Mollohan of Davenport, IA, possession of meth, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$3000 personal recognizance; Laddie Dean Nichols of Frametown, failure to register, at \$10,000 cash only.

Magistrate **David Singletoin**

Jo Jones of Gassaway, contest plea, no proof of insurance, no contest plea, expired MVI, no costs assessed and paid.

November 6: Sarah B. Creek, forgery & ut- nizance; Candace Jean resources for rural com-Balcourt of Sutton, driv- tering, warrant issued, Conrad of Linn, receiving revoked for DUI, bond set at \$5000 per- ing stolen goods, false warrant issued, bond set sonal recognizance; Aid- information to officer, at \$1500 cash, surety, or an Betsil of PA, speed- warrant issued, bond set boost economic developing, no contest plea, November 7: Joseph fine/court costs assessed and paid.

Lee Schartiger of Craigsville, transporting contraband into jail x3, warmersville, transporting November 1: Kendal \$5000 cash only.

cell phone violation, no Baughman of Webster arrest, bond set at \$2500 Virginia Pioneer Com-Springs, speeding, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; Jonna R. Ann Mathis of Burnscontest plea, fines/court Rollins of Cowen, receiv- ville, fugitive from aning stolen goods, war- other state, transferred cess to critical economic ties tasked with helping November 2: Gloria rantless arrest, bond set to circuit court.

Ann Yeager of French at \$2500 personal recogat \$2500.

November 5: Casey Pioneer Ray Hudson of Burns- Network, sponsored by November 3: Bryonna ville, assault, battery, Glenville State Universiwarrant issued, bond set ty, will serve eight coun- nities across the Mounat \$1500 personal recog- ties, including Braxton nizance; Amber N. Dyer and the Southern West rant issued, bond set at of Sutton, conspiracy, Virginia \$15,000 cash only; Shawn warrant issued, bond set Network, sponsored by warrant issued, bond set Michael Meador of Sum- at \$5000 cash only; Tere- the West Virginia Comsa Ann Mathis of Burnscontraband into jail, war- ville, receiving stolen Hub, will serve twelve rant issued, bond set at property, obstructing an officer x2, possession of November 4: Aaron marijuana, warrantless is establishing The West our residents to succeed. personal recognizance.

November 7: Teresa

two Rural Partners Community Networks in West Virginia to help provide munities to create goodpaying jobs, strengthen local infrastructure and Community Community munity counties.

the Southern West Virginia Community Network to help expand acresources for our rural

partment of Agriculture day will boost economic (USDA) is establishing development across our great state and identify opportunities that will help create good-paying, long-term jobs and bolster local infrastructure. I look forward to seeing the positive impacts of the Community Networks, ment. The West Virginia and I will continue working with the USDA and their federal partners to ensure our rural commutain State have access to the resources they need to thrive."

"Throughout my time in Congress, I have Development worked to make sure that resources remain available to our communities "I'm pleased USDA to create opportunities for Today's announcement munity Network and will build on that momentum by supporting a network of individuals in 20 West Virginia councommunities navigate resources, such as those I helped include while negotiating and crafting the bipartisan infrastructure law. I look forward to seeing this support advance efforts that lead to success, growth, and economic stability across West Virginia," Senator Capito said.

"I'm incredibly excited that USDA Rural Development will be the lead federal agency to coorditivity. This activity would nate the Rural Partners support 195 full- and part- Network (RPN) initiative time jobs across different in West Virginia. At Rural Development, we are The report identifies advocates for, investors in *Continued on Page 2* and partners to rural com-

tive provides a collaborative, all-of-government, approach to building local capacity and reducing the barriers to obtaining federal resources in twenty distressed and historically underserved counties across West Virginia," said Ryan Thorn, West Virginia State Director for USDA Rural Development. "The RPN initiative is a testament to the Biden Administration's commitment to creating new opportunities from the bottom up while building economically diverse and more resilient rural communities. I look forward to seeing the positive impact that it will have in our local communities and for our state."

The Rural Partner Network (RPN) provides support to rural and underserved areas across the country to expand access to critical economic resources. The West Virginia Pioneer Community Network is sponsored by Glenville State University and will serve Braxton, Calhoun, Clay, Gilmer, Nicholas, Roane, Webster and Wirt counties. The Southern West Virginia Community Network is sponsored by the West Virginia Community Development Hub and will serve Boone, Fayette, Lincoln, Logan, McDowell, Mercer, Mingo, Monroe, Raleigh, Summers, Wayne and Wyoming counties.



Study Says Elk River Trail Will Provide Huge Economic Benefits

In pursuit of its mission study are astounding. to promote economic development along the trail fied in this report include: corridor, Elk River Trail Foundation partnered with the Braxton County Development Authority study to recommend steps to take advantage of the opportunities presented by the trails and develop "trail town," recreationbased economies around them. The results of the

• Development of nearly 70 new businesses over ment. the next 10-years.

and Trail Towns.

System and Trail Towns through existing and new outlets.

• Adoption of local more substantial. The re-Key strategies identi- policies designed to help with visitor attraction and River Trail Towns could small business develop-

Implementation of • Construction of key these and other strategies to commission a \$75,000 infrastructure to promote included in this report is the flow of people be- expected to cost just over tween the Trail System \$4 million over the next 10 years. However, the eco-• Marketing of the Trail nomic impact associated with new tourist activity in Sutton, Gassaway, Clay, and Clendenin is much

port finds that the Elk reasonably anticipate \$250 million in new sales activity over the next 15-years. This spending would result in nearly \$390 million in regional economic acsectors of the economy.

Legislative Update

on Sunday evening, I'm proximity to the DC beltthankful for many things way. As their population in life. One blessing for soars while most of WV which our family is ex- declines, it's not surprisceedingly grateful is my ing that more delegates parents. November 7, Mom and area have led to a lopsid-Dad celebrated their sev- ed number of leadership enty-second wedding an- positions from the area. niversary. Now in their All meetings are open 90's, they stay positive to the public. Here's the every day, as they confront health struggles with dignity, always giv- 2022 ing thanks. Happy Anniversary!

one for the community's concerns and willingness ity Rumsey Room to step up to support our and local Kroger store. Thus far, Kroger has not been responsive to our pleas to reconsider its tee on Government and closure plans. However, Finance Washington I urge everyone to con- Fairfax Room tinue their efforts. Simultaneously, we cannot Committee on Education wait to see if Kroger will The Pines Opportunity respond to find an alter- Center Berkley Springs, native that will meet the WV needs of providing competition and convenience ing Committee on Gov. for all the counties and citizens that Kroger now Corporations serves. like Kroger, Walgreens 14, 2022 and others are making it more difficult for rural Committee on Finance areas to attract and retain Rumsey Room residents. The Federal government should put Committee on the Judimega-merger tions under the scrutiny fax Room of regulators and examine what the impact is on tee on Natural Gas Derural American and our velopment hard-working citizens.

Next week, the Legislature travels to the east- tee on Health - Agenda State Park for the final onthe-road interim meetings for 2022. The last Committee on Energy time we were a Cacapon Rumsey Room for interims was about a decade ago. Since then, Oversight Commission families in your thoughts 1962 until 1966, and then the park has undergone on Education Accounta major renovation while ability Jefferson, Berkley and Fairfax Room

Study...

specific ideas for each Development town as well as common

By Delegate Brent Boggs Morgan Counties con-As I write this column tinue to benefit from the On Monday, and senators from the schedule for next week: Sunday, November 13,

Oversight Commission Families I want to thank every- on Health and Human ton - Fairfax Room Resources Accountabil-

local Kroger employees mittee on Infrastructure of our youngest grand-Washington - Fairfax Room

2:30 PM Joint Commit-

4:00 PM Joint Standing

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Monday, November

1:00 PM Joint Standing

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Washington

Braxton with Development zations to identify prospective to take advantage of the opportunities identified in the report. Advantage Valley, through its FASTR WV program, will instruct budding entrepreneurs in all aspects of starting and running a business.

Tuesday, November 15, 2022

1:00 PM Joint Commission on Economic Development Rumsey Room

1:00 PM Commission on Special Investigations Washington - Fairfax Room

2:30 PM Joint Committee on Pensions and Retirement Rumsey Room

4:00 PM Legislative Oversight Committee on Regional Jail and Correctional Facility Authority Rumsey Room

4:00 PM Joint Com-1:00 PM Legislative mittee on Children and Washing-

To conclude this week, we enjoyed celebrating 1:00 PM Select Com- the fourteenth birthdays children, Kenzie and Carson, last Saturday evening. During the evening of the birthday celebration, the family discovered that Jean has a previously undisclosed He spent four years as a and unknown talent that Marine, attained the rank had not emerged as we of sergeant, and received near our forty-fourth anniversary in January. Despite her admitted lack of athleticism, she can Marines he completed his throw an axe with accuracy, even though it travels through the air like a Florida State University. wounded duck. I knew After military service he she was competitive, but attended Glenville State this was a hit with the grandkids and all those in attendance. "Grammy" stole the show.

> 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 email address

Thank a Veteran every 4:00 PM Joint Standing day for their service and remember our troops - at home and abroad -4:00 PM Legislative and keep them and their and prayers.

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County everyone to review the tion as Director of Guid-Author- full report and to share it ance at Braxton County Continued from Page 1 ity, Clay County Business with anyone interested in High School in 1973 Author- pursuing an opportunity where he remained until ity, the Kanawha County along the trail system and retirement in 1988. Commission, Advantage with anyone who wishes Valley, and other organi- to help implement the was co-founder and manplan. ERTF can be conentrepreneurs tacted at elkrivertrail@ gmail.com. The full report is being posted on er. their website, www.elkrivertrail.org. Elk River Trail Foun- son of Herold, WV. They dation, Inc. is a nonprofit were the parents of two corporation formed in sons, Michael Vernon and 2020 to support the Elk Mark Alan. River Trail – a 93-mile The ERTF encourages long rail trail along the ber of Birch River Baptist Elk River from Clen- Church. He was a charter denin, Kanawha County, member and retired chief through Clay County, of the Birch River Fire Deto Gassaway in Braxton partment, and also served County. The trail will be as an EMT with the resowned and operated by cue squad and ambulance If you are the contact the WV Division of Natuni Banquet scheduled for person or know of that ral Resources as a state park. The trail includes ber and president of the an 18-mile rails-with-trail section located entirely in Clay County that will offer rail rides or peddle cars for visitors. In 2022, ERTF also became the sponsoring entity for the 102-mile Elk River Water lete, a member of his Trail running from Sutton Dam at Sutton in Braxton County through Clay County to Charleston in Kanawha County.

Obituaries

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Vernon Murphy Jr. Vernon Murphy Jr., 89, of Birch River, went home



cember 17, 1932 near Dille

(WV), the son of Vernon Murphy Sr. and Tressa Dix Murphy.

He grew up in the Dille area and attended Nicholas County schools, graduating from Nicholas County High School in the class of 1950.

After graduation he was a steelworker in Ohio and Pennsylvania until he enlisted in the US Marine Corps in January 1953. an honorable discharge in January 1957.

While serving with the freshman year of college, attending night classes at College and earned a bachelor's degree in 1960. He later earned a master's degree from West Virginia University and completed additional graduate studies at Marshall University. While attending WVU he was inducted into the Phi Delta Kappa education honorary.

He began a career in education as a teacher at Widen High School in 1960. He was a teacher and the basketball and baseball coach at Walkersville High School from served as physical edu-Until next week, take cation director for Webster County schools until 1973. He accepted a posi-

Connection

Music Store in Birch Riv-

1958 to Anna Mae John-

He was married in

Vernon was a mem-

He was a charter mem-

Birch River Ruritan Club

and past president of the

Birch River PTA. He was a

coach for little league and

pony league baseball for

Vernon was an ath-

the youth of Birch River

high school football team,

and played independent

league baseball and bas-

ketball in the central West

Virginia area. He enjoyed

Bluegrass

service.

hunting, fishing, team sports, NASCAR and dirt track racing. He loved bluegrass and traditional country music and had many friends among

bands and musicians. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his loving wife of 54 years, Anna Mae, brother Charles Doy Murphy, and sister Opal Jones.

He is survived by sons Michael (Debbie) of Clarksburg MD and Mark of Birch River; Grandsons Cody (Samantha) and Luke Murphy of Summersville and Matthew (Bri) Murphy of Frederick MD; granddaughter Amanda (Nick) Lamont of Herndon VA, step-granddaughters Kelly (Tim) Martin of Pasadena MD and Katie (Ryan) Hill of Damascus MD and stepgrandson Patrick Wetzel of Clarksburg MD, greatgranddaughter Penny Murphy of Summerville and great-grandson Maxwell Lamont of Herndon VA, step-great-grandsons Jacob and Joshua Hill of Damascus MD, sister Browning of Dille, Iov several nieces, nephews, and cousins, and special family members Kathy and Larry Browning of

Strange Creek. Funeral service will be held at 11 am Saturday, November 12th, at the Greene-Robertson Funeral Home in Sutton with the Rev. James Murphy officiating. Burial will follow in the Keener-Wood Cemetery in Birch River. Friends may call from 6 to 8 pm Friday, November tian by faith and had 11th, at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Birch River Baptist Church, Birch River WV 26610, or the Birch River Fire Department, PO Box 183, Birch River WV 26610.

Greene-Robertson Funeral Home, Sutton is honored to be serving the Murphy family.

Online condolences

Brennan Williams of Rainelle, Dustin (companion, Katie Carpenter) Williams of Grassy Creek, and Cody Williams of Upperglade; and her companion, Gary Lee Simmons; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends whom she loved dearly.

Graveside services to honor Ashley's memory were held 2pm, Friday, November 4, 2022 at Odd Fellows' Cemetery, Cowen with Pastor Doug Martin officiating.

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

Adams-Reed Funeral Home, of Cowen, is honored to be serving Ashley's family.

Carol Ann Ray

Carol Ann Ray, 88 of Cowen passed away



tober 26, 2022 at Webster Nursing and Rehab Center.

Wednes-

day, Oc-

Carol was born February 4, 1934 down Givens Run and was the daughter of Pete and Cora Holcomb Barbe. Along with her parents she was preceded in death by her husband Virgil Ray, son Roger Ray, siblings; Golda Ruth Barbe, Elva Wilma Barbe, Minnie Merle Barbe. Erma Clarita Barbe, David Napoleon Barbe, Pauline Virginia Barbe, Twila Bernardine Barbe, Ruth Utt, Kay Matthews and Waitman Barbe.

Carol was a Chrisattended Cowen Baptist Church. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. Carol enjoyed cooking, camping, quilting, watching the Grand Ole Opry, especially watching Roy During family Acuff. gatherings and holidays Carol enjoyed taking pictures and camcorder videos of her family.

Surviving are her may be sent to:greene- children; Judy Lynch of Webster Springs, Ronnie Ray of Cowen, Terry Ray of Upperglade, Craig Ray, Randall Ray both of Cowen and also Rod Ray and his wife Shawna of Princeton; 11 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren; sisters, Betty Werner and Monnie Cogar and also a brother, Charles Barbe; several nieces, nephews and a host of children pital, that she had babysat and Morgan- cared for throughout the town years. Service were 2:00 PM, Born April 27, 1991 in Sunday, October 30, 2022 at Adams-Reed Funeral Home with Pastor Keith Williams and Pastor Craig Williams. Burial was at West Virginia Memorial Gardens, Calvin. Friends joined the family for visitation two hours prior to the service at the funeral home on Sunday. The family would like to give a special thank you to all the staff at Webster Nursing and Rehab Center for all their special care for Carol over the last several years. In lieu of flowers the family would appreciate donations to the Webster County Nursing and Rehab Activities Department PO Box 989 Cowen, WV 26206

goals that each of the four towns should pursue in order to build a trail town, recreation and tourism-based economy.

Elk River Trail Foundation is now seeking additional funding to implement many aspects of the plans identified in the report. In addition to the Towns of Clendenin, Clay, Gassaway and Sutton, ERTF is working

SHS Alumni Banquet

Alumni Association new officers and volunteers are your help. working on the SHS Alum-July 1, 2023 at Braxton person, please send a County High School.

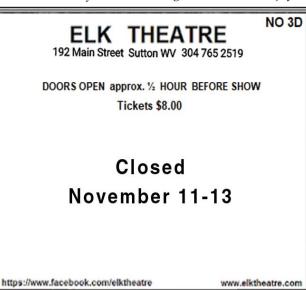
We are working on getting "Contact People" for each class so that we can mail information out 26601. to each of you relative to

Sutton High School making your reservations for the banquet. We need

> message to ralphandmarsha@frontier.com or send a note to Marsha Lloyd at P.O. Box 644, Sutton, WV

Thank you so much.





After his retirement he robertsonfuneralhome. com. ager of the widely known

Ashley Ann Williams Ashley Ann Williams, 31, of Upperglade, passed

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following a brief illness.

Summersville, she was the daughter of the late David Lee Williams and Rebecca (Chambers) Peyatt. In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by her grandparents: James Leroy and Goldie Chambers, Rosalee Williams; and and her uncle, Lawrence Chambers.

Ashley was a 2009 graduate of Webster County High School. She enjoyed spending time with her family, whether it be camping, fishing, swimming, or just taking a Sunday drive. Ashley loved listening to music. She had recently begun reading the book of Revelation in her Bible.

Left to cherish her memory are her mother, Becky (husband, Duane) Peyatt of Upperglade; daughter, Adalee Paige Gilles; brothers and sisters: Toby Williams and Home, Cowen is hon-Shayla Williams, both of Cowen, Brielle (companion, Alex Morland) Williams of Craigsville,

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

Adams-Reed Funeral ored to be serving the Ray family. Please turn to OBITS page 4

Flatwoods Elementary School fourth and fifth graders host Living Wax Museum

Museum. their presentation.

vember 1, Flatwoods 9. Charles Fisher - Don Blake Pritt - Walt Dis- White - Aristotle. 4th Farmer - Jackie Rob- 19. McKynlie Rose -Elementary fourth and Knots, 10. Addyosn ney, 23. Raygan Ri- Grade - Jennifer Ar- inson, 10. Mahealani Albert Einstein, 20. fifth grade students Foley – Elizabeth Cady ley - Princess Diana, ambula: 1. Braden Ar- Fisher – Eleanor Roos- Owen Rowe – Donald hosted a Living Wax Stanton, 11. Layleh 24 Paisleigh Rowe den – Davy Crockett, 2. evelt, 11. Branton Gib- Trump, 21. Maxwell Students Frame - J.K Rowling, - Dolly Madison, 25. Austin Brown - Henry son - Lane Frost, 12. Scher - Harry Houdini, dressed up as part of 12. Brooklyn Given Landen Shanabarger Ford, 3. Siera Brown - Alexader Given - Dan- 22. Hadley Smailes -- Maria Tallchief, 13. - Patrick Mahone, 26. Sacagawea, 4. Kinzley iel Boone 13. Brooklyn Mothe Teresa, 23. Wes-5th Grade - Jaime Ella Groff - Helen Kenzlea - Rachel Car- Buckhannon - Queen Hale - Betsy Ross, 14. ley Smith - Napoleon Currence & Patricia Keller, 14. Christian son, 27. Trevor Sligar Elizabeth, 5. Kinley Kenrick Jones - Jeff Bonaparte, 24. Jen-Dean: 1. Korbin Ander- Gum - Aroldis Chap- - Michael Jackson, 28. Crites - Queen Victo- Kinny, 15. Emylee Jor- nings Watson - Babe son-Jesus, 2. Oliva Ar- man, 15. Benton Hat- Haley Sniffin - Dolly ria, 6. Bentley Dean - dan - Abe Lincoln, 16. Ruth, 25. Cooper Wells den - Annie Oakley, 3. maker - Wayne Gretz- Parton, 29. Jack Stei- Wilson Bentley, 7. Al- Bowden - Marco Polo, - George Washington, Collin Baldwin - Aar- ky, 16. Jazlyn Jarrell ger - Lewis and Clark, lison - Johann Bach, 17. Kendall Mollohan 26. Kaleb Westfall on Rogers, 4. Sophia – Jane Goodall, 17. Da- 30. Elijah Westfall – El- 8. Logan Pullin – Mil- – Steve Erwin, 18 Alli- Theodore Roosevelt. Bush - Michella Kwan, Karson Kirby - Mar-5. Greeley Coen - Da- tin Cooper, 18. Kirra vid Beckham, 6. Ally- Laurentus - Amelia anna Cogar - Pocahon- Earhart, 19. Bailee Mctas, 7. Kaleb Dempsey Court - Cleopatra, 20. - William Shakespeare, David McCourt - Kobe

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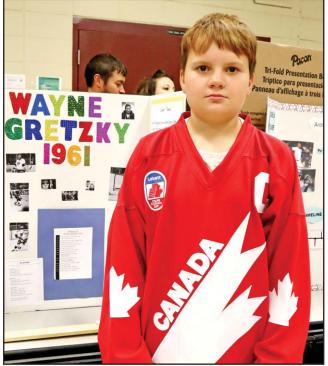


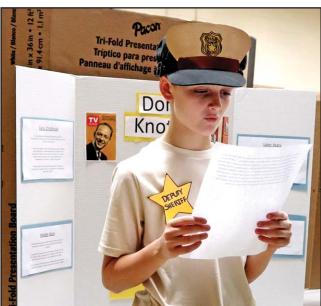


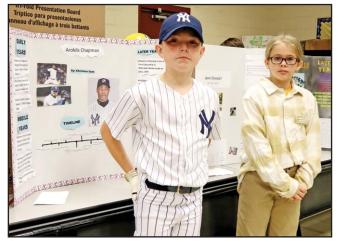




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Sutton Public Library continues **Cans For Canines BCAS fundraiser**

Sutton public library extends its thanks to the community for the continued support of the Cans for Canines project.

Started in June 2021, it has raised more than \$1,400 for the Braxton County Animal Shelter to date.

This ongoing program encourages community members to save their aluminum cans and drop them off at the Sutton Public Library.

We are only able to accept aluminum cans at this time; aluminum foil and steel soup cans are not accepted for recycling at this time.

Volunteers clean and sort the cans into bags and deliver them to Coffman's Metals for recycling.

One hundred percent of the funds raised are donated to the shelter.

Please keep collecting



Cans can be dropped off at on the parking ramp at the Sutton Public Library.

for a good cause! The cans you might otherwise toss could provide several left anytime in the descling bins outside the li- at 304-765-7224.

brary or in the bins on the ramp, even after hours.

If you have any quesmeals and vet care for a tions or your business or shelter dog. Cans can be organization would like to match a month's contriignated aluminum recy- bution, contact the library

Carl E. Sizemore celebrates 90th Birthday

Carl E. Sizemore of Mineral Wells celebrated his 90th birthday on October 30.

He is the son of the late James C. Sizemore and Elsie Dell (Wine) Sizemore. He graduated from Burnsville High School in May 1951 and enlisted in the Marines in October 1951. He served with the First Marine Air Wing, VMF-311 stationed at Pohang, South Korea during the Korean War.

He attended West Virginia Tech and graduated from Glenville College.

He and his wife Muriel have four children: Carla Mauser (Bernie) of Sutton, W.Va.; Carol Dobson (Butch) of Mineral Wells; Carl II (Rowena) of Mineral Wells; and Jeff (Kim) of Blythewood, S.C. They and 13 great-grandchildren.

He worked at Kaiser Aluminum in Raven- Muriel enjoyed traveling



Carl E. Sizemore

Belpre, Borg-Warner/GE Zealand and many trips to in Washington, W.Va. He the beach with the family. have eight grandchildren retired from GE in 1991. He then worked for Apex Mount Pleasant United Engineering.

After retiring he and eral Wells. swood, Shell Chemical in to Europe, Australia, New day celebration for him.

The family had a birth-

Methodist Church in Min-

JOG Feline Spay/Neuter assistance remains available

rescue was started in 2013 in response to the severe Braxton County. Our initial emphasis was on the Trap, Neuter, and Release (TNR) of feral cats as well

as to facilitate the spay/ neuter of domestic cats. Adoption of ownerless cats and kittens came later, and worked with the Braxton was incorporated with the program because there was no place else for these animals to go. After ten years of placing ownerless cats and kittens, the number of potential homes in the area has been reduced.

This past Sunday, we transferred seven healthy, social kittens to an out-ofstate rescue after unsuccessfully trying for several weeks to find local placebe able to adopt its way grant guidelines. All of the 317-1941.

Just One Generation cat out of the overpopulation grant monies have been problem.

Just One Generation feline overpopulation in recognizes our limitations of being able to continue placing animals through our adoption program, and we will be refocusing our resources and efforts on spay and neuter services.

This past year, we Co. Commission to submit a grant proposal to the WV Dept of Agriculture for spay/neuter funds. We were awarded \$7,360 contingent on our matching this amount with \$3,200. of our own money.

During the time that the grant monies were available, March 8- Oct. 31, 2022, we helped to spay/neuter 187 felines, 39 of which were feral and 46 of which ment. It is obvious that were done at no cost to resthe community will never idents meeting low-income

spent, and we are unable to provide additional no-cost services.

However, Just One Generation will continue to offer low-cost spay/neuter services for individuals or families who would otherwise not be able to afford the procedure, or who might experience financial hardship as a result.

The cost for area residents is \$45 for either a spay or neuter procedure, which also includes the mandatory rabies vaccination. This program will continue as long as vet slots and/or funds are available up to Dec. 31, 2022. We will re-evaluate our ability to continue this program at that time.

For additional information or registration, please call Diane Ratliff at 978-

Bleeding Fingers and Band-Aids kept breaking down. And

we had to rush to catch

back up as the lumber

stacked up. On top of it all

the heaters in the build-

we could see our breath as

we spent hours chopping,

stacking, carrying, and

packaging the hard wood

flooring to be shipped out.

clock, took off my work

gloves and inspected my

aching fingers. The splits

were worse than ever and

When the work day

By: Joseph J. Mazzella

It was the middle of winter some 30 years ago. I was a young father with 3 little children counting on me. My college edu- ing weren't working and cation, however, wasn't helping me to find a good job in our depressed area. My work as a substitute teacher had dried up and now I was working in a saw mill for just above finally ended I walked the minimum wage. As wearily toward the time I got ready to go to work Ι wrapped band-aids around my fingers and put more in my pockets. Cutting and stacking lum- I had bled through the ber for 8 hours a day had band-aids again. I tried to caused my fingers to split straighten out but my bad and bleed at their tips in back cramped up as I did. the cold, dry, winter air. I I don't think I had ever looked in the mirror and felt that tired, hurting, and sighed. Then I walked sad before. I started my down to my car in the car and drove back home. snow and hoped it would I looked at the snow and start.

Carl is a member of harder than normal. We keep doing this, if things were short handed on would ever get any better, workers. The machines and why life was so hard.

OBITUARIES

Continued from page 2 prior to the service at the loved "Papaw" to four

blinked back tears. I won-That day at work was dered how long I could Cemetery, Dille.

I tried to put a smile on my face as I opened my front door but instead one appeared naturally. My daughter ran up to me, yelled Daddy!", and wrapped her little arms around my neck. I lifted her up and my heart exploded with Love. My tired body didn't feel so tired anymore. My aches and pains disappeared into her hug. And the joy in my heart chased the sadness away. In that moment I knew I could continue on and that things would get better. In that second I remembered again that I was her for Love. I kissed my little girl's cheek, held her tight, and thanked God for my life as hard as it was.

I think we all have bleeding fingers and bandaids in our lives here. But with God and Love we can make it through them all. After all, work may give us a living, but it is Love that gives us a life.

of New Martinsville, Visitation was one hour WV. He was a muchgrandchildren: Erica (Cory) Craft of Unionof New Martinsville, WV and Jennifer (Eric) Piekarski of Paden City, WV and five great-grandchildren, Anthony and Joey Craft, Aubrey Milanese and Oakley and Meadow Wright.

Stone Run 4-Hers have reorganization meeting

Club had their reorganization meeting on Sun- coming dates to remem- ivia Arden; Game/Song day evening, October 23, ber: Officer's Training at 5:30 PM at Holly Gray will be November 7, at 6 Park. Casey Armentrout PM at BCHS. Livestock Eliot Armentrout. Club called the meeting to or- Bowl meets every Tuesder with Ethan Brown day after school at BCHS leading the Pledge to the until the competition at Flag and the 4-H Pledge. Canaan Valley on De-All present repeated the cember 3. Pledges.

cussed the Achievement BCHS. Evening which was held at the Council Circle at agreed to retain the same Holly Gray with the mak- officers as the 2021/2022 before the Officer's Training of s'mores, singing of year. Those being: Presi-

Strange Virus

By: Jeanette Riffle

What in the world is this upper respiratory thing that everyone is getting? Some are getting really sick with it and others are just getting a light case. My husband has been sick for two weeks but is slowly getting better. He is still hoarse and coughing. He went on the roof to seal up a leak this past week and took a back set. He was weak and it made him sweat and he had no strength in his legs when he came down off that ladder. He was only fevered one evening and I had him take a couple aspirin. That broke the fever. I just had a light case of it and mine didn't last long. I drank organic Throat Coat Tea with honey and that stopped the coughing for me. I wasn't as congested as him. There are so many sick people in our church and everyone seems to have the same thing. Attendance has been down New Business: Up- Brown; Sec/Treasurer-Ol-

Old Business: Dis- Wednesday a month at Working Dog Demo in

Club unanimously songs and awards. Every- dent-Casey Armentrout;

> the past two Sundays. I Googled RSV to see what it was and the symptoms lined up with this stuff. It is especially hard on young children and the elderly.

> Our weather was wintry for a while and then turned warm like Indian Summer. We had temps in the low 80's today. Our son called a couple nights back and their weather is about like here, except their highs are in the 70's. They get high winds coming in off those lakes, though. Most of the time the wind stays up in the hills here. He has heard of the RSV in Michigan but no cases of it in the suburb where he lives.

The menu changes when cooler fall weather Lord keep you in his care!

Always Blessed Connection November pantry schedule

3pm with the retail and in between our open pan-USDA foods. We do offer try days.

The Stone Run 4-H one enjoyed the evening. Vice-President-Ethan Leader-Zeb

> Arden; and Health- Brown, Leaders-Marie Arementrout and Linda Brown.

Discussed things to do in the upcoming year: for Shut-ins Baskets Jr. Leaders meet one will be after Christmas; Feb. or March; others to come.

> Next meeting will be ing Workshop at BCHS sonville to the late Vincent at 5 PM on November 7.

comes. One day I lit the oven and baked buttermilk maker and loved taking by his family. cornbread in the cast iron skillet, to have for supper with a big pot of soup beans. I seasoned them with a chunk of bacon, salt and pepper. It is time to make a few pints of hot peppers in sauce to have with dry beans. Our son husband, Bufford Lynn Villanova Baptist Church A.M. loves those things. He even eats them on scrambled eggs for breakfast. They will be down for Thanksgiving and I hope to have a few pints sealed up for him. I will close for now and until next time, we hope and pray that the sick get well and that this evil virus dies down.

Take care and may the

Always Blessed Con- emergency foods. Reach nections Co will only be out with a phone call or open one day, Friday No- text should you or somevember 18th from 1pm to one you know have a need

Connie Gail Halstead Brown Connie Gail Halstead

73, of Duck



pital, Gassaway, WV.

She was born in Sis-Halstead and Ova Phillips Halstead.

Connie was a homeout with her family and and graduated in 1950. shop at K-Mart.

band, James of Summersville.

Her funeral service was

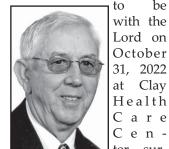
uneral home.

Words of comfort and fond memories may be town, PA, Alex (Alicia) extended to the family at Milanese of Craigsville, www.roachfuneralhome. WV, Jared (Katie) Wright com.

Norman Edward Nottingham

Norman Edward Nottingham, 90, went home

be



care of her cats and dogs. born on September 23, She enjoyed watching TV 1932 in Servia, WV to the ing. and socializing on the late Raymond and Darlie phone. When she was not Nottingham. He attended was 6 to 8 P.M. Friday, at home, she liked to dine Gassaway High School November 4, 2022 at

Norman served his She is survived by her community as a deacon at Brown, of Duck; two in Duck, WV and as a vember 5, at the funeral daughters, Lori Cook and Braxton County Commis- home with Pastor Joseph husband, David, of Lib- sioner from 1989 through Truman officiating. Inerty and Misti Silva of 1996. He was also an orig- terment with Masonic Cross Lanes; four grand- inal board member of the Graveside Rites followed children, Cody Rose and Braxton County Memorial in the Sugar Creek Cemwife, Rachele, of Liberty, Hospital, a charter mem-Justin Fields of Winfield, ber and former president Kelsey Silva of Sissonville, of the Servia Volunteer family requests memoand Sabrina Silva of Cross Fire Department, and a rial donations be made Lanes; and two great member of Strange Creek to Servia Volunteer Fire grandsons, Wyatt and Ry- Masonic Lodge No. 130. Department, P.O. Box der Rose; stepdaughter, He was co-owner of Not-Ressie Phillips and hus- tingham's Store in Duck from 1971 through 1991 fond memories may be and farmed all of his life.

He is survived by: be- at 1 P.M. Thursday, Novem- loved wife of 70 years, home.com ber 3, 2022 at Roach Funer- Rosalie (Hall) Nottingal Home, Gassaway with ham, two daughters, to express sincere thanks Reverend Danny Rich- Lois (Rocco) Milanese to Clay Health Care Cenardson officiating. Burial of Craigsville, WV and ter for their compassionfollowed in the Baughman Brenda (Charles) Wright ate care of Norman.

He was young at October heart, enjoyed spend-31, 2022 ing time with his family at Clay and was always coming Health up with creative ways to C a r e entertain the grandkids. C e n - He loved farming, going ter sur- to church, playing Frirounded day night pinochle, the He was NY Yankees and eating Rosalie's delicious cook-

> Norman's visitation Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway.

> His funeral was 11 Saturday, Noetery, Gassaway.

In lieu of flowers the 141, Duck, WV 25063.

Words of comfort and extended to the family www.roachfuneral-

The family would like

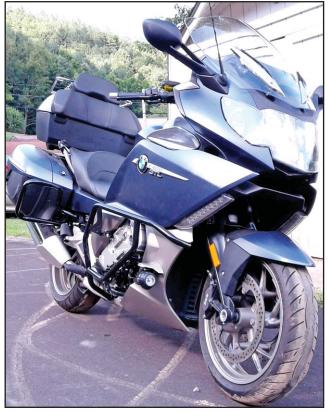
away on Monday, Oc-



Bring the Bling and pimp your ride



Proper riding position makes the long rides much more enjoyable. Knees hugging the gas tank, bent at 90-degrees, arms relaxed and in control.



Engine and saddlebags guards like these on my 2016 BMW will avoid costly repairs in case you lay the bike down.

You've done a great job winterizing your motorcycle. There it sits, like a trophy on a stand. You look at it, drool, hope for the weather to warm up so you can go riding again. Well, don't fret young Padawan, there are many things you can do to your bike while in storage.

1- Give your bike a custom paint job. This involves stripping down the bike and sending all parts out, including the gas tank, fenders, fairing, and paintable covers to your fave paint shop. Costly, however, you will think you got a new bike.

2- Get a custom seat. Think comfort and style, in that order. This is the best investment you can make on a bike. You will be glad the next time you travel a few hundred miles. Some of the best custom motorand Danny Gray.

bars. The handlebar and headlights. seating position determine the relative angle of one's Find a unique sound for torso while riding. In Motorcycle Ergonomics by David Tong, "It is best to have handlebars that place one's hands below shoulder height, but above the knees for best comfort and looking set of rims. Make control at normal speeds. The handlebar should allow one's wrists to fall at a natural angle to afford a straight wrist angle for maximum steering leverage, as well as a secure and fatigue-free hold for long hours on the road. Extreme handlebar types (ape hangers, clip-ons, etc.) can be quite uncomfortable." Get clutch and brake levers that allow adjustments to your grip.

4- Change your foot going to want to remem- strain on joints. ber to grip the frame of the bike while riding with your thighs on and off to give yourself better stability and to take the weight off your other extremities occasionally while riding. Your knees should rest against the tank while your feet rest on the foot pegs at a 90-degree angle. The "Standard" or "upright" riding position is generally accepted as being the most comfortall shapes and sizes of rid- ments. ers because it's a neutral one. It places the least strain on any joints and places the spine in a natural position of rest. You can always add highway pegs if you want to stretch your legs on long interstate hauls.

5- Get a windshield. You will thank me for this one. Having one makes a giant difference while riding in the rain, and keeps you bug-free and warmer at night.

6- Improve the light-

are Corbin, Saddlemen, non bulbs help light the Billmayer-Saddles, LePera, way and make you more visible. You can also add 3- Change your handle- strip lights and modulating

> 7-Get a new set of pipes. your bike while improving performance and looks.

> 8- Get custom rims and wheels. Find out if you can change the size of your wheels and choose a cool-

cycle seats manufacturers Halogen, LED, and Xe- sure to get tubeless tires and rims.

In addition, consider getting heated grips, upgrading the sound system, changing up the shocks, adding chromed parts, bigger mirrors, performance air filters, upgrade the battery, new saddlebags, add crash bars, and highperformance engine parts. How much money you got?

Ride safe and smart.



pegs. Regardless of your Stretched brake lever and longer shift lever, along body type and size you're with lower foot pegs help long-legged riders ease the



able one on average across Custom brake and clutch levers with many adjust-



ing. Beef up the headlight, A clear plastic shield protects the headlight assembly turn signals, and rear brake from breakage. On the Beemer, the headlight assemand riding lights. The new bly costs about \$1,100!

By Verena Sava

we live a fairly safe life, hormone We think we have some have the word "floro" as degree of control if we an ingredient. don't engage in reckless behavior. What we can't highly to resist grease, oil, stains, found in cleaning products, waxes, paints, food compost. packaging (microwave for take-outs), firefighting foam, non stick pans,

women, decreases infant levels are and what threat always hunted on our I always think that birth weights, disrupts they pose to our health. farm. I feel more comfortconsidering that we use causes thyroid problems physicians who encountractors, chainsaws and and obesity. It is suggest- ter the health problems land. Me being uneasy power tools, and can be ed that we should read caused by these chemicals with handling a gun, I run over by a stampede labels on beauty products ever test patients for their transfer those feelings to of a herd of animals. and avoid the ones that PFAS levels?

control are the weather (from water), but so is There is no easy and conand substances that cir- canned food (lining of venient answer. PFAS are us that he would be there. culate around in the en- the cans) and any animal common place, every- For me he was the exvironment that could product from animals where, hard to avoid. Try emplary individual of a cause harm. PFAS (there whose water source was not to buy non stick pans, hunter. He did not have a is a complicated scien- polluted or the pastures look for PFAS free water 4 wheeler, he walked. He tific term for them) are were contaminated. You resistant clothes, when knew the terrain of our chemicals that are manu- may wonder how pas- picking up fast food, land, he knew the boundfactured and used around tures and hay fields could bring your own containthe world. They are made be polluted by these ers (if allowed), use more we put the animals on chemicals. It occurs when glass containers for storheat and water. They are the farmers use sewage age than plastic. sludge and contaminated

popcorn bags, some pizza deer meat would be the who perceive hunting roads, then veer into boxes, food containers healthiest meat you could as a passion, I can fully eat. They live in the wild, understand their enthu- vegetation makes aceat brush, grass, leaves siasm. We share the love cess easier. The hunting carpets, water proof jack- and never come in contact of the outdoors, walking takes place in a relatively ets, tampons, and beauty with chemicals. Maine through the woods and small area. Some hunters products (eye liners, sun- was the first state to test fields, observing wild- have established cameras screen, shampoo). Hu- deer for levels of PFAS. life, squirrels, deer, bear mans and animals can The water of a well was tracks, turkeys, various be exposed to PFAS in also tested in Maine and bird species, feeling the the air, soil and water. It the test results showed brisk autumn air, but the persists in the environ- PFAS 100 times higher added excitement for the mal feed at the feed store, ment and in our body than advised as safe. I hunter is the stalking, the for decades. They don't wonder, as do people eventual catch of the prey break down easily, if at who do this research, how with the gun or bow and all, therefor gaining the turkeys and farm animals arrow. I guess some huntnickname "forever chem- are affected? If we were ers go for nimpressive ical". It causes increases to ingest PFAS only from rack, but this does not crein cholesterol levels, it hunting or farm animals, ate any feelings of awe in changes liver enzymes, it might not be of such me. I am a meat-eater and crunch, buck or doe urine increases kidney and tes- concern but they found I approve of hunting and and so on. It is recomticular cancer, decreases their way into every cor- if we were not to have our mended to have trail camresponse to vaccines in ner of our lives, in food, own meat, I would probchildren, increases risk of clothing, furniture, clean- ably learn to shoot, telling activity at the bait centers. high blood pressure and ing products, there is no everybody else to keep a eclampsia in pregnant way of knowing what our safe distance! Neighbors deer had a fair chance to Deer, just 2 of the other 18.

production, My question is also if able if somebody lets us

higher levels of these on her hind legs! Fish and shellfish are chemicals in our body contaminated and in our environment? and hunted on our farm.

I like being outdoors. We always thought that When talking to people drive partly on access

know that they are on our others, maybe I give the How can we avoid illusion of a doe walking

Gene Davis trapped He usually just informed aries and he knew when pasture and at what time we picked them up. He I am not a hunter but knew what he was doing.

> Today most people the woods where scarce weeks ahead of hunting season to see patterns of appearances of wild life. When we picked up ani-I was surprised to see pallets of products to attract deer, molasses, all kinds of salt blocks, specialty licks, grains, especially corn, something called Buck Bourbon, Apple eras installed to watch the

With Gene Davis, the

challenge their assailant and to escape. Gene had Mona were part of the solthis knowledge and the id foundation of the social skills to interpret the behavior of his targets. He was fully integrated, part of the life in the woods. I guess the hunting world changed like everything else. It is a different era, a different approach to hunting. I wonder if attracting deer with bait is as satisfactory as outsmarting them?

Bays Road community. Their door was always open. They organized huge family reunions and invited neighbors and friends too. Gene plowed the road in winter so that everybody at the end of Bays Rd could walk or drive out. Things have changed, not only in hunting patterns.

Gene and his wife



Turkeys fighting.

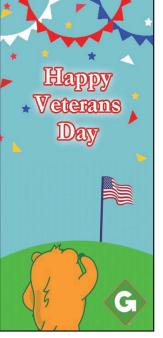


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PUBLIC HEARING

The Braxton County Commission will hold a public hearing on Friday, November 18, 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 n.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.

Lisa Mace Godwin, President 11-8b

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS COMMUNITY CARE OF WEST VIRGINIA BRAXTON COUNTY WEST VIRGINIA COMMUNITY CARE FLATWOODS FITOUT General Notice

Community Care of West Virginia (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

Community Care - Flatwoods Thrasher Project #060-10268 Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at Community Care Flatwoods located at Flatwoods Factory Outlets, 250 Skidmore Ln, Sutton, WV 26601 on Tuesday December 6, 2022 at 2:00pm local time. Bids received will be publicly opened and read.

The Project includes the following Work:

The renovation of 2 retail bays and the fit-out of 2 retail bays in the Flatwoods Factory Stores. From left to right along the Flatwoods Factory Outlet retail bays: Retail Bay #1, the existing Community Care, is to be renovated to include a revised layout of spaces. new finishes throughout, and extensions of existing MEP systems. Retail Bay #2 is to be fit out with a new lobby, lab, restrooms, and personnel spaces. This includes all new finishes and MEP systems. Retail Bay #3, existing Urgent Care Xpress, is to be renovated for addition personnel spaces and a pharmacv which includes new fin hes and revised mechanical and electrical systems. Retail Bay #4 is to be fit out with new exam rooms and personnel spaces. This includes depend on the shipping method all new finishes and MEP systems. The total occupied space of are available for purchase in the

the renovation/fit-out is 14,225 sf. Renovation work includes a partial demolition of exiting walls, HVAC where need to reroute/ extend existing ductwork, ceiling grid & flooring as required for new layout, and concrete as required for extension of sanitary lines. The new construction in the space includes the construction of wood or metal stud walls (depending on retail bay) with resilient channels, acoustical ceilings, lighting, doors, casework, and finishes. It also includes the installation of new HVAC rooftop units associated ductwork and connections to existing ductwork. New plumbing lines to new exam rooms and restrooms and associated electrical requirements for each space.

Bids are requested for the following Contract: Community Care -Flatwoods Fitout

The Work will be substantially completed within 240 calendar days after the date when the Contract Times commence to run and completed and ready for final payment within 30 days after the date when the Contract Times commence to run. Liquidated damages shall be \$1,000 per day. Obtaining the Bidding Documents Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be found at the following designated website:

QuestCDN: https://tinyurl. com/zu5z8553 or www. thethrashergroup.com

Bidding Documents may be downloaded from the designated website. Prospective Bidders are urged to register with the designated website as a plan holder, even if Bidding Documents are obtained from a plan room or source other than the designated website in either electronic or paper format. The designated website will be updated periodically with addenda, lists of registered plan holders, reports, and other information relevant to submitting a Bid for the Project. All official notifications, addenda, and other Bidding Documents will be offered only through the designated website. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the designated website.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is:

The Thrasher Group, Inc.

PO Box 940 600 White Oaks Blvd.

Bridgeport, WV 26330

Prospective Bidders may obtain or examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below.

Printed copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office by paying the amount of each set listed below. Bidding Documents may be purchased from the Issuing Office during the hours indicated above. Cost does not include shipping charges. Upon Issuing Office's receipt of payment, printed Bidding Documents or electronic documents will be transmitted to the prospective Bidder. The shipping charge amount will requested. Bidding Documents

following formats:

· Bidding Documents issued as hard copy full-size drawings and hard copy specifications, are available for \$85.00 per set.

· Bidding Documents issued as digital drawings and digital specifications, are available for \$25.00 per set via the following link: QuestCDN: https://tinyurl.com/ zu5z8553

Amounts paid are not subject to refund.

Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office. Bidding Documents also may be

examined at Community Care of West Virginia

The Thrasher Group, Inc. 37 West Main St.

600 White Oaks Boulevard Buckhannon, WV 26201 Bridgeport, WV 26330 Contractor's Association of WV

2114 Kanawha Boulevard East Charleston, WV 25311 A two-envelope system will be used.

Envelope No. 1 must have the following information presented on the front:

Name and address of Bidder Bid on Contract-Community Care Flatwoods Fitout

Received by Community Care Envelope No. 2 labeled "Bid Proposal" shall also be placed inside of Envelope #1.

Envelope No. 1 will be opened first, and the Bid Opening Requirement items checked for compliance as outlined on the Bid Opening Checklist on page BOR - 1 of these contract documents. If such documents are found to be in order, Envelope No. 2 "Bid Proposal", will then be opened and will be publicly read aloud. If the documents required to be contained in Envelope No. 1 are not in order, Envelope No. 2 "Bid Proposal" will not be opened, and the Bid will be considered nonresponsive and will be returned to the Bidder.

A bidder may not withdraw his bid for a period of ninety (90) days after the date set for the opening of bids. Bids shall be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond payable to Community Care of West Virginia in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the base bid. Contractor is required to provide the Drug Free Workplace Certification in accordance with WV Code 21-1D-5.

All Bidders are required to have a West Virginia Contractor's License per Section §30-42-12 of the West Virginia Code.

Bids received after the scheduled closing time for the reception of bids will be returned unopened to the bidders.

Community Care of West Virginia reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

This project is supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). It is partially funded by Owner and HELP WANTED: Employ-HRSA funding. The contents er: Goodwill Industries of



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plications for a full-time service technician for changing out filters in HVAC units and body shops. This position does not include any type of repairs on HVAC units so no special certifications are required. We are looking for someone who is hard working that is wanting to stay and learn and grow with our company. A clean driving record is required. This position is Monday through Friday with competitive pay, benefits and insurance available. Resumes may be sent to charlestonfilter@hotmail. com and anyone interested can call Jeff at 304-546-9703, please leave a message if you get voicemail and your call will be returned. 10-27 11-3b



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This Advertisement is issued by: Owner: Community Care By: Patricia Collett Chief Operations Officer Title: Date: November 1, 2022 11-10 11-17b

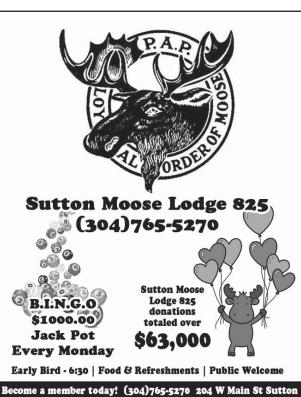
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