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Kroger reverses position, Gassaway store to remain open



Senator Joe Manchin spoke with news crews at the local store last Thursday when the announcement was made to keep the facility open.



The Senator spoke with and posed for pictures with store employees and community leaders.

Kroger's Mid-Atlantic Division announced last week that its store in Gassaway will continue serving customers in and around Braxton County. The company

had previously announced the store will close in January 2023. "We are pleased to have reached an agreement for a new lease to continue operating for

the next year," said Lori Raya, president of Kroger's Mid-Atlantic Division. "We are grateful to our customers and community for their continued support and patronage of our store and look forward to working together to improve the economic viability of this store location."

Senator Manchin praised Kroger's leadership and UFCQ Local 400 leaders in working to keep the facility open that was scheduled for closure in January 2023.

The Gassaway Kroger store employs 52 associates. Throughout West Virginia, Kroger employs approximately 2,900 associates in its 29 stores statewide.

"This is very welcome news for Gassaway and the entire region," said Senator Joe Manchin. "I greatly appreciate Kroger CEO Rodney McMullen's willingness to consider the impacts of this closure for the community. When I found out that the Gassaway location was scheduled to close, I immediately engaged with Kroger and asked they reassess their decision. I'm very thankful for the outcome, and I look forward to visiting with Kroger employees and leadership very soon."



Sutton Elementary CIS Site Coordinator (L to R) Susan Schiefer, SES Principal Flora Cox, Jessica Rose, Stacey Butler, and Rebecca DeNuzzo, were recognized by the Sutton Town Council, Beth Atkins, Jon Crum, Steve Facemire, Mayor JD Hoover, Catherine Hoover, and Robyn Dolan.

Sutton Council recognizes SES's national accreditation

The Sutton Town Council opened their most recent meeting on November 10 with recognizing Sutton Elementary School on their recent national accreditation by the National Community In Schools program. CIS Site Coordinator Susan Schiefer and SES Principal Flora Cox were present along with a few staff members to be recognized by council. They thanked the town for the recognition and provided a brief overview of what the program provides for students in the community.

Gary Beamer provided council members a brief update on the plans for the Christmas Parade. He stated they were working on finalizing the schedule. The parade will be at 1:00 pm on Saturday, December 3. Other activities will include Breakfast with Santa, vendor and craft sales, Mrs. Claus doing a story time at Sutton Public Library, Sutton Volunteer Fire Department providing hot co-

coa, coffee and popcorn and possibly music. The festivities will begin on Friday, December 2 with the local churches caroling and the tree lighting ceremony on the courthouse lawn.

Council approved the minutes of the October 13 and October 27 regular meetings after corrections to the 27th meeting minutes on a motion by Catherine Hoover.

Robyn Dolan updated council on her meeting with the Department of Highways about three roads that need to be ditched in town. Jon Crum stated he had looked closer at the drainage issue coming off of Town Hill. He noted the culvert will need to be checked periodically by town workers to keep it clear of debris.

Steve Facemire noted the recycling pickups had been adjusted but was still ongoing.

Beth Atkins informed council that the damaged ceiling tiles in the community building had been replaced. How-

ever, they are a bright white in contrast to the others. She is finding out how many total will be needed to replace all of the tiles in the community building. Council also discussed the option of cleaning or painting the existing ones, but they are very old and deteriorating.

Jon Crum noted the need for more American flags for the town. Robyn Dolan stated she was working on getting those as well as WV State flags.

Council discussed the street lights that were out and the pole numbers in order to contact Mon Power to have them repaired.

Beth Atkins updated the council on the search for options for an elevator or chair lift for the building. Her contact at the WV Department of Labor, Kim Ayers, told her to contact inspectors to find contractors who were certified to install the units. Council discussed the event and Executive Director of Central WV

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A large number of DNR Officers were on hand for the memorial dedication.

Native son & fallen DNR Officer memorialized

Family, friends and colleagues gathered on the Braxton County Courthouse lawn, Veterans Day afternoon, to memorialize a native son who lost his life in the line of duty. Wesley C. Frame Jr. was killed November 10, 1978 while stationed in Monroe County. Officer Frame was shot and killed near Rich Creek in Peterstown while supervising a prisoner cleaning a stream.

The ceremony to dedicate a monument in memory of the fallen DNR Police Officer began with Sgt. Timothy White welcoming those in attendance. He gave a brief history of Officer Frame and his tragic death. Sgt. White welcomed several colleagues to the podium to speak about their experience with the local hero.

Retired Captain Larry Case spoke about Wesley Frame being his training officer and the lasting effect the experience had on his career.

Delegate Brent Boggs spoke on his experiences of knowing Wesley and the importance of him being remembered.

Colonel Bobby Cales, head of the DNR Police, spoke about the importance of Frame's death to the State agency and how pleased he was to be a part of the memorialization. Col. Cales assisted by Cpt. Doug Benson and Lt. Colonel David Trader presented the Posthumous Medal of Valor, DNR's highest award to Wesley Frame III in his father's memory.

County celebrates Veterans' Day

Braxton County's Annual Veterans Day Celebration, hosted by Central West Virginia Aging Service, Inc., and American Legion Post #33, was held on Friday, November 11.

The celebration began with a parade through Gassaway. Ray Strader was the Parade Marshal. Numerous organizations came out to march in the parade and ride on floats honoring local veterans.

After the parade, the celebration moved to the National Guard Armory for a reception. Evelyn Post, coordinator of the event and Executive Director of Central WV



Sgt. Tim White served as master of ceremonies at the Westley C. Frame Jr., Memorial dedication.



Wesley Frame III accepted the posthumous Medal of Valor on behalf of his father who died in the line of duty.



Wesley Frame's granddaughters unveiled the monument that will serve as a lasting memorial to the fallen Officer.

The programs monument which will cluded with the fallen officer's granddaughters unveiling the Wesley C. Frame, Jr.



Aging Service welcomed the large audience before Russell Shaw provided the invocation.

The American Legion Post #33 posted the colors and led those in attendance to the Pledge.

Barbara Riffle followed with a beautiful rendition of the National

Anthem.

Ben Strader, member of the Sons of Legion and Ray Strader's grandson, presented the recognition of the POA/MIA table.

Delegate Brent Boggs briefly spoke to the crowd. He asked that "we thank our Veterans, not just today, but every day."

Post then recognized Parade Marshal Ray Strader of Burnsville.

Guest speaker for the Veterans Day reception was Sergeant First Class Chris Shortall. He

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As I See It

By Ed Given



Election and more...

The Election is over... at least in Braxton County and I guess West Virginia. It appears that the drama will continue in other parts of our country for a few weeks. They talk about control of the Senate and House... I just wish those elected to represent us would make that their prime motivation opposed to what is perceived good for the “party” or them personally. At any rate I congratulate the winners.

I am more convinced than ever that salvation for our political system will only come when the voters pass term-limits for elected officials.

I believe the voters have spoken when it comes to the legislators taking more power over our schools and other aspects of our lives. I’m sure you are aware by now that all four Constitutional amendments were soundly defeated. I hope those in power get that message... voters are fed up with the power struggle. They want you to tackle the real problems facing our state! I guess we will see if they got the message, come January.

Good news – Kroger is staying...

I must admit that the announcement last week that Kroger would stay open caught me by surprise. As abrupt as my conversation had been with their corporate officials, I really thought their minds were made up with no room for negotiations.

Had it not been for Senator Manchin getting involvement I don’t think it would have been the same outcome, nor would we have the story of their decision reversal in this issue. I said before that it would take political pressure and that’s exactly what Manchin, Brent Boggs and the outcry of community support accomplished. I don’t know all the internal workings, but I have been told that turmoil often results in falling stock prices. Obviously, that’s something that Kroger didn’t want in light of the obstacles that have come up with their merger.

Bottom line is... we have been given a year. Improvements seem likely for the local Kroger store. They are much needed so that’s great. I hope they will consider expanding into the old CVS location as well. Now it’s our turn to step up. We need to patronize Kroger. If we don’t... that ugly headline from our November 1 edition is very likely to make a reappearance. Joe Manchin has opened the door... now it’s on us!!!

Time is running out for Congress to save local news

By The Dominion Post
November 11, 2022

Local journalism is a cornerstone of democracy and a vital source of information for communities across the country, with newsrooms covering local politics, high school sports, local business openings, cultural events and other matters that help a community remain vibrant and connected. But the industry is facing an existential crisis because of the unyielding power of Big Tech platforms such as Google and Facebook.

With less than four weeks left in this Congress, now is the time for the Senate to pass the Journalism Competition and Preservation Act (JCPA). The JCPA was favorably reported out of committee on

Sept. 22 with strong bipartisan support and now must head to the floor for a vote. The JCPA would hold tech giants accountable and provide a necessary lifeline for local papers, requiring Big Tech to compensate small and local outlets for the use of their content.

Big Tech benefits tremendously from journalism content, yet they refuse to pay local publishers fairly for the journalistic content that fuels their platforms. As a result, local papers are being replaced by tech platforms using black-box algorithms designed to keep users inside their walled gardens — all while charging exorbitant ad fees that consume 70% of the nation’s advertising revenue. The tech giants have built their empires by

profiting off of the hard work of journalists without fairly compensating them. As local publications struggle to stay afloat, Big Tech has only doubled down on their anti-competitive practices, further consolidating their control over the flow of information.

The JCPA would benefit small and local publishers exclusively. The bill has a limited scope of six years to address a broken marketplace, while the broader competitive landscape is fixed through other legislation and the courts.

The JCPA would also incentivize publishers to hire more journalists and protect our constitutional freedoms of speech and the press. The bill’s scope is limited to compensation and would not allow for

negotiations around display of news content — it would serve only to ensure fair compensation for local news outlets. The JCPA has strict transparency requirements on the terms of each agreement reached between tech platforms and journalism providers and would establish clarity in how news outlets spend the funds they receive.

News publishers around the world are being compensated by Big Tech. Australia passed a similar policy to the JCPA, the News Media Bargaining Code, for media organizations to bargain for payment, which has produced significant revenue (billions of dollars, if translated to the U.S. market).

The swift and clear successes of the Australian Code — and efforts in other countries such as Canada, the United Kingdom and the European Union — should serve to encourage the passage of the JCPA in the United States.

Local papers cannot afford to endure several more years of Big Tech’s use and abuse. The time to take action is dwindling. If Congress does not act soon, we risk allowing social media to become America’s de facto local newspaper.

Just look at this!

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



Tim Workman caught this Walleye Friday night, November 4 while fishing at the Sutton Dam. He reported, “It is just shy of the state record. The Walleye was 33 inches and 14 lbs with the state record at 35 inches and 17.8 lbs. I’m so happy and also bummed out that it wasn’t just a little bigger. It’s a strange mix of emotions. I wouldn’t trade the experience though. Thanks to Chuck Bickel for a wonderful net job. I’ll always be grateful for this world class fish of a lifetime.”

From our readers

Holiday mailing...

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The U.S. Postal Service has been hard at work preparing for the holiday season since January. Rest assured, we’re holiday ready and well prepared to deliver fast and reliable service to every address in Sutton
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News from our Capitol

by Delegate Brent Boggs

This week, I’m writing from the eastern panhandle at Cacapon State Park, where the November interim meetings are underway through Tuesday evening. The last time we had interim meetings here was during the tenure of former Governor Tomblin and at that time he signed the bonding agreement to overhaul and expand Cacapon to include the new conference center. It now attracts guests and business clients from the DC – Baltimore beltway and the outlying metro areas, in addition to guests from West Virginia and surrounding states. I’m looking forward to several meetings this week, including those dealing with finance, infrastructure, and tourism. All these are critical to central West Virginia.

Despite the rain on Veterans Day, it didn’t deter our citizens from celebrating and thanking our honored veterans in Braxton and Gilmer Counties. While COVID hampered public gatherings

over the past two years, it was great to resume gathering with these heroes and their families. I am so proud of Gilmer and Braxton Counties for their strong and ongoing commitment to veterans and their families. Let’s always make every day Veterans Day.

Great news last week, as Kroger cooperate leaders reversed course to keep the Gassaway Kroger open. Senator Manchin reached out to the Kroger CEO and is committed to working with Kroger and the property owners for a lease beyond the next year and explore expansion into adjacent space and other additions. It is rare that a major corporation reverses a decision on a store closure. This is welcome news for central West Virginia and especially for the 52 dedicated Kroger employees that are our neighbors and friends. I want to thank Senator Manchin for his quick and decisive action to reach out to the Kroger CEO and others; Elaine Harris with

CWA; Gary Southall with UFCW; and all the public officials and residents in Braxton and surrounding counties that stepped up in making calls and sending communications to our Senators, Governor, and Kroger executives. This is a victory for all rural communities and one we need to build upon. It was a great team effort!

Congratulations to the successful candidates for election or reelection to various offices in our counties and the Legislature. Congratulations to Senator Bill Hamilton, Delegate Roger Hanshaw; Delegate-elect Lori Dittman; Braxton Co. Commissioner Lisa Godwin; Braxton Co. Circuit Clerk Susan Lemon; Braxton County Clerk Sue Rutherford; Gilmer Co. Commissioner-elect Jacqueline Hashman; Gilmer Co. Circuit Clerk Pam Starsick; Gilmer County Clerk Jean Butcher. Best wishes and Godspeed to all in the days ahead.

I’m also pleased that the four amendments on the ballot were defeated, especially Amendments 2 and 4. I hope that if any of these re-emerge down the road, there are limits placed on legislative power over counties. It’s now time to adopt a plan during the upcoming session for

the State to directly rebate the personal property (vehicle) tax amounts paid by businesses and citizens within our counties back to the citizens. This assures revenue is kept in the county instead of the vague promise of “maybe” the car tax will be eliminated, as was defined by the underlying language in the joint resolution placing Amendment 2 on the ballot.

I’m always leery of obscure language used in proposed constitutional amendments. Instead, we need clear, concise, and direct language explaining the proposals. Likewise, we need more local control, not less, along with fewer unfunded mandates.

It’s no secret that our population is declining in at least 48 of the 55 counties in West Virginia. The fact that we just lost a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives is a stark reminder. Central West Virginia has been especially hard-hit between 2010 and 2020. For years, I’ve put forth the idea of closer cooperation on projects and development between our central WV counties and seek opportunities to meet jointly for the benefit of all our citizens. Last week, that idea came to fruition as we met on the campus of Glenville

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cussed possibly having the building placed on the historic registry and then they would not have to be ADA compliant in order to rent the space out. She stated she would continue re-searching options.

Steve Facemire updated council on the new salt spreader. It is in and ready for use. He also updated on the recycling truck repair. The truck has been repaired and will need to be re-inspected before it can released from the REAP program.

Jon Crum updated council on his work with the town ordinances. He hopes to have it completed by the meeting after Thanksgiving for the final review of council before it is sent to legal counsel for their review.

Beth Atkins provided a brief update on the Elk River Trail. She stated Suzanne McGowan with the Sutton CDC met with the Elk River Trails representatives and discussed a building plan for the empty lot on Main Street near the Farmers Market. The land would need to be purchased by someone and the plan was just to show what options are available. She also stated a local individual was still working on plans for the swimming pool, but it was still in the early stages of planning.

Steve Facemire made a motion for council to go into executive session at 7:11 pm to discuss three personnel issues. They reconvened at 7:54 pm with no action taken. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm. The next regular meeting will be December 8 at 6:00 pm.

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is a native of Braxton County and a graduate of the Braxton County High School. During his speech, he thanked those who served and who are currently serving, for all of the sacrifices they have made.

Following the speaker, Russell Shaw provided the meal blessing before local Boy Scouts and Girls Scout members served lunch to those in attendance.



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 - Door Knobs
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Country Girls Catering again provided the wonderful meal.

After lunch, Post returned to the podium to announce the parade winners in various categories and door prizes.

The American Legion Post #33 retired the colors to end the reception.

In addition to Central WV Aging Services, others who helped make the event possible were Delegate Brent Boggs, Braxton County Commissioner Lisa Mace Godwin, American Legion Post #33, Country Girl Catering, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, C.A.R.E., Inc., Little Caesars, Pizza-Terry Perkins, and all of the volunteers.

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and across America.

USPS has made significant investments to ensure your holiday greeting cards and packages reach their intended destination on-time. We've added 249 new package sorting machines across the nation which will allow us to process 60 million packages per day. This new equipment is part of \$40 billion in new investments made under Delivering for America, our 10-year plan to achieve financial sustainability and service excellence.

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The 650,000 men and women of the U.S. Postal Service pride ourselves on playing an important role in delivering the holidays for the nation. We've had more than 100,000 part time employees convert to full time positions since January 2021. And there is still time to join our team for the holiday season. Open seasonal positions are posted at usps.com/hiring.

Thank you for continuing to support the Postal Service. Our Sutton Postal Service team wishes you a wonderful holiday season.

Sincerely,
Michael A. Cochran,
Postmaster
Sutton, WV

Letters to the Editor: Our policy...

We would like to remind readers that we welcome letters to the editor.

We would like to reiterate our policy of not publishing letters that do not contain the author's identification. You must enclose a phone number for verification purposes. The number will not be published.

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State University for the kickoff event of the **Pioneer Community Network**. This initiative has been prioritized from Washington DC by the US Department of Agriculture and the USDA's Office of Rural Development to assist areas like ours.

There are eight contiguous counties in the network: Braxton, Gilmer, Clay, Calhoun, Nicholas, Roane, Webster, and Wirt. Each county is experiencing many of the same problems, including the three areas of focus by the network: Health and Wellness; Economic development; and Workforce development. There are also multiple subsets of issues that fall within the categories, including water, sewer, and drainage, broadband and others. The opportunity to shine a spotlight on the unlimited possibilities of central West Virginia will better enable the counties in this cohort to work both individually and as a group for the good of all. There are approximately eighty-six thousand residents living in these eight counties.

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 is: **Boggs34@gmail.com**

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Amendments fail; Godwin, Dittman elected

All four Constitutional Amendments on the November ballot failed to gain voters support in 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 recorded a good turnout 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.

Locally, Amendment 1 which would have given the Senate

final word on any impeachment proceeds, fell by a vote of 2,240 against the change with only 1,025 in favor. Unofficial statewide totals from the Secretary of State's website show 267,693 voted against the 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 favored the change while 1,088 opposed it. Statewide total indict 209,787 in favor and 251,797 against.

Amendment 4 would have given the legislature the final say-so over rules, regulations and 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 receive 1,203 unofficial votes.

With long time Delegate Brent Boggs deciding 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.

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Mike Payn
Mike Payne age 65 of Webster Springs passed away Tuesday, November 8, 2022. Mike was born August 8, 1957 in Webster Springs and was the son of the late Lawrence and Effie Mae Westfall Payne.

Along with his parents he was preceded in death by his siblings, Johnny, David, Philip, Romie, Delmas, Arthur and Karen Sue Payne.

Mike was retired from the Webster Springs Public Service District with 38 years of service and had also worked for Dodd & Reed Funeral Home. He enjoyed fishing, gardening, driving around town, and playing lottery scratch-off tickets. He was also an avid poker player.

Surviving are his siblings; Betty "BJ" (Robert) Humphries, Lemona Carpenter and Robin (Kathy) Payne; many nieces, nephews, friends and a special caretaker and friend Chris Howell.

Service was 1:30 PM, Saturday, November 12, 2022 at Dodd and Reed Funeral Home, Webster Springs. Burial followed at Union Cemetery, Parcoal. Friends joined the family for visitation 12 Noon until time of service.

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

Dodd & Reed Funeral Home, Webster Springs is honored to



be serving the Payne family.

Thomas Doyle Knight
Thomas Doyle Knight, 63, of Flatwoods, went Home to be with the Lord on November 8, 2022, at Braxton Memorial Hospital in Gassaway.



Tom was born in Anchorage, AK, on March 4, 1959, a son of the late Roy Junior Knight and Vivian Marie McCauley. In addition to his parents, Tom was preceded in death by one sister, Debra Cooke of Gassaway.

Forever cherishing their memories of Tom are his two siblings: Steven Knight and wife, Donna, of Flatwoods, and Kristy Johnson and husband, Ben, of Bumpass, VA; six nieces: Sarah Randolph and husband, Kyle, Emily Bateson and husband, Andrew, Amber McNamara and husband, Ryan, Allison Johnson and companion, Ryan Wolf, Melissa Cooke and companion, Ryan Prince, and Jessica Gibson and husband, Ben; eight great-nieces: Natalie, Lydia, Madelyn, Jocelyn and husband, Croix, Corina and husband, Josh, Madison, Brooklyn, and Vera; one great nephew, Skylar; one great-great niece, Ophelia; and one great-great nephew-on-the-way, Asher.

Tom graduated from Braxton County High School in 1977. He was employed with Go-Mart for many years. In his

free-time, Tom loved to hunt and fish. Tom was a true WVU Mountaineer fan. He will be greatly missed by all who loved and cared for him.

Tom's request for Cremation has been honored at Pat Boyle Funeral Home's On-Site Crematory. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at a later date.

We, at Pat Boyle Funeral Home and Cremation Service located at 144 Hackers Creek Rd. in Jane Lew, are honored and privileged to serve the family of Thomas Doyle Knight. Online condolences may be expressed at www.PatBoyleFuneralHome.com.

Steven Michael "Mike" Simons
Steven Michael "Mike" Simons, 64, of Gassaway passed away on Friday, November 4, 2022 at Ruby Memorial Hospital.



He was born February 5, 1958, in Gassaway to Julious "Julie" Westfall of Heaters and the late Johnny Robert Simons.

Mike retired as a surveyor from G.A. Covey Engineering. He loved his family and especially enjoyed being a grandfather. He like to cut timber in his spare time. He enjoyed fishing with his wife at Holly Gray Park. Mike enjoyed playing pool and when he was younger, he often played at Mae's Snack Bar in Sutton. He taught his daughter to play pool too. Fixing lawnmowers and weed eaters was a job that he could do well. He had a servant heart, and you could find him mowing his family's yards weekly. He was a Christian by faith and attended the Pulse Church in Gassaway. He was the former co-owner and operator of the City Diner in Gassaway. He will be missed.

In addition to his mother, Mike will be forever remembered by his wife, Sandy Compton Simons, of Gassaway; daughter, Michelle Short (Sam) of Fairmont; stepsons, Franklin Compton (Terri) of Gassaway, J.D. Whitesel (Dawn) of Gassaway, and Joshua Whitesel (Alyssa) of Gassaway; brothers, Eddie Simons and Timothy "Tim" Simons (Trevia) all of Heaters; grandchildren, Logan and Lance Short; step grandchildren, Lexi Whitesel,

Thomas Whitesel, Braydan Whitesel, Shellie Whitesel, Steven Whitesel, Natalya Whitesel, and Kyler Compton.

His funeral service was 1 P.M. Saturday, November 12, 2022 at Roach Funeral Home with Pastor David Guntter officiating. Burial followed in the Westfall Cemetery, Scotts Fork-Bonnie Road, Exchange.

Mike's visitation was two hours prior to the service at the funeral home.

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

Delis Eugene Blake (Gene)
Delis Eugene Blake (Gene) 87, of Gassaway passed away November 12th 2022. He was born in Burnsville on July 22, 1935.



Gene is preceded in death by his father, Roy Blake Sr. and mother, Letha McCauley Blake and six siblings.

Gene was a self employed religious man who loved to travel, especially in the winter time to Florida. He served in the Army with the 82nd Airborne Division.

Gene is survived by his wife of 23 years, Linda May. He has four daughters, Beatrice Webb, Barbara Reed (David), Sandra Sponaule (Tedd), and Shirley Blake. Stepchildren, Kenneth Daniel Bush (Karen), Linda Lou Bush-Ellyson (Gary), and Rosa Lee Johnson (Jamie). Gene has several grandchildren and step-grandchildren. He also has several great-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren as well as great-great-grandchildren.

Per his wishes, he wanted to be cremated with no funeral service. There will be a celebration of life at a later date.

Stockert Funeral Home & Cremation is honored to serve the family of Gene Blake.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Delis "Gene" Eugene Blake, please visit our Heartfelt Sympathies Store.

Doyle Dana Clutter
Doyle Dana Clutter, 91, of Elk River passed away on Friday, November 11, 2022 at his residence.



Born May 24, 1931, he was the son

of the late Charles Russell and Glady (McCourt) Clutter. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother and sisters: Dossell Clutter, Wilma Conrad, and Alidene Green; niece, Shelvee Clevenger; and a great-nephew, John Butcher.

Dana lived his entire 91 years at Elk River, giving him the honorary title of Mayor of Elk River. He was a retired coal miner, having worked for Island Creek Coal and a member of the UMWA. He enjoyed hunting with his dogs and collecting tractors. He attended Union Valley Church whenever possible.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife, Kathleen "Wimpy" Clutter; several nieces and nephews, and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

Services to celebrate his life were held 11am, Monday, November 14, 2022 at Dodd & Reed Funeral Home, Webster Springs with Evangelist Linda Click officiating. Burial followed at Clifton Ford Cemetery. Friends joined the family for visitation 6-9pm on Sunday, November 13, 2022 at the funeral home.

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

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

Roger Lee Wright
Roger Lee Wright, 74, Cowen, passed away on Wednesday, November 09, 2022 at Summersville Regional Hospital.



Born December 17, 1947 in Buckhannon, he was the son of the late Stanley and Lula Wright. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his siblings: Judy Sparks, Mary Wilson, Diane Robinson, Paul Christian, and Denzil Wright.

Roger enjoyed fishing, digging ramps, and doing crossword puzzles. He was a bit of a history buff and enjoyed taking photos of scenery such as grist mills and covered bridges. He shared some of the photos with Mark Romano that may have been used in some of his publications. Roger was very well-liked from an early age and had a number of lifelong friends that he enjoyed being around whenever possible.

Left to cherish his memory are his sister,

Linda Armentrout, of Cowen; caregiver of 12 years, Mollie Woodring; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and close friends whom he will be missed dearly by.

In keeping with Roger's wishes, he will be cremated.

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

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

Golden Burl Jenkins
Golden Burl Jenkins, 80 of Glenville, WV; (Baldwin Community) departed this earthly life in the evening hours of



Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at his residence on Jakes Run with his loving family by his side.

He was born inorton, WV; (Normantown Community) on January 18, 1942, son of the late Arch and Lena Smith Jenkins.

Golden is a graduate of Normantown High School, class of 1960, and a veteran of the United States Army having served from September of 1966 to September of 1968. He served as Sgt. E-5 in the 163rd Transportation Company in ChuLai, Vietnam. In February 1968, he returned to Fort Dix, New Jersey as Transportation and Supply Sargent of Reserve Force Headquarters, and was discharged honorably in September of 1968.

During his working life, Golden was a police officer for Glenville State University, he was an over the road truck driver, a bus driver for the Gilmer County School System, and was the owner/operator of Jenkins tire sales on Jakes Run.

Golden is a long time member of the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church having been a member since 1956. He also attended services at the Stewarts Creek Community Church. In his spare time, he enjoyed working, camping, spending time with family and friends, living the quiet life in West Virginia, and spoiling his grandchildren and great-grandchildren whenever possible.

On July 13, 1963 Golden was united in marriage to Betty Louise Wilson Jenkins, who survives at their Baldwin Community home.

Surviving is his loving daughter, Tina Fry-Please turn to

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Braxton County Jamboree New Year’s Eve Dance

The Braxton County Jamboree will host a Jamboree New Year’s Eve Dance on Saturday, December 31st. Doors will open at 6:00 P.M. and the show will start at 8:00 P.M. until midnight. Admission is \$8.00 a person and kids eight years of age and under are free. Concession stand will be open. No alcohol permitted. For additional information please call (304) 364-5577

Burnsville Christmas Parade

The Burnsville Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, December 10th @ 5:30pm. Line-up will begin at 4:30 next to the Burnsville Elementary School. Call 304-853-2605 if you’d like to submit a float or march in the parade. Visit with Santa afterwards for candy, hot chocolate and cookies. The Burnsville Freedom Festival Committee will be serving concessions.

City National Bank hosts Christmas Toy Drive

City National Bank is accepting toy donations until Thursday, December 8th. Drop off locations will be located at City National Bank in Sutton and Flatwoods. For additional information, please contact Lisa Conant at (304)765-7333. This event is in partnership with Braxton Community Coalition and Braxton County Schools.

Friends of Burnsville Lake host Reindeer Run

Join the Friends of Burnsville Lake for a fun 5K where you can wear your reindeer antlers as you run around beautiful Burnsville Lake and finish by a warm campfire. Then event will be held on Sunday, December 18th at 11:00 A.M. The first 50 racers to register will get a free t-shirt! To register call (304) 853-2371.

Sutton Public Library services

Sutton Public Library has many ongoing programs and fundraisers available for community participation in addition to the loaning of books, audio CDs, and hotspots. They also provide printing, copying and faxing services for a small fee. Notary services are available for free; call ahead to ensure a notary is available! The library also has an ongoing used book sale. New releases are priced \$4 or less. Children’s, crafting and cookbooks are 10 cents each. All other books are fill a bag for \$1. Currently, the library’s Create to Donate quilting group is selling raffle tickets for a queen size shadow box quilt made by its members. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5 and can be purchased at the library. The winner will be drawn on Dec. 8

Always Blessed Connection November pantry schedule

Always Blessed Connections Co will only be open one day, Friday November 18th from 1pm to 3pm with the retail and USDA foods. We do offer emer-

gency foods. Reach out with a phone call or text should you or someone you know have a need in between our open pantry days.

SHS Graduates

Sutton High School Alumni Association new officers and volunteers are working on the SHS Alumni Banquet scheduled for July 1, 2023 at Braxton County High School. We are working on getting “Contact People” for each class so that we can mail information out to each of you relative to making your reservations for the banquet. We need your help. If you are the contact person or know of that person, please send a message to ralphandmarsha@frontier.com or send a note to Marsha Lloyd at P.O. Box 644, Sutton, WV 26601. Thank you so much.

The Braxton County Jamboree music November schedule

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

Vendors Wanted!

Vendor spaces available at the annual Gilmer County CEOS Holiday House, Fri., Dec. 2 from 9 am to 4 pm at the Gilmer County Rec. Center. Only \$10 per table! Call 304-462-7061 to register!

Braxton County Emergency Services host first Annual community Christmas Tree Lighting event

The Braxton County Emergency Services, are so very excited to announce that we are hosting are first annual community 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. Special guest visitors, Santa and Mrs Claus, will visit with those in attendance. Braxton County Sheriff’s Dept. and local fire departments, will be assisting us in collecting coats, hats, and scarves, all this month. Those items will be distributed to those who need one. 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. We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing all at the event.

Flatwoods Monster fundraising

Holly Jolly Dinner

You are invited to come enjoy a Holly Jolly Dinner at the Flatwoods Community Building on December 10th from 12:00 to 4:00 P.M. Dinner will consist of Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Stuffing, Roll, Cake, and drinks. For additional information please call 304-678-7334.

Sutton Moose Lodge #825 sponsor Twelve Days of Christmas Purse and \$500 Raffle

Grab your chances to win some beautiful purses for yourself or just in time for a Christmas gift! The Sutton Moose Lodge #825 is sponsoring this name brand purse raffle with a total of over \$4,000.00 in prizes including names such as Michael Kors, Kate Spade, Vera Bradley and \$500 in cash on Day twelve. Only 250 numbers will be sold. \$20.00 will get you 12 opportunities (12 days) to win a purse or \$500 in cash. Numbers must be purchased before December 9th, 2022. A random number generator will be used to determine the daily winners. FB pay/PayPal accepted for tickets. Contact Terry Perkins or Sierra Stump directly to use.

CEOS Holiday House

The annual Gilmer County CEOS Holiday House will be Fri., Dec. 2 from 9 am to 4 pm at the Gilmer County Rec. Center. You can do some shopping, buy lunch, make a craft, and create a beautiful painting all in one place! The painting class is LIMITED, please call 304-462-7061 to register.

Braxton County Senior Center lunch menu for November

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

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 information 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.

Flatwoods Cemetery Donations 2022

Mowing the Flatwoods Cemetery this summer has been a chore since we had so much rain that the grass overdid itself. However we are hoping it has slowed down so that we can call it quits for this season. So far we have had it mowed 10 times. Those who have donated for this 2022 season are: Herb Floyd; George Butcher Family; Dick Bright; Nancy Butcher Fowler; Shirley Lloyd; Marlin Butcher; Greg & David Butcher; Carolyn Butcher Barber; Brian Delaney and Linda Brown. Please keep us in mind for 2023. Thanks again and we greatly appreciate the donations; without them we could not keep going. Any further donations, please send to Linda Brown 1353 Stone Run Rd. Flatwoods, WV 26621. Linda Brown/Treasurer

“The Journey”

“The Journey” of Hope and Restoration helps with life-controlling problems that you could be facing on a daily basis. These studies are done in a small group setting that meets each Monday at 6:00 PM. We have taught lessons about Grief, Anger, Committed Couples, and Depression. We are currently starting a class dealing with anxiety, and fear it is a 10-week class. These studies are from the “Living Free” program curriculum and it is a biblically-based study and everyone is welcome to participate. We serve food at 5:30 PM each Monday at 602 Elk Street, Gassaway, WV. We have many areas that we are able to minister to others as well such as the areas of destructive behaviors, negative attitudes, unhealthy relationships, and substance abuse. To register or if you have questions you can call Pastor Eric Veltre at 304-689-0000.

Always Blessed Connections Co updated pantry days

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

AA - Recovery Meetings

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

Sutton Public Library Create to Donate

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

Burnsville Public Library Board of Trustees meetings

Burnsville Public Library Board of Trustees meets the second Monday of each month at 5:00 pm at the library. Meetings are open to the public. During the pandemic, if you would like to attend but don’t feel

comfortable attending in person please reach out. We could arrange a way for you to attend virtually.

Burnsville Community Center event bookings

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

Public Sevice Announcement

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

Addiction Screenings

Narconon can help you take steps to help those suffering from alcoholism. Call today for free screenings or referrals. 1-800-431-175.

The woman of God

Prov 31:10 - Eccl 1:1
10 Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.

11 The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.

12 She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.

13 She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.

14 She is like the merchants’ ships; she bringeth her food from afar.

15 She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.

16 She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.

17 She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms.

18 She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night.

19 She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.

20 She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.

21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet.

22 She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple.

23 Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land.

24 She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant.

25 Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.

26 She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.

27 She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.

28 Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.

29 Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.

30 Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.

31 Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

Here God is describing a woman of virtue, a woman of character, a woman of faith. When people pick their mate in this life sometimes they pick the person simply by her beauty which is not a bad thing but there is more to just being beautiful on the outside she needs to be beautiful on the inside and when you can find that kind of woman you truly have found a pearl of great price. I told someone some time ago that when you are picking a mate in this life you really need to look closely at them and you need to look at all the good that they are and also you need to look at all their faults. Then you need to ask yourself does the good outweigh the bad, do not make the mistake in thinking that you can change them because you cannot, they truly can change but it is up to them to make the changes and the same holds true to the lady that is looking for her mate. It all comes down to can I live with their faults, and truly we all have our faults.

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(minister) Danny Lambey
lambey@frontier.com

COMMUNITY CORNER

COUNTY STORIES

By: JEANETTE RIFFLE

Holidays Different This Year

Thanksgiving is just around the corner and there is so much to do. There has been sickness in every family. There are so many different viruses going around right now. Nearly everyone you talk to has had something. This upper respiratory one leaves a lingering cough. My hubby is better but is still hoarse and has a cough. I have talked to people who say they are having a hard time getting their strength back. Everything, even the smallest thing is zapping their strength.

Our son and granddaughter are planning on coming down on Wednesday before Thanksgiving. They are hearing of the RSV in their suburb now, but not of anyone they know. A lot of people will be traveling to see loved ones for the holidays. We pray for good weather to travel and that the sicknesses won't spread.

Numbers are starting to come back up at Rosedale Baptist Church. We had wintry weather this morning and our first snow, but the attendance was still good, considering that some had to be out of town for meetings and conferences. They were missed and everyone will be glad to see them back next week.

We have a fox that likes to pester our dog. It runs back and forth, in the woods across the road, barking and aggravating Rascal. If it was a coyote, I'd say it was trying to tell him over there so a whole pack of them could attack and eat him. He sometimes barks at critters out there off and on, all night long. I have to use ear plugs to be able to sleep.

Hubby went out to feed Rascal and just now came back in to tell me what all that barking was about out there, up close to the road. It was a fox again. Last night Rascal had put a coon up a tree. Hubby shined a light and saw it's eyes. My youngest brother set up a wild life camera and got a picture of a big black bear.

We have been baking more in this cooler weather. We have made two Hummingbird Cakes in less than a week. They are tasty enough with all that fruit, that I don't put that rich icing on them.

Until next time, everyone be safe and please if you are sick, stay away from holiday gatherings. Show some respect and concern for others. Just call and let them know why you cannot make it and say, "Maybe next time." Take care and God bless!



Dr. Vidya Petla, Mon Health Primary Care

Mon Health Primary Care welcomes Dr. Vidya Petla

Mon Health Primary Care is pleased to announce the addition of Dr. Vidya Petla to its dedicated team of physicians. Dr. Petla will be practicing at the Mon Health Primary Care location in Morgantown.

"We couldn't be more excited to have Dr. Petla join our best-in-class care team delivering expert medical care," said David Goldberg, President and CEO of Mon

Health System. "She will be a tremendous asset to the health of our communities."

Dr. Petla graduated from Alluri Sitaram Raju Academy of Medical Sciences in India before completing her Internal Medicine and Pediatrics Residency at WVU School of Medicine. Dr. Petla is a member of the Andhra Pradesh Medical Council, Medical Council of India, American College of Physicians, and

American Academy of Pediatrics.

"I am excited to join the Mon Health Primary Care team where we always treat you like family," Dr. Petla said.

Dr. Petla is joining the team at Mon Health Primary Care - Morgantown at 6000 Memorial Church Drive Suite A. To learn more about Mon Health Primary Care, visit MonHealth.com/PrimaryCare.

Town of Burnsville in search of Citizens of the Year nominations

The Town of Burnsville is currently taking nominations for Citizens of the Year.

needs to have made an impact for the town itself or someone in the community.

need to be received by December 1st.

You can make your nomination by calling 304-853-2605.



LUCAS to offer lung cancer screening in Burnsville Nov 23

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.

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Stone Run Busy Beavers hold November meeting

The Stone Run Busy Beavers held their November 2022 meeting at the Braxton County High School on Monday, November 7, 2022 at 5:30 PM. The meeting was called to order by President Casey Armentrout; all present repeated the Pledge to the Flag and the 4-H Pledge.

Those present were Ethan Brown, Olivia Arden, Zeb Arden, Austin Armentrout, Eliot Armentrout and Casey Armentrout. Leaders present were Marie Armentrout and Linda Brown.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Secretary Olivia and approved as read.

Old Business: Baskets for the Shut-Ins will be taken care after the New Year due to Holidays and members being on vacation.

New Business: All members reported the Officer's Training which was held at 6PM in the BCHS cafeteria with Debbie Friend presiding. Everyone enjoyed the presentation of learning Parliamentary Procedure.

Next meeting will be on December 11, 2022 at 2 PM.

Town of Flatwoods Town Council hold October meeting

Mayor Dale Ball called the October 18 meeting of the Flatwoods Town Council to order at 6:43 pm at the Flatwoods Municipal Building. Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Opening Prayer was led by Councilman Luke Malensek.

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

Citizens present: Debbie Peters, Danny Smallwood and Lorie Brown.

Lisa Hamrick read the minutes from September 20, 2022, meeting. Dennis Miller made the motion to approve the minutes as read. Keith Long seconded. All were in favor, the motion carried.

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

Lorie Brown gave an update on Flatwoods Fall Fest. Lorie gave an update on Town Christmas activities. Friday, December 9th will be a pajama party. Saturday, December 10th, will include a craft and vendor show at Flatwoods Elementary and a live nativity at the Municipal Building.

Jake Hamrick and Shawn Brown were recognized for fixing the snow blower.

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

Jake Hamrick made a motion to accept the terms of the CVS settlement. Luke Malensek seconded. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Luke Malensek made a motion to accept the terms of the Allergan settlement. Dennis Miller seconded. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Dennis Miller made a motion to accept the terms of the Janssen settlement. Jake Hamrick seconded. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Jake Hamrick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m. Luke Malensek seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Flatwoods Monster Fest to host Holly Jolly Dinner

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Dinner will consist of Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Stuffing, Roll, Cake, and drinks.

For additional information please call 304-678-7334.

MAGISTRATE COURT

R-E-P-O-R-T

Magistrate Beth Smith

November 6: Sarah B. Balcourt of Sutton, driving revoked for DUI, warrant issued, bond set at \$1500 cash, surety, or 10% to the court.

November 7: Joseph Lewis Mollohan of Davanport, IA, possession of meth, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$3000 personal recognizance; Laddie Dean Nichols of Frametown, failure to register, warrant issued, bond set at \$10,000 cash only; Ashley Nicole Heater of Sutton, expired MVI, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; John Keith Griffin of Burnsville, driving too fast for road conditions, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; James D. Dunsmore of Gap Mills, overweight vehicle, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; Lucas Matthew Mayle of Salem, speeding, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; Thomas J. Bennett of Fenwick, no proof of insurance, dismissed proof provided, speeding, dismissed.

November 9: Jonathan Darrell Whitesel of Gassaway, obstructing emergency medical services, battery on governmental official, warrant issued, bond set at \$4500 personal recognizance; Dawn Kimberly Whitesel of Gassaway, obstructing emergency medical services, warrant issued, bond set at \$3000 personal recognizance; James D. Dunsmore of Gap Mills, overweight vehicle, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed.

costs assessed.

Magistrate David Singleton

November 4: Candace Jean Conrad of Linn, receiving stolen goods, false information to officer, warrant issued, bond set at \$2500.

November 5: Casey Ray Hudson of Burnsville, assault, battery, warrant issued, bond set at \$1500 personal recognizance; Amber N. Dyer of Sutton, conspiracy, warrant issued, bond set at \$5000 cash only; Teresa Ann Mathis of Burnsville, receiving stolen property, obstructing an officer x2, possession of marijuana, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$2500 personal recognizance.

Braxton County Schools Holiday Helpers support Grand Families and Kinship Care

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Don't let the holidays stress you out, come out for some holiday shopping fun! We know the holidays can be stressful. If you are a grandparent of family member caring for children, come

out, and sit back and relax with some refreshments. Donuts and coffee will be served.

Tables will be set up to help with our holiday needs. These include baking supplies, wrapping paper, bows, stocking stuffers for kiddos, and many other supplies.

City National Bank and Braxton County Coalition will be sponsoring Christmas gifts for the children.

Please RSVP: Joyce Floyd (304)765-7101 ext. 3256 jnfloyd@k12.wv.us or Christina Bailey (304)765-7101 ext 655 crbailey@k12.wv.us.

Sutton Public Library upcoming events

Upcoming Events at the Sutton Public Library: Young Adult Book-to-Movie Club meeting to discuss The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton and watch the movie on Nov. 17, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.

LEGO Club is the first and third Tuesdays of the month from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Most Mondays at 11:00 a.m. we have programming for children, including a House of Mouse Monday movie showing, Wiggles and Giggles literacy and movement for toddlers and Little Readers preschool story time. Check our website, Facebook page or call the library at 304-765-7224 for more information.

Create to Donate, our quilting group, meets every Thursday from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. All skills levels welcome! Just show

up, we have material, machines and will teach you everything you need to know.

Book Club meets the second Thursday of each month at 3:00 p.m. to discuss that month's book and choose upcoming books. Discussion on Such a Fun Age by Kiley Reid will be on Nov. 10 and discussion on Jayber Crow by Wendell Berry will be on Dec. 8.

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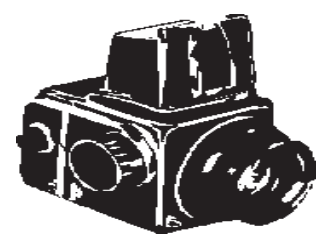
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A Photographic Look at...

Central WV Aging Services hosts Veteran's Day Reception



Parade Marshal Ray Strader



Barbara Riffle led those in attendance to the National Anthem.



Wesley C. Frame III spoke briefly about his father.



Individuals signed as Veteran's or guests.

Photos courtesy of Janet Six.



American Legion Post #33 posted the colors to start the reception.



Ben Strader, Sons of Legion member, told of the significance of the POA/MIA table.



Russell Shaw provided the invocation and meal blessings.

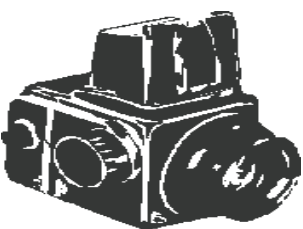


CWWAS Director Evelyn Post welcomed the large crowd to the Annual event.



The table recognised the POA/MIA was adorned with white carnations, one for each branch of the service.





A Photographic Look at...

Central West Virginia Aging Services sponsors Veteran's Day Parade



Even the smallest of children paid their respects to the Veterans in the parade.



Braxton County Emergency Services and WVDNR paraded through the streets of Gassaway showing their respect on Veterans Day.



American Legion Post # 33



Members from the Mountaineer Food Bank passed out apples during the parade.



The parade was sponsored by Central West Virginia Aging Services.



WVU Medicine



Various groups and organizations walked in the Veteran's Day Parade despite the cold and rain.



Happy Veteran's Day!

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in him by that certain Deed of Trust, dated September 5, 2020, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Braxton County, West Virginia, in Document No. 2020003069, in Book No. 258, at Page 365, Thomas M Stewart and Brittney Cool did convey unto Daniel T. Baker, Trustee(s), certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; and the beneficiary has elected to appoint Seneca Trustees, Inc., as Substitute Trustee; and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by Movement Mortgage, LLC to foreclose thereunder, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Braxton County Courthouse in Sutton, West Virginia, on December 28, 2022 at 12:00 PM the following described real estate, together with its improvements, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in 03 - Flatwoods District, Braxton County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:

All the following described real estate, together with the buildings and improvements thereon and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in the Village of Flatwoods, on the headwaters of Salt Lick Creek, Holly District, Braxton County, West Virginia, and being bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a stake at the edge of the state road (being U.S. 19 and West Virginia State Route 4), thence along and with the State Road in a northeasterly direction a distance of 200 feet to an iron stake; thence in a westerly direction, along with the line of Glen Cochran, a distance of 150 feet to an iron stake; thence along and with the line of Jack Davis, a distance of 186 feet, in a southerly direction; thence through the residue of the tract of Goldie Reip, crossing a driveway, a distance of 128 feet to a stake at the edge of the State Road, the beginning corner, containing 1/2 acre, more or less, and being designated as Tax Map 5, Parcel 21.1.

And being the same real estate conveyed to Grantors by Deed to be recorded contemporaneously herewith.

The Grantee, its successors and assigns, shall have the right to use the driveway, or right of way, which runs from the county road through the original tract of 9.5 acres and into the property herein conveyed, together with the right to maintain and repair same.

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

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

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

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

The subject property will be sold in "AS IS" condition. The Substitute Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property.

TERMS: \$9000.00 in cash and/or certified funds as deposit at the time of sale with the balance due and payable within 30 days of the day of sale.

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

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

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Given under my hand this the 7th day of November, 2022.
TAMERA FACEMIRE
Fiduciary Supervisor 11-8 11-15b



Delegate Brent Boggs, Speaker of the West Virginia House of Delegates Roger Hanshaw, Glenville State University President Dr. Mark Manchin, State Director of USDA Rural Development Ryan Thorn, and USDA Rural Development Community Development Specialist Kayleigh Kyle at the West Virginia Pioneer Community Network launch meeting held at Glenville State University. (GSU Photo/Kristen Cosner)

West Virginia Pioneer Community Network launches with Partners Meeting at Glenville State University

Glenville State University and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) officials met with community leaders and lawmakers on Wednesday to launch the West Virginia Pioneer Community Network and discuss what this new resource means for rural and underserved areas within central West Virginia. The West Virginia Pioneer Community Network is hosted by Glenville State University and will serve Braxton, Calhoun, Clay, Gilmer, Nicholas, Roane, Webster, and Wirt counties.

The initiative is part of an expansion of the Rural Partners Network (RPN), a program of USDA.

Stakeholders from several of the communities included in the West Virginia Pioneer Community Network joined representatives from USDA Rural Development, Glenville State University, the West Virginia Legislature, the Region IV Planning and Development Council, and U.S. Senator Joe Manchin's Economic Development Office at the launch meeting.

"We're thrilled to be working with Dr. Manchin and his team at Glenville State University on this exciting initiative. The goal of the Rural Partners Network is to ensure

that rural communities have the opportunity to succeed and that the people that live in rural communities, more than 86,000 within these eight counties, have an opportunity to not just survive – but thrive. When rural communities succeed, West Virginia succeeds, when West Virginia succeeds, our Nation succeeds and by continuing to work together, West Virginia will continue to prosper," said USDA Rural Development State Director, Ryan Thorn.

"Glenville State University is honored to be taking a lead in helping bring resources to central West Virginia through the West Virginia Pioneer Community Network as part of the Rural Partners Network. Working collaboratively with our alumni, friends, and neighbors within the eight-county region, we see this project being very impactful for all those involved," said Glenville State University President, Dr. Mark A. Manchin.

"What is particularly interesting to me as a resident of central West Virginia and as a representative of not just Gilmer County but of three counties in central West Virginia, is that we now have a way for the

federal government and all of its resources to get a focus on the central part of the state. Ours is a part of the state and the Appalachian region that often gets overlooked, so this is an exciting announcement. I want to be involved in this going forward and look forward to seeing the big role that Glenville State University will play in it," said Speaker of the West Virginia House of Delegates, Roger Hanshaw (R-Clay).

As a part of the RPN, the West Virginia Pioneer Community Network will receive on-the-ground support from full-time federal staff members assigned to provide technical assistance tailored to the community's unique needs and objectives. These USDA Rural Development staff members will help rural communities navigate federal programs, build relationships and identify community-driven solutions, and develop successful applications for funding.

The USDA-led Rural Partners Network is an all-of-government program that partners with rural people to access resources and funding to create local jobs, build infrastructure, and support long-term economic stability.

Town of Flatwoods Christmas Celebration

The Town of Flatwoods will host a Christmas Celebration. On Friday, December 9th join us in your favorite Christmas pjs. We will enjoy milk and cookies while listening to a very special reading of Charley Saves Christmas written about our very own K9 Charley.

On Saturday, De-

cember 10th join us for a Craft and Vendor Show from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Vendors and Crafters will have products such as home décor, Pampered Chef, air fresheners, baked goods, candles, jewelry, crochet, pet treats and products, beauty accessories, Tupperware, clothing, primitive décor, balloon ani-

mals and toys. There will be free giveaways all day and there will be Craft Fair food specials at the spot.

Live Nativity from will take place from 12:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. at the Municipal Building.

Come enjoy this two day event. For additional information please call (304) 765-7235.

PUBLIC PROFILE

SAVVY SUBSCRIBER

PROFESSION: Citizen

HOBBY: Reading public notice ads in the local newspaper, making origami cranes.

QUOTE: If I don't read the public notices, I won't know if the state is planning to put a highway through my favorite wetlands, when my town holds budget meetings or if my next door neighbor's house is on the auction block.

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SPORTS

Reporting Braxton County's sports action

- Youth
- Middle School
- High School

Braxton County Youth Basketball League hosts pre-season Skills Clinic

The Braxton County Youth Basketball League kicked off their season on Sunday, November 13th with a skills clinic.

The Braxton County Middle School and

Braxton County High School boys basketball coaches were in attendance to share some

thoughts on the importance of the fundamentals of basketball.

The children went

through a variety of stations to learn more about the game. The BCYBL had 135 Braxton County students sign up this season.

The youth basket-

ball games will be held on Sunday's at the high school starting December 4th at 1:00. Come out and show your support to these young athletes.



BCYBL President Jadyen Stewart and Vice President Alicia McPherson arrange two teams for a friendly game of Knock Out at the Skills Clinic.

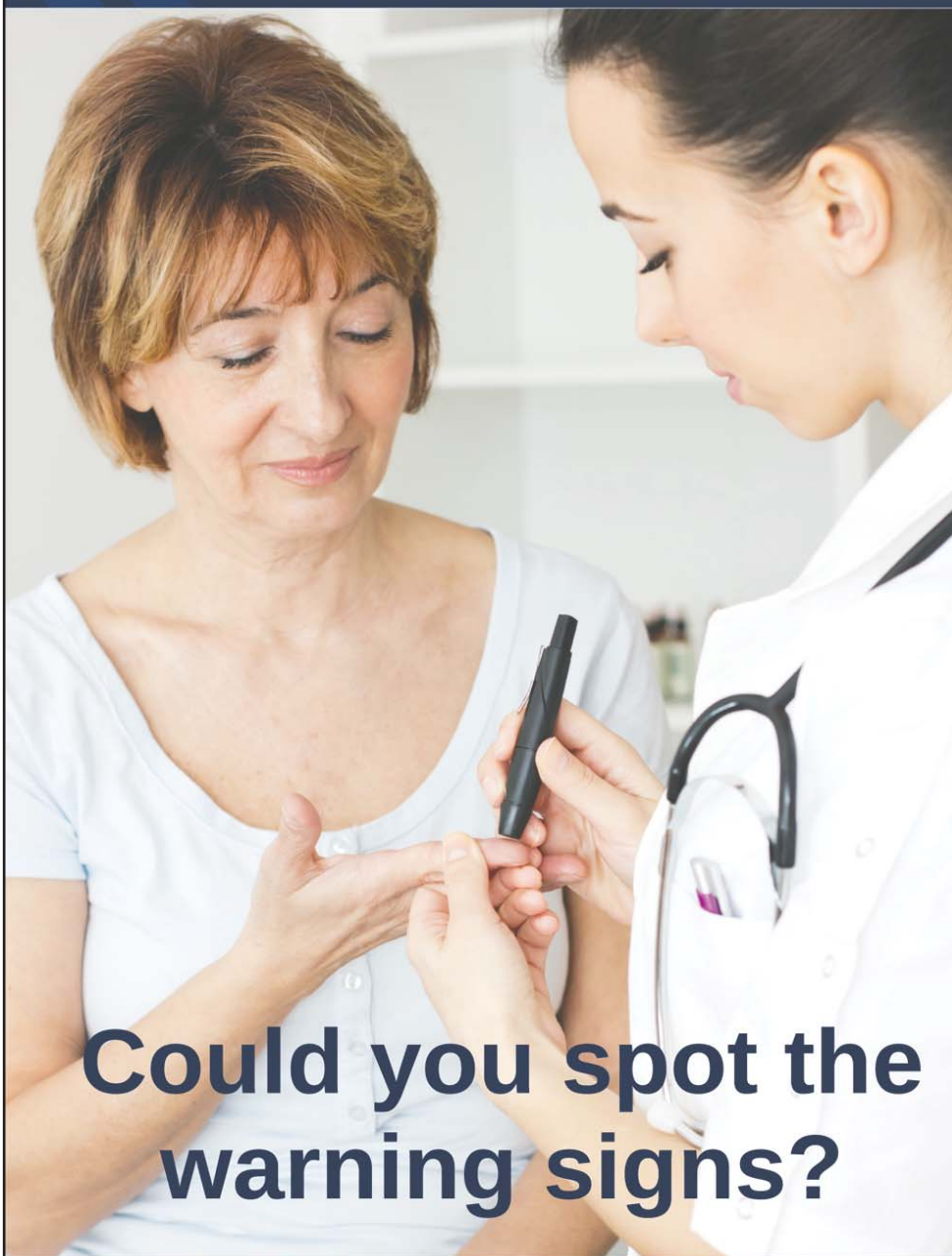
Guest speaker Drew Toler, Braxton County Middle School Knights Basketball Coach, brought his players to the Skill Clinic to help assist in the fundamentals of the game.



Braxton County Youth Basketball League President Jadyen Stewart discusses the importance of the fundamentals of the game with new and returning players who participated in the skills clinic. The players were eager to listen to each guest speaker at the event.

Photos courtesy of Sheena White.

November is
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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. 16, 1823: Politician and industrialist Henry Gassaway Davis, known in the early 20th century as West Virginia's "Grand Old Man," was born in Baltimore, Md.



Nov. 17, 1927: Composer and performer Robert Drasnin was born in Charleston. He performed with classic combos and big bands such as Tommy Dorsey and Les Brown, and scored music for movies and television.

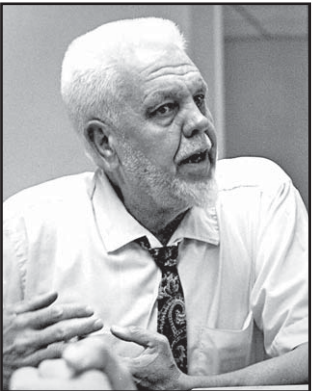


Nov. 18, 2007: Country singer Chickie Williams died. As wife of musician Doc Williams, she performed with his Border Riders

band and appeared on the Wheeling Jamboree radio show.



Nov. 19, 1899: Sculptor Gladys Tuke was born in Linwood, Pocahontas County. Tuke was a member of the original artist colony at The Greenbrier; during World War II she taught at Ashford General Hospital, and later established a pottery and sculpture studio in White Sul-



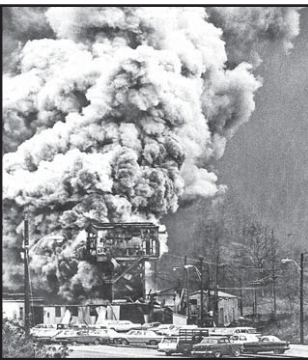
phur Springs. Nov. 19, 1900: William Page Pitt was born in New York City. In 1926, Pitt joined the faculty of what was then Marshall College. In his 45-year career at Marshall, he built its journalism program into one with dozens of classes and hundreds of students. Today, Marshall University's W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications is named in his honor.

Nov. 19, 1921: The USS West Virginia was christened. It was one of the six battleships at Pearl Harbor on the morning of December 7, 1941, suffering massive damage from torpedoes and bombs in the surprise attack. The USS West Virginia was rebuilt and joined the Seventh Fleet for the invasion of the Philippines.

Nov. 20, 1894: Eight men were killed in a coal mine disaster near Colliers, Brooke County. They were using a dangerous method called "shooting from the solid," meaning that they blasted the coal loose without first undercutting it.

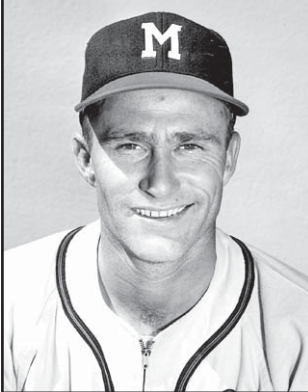


Nov. 20, 1917: Robert C. Byrd was born in North Wilkesboro, North Carolina. He was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1958 and remained in office until his death in 2010.



Nov. 20, 1968: An explosion at Consolidation Coal Company's No. 9 mine near Farmington killed 78 men. The disaster brought national attention to the issue of mine safety.

Nov. 21, 1810: Allen Taylor Caperton was born in Monroe County. Caperton served in the Confederate Senate during the Civil War and in the U.S. Senate from 1875 to 1876.



Nov. 22, 1926: Selva Lewis "Lew" Burdette Jr. was born in Nitro. Burdette was an outstanding major league baseball player who spent most of his career with the Milwaukee Braves.

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

Mountaineer Food Bank announces December Mobile Food Pantry event

The Mountaineer Food Bank will host its next Mobile Food Pantry in Braxton County on Tuesday, December 6, 2022. The Mobile Food Pantry will take place at Holly Gray Park from 11:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

Mobile Pantries provide food to "food deserts" where food accessibility is limited and/or scarce. Fresh, healthy food tends to have a short shelf life. To make sure food gets to our clients as quickly and fresh as possible, they are transported to selected locations and distributed by Mountaineer Food Bank. Mobile Pantries can provide a variety of fresh fruits, vegetables, dairy products, and baked goods to people in need.

Mobile Food Pantry's are hosted by churches, schools, and community centers. A Mobile Pantry can feed between 100 and 1,000 households.

Mountaineer Food Bank is located in Gas-saway, WV. Our organization provides food and other household items to our emergency food network in 48 counties including programs such as food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, Backpack programs, senior programs and mobile pantries.

MFB works with the West Virginia Department of Agricul-



Dominion Hope, DHHR, Braxton OES, Aetna, and Braxton Community Coalition assisted MFB in serving 225 households at the October Food Pantry.

ture to distribute USDA commodities in 43 counties in West Virginia, almost 3.5 million pounds annually. The products are generally staple items such as green beans, corn, canned fruit, juices and proteins such as meat or peanut butter.

As a Feeding America food bank, MFB is able to bring in donations from donors across the country by

the truckload to distribute into West Virginia. Our partnership allows us to work with retail stores such as Walmart and Kroger in our local communities to reduce food waste and provide much needed produce and dairy.

Follow the Mountaineer Food Bank webpage at www.mountaineerfoodbank.org for the most up to date news and announcements.

Dog Stories from the Braxton Tales: County Animal Shelter

Are you looking to add a four legged, tail wagging member to your family? Rescues from the Braxton County Animal Shelter are looking for their final "Forever" homes and are anxious to meet you.

There is a reason we call them man's best friend. We can learn so many things from a dog's behavior, personality, demeanor, resiliency, and most importantly, the willingness to provide their family members with unconditional love, loyalty, and companionship down to their very last breath. BCAS is open Monday through Friday from 10-3.

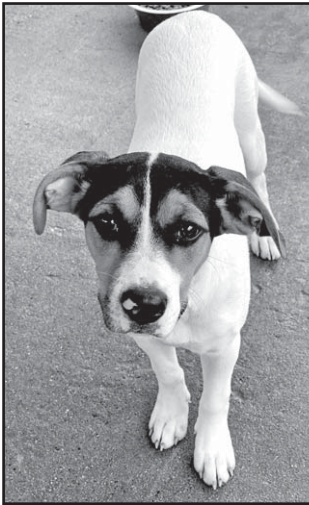
There is no charge to surrender a dog, but donations toward their care are appreciated. Adoptions are \$149.00 for male dogs and \$169.00 for female dogs, and include spay/neuter, rabies vaccination, parvo/distemper vaccination, kennel cough vaccination, flea treatment and deworming. No dog will leave the shelter unfixed and we are very willing to work with reputable 501c3 rescues.

Please call the shelter for vet pricing and ask for our adoption/rescue coordinator Megan at (304)765-2200



Rose is five year old female cur mix looking for a great new home!

Rose is gentle and affectionate with children, dog friendly, keeps her paws on the ground and walks great on a leash. Rose has only ever lived outdoors. She knows sit, stay and no. No chickens for Rose please. She's been quiet since she has been with us here in the shelter. She would make an excellent family dog and is ready for all the attention she can get.



Lady Blue, pictured first, and **Queenie**, pictured second, are four month old littermate ladies who are a Heeler/beagle mix. These gorgeous girls were well

cared for and very socialized but it was a struggle to find them great homes. They have been around other dogs and cats and do great with them, but haven't yet been around children. Because of their laidback demeanor we think they would do fine with children. They have lived indoors and are puppy pad trained

The Braxton Co. Animal Shelter will be raffling a Mossberg Silver Reserve Over/Under 28 gauge with a walnut stock, now through the end of November, to raise funds for our shelter pups!

Tickets: \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20, Drawing will be live on Facebook November 30th at Noon. Tickets can be purchased in person at the animal shelter during business hours and we will be going business to business if asked. Tickets can be purchased via BCAS PayPal (must include name and contact number) account: [PayPal.me/BC-AnimalShelter](https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/BC-AnimalShelter)

Must meet requirements for firearms possession and winner will pick up the gun at The James Outpost in Heat-ers, WV. This is over \$600 value!

All proceeds go toward the care of our shelter animals- vaccinations, deworming, food, cleaning supplies and all other needed shelter supplies.

As always, thank you for supporting our furry friends!

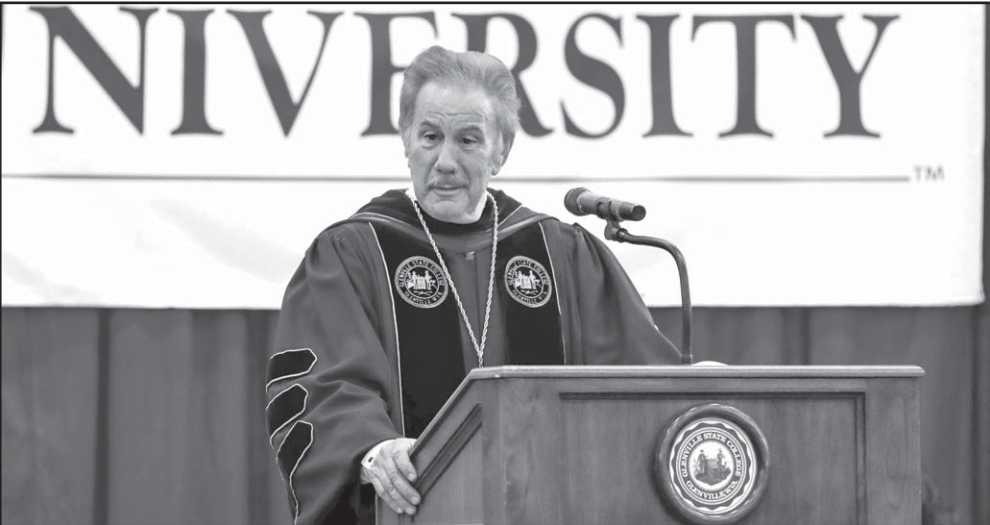
A Kick off to Christmas

Burnsville Public Library hopes that you will come out and join them for their A Kick off to Christmas Saturday, November 19th at 5:00 P.M.

Feel free to come in your favorite comfy jammies and enjoy Christmas Cookies and cocoa, listen to

some Christmas songs and make an ornament. Plus, you can bring an ornament to help decorate the library.

We will also be watching a Christmas movie to help us kick-off our Holiday season. RSVP today at (304)853-2338



Glenville State University President Dr. Mark A. Manchin at the podium during a previous Commencement Ceremony. Manchin will confer degrees upon graduates at the end of this semester on Saturday, December 10 at Glenville State's Waco Center. (GSU Photo/Kristen Cosner)

Winter Commencement is December 10 at Glenville State University

Glenville State University's Winter Commencement Ceremony will take place on Saturday, December 10 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Waco Center.

Prospective graduates will walk across the stage to receive their degrees in a variety of programs including business, education, land resources, criminal justice, science, music, and more. The students hail from various counties throughout West Virgin-

ia, as well as California, Florida, Kentucky, Maryland, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, and Virginia.

Secretary Mitch Carmichael of the West Virginia Department of Economic Development will deliver the keynote address. Carmichael has served as President of the West Virginia Senate and has been a member of both the Senate and the House of Delegates. Governor Jim Justice tapped Carmichael to

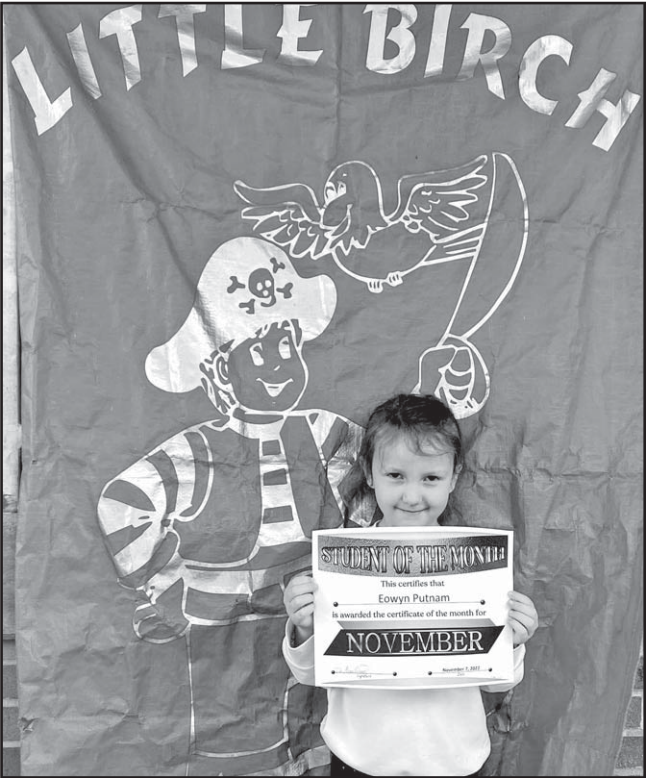
lead the Department of Economic Development when it was created in 2021.

As always, graduates are permitted to bring as many guests with them as they wish and no tickets are needed.

The ceremony will be live streamed via Glenville State's YouTube channel for those who cannot attend in person.

For more information about the Commencement Ceremony, contact (304) 462-4115.

Little Birch Elementary announces November Students of the Month



Eowyn Putnam, Pre-K.

Little Birch Elementary November Students of the Month Pre-K – Eowyn Putnam

According to Mrs. Hughes, Eowyn Putnam is always so happy to be at school and is very smart and helpful. She is a joy to have in class.

Kindergarten - Jax Reynolds

Mrs. Duffield reports that Jax works well with others, listens, and follows directions. He is kind and thoughtful.

1st Grade - Denzil Shingler

Mrs. Duffield reports that Denzil is a hard worker. He follows classroom rules, is helpful to others, and sets a good ex-

ample.

2nd Grade – Madeleine Putnam

According to Mr. Casto, Madeline is the 2nd grade student of the month because Pirates are consistent! Regardless of the weather, this swashbuckler’s spirit can’t be suppressed by sea monsters, enemy cannon fire, or a hole in the ship. On top of maintaining such a positive outlook, she diligently strives to learn all she can about the world. Helpful, honest, and hard-working, Madeleine is a wonderful member of our crew!

3rd Grade – Michael Stout

Mr. Casto reports that Michael is the 3rd

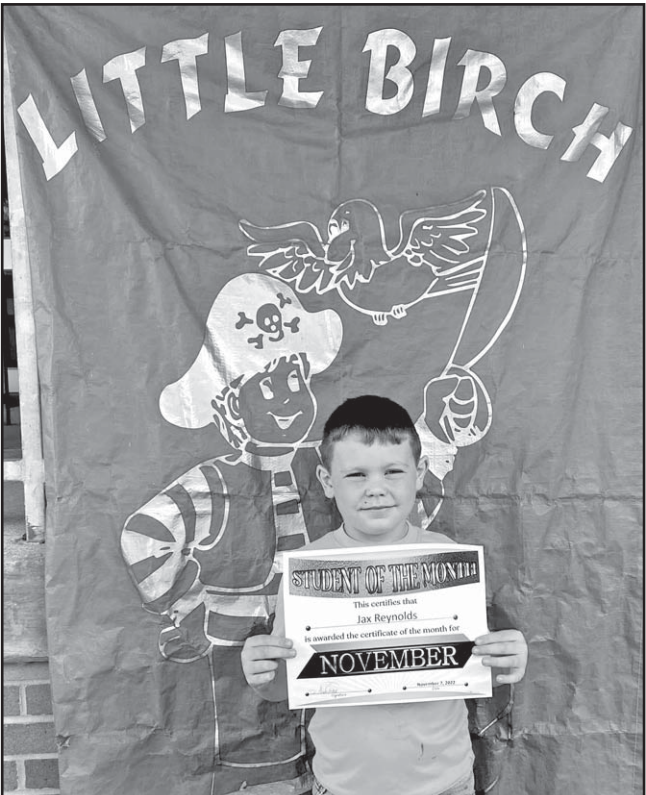
grade student of the month because Pirates never stop improving. This buccaneer has proven no kraken can keep him down by consistently pursuing his goals. Every pirate trips over a loose rope sometimes, but not everyone has the will and fight to stand back up and try again! This swashbuckler’s spirit and drive have seen him improve in all aspects of the classroom, and to that we dip our hats!

4th Grade – Adium Rose

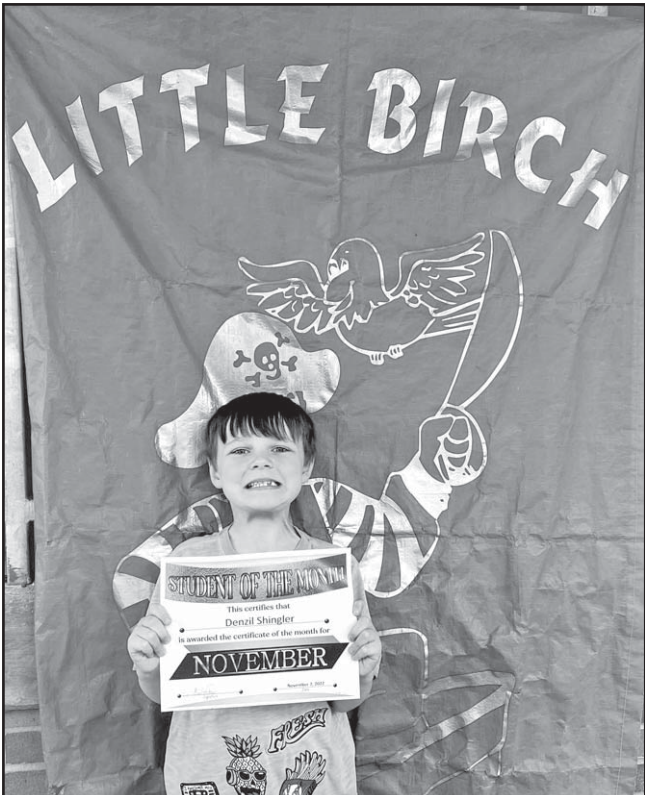
Miss Harper has selected Adium Rose as the 4th grade student of the month. Adium is a member of the student leadership team and participated in the high school’s homecoming parade. Adium is a hard-working student who completes her work, helps others, and learns from her mistakes. She’s often complimented for her positive leadership in the classroom and setting a positive example for her classmates to follow. Adium is also the LBE Pirate of the Month for her positivity and leadership skills. Keep up the great work, Adium!

5th Grade – Mari-onna George

Mrs. Berry reports that Mari-onna is cooperative, collaborates with her classmates, and is kind. She always does her work and helps others.



Jax Reynolds, Kindergarten.



Denzil Shingler, 1st Grade.



Madeleine Putnam, 2nd Grade.



Michael Stout, 3rd Grade.



Adium Rose, 4th Grade.



Mari-onna George, 5th Grade.

Registration for spring 2023 underway at New River CTC

Course selection is underway at New River Community and Technical College for the spring semester starting Jan.17, 2023.

For the spring 2023 semester, New River CTC is offering in-person classes along with web enhanced face-to-face classes using Zoom video conferencing and online classes.

“In developing the spring course schedule, we’ve added more evening classes to meet the needs of working adults interested in either advancing in their careers or preparing for a new one,” explained Campus Director and Community Outreach Roger Griffith.

More than 40 of New River CTC’s degree and certificate programs qualify for free tuition through the West Virginia Invests grant program, and the college is currently accepting new students. Accounting, barbering, business administration, criminal justice, esthetics and line service will have new class starts in January.

“Students interested in entering New River CTC’s physical therapist assistant, practical nursing or medical laboratory technician programs are encouraged to apply for spring registration to complete prerequisite courses for the programs with class starts in August,” added New River CTC Dean of Transfer and Pre-Professional Programs Dr. Wendy Patriquin.

Registration for the college’s five-week winter session continues through Dec. 12, 2022, and registration for the spring semester will continue through Jan.13, 2023.

Visit www.newriver.edu, email admissions@newriver.edu or call 1-866-349-3739 for more information about New River CTC.

SHS Alumni Banquet

Sutton High School Alumni Association new officers and volunteers are working on the SHS Alumni Banquet scheduled for July 1, 2023 at Braxton County High School.

We are working on getting “Contact People” for each class so that we can mail information out to each of you relative to making your reservations for the banquet. We need your help.

If you are the contact person or know of that person, please send a message to ralphand-marsha@frontier.com or send a note to Marsha Lloyd at P.O. Box 644, Sutton, WV 26601.

Thank you so much.

Town of Gassaway to hold meeting November 17th

The Town of Gassaway Town Council will hold a meeting on Thursday, November 17th at 6:00 P.M.

All are welcome and encouraged to come.



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Frametown and Flatwoods Girl Scout troops took turns retiring twenty-seven flags from the gravesites of Veterans from Poplar Ridge Cemetery in Centralia and flags received from the Weston VFW.

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Frametown and Flatwoods Girl Scout troops coordinated a US Flag retirement ceremony on Veteran's Day. The retirement marked the 9th consecutive ceremony for the Frametown Troop. A total of 27 flags were properly retired including flags from the gravesites of Veterans from Poplar Ridge Cemetery in Centralia and flags received from the Weston VFW.

Troop Leader Jennifer Butcher was unable to attend due to illness, but the Frametown girls, Stormy, Vera, Ariel and Abby, pressed on and proved their ability to execute a proper ceremony based on what they have been taught over the years. Flatwoods girls, Myra and Lauren, learned quickly and played a large part in the ceremony. The Girl Scouts were joined

by the 2022 Mrs. Sutton Fall Festival Jennifer Rhodes and 2022 Braxton County Fair Pre-Teen Allie Rhodes who also participated. Honoring those who have served and those who made the ultimate sacrifice is a privilege for these young ladies. There was a total of 17 people in attendance at the ceremony and the Troops would like to extend their appreciation to everyone who attended.

Earlier in the day, the Troops participated in the Gassaway Veteran's Day Parade sponsored by CWVAS. Despite the pouring rain, the girls decorated their float and represented with pride. Veterans serve under all types of weather conditions without hesitation, and the girls have been taught that a small inconvenience of cold and rain should not prevent honoring those who have sacrificed so much more.



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Little Birch Elementary is privileged to partner with the West Virginia Family Engagement Center for the 2022-2023 school year. With the assistance of the WVFEC, Mountaineer Food Bank, Uni Care, WVU, WVU Extension Office, Healthy Grandfamilies, teachers, and volunteers, the families of LBE were welcomed for an evening of information, practical

resources, and food, with free childcare for the event. Families visited a variety of stations that provided take-home products to assist with evening routines, schedules, social-emotional development, stress management, meal planning & healthy food choices, and concluded the evening by picking up a large bag of produce for each student. Mrs. Strong, Miss Harper, Community in Schools Coordina-

tor Penny Carr, and Dr. Wine comprise the WVFEC team, organized the event, and look forward to future events.



The Mountaineer Food Bank provided fresh produce for families at the event.



The Health Plan offered guidance for families throughout the event.



WVFEC handed out Literacy Bags to families at the Family Wellness Night.



Megan Mikesell provided a class on social-emotional development.



Selah Rains provided a healthy snack for families at the WVU Extension station.



WVU set up a station and provided various resources for families.



Members of Unicare spoke with families during the Family Wellness Night.



Families received information from Victoria Taylor. Photos courtesy of Little Birch Elementary School.



Special guests volunteered at the Little Birch Elementary School Family Wellness Night.

BCES host first Annual community Christmas Tree Lighting event

The Braxton County Emergency Services, are so very excited to announce that we are hosting are first annual community Christmas tree lighting event! This event will take place on December 2, 2022, 5:00pm to 6:00pm, at the Braxton County Emergency Services. Santa and Mrs Claus, will visit with those in attendance. Braxton County Sheriff's Dept. and local fire departments, will be assisting us in collecting coats, hats, and scarves, all this month. Those items will be distributed to those who need one. 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. We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing at the event.



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