

## Kevin Gregory is WV Tree Farmer of the Year

The West Virginia Tree Farm Committee recently announces the 2022 Tree Farmer of the Year as Kevin Gregory of Falls Mill.

The American Tree Farm System is a program for woodland owners who are committed to sustainably managing their woods for wood, water, wildlife and recreation. The WV Tree Farm program is part of the ATFS and sponsored by the West Virginia Division of Forestry

Kevin Gregory served in the United States Army for 29 years. After retiring he always wanted to return home to West Virginia to live and do management work on his 154 acres of land.

Gregory purchased this land from the Craig family after they had it timbered in the 1990's. His intended purpose for the property was hunting land, and so he would have a place to come home to, following his distinguished military career.

After moving eleven times in eight states, and two countries, Gregory, his wife and two daughters came back to West Virginia to make it their forever home.

Mr. Gregory is dedicated to improving overall health of the forest and personally performs or oversees work needed to accomplish his objectives. The property has the Kanawha River running through part of it.

Gregory has done his own Forest Stewardship Plan for this property and has achieved many goals outlined in his ten-year plan. He is also actively working on timber management, wildlife management, recreation, soil and water conservation, and aesthetics.

The property owner actively promotes forest management by recruiting others, voicing his thoughts to leaders, and practicing what he preaches on his own farm. Gregory is always willing to do whatever is necessary to improve his woodlands.

Kevin is also the President of the Ireland Lion's Club, Director of Development for the Pleasant Hill Waterline Association and a member of the Braxton County Board of Education. In addition, he authors a column in the Braxton Citizens' News regularly titled "Every Acre Counts."

The nomination was proposed by the West Virginia Tree Farm Committee for Regional and National Recognition.

Kevin, "Walks the Talk"... he has his own Wildlife Planning and Management business to help others do Conservation work on their properties.



## Braxton Magistrate Report WVDOH Awards 21 Contracts Including Burnsville Bridge

**Magistrate Beth Smith**

November 7: 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; 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.

November 14: Toby Keith Jarvis of Burnsville, wanton endangerment, warrant issued, bond set at \$10,000 cash or surety.

**Magistrate David Singleton**

November 14: Stanley Joseph Heater of Burnsville, possession with intent to deliver, preliminary hearing waived, transferred to circuit court; Shawn Michael Meador of Summersville, contraband into jail, preliminary hearing waived, transferred to circuit court; Patty Jo Stump of Sand Fork, driving suspended, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; Amber N. Dyer of Sutton, conspiracy, preliminary hearing waived, transferred to circuit court; Ashley Nicole Monday of Ivydale, shoplifting-3rd offense, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$10,000 cash only.

November 15: John D. Harman of Cross Lanes, speeding, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; Gregory Wayne Bailey, II of Richwood, no proof of insurance, dismissed proof provided; Shandi Lee Tinney of Sutton, domestic battery, dismissed, victim does not wish to pursue charges; Steven H. Evans of Sutton, no operators, guilty plea, accident involving damage to vehicle, guilty plea, fines/court costs assessed.

Two bridge replacement projects were among 21 construction projects awarded by the West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH) on Tuesday, Nov. 8, and Thursday, Nov. 10. The contracts were awarded from a bid letting held Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2022.

SMH Construction Company Inc. was awarded a contract for \$2,178,679.44 to replace the Burnsville T-Beam Bridge in Braxton County. The bridge, built in 1929, was closed to traffic in 2019 due to its deteriorated condition.

"Unfortunately, this bridge came to the end of its service life before funding was available to replace it," said WVDOH State Bridge Engineer Tracy Brown, P.E. "Gov. Jim Justice's Roads to Prosperity program has made additional funding available to help us replace some of these older structures before they get to the point of requiring closure, which we realize can sometimes severely disrupt people's daily lives."

Rock Forge Bridge Company was awarded a contract for \$2,999,002.55 to replace the Caney Branch Bridge in Mingo County. The bridge currently carries a three-ton weight restriction and would leave local residents stranded if not replaced.

Other contracts awarded were:

- PDK Construction Inc. replace guardrail in District 2, \$2,192,246.25.
- West Virginia Paving Inc. paving project from Green Bottom to the Mason County line in Cabell County, \$1,698,323.63.
- Kelly Paving Inc. mine maintenance project along Interstate 70 in Ohio County, \$8,222,620.
- Penn Line Service Inc. replace guardrail in District 4, \$1,513,087.98.
- Rock Forge Bridge Co. LLC replace the Caney Branch Bridge in Mingo County, \$2,999,002.55.
- NLS Paving Inc. paving project on Big Wheeling Creek in Marshall County, \$1,735,627.13.
- West Virginia Paving Inc. paving project from Lester to So-

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## County Celebrates Veterans Day; Honors Fallen Officer

Braxton County celebrated Veterans Day 2022 with a parade, appreciations luncheon and the dedication of a memorial to a fallen navtive son

The Veterans Day Parade and luncheon was, hosted by Central West Virginia Aging Service, Inc., and American Legion Post #33.

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

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 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.

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.

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. Officers Frame was shot and killed near Rich Creek in Peterstown while supervising a prisoner cleaning a stream.

The ceremony to dedicate a monument in member of the fallen DRN 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.

Colonel Bobby Cales, head of the DRN 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. Cale 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.

The programs concluded with the fallen officer's granddaughters unveiling the monument which will serve as a lasting memorial to the Wesley C. Frame, Jr.

American Legion Post 33 Color Guard.

Ray Strader served as Parade Marshal.

Brent Boggs spoke at the luncheon and dedication.

Wesley Frame III accepts the DNR Metal of Valor on behalf of his deceased father from Col. Bobby Cale.



# Legislative Update

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 espe-

cially 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 Ruth-erford; Gilmer Co. Commissioner-elect Jaque-line 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 de-

finied 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 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

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

# The Town of Burnsville Town Council Holds October Meeting

The Burnsville Town Council met on October 24. The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm by Mayor, Paul Bragg.

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

Absent: John Verton and Kisha Verton.

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

Under Communica-

tions from the Mayor, the following items were discussed: WV Attorney General, re: Janssen Opioid Settlement; Employment Application from Travis Walls; WV State Treasurer, re: Coal Severance, Greenbrier & Table Games; and Beth Anderson of BPL, re: Budgeted faunds request.

Tom resigned from the Park and Recreation Board.

Steve made a motion to approve the Janssen Settle-

ment Participation form, seconded by Tom, motion carried. Steve made a motion to purchase a pallet of asphalt, seconded by Becky, motion carried.

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

Tom made a motion to adjourn at 6:33pm, meeting adjourned.

The next regular meeting is on November 14th, 2022.

## A Letter to the Editor

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 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.

Additionally, we have the space we need to manage all packages and mail when they reach us. We’ve strategically expanded our footprint by 8.5 million square feet throughout the country to augment space shortages at existing postal facilities and we’ve deployed new technology on our work-room floors to make sure we can track and move mail and packages quickly and to get them on their

## 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.

## Contracts...

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phia in Raleigh County, \$1,738,152.

- West Virginia Signal and Light Inc. a traffic signal project on Brushy Fork Road in Upshur County, \$220,460.60.
- J.F. Allen Company paving project from Thomas to Pierce in Tucker County, \$358,899.45.
- LMS Construction sidewalk project in down-

town Shinnston in Harrison County, \$156,446.

- Kelly Paving Inc. ATV trail project in Mountwood Park in Wood County, \$92,929.
- Ohio-West Virginia Excavating Co. streetscape project on Pleasant Street in Monongalia County, \$1,479,143.
- Davis H. Elliot Construction Company Inc. a traffic signal project in Wellsburg in Brooke County, \$747,500.40.

- Bear Contracting LLC paving project from Buffalo Creek to Shoals in Wayne County, \$1,027,572.80.
- West Virginia Paving Inc. paving project from Dunns to Flat Top Road in Mercer County, \$967,875.
- Kelly Paving Inc. paving project from Hickman Run Road to Greenwood Road in Tyler County, \$1,530,164.99.
- Belt Paving Inc. paving project from the Grant County line to Skyline in Mineral County, \$965,640.15.
- J.F. Allen Company paving project from Buffalo Hills to Franklin in Pendleton County, \$414,829.75.
- Specialty Groups Inc. traffic signal project on First Avenue in Nitro in Kanawha and Putnam counties, \$1,013,000.
- LMS Construction install a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon on Patterson Drive in Monongalia County, \$349,857.

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**Lets all work together to keep moving Braxton County forward!**

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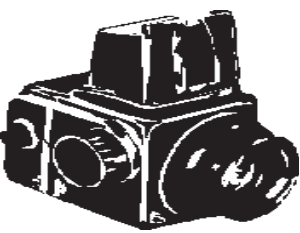
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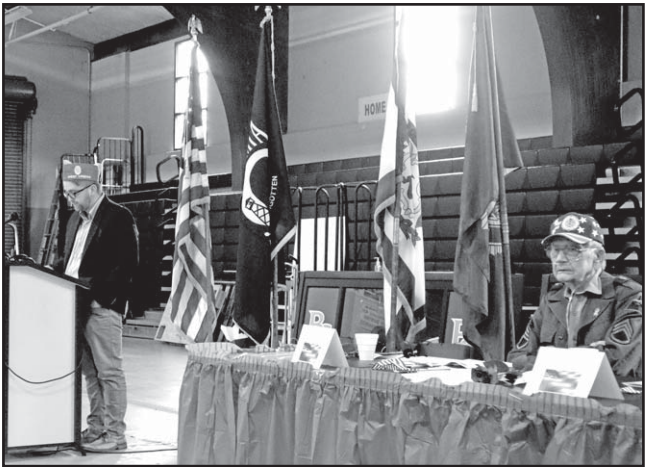


## A Photographic Look at...

# Central West Virginia Aging Services sponsors Veteran's Day Parade



Barbara Riffle led those in attendance to the National Anthem.



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



Squirt the Jr Fire Dog and the Flatwoods Volunteer Fire Department enjoyed waving to the Veteran's Parade spectators.



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



American Legion Auxiliary



The Annual Veteran's Day Lunch Reception was a success.



Parade Marshal Ray Strader attended the reception.



Russell Shaw provided the invocation and meal blessings at the lunch reception.



Attendees braved the cold rain during the Veteran's Day Parade paying their respect.



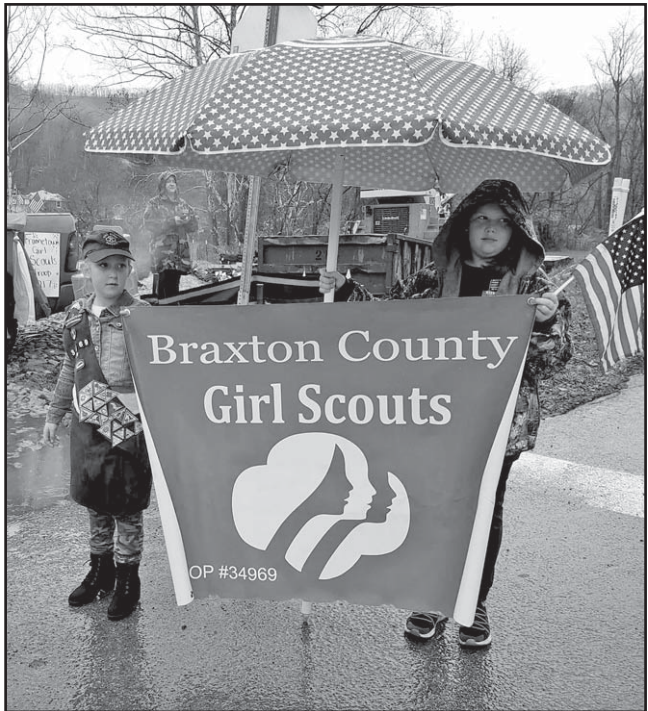
The Mountaineer Food Bank handed out apples during the Veteran's Day Parade.



American Legion Post #33 walked in the parade and posted the colors to start the Veteran's Lunch Reception on Veteran's Day.



CWVAS Director Evelyn Post welcomed the large crowd to the Annual Veteran's Lunch Reception.



Flatwoods and Frametown Girl Scouts Troops



Wesley C. Frame III spoke briefly about his father.



Braxton County Emergency Services



Central WV Aging Services.



# Obituaries

## Mike Payne

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](http://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 Gasaway.

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](http://www.PatBoyleFuneralHome.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, R o y B l a k e 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. Step-children, 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.

## Steven Michael “Mike” Simons

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



H e w a s b o r n F e b r u a r y 5, 1 9 5 8 , in Gasaway 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 Gas-

saway. He was the former co-owner and operator of the City Diner in Gasaway. 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 Gasaway, and Joshua Whitesel (Alyssa) of Gassaway; brothers, Eddie Simons and Timothy “Tim” Simons (Treva) 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 Gunter 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.roachfuneralhome.com](http://www.roachfuneralhome.com).

## 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 Gladys (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 UMW. 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](http://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.



B o r n D e c e m b e r 17, 1947 in B u c k h a n n o n , 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](http://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; (Bald-



w i n C o m m u n i t y ) d e p a r t e d t h i s e a r t h l y l i f e i n t h e e v e n i n g h o u r s o f W e d n e s d a y , N o v e m b e r 9 , 2 0 2 2 a t h i s r e s i d e n c e o n J a k e s

Run with his loving family by his side.

He was born in Orton, WV; (Norman-

town 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 Sergeant 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 Frymier (Mike) of Glenville, 2 grandchildren, Steven “Trey” Godfrey (Kaitlyn) of Copley, WV; and Chayton Godfrey of Glenville, and a great-granddaughter, Briar Godfrey of Copley.

Also surviving are 2 siblings, Charles Jenkins (Wilda) of Norman-town, and Glenna Green of Glenville, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and many other wonderful family and friends.

Preceding Golden in death are 10 siblings, Geraldine Cogar, Goldamurl Atchison, Greta Hardman, Ralph “Jack” Jenkins, Gordon Jenkins (twin brother), Emerson Jenkins, Eugene Jenkins, Marple Jenkins, and infants, Woodrow and Marvin Jenkins.

A funeral service was conducted at the Ellyson Mortuary, Inc., 2 Vanhorn Drive, Glenville, WV; 26351 at 1:00 PM; Monday, November 14, 2022 with Pastor Dave Turner officiating. Burial followed in the Meadow Lane Cemetery near Glenville. Friends were received from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM; Monday at the mortuary in Glenville.

Ellyson Mortuary, Inc., is honored to assist the family of Golden Burl Jenkins with arrangements.

## 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.

## 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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# Why I Ride



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Seems as though winter decided to return with snowy cold vengeance, after those wonderful 70-degree clear riding days. Oh well, 'tis the season. Speaking of changes, have you considered what you would do if you were presented with a physical impediment which interfered with your ability to ride your motorcycle? I have seen in-

dividuals with missing or non-functional limbs adapt their rides to accommodate their challenges. Brave and determined souls indeed. Respect and admiration for their determination and innovation.

But let's say that one is blessed and is presented only with a minor injury or an age-related condition such as aching knees, hips, joints,

and muscles that interfere with one's ability to hold up a motorcycle, you want a motorcycle for a non-motorcyclist, or you simply want a hassle-free ride, without the worries. What then are the alternatives?

The most popular item on the list is a trike. What is a trike? A trike

is a 3-wheel vehicle, considered a motorcycle, with three distinct wheel tracks. Similar to a two-wheel motorcycle, trikes also have handlebars to steer, a saddle for the rider and passengers, an engine positioned in the center of the trike under the rider, and motorcycle controls layout. In addition, they have a reverse gear, more storage space, can have a single brake pedal, automatic clutch, or automatic transmission. And yes, it stays upright without putting your feet on the ground. Trikes include 2-wheeled motorcycles with a sidecar, autocycles, and scooters.

Most trikes are a result of adapting a conversion kit to an existing motorcycle. However, a couple of manufactur-

ers offer factory-built trikes. Harley Davidson offers three models; all have two wheels in the rear; the Harley-Davidson Freewheeler MSRP: \$27,999; the Harley-Davidson Tri Glide Ultra MSRP: \$34,999; and the Harley-Davidson CVO Tri Glide MSRP: \$48,999.

Yamaha's trikes have two wheels in the front, the NIKEN and the NIKEN GT. Honda's Neowing also has two wheels in the front.

Boss Hoss Cycles, the only globally approved V8 engine motorcycle manufacturer offers muscle powered, V8 engine trikes, which include the Dragon Trike, the Gangsta Trike, the '57 Chevy Trike, and

the SS Truck Trike. The Boss Hoss engine is a 445 HP, 6,200cc monster and come with 4-speed automatic transmission with lockup. Other makers of trikes include Piaggio, Gilera, Kymco, Ural Baikal (side car), Qooder, Polaris Sling-shot, and my favorite, and possibly my next vehicle, CanAm. The CanAm Spyder RT boasts a Rotax 1330cc engine, 47 gal. storage, ABS, Traction & Stability control, 6-speed tranny, and power steering.

So you see, we have many alternative riding possibilities. Which one are you taking to your grave?

Ride safely and intelligently.



Harley Davidson CVO Tri-Glide Trike.



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Honda Neowing Trike.



Yamaha NIKEN 2 wheels in the front trike.



What my BMW K1600 GTL would look like if I converted it into a trike.



CanAm Spyder RT, a strong candidate for my next vehicle.

# On the Other Side of the Mountain

By Verena Sava

Colder weather and winter usually are associated with holidays, scrumptious meals, family and friends get-togethers, cozy atmospheres, but also winter sports and, alas sniffles, colds, sinus infections and the flu. You just knew I had to spoil your holiday spirit. I will write in the next two articles on how to boost a poor immune system and fight the invaders that can cause us discomfort and harm. We don't need to run to the doctor for every cold, stuffy nose and sore throat.

When we first moved to WV, we learned how many of our neighbors relied on home-remedies. All the older folks we knew kept Yellow Root (Golden Seal) in a jar, an herb they had dug themselves, out in the woods. It is claimed to be one of the most wonderful remedies in the herbal kingdom. It is very effective against many illnesses and the results of its power confirm its reputation as a cure-all. It contains and has similar properties to Berberine, is an excellent remedy for colds, stomach, liver problems, open sores, and inflammation of all mucous membranes. It is not pleasant to take, since it is very bitter. For open sores, one can sprinkle some powdered yellow root on the wound, then cover it. For everything else, it is best taken in the form of a weak tea, unsweetened. All healing claims are anecdotal, I could not find any scientific research data to confirm them. Children and pregnant women should

not use Golden Seal. Folks were resourceful, felt proud to be actively involved in their well-being. The more independent we feel, the more power or control we have over our lives. I do not remember anybody feeling victimized by the "system" back then, (what ever that means today).

The first rule of maintaining good health dates back to grandmother's time, "eat your vegetables"! Here follow items we should definitely avoid, if we want to enhance our body's defenses. Sorry, folks, they are not protected under the second amendment. It is not our inalienable right to drink as many sugary drinks we can as the day progresses. Here are some scientific facts about sugary drinks.

I am aware that people were excited, starting in the sixteen hundreds, to find rational explanations for unexplained phenomena. Today we often deny scientific data, when it does not serve our beliefs, our interests or our ideology and we regress to the 16th century. Never the less, here is what I have read over and over again, many times. As an example, a 12oz can of coca cola contains 35 grams of sugar, the equivalent of 7 teaspoons of granulated sugar. It might help if we put 7 teaspoons of sugar into a glass to grasp the amount of sugar we consume, when we drink this amount of coke. 30 grams are kind of the allowable amount of sugar that the medical research asserts that our body can handle without taking the direction towards diabetes. One can of soda already

exceeds the 30 grams that our body should be able to handle safely, not even counting all the extra sweeteners that we get through processed foods. 35 grams of sugar, consumed in a short time, infuses us with a burst of energy and unless we start splitting a cord of gnarly wood or start running a 5-mile marathon, where we will need a ton of energy, the excessive energy is converted into fat immediately, which will be needed in case of starvation, a very unlikely scenario.

Most sugary drinks, including fruit juices, have similar amounts of sugar content. Excessive sugar intake messes up our hormonal balance and weakens our immune system so that we are vulnerable to all kinds of bacteria and viruses. Don't feel safe using natural sweeteners like agave, honey or raw cane sugar. Sugar is sugar and consuming too much in any of its forms leads to all kinds of health problems. It does not mean that we cannot eat any sweets, but moderation is the key. All the women in my blood related family died of diabetes, not one of them making it over the age of 72 years.

The next item to avoid is smoking. I started smoking when I was 17 years old. I started smoking, because it was thought that a woman who smoked at that time looked sexy, daring and bold. For a while, my ultimate goal was to smoke "Gauloises" cigarettes without filters to appear especially tough and liberated. It took another 17 years to develop some

self-awareness to recognize that smoking had no such transforming power. True qualities have to come from within, which means learning who we are and who we want to be. I tried to stop many times. I thought not buying cigarettes would be the solution. I bummed them off my friends and neighbors. Smoking a cigarette was my first activity in the morning. A meal was never complete without my smoke. I was hooked! One day, Greg's brother, having handed over many of his cigarettes to soothe the cravings of my addiction, said casually," I know, you will never be able to stop smoking, you are too weak, you have no willpower!" Me, "no willpower! weak!" I, who was born with the label "stubborn" stapled to my forehead? That's what it took for me to stop, a challenge to my cherished character trait. I stopped right then and there, about 40 years ago. It is extremely hard to break an addiction and since we are all different, we need different methods and means to beat it: challenges, patches, counseling, just sheer willpower? I don't need to point out the dangers of smoking tobacco. They are well known and documented. I am also aware of how we justify our vices. We make it loud and clear that we have the freedom to do as we want and please. Of course, I agree with this statement, but my experience with smoking taught me that being a slave to a bad habit has nothing to do with freedom. We are in the grip of the addiction and we feel the constant

physical and psychological urge to light up, to find a cigarette, with a filter, rolled, unfiltered, any brand, as long as we can smoke it. Real freedom is not frantically searching for the next fix. Our

declaration of exercising freedom by being forced to do something rings hollow.

This message has been brought to you by the patrol for prevention of winter colds in humans!

## 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 previ-

ous 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 Burnsville in search of Citizens of the Year nominations by December 1

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

This individual(s) needs to have made an impact for the town itself or someone

in the community.

All nominations need to be received by December 1st.

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

## 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.

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Community Care of West Virginia (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:  
Community Care – Flatwoods Thrasher Project #060-10268  
Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at Community Care Flatwoods located at Flatwoods Factory Outlets, 250 Skidmore Ln, Sutton, WV 26601 on Tuesday December 6, 2022 at 2:00pm local time. Bids received will be publicly opened and read.  
The Project includes the following Work:  
The renovation of 2 retail bays and the fit-out of 2 retail bays in the Flatwoods Factory Stores. From left to right along the Flatwoods Factory Outlet retail bays: Retail Bay #1, the existing Community Care, is to be renovated to include a revised layout of spaces, new finishes throughout, and extensions of existing MEP systems. Retail Bay #2 is to be fit out with a new lobby, lab, restrooms, and personnel spaces. This includes all new finishes and MEP systems. Retail Bay #3, existing Urgent Care Xpress, is to be renovated for addition personnel spaces and a pharmacy which includes new finishes and revised mechanical and electrical systems. Retail Bay #4 is to be fit out with new exam rooms and personnel spaces. This includes all new finishes and MEP systems. The total occupied space of the renovation/fit-out is 14,225 sf. Renovation work includes a partial demolition of exiting walls, HVAC where need to reroute/extend existing ductwork, ceiling grid & flooring as required for new layout, and concrete as required for extension of sanitary lines. The new construction in the space includes the construction of wood or metal stud walls (depending on retail bay) with resilient channels, acoustical ceilings, lighting, doors, casework, and finishes. It also includes the installation of new HVAC rooftop units associated ductwork and connections to existing ductwork. New plumbing lines to new exam rooms and restrooms and associated electrical requirements for each space.  
Bids are requested for the following

Contract: Community Care – Flatwoods Fitout  
The Work will be substantially completed within 240 calendar days after the date when the Contract Times commence to run and completed and ready for final payment within 30 days after the date when the Contract Times commence to run. Liquidated damages shall be \$1,000 per day. Obtaining the Bidding Documents Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be found at the following designated website:  
QuestCDN: <https://tinyurl.com/zu5z8553> or [www.thethrashergroup.com](http://www.thethrashergroup.com)  
Bidding Documents may be downloaded from the designated website. Prospective Bidders are urged to register with the designated website as a plan holder, even if Bidding Documents are obtained from a plan room or source other than the designated website in either electronic or paper format. The designated website will be updated periodically with addenda, lists of registered plan holders, reports, and other information relevant to submitting a Bid for the Project. All official notifications, addenda, and other Bidding Documents will be offered only through the designated website. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the designated website.  
The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is:  
The Thrasher Group, Inc.  
PO Box 940  
600 White Oaks Blvd.  
Bridgeport, WV 26330  
Prospective Bidders may obtain or examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below.  
Printed copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office by paying the amount of each set listed below. Bidding Documents may be purchased from the Issuing Office during the hours indicated above. Cost does not include shipping charges. Upon Issuing Office's receipt of payment, printed Bidding Documents or electronic documents will be transmitted to the prospective Bidder. The shipping charge amount will depend on the shipping method requested. Bidding Documents

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Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.  
Bidding Documents also may be examined at Community Care of West Virginia The Thrasher Group, Inc. 37 West Main St. 600 White Oaks Boulevard Buckhannon, WV 26201 Bridgeport, WV 26330  
Contractor's Association of WV 2114 Kanawha Boulevard East Charleston, WV 25311  
A two-envelope system will be used.  
Envelope No. 1 must have the following information presented on the front:  
Name and address of Bidder  
Bid on Contract – Community Care Flatwoods Fitout  
Received by Community Care  
Envelope No. 2 labeled "Bid Proposal" shall also be placed inside of Envelope #1.  
Envelope No. 1 will be opened first, and the Bid Opening Requirement items checked for compliance as outlined on the Bid Opening Checklist on page BOR - 1 of these contract documents. If such documents are found to be in order, Envelope No. 2 "Bid Proposal", will then be opened and will be publicly read aloud. If the documents required to be contained in Envelope No. 1 are not in order, Envelope No. 2 "Bid Proposal" will not be opened, and the Bid will be considered non-responsive and will be returned to the Bidder.  
A bidder may not withdraw his bid for a period of ninety (90) days after the date set for the opening of bids. Bids shall be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond payable to Community Care of West Virginia in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the base bid. Contractor is required to provide the Drug Free Workplace Certification in accordance with WV Code 21-1D-5.  
All Bidders are required to have a West Virginia Contractor's License per Section §30-42-12 of the West Virginia Code.  
Bids received after the scheduled closing time for the reception of bids will be returned unopened to the bidders.  
Community Care of West Virginia reserves the right to reject any and all bids.  
This project is supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). It is partially funded by Owner and HRSA funding. The contents are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily represent the official views of, nor an endorsement, by HRSA, HHS, or the U.S. Government. For more information, please visit HRSA.gov.  
Pre-bid Conference  
A mandatory pre-bid conference for the Project will be held on Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at 10:00am at Flatwoods Factory Outlet Stores, 250 Skidmore Ln, Sutton, WV 26601. Bids will not be accepted from Bidders that do not attend the mandatory pre-bid conference.  
Instructions to Bidders.  
For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

This Advertisement is issued by:  
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By: Patricia Collett  
Title: Chief Operations Officer  
Date: November 1, 2022  
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# Mountaineer Food Bank announces December Mobile Food Pantry event



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

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 pro-

vide 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 Gassaway, 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 Agriculture 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.mountaineer-foodbank.org](http://www.mountaineer-foodbank.org) for the most up to date news and announcements.



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.

## Frametown and Flatwoods Girl Scout Troops Coordinated a US Flag Retirement Ceremony

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 Brax-



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.

ton 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.

# Holiday Craft Extravaganza

Friday, November 18 - 4pm to 9pm  
Saturday, November 19 - 9am to 4pm

## Summersville Arena & Conference Center

Holiday Decor, Primitives, Furniture, Candles, Jewelry, Clothing, Wooden Signs, Crotchet Items, Quilts, Centerpieces, Baked Items, Wreaths and much more!  
Door Prizes & Concessions both days!

*Admission is a monetary donation to the Summersville Christmas Store or a non-perishable food item to the Knights of Columbus Food Pantry.*


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