

Braxton ER Director Named WVSOM’s Alumni of the Year

The West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) Alumni Association has added two graduates of the school to its list of Distinguished Alumni — both of whom are also current WV-SOM faculty members.

Mark Waddell, D.O., was named the 2022 Distinguished Alumni of the Year, and Deborah Schmidt, D.O., was named the 2021 Distinguished Alumni of the Year after that year’s award was postponed during the COVID-19 pandemic. Both awards were announced by Manny Ballas, D.O., president of the WVSOM Alumni Association, during WVSOM’s “Cheers to 50 Years” luncheon, part of the Golden Jubilee Weekend celebrating the 50th anniversary of the school’s founding.

Waddell is a WVSOM Class of 1990 alumnus who has worked as a physician in West Virginia throughout his career, including serving for 18 years as medical director for Braxton County Memorial Hospital’s emergency department. He currently practices at Greenbrier Valley Medical Center in Ronceverte, where he is assistant director of the family medicine residency program, and at the Robert C. Byrd Center in Lewisburg.

Prior to receiving his D.O. degree, Waddell received a Bachelor of Science degree from Alderson Broadus College in Philippi, W.Va., in business management and management information systems.

He joined WVSOM’s faculty in 2020 as an associate professor of clinical sciences. Waddell also has served as a WVSOM preceptor and advanced cardiac life support instructor, and assists with the school’s wilderness



Dr. Mark Waddell

medicine program. His longtime involvement with the WVSOM Alumni Association culminated in two consecutive terms as president, from January 2014 to January 2018.

Waddell said that as someone who has presented the Distinguished Alumni of the Year award in the past, he was humbled to find himself as its recipient. Having grown up in Greenbrier County, he recalled how early experiences with local doctors influenced his career path.

“This school has shaped the course of my life since young adulthood. I learned early on that osteopathic physicians had something different: In the way they approached patients, they seemed to care more,” he said. “This is the biggest honor I’ve ever received, and it’s a wonderful thing to be given it by the people who have been like family to me for so many years. It’s especially meaningful that everyone who has received this award has been a giant not just in the profession, but in their specialties and in their communities.”

Schmidt is a WVSOM Class of 1988 alumna whose life before medical school included stints as a heavy-equipment operator, a shrimp factory employee, an asparagus sorter, a waitress and an exercise instructor. After earning a degree in pre-medicine from Ohio State

University, she was accepted at the West Virginia University School of Medicine and WVSOM, choosing the osteopathic medical school because she wanted to continue to work with her hands.

She worked at community health centers in Colorado, South Carolina and Virginia before returning to Lewisburg in 1999 to teach at WVSOM as a part-time clinical instructor. The following year, Schmidt co-founded a medical practice with her husband and another partner in downtown Lewisburg that later moved to Covington, Va. She became a full-time WVSOM faculty member in 2010.

Schmidt is a WVSOM professor of osteopathic principles and practice and a former chair of the department. She is a member of the West Virginia Board of Acupuncture and has been involved in training members of approved health professions to perform the National Acupuncture Detoxification Association (NADA) protocol, a form of acupuncture in which needles are placed into specific areas on the exterior of the ear to reduce drug cravings and minimize withdrawal symptoms.

In 2021, Schmidt was recognized as one of the year’s “West Virginia Wonder Women” by WV Living magazine.

Schmidt said she was honored to be recognized by her colleagues as Distinguished Alumni of the Year.

The 2023 Distinguished Alumni of the Year award will be announced during WVSOM’s Mid-Winter Osteopathic Seminar, an annual continuing medical education event scheduled for Jan. 27-29 in Charleston.

Mountaineer Food Bank to Receive \$500,000 From State

Mountaineer Food Bank in Gassaway and Facing Hunger Foodbank in Huntington are getting a total of \$1 million from the office of Governor Jim Justice. The money for the two facilities was included in this year’s budget. Funds will be used for food and infrastructure.

Justice presented ceremonial checks for \$500,000 each during Tuesday’s COVID-19 briefing to the two West Virginia food banks.

“I promised this money in my State of the State address two years

ago and included it in my budget again this year,” Justice said during the presentation.

“This will be the third year that we’ll be able to donate these funds. As long as I’m here, I’m going to put this in my budget. We may try in every way to increase it. The bottom line to the whole thing is we don’t need people going hungry in West Virginia. I know a lot of people step up and make all kinds of donations and everything, but at the end of the day, we don’t need people hungry in West Virginia. I

mean that is so terrible. It’s off the charts.”

MFB provides food and other household items to over 460 feeding programs in 48 counties in the Mountain State. They are the largest emergency food provider in West Virginia distributing over 23 million pounds annually. Facing Hunger Foodbank works with 220 agencies. Last year, that food bank bought refrigerators and freezers to help with food storage and distribution.

MFB did not outline exactly what the funds would be used for.

WV State Police to Conduct Sobriety Checkpoint

The Sutton Detachment of the West Virginia State Police in conjunction with the Commission on Drunk Driving Prevent will conduct a Sobriety Checkpoint on Friday, December 16. The purpose of the checkpoint will be to prevent and deter im-

paired driving.

The Sobriety Checkpoint will be located on State Route 4 in Flatwoods, in the vicinity of the Braxton County High School. The exact location may be moved to an alternate site if the primary one become unsafe due to traffic congestion,

hazardous or otherwise unsafe situations arise.

The checkpoint will begin at 6:00 p.m. and conclude at 12:00 midnight on the 16th.

State Police advise motorists who wish to avoid the checkpoint that they may take an alternate route of travel.

Braxton Magistrate Report

Magistrate Beth Smith

November 29: Carlton D. Oakley of Mint Hill, NC, speeding, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; Matthew A. Hedrick of Elkview, speeding, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed.

November 30: James Ryan Skidmore of Sutton, engaging in business without registration certification, engaging in business after certificate to do so revoked x4, summons issued, bond set at \$5000 personal recognizance; Amy Lynn Jenkins of Gassaway, driving suspended, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed.

December 1: Stephen Arthur Wiseman of Newton, conspiracy, guilty plea, no blaze orange, guilty plea, hunting without license, guilty plea, fines/court costs assessed; Josie Lynn Dobbins of Gassaway, no blaze orange, guilty plea, hunting without license, guilty plea, hunting from motor vehicle, guilty plea, fines/court costs assessed.

December 4: Bryonna Lee Schartringer of Craigsville, bringing contraband into jail x3, warrant issued, bond set at \$25,000

cash only.

December 5: Elizabeth E. Howell of Chester Springs, PA, speeding, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; Brandon K. Hernandez of Rose-dale, hunting without permission, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; Matthew Ben Hamrick of Gassaway, burglary, dismissed per plea in circuit court; Julius Dustin Wine of Sutton, domestic assault, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$300 personal recognizance; Darrell Leon Carpenter of Huntington, prohibited person in possession of firearm, petit larceny, warrant issued, bond set at \$3000 cash or surety; Scottie Joe Stout of Gassaway, failed to field tag deer, guilty plea, fine/court costs assessed.

December 6: Harry W. Alderman of Exchange, no operators, guilty plea, fine/court costs assessed; Robert Fredrick Bragg of Mount Nebo, destruction of property, guilty plea, petit larceny, dismissed per plea, 60 days of jail, suspended and placed on eight months unsupervised probation, fine/court costs/restitution as-

sessed; Timothy Rollyson of Gassaway, failure to vaccinate dog or cat, no contest plea, interference with human officer, dismissed per plea, failure to vaccinate dog or cat x2, dismissed per plea, 15 days of jail, suspended and placed on six month unsupervised probation, fine/court costs assessed; Harry Jacob Hinkel, IV, of Gassaway, failure to register x2, dismissed, direct indictment pending.

Magistrate David Singleton

November 30: Bart C. Lawson of Catlettsburg, KY, speeding, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed.

December 1: Charles C. Raeford, Jr. of Glenshaw, PA, speeding, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; Trampis Lee Canfield of Duck, no proof of insurance, no contest plea, improper registration, no contest plea, fines/court costs assessed.

December 2: Daniel R. Haddox of Charleston, brandishing a deadly weapon, warrant issued, bond set at \$2500 personal recognizance; David Williams of Gassaway, driv-

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Community Choir Performs at the Sutton Baptist Church

By Fernando Rodriguez

The Sutton Baptist Church is a truly beautiful House of Worship. Its beauty was enhanced by the harmonious tones that filled it by the Sutton Community Choir’s performance of “Christ-

mas All Year Long,” this past weekend, the first live performance in the Church since 2019. The Sutton Community Choir is composed of members representing the Sutton Baptist Church, First Southern Baptist Church,

Christ United Methodist, and St. Thomas Catholic church, all singing as one voice addressing the question “Why can’t it be Christmas all year long,” the title and theme of the performances.

“Christmas All Year

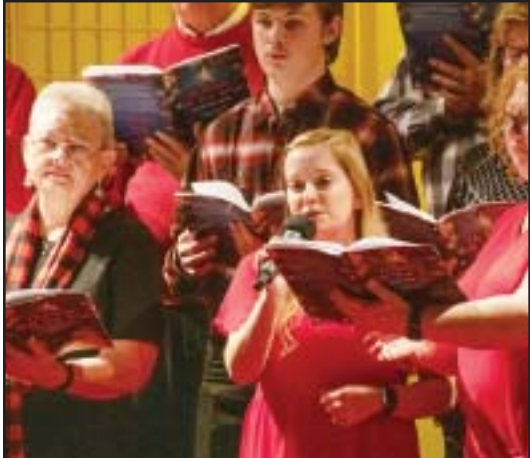
Long,” a musical of Hope and Cheer, was arranged and orchestrated by Marty Parks and includes songs titled “The Time for Celebration,” “I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day,” “All Year Long,” and of course, “Why

Can’t It Be Christmas All Year Long,” where Meredith Thomas sang beautifully as a soloist accompanied by the choir. Eric Skidmore soloed in a powerful rendition of “Amen.”

Cindy Robinson is

the director of the Sutton Community Choir, Co-Directed by Carol Jamison and Barbara White, this performance was narrated by Autumn Osborne, and the sound expertly handled by Mr. Andrew White. Pastor Eric Thomas of the Sutton Baptist Church spoke the opening benediction and Pastor Shane Boggs, of the First Southern Baptist Church spoke the closing benediction.

I wish All Peace and Blessed Holidays. Keep Christmas all year long in your hearts.



Legislative Update

By Delegate Brent Boggs

December has arrived and Jean wasted no time in transforming our home from Thanksgiving to the Christmas season. Over the years, she has holiday decorations down to a science and I’ve learned to limit my input to the heavy lifting, as directed. She does a great job. Meanwhile, this month is filled with opportunities to enjoy friends and neighbors at various community events. Gassaway held its annual Christmas parade last Friday evening. Earlier that evening, Jean and I enjoyed listening to the Sutton Community Choir singing Christmas carols on the courthouse square and the lighting of the Christmas tree, along with Sutton Mayor J.D. Hoover and lots of residents and friends. Soon, both Glenville and Burnsville will hold their holiday parades. What a great time of year to celebrate the Christmas season with our church families, neighbors and friends.

An abbreviated slate of interim meetings for December is coming up this week on December 5th and 6th. Unfortunately, the interim schedule was finalized too late for publication, due to the short turn-around time from last month’s meetings. However, as I write early Sunday evening, both parties in both the House and Senate met late this afternoon to select their respective nominees for Senate President and House Speaker. While the outcome of which party will be in control is not in doubt, no challenger in the majority caucus emerged to oppose Senate President Blair since Senator Rucker backed down earlier. Therefore, it’s he will again lead the Senate after the formal election in January.

Meanwhile, Speaker Roger Hanshaw was challenged by Del. Brandon Steele from Raleigh County. I’m pleased that Roger was able to capture sufficient votes to again

be Speaker of the House for the next two years, pending formal election prior to the session beginning in January. Delegate Doug Skaff will again lead the House Minority.

Meanwhile, budget collections continue to run well ahead of estimates for the current fiscal year. Through November (5 months into the 2023 fiscal year), preliminary estimates by the Finance Committee report this overview:

- General Revenue collections for November totaled \$480,223,960, exceeding the monthly estimate of \$367,555,000 by \$112,668,960. Total year to date General Revenue collections total \$2,499,676,282.
- Personal income tax (PIT) collections for the month were \$158,917,781. This figure is \$10,422,219 below the November estimate of \$169,340,000. The total year to date personal income tax collections for fiscal year 2023 are \$982,205,971.
- Consumer Sales and Service Tax collections for the month were \$15,101,327 above the November estimate of \$138,100,000 at \$153,201,327.
- Total gross lottery collections for October were \$109,361,000. This figure is \$23,760,000 above the monthly estimate of \$85,601,000. Total gross lottery collections for fiscal year 2023 are \$436,695,000.
- The Road Fund is approximately \$22 million above estimates when combining all special revenue sources that to into the Road Fund.

Overall, the budget numbers are strong, but a factor in the large surpluses reported is the ongoing low estimates on which the Legislature must base a balanced budget. While it’s a constitutional requirement that West Virginia has a balanced budget, the estimates should be more in line with what will actually be collected. Most troubling is that a 6-year

ecute in a timely manner; William Ferrell Conley of Orlando, conspiracy, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$10,000 cash or surety; Lisa Michelle Utt of Sutton, domestic assault, obstructing an officer, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$1500 cash or surety; Dean E. Cornell of Huntington, expired MVI, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed and paid; Jacob Lee Hibbs of Burnsville, illegal possession of wildlife x2, guilty plea, fines/court cost assessed.

December 4: Gordon Dale Davis of Youngstown, fleeing with reckless indifference, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$5000 cash or surety.

advance plan for revenue and expenses has not been provided to the Legislature for several years. All good things come to an end, and these big surplus numbers will eventually disappear. West Virginia needs to be ready for what’s coming in fiscal years 2024 and 2025.

On a day-to-day basis, few Americans give much thought to the amount of freight, natural resources, food, chemicals, and merchandise shipped via our Class 1 railroads and rail workers. These are the active lines that produce revenue and move goods and services, such as CSX, BNSF, Union Pacific, and the other major rail carriers. However, the adverse consequences of a national rail strike send shivers down the spines of businesses, consumers, and government leaders in Washington, DC, due to the devastating effects on the economy of a complete rail shutdown.

Last week, Congress intervened to impose a settlement to avert a strike that would have devastated a recovering national economy. The primary concern between carriers and workers remains the lack of any paid sick leave and the inability of rail employees to take off work for illness, medical and dental appointments, or sickness in the family. Unlike most major employers, there is no paid sick leave that you can accrue. To make matters worse, employees that opt to keep medical appointments are often disciplined, up to and including termination, for merely tending responsibly to their medical needs.

During the nearly four decades I worked as a locomotive engineer, the carriers didn’t give you sick leave, but at least you weren’t threatened or disciplined for taking off without pay for sickness or keeping medical appointments. That’s not the case today. If you’d like to find out what kind of strain railroading places on a family and activities, ask Jean. I was blessed to have an understanding and supportive spouse for all the years I was on the road, often working six or 7-day shifts with only a few hours off before the next call. I can’t imagine what it must be like for rail workers these days - forced to risk their job because they are sick, have a medical or dental appointment, or need to tend to a sick child. That’s just not right.

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 our Veterans 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.

Obituaries

Darrell Ray Woods

Darrell Ray Woods, 79 of Bolair passed away on Tuesday, November 29, 2022 at his home.



He was born June 11, 1943 in Cleveland to the late Roy and Delphia Bleigh Woods and was a lifelong resident of Webster County. Darrell worked for Jim C. Hamer Lumber Company for 19 ½ years and loved to work on guns.

On August 6, 1962 he married the love of his life, Rosalee Anderson. They cherished 60 years together and raised three sons.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son David Woods; brother Orvil Woods; and great-granddaughter Anastasia Hamrick.

Left to cherish his memory is his loving wife Rosalee; sons Terry (Glenda) Woods and Robert (Susan) Woods; two granddaughters Tera (Scott) Woods and Reva Woods; grandson Timothy Woods; great-granddaughter Lily Bright; great-grandsons Aiden Hamrick, Dawson Woods, and Hunter Woods; sister Jean Bender; sister-in-law Anetha Woods; several nieces and nephews; and many extended family and friends to mourn his passing.

Funeral Services to celebrate Darrell’s life were held on Saturday, December 3, 2022 at 1:00 PM at Dodd & Reed Funeral Home, Webster Springs with Pastor Doug Martin officiating. Interment followed in Woods Family Farm Cemetery, Webster Springs. Friends joined the family for visitation one hour prior to service time at the Funeral Home.

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

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

Everett E. Nicholas

Everett E. Nicholas, 75 of Dunbar, formerly of Hacker Valley, passed away on Saturday, November 26, 2022 at Thomas Memorial Hospital.

He was born March 30, 1947 in Camden on Gauley to the late Everett and Lora Hammons Nicholas and was the last surviving member of his family.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife Willia Dean Addington Nicholas; daughter Tamara Miller; brothers William S. and Lloyd Lee Nicholas; and sisters Gladys “Maxine” Faulkner and Susan Mace.

He is survived by his sons, Brian, Chris and Kevin Nicholas; grandchildren Brandon Nicholas, Hannah Miller, and Alyssa Miller; several great-grandchildren; and many extended family

and friends to mourn his passing.

In keeping with Everett’s wishes, cremation has taken place and no services will be held at this time.

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

Adams-Reed Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Nicholas family.

Isaac W. “Ike” Hosey

Isaac W. “Ike” Hosey, 74 of Webster Springs passed away on Wednesday, November 30, 2022 at his home.



He was born February 22, 1948 in Sutton to the late Ralph “Boyd” and Lois I. Peters Hosey and was a United States Air Force Veteran, serving in Vietnam.

Ike was a coal miner and truck driver who enjoyed playing cards, gardening, landscaping, and feeding the birds around his home. He loved his pets and spending time with his family.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife Regina “Jeannie” Riffle Hosey; grandson Eric Chase Davis; brothers Luther, Albert, and Tommy Hosey; and sisters Margaret Gaye Egger, Kathleen Eubank, Geraldine Belknap, and Shirley Kuhn.

Left to cherish his memory are his children, Lee Hosey, Jennifer (Wayne) Jordan, and Lorra (Boone) Hamrick; grandchildren Jakob Payne, Leah Hamrick, Bryana Hughart, and Isaac Hosey; brothers Harold and Ralph Hosey; sisters Ruth Bates and Rebecca Bautista; special nephew Buck Hosey; and many extended family and friends to mourn his passing.

Funeral Services to celebrate Ike’s life was held on Sunday, December 4, 2022 at 2:00 PM at Dodd & Reed Funeral Home, Webster Springs, with Pastor Kenny Pritt officiating. Interment with Military Honors followed in Big Run Cemetery, Diana. Friends joined the family for visitation two hours prior to service time at the Funeral Home.

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

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

Betty Jo Cumberledge

Betty Jo Cumberledge, 55 of Fairmont passed



away on Thursday, November 24, 2022 at home surrounded by her loving family. Betty was born December 14, 1966 in Nicholas County and was the daughter of the late Wilson Hamrick and Mable Fisher Hamrick who survives of Wallace. Also preceded her in death are her siblings, Loretta, Harley and David.

Betty was a home health care working for West Virginia Choice until recently when her health declined. She attended Mountain of Faith Church in Joetown; she enjoyed working in her flower gardens, enjoyed traveling but most of all loved spending time

with her kids and grandkids.

In addition to her mother Betty is survived by her husband Charles Cumberledge; children, Heather Harris, Paul (Celeena) Cumberledge and Sandra Cumberledge; ten grandchildren; siblings; Darrell Hamrick, Cathy Jarvis, Delbert Hamrick, Roger Hamrick, Rosemary Hamrick, Phyllis Payton, Donna Jones and Mike Hamrick; and many nieces and nephews and other extended family and friends.

Friends joined the family for visitation 5:00 PM-8:00 PM, Tuesday, November 29, 2022 at Upper Room Church 320 S 24th Street in Clarksburg. Additional visitation was 12 Noon-2 PM on Wednesday at Dodd & Reed Funeral Home, Webster Springs. Funeral service followed the visitation at 2:00 PM with her brother, Pastor Mike Hamrick officiating. Burial followed at Ware Cemetery, Hacker Valley.

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

Dodd & Reed Funeral Home, Webster Springs is honored to serve the Cumberledge family.

Paul Lewis Frame

Paul Lewis Frame passed away peacefully on November 27, 2022, at the age of 88 in his childhood home in Strange Creek, WV.

Paul was born to Lewis and Dora Frame. He attended school at Butcher Elementary and high school at Summersville. Paul worked at the mines in Widen, WV, where he met his wife of 62 years, Phyllis Jean Frame, who worked at the company store. Paul and Jean welcomed one daughter together.

They moved to Cleveland where Paul began working at the steel mill and flower shop. He then spent the next 30 years at GM, where he retired. After retirement, Paul and Jean moved back to his home place. He was exceptionally active in his retirement in community activities and philanthropic endeavors.

Interested in local news, Paul was a previous owner of the Braxton Democrat newspaper. He actively volunteered at the outreach center in Gassaway. He was an Assistant Pastor for Peoples Community Church for several years and instrumental in the construction of the initial church building. His generosity and willingness to lend a helping hand was known by everyone that he met.

Annually, Paul was excited to go to the hunting camp in Gilmer County. As a pastime, he enjoyed building and retrofitting new campers each year in preparation.

Paul was preceded in death by his mother and father, Lewis and Dora Frame; wife, Phyllis; brothers, French, Junior, Bill, Charles, and Richard; sisters, Dorothy, Rosalie, Velmer, Martha, Arlie, and Paula.

Paul is survived by his daughter, Diana Sparks (Joe); granddaughter, Amie; great grandchildren, Katlin (Geoff), and Zach (Danny) who he loved very much. He will be missed greatly by his family, friends, and community.

His graveside service was held 11 A.M. Thursday, December 8, 2022. Please turn to

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Its Beginning to Look A Lot Like Christmas in Braxton County



The Sutton Volunteer Fire Department accommodated Santa and the Children in their quarters, along with the hot chocolate and coffee.



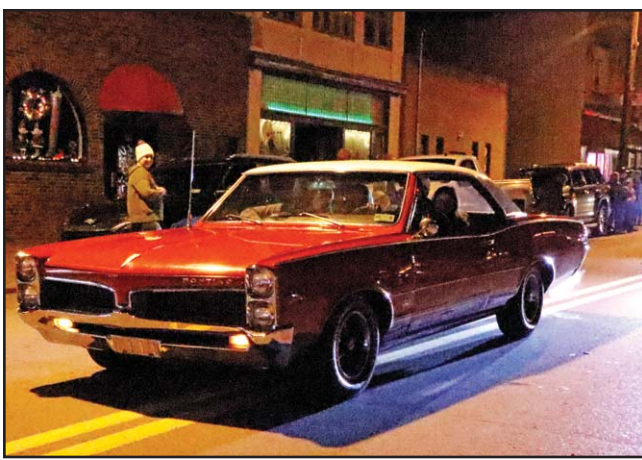
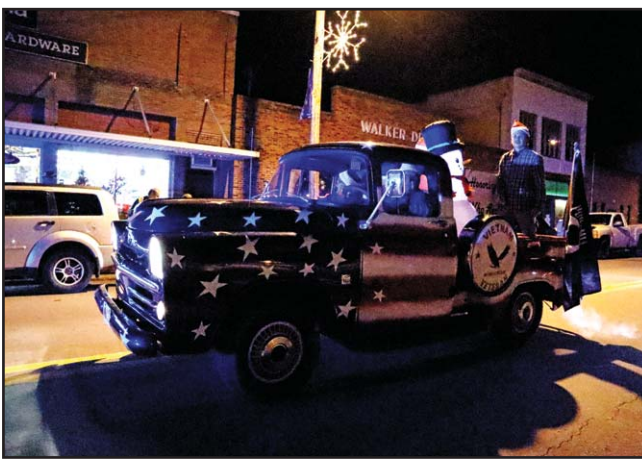
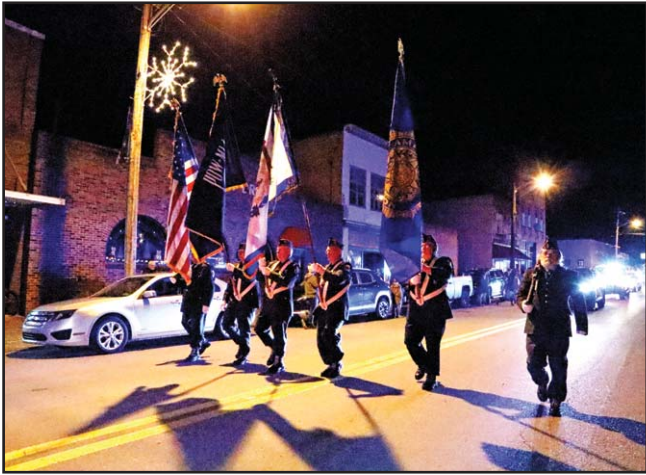
The Kowboys provided musical entertainment to large crowd as they waited for the rain to start. Big Foot even joined in on the festivities.



The Sutton Community Choir, led by Director Cindy Robinson, sings traditional Christmas Songs prior to the tree lighting ceremony where Former Delegate Brent Boggs lit the Sutton Christmas Tree with Sutton Mayor J. D. Hoover and Sutton Town Clerk Robin Smith in attendance. Photos by Fernando Rodriguez.



Gary Beamer, along with Jennifer Rhodes, Robin Smith, and a group of devoted, hard-working volunteers, assembled the Sutton Christmas Parade. Children enjoyed breakfast with Mr. & Mrs. Claus and the Grinch donated by Bad Axe Bistro and listened to a story read by Mrs. Claus at the Sutton Public Library.



Bright Christmas Lights lit up Main Street at the Annual Gassaway Christmas Parade on Friday night, December 3rd. Braxton County community organizations and businesses decorated floats and personal vehicles to help spread cheer to area youth and their families for the holidays. Photos courtesy of Janet Six.



Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus took a moment to visit with each child while they made ornaments to adorn the Christmas tree and enjoyed snacks such as cocoa, apple cider, donuts and cookies donated by various community businesses. Photos courtesy of Janet Six.



A large crowd gathers at the Braxton County Emergency Services first Christmas Tree Lighting event to listen to Christmas Carols sang by the Shaver Sisters and the Gassaway United Methodist Church.



OES Director, John Hoffman directs Santa and Mrs. Claus in plugging in the Community Christmas Tree at the Emergency Service building.

Most Memorable Christmas

By: Jeanette Riffle

Hubby and I were sitting around after lunch talking about Christmas when we were growing up and he said he could remember his first Christmas at the Shock log cabin. His aunt, Susie Riffle Perrine, and Ugie Stump were talking about making fruit cakes. Ugie wanted to age them with rum ,so Uncle Ralph Perrine went to the store and got some. This had to be done a good while before Christmas. Ugie and Aunt Susie used their canned fruits. He remembers seeing them emptying quart jars of fruit into a big pan. He can't remember eating them because he wasn't quite three, yet,. He said they were ready by Christmas and maybe he didn't like them as he was so young, but when he grew up, he sure did like them. I got hold of a recipe when we lived in Michigan and started aging my fruit cakes in September. I wrapped

them in plastic wrap and then foil over that and stored them in a cold, dark place. He said they were so much better than store bought ones.

I remember wanting a walking doll for Christmas one year and I got a big doll that stood up on the floor, but it didn't walk. Papaw Warner got it and hid it over in the garage that went from the road out over the creek. The garage was across the road from our house. Dad didn't trust it and didn't park his Studebaker over there. He just parked down by the front steps that led up to our yard. He kept warning me not to go in that garage because I might fall through to the creek below. It all made sense after I got the doll on Christmas morning and I overheard them talking about Papaw hiding it. Dad didn't want me going over there and finding that big box with the doll in it.

Heartlight

By: Joseph J. Mazzella

When I was a teenager our church sent a group of us teens on a religious retreat. There were lots of teens from other areas there as well. Over several days we had discussion groups, hikes, outings, lessons from the Bible and other writings, and a bunch of other activities all designed to help us learn and grow spiritually. The funny thing is that as well intentioned as all of these things were, over the years all of them have faded from my memory. Of my time at that retreat only one memory remains clear in my mind.

It happened during a free time period in

the afternoon. Most of the other teenagers had formed groups and ran off together to do stuff. I chose, however, to stay in my room. I was missing my home and feeling a little sad and lonely. Finally, I walked down to the empty rec room and saw a record player with a stack of records nearby. I picked up the first one and put it on the turntable. Suddenly, Neil Diamond's voice filled the air singing his song "Turn on your Heartlight." This was a song I later learned was inspired by the movie "ET." I sat down and listened carefully. When the lyrics sang, "Turn on your heartlight, Let it shine wherever you go, Let it make a happy glow, For all the world

to see," something happened in my own heart. I felt a warmth there, a light there, and a love there. It was as if God Himself was speaking to me through this song. I memorized the lyrics and often sang them to myself over the years whenever I was feeling sad or lonely. And they never failed to uplift my spirits, warm my heart, and bring me closer to God. Maybe the best lessons in life are the simplest ones. Turn on your heartlight then. Let it shine wherever you go. Let it help you to share your light, love, kindness, and goodness with everyone you meet. Let its glow bring you closer to God today, tomorrow, and for all eternity.

Take care and God bless!

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Burnsville Town Council holds meeting

Burnsville held their Town Council meeting on November 14. The meeting was called to order at 6:08pm by Mayor, Paul Bragg. Prayer was led by John Verton.

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

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

Under Communications from the Mayor, the following items were discussed: Job application from Lloyd McMunn;

Thank you from the family of Daniel “Danny” Cogar

The family of Daniel “Danny” Cogar would like to express our sincere gratitude for all of the expressions of sympathy that were extended. We appreciated all of the calls, visits, cards, and food. We are especially grateful for the presence of Father Thien Nguyen and Mac Bailes for their prayers and expressions of comfort. Special thanks to Braxton EMS and Sheriff’s Department for your kind and compassionate response.

Stockert Funeral home was in charge of the arrangements and Director, Quinn Meador assisted to make everything go smoothly, and his kind and personal attention to the details was appreciated.

Father Thien, of

Job application from Kyle Welton; Jeremy Drennen, CPA, re: Financial Statements; WV State Auditor, re: IRP/Public Utilities; Braxton Democrat, re: Affidavit of Circulation & Qualification; WV State Treasurer, re: Wine, Liquor Private Club tax & Video Lottery distribution; Braxton Co. Sheriff, re: Property Tax distribution; WV State Treasurer, re: Statement of Account; and Braxton Co. Assessor, re: Dog Tax.

Angie reported that four engineers for the landslide remediation project were interviewed by her, Steve & Paul and they chose Thrasher En-

Saint Thomas Parish conducted a wonderful and meaningful Funeral Mass that touched our hearts. The ladies of Saint Thomas Parish Altar Society prepared a delicious meal that followed Mass and it was appreciated. Members of First Southern Baptist Church contributed food and love to the dinner.

Gratitude also to Sonja Collins, Braxton County Senior Center who went above and beyond caring for Dad over the last few years. He appreciated, as we did, her care and attention. He will be missed by his family and friends and we cherish your prayers.

An Inurnment with Military Rites will be held at a later date.

The Family of Danny Cogar

gineers based on their experience with other similar projects. Matt is to report to the Police Academy on January 10th for his physical ability test and start the academy on December 16th with completion on April 28th, 2023.

Tom withdrew his resignation from the Park & Recreation Board.

Mutual consent was given to sponsor a Christmas Lighting Contest for town residents with judging to be on December 17th. Brent Boggs will be asked to be the Parade Marshal for the Christmas Parade on December 10th. Nominations are being accepted until December 1st for Citizen(s) of the Year. After some discussion, council found it necessary to lay some written guidelines for the current police officer to follow. Mayor Bragg will review this with him.

Angie reported that the audit committee chose BHM, CPA firm as the Auditors for the next two years. The council/employee Christmas dinner was set for December 16th @ 5pm. Two applications for the position of Police Chief were reviewed and it was decided to schedule an interview with Kyle Welton on November 28th.

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

Tom made a motion to adjourn at 8:32, meeting adjourned.

The next regular meeting was on November 28.

OBITS

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day, December 1st, 2022, at Walnut Grove Cemetery, Strange Creek with Pastor Freddie Schoolcraft officiating.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Peoples Community Church Building Fund, 2809 Flatfork Road, Duck, WV 25063.

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

Arrangements by Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway.

Lucille Virginia Boone

Lucille Virginia Boone, 87, of Wilsie, WV went home to her savior Thursday, December 1, 2022.

She was born July 31, 1935 to the late Art and Lena Edwards and step

mother, Mary of Clarksburg, WV.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, Dewey; daughter, Becky Duckworth; sister, Isabella McKenzie; and brother, Claude Edwards.

Lucille retired from B.F. Goodrich and was a member of Upper Sleith Methodist Church.

She is survived by her children, Ralph (Patty) Boone, Bobby (Cynthia) Boone, Tammy (David) Petry and Susan (Michael) Mick, all of Wilsie; sister, Aretta Knoll of Navarre, Ohio; stepsister, Kathy Walsh of Fairmont; several grandchildren, great grandchildren and one great great grandchild.

Lucille's funeral was 2 P.M. Sunday, December 4, 2022 at Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway with Reverend Johnny Conrad and Pastor Jimmy Adkins officiating. Interment followed in the Sugar Creek Cemetery, Gassaway.

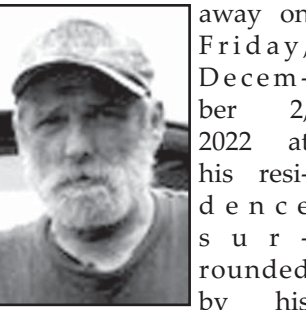
Her visitation was two hours prior to the service at the funeral home.

The family would like to give special thanks to the staff at Braxton County Memorial Hospital.

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

Gary Lee Henline

Gary Lee Henline, 60, of Webster Springs passed



away on Friday, December 2, 2022 at his residence surrounded by his

loving family. Born February 7, 1962 in Webster Springs, he was the son of the late Riley Cletis and Lena (Adamy) Henline. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Marsha Henline Slussar.

Gary was the best mechanic around and enjoyed restoring old vehicles. He would always help those in need, never saying no and working on cars well after his health began to decline. He also enjoyed racing cars and won several trophies at the Beckley Motor Speedway. He loved his family and pets: Scrappy, Spanky, and his baby girl, Dinky; and enjoyed spending time with them.

Left to cherish his memory are his loving wife and

soulmate, Patricia (Silman) Henline; daughter, Cari (husband, Logan) Durham of Cowen; son, Kirtis Henline of Webster Springs; step-son, Robert (wife, Arlena) Veith of Webster Springs; grandchildren, Robert Duaine Veith III, Nathaniel Veith, Chad Given, Avery Durham, and James Cameron Durham; sisters: Mary (husband, Richard) Bennett of Webster Springs, and Alice (husband, Jim) Varner of OH; brothers: Sanford (wife, Elsie) Henline of Richwood, and Junior (wife, Sandra) Henline of Summersville; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

Services to celebrate Gary's life will be held 2pm on Monday, December 5, 2022 at Dodd & Reed Funeral Home, Webster Springs with Pastor Doy Carpenter officiating. Burial will follow at Point Mountain Cemetery. Friends may join the family for visitation at the funeral home from 12pm-2pm on Monday.

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

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

Rebecca Margaret White

Rebecca Margaret White, 58, of Parkersburg,



formally of Rupert, WV passed away on Saturday, November 26, 2022

at her daughter's home.

She was born May 20, 1964 in Sutton, the daughter of the late Anderson "Andy" Prunty and Edith Geraldine Jackson White. She was also preceded in death by several siblings.

Left to cherish her memory was her sons, Jesse James White of Rupert, WV, Joseph Clay Marks of Alderson, WV; daughters, Edith "Mandy" Stone (Nathan) of Parkersburg, Kimberly Dawn Marks of Summersville; brothers, Jack White, Ralph White, John White, Jesse Prunty; sisters, Elma "June" White, Debbie White, Vikki Bowen and Nelda Beauvais; grandchildren, Bryan Stone, Aaron Stone, Isabelle Marks, Mackenzie Marks, Dalton Hoover, Logan Hoover, Ethan Hoover, Aiyana White and Payton Hoke.

Upon her request the body will be cremated.

Greene-Robertson Funeral Home is honored in serving the White family.

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

Randall Joe Cunningham

Randall Joe Cunningham, 74, of Sutton, went



home to be with the Lord on Saturday, November 26, 2022 at his residence.

He was born on April 28, 1948 in Sutton, the son of Edith Rose Cunningham and the late Ralph Cunningham.

Joe worked for the U. S. Corp. of Engineers and was a member of Trinity Baptist Church, Birch River. He was a Army Veteran who fought for his country in the Vietnam War and a proud member of American Legion Honor Guard, Post #33, Sutton.

He is survived by his loving wife, Carol Smallwood Cunningham; sons, Randall Joe Cunningham, II (Jenny) of Sutton, Jarrod Thomas of Wooster, OH; mother, Edith Cunningham of Sutton; brothers, John Cunningham of Little Birch, Steve Cunningham of Brunswick, OH; sisters, Rhonda Cunningham of Birch River, Kathy Cunningham of KY; grandchildren, Ryker King, Kora Jean Cunningham and Audrey Renae Cunningham.

A memorial service in his honor will be held 1:00 pm, Saturday, December 10, 2022 at Trinity Baptist Church, Birch River.

Greene-Robertson Funeral Home is humbled to be serving the Cunningham family.

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

Barbara Sue (Boggs) Bell

Barbara Sue (Boggs) Bell of Summit Point, West Vir-



giniawent to her Heavenly Reward on Thursday, December 1, 2022. She was the beloved wife of Mike Bell, sister to Pam Rush of Avon Park, Florida; Rick and Connie (Dempsey) Boggs and Jeremiah Boggs of Craigsville, West Virginia. She was also a special Aunt to Stephanie (Rush) Whyte and Beau Whyte of Horn-town, Virginia. As well as her wonderful neighbors Mag Boyd and sons and the late Ed Boyd of Summit Point, West Virginia. Care-giver/Friend Kathy, Neil, Natalie and Nathan Newton of Harper's Ferry, West Virginia.

She was preceded in death earlier this year by her sister, Tammy Luzader, her mother, Faye Boggs and brothers-in-law, Rick Rush and Rudy Luzader.

Barbara leaves behind her husband, Mike, of forty years and her three fur babies: Sid, Lilly and Dani.

She retired from Reston Anesthesia in Reston, Virginia. She was an avid reader and film enthusiast.

She was our little Chatty Cathy and always had a beautiful smile for everyone.

Service will be held 12 Noon on Saturday, December 10, 2022 at Little Glade Baptist Church with Pastor Keith Williams of Little Glade and Evangelist Tommy Blake of St. Mary's, West Virginia officiating. Visitation will be from 11AM until time of service. Burial will follow at West Virginia Memorial Gardens, Calvin.

Remember the family in prayer as they grieve this loss.

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

Arrangements are being handled by Adams-Reed Funeral Home of Cowen, West Virginia.

Drive through backpack giveaway

The First Southern Baptist Church of Sutton will be having a Free

Drive Through Christmas Back Pack Giveaway on Saturday, December 10th. The Giveaway will be at Robinson's Sales & Service located at

732 Airport road (7/10 of a mile from Laurel Ct Go-Mart, big green building on the right). The giveaway will be from 9:00 am - noon, or until all the backpacks are given away. No one needs to get out of their car. You will be asked the age of children and back packs will be handed to your children. There are no income guidelines.

Why I Ride



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Speaking of Podcasts and Blogs

Last week’s column offered suggestions for books and videos about motorcycles. But what if you don’t feel like reading or watching, and just want to listen to broadcasts about motorcycles while you are doing something else? Thanks to the magic of the Internet, we now have a plethora of programs to listen to. Here are some of the more popular podcasts and blogs.

Popular Podcasts:
1- Cleveland Moto-

https://www.buzzsprout.com/112122---Vintage and modern motorcycle mechanics and enthusiasts talk about riding, reviews, motorcycle tech, and maintenance.

2- Law Abiding Biker | Street Biker Motorcycle Podcast-https://lawabidingbiker.libsyn.com/rss--- Talks about the world of motorcycling including news, motorcycle television and media, ride reviews, and more.

3- Adventure Rider

Radio-https://adventure-rideradio.com/---“The

most listened to motorcycle podcast in the world.” From British Columbia, Canada. Stories of travel, adventure, Rider Skills, industry pros, tech, tips, and much more.

4- Motorcycles & Misfits-https://motorcyclesandmisfits.com/--- From Santa Cruz, California. Guest interviews, games, ride reports, history holes, and more.

5- MotoPod-https://motopodcast.com/---internet radio show all about mo-

torcycle road racing.

6- Noco Moto Podcast-https://nocomotopodcast.com/episodes/---Two brothers talk about all things motorcycle related, bikes, gear, trips, racing, culture and more.

7- Motorcycle Knuckle Busters-https://www.knucklebusterradio.com/- --A weekly podcast for the motorcycle industry. We often have different guests and discuss the latest news within the motorcycle community.

8- This Motorcycle Life-https://www.thismotorcyclelife.com/episodes/--- Host Bruce Philp explores what it means to be a motorcyclist through the stories of real riders, famous and not. This podcast is for the philosopher who lives under every motorcycle helmet.

9- The Wheelnerds-http://wheelnerds.com/- --The Wheelnerds share their passion of everything two-wheeled and invite you to come along

and sit in on the bull session where they talk about their (and your) favorite topic: motorcycles.

10- MotoWeek.net-https://motoweek.net/---MotoGP, Motorcycle and racing news.

Some of the best blogs:
1- Motorcycle.com-https://www.motorcycle.com/---These guys cover every type of motorcycle genre you can think of, making them one of the most comprehensive blogs out there.

2- Cycle World Magazine-https://www.cycleworld.com/---CycleWorld features in-depth reviews conducted by experienced professionals who remain objective and are on the cutting edge of information within the industry.

3- RideApart-https://www.rideapart.com/--- From Los Angeles, California. RideApart has a wide variety of content including product reviews, buyer’s guides, and current events in motorcycle

news.

4- VisorDown-https://www.visordown.com/--- From the UK. VisorDown has everything a motorcycle enthusiast would want. From news, reviews, how-tos, and some great interviews with some of the industry’s most talented riders

5- Motoress-https://www.motoress.com/--- Founded in 1998 — and originally under the name RACEGIRL MOTORS-PORT — Motoress boasts as the longest-running women’s motorcycle website. The site is chock full of useful motorcycle reviews, technique guidance, and a place for women to submit their personal stories pertaining to the lifestyle.

Obviously, there are so many more places to listen to about motorcycles. These should keep you busy for a while. Some of these sites have YouTube presence. Ride safely and intelligently. Peace.



Bluejay



Chickadee



Red bellied woodpecker

On the Other Side of the Mountain

By Verena Sava

The bird feeders have a constant influx of visitors, trying to fight off food competitors and establish some dominance. The hawthorn bush was covered with red berries, offering local fare. The bushes near the house offer resting spots to those waiting their turn to the feeding stations.

Bluejays, red bellied woodpeckers, tufted titmouse, hairy and downy woodpeckers,cardinals, chickadees, song sparrows, mourning doves, gold finches, Carolina wrens, dark eyed juncos and house finches keep us entertained. While we eat meals at the kitchen table, we watch the activities on the platform where the birds are dining right outside the window.

It is Christmas season, the season of joy, of giving and decorating one’s home. I am not sure but it seems to me that we have seen fewer Christmas light

displays than usual. Maybe people are trying to watch their energy usage? When ever we open the computer, the e-mail section is full of ads, promising the lowest prices ever, other deals that appear hard to ignore and then extensions of former offers if it appeared we did not bite on the first one. We are old folks and need very little. We have all the dishes, silverware, rugs, furniture, clothes we need. Every once in a while our jeans have reached a degree when I can’t fix them anymore, or we need a new pair of boots. Our needs are more in the mechanical, practical world, like new chains for the saws, nuts and bolts (especially if it takes too long to go through Greg’s collection to find the appropriate item!), a new tool-handle, a replacement for a tire on one of the vehicles, brake fluid and other lubricants, all really “interesting” items without which our daily activities

would be hampered.

If you buy Christmas presents, try to buy locally. In our immediate area there are businesses that advertised in the market Bulletin. The four mentioned in Braxton county are Mary’s K 9 bakery, LLC, Oh Edith/ Little Fork Farm, Rose Pedal Soap, Given’s Bison dba Mountain State Farm.

Nicholas county listed these following places:Dave’s Backyard Sugarin’, - Kirkwood Winery, - White Oak Acres, - Woodbine Jams and Jellies, Inc., - Country Roads Farm, - Windy Meadows Farm, - Wood You Lather.

Of course there are many more arts and crafts items available near us. Take an exploratory holiday trip to a few towns nearby, ask around for local stores that sell local goods and crafts and books by local authors. It helps people who make a living or get extra income from their craft and skills and the money circulates

locally.

You can create your own presents. Bake a bread or some cookies, prepare a soup and bring it during the busy pre-holiday season. If you have more time available, knit or crochet a hat or mittens, or a potholder. Whenever the person wears or uses such items, he or she will always remember you when they are in use. I have potholders from Elaine and Florence, two hats from Kathy . Pictures of these dear friends conjure up in front of me when I use them.

Another meaningful gift would be seeds from a plant that you grow in your garden, an heirloom tomato, a spicy pepper or some special lettuces. Of course a rose, a day-lily, a bulb, some wildflower starts, a gift card from a seed company, starting bulbs for planting garlic, any of these items are warmly appreciated by a gardener, getting excited to plant something new.

Presents that touch our emotions are probably the most cherished. It can be something to grow, but it can also be a letter, telling that particular person why and how much you appreciate him or her. We think that this would be obvious, but reading it and seeing it on paper makes it unmistakably clear that somebody thinks you are special.

We can add a note to a Christmas card in which we offer a service like driving somebody to a doctor’s appointment, picking up groceries for somebody who is unable to drive to town, babysitting once a month if you are brave, helping to cut up a tree that fell on the driveway. Of course some families would appreciate a gift card from a grocery store since prices for food have been high recently. Sometimes cash or a check would probably be welcomed. In the early days of our marriage we had to often do without one thing

or another, due to cash shortages. Even if somebody would “waste” your money, why should he or she not be able to splurge on something, just having the freedom to so?

There are so many artisans in our state. You can find wonderful handmade jewelry, beautiful wood products (cutting boards, chairs, benches, bird houses, just to name a few), creative pottery, unique food offerings (jams, jellies, dried and baked goods).

Our house is cluttered with stuff we accumulated through many years.

Almost every piece has a connection to people we met in our lives and it turns our house into a home. There is a strong inter relatedness, a bond between an object and its original owner. It has to do with connections, compassion, love and sympathy. I think it unfolds a delicate lace-work of Christmas spirit through out the entire year.

Judy’s Garden Club Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest winners Announced

The winners of the Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl poster contest were announced as: Lilian Gross (1st grade), Oliver Young(2nd grade),Emma Burroughs(3rd grade), Mya McCallister(4th grade), and McKenzie Butler(5th grade). Preparing these posters aids students in focusing on conserving nature’s resources by everyone doing what they can and encouraging others to also be aware of Earth’s fragile environment. Each of the over 100 students entering a poster will receive a participation certificate and these five winners will receive an extra memento award from JGC. (The award was created by a local teacher specifically for this event) The winning posters plus 3 poems with a gardening theme entered by Aubrey, Hayden and Madelyn Williams and photos of a

sculpture created from recycled material by Emma Estep have all been entered for judging at the state level. Trisha Gregory, Judy’s Garden Club, Appalachian District, was instrumental in encouraging poster participation. (The sculpture is on display at Sutton Library through 2022, so check it out.)

Melissa Dennison, Mary and Jake Jacobsen and Jennifer and Allie Rhodes, all JGC members, are painting poinsettia flowers on a business window in Sutton for the holiday. JGC appreciates everyone’s efforts to beautify the town through all the seasons!

May 2023 is the date for the National Garden Club to come to West Virginia! The conference will be held at the Greenbrier and JGC has been fundraising and preparing for several years as this is a huge na-

tional event! Seed packets are being prepared with a design contest open to high school students for a design to print on the seed packets to distribute during the NGC Conference in May.



ing the NGC Conference in May.

Judy’s Garden Club will hold their last meeting of 2022 on Saturday, December 10 and will be

having small work meetings throughout the early months of 2023 to plan for the NGC conference and for the upcoming 2023





LEGAL NOTICES

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NOTICE FOR PROPOSALS
The Braxton County Board of Education, Sutton, WV invites proposals for a Cisco Phone System Update and integration of a Public Broadcasting System for all facilities in the county. This is a total of nine (9) different locations. The scope of services, submission requirements, timelines and

the evaluation for the RFP are contained in the request for proposals on the Braxton County Schools webpage at <https://boe.brax.k12.wv.us/page/office-of-technology-assessments-accountability-communications-and-food-service>. No responses will be accepted after February 9, 2023, at 11am. All potential bidders must attend the manda-

tory walkthrough for all locations. Those will be held on December 14 & 15, 2023. Proposals will be publicly opened on February 9, 2023, at 2pm at the Braxton County Board of Education Office. Our address is 98 Carter Braxton Dr., Sutton, WV 26601. Questions should be directed to Dr. Leatha Williams at 304-765-7101 x 473. 12-1 12-8b

Dog Tales: Stories from the Braxton 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 "Furever" 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 companion-

ship out 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



This happy dude is **Merlin**. He was picked up as a stray by Animal Control. Merlin has been with us for over a week and is now available for adoption! He's around one year old and weighs thirty-five to forty pounds. Merlin's got beagle coloring and pit features. He's the funniest little guy. He prances with his front feet when he's happy and smiles with his teeth a lot. Merlin gets along with everyone here! He's super social and playful. He learned sit and lay down in just a short time of playing with him in the lobby. He has an itchy skin issues on his back that we're going to have checked out by the vet but otherwise he's healthy. He walks well on a leash and wants in our intake crate like he's had a crate before. We love him!



Thank you Penny Harris for this kind donation
In the spirit of Christmas, we have been given a wonderful donation that would sponsor 3 adoptions!
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HELP WANTED: Homemakers: Braxton County Senior Citizens Center is looking for caring individuals to work with disabled and elderly clients in all areas of Braxton and Webster Counties A valid WV Drivers license is required to be eligible for employment. No experience necessary. All necessary training will be provided at no cost to you. Interested individuals please call 304-765-4090. Preference given to those age 60 or older in accordance with the Older Americans Act. EOE 11-22 12-8b

HELP WANTED: Looking for a reliable caring caregiver for elderly male in the Sutton area. Caregiving/medical experience a plus. Work with a caregiving team for 7pm to 7am care 2-3 weeknights a week. Please call 919-455-4597. 12-06 12-15p

HELP WANTED: Manufacturing Supervisor needed in Braxton County. Must be able to read blueprints, self-motivated, team leader, & 3 years' experience in the construction industry. \$55k-\$65k or based on experience. Full benefits. laston@rockwellvc.com or (724) 757-9326 11-22 12-15b

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BURNSVILLE TRAILER PARK: Trailer lots for rent only, NO trailers for rent! Background check required. Trash & sewer included. Absolutely NO pets! Call (304)853-9103 today. tf



FOR SALE: 10 inch Miter Saw. Very good. \$40 FIRM. 304-678-4904. 12-1 12-8p

FOR SALE: Ready Made Deer Camp (aluminum bread truck, roll-back required, ran

when parked). 100amp panel, electric heat, small sink, AC worked when parked, fluorescent lights, dusk-to-dawn lights. Aluminum worth about \$500 for scrap. No reasonable offer refused. 304-678-4904. 12-1 12-8p

CHRISTMAS TREES-Bug Ridge Tree Farm, choose & cut \$40/ea. Open weekends starting Dec. 3. Weekdays call first, 304-678-8875. 11-22 12-13p

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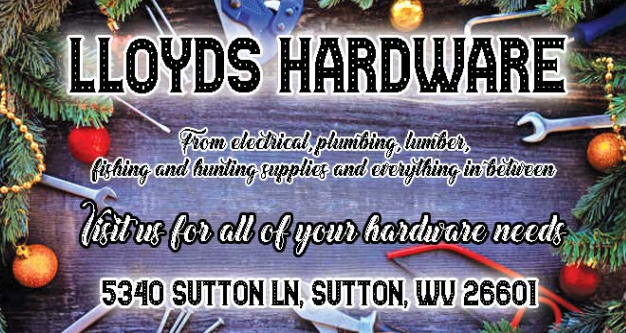
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