

WVU Extension to Host Educational Dinner Meeting

WVU Extension will host an educational dinner meeting at the Jane Lew Park Community Building on Tuesday, January 10, 2023. Dinner will be at 6:30 pm, with the program to begin at 7:15 p.m. The Jane Lew Park Community Building is at 126 Park Ave, Jane Lew. From I-79, go toward Jane Lew; at the stop sign, go right on Rt. 19 North; after crossing the bridge, go right on Park Ave, then take the first street to the right to the park.

There will be a \$5/ person charge for dinner. Please make your reservation for dinner by calling WVU-Braxton County Extension, at 304-765-2809, by January 4. If you would like to attend, but can't make the dinner, you are still welcome to at-

tend the program, which will start at 7:15 p.m. There is no cost and no pre-registration needed if you come only to the program.

The program will be on farm profitability, with Brian Wickline as the presenter. Brian has visited with many farmers around the state and entered their economic data into a spreadsheet program that helps cow/calf producers determine profitability based on several factors - not just income and expenses. From working with these farmers, Brian has seen some of the pitfalls to farm profitability. Brian will discuss financial management tips and key factors used when determining farm profitability.

Brian was born and raised on a beef cattle and Christmas tree farm

in Monroe County. In 2001 Wickline was hired by the WV Conservation Agency as a Grassland Technician, and in 2003 became the WVU Extension Agent in Monroe County where he is currently serving. The agent's areas of concentration are livestock and forage production, livestock marketing, nutrient management, niche marketing, financial analysis for farmers. He and his wife Leslie have two children and live on a 70-cow grass based organic dairy and run 150 head of beef cattle near Union, WV.

Anyone who has questions, would like more information or would like to register for the educational dinner meeting, should call WVU-Braxton County Extension at 304-765-2809.

Braxton Jamboree Host Christmas Celebrtion

The Braxton County Jamboree invited children of all ages to come out and enjoy their Annual Christmas celebration with Santa, Mrs. Santa and the Elf on Friday, December 30 from 7:00 to 10:00 P.M. Originally planned for the 23rd, cold weather caused postponement of the celebration. During this free event, children visited with Santa and his helpers where they received various candies and gifts.

The band Bluegrass Preserve provided the entertainment for the evening.

"The Braxton County

Jamboree would like to thank everyone that came out for Christmas at the Jamboree 2022. "It was a big success we would like to thank all of our sponsors: Pamela Craner, Joe and Phoebe Weekly, Connie Lane, Joyce Black , Loretta Bailey, Debbie Singleton, Brenda Stucky, Chapel Outreach Center Family Resource Center, and the James's Outpost LLC," said Lena Parsons. "Thank you all for sponsoring this year's Christmas and a big thank you to my helpers Chris and Nikki Cowger, Lisa

King, Chrissy Carter, Jacqueline Rollyson, and Jessica McLaughlin. And I would like to thank everyone that put money in the can, it really meant a lot to all these kids thank you all. Lastly, thank you to Jody Fisher and Nikki Cowger for taking videos and pictures of the event."

Follow the Braxton County Jamboree online to find the 2023 music schedule at <https://braxtoncountyjamboree.webstarts.com/schedule>. Follow the Braxton County Jamboree on Facebook for future events.



(L to R) Mrs. Clause, Santa, Christina Carter, Lena Parsons and Nikki Cowger.

Community Meetings Set

Advantage Valley's FASTER WV Program announces dates for community meetings in Clendenin, Gassaway, Clay, and Sutton. These meetings will provide recommendations for each community from the recently released "Elk River Trail Towns Plan," and information to anyone wanting to open or expand a business and learn about the FASTER WV Entrepreneurship Program. Bryan Shaw and Tyler Brandstetter, from FASTER

River Trail (73.3 miles of rail trail and 18 miles of rails-with-trail) running along the 102-mile Elk River Water Trail. For the Elk River region, invigorated national interest in outdoor recre-

time and part-time jobs across different sectors of the economy.

Advantage Valley's FASTER WV Program assists new business owners in critical new business development.

January Community Meeting Schedule

Clendenin: January 10th
6:00 PM at the Community Building

Gassaway: January 12th
6:00 PM at the Community Building

Clay: January 17th
6:00 PM at the Fairview Baptist Temple Fellowship Hall

Sutton: January 24th
6:00 PM at the Sutton -Fire Department Annex Building - Old Fisher Auto Parts

WV, will be present to discuss free one-on-one business coaching, technical assistance, mini-grants, and loans.

The Braxton County Development Authority and the Elk River Trail Foundation sponsored and recently released the "Elk River Trail Towns Plan" to help these communities take full advantage of the economic development potential of the new Elk River trail system, which includes the Elk

ation, especially hiking and biking, presents major opportunity. The study finds that the Elk River Trail Towns could reasonably attract 150,000 visitors per year on average and anticipates \$250 million in new sales activity over the next 15 years. The report estimates that spending in Sutton, Gassaway, Clay and Clendenin may result in over \$390 million in regional economic activity, supporting 195 full-

FASTER WV program has served over 376 clients with over 3,291 hours of coaching, 52 new businesses have been created, 66 businesses have been improved, \$231,000 in loans have been made, and \$575,960 has been leveraged in additional private investment.

To learn more about FASTER WV, please go to <https://advantagevalley.com/entrepreneurship/> or call Bryan Shaw at (304)-352-1165.

Sutton Council Works on Revised Town Ordinances

The Sutton Town Council conducted a special meeting on December 29 to end 2022. The meeting was called to order by Mayor JD Hoover at 6:00 pm.

The meeting was to review changes and amendments to the town ordinances. Council member Jon Crum spent the majority of the meeting discussing the ordinances with the council. Several of the changes were typos that needed to be corrected. Changes and amendments were needed to comply with changes to state legisla-

tion, to remove obsolete items, clarification of ordinances, and to consolidate ordinances. The ordinances are available under the Documents tab of the town website at suttonwv.com or in the main office for individuals to review.

Mike Gioulis and Fernando Rodriguez were present for the meeting. They spoke on behalf of the Elk River Trail and asked the council to consider implementing an ordinance on ATV usage in town limits. Council will discuss adding an ordinance on ATVs at a future time.

Council approved the updated ordinances on a motion by Jon Crum. The ordinances will go into effect on January 3, 2023 per the motion.

During the meeting, council accepted the resignation of Recorder Laurel Petolicchio on a motion by Beth Atkins. Council also approved placing Council member Robyn Dolan on the bank card for signing check on a motion by Catherine Hoover.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 12 at 6:00 pm.

Braxton Magistrate Report

Magistrate Beth Smith
December 30: Laura A. Tanner of Sutton, cell phone violation, no contest plea, fine assessed; Sarah Beth Stump of Strange Creek, trespassing, asked to leave, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$1500 cash or surety.

December 31: Robert T. McDowell of Bristol, TN, possession of meth, warrantless, bond set at \$3000.

Magistrate David Singleton
December 21: Tony Darrell Blosser of Glenville, possession of a controlled substance x3, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$3000 personal recognizance.

December 22: Dalton

L. Fields of Sutton, no MVI, dismissed proof provided; Eric Antonio Frier of Milwaukee, WI, possession with intent to deliver, prohibited person in possession of a firearm, conspiracy, preliminary hearing waived, transferred to circuit court; Lukas M. Sartin of Erbacon, failure to register, preliminary hearing waived, transferred to circuit court; Eric Jason Brown of Flatwoods, expired MVI, dismissed proof provided; Grant T. Gesner of Huntington, speeding, no contest plea, expired MVI, dismissed proof provided, fine/court costs assessed.

December 23: David

Scott Jackson of Frametown, obstructing an officer, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$1500 personal recognizance.

December 25: Kendra P. Losh of Burnsville, domestic battery, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$1500 personal recognizance.

January 3: Shane O. Adkins of Burnsville, speeding, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; David Wimer of Napier, domestic assault, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$300 personal recognizance.

Legislative Update

By Delegate Brent Boggs

Now that 2023 has arrived, let's all go easy on ourselves and others when writing checks and dating letters with 2022 instead of 2023. It usually takes me a few weeks of practice before writing "2023" comes naturally.

Jean and I traveled to South Carolina for a brief after-Christmas visit with Jessica and her family, along with Jean's mom and her brother, John and his wife, Becky. We also got to attend a couple of Gavin's freshman basketball games at Wando High School. Only about two miles from Jessica's home in Mt. Pleasant, it is more like a college campus. It is the largest school in South Carolina and the facilities, classrooms, athletic facilities are first-rate. Gavin is also on the Wando golf team. It was great to spend time with them last week, as it was postponed for a couple of weeks, due to cases testing positive for COVID in their families. Fortunately, all had been vaccinated and boosted, so the duration was short and symptoms mild.

We always enjoy the visit and miss them greatly, but our visit was cut short after my dad took a nasty fall at home and broke his collarbone. My brother, Bruce, took the reins while we were away, but some tough recovery days lie ahead. I respectfully ask that you keep my parents in your prayers. They're adjusting to the new normal of scaling back activities.

Each year as the session

nears, legislators make last-minute arrangements for housing and office space for the upcoming legislative session. When the session begins on January 11 at noon, there are lots of largely symbolic motions, rule changes, and housekeeping actions that begin and end each legislative session in the House and Senate. For instance, there is the completely ceremonial but required appointment of a committee of three members to notify the governor that the House (or Senate) has convened and is ready to do the business of the State. Likewise, a committee will travel from the House across the rotunda to the Senate (and vice versa) to notify the Senate (or House) that the House (or Senate) has convened. Usually, the committee to notify the Governor notifies his receptionist. The same six members will later walk him down the aisle for the State of the State.

During the State of the State Address, the Governor will provide the House Speaker and Senate President with copies of his Executive Budget bill, which was earlier provided to the respective finance chairmen. This year, look for lots of tension between the Senate and Governor as they spar over budget surpluses and their views on what needs to be done. It will also be interesting to see how much time and energy are devoted to social issues and if measures that spur economic devel-

opment become pawns between the two houses and the Governor.

As for me, I'm definitely going to miss the action, but I'm looking forward to what I hope is a productive session. Our State and nation desperately need less party politics and more work for the people.

Here is a general overview of the 2023 Legislative timeline.

January 11 1st Day of Session (noon); State of the State Address by Governor (7:00 PM)

January 30 20th Day, Legislative Rule-Making Review bills due from committee

February 14 35th Day, Last day to introduce bills in the House

February 20 41st Day, Last day to introduce bills in the Senate

February 26 47th Day, Bills due out of committees

March 1 50th Day, Last day to consider bill on third reading

March 11 60th Day, Last Day of Session

You can reach 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. From our family to yours, we hope you enjoy a safe and prosperous 2023. Until next week, take care.

Pottsville, and Jack, Megan, Cortney, Colton & TJ. Paul was predeceased by four siblings, Marjolaine Sue DeBose, Donnis Blair Smith, James Everett McLaughlin, Billie Beckwith, and Kenneth Carl McLaughlin.

Services are private. Paul's final resting place is in Grafton National Cemetery, WV.

Arrangements by Good Sipler Funeral & Cremation Centre, Inc., Reamstown. Condolences may be posted at www.goodfuneral.com.

Lonnie Cogar

Lonnie Cogar, 92 of Laurel Fork passed away



Born October 11, 1930 at Desert Fork, he was the son of the late Alec Cogar and Mary Frances (Coe) Cogar. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Beatrice Maxine (Gilles) Cogar; and son, John Farrell Cogar.

Lonnie joined the United States Army in 1950 and spent most of his service in Germany. He returned home in 1952 to marry his childhood sweetheart. He spent the majority of his work life in the woods as a heavy equipment operator, running primarily bulldozers. He also was a business owner with two small grocery stores which he ran with his wife and family. He and his oldest son operated a small logging business for a few years. He proudly spent many years as an honor guard member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, having also served

as Post Commander, VFW #3738. He was an Oddfellows Member. He was a Republican Committee Member. He was an avid coin collector and enjoyed making denim quilts.

Surviving are his children: Catherine Fay Cogar of Webster Springs, Frances Ann Cogar of Mableton, Georgia, Harrison Cogar of Webster Springs, and Theodore Monroe (Tedd) Cogar of Indiana, Pennsylvania; grandchildren: Steven Cogar, Aaron (Joanna) Gregory, Josh Cogar, Kent (Rita) Gregory, Jimmie (Trish) Hinely, Lonnie Ray (Ashley) Cogar, Hunter (Cheryl) Roberts, Alec Cogar, and Cory Cannon; twenty great grandchildren; special peach cobbler-maker, Chasity Gregory and numerous other friends and family members left to cherish his memory (including sister Louise).

Services to celebrate Lonnie's life were held 1pm, Friday, December 30, 2022 at Dodd & Reed Funeral Home, Webster Springs, with the Reverend Tedd Cogar officiating. Burial followed at Cogar Cemetery. Friends joined the family for visitation 6-9pm, Thursday, December 29, 2022 at the funeral home.

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

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

Maxine Lula (Hall) Clutter

Maxine Lula (Hall) Clutter, 82, of Webster



Surrounded by her family.

Born September 13, 1940 in Webster County, she was the daughter of the late Emory and Nettie (Perkins) Hall. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Nelson Rodney Clutter; daughter, Debbie Clutter; brothers: Porter, Elzia, Hinton, Hansford, and Elmon Hall; and sister, Genevieve Hall.

She was a Webster Springs High School Graduate, graduating Valedictorian of her class. But, it was her dream of marrying Nelson and having a family that she would choose to pursue. She donned the title of Pastor's wife, wife, mother, and Nana. And there was no other that could juggle all of those titles with the grace with which she did.

Left to cherish her memory are her sons and their wives: Rodney (Phoebe) Clutter, Joe (Pam) Clutter, and Randy (Karla) Clutter; daughter and her husband, Stacey (Eddie) Williams; grandchildren: John, Zachary, Jason (wife, Katie), Ashton (husband, Chad "Shawn"), Riley, Noah, Elijah, Eliana, Addisyn, Elijah, Cody, Hannah, Isaac, Isaiah, and Brooklyn; brothers and sisters-in-law: Melvin (Sue) Hall and Roger (Martha) Hall; "bonus daughters": Debbie McLe Townsend and Tammi Moffatt; great-grandchildren: Kenzie, Zoe, Emmie, Kason, Aela, Arizona, and Ezekiel; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends to mourn her passing.

Services to celebrate Maxine's life were held 1:00pm, Thursday, December 29, 2022 at Dodd and Reed Funeral Home, Webster Springs, with Pastor Paul Rounds offi-

ciating. Burial followed at Clifton Ford Cemetery, Webster Springs. Friends joined the family for visitation 6-8pm, Wednesday evening, at the funeral home.

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

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

Edna Virginia (Underwood) Anderson

Edna Virginia (Underwood) Anderson, 98, of



Webster Springs passed away peacefully at on Friday, December 23, 2022

Born December 14, 1924 in Webster County, she was the daughter of the late Delford Harry and Amy Florence (Belcher) Underwood. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Walter "Bud" Anderson; brothers: Carl "Thunderbolt", Dale "Breezy", Denzil "Windstorm", and Bill "Lightning" Underwood; and sisters: Edra Channel and Opalene Moffatt.

Edna was a member of the Webster Springs First Baptist Church. She was the perfect Christian mother, a Sunday School Teacher for 30 years, and a Deaconess for over 50 years; her church family held a very special place in her heart. She enjoyed cooking and Family Cookie Baking, and everyone especially loved her cookies. She loved animals, and gardening both vegetables and flowers. Her favorite holiday was Christmas. She liked to walk the boardwalk, go shopping, and ride the side by side. Edna had a fierce love of her grandchildren and even helped raise her grandson, Steve.

Left to cherish her memory are her children and their spouses: Larry (Sherri) Anderson and Linda (Rick) Cogar; grandchildren, Steve (wife, Amber) Anderson and Daniel Miller; great-grandchildren: Jasmine Gregory, Ethan Gregory, and Xander Anderson; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends to mourn her passing.

Services to celebrate Edna's life were held 11am, Wednesday, December 28, 2022 at Dodd & Reed Funeral Home, Webster Springs, with Pastor Ron Moore officiating. Burial followed at Miller Cemetery. Friends joined the family for visitation 6-9pm, Tuesday evening, 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 Anderson family.

Raymond Dale Hamrick

Raymond Dale Hamrick, 90, of Sutton passed



1932, in Widen, the son of the late Benjamin Randolph & Clara Blakney Hamrick. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his wife, Shirley Ann

Hamrick; granddaughter, Brandy Michelle Hamrick; daughter-in-law, Terri Ann Hamrick.

Raymond was a Mechanic Welder, member of the UMWA, a Army Veteran of the Korean War, and a member of Long Run Baptist Church.

He will be forever be remembered by his sons, Randy Hamrick (Linda J.) and Mick Hamrick (Connie Sue) all of Sutton; grandchild, Brad Hamrick (Melissa) of Sutton; great grandchildren, Nikkie Hamrick, Michael Hamrick (Jodi).

Funeral services were held 1:00 pm, Thursday, December 29, 2022 at Greene-Robertson Funeral Home, Sutton with Rev. Robey Godfrey officiating. Burial followed at Dunn Cemetery, Canfield, WV. Greene-Robertson Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Hamrick family.

On line condolences may be sent to: greene-robertsonfuneralhome.com

Russell Conley

Russell Conley, 79, of Airport Road, Sutton, WV



went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, December 28, 2022. Russell was born on November 17, 1943 in Elkhorn City, Kentucky to the late Walter "Pete" Conley and Ruby Ratliff (Conley). He was preceded in death by the love of his life, Fonda Sue Allen (Conley) and his siblings Tootsie Ratliff, Mellie Ramey, Ernest Conley, Billy Ray Conley, Jimmy Conley, Betty Jean Cure, Lois Ann Ackins and Ronnie Dean Conley.

He left behind two loving children, Rob Conley and (Pam) of Mount Nebo, WV and Dena Renea Mitchell and (Robert) of Gassaway, WV. Russell also left behind five loving grandchildren Logan Suzanne Cooper (Metz) and (Chris) of Mount Lookout, WV, Emily Kaitlin Conley (Bonham) and (Nathan) of Boulder, CO, Allie Breann Conley of Morgantown, WV, Ian Russell Conley of Gassaway, WV and Ryan Aldean Wayne Mitchell and family of Birch River, WV and one great-granddaughter to be born in February, Magnolia Reign Metz. Also surviving are sisters Nell Hall and (Tommy) of Spencer, OH and Mary Doksa and (Dave) of Olmstead Falls, OH, along with several loving nieces and nephews.

Russell left his home in KY for service in the United States Army. After his military service, he moved to Cleveland, OH where he met, and later married, his loving wife, Fonda. After the birth of their two children, they moved to his home state of KY and then to WV.

Russell was a hard-working, loving husband, father and grandfather who held several jobs in the retail industry and community organizations such as the Mountaineer Food Bank and the Braxton County Senior Center. He was a friendly, fun-loving and "full of life" individual who enjoyed dancing, attending bluegrass festivals and college sports. Through and through he was an avid Kentucky Wildcats basketball fan and also rooted for the West Virginia Mountaineers. Above all, he enjoyed hosting family

Obituaries

Paul B. McLaughlin

Paul B. McLaughlin, 78, of Stevens, passed away



Tuesday, December 27, 2022, at ProMedica of Sinking Spring. Born in Gassaway, Braxton County, WV, Paul was a son of the late Jake and Beulah (Brady) McLaughlin and the loving companion of Linda D. Donmoyer Grube for 18 years.

Paul attended Gassaway High School. He was a U.S. Army veteran and while in the Army he served in Fort Knox, Germany and Orleans, France during the Vietnam war-time. Paul worked for the Carolina Phone Company for 20 years then moved to Pennsylvania to be closer to his extended family. He worked as a foreman for Asplundh, Wick's Lumber and Blainesport Tavern before retiring. As a young

man, Paul enjoyed the outdoors and hunting. He loved country music, watching the Washington Redskins, and spending time with family at "Bull Run" in West Virginia. He was quiet, witty and enjoyed the simple things in life. To be in his presence was calming and he always had a smile to share.

In addition to his companion, Linda, Paul is survived by two children, Paul Brady McLaughlin II of Stevens and Katy Jo McLaughlin of Fayetteville, NC; two brothers, Larry Steven McLaughlin (Donna Duncan-McLaughlin) of Pinch, WV and Richard Layne McLaughlin of Fayetteville, NC; one sister, and Lynn Etta McLaughlin of Hopeland; three granddaughters, Kelly, Emily, and Karin; a grandson, Dale and three great grandchildren. Paul loved Linda's children and grandchildren as his own - Alicia A. (Mark) Baldwin of Reading, Todd W. Gibb of Reading, and Brian S. Gibb of

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LEGAL NOTICES

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LSIC TOWN HALL NOTICE

Little Birch Elementary School will hold the LSIC Town Hall meeting on Thursday, January 19, 2022 in the school library at 5:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss school performance and current needs including: Review of school needs assessment Progress toward school goals Discipline Attendance Current benchmark and summative data Parent involvement Community partnerships Professional development Integration of technology We welcome parents/guardians and community members and look forward to partnering with you to improve student learning at LBE.

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ESCHEAT FUNDS

The Estate of William J. Ankrum, deceased

The law firm of Glasser and Glasser, P.L.C. is in possession of funds due to the Estate of William J. Ankrum, deceased. It is our understanding that the decedent left no immediate heirs. It is our intention to escheat the funds we are holding within sixty (60) days of this notice absent response from any prospective heir of William J. Ankrum's to Glasser and Glasser, P.L.C. via U.S. Mail, telephone or email, as follows:

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NOTICE TO REDEEM

2021-S-00000052 - Braxton County – WVTJ LLC
To: RODNEY GREATHOUSE, SUZZANE GREATHOUSE, TIFFANY GREATHOUSE, RODNEY GREATHOUSE, SUZZANE GREATHOUSE, TIFFANY GREATHOUSE, OCCUPANT, OCCUPANT, IRS, ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all unknown heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.
DISTRICT BIRCH
MAP 4L PARCEL 0006 0000
You will take notice that WVTJ LLC, the purchaser of tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certif-

icate of Sale: 2021-S-00000052, 114.53AC STEER CREEK SURFACE, located in BIRCH, which was returned delinquent in the name of GREATHOUSE RODNEY &/OR, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Braxton County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 26th day of October, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2023 will be as follows:
Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 31, 2023. -\$1,931.53
Amount of subsequent years taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2023. -\$1,767.62
Amount paid for Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2022 following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023. -\$1,190.35
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023. -\$398.56
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff – cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Lou Dellamea, Sheriff and Treasurer of Braxton County. -\$5,288.06
Cost of Certification of Redemption – cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor. -\$35.00
You may redeem at any time before March 31, 2023, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.
Return to:
WV State Auditor's Office,
County Collections Division,
1900 Kanawha Blvd East, Building 1, Room W-114
Charleston, West Virginia, 25305.
Questions please call 1-888-509-6568 option 2 12-29 1-12b

NOTICE TO REDEEM

2021-S-00000053 - Braxton County – WVTJ LLC
To: RYAN PRINCE, RYAN PRINCE, ANGELA PRINCE, ANGELA PRINCE, RYAN PRINCE, ANGELA PRINCE, RYAN PRINCE, ANGELA, RYAN PRINCE, ANGELA PRINCE, OCCUPANT, IRS, ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all unknown heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having

an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.
DISTRICT BIRCH
MAP 6Q PARCEL 0026 0000
You will take notice that WVTJ LLC, the purchaser of tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-00000053, 4.75AC DIADDA, located in BIRCH, which was returned delinquent in the name of PRINCE RYAN D &/OR ANGELA C, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Braxton County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 26th day of October, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2023 will be as follows:
Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 31, 2023. -\$838.36
Amount of subsequent years taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2023. -\$698.38
Amount paid for Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2022 following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023. -\$1,200.59
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023. -\$522.84
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff – cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Lou Dellamea, Sheriff and Treasurer of Braxton County. -\$3,260.17
Cost of Certification of Redemption – cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor. -\$35.00
You may redeem at any time before March 31, 2023, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.
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LENLEE, RICHARD MCKEE, RICHARD MCKEE, RICHARD MCKEE, RICHARD MCKEE, IRS, ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all unknown heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.
DISTRICT BIRCH
MAP 9999 PARCEL 0001 4250
You will take notice that WVTJ LLC, the purchaser of tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-00000054, 85AC OG N S ELK, located in BIRCH, which was returned delinquent in the name of DIVERS JEAN BALLENGEE ETAL, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Braxton County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 26th day of October, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2023 will be as follows:
Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 31, 2023. -\$113.61
Amount of subsequent years taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2023. -\$18.44
Amount paid for Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2022 following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023. -\$1,210.84
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023. -\$1,337.12
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff – cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Lou Dellamea, Sheriff and Treasurer of Braxton County. -\$2,680.01
Cost of Certification of Redemption – cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor. -\$35.00
You may redeem at any time before March 31, 2023, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.
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1900 Kanawha Blvd East, Building 1, Room W-114
Charleston, West Virginia, 25305.
Questions please call 1-888-509-6568 option 2 12-29 1-12b

NOTICE TO REDEEM

2021-S-00000055 - Braxton County – WVTJ LLC
To: CHARLES FRAME HRS, CHARLES FRAME HRS, CHARLES JARRETT FRAME, JR., ELIZABETH PAINTIFF, RUSSELL PAINTIFF, JR, ELIZABETH PAINTIFF, IRS, ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all unknown heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.
DISTRICT BIRCH
MAP 9999 PARCEL 0002 0200
You will take notice that WVTJ LLC, the purchaser of tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-00000055, COG 44.75 AC STUMBO, located in BIRCH, which was returned delinquent in the name of FRAME CHARLES HRS, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Braxton County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 26th day of October, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2023 will be as follows:
Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 31, 2023. -\$109.70
Amount of subsequent years taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2023. -\$14.82
Amount paid for Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2022 following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023. -\$1,084.87
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023. -\$754.99
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff – cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Lou Dellamea, Sheriff and Treasurer of Braxton County. -\$1,964.38
Cost of Certification of Redemption – cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor. -\$35.00
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2021-S-00000056 - Braxton County – WVTJ LLC
To: VICTOR SHINGLER JR, CHERYLE SHINGLER, VICTOR SHINGLER JR, CHERYLE SHINGLER, OCCUPANT, VICTOR SHINGLER, CHERYLE SHINGLER, IRS, ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all unknown heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.
DISTRICT HOLLY
MAP 9T PARCEL 00031 0002
You will take notice that WVTJ LLC, the purchaser of tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-00000056, .37AC CARPENTERS FORK, located in HOLLY, which was returned delinquent in the name of SHINGLER VICTOR B JR &/OR, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Braxton County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 26th day of October, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2023 will be as follows:
Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 31, 2023. -\$881.96
Amount of subsequent years taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2023. -\$743.92
Amount paid for Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2022 following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023. -\$1,153.35
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023. -\$442.13
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff – cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Lou Dellamea, Sheriff and Treasurer of Braxton County. -\$3,221.36
Cost of Certification of Redemption – cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor. -\$35.00
You may redeem at any time before March 31, 2023, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.
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2021-S-00000057 - Braxton County – WVTJ LLC
To: CHARLES FRAME HRS, CHARLES FRAME HRS, CHARLES JARRETT FRAME, JR., ELIZABETH PAINTIFF, RUSSELL PAINTIFF, JR., ELIZABETH PAINTIFF, IRS, ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all unknown heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.
DISTRICT BIRCH
MAP 9999 PARCEL 0002 0210
You will take notice that WVTJ LLC, the purchaser of tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-00000056, OG 44 AC STUMBO RUN, located in BIRCH, which was returned delinquent in the name of FRAME CHARLES HRS, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Braxton County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 26th day of October, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2023 will be as follows:
Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 31, 2023. -\$103.99
Amount of subsequent years taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2023. -\$9.58
Amount paid for Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2022 following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023. -\$1,084.87
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023. -\$888.56
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff – cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Lou Dellamea, Sheriff and Treasurer of Braxton County. -\$2,087.00
Cost of Certification of Redemption – cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor. -\$35.00
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NOTICE TO REDEEM

2021-S-00000060 - Braxton County – WVTJ LLC
To: VICTOR SHINGLER JR, VICTOR SHINGLER JR, CHERYLE SHINGLER, VICTOR SHINGLER JR, CHERYLE SHINGLER, OCCUPANT, VICTOR SHINGLER, CHERYLE SHINGLER, IRS, ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all unknown heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.
DISTRICT HOLLY
MAP 9T PARCEL 00031 0001
You will take notice that WVTJ LLC, the purchaser of tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-00000060, .37AC CARPENTERS FORK, located in HOLLY, which was returned delinquent in the name of SHINGLER VICTOR B JR &/OR, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Braxton County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 26th day of October, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2023 will be as follows:
Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 31, 2023. -\$881.96
Amount of subsequent years taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2023. -\$743.92
Amount paid for Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2022 following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023. -\$1,153.35
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023. -\$442.13
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff – cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Lou Dellamea, Sheriff and Treasurer of Braxton County. -\$3,221.36
Cost of Certification of Redemption – cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor. -\$35.00
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NOTICE TO REDEEM

2021-S-00000061 - Braxton County – WVTJ LLC
To: VICTOR SHINGLER JR, CHERYLE SHINGLER, VICTOR SHINGLER JR, CHERYLE SHINGLER, OCCUPANT, CHERYLE SHINGLER, VICTOR SHINGLER JR, IRS, ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all unknown heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.
DISTRICT HOLLY
MAP 9T PARCEL 0031 0002
You will take notice that WVTJ LLC, the purchaser of tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-00000061, .112AC CARPENTERS FORK, located in HOLLY, which was returned delinquent in the name of SHINGLER VICTOR B JR &/OR, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Braxton County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 26th day of October, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2023 will be as follows:
Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 31, 2023. -\$124.14
Amount of subsequent years taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2023. -\$16.27
Amount paid for Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2022 following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023. -\$1,153.35
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023. -\$398.56
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff – cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Lou Dellamea, Sheriff and Treasurer of Braxton County. -\$1,692.32
Cost of Certification of Redemption – cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor. -\$35.00
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NOTICE TO REDEEM

2021-S-00000062 - Braxton County – WVTJ LLC
To: VICTOR SHINGLER JR, CHERYLE SHINGLER, VICTOR SHINGLER JR, CHERYLE SHINGLER, OCCUPANT, CHERYLE SHINGLER, VICTOR SHINGLER JR, IRS, ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all unknown heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.
DISTRICT HOLLY
MAP 9T PARCEL 00031 0003
You will take notice that WVTJ LLC, the purchaser of tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-00000062, .0594AC CARPENTERS FORK, located in HOLLY, which was returned delinquent in the name of SHINGLER VICTOR B JR &/OR, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Braxton County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 26th day of October, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2023 will be as follows:
Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 31, 2023. -\$99.49
Amount of subsequent years taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2023. -\$5.43
Amount paid for Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2022 following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023. -\$1,153.35
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023. -\$442.13
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff – cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Lou Dellamea, Sheriff and Treasurer of Braxton County. -\$1,700.40
Cost of Certification of Redemption – cashier check, money order or certified check must be made

NOTICE TO REDEEM

2021-S-00000062 - Braxton County – WVTJ LLC
To: VICTOR SHINGLER JR, CHERYLE SHINGLER, VICTOR SHINGLER JR, CHERYLE SHINGLER, OCCUPANT, CHERYLE SHINGLER, VICTOR SHINGLER JR, IRS, ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all unknown heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.
DISTRICT HOLLY
MAP 9T PARCEL 00031 0003
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Cost of Certification of Redemption – cashier check, money order or certified check must be made

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WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Division of Highways
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia until February 16, 2023 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project(s):

Call	Contract	State Project	Federal Project	Description
004	2021000700	S387-STR/IP-23 00	STP-2023(106)D	PAVEMENTMARKINGS

ROADWAY STRIPING
DISTRICT WIDE
COUNTY:BRAXTON, DISTRICT 7, GILMER, LEWIS, UPSHUR

DBE GOAL: 10 % OF CONTRACT BID AMOUNT. BIDDER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCE OF MEETING GOAL ON FORM IN PROPOSAL.

REMARKS:
Proposals will be received from prequalified and West Virginia licensed contractors only except that on Federal-Aid Projects a contractors' license is not required at time of bid, but will be required before work can begin. Registration is required with the Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing, in accordance with Chapter 5A, Article 3, Section 12 of the West Virginia Code. All contractors submitting bids on project(s) must submit electronically with their bid a Proposal Guaranty Bond for \$500.00 or 5% of the total bid, whichever is greater.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation Division of Highways reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. The deferment, delay, postponement, and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened will be available on www.bidx.com.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation Division of Highways hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award.

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Call	Contract	State Project	Federal Project	Description
016	2022040009	S304-5-0.00 00	STP-0005(181)D	RESURFACING

GLENVILLE-BURNSVILLE RD
GILMER COUNTY LINE - 0.03 MILE W CO 35/3
COUNTY: BRAXTON

DBE GOAL: 12 % OF CONTRACT BID AMOUNT. BIDDER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCE OF MEETING GOAL ON FORM IN PROPOSAL.

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To: EARNEST HERRON, EARNEST HERRON, OCCUPANT, IRS, ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all unknown heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.
DISTRICT OTTER
MAP 7 P A R C E L 0001 0000
You will take notice that WVTJ LLC, the purchaser of tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-00000068, J A GROSE SUB 1 LOTS 69 70 71 72 300.0 X 250.0 X 3, located in OTTER, which was returned delinquent in the name of HERRON EARNEST LEE, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Braxton County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 26th day of October, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2023 will be as follows:
Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 31, 2023.-\$463.65
Amount of subsequent years taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2023.-\$350.82
Amount paid for Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2022 following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023.-\$1,090.37
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023.-\$267.85
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff – cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Lou Dellamea, Sheriff and Treasurer of Braxton County.-\$2,172.69
Cost of Certification of Redemption – cashier check, money order or certified check must be made

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NOTICE TO REDEEM 2021-S-00000079 - Braxton County – WVTJ LLC
To: JEREMY CLAYPOOLE, JEREMY CLAYPOOLE, JEREMY CLAYPOOLE, OCCUPANT, IRS, ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all unknown heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.
DISTRICT SALT LICK
MAP 14G PARCEL 0033 0004
You will take notice that WVTJ LLC, the purchaser of tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-00000079, 5AC FALL RUN, located in SALT LICK, which was returned delinquent in the name of CLAYPOOLE JEREMY, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Braxton County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 26th day of October, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2023 will be as follows:
Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 31, 2023.-\$153.62
Amount of subsequent years taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2023.-\$57.48
Amount paid for Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2022 following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023.-\$1,106.12
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023.-\$311.42
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff – cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Lou Dellamea, Sheriff and Treasurer of Braxton County.-\$1,628.64
Cost of Certification of Redemption – cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable John B.

McCuskey, State Auditor.-\$35.00 You may redeem at any time before March 31, 2023, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

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NOTICE TO REDEEM 2021-S-00000107 - Braxton County – JASON LANAGAN
To: TAMMIE GAY, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all unknown heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.
DISTRICT GASSAWAY CORP
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Tim Seagraves, Mill Manager of Weyerhaeuser Company/Heaters, John Cobb, head of Pleasant Hill Waterline Association, and Jimmy Jenkins, Raw Material Representative/ Forester Weyerhaeuser Company’s office in Heater’s West Virginia.

Weyerhaeuser Makes Year End Donation to Pleasant Hill Waterline Association

“We filled out the Weyerhaeuser Giving Fun Application before their September deadline posted on their company website and then in mid-December, we heard the good news that our Pleasant Hill Waterline Association was receiving a \$2,000 donation to help us get potable water to over 156 residents in Northeastern Braxton County”, said Brenda Gabby Gregory Association Treasurer.

“We did some research before we applied for a Giving grant from Weyerhaeuser Company, and found that they are one of the world’s largest private owners of timberlands in America. They have been around for a while, for more than 120 years as they started operations in the year 1900.”, continued Gregory.

“We also found that they own or control approximately 11 million acres of timberlands across the U.S. and manage additional timberlands under long-term licenses in Canada. Weyerhaeuser manages their timberlands on a sustainable basis in compliance with internationally recognized forestry standards. And they are also one of the largest manufacturers of wood products in North America.

So, sustainable forestry practices mean that Weyerhaeuser plants over 130-150 million trees every year from their multiple high quality seedling growing nurseries.

The Heaters West Virginia mill employs approximately 180 people and produces oriented

strand board (OSB). OSB is a construction panel made with layers of precision-manufactured wood “strands”.

These strands are arranged in layers for dimensional stability and bonded under heat and pressure. For additional moisture resistance, the panels are sealed on all four edges with an exterior grade adhesive resin.

The resulting engineered product is a high-quality, cost-effective 4’ X 8’ OSB panel for structural sheathing, subflooring, underlayment’s, webstock for I-beam floor joists, and other building components.

“When I visited the Heater’s Mill I learned from Tim Sagraves, the Mill Manager that that Weyerhaeuser works hard to support the local communities to ensure the places their employees live and work remain thriving communities in a number of ways.”, said John Cobb, President of the Pleasant Hill Waterline Association.

In addition, to donations through their Giving Fund, Weyerhaeuser allows their employees to log in many hours of local volunteer time for nonprofits and other organizations and projects in their towns and neighborhoods.

“I can attest to the Weyerhaeuser commitment to giving back to their operating communities through philanthropy and volunteerism as I serve on both the West Virginia Tree Farm Committee and the WV Division of Forestry Steward-

ship Committee with one of their employees Jimmy Jenkins.”, continued Cobb.

Both Jimmy and I know that our West Virginia forest owners are the foundation of our forest industry and that sustainable timber management is good for the landowner, forest health, loggers, lumberyards, Pulp and paper mills, Weyerhaeuser, along with other wood product producers and all of that boosts our state’s economy. So, it is great that Weyerhaeuser allows Jimmy Jenkins to volunteer on these two important committees.”, added Cobb.

“I have learned that Weyerhaeuser knows that their story and strength starts in the forest. Thankfully they have been growing, harvesting, and regrowing forests on a continuous cycle for 120 years and they know that their trees provide clean air and water, wildlife habitat, recreation, renewable energy, great jobs and thus a sustainable supply of wood for hundreds of products that people use every day.

We appreciate their donation of \$2,000 to our local work in Braxton County to bring potable water to over 150 of our citizens and for their employee volunteer time to make our communities better places to live.

Now when I drive by the Heaters Weyerhaeuser Mill, I will know that they also stand for a strong commitment to good community service.”, ended, Cobb.

Scholarship applications due February 1

The West Virginia State Garden Club, Inc. is offering scholarships to students studying in the fields of horticulture, floriculture, landscape design, botany, plant pathology, biology, forestry, agronomy, environmental concerns, city planning, land management, geology and/or allied subjects. High school seniors can apply for the \$500 Esther J. Hinchman scholarship through the following website <https://wvgardenclub.com/scholarships>. One of the requirements

is that the student is sponsored by a Garden Club. Judy’s Garden Club, Appalachian District would be happy to sponsor interested students. Just contact Pat McPherson at 304.678.6820. There are two scholarships for college juniors, seniors and graduate students studying horticulture/environmental fields and who plan to be employed in that field on graduation. The South Atlantic Region of National Garden Clubs funds the Corrie Whitlock Memorial Scholarship

and the South Atlantic Region Life Membership program. Logan White who currently works for the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers at Sutton Lake received this scholarship when he was a student at Marshall. He reapplied the next year and received the scholarship for a second year. More information and application procedures can be found at the same website <https://wvgardenclub.com/scholarships> or at www.southatlanticregiongardenclubs.org.

January events at the Sutton Public Library

Sutton Public Library is offering a new program in 2023 called Throwback Thursday where we allow the public to vote on our Facebook page for their favorite 80s film and we show the winning film. The first feature will be on January 19 at 4:30 P.M.

We are also asking for volunteers to help with our Annual Peanut Butter Egg Fundraiser in March! We ask that anyone interested contact the library or join us for the next Friends of the Library meeting on January 5th at 10:00 a.m. in

the library.
Some current events in January that are happening at the Sutton Public Library are: Friends of the Library – January 5 at 10:00 A.M., Library Board Meeting – January 10 at 5:00 P.M., and MLK

BC Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting Jan 10

Please be advised that the next meeting of the Braxton County Local Emergency Planning Committee is scheduled on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 12:00 noon at 3 Girls’ Dinner Restaurant.

Please advise us if you plan to attend. If you have any questions regarding this meeting, please feel free to email at braxtonlepc@gmail.com

SHS Alumni meeting Jan 8

The Sutton High School Alumni Association will hold its next meeting on Sunday, January 8, 2023 at Christ Church United Methodist in Sutton, starting at 2:00 pm.

Junior varsity Knights fail to overcome slow start again

By Shirley Shuman

Buckhannon’s jv squad defeated the Knights’ junior varsity 46-23 last week. Braxton coach Nick Long blamed the loss on a slow start caused by “many turnovers, missed shots, and a lack of intensity.” The coach said, “Buckhan-

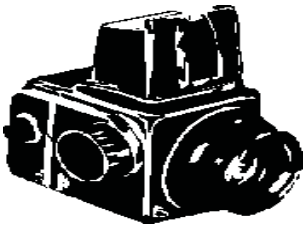
non Upshur led the entire game. The biggest obstacle was ourselves in the first half. We didn’t take care of the ball and focus on the game plan as we usually do. Buckhannon Upshur came out ready to play by making shots consistently with some of their

varsity players.” The result was a halftime score showing B-U up 31-7. In the second half, “after a revised game plan and a motivating halftime speech,” the Knights outscored their opponents but couldn’t complete a comeback. Their coach explained

that they did come out in the second half more focused and noted they “played hard.” Discussing the season so far, Coach Long said, “Turnovers and lack of offense consistency have been our weaknesses all year long. We continue to

work on all fundamentals and limiting turnovers. If this group can stay focused and stay more consistent in their efforts, they will continue to improve with their potential.” Scoring against Buckhannon-Upshur saw Zack McQuain

and Rayden Davis with 6 points each, Holden Lloyd and Cohen McPherson with 3 each. Jackson Lewis, and Josh Anderson each had 2 points, and Hunter Short 1. The Knights junior varsity team will host Summersville tonight.



Photos courtesy of Janet Six

A Photographic Look at...

Knights Varsity taking on Buckannon-Upshur Middle



Brady Toler



Ashton Stewart



Aidan Pritt



Landon Hart



Remington Huffman



Ryan Stalnaker

BCMS wrestlers have good showing in recent tournament

Bailee Minney experiences a first for Braxton girl wrestlers

In Glenville State’s Boys and Girls Championship Tournament Jan.28, the Knights wrestling team placed fourth out of 11 teams. In addition, Knight Bailee Minney became the first Braxton County Middle School girl to place in all girls’ bracket tournament. Minney finished second. At 86 lbs., Colton Putnam placed first overall. “All of our wrestlers gave 100 percent,” Coach Duane Wil-

liams said, “and really showed a lot of heart in some tough matches. I am really pleased with the growth and development I am seeing out of our wrestlers and am especially proud of the manner that they conduct themselves both when winning and losing matches.” The Knights’ next competition comes Saturday in the Braxton Bash which will be held in the BCMS gym.



Bailee Minney



Cameron Fleshman



Landon Mays



Skylar Duckworth



2022 Knights Wrestling Team



Colton Putnam



Jackson Wyne

Individual results for the Knights in the Glenville State tournament:		
Weight Class	Wrestler	Place
86	Colton Putnam	First
86	Skyler Moss	Third
102	Shaun Foster	Third
116	Landon Mays	Third
123	Jackson Wyne	Second
128 (girls)	Bailee Minney	Second
145	Skylar Duckworth	Third
190	Cameron Fleshman	Second

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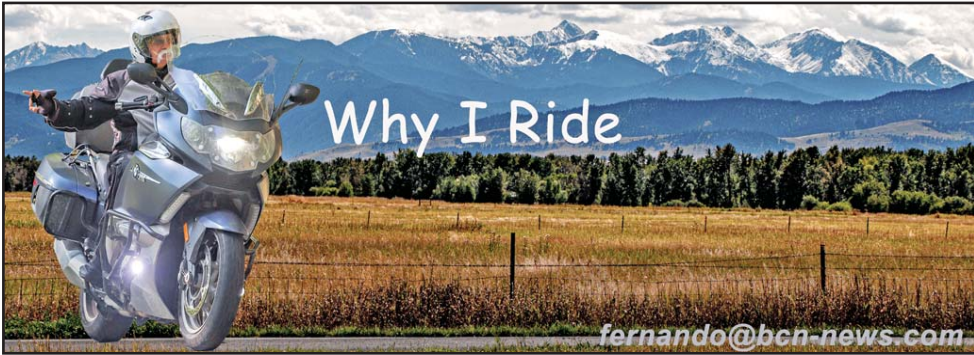
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Lane splitting, filtering, and the laws

Welcome to the first publishing of 2023. Hopefully, this will be the year we make up for not riding during the past year. It will be for me; I have not taken a long or short trip on my motorcycle in over two years. You may refer back to previous editions where I suggested must-do rides to ride. Write the dates on your calendar and start planning now. Make it happen safely.

I would like to begin the year by reviewing some of the existing laws that affect motorcyclists. The trend-du-jour involves lane splitting and lane filtering, subjects which present a decision conundrum for me, because I have mixed feelings about this. These will be covered during the second part of this article.

My first suggestion is that you browse through the latest WV Motorcycle Operator Manual and refresh your memory

about existing regulations that may avoid you getting stopped and ticketed. You may find the manual here: <https://driving-tests.org/west-virginia/west-virginia-motorcycle-manual/> Second, visit the Motorcycle Safety Foundation site and check out the information and tips section, and consider taking one of the Rider Courses: <https://msf-usa.org/library/> Find courses in WV here: <https://transportation.wv.gov/DMV/Safety/MSP/Pages/Rider-Courses.aspx>

If you would like to help create change within the motorcycling industry, then please join the American Motorcyclist Association. The AMA will keep you informed about proposed legislation affecting motorcyclists and give you a voice on the matter. <https://americanmotorcyclist.com/>

To stay safe, avoid the police, and protect

your rights in West Virginia, understanding a few basic rules. In West Virginia, all operators of motorcycles are required to be licensed and obey signs, traffic signals, and speed limits. Motorcycle operators must be seated on the permanently attached operator's seat and facing forward. Side-by-side (tandem) riding is permitted as long as this method of operating the motorcycles wouldn't otherwise be dangerous (due to road conditions, weather, etc.). Motorcycle riders and passengers in WV must wear a helmet that meets current ANSI Standard (Z90.1), and US DOT Standard No. 218 or Snell Safety Standards. You must wear shatter-resistant safety eye goggles, eyeglasses, or a face shield.

Motorcycles must be equipped with rearview mirrors, a horn, muffler and exhaust system, headlights that must be on all the time, and

ared brake light and a white light to illuminate the tag, and handlebars must be less than fifteen inches higher than the highest part of the seat. All motorcycles must be registered and insured in order to operate on WV roads. Of course, you need to be licensed.

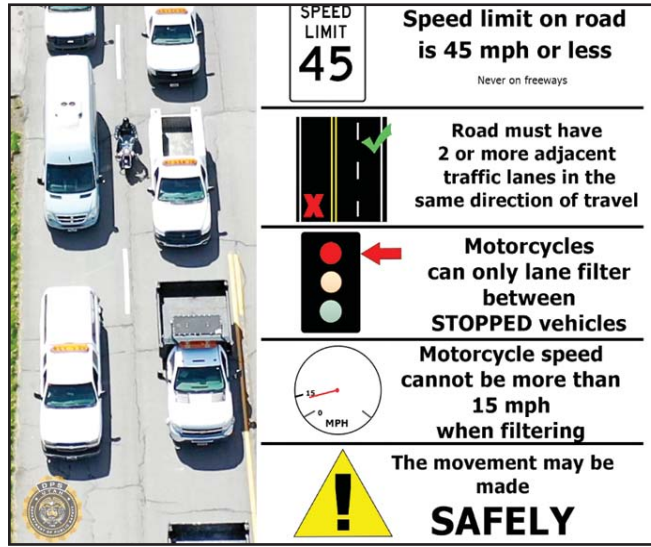
Lane splitting, also known as "white lining," arises when a rider passes one or more vehicles in the area between two traffic lanes. A study by the University of California Berkeley concluded that lane splitting may be safer for motorcyclists than riding in a lane during heavy traffic. Lane splitting avoids stopping in heavy traffic. My opinion: Lane splitting works great for small motorcycles and sports motorcycles, since these machines are narrow, light, and slim, and faster to respond to the rider's control. I have been in heavy traffic where lane splitting would have saved me time, however, my cruiser and other full dressers, both with saddle bags and wide pegs, present a pretty narrow band to travel on. I would be comfortable lane splitting, but I am not sure what the drivers of the vehicles are going to do. All it would take would be one vehicle veering left or right and we would make a Fernando/BMW sandwich. This maneuver requires one

to have experience riding, or a death wish. As of this writing, California is the only state where lane splitting is officially legal and motorcycle accidents from being rear-ended are 30% lower than Florida, where lane-splitting is illegal. You decide.

Lane filtering is performed at a much lower speed between stopped or very slow-moving motor vehicles to get to the front of the pack, typically at an intersection with signals. Lane filtering is

prohibited between ongoing traffic lanes and parked cars. In both instances, the rider must be sure that there is enough space to travel without colliding with another vehicle, mostly taking outside mirrors and guessing what the drivers might do while one is traveling between them.

As well as driving and riding, lane splitting and lane filtering are privileges, not God-given rights, so ride safely and intelligently.



Lane filtering.



Lane splitting.



Sungold tomatoes.



Cabbage



Head of lettuce.

On the Other Side of the Mountain



Broccoli bed from 2022.

What a change in temperatures! It means not carrying hot water to the barns, wearing only a heavy sweatshirt, not three other layers below it, no warm hat, no snow boots, just regular ones. Now that's a huge change, crazy weather for end of December and beginning of January. If the saying still applies that people are as crazy as the weather, we should get prepared. I thought we were crazy before but I guess there is no limit to human lunacy. Welcome to extremes!

First week of January, time to seriously consider what to plant in next year's garden. We have kind of figured out what we need and like.

If I have any advice for any gardeners, it would be, only plant what you like, except if you want to try something new that piques your interest and you want to try it. I say that because tending a garden is no small undertaking. It involves planning crops so that they follow a recommended rotation to reduce insects, fungi and other diseases that might

have affected the crop growing there before. Different crops have different nutrient requirements and rotation helps not to totally deplete some nutrients that were high in demand by the previous planting. It helps to keep a record of what was growing and where in the garden. It should be accessible four years back. Rotations are recommended for a 10 year term, but in a home garden 10 years of planting crops in a different spot every year is almost impossible. We aim for a 4-year rotation.

Seed catalogs are piling up on our shelf. Seeds are now very expensive, so ordering from different catalogs can make it more expensive, because small seed orders have higher mailing costs, while some orders over a certain amount (\$100 or more dollars) sometimes offer free shipping. This causes a dilemma for the picky gardener who wants one particular seed that is only available from one seed company. If you are fussy and particular about your seed collection, then be

ready to pay for it. If you belong to a garden club, maybe you can put in orders together.

Only Burpee's carries the early baring fruit tomato, called Fourth of July. It is a hybrid, the fruit is about the size of a golf-ball, gets to be about 36" to 40" tall. I like it because it is very early, prolific and disease resistant. When we can't keep up eating what it produces, we dry them. Another early tomato is Sungold, a hybrid, bearing early and abundantly, growing up to 10' tall with its fruit shaped like a big grape tastes super-sweet, like candy. It is available from many seed companies. Tomato lovers recommend many different varieties as the best one, like Cherokee Green, Brandywine, Sungold and more, but taste preferences can vary from person to person. As far as canning goes for tomato paste, we favor the Roma variety, it never disappoints.

The easiest broccoli to grow is Packman, available from Park's and Jung's and a few other catalogs. It is not only the easiest, but the earliest variety, forming large solid heads. Green Magic is heat tolerant, developing large heads about a week later than Packman.

Waltham is an open pollinated broccoli, first appearing in 1954. It matures about 7 weeks later than Packman. One of the newer kids on the block is Belstar, widely adaptable as far down as Florida. Broccoli and all its relatives, Broccoli Raab (stems, small buds and leaves all

edible). Romanesco Broccoli which looks like a mixture of broccoli and cauliflower or Chinese Broccoli which is slightly bitter and looks more like kale are all green, leafy vegetables that are powerhouses of nutrients and anti-carcinogenic.

Lettuce is another staple for many of us. There is loose-leaf lettuce that comes in many colors, from light green to dark red. Green Ice is a curly, tender, heat resistant type that does well under various conditions. Of course head lettuce which takes longer to grow is a delicacy. Head lettuce gets its name from its dense, rosette-shaped structure, which we call a "head". It does well when started indoors in February or early March, then transplanted outside in April. It can also be seeded outside in April. Look for Butterhead, Skyphos, Muir (does well even in summer).

We also grow two different types of cabbages. They only differ in the amount of time it takes to reach maturity, a firm, solid head. Early Jersey Wakefield or Early Dutch Flat are good choices for early cabbages. They mature in about 70 days. For winter keepers choose Late Flat Dutch seeds, a slow growing, late maturing (120 days) type. Of course some red cabbages enrich our diet too. We usually cook them with some apples, then add a tbs of vinegar to emphasize its red color.

I only covered a few popular crops, but don't forget carrots, beets.

squashes, onions, leeks, parsnips, cucumbers, celery, celeriac and annual flower-seeds for the pollinators.

Gurney's, Park's, Johnny's, Burpee's, Seeds'n Such, Territorial, High Mowing, Pinetree, Harris, Baker Creek and Seed Saver are just a few catalogs that showed up in our mailbox.

It takes some effort to order seeds but it is nothing compared to growing and taking care of them. At the moment we have March weather, the grass is growing, the daffodils are up about a quarter of an inch, we only have one small fire going in the house, but your guess of what lays ahead is as good as mine.



Some seed catalogs, no specific preference.

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