

County Girls Scouts Wrap Up 2022; Look to New Year

The Frametown and Flatwoods Girl Scout Troops wrapped up service to their community in November. They retired US Flags, their family life became busy with the holidays, a couple of Frametown Girl Scouts were able to attend the First Annual Tree Lighting of the Braxton EMS in December where they participated in ornament making and decoration of the tree.

Frametown Girl Scouts hosted the annual Braxton/Gilmer Service Unit Christmas Dinner. They invited all their sister girl scouts to join them in a Yankee swap, dinner and tree ornament making to be donated and placed on the Frametown Community Center tree. The girls made silver and gold ornaments to remind them to make new friends but keep the old ones.

The troops is getting ready for 2023, after having to stop meetings and activities due to the outbreak of covid since 2019. Scouts are filled with motivation to build up the Braxton community as the girls will be organizing events and activities to reverse the previous years.

Flatwoods troop plans on teaming up with Holly Gray Park and Burnsville Dam to help the parks by cleaning up trash. As a troop activity, they will be completing swimming lessons to attend a camp

at Ace Adventures this summer. They would also like to focus on their troop bridging or moving up of girl levels this year.

Frametown troop is planning on teaming up with Judy's Garden club to do up keep on the Middle School nature trail located behind the school grounds and continue the community beautification and trash pickups through the WV Dept of Environmental Protection and REAP, along with improving the Frametown Community Center and youth activities. Some of the juniors and cadets will be working on the highest awards of their grade levels through the Girl Scouts of Black Diamond Council, in hopes of incorporating grants and donations to improve community engagement through their ideas. Some of their project ideas include, a nature trail, jungle gym and a fire circle however they will have to wait till later this year to hear about those plans upon approval from the GS Council.

Both Frametown and Flatwoods troops will continue to collect can tabs for the Ronald McDonald Houses in Charleston and Morgantown. In addition, US Flags will be retired during the annual Veterans Day retirement.

All Braxton\Gilmer Girl Scouts are gearing up for the big Girl Scout Cookie Kick off! They will

attend Cookie Palooza Jan. 20, 2023 and begin cookie pre-order sales by rotating through stations in groups to learn the five skills for running a successful business. Girl Scouts learn five skills in selling our famous girl scout cookies; Goal Setting, Decision Making, Money Management, People Skills and Business Ethics. Learning these skills teach the girls how to run a successful business and set goals. Most goals include how to spend their money as a group, which usually are community services, learning projects to earn badges, educational trips and camps. Don't worry, the girls will explain if you can't eat cookies how you can still help them achieve their goal and help send cookies through the Gift of Caring. Where cookies are sent to the WV Gold Star Mothers Association, of women who have lost sons and daughters in the military.

Come January 19th when the cookie sale begin, girls will be out door to door taking orders till February 24th and will deliver those orders the beginning of March. During March troops within the two counties will set up cookie booths to sell cookies on hand at different local locations including Walmart in Flatwoods. Please consider supporting these girls as they learn not only a business trait, but a lifelong skill of old fashion working to raise money for what they need or want. Anyone looking for a troop selling cookies in their area should contact Jennifer Butcher of the Frametown Girl Scouts as well as Cookie Product Chair of Braxton/Gilmer Service Unit, by text or calling her at 304-644-6645 or message the Frametown Community Center Facebook page!



Mountaineer FB Announces 2023 Mobile Food Pantry Dates

The Mountaineer Food Bank has announced the upcoming 2023 Mobile Food Pantry Dates for Braxton County. All Mobile Food Pantry's will take place at Holly Gray Park at 401 Co. Rte 15/9, Sutton, WV 2601 from 11:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

Mobile Food Pantry Dates are as follows with subject to change: February 7, April 4, June 6, August 15, October 3 and December 5. Please visit the Mountaineer Food Bank website for the most up to date announcements at

<https://www.mountaineerfoodbank.org/mobile-food-pantry>.

Mountaineer Food Bank provides food and other household items to over 460 feeding programs in 48 counties in West Virginia. These programs include food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, senior programs, Veterans Table programs, mobile pantry programs, school food pantry and backpack programs.

Mobile Pantries provide food to "food deserts" where food access

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

Hosted by churches, schools, and community centers, a Mobile Pantry can feed between 100 and 1,000 households.

As a Feeding America food bank, MFB is able to bring in donations from donors across the country by the truckload to distribute into West Virginia. Our partnership allows us to work with retail stores such as Walmart and Kroger in our local communities to reduce food waste and provide much needed produce and dairy.

Like and follow the Mountaineer Food Bank on Facebook to learn more about feeding West Virginia.



Mountaineer Food Bank provided food for 270 families at the December Braxton County Mobile Pantry.



Braxton Bash Wrestling Tournament Deemed Success

Knights Wrestlers Finish Third Out of 12 Teams

By Shirley Shuman

The Braxton Bash, held in the BCMS gym last Saturday, featured twelve teams. Knights' coach Duane Williams explained that of the 12 expected teams, one was

a no-show, but an All-Star team was created out of junior varsity wrestlers from each of the 11 teams present "to fill in the gap and maintain the tournament count."

The Knights, the third smallest team in Saturday's tournament, placed third as they defeated Logan Middle, Western Greenbrier Middle, and Triadelphia Middle. Blennerhassett Middle won the tournament, and Elkview Middle took second.

Coach Williams com-

mented that "a lot of [his] wrestlers really step[ped] up to win some big matches to help us get to third place." He added, "Even though we were the third smallest team at the meet, you wouldn't know it by how we performed. As the season progresses, I am seeing a lot of growth out of our wrestlers and am really looking forward to the next few weeks where we will be competing at our conference championship and the WSAZ tournament in Huntington."

Braxton Magistrate Report

Magistrate Beth Smith

January 3: James Scott Gerber, Jr. of Sutton, no seatbelt, no contest plea, fine assessed and paid; Sara E. Conley of Sutton, no seatbelt, guilty plea, fine assessed and paid; Thomas C. Rauch of Reno, NV, speeding, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed and paid.

January 4: Sherry Darlene Landers of French Creek, breaking without entering, conspiracy, warrant issued, bond set at \$10,000 cash or surety.

January 9: George Thomas Plymale of Erbacon, domestic battery, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$1500 cash or surety; Jeffrey Martin Lough of Sutton, trespassing asked to leave, warrant issued, bond set at \$1500 personal recognizance; Heather Kristen Hall of Morgantown, contraband into jail, preliminary hearing waived, transferred to circuit court; Darrell L. Carpenter, Jr. of Webster Springs, prohibited person in possession of firearm, guilty plea, petit larceny, dismissed per plea, 90 days of jail with credit for time served of 35 days, court costs assessed; Dylan Hayhurst of Summersville, battery on government official x2, dismissed.

Magistrate David Singleton

January 3: Charles Dalporto of Charleston, speeding, guilty plea, possession of marijuana, guilty plea, fines/court costs assessed and paid; William K. Keener, II of Burnsville, domestic battery, guilty plea, domestic assault, dismissed per plea, 90 days of jail with credit for time served of two days, remainder suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation, fine/court costs assessed.

January 4: David Jason McCumbers of Arnoldsburg, no proof of insurance, dismissed proof provided; Dylan Cogar of Summersville, expired MVI, dismissed proof provided, expired registration, dismissed proof provided; Calvin Keith Gross, Jr. of Sutton, littering on wildlife management area, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; Charles Alvin White of Birch River, no proof of insurance, guilty plea, no operators, guilty plea, fines/court costs assessed; Francis Matthew Cork, Jr. of West Union, expired MVI, guilty plea, fine/court costs assessed; Susan M. Benaquista of Pittsburg, PA, speeding, guilty plea, fine/court costs assessed and paid; Sherry E. Smyth of Sutton, no seatbelt, fine assessed and paid; Amanda Sue Harper of Frametown, possession of controlled substance, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; Frank Darrow Cook of Bessemer City, NC, electronically register deer before hunting.

January 5: Damian Rice of Union, SC, speeding, guilty verdict, fine/court costs assessed; Kenneth H. Gianettino of Clarksburg, speeding, guilty plea, fine/court costs assessed and paid; Penny Ann Floyd of Sutton, shoplifting, guilty plea, fine/court costs assessed and paid; Jurnel Turrell Williams of Charleston, possession of counterfeit bills, conspiracy, warrant issued, bond set at \$25,000 cash only; Lloyd Ethelberth Style, Jr. of Charlotte, NC, possession of counterfeit bills, conspiracy, warrant issued, bond set at \$25,000 cash only; Lonniesha Desiree White of Charlotte, NC, possession of counterfeit bills, conspiracy, warrant

issued, bond set at \$25,000 cash only; Russell Glen Moore, Jr. of Charleston, contraband into jail, warrant issued, bond set at \$5000 cash or surety; Courtney Michelle Amick of Beckley, contraband into jail, warrant issued, bond set at \$5000 cash or surety; Michael F. Sloan of Fairmont, possession of wildlife, guilty plea, fine/court costs assessed.

January 6: Jeffery Lough of Sutton, no seatbelt, guilty plea fine assessed and paid; Charles E. Wood of Erbacon, possession of controlled substance, dismissed-deferred sentence, six months unsupervised probation, court costs assessed.

January 9: Martin Craig Cogar of Flatwoods, defective equipment, dismissed-fixed, no proof of insurance, dismissed proof provided; Roshiv R. Giri of Parkville, MD, speeding, guilty plea, fine/court costs assessed and paid.

January 10: Diana Metes of Pittsburgh, PA, speeding, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed and paid; William Ray Justice of Burnsville, DUI, dismissed, state does not wish to prosecute per agreement with parole officer, Michael P. Greene of Sutton, possession of meth, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$3000 personal recognizance; John Keith Bowman of Gassaway, wrong way on one way street, guilty plea, fine/court costs assessed; Daniel A. Martine of Bridgeport, speeding, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; David M. Slykhuiss of Manassas, VA, speeding, reckless driving, not guilty plea.



Legislative Update

By Delegate Brent Boggs

The flu came calling at our home this week, hitting our family, extended family, and my parents. At this writing, everyone has been checked and is on the mend. Thankfully, we all had flu vaccines, so the results could have been much more severe.

This Wednesday at Noon, the gavels of the House Speaker and Senate President will drop and the First Regular Session of the 86th West Virginia Legislature will be officially underway. At this writing on Sunday afternoon, the January interim meetings are proceeding for returning members. For the new delegates-elect and senators-elect, the next few days will be an intense schedule of new member orientation. It historically consists of the basics of scheduling; bill drafting; communications; committee assignments; House, Senate, and Joint rules; order of business; ethics; expenses and payroll information; parking spaces; floor seating; office assignments; and a host of other info relevant to doing the job as delegate or Senator. It's overwhelming but necessary and motivating. That's what is great about a citizen's legislature.

This week, I want to continue with some of the issues that are about to hit the floor for introduction early in the session.

First, the issue of motor vehicle inspection stickers. A couple of members in House leadership seem to be obsessed with the elimination of inspection stickers. Year after year, they run bills to modify or eliminate the process. Some of their usual excuses include: (a) vehicles are now more dependable and no longer needed; (b) attempting to impugn the integrity of mechanics and inspection stations; (c) undue burden on motorists; and (d) most everyone now does their own repairs.

Personally, the evidence presented year after year clearly shows that the annual inspections catch many defects for motorists and help law enforcement keep defective ve-

hicles off the road. I've never personally found the inspection sticker process a nuisance. Quite the contrary, I still do lots of my own repairs, but there is no substitute for another set of experienced eyes on vehicle systems and parts that most people never see or check. And, as more and more people are keeping their vehicles longer due to the high cost of new cars and trucks, even the most well-maintained vehicle can have unexpected and undetected problems. At best, a problem may make you late for work. Worst case, accidents, injuries, or traffic fatalities can be the result.

Additionally, a small portion of each sticker goes to support our WV State Police. Certainly a most worthy cause at a time when we need to keep trooper numbers to full strength, continue new classes of recruits, and ensure their safe vehicles and top-rate equipment. Also, the cost of doing the inspection by a participating inspection station mechanic is not totally covered by the small amount paid to the inspection station. It is done as a service to the driving public.

One never knows how a new legislature will address the issue, but we will likely find out early in the session. Past practice indicates it will be referenced to the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee; then Finance, subject to change by the Speaker.

On Wednesday evening, the State of the State Address will give the Governor his first official opportunity of 2023 to articulate his agenda and tax reform plans to the citizens of West Virginia. The Senate Finance Chairman has already boldly stated that the Senate will go its own way. Regardless of what transpires at the end of 60 days, there are high expectations of a reasonable plan to eliminate the personal property tax on motor vehicles without causing havoc with county budgets. The only reliable method to ensure revenue stays

in the counties will be some mechanism to rebate this amount back to taxpayers. I'm concerned that any plan that sends county funds to the state first could eventually lead to local tax increases when these high state revenue surpluses vanish. Sooner or later, they will.

In addition, the Governor, Senate and House each have definite ideas of how they desire to reform state income tax rates. I think that is a great idea, but for the past several years, plans put forth seem to always disproportionately favor income tax earners at the upper end of the tax tables. Some of the proposals over the last several years simply left behind low and middle-income working families. Any plans considered should provide substantially more relief to senior citizens veterans, working families and small businesses. That should be the starting point for any plan.

The plans laid out thus far could change, but only if the bulk of the rank-and-file members in both houses exercise their prerogative to amend better ideas into tax reform bills in committees or on the floor. Despite the lopsided majority-minority numbers, let's hope bipartisanship can once be given a chance to flourish and succeed.

Finally, many readers have reached out to ask how my dad is doing after taking a fall recently. Both he and mom are continuing to have health difficulties and I respectfully ask for your continued prayers for their health. They truly set the example of love and devotion between a husband and wife, now at seventy-two years of marriage and counting.

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.

Being a grandfather was his pride and joy in life, and he was the best toy connoisseur and fishing pole Papaw. He was a master mechanic in Gassaway. He also owned and operated the FF2000 Raceway in Birch River for many years. He got his name "Flyin Fred" from his time as a race car driver. He enjoyed listening to all kinds of music including gospel hymns. He was a Christian by faith.

He will be forever remembered by his wife of 46 years, Wanda Jean Perrine Mowery; sons, Chris(Samantha) Mowery of Gassaway, Sam (Ashlee) Mowery of Flatwoods; grandchildren, Conner, Carter, Dallas and Daniel; sister, Suzie (Bobby) Facemire of Gassaway; half-sister, Paula of Newark, Ohio; and many of his loving friends.

Fred's graveside service will be 1 P.M. Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at Sugar Creek Cemetery, Gassaway with Reverend Mike Hoover and Reverend Austin White officiating.

A Celebration of Fred's life will be held at a later date.

Words of comfort and fond memories may be

extended to the family at www.roachfuneral-home.com.

Emory Richard Hamrick

Emory Richard Hamrick, 76 of Webster Springs passed away Thursday, January 5, 2023. Richard was born October 18, 1946 in Bergoo

and was the son of the late Lloyd and Velve Hamrick.

Along with his parents he was preceded in death by the mother of his children, Linda Morgan Hamrick, daughter, Rebecca Hamrick and siblings Elzie and Earlus Hamrick and Edna Cowell.

Richard was a United States Army Veteran and served during Vietnam. He was a retired sandblaster. Richard enjoyed hunting, fishing, and running around with his buddy Bill Triplett who passed in 2019.

Surviving are his children, Adam Hamrick, Joanna (Joe) Harris; brother, Eugene Hamrick; sisters, Loretta Cable and Edie Hamrick; grandchildren Brandy, Kristina, Brandon, Hannah, J.J., M.J., Harlie, Morgan, Malachi, Eva and Waylon and also 5 great grandchildren.

Service was 2:00 PM, Sunday, January 8, 2023 at Dodd & Reed Funeral Home, Webster Springs with Pastor Marty Cowger officiating. Burial with military honors followed at Meadowland Cemetery, Bergoo. Friends joined the family for visitation 6-9 PM Saturday 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 Hamrick family.

Helen Louise Jarrell

Helen Louise Jarrell, 91, of Frametown, passed away January 1, 2023 at Clay Healthcare Center, Ivydale, WV.

Private family burial was held Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at Sugar Creek Cemetery, Frametown, WV.

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

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

Evelyn Brady

Evelyn Brady 91 of Scott Depot, West Virginia, formerly from Sutton, Braxton County, West Virginia passed away December 24, 2022 after a short illness.

She was born June 24, 1931 was the daughter of the late Ernest and Wilsie Groves. She's the last of her siblings. She was a devoted Christian and a member of the Church of Christ in Scott Depot.

Addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Ferris Brady, her only daughter, Susie Hughes, brothers Garner, Sherman, Coble, Bud, and Farrell Groves, her sisters, Juanita Harris, Annavie Duckworth, Lorraine Pennington, and Dolly Cross.

Evelyn is survived by her three granddaughters Penny Dean of Florida,

Kim Rollyson of Wilsie, and Amy Slaughter at Sutton.

She had six great grandkids and five great great grandkids.

Graveside services were held on December 30 at 1 PM at Bealls Mill Cemetery in Gassaway with Pastor Gene Miller and Jack Gilchrist officiating. Arrangement was done by Roach Funeral Home.

Darrius James "Jamie" Nottingham, Jr.

Darrius James "Jamie" Nottingham, Jr. otherwise known as Hollywood, passed away on Saturday, December 31, 2022. He was born on June 3, 1961 in Gassaway to the late Darrius James Nottingham, Sr. and Monna Sue Jarvis Nottingham.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his half-brother, Denny Nottingham.

Jamie had a friendly way about him. He loved life, knew many friends and enjoyed being outdoors. He was a dog lover of four stray dogs. Jamie also enjoyed riding his Harley motorcycle. In his life, he worked as a lineman in Florida and at Todd's shipyard in San Pedro, California and also did electrician work.

He will be forever remembered by his son, Jesse Nottingham, of Florida; daughter, Annamarie Nottingham of North Carolina; three grandchildren; one great granddaughter; brother, Roger Nottingham; half-brother, Steve Nottingham (Dorene); sisters, Diana Nottingham and Lisa Nottingham; half-sisters, Shonnice Phipps and Vickie Burnette; many nieces and nephews; and his four beloved dogs.

Jamie's graveside service will be 1 P.M. Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at Sirk Cemetery, Duck with Reverend Johnny Conrad officiating.

Arrangements by Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway, WV.

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

Terry James Carr

Terry James Carr, 71, of Gassaway passed away Monday, January 2, 2023 at Braxton Health Care Center, Sutton. He was born March 31, 1951 in Sutton to the late Perry James "Bud" Carr and Betty Jo Squires Carr.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his son, Terry James "TJ" Carr II.

Terry was a Christian by faith. In his life he was an over the road trucker who drove for companies in Braxton and surrounding counties and several other states. He enjoyed riding in his side by side and tractor. In his younger days he like to go mudding. Camping and hunting were also his pastimes. He enjoyed watching Gunsmoke and playing BINGO. He had an affection for his cats and dog. Terry was a past member of the Gassaway Volunteer Fire Department.

He will be forever re-

membered by his wife, Roxanna Coleman Carr of Sutton; daughter, Amber Hoad (Nathan Hammons) of Lewisburg; brother, Patrick Carr (Shannon) of Sutton; sister, Nancy Carr of Gassaway; grandchildren Halie Reeder, Kalyn Carr (Braden), and Joshua Carr; one great granddaughter, Avienna Reeder; and one expecting great grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

Terry's funeral was 1 P.M. Friday, January 6, 2023 at Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway with Pastor Rodney England officiating. Interment followed in the James M. Carr Cemetery, Belfont.

Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial donations be made to the Braxton County Animal Shelter, 10 Animal Shelter Lane, Sutton, WV 26601.

Special thanks to all the staff at Braxton Health Care Center and Pastor Rodney England.

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

Judith Ann Long

Judith Ann Long, 71, of Weston, formerly of Little Birch and Gassaway, passed away on Friday, January 6, 2023 at Bridgeport Health Care Center surrounded by family.

She was born February 1, 1951 in Gassaway to the late James L. Jeffries and Wanda Belle Propst Jeffries.

Judith married her high school sweetheart and the love of her life, Darrell. After her own children started school, she went to Clarksburg Beauty Academy and was a hair dresser for over 20 years. She was President of the PTA, girl scout leader and homeroom mom. She was also active in the Christ Church United Methodist in Sutton doing the Angel Tree project and many church projects while she attended there. Judith was truly selfless and generous to a fault, giving her all to help and encourage others. Her grandchildren were her pride and joy. She was a seamstress who also enjoyed baking and being outdoors. In her later years she enjoyed connecting and reconnecting on social media with her friends and family.

Left to cherish her memories are her husband of 54 years, Darrell Long; daughter, Libby Martin-Long and wife, Sherry, of Lake Ridge, Virginia; son, Darrell Long II and wife, Lesi, of DeLand, Florida; grandchildren, Kayla Long and fiancé, Charles Davis, Hannah Marie Martin-Long and Jamie Elizabeth Martin-Long; one great grandchild, Rhygel Semper Long-Davis; brother, Gary Jeffries and wife, Lynn, of Gassaway; half-brother, Frankie Jeffries (Hazel) of Gassaway.

Judith's visitation will be 6 to 8 P.M. Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway.

Her funeral service will be 11 A.M. Wednesday, January 11th at the funeral home with Reverend Dr. John Allen officiating.

Interment will follow in the Skidmore Cemetery.

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Obituaries

Charles Fredrick "Flyin' Fred" Mowery

Charles Fredrick "Flyin' Fred" Mowery, 72, of Gassaway passed away on Friday, January 6, 2023 at WVU United Hospital Center, Bridgeport due to an extended illness.

He was born September 9, 1950 in Sutton to the late Dallas "Bubby" Mowery and Pauline Lois James Mowery.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his two infant twin brothers, Tom Mowery and Jerry Mowery; sister, Sheila Kay McCord and brother-in-law, Kenneth McCord.

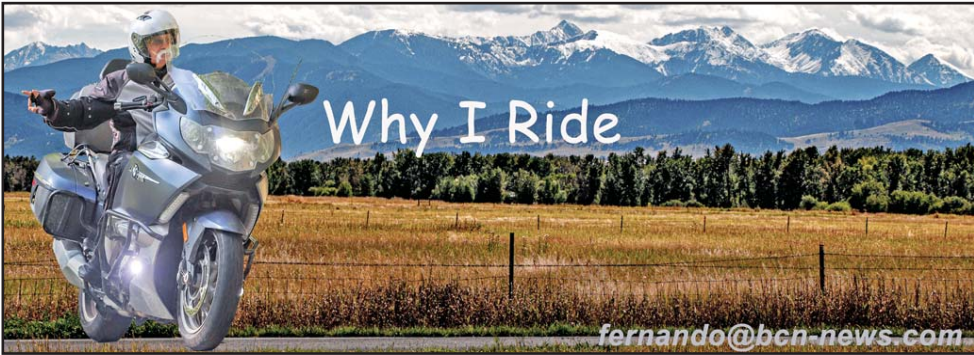
Fred had many friends and was a great neighbor with a giving heart.

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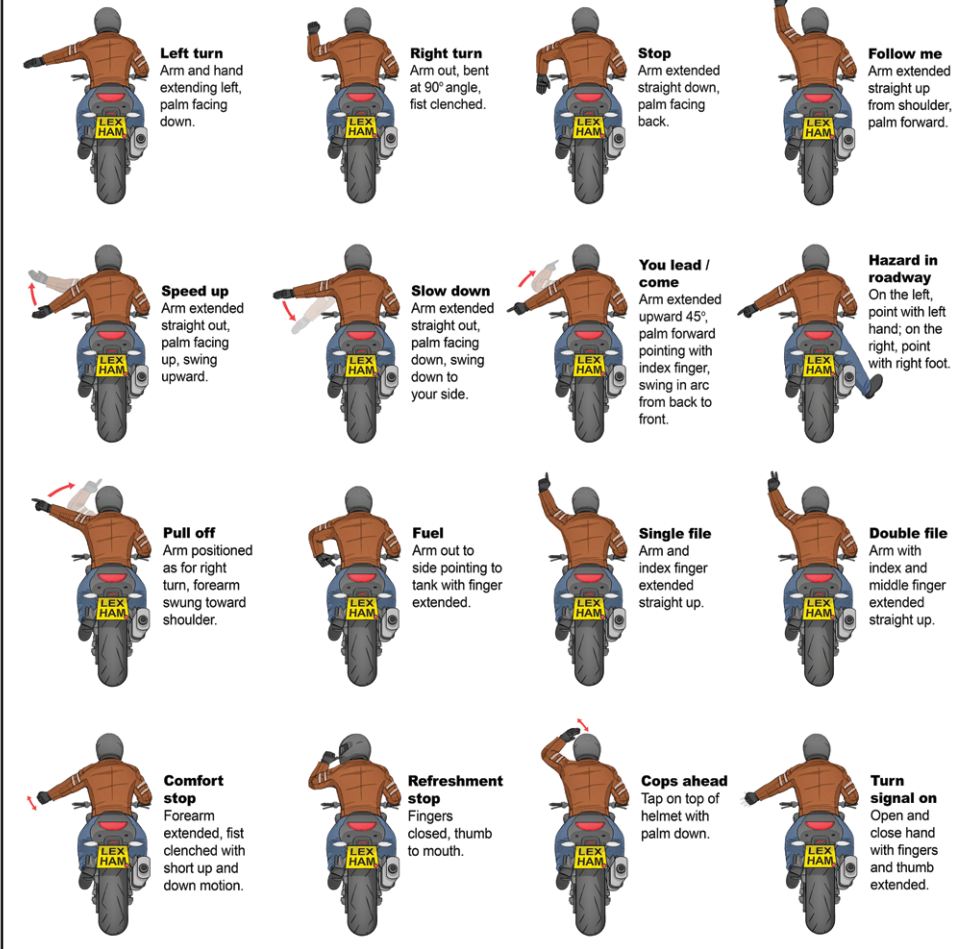
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Hand Signals Chart



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Motorcycle Memes, Sayings, and Hand Signals?

You may think using hand signals on a motorcycle is a thing of the past or for cycle-nerds. Well, you'll be surprised to learn how useful hand signals are while riding, to the extent of possibly saving your life or avoiding a ticket. The chart of hand signals somewhere on this page illustrates the most commonly used traditional hand signals while one rides. I borrowed the chart from Lexham Insurance in the UK. Check it out, it's self-explanatory. Others not-so-traditional, but used and useful include: the biker wave, index and middle finger of their left hand towards the ground, is how we say hello to each other; thumbs up or down, ask another rider if they are OK; Thumb and index finger forming a circle, remaining three fingers up in the air means all is OK

What is a meme? A meme is a cultural piece of media that is shared online, often with the intention of invoking certain emotions, such as being humorous. Memes are most often images or videos but can also be just text. The pictures con-

tain some of my favorite memes. Not enough space here for too many, however, if you want to laugh, Google "Motorcycle Memes" and have a good time!

Finally, some funny motorcycle quotes and sayings. Hey, you know, it's early in the year. Gimme a break!

Happiness Isn't Around the Corner. Happiness is the Corner.

Riding a Motorcycle is Like Art: Something You Do Because You Feel Something Inside.

To Ride or Not to Ride? That is a Stupid Question.

Sometimes it Takes a Whole Tank of Fuel Before You Can Think Straight.

Young Riders Pick a Destination and Go. Old Riders Pick a Direction and Go.

Life is Not About Waiting for the Storms to Pass. It's About Learning to Ride in the Rain.

When Life Throws You a Curve...Lean Into It, Pick Your Line, and Keep Your Weight on the Outside Peg.

Some See a therapist. I ride.

Happiness is a Motorcycle, a Full Tank of Gas,

and Twisty Roads.

Don't Let the Fear of What Could Happen Make Nothing Happen.

You Live More For Five Minutes Going Fast on a Bike Than Other People Do in All of Their Life.

I Ride Way Too Fast to Worry About Cholesterol.

Nobody on a Motorcycle Ever Said "Are We There yet"

"On my tombstone they will carve, "It never got fast enough for me." Hunter S. Thompson.

"Note to self: Never ride a motorcycle in stilettos and a miniskirt." Maggie Grace.

"My first car was a motorcycle." Adam Carolla.

"It wasn't until I went to college and I got my first motorcycle that I understood the thrill of speed." Vin Diesel.

"God didn't create metal so that man could make paper clips!" Harley Davidson.

"I asked God for a bike, but I know God doesn't work that way. So I stole a bike and asked for forgiveness." Emo Philips.

Sometimes you just gotta say (fill in the blank).

Ride safely and intelligently.

Elk Conservation District Announce Plant and Tree Sale

Fruit Trees \$20.00 Each
Apple: Cortland, Crimson Crisp, Golden Delicious, Granny Smith, Honey Crisp, Yellow Transparent, Cherry: Benton and Emperor Francis, Peach: John Boy and Redhaven, Pear: Potomac and Shenandoah, Plum: Methley and Stanley

Berry Plants
Arapaho Blackberry

\$6.00 Each, Blue Ray and Elliot Blueberry \$7.00 Each, Heritage Red Raspberry \$4.50 Each, Jewel Black Raspberry \$4.75 Each, Ozark Beauty (Everbearing) Strawberry \$0.75 Each, Jewel (June Bearing) Strawberry \$0.75 Each.

Seedlings \$2.00 Each
Chinese Chestnut, Blue Spuce, Scotch Pine, and White Pine.

Quantities are limited and sold on a first-come first-served basis. Call the Elk River Conservation District at (304)765-2535 or email ecd@wvca.us to inquire of availability and/or to obtain an order form and descriptions.

Pick up will be March 28 and 29th of 2023.

Order deadline will be on Friday, March 10, 2023.

Braxton County Students Graduate from Glenville State University

Five Braxton County students have received their degrees from Glenville State University as members of the Winter 2022 graduating class.

Seth Arnold of Burnsville graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Health and Human Performance with a major in Health Promotion.

Cody Dobbins of Gassaway graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Education degree in Health

and Physical Education (PreK-Adult).

Raven Friend of Exchange graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Education degree in Elementary Education (K-6) and Multi-Categorical Special Education (K-6).

Kassidy Heavner of Burnsville graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Education degree in Elementary Education (K-

6) and General Science Education (5-9).

Nathan Smarr of Sutton graduated with a Regents Bachelor of Arts degree.

Founded in 1872, Glenville State University is a public liberal arts university located in Glenville, West Virginia. The institution offers a variety of traditional and online degree programs and several NCAA Division II athletic teams.



Brenda Burroughs, Linda Brown, and Donald Burroughs at the WVFB Annual Meeting

Braxton County Farm Bureau attends WVFB Annual Meeting

More than 200 members and friends of the West Virginia Farm Bureau (WVFB) gathered on November 13-15, 2022 at the Ogleby Park in Wheeling, WV to conduct their 103 Annual Meeting. Among those attending were Braxton County Farm Bureau Members, Linda Brown, Brenda and Donald Burroughs.

The most important activity conducted during the Annual Meeting is the review of current policies and the addition of new policies by the voting delegates. The policies adopted by the WVFB delegates

originate at the grassroots level and define the organization's position on a variety of concerns, including taxes, highways and public issues.

Elections for state leadership positions were held on the last day of the meeting. The voting delegates chose Charles Wilfong of Pocahontas County to serve as president and Woody Ireland of Ritchie County to serve as vice president.

For more information about this event or about how to join Braxton County Farm Bureau, please contact Donald

Burroughs-President at 304-765-7030. Braxton County meets the third Monday of each month at the Flatwoods Community Building (6 PM during winter months and 7 PM after Spring time change). We are in need of renewal and new members to our organization; please consider joining.

West Virginia Farm Bureau was founded in 1919 to provide leadership, education, information, training and economic services to county Farm Bureaus to enhance the quality of life for its membership.

OBITUARIES

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etry, Sutton.

Special thanks to WVU Hospice and Bridgeport Healthcare Center for their compassionate care of Judith.

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

Arrangements by Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway.

Fredrick J. "Fred" Jenkins, Sr.

Fredrick J. "Fred" Jenkins, Sr., 71, of Frametown passed away on Saturday, January 7, 2023 at home. He was born August 15, 1951 in Sutton to the late Donnie Jenkins and Hadie Clevenger Jenkins.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by granddaughter, Ricki Lynn Jenkins; brothers, Ralph and James Jenkins; and sisters, Marie Jordan and Rosie Jenkins.

Fred was a mechanic. He was a dedicated hunter and fisherman. He enjoyed listening to music of all kinds and dancing. He was a good father loved by all his family and friends. He will be dearly missed.

He will be forever remembered by his sons, Fredrick Jenkins, Jr. of Gassaway, Richard J. Jenkins of Frametown, and Tony Jenkins of Cambridge, Ohio; grandchildren, Samuel Jackson Jenkins and Selene E. Jenkins; companion, Jessica McLaughlin of Gassaway; and several nieces and nephews.

Fred's funeral will be 1 P.M. Friday, January 13, 2023 at Roach Funeral Home with Pastor Scott Raynor officiating. Interment will be in the Jenkins Homeplace Cemetery on Poplar Lick.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers the family requests contributions be made to the funeral home to help with funeral expenses.

Special thanks for WV Caring for their compassionate care of Fred.

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

Mary Elaine Dillon (Hoover)

Mary Elaine Dillon (Hoover) of Chatham, Ohio went home to be with the Lord, Saturday January 7th, 2023 at home with family.

Born April 13, 1944, in Plymouth Run, West Virginia to Ralph and Reva Hoover. She graduated from Sutton High School in 1963. She married her loving husband Allen Leon Dillon on June 20, 1963,

and together over the 59 years had and raised 2 wonderful children, Brian (Mary) Dillon, and Michelle (Mark) Lightner. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Allen (Jelena), Nicholas (Beth), Brandon (Rachel) and Joseph as well as 3 great-grandchildren, Sisters Aretta James, Avnell Keener, Sharon Roberts (Alvin), Sheila Caulkins (George), Sister-in-Law Pee Wee and numerous other family and friends. She was proceeded

Those who wish may make donations to Cleveland Clinic Hospice to Cleveland Clinic Foundation, PO Box 931517, Cleveland OH 44193-1655 or a good cause of their choice in her honor, in place of sending flowers. Memories and condolences can be shared with the family at www.slyffh.com

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LEGAL NOTICES

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FRAMETOWN ELEMENTARY LSIC TOWN HALL MEETING

On Monday January 23, 2023, Frametown Elementary School will be holding a Town Hall Meeting. This will be our annual meeting to engage all stakeholders in conversations regarding the school's performance.

This is an opportunity to make specific suggestions on issues you feel affect the students' academic performance. The meeting will be at the school from 6:00-7:00 PM. Everyone is invited to attend.

Together we can make a difference. Hope to see you here.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to WV Code 11-3-24, the Braxton County Commission will sit as a Board of Equalization and Review on the following dates during the month of February, 2023, to review the Tax Assessments for Tax Year 2023. Any taxpayer or group may at this time appear on the dates mentioned to discuss their assessments and ask for changes or relief if properly determined by the Board of Equalization. After the close of these meetings of the County Commission, any taxpayer who does not appear shall waive their rights for relief or corrections for the upcoming year.

The dates for the Braxton County Commission sitting as a Board of Equalization are as follows:

Wednesday February 1, 2023 9:00am-2:00pm

Friday February 3, 2023 11:00am-2:00pm

Thursday February 9, 2023 9:00am-2:00pm

Tuesday February 14, 2023 9:00am-2:00pm

Friday February 17, 2023 11:00am-2:00pm

Wednesday February 22, 2023 9:00am-2:00pm
STATE(MINERALS & INDUSTRIES)

Friday February 24, 2023 9:00am-4:00pm

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ANY PERSON WISHING TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AND REVIEW SHOULD CONTACT THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE AT 765-2805 FOR AN APPOINTMENT FOR A REVIEW OF THEIR PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS ON ANY OF THE ABOVE DATES.

APPROVED: January 6, 2023

Lisa Mace Godwin
COMMISSIONER PRESIDENT

Melvin Gum
COMMISSIONER

Larry Clifton
COMMISSIONER

ATTEST: Sue Ann Rutherford,
Clerk

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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 TO REDEEM

2021-S-000000052 - Braxton County - WVTJ LLC

To: RODNEY GREATHOUSE, SUZZANE GREATHOUSE, TIFFANY GREATHOUSE, RODNEY GREATHOUSE, SUZZANE GREATHOUSE, TIFFANY GREATHOUSE, 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, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-000000052, 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

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-000000054, 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. -\$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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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-000000055, 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. -\$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 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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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-000000056, OG 44 AC STUMBO RUN, located

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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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

You may redeem at any time before March 31, 2023, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

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MAP 9999 PARCEL 0001 4250

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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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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-000000060, .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. -\$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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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-000000061 - Braxton County - WVTJ LLC

To: VICTOR SHINGLER JR, CHERYLE SHINGLER, VICTOR SHINGLER JR, CHERYLE SHINGLER, OCCUPANT, 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 0003

You will take notice that WVTJ LLC, the purchaser of tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-000000062, .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 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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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. -\$1,628.64

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

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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-000000068, 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 payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor. -\$35.00

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MAP 9T PARCEL 00031 0003

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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WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Division of Highways
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

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Mountaineer Food Bank announces 2023 Mobile Food Pantry Dates

The Mountaineer Food Bank has announced the upcoming 2023 Mobile Food Pantry Dates for Braxton County. All Mobile Food Pantry's will take place at Holly Gray Park at 401 Co. Rte 15/9, Sutton, WV 2601 from 11:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

Mobile Food Pantry Dates are as follows with subject to change: February 7, April 4, June 6, August 15, October 3 and December 5. Please visit the Mountaineer Food Bank website for the most up to date announcements at <https://www.mountaineerfoodbank.org/mobile-food-pantry>.

Mountaineer Food Bank provides food and other household items to over 460 feeding programs in 48 counties in West Virginia. These programs include food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, senior programs, Veterans Table programs, mobile pantry programs, school food pantry and backpack programs.

Mobile Pantries provide food to "food deserts"



Mountianeer Food Bank provided food for approximately 270 families at the December Braxton County Mobile Pantry.

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

Hosted by churches, schools, and community centers, a Mobile Pantry can feed between 100 and 1,000

households.

As a Feeding America food bank, MFB is able to bring in donations from donors across the country by the truckload to distribute into West Virginia. Our partnership allows us to work with retail stores such as Walmart and Kroger in our local communities to reduce food waste and provide much needed produce and dairy.

Like and follow the Mountaineer Food Bank on Facebook to learn more about feeding West Virginia.

I hung onto the bird snow globe. It has 2 red birds and a gold finch. Also, I will leave the big red farm truck with Christmas trees in the back, on the table. Those look pretty on the kitchen table. Those are new. I got them this year from our son.

There were 53 present at Rosedale Baptist Church this morning. It was a cold morning in the low 20's and a cold breeze blowing with that. It got down to 22 degrees here in the valley of Shock last night. It sure makes a person appreciate a good warm house, hot food and warm clothes. I have a soft, red bird throw, that the kids got me for Christmas and I stay bundled up in it on these cold days. Until next time, everybody stay warm and continue to stay safe. We are still hearing of viruses going around out there.

Take care and God bless!



Snowdrop, January third.



Mache about 3" wide.

happy. Our grapes along the driveway are probaly 70 years old. We did not know they were there, till we started clearing brush and discovered the overgrown vines. They are not seedless, but they taste wonderful and never exhibit any sign of disease.

February is not only for pruning but for starting seeding greens. If you are the lucky one to have a hoop house, it is an easy task. Apply some compost, sprinkle some kelp on top of the area, then turn the soil with a shovel or till it in with a small tiller. We have a tiller attachment that came with an electric weed eater that accepts other attachments, like a small tiller, a tree trimmer and maybe other gadgets we have not explored till now. Once the soil is ready and seeding is done, cover the beds with remay, a brand-name for floating row covers.

These covers can be purchased at any hardware store, garden center or from any seed catalog. These light covers protect the soil down to 25 degrees, preventing a freeze. It takes a little longer to germinate when the soil is below optimal germination temperature, BUT we will have early, tender lettuce.

If you don't have a hoop house, aim for a day when the ground is not frozen, then proceed like the description in the hoop house. After

covering the bed with remay, add bows made of PVC pipe or concrete hardware wire then put a plastic sheet over the area, or make a wooden frame and put old windows on it to make a cold frame. There is never just one way to achieve a goal.

The fastest germinating and growing green is Mache or Corn Salad. It forms deep green, tender rosettes and tastes delicious. Following advice from French gourmets, prepare Mache with your favorite salad dressing, then add some walnuts and raspberries. When you serve it to guests, say it is Mache to sound more sophisticated!!!! Black Seeded Simpson, Green and Red Oakleaf, Buttercrunch, Deer Tongue, Green Ice and others are all ready to harvest in six weeks with a little bit of help from the weather. Of course we can seed other hardy greens like spinach, kale and radishes.

If we are busy with a hobby of any sort, gardening, writing poems or a book, knitting, crocheting, making a wooden bench, playing an instrument, we don't have spare time to follow every new conspiracy that props up on our favorite social tech device. We can also spend time to read to a child, to attend a book club or try to walk around one of our nearby lakes. There is no limit to keep us not just busy but engaged by triggering our interests.

Elk River Community Church Gospel Sing

Elk River Community Church (2miles below Gassaway) will be hosting

a Gospel Sing on Saturday, January 14, at 6:00pm. Refreshments will be served.

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You will take notice that JASON LANAGAN, the purchaser of tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-00000107, LOT 42 BLK 23 25X100X25X100, located in GAS-SAWAY CORP, which was returned delinquent in the name of GAY TAMMIE, 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:
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Knights varsity boys lose to Summersville, beat Walton

By Shirley Shuman

Following what their coach called “a humbling experience” in a loss to Summersville last week, the Knights came back Tuesday night to defeat Walton.

Summersville outscored the BCMS varsity boys 63-38, but factors outside of the play on the basketball court contributed to the one-sided loss. Knights' coach Drew Taylor explained that they had two boys unable to dress, including the team's leading scorer, and a third on the bench because he was ill. "Of

course other factors contributed to our loss, but playing without three of our first six players certainly contributed to our performance," Coach Taylor said. "We struggled with careless turnovers and with breaking the press, and in the first half, we missed a lot of shots."

The Knights did not score in the first quarter, and Summersville led 22-0 going into the second. They did “pick up in the second quarter,” their coach said, “and managed to put 10 points on the scoreboard.” Braxton

played much better in the second half as they outscored the Bears 28-22, but they couldn't make up the large difference.

Braeden Godfrey led the Knights' scoring with 22 points. Ashton Stewart was also in double figures with 11. Jackson Lewis added 3 and Landon Hart 2.

The Braxton coach mentioned the capacity home crowd at the Braxton-Summersville game, "We have a lot of sup-

port," he said. He noted that the loss was humbling for his team but added, "It was probably a learning experience. We had been on a winning streak and perhaps overconfident."

In the 55-21 win against Walton Tuesday night, the Knights "shot out of the gates fast," according to their coach. With good shooting in the first quarter, Braxton led 15-4 going into the second. Coach Taylor noted that

his team's scoring slowed in the second but said that the defense stayed strong and allowed Walton only one point in the second. After a 24-point third quarter, the coach went to his bench for the entire fourth.

Scoring for the Knights

saw three players in double figures. Brady Toler led with 13 points, Godfrey had 11, and Stewart 10. Jack Lowther and Hart each added 8, Eli McCallister scored 3, Remington Huffman and Zack McQuain each had one.



Jack Lowter



Ashton Stewart



Remington Huffman



Knights defense



Braeden Godfrey

Summersville Middle School girls outscore Lady Knights

By Shirley Shuman

Summersville won 37-11 in a game against the BCMS girls' varsity on the Summersville court. Lady Knights' coach Matt Pritt discussed the loss and what contributed to it. "We shot poorly from the field and the foul line," the coach said. "We had too many turnovers, and we were out-

rebounded badly."

The coach continued to explain that Summersville used full-court pressure and his players did not handle it well. Two of his player fouled out, and, similar to the BCMS varsity boys when they played Summersville, Coach Pritt's team was missing two players and had only eight dress

for varsity.

Scoring for the Lady Knights included Jade Chapman 2, Makenna Robinson 4, Rylan Criner 1, Aubrey Mowery 2, and Zoey Keener 2.

Braxton will be at home tonight against Webster, and Coach Pritt said of the game, "We hope to turn things around."

Braxton County High School FFA Strawberry, Meat Stick and Nut Fundraiser

It's that time again. The Braxton County FFA is currently taking orders for strawberries.

One flat of strawberries (8 Quarts) will cost \$28.00 while a $\frac{1}{2}$ flat (4 Quarts) will cost \$15.00.

The BCFFA are also selling Country Meat sticks and nuts. Meat stick flavors will include: Sweet BBQ, Sweet Annie Brown, Bold Teriyaki, Ghost Fire, Hot Cajun, Mango Habanero, Sweet Maple Bacon, Original Smoked Hickory, Country Delight, Pepperoni, Old #9, Hot BBQ, Chili Cheese, Sweet Fire, Pickle Stick. Each meat stick will cost \$1.50 each. Nut flavors will include: Peanut Gift Pack for \$14.00, Chocolate Nut Gift Pack for \$15.00, Gourmet Honey Roasted

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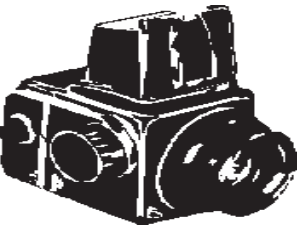
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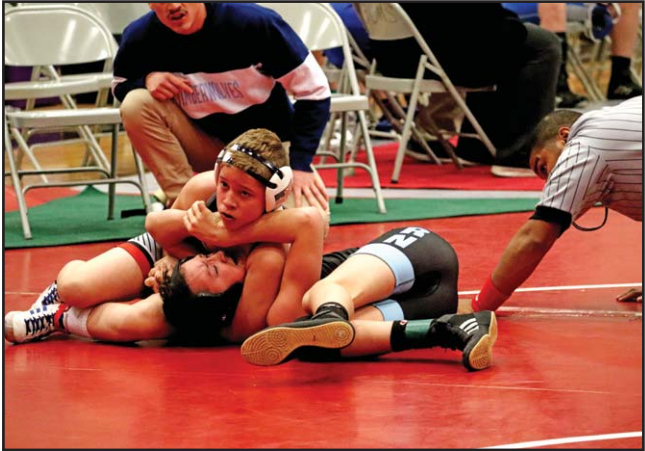
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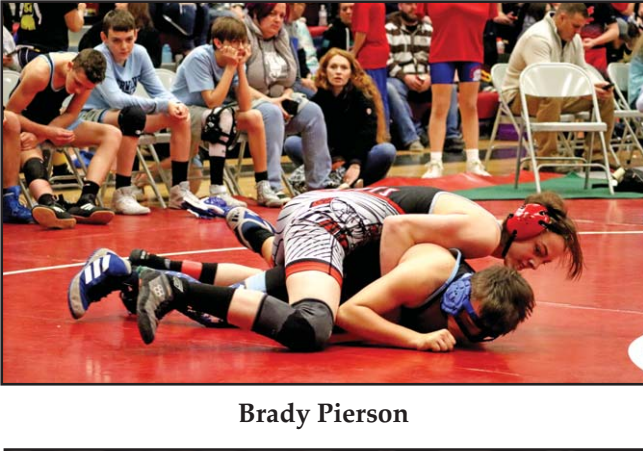
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