

Two Charged With Bug Ridge B & E

Two individuals are facing multiple charges following a burglary on Bug Ridge near Sutton last weekend. Braxton County Sheriff's Deputies received a call of a possible breaking and entering at 13044 Bug Ridge Road on Saturday, January 21. The caller indicated multiple items were missing. A description of a silver Camaro type vehicle was also given to officers.

Deputy A. L. Groves went to the scene to investigate. He as assisted by Deputy A. Jordan, Deputy B. Williams and Trooper E. Clark. The officers began searching the area for a vehicle matching the description reported to 9-1-1. Deputy Groves spotted a silver Pontiac Firebird at 95 Sang Run Road with two individuals in the driveway.



Brantley



Stewart

When officers approached the car to investigate they saw items similar to those reported stolen from the Bug Ridge residence. Deputy Groves arrested Dusten Brice Stewart, 32, of Sutton and Dustin Joe Brantley, 22, of Birch River. After being administered their Miranda Rights, both defendants confessed to the breaking and entering in a recorded statement. They were both charged with burglary and conspiracy.

The pair were arraigned before Braxton County Magistrate David Singleton where their bond was set at \$15,000.

The vehicle was impounded, and the investigation is continuing at press-time.

Middle School Lady Knights win against Gilmer on Eighth Grade Night

By Shirley Shuman

Coach Matt Pritt was pleased with his team's performance against Gilmer in their recent game. Braxton won 27-21, and their coach explained why. "The girls played a great game on Eighth Grade Night," he said. "We shot well from the foul line but didn't shoot as well from the field. We rebounded the ball the best we have all season and didn't have as many turnovers."

Once again, Rylan Criner led the Lady Knights' defensive efforts. Criner had several rebounds and her coach said "played a great defensive game."



The 8th grade members of the BCMS Lady Knights basketball team.

With 10 points, Brooklyn Paletti led the scoring. Criner added 7, Jade Chap-

man 4, Makenna Robinson and Aubrey Mowery 3 each.

The Lady Knights have a home game against Summersville Thursday.

WV Caring Hosts "Hearts for Hospice"

WV Caring is kicking off its 14th Annual "Hearts for Hospice" campaign to increase awareness and raise money for patient care. The "Hearts for Hospice" campaign is for those who want to honor someone or show their support of WV Caring Hospice.

Hearts for Hospice is a community-based campaign because it is supported by local businesses, individuals, and organizations. Even though this campaign looks like a national in-store campaign, all the money that is raised stays right in the local communities including Braxton County. One dollar or more donated by many individuals makes a significant difference to loved ones and neighbor's lives who need end-of-life care.

A fun way to show you care for someone is through our Virtual Hearts Wall. Individuals can send a virtual heart to someone for a small donation. That special person will receive an email stating that a person donated for them in the form of a heart. Then both their names will appear on the "Hearts for Hospice Shout Outs" Virtual Wall on WV Caring's website home page at wvcaring.org.

The goal for this year's campaign is \$5,000 which benefits patient care for WV Caring, a local, community based 501(c) 3 non-profit hospice provider for 40 years. All proceeds raised will cover local patients who do not have insurance or the ability to pay for end-of-life

services. The campaign will run through the entire month of February.

"We hope local businesses will help us to invest in the lives of those who need our care, said Cindy Woodyard, Vice President of Public Affairs for WV Caring. "The virtual hearts are fun and easy to send at any time or anywhere during this campaign, especially now as we continue to be safe during this flu and virus season," Woodyard noted.

Local businesses, organizations and individuals are encouraged to participate. Here is how it works... Businesses can support West Virginia Caring's mission through sponsorship or allow their customers to donate \$1 or more and proudly honor their loved one on a heart displayed in the business. WV Caring provides sponsors with all the materials free of charge to participate.

Look for the online virtual campaign on social media and WV Caring's website, www.wvcaring.org. Individuals can donate and send a heart to those in their life or anyone to be honored on the virtual Hearts Tribute wall. A special email message will be sent to the recipient letting them know that a donation was made in their name. All contributions are tax deductible.

For more information or to participate please contact Kim Riley at 1-800-350-1161 or email Kim at kriley@wvcaring.org.

Braxton County Magistrate Report

Magistrate Beth Smith

January 10: John Brandon Sparks of Camden on Gauley, expired registration, no contest plea, driving suspended, dismissed per plea, fine/court costs assessed.

January 24: William Ferrell Conley of Orlando, no seatbelt, guilty plea, failure to produce license, dismissed proof provided; Michael David Axtell of Elkview, speeding, no contest plea, driving suspended, dismissed, fine/court costs assessed.

Magistrate David Singleton

January 17: Kendra Paulette Losh of Burnsville, domestic battery, dismissed; Russell G. Moore, Jr. of Charleston, contraband into jail, preliminary hearing waived, transferred to circuit court; Ryan R. Duckworth of Frametown, domestic assault dismissed, domestic battery, dismissed; Roman Lee Rush of Rosedale, shoplifting, guilty plea, fine/court costs/restitution assessed.

January 18: Daniel R. Haddox of Charleston, brandishing a deadly weapon, guilty plea, fine/court costs assessed; Maxwell Page Campbell of Sutton, cruelty to animals x4, guilty plea, fine/court costs assessed.

January 19: Rodney B. Dobbins of Frametown, first degree murder, probable cause found at preliminary hearing, bound over to circuit court; Ryan Daniel Duckworth of Exchange, no proof of insurance x2, no contest plea, driving suspended, no contest plea, defective equipment, no contest plea, fines/court costs assessed; Ashley N. Lunceford of Gem, failure to obey traffic control device, guilty plea, fine/court costs assessed and paid; Joshua McCourt of Sutton, domestic assault, dismissed, domestic battery, dismissed, victim does not wish to pursue charges; Sarah Beth Stump of Flatwoods, trespassing asked to leave, guilty plea, fine/court costs assessed; Gloria Ann Yeager of Frametown, forgery & uttering, dismissed.

January 20: Kyle Emerson Haney of Gassaway, driving revoked for DUI, no proof of insurance, failure to maintain control, expired registration, expired MVI, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$2500 personal recognizance; David Scott Jackson of Frametown, obstructing an officer, dismissed.

January 22: Dusten Brice Stewart of Sutton, burglary, conspiracy, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$15,000 cash or surety; Dustin Joe Brantley of Birch River, burglary, conspiracy, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$15,000 cash or surety; Carrie Renee White of Independence, DUI, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$1500 personal recognizance.

January 23: Harold Francis Shriver, II of Gassaway, trespassing, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; Gerald Michael Stump of Elyria, OH, trespassing, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed.

Legislative Update...

By Lori Dittman
WV House of Delegates
63rd District



The legislature honored WVU Basketball Coach Bob Huggins shown here with Delegate Dittman.

During the first full week of the 86th Legislature, the West Virginia House of Delegates have passed five of its bills to the Senate for consideration, the first being House Bill 2526, which would gradually reduce the personal income tax by 50 percent over three consecutive years.

A bill that passed the full House Thursday by a unanimous vote would leverage the state's position in the fast lane for digitally titling vehicles. House Bill 2506 allows the DMV to create a title clearing-house for businesses not based in West Virginia. The process would reduce the time for titling from a 40-day process on paper to a four-day process. With the titling fee of \$15 at a bare minimum, the state road fund will get a \$15 boost every time a non-resident business titles a vehicle in West Virginia. It is anticipated that within two years, this could add \$100 million to the road fund.

The first completed legislation of the session were Senate Bill 161 and Senate Bill 162. SBH 161 will allow the Division of Natural Resources to sell, lease, or dispose of any obsolete or unused property under its control. If the land is in a state park or state forest, the Legislature first would need to grant approval. SB 162 would allow the DNR to lease tiny pockets of underground open areas so energy producers who liquify the carbon they capture are able to pump it down into those spaces to keep carbon from being released into the atmosphere. Both pieces of legislation have been sent to the Governor for his signature.

A total of 890 bills have been introduced in the House.

Other activities of this week included several events and celebrations.

I was honored to attend a commemoration and celebration of the life of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The event was held at the West Virginia Culture Center.

It was my pleasure to welcome pages from the Gilmer County Girl Scouts. Clarissa Miller and Ariana White, both accompanied by La Ta-

sha White. As a teacher of West Virginia History, I am always excited to see young people take an interest in the legislative process.

A reception was held to celebrate the partnership between Marshall University and Glenville State University. The collaboration between the two schools will expand programs like nursing and their shared resources will allow for additional course offerings.

I would also like to congratulate Glenville State University professor, Jacob Petry who invented the Pathfinder. This tool is a directional conversion wheel.

Randy James, a member of the Frametown Volunteer Fire Department, stopped by my office to discuss firefighter and EMT concerns. Our volunteer firefighters and EMTs are vital to our rural communities.

Conservation Day was held on January 16, where I met with representatives Larry Sponaugle and Jane Cain to discuss importance of conservation and future projects.

I met WVU Basketball Coach Bob Huggins. He was recognized by the Legislature for his induction into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

Braxton County's own Samantha Morris re-enlisted in the West Virginia State Police. Congratulations and thank you for your service.

Aside from legislative duties, I would like to offer my condolences to my predecessor, Brent Boggs, and his family, on the loss of Brent's father, Doyle. I have known Doyle most of my life through his service in our church and our community. My prayers continue to be with him and his mother, Ethel Mae, and their family.

"Everybody can be great because everybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace, a soul generated by love." (Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.)





Front row: Brentley Singleton, Lanette Hines, Cameron Butcher, Aurora Williams, Brayden Drake, Ayden Mollohan, Lucas Friend, Sylas Bailey, Ayden Singleton, Brayden Shinaberry. 2nd row: Jackson Russell, Brianna Moore, Isabella Belknap, Emsley Plymale, Peyton Singleton, Sadie Mace, Brayden Drake, Azlynn Plymale. 3rd row: Richard Ratliff, Everett Keiffer, Addison Wright, Khloe Mace, Adalyn Wilson, MaLeah Blake, Jada Drake, Mayson Lanham. 4th row: Logan Conrad, Beva Shaver, Zane Cool, Jackson Hughes, Lane Lewis, Aubrey Pritt, Hayden Russell, Landry Moss, Koltin Marks

Burnsville Elementary Recognizes Academic Achievements

Dr. Grace Wine, BES Principal, is pleased to announce the 2nd Nine Weeks Principal's Honor Roll and Honorable Mention Lists at Burnsville Elementary. Students received keepsake ribbons in recognition of their hard work.

Principal's Honor Roll (3.5-4.0 GPA):

5th Grade: Aubrey Pritt, Beva Shaver, Koltin Marks, Hayden Rus-

sell, Jackson Hughes, & Lane Lewis

4th Grade: Khloe Mace, Emsley Plymale, Peyton Singleton, Adalyn Wilson, MaLeah Blake, Zane Cool, Everett Keiffer, Sadie Mace, Richard Ratliff, Aurora Williams, Addison Wright, Logan Conrad, & Braden Davis

3rd Grade: Cameron Butcher, Jaxson Russell, Isabella Bender, Lanette

Hines, Brianna Moore, Azlynn Plymale, & Brentley Singleton

Honorable Mention (3.0-3.4 GPA):

5th Grade: Landry Moss & Emma Rowan

4th Grade: Brayden Drake, Jada Drake, & Mayson Lanham

3rd Grade: Sylas Bailey, Lucas Friend, Aiden Mollohan, Brayden Shinaberry, & Ayden Singleton



The Local T.O.P.S Club Supports Students

Gassaway Public Library has purchased over 300 new children's books. The library is working closely with Davis Elementary to provide a variety of books for the students.

The T.O.P.S Club #81 Gassaway also supports students and encourages

reading. This organization donated \$100.00 to Gassaway Public Library to support the Accelerated Reading Program at Davis Elementary. The library used those funds to purchase gifts to encourage the students to read regularly.

The Accelerated Read-

ing Program awards points based on the difficulty of each AR Book. When a student reads a book and completes a quiz with a passing score, the student earns the points for that book. Points accumulate and students have a chance to earn prizes based on those points.



Bulltown Historic Area announce 160th Anniversary of Civil War Reenactment

Save the dates of October 13 through 15, 2023 for the 160th Anniversary of the Battle of Bulltown Civil War Reenactment.

The Battle will take place on the Original Battlefield. The Union will be camped on the battles original fortification and using the original trenches.

If you are interested

in reenacting, contact Sam Krafft at (304)677-1398 or Burnsville Lake,

US Army Corps of Engineers Project Office at (304)853-2371 ext 0.

BC Local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting Feb 14

Please be advised that the next meeting of the Braxton County Local Emergency Planning Committee is scheduled on 2/14/23 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

OBITUARIES

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Creek Baptist Church, Gassaway, WV, where she attended when able.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Donald Ray Chapman.

Bessie was a devoted wife and special, loving mother to her daughter, Sheila. Bessie enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren whom she adored very much. When she was younger, she enjoyed singing with her Aunt Ruby (Rollyson) Bollinger in churches and community gatherings. Her favorite song was, "It Is Well With My Soul". She also enjoyed going to WVU football games with her husband and traveling to various states in their motor home. Her favorite pastimes were collecting angel figurines and caring for her canary, Tweetie, and her fish. She also enjoyed making jewelry.

Bessie is survived by her daughter, Sheila (Bill) Powers, Gassaway; granddaughters, Dawn Rae (David) Smith, Athens, WV, and Allison (Doug) Beall, Normantown, WV; great-grandchildren, Kennedy Smith, Beckley, WV; Brody, Joel, Brooklyn, and Leland Ray Beall, Normantown, WV; and several nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her brother, Ronald "Don" Sears, Merritt Island, Florida. She will also be missed by her Pomeranian dog, King.

A special thank you to the Braxton County Senior Center for providing meals; caregiver, Shirley Wilson; WV Caring Hospice Center nurses, Kim Harris, Kim Garrison, Christina Loudin, and Tabitha Deal, CNA.

Private family services were held.

The family would like to give a special thank you to Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway, WV.

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

Wilbur Harold Hoard

Wilbur Harold Hoard, 72, of Sutton, passed away on January 20, 2023 at his residence.

He was born August 25, 1950 Sutton, the son of Clyde & Mary Elsie Kelly Hoard. Also preceding him in death was his infant daughter, Marlena Hoard; brothers, James Hoard, John Hoard, Camden Lee Hoard; brother-in-laws, Ray Powers, Lefty Beihl.

Harold worked for product Distributor for 30 years. Then took the business and changed it to H & H Tire, Little Birch.

He is survived by his loving wife, Linda Kay Flint Hoard; son, Harold Hoard (Jessica Grose) of Little Birch; sisters, Anna Mae Morrison (John) of Little Birch, Betty Jo Powers, Jean Beihl both of Ohio; brother, Billy K Hoard of Little Birch; nephew, David Propst (Brittney-Zoey) of Exchange.

Funeral service will be held at 1:00 pm, Tuesday, January 24, 2023, at the Greene-Robertson Funeral Home in Sutton with the Rev. Ray Teets and Rev. Linn Schiefer officiating. Burial will fol-

low in the Braxton Memorial Cemetery, Airport Rd. Sutton. Friends may call from 11:30 till 1:00 pm at the funeral home.

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

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

Ina Marie Armentrout

Ina Marie Armentrout, 72, of Summersville, passed away Saturday, January 14, 2023 at home surrounded by her family.

She was born in Richwood on February 25, 1950 to the late Alva Garland Casto and Bonnie Bond Casto.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Patricia Ann Casto; and infant great-grandson, Kayden McCraw.

Ina was a retired 911 Dispatcher for Nicholas County Sheriff's Department with 35+ years of service. Watching Jeopardy was her favorite pastime. She enjoyed crocheting and doing crafts. Being home and spending time with her grandchildren gave her the most joy in her life.

She will be forever remembered by her daughter, Bonnie Lemmon and husband, William, of Summersville; grandchildren, Cassandra McCraw and husband, Bobby, of Summersville, Wesley White, Jr. of Summersville, and Johnathan Lemmon of Summersville; great-grandchildren, Ruby Denane-McCraw, Bobby Ray McCraw, and Hailey Jo White; brother, Alva "Bud" Casto and wife, Rose, of Nettie; sister, Isora O'Dell and husband, Lowell, of White Sulfur Springs; and several nieces and nephews.

In keeping with her wishes she was cremated and celebration of her life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made directly to Roach Funeral Home, 708 Braxton St., Gassaway, WV 26624, to aid with final expenses.

Words of comfort

BC Jamboree announces February music schedule

Join the Braxton County Jamboree for Bluegrass and Country Music every Friday night from 7:00 to 10:00 PM.

February lineup will include: February 3 Retro Country, February 10 Flannel and Company, February 17 Bluegrass Preserves, February 24 Dixie Highway

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

David C. Phares II

David C. Phares II, 49 of Linn, WV; departed this earthly life suddenly in the morning hours of Monday, January 16, 2023 in Duck, WV.

He was born February 26, 1973 in Gassaway, WV; son of David C. and Barbara Grounds Phares of Glenville, WV.

David is a graduate of Gilmer County High School, class of 1991 and worked as a well tender in the oil and gas industry for many years. In his spare time, David enjoyed being outdoors, hunting, spending time with family and friends and spoiling his children and grandchildren whenever possible.

Along with his parents, David is survived by 4 children, Joshua Butcher of Pickens County, SC; Harlie Stump (Joshua) of Linn, WV; Kathrine Phares of Cedarville, WV; and Avery Ann Phares of Cedarville, WV; 3 grandchildren, Whytnie and Kylie Stump of Linn, and Clayton Butcher of Pickens County, SC; and 2 brothers, Alex Phares of Cedarville, WV; and Jeremiah Phares (Nicole) of Oak Hill, WV.

Also surviving is 5 uncles, Stephen (Barbara) Phares of Palestine, WV; George Grounds of Calhoun County, WV; James "Pete" Grounds of Charleston, Clarence Williamson of Glenville, WV and Roy Isenhardt of Cedarville, WV; 6 aunts: Sharon Brannon of Cedarville, Sheba (David) Kendig of Burnsville, Sandra Smith (Lonzo) of Linn, Bonnie Barnett of Ravenna, OH, Sharon Phares of Glenville, WV, Sharon Phares Smith of Linn, WV; a step-aunt, Monnie Simpson (William) of Houston, TX and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and many other wonderful family and friends.

David is preceded in death by 3 aunt, Shena Williamson, Dottie Williamson, and Darlene Isenhardt, and 2 uncles, James and Larry Phares.

David's request for cremation has been honored and a celebration of his life will be conducted at a late date.

Ellyson Mortuary, Inc., is honored to assist the Phares family with cremation arrangements.

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LEGAL NOTICES

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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 March 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
003 2022870002	S387-REC/AL-23 00	STBG-2023(012)D	PAVEMENT MARKINGS D-7 RECALL STRIPING 2023 DISTRICT WIDE COUNTY: BARBOUR, BRAXTON GILMER, LEWIS, UPSHUR WEBSTER

DBE GOAL: 7 % 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.

LETTERS OF
INTEREST SOLICITED

Pursuant to H.B. 4630 passed on March 6, 2012, the Braxton County Commission is soliciting individuals who have a sincere interest in serving on the Braxton County Recreational Development Authority Board. Currently, one (1) vacancy exists on said Board for

a term of five (5) years and "that no more than two (2) of these members represent any one magisterial district located within Braxton County."

If interested for consideration, please submit a letter of interest detailing background information, and a brief summary of why

applicant would like to serve.

Submit letter of Interest to the Braxton County Commission, Post Office Box 486, Sutton, West Virginia 26601. Letters of Interest must be postmarked, and/or received by 4:00 p.m., EST, February 3, 2023

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Braxton County Senior Center
releases February lunch menu

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

Wednesday 1 Sausage Biscuit and Gravy, Hash Browns, Fruit. Thursday 2 Fish Taco with Baja Sauce, Black Beans, Rice, Fruit. Friday 3 Hamburger Steak with Onion Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Garden Salad, Dinner Roll, Fruit. Monday 6 Pot Roast, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Broccoli Casserole, Dinner Roll, Fruit. Tuesday 7 Chicken Corn Chowder, Sweet Potatoes, Cornbread, Fruit. Wednesday 8 Steak and Pepper Strips,

Au Gratin Potatoes, Broccoli, Dinner Roll, Fruit. Thursday 9 Pepperoni Roll, Tomato Soup with Cheddar Cheese, Crackers, Fruit. Friday 10 Pizza, Chicken Wing Garden Salad, Fruit. Monday 13 Red Beans and Rice, Smoked Sausage, Boiled Cabbage, Cornbread, Fruit. Tuesday 14 Lovely Lasagna, Tender Salad, Spicy Apples, Beloved Garlic Bread. Wednesday 15 Chicken Enchilada, Pepper Strips, Black Beans, Rice, Fruit. Thursday 16 Pork Riblet on Bun, Sweet Potato, Fries, Coleslaw, Fruit. Friday 17 Great Northern

Beans, Cornbread, Beets, Fruit. Monday 20 Holiday Center Closed. Tuesday 21 Chicken Alfredo, Broccoli, Garlic Bread, Fruit. Wednesday 22 Open Face Turkey Sandwich, Stuffing, Corn Pudding, Garden Salad, Fruit. Thursday 23 Breakfast Bake, Hash Browns, Biscuits, Spiced Apples. Friday 24 Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Fruit. Monday 27 Salmon Patty, Pasta with Peas, Stewed Tomatoes, Fruit. Tuesday 28 Chicken Noodle Soup, Crackers, Spinach Casserole, Fruit.

Body Aches and Tummy Grumbles

By: Joseph J. Mazzella

It was early January and my stomach was grumbling at me. It had grown used to all the extra food I had been eating during the holidays and wasn't happy that I had gone back to my usual diet. "Hey!", it yelled. "Where is my extra serving of turkey? I want another glass of eggnog! How about some more Christmas cookies and peanut butter candy?"

While I tried to ignore the hunger pangs my back was complaining as well from all the extra work I had made it do over Christmas. The horrible arctic cold snap had caused our water meter to break so I had to haul water from my daughter's house for 4 days over the Christmas weekend.

My back hadn't quite gotten over this and was still sore and achy. It made me miss those early teenage years when I could eat whatever I wanted and never gain an ounce. I could also jog 2 miles, swim all day, lift weights in the afternoon and never have a sore muscle in my body.

"Why is it that by the time we learn to really live and love in this life our bodies are already on the decline?", I thought. I would have enjoyed my earlier years so much more if I knew then what I know now and cherished my good health, energy, and youth instead of taking them for granted. As soon as I thought this, however, a wise little voice whispered in my

mind. "You can't enjoy today by missing yesterday. You have to live in the NOW. God only gives us one day at a time. It is up to us to fill them with love and live them with joy." I thanked God for that reminder, rubbed my sore back until it felt better, then took pleasure in eating my simple bowl of morning oatmeal. I knew too that no matter how many more years I get in this life each day of them is a gift from God, achy body, hungry tummy, and all

Don't let your own body aches and tummy grumbles get you down then. Live fully each day. Love fully each day. Life here on this world is short, but the love we create here is eternal.

The Cold Doesn't Bother Rascal

By: Jeanette Riffle

We are trying to take good care of our dog and get him in by the fire on the real cold nights but he would rather stay out and chase critters. He has to be dragged in sometimes. He just wants to go lay on the hay, in his dog house. It is on the back porch though. Our other dogs were happy to go lay on a warm doggie bed in front of a stove. Not this one. He wants out where he can chase every critter that comes near. This is his territory. The only thing is we loose sleep with him running down the ramp growling and barking. If he growls, a fox is coming in on us. If he howls, there is a coyote out there somewhere howling. Then there is a deer bark and a people bark. He even tells us if it starts raining. He will



bark on the sidewalk and look at the front porch, waiting for hubby to come out to see what is wrong. We can almost tell by the bark what is out there. I have to wear ear plugs to be able to sleep at night.

People are getting anxious for spring. Some of my friends have animals

to care for and they really have to get bundled up on the cold days. We are hearing of so many viruses and a stomach bug going around so we need to continue to go by the safety rules.

Until next time, everyone stay warm.

Take care and God bless!

On the Other Side of the Mountain

By Verena Sava

I wanted to write about seed starting, but a headline on google propped up that caught my attention, "Finland, the happiest country in the world". Being European I am very familiar with where Finland is located, far up North. Geographically it is a Scandinavian country, but ethnically and linguistically it has nothing in common with other Scandinavian countries, it is closely related to Estonia and Hungary.

Finnish and its linguistic relatives are some of the hardest to learn languages. We learned early in school that the geographical area high up North was considered the Scandinavian countries which included Finland, Sweden. Norway and Denmark, all places that we Swiss people considered examples of good, honest, healthful living.

Today, Scandinavian countries are also known as Nordic Countries which includes Iceland and the Faroe Islands. Let's not forget that the famous Vikings were Scandinavians, but not every Scandinavian was a Viking. Vikings were people who took to the sea to raid other countries and islands to attain wealth. They were pirates, traders, explorers, and warriors that were at their height from the 9th to the 11th century.

They discovered America way before Columbus, and they also moved into the East, where they are considered to have founded an Eastern Territory which is today Belarus, Ukraine and part of Russia.

While Finland took the top spot on the world's happiness report in 2022 (actually 3 years in a row), Denmark and Iceland were in second place, followed by Switzerland, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Sweden and Norway.

So what makes people happy? Finland has a strong social network, granting 10 months of parental leave for parents after the birth of a child. Both parents stay home for the first 3 weeks, afterwards the rest of the leave time is shared between both parents till the baby is nine months old. The work week in Finland consists of 37.5 hours.

Burnsville CEOS Club January Meeting

The Burnsville CEOS Club met January 11 with Diane Hosey Hostess. The meeting was called to order by President Beverley Monroe with roll call and flag pledge by all.

For meditations Pat Drake read a poem entitled "The Christmas Coat".

Secretary/Treasurer read the minutes from the November and December Meeting and also reported on the bake sale we had during the Burnsville Christmas Parade. Thanks to all who supported our club and know that what we make goes back to the Burnsville Community. Both were approved.

Cards were sent to

Finland has universal healthcare, affordable for everyone. Finland also has the highest literacy rate in the world at 99%, compared with the US at 79%.

All education is free, including college, graduate studies and the time for getting a doctorate degree. Crime is extremely low, being labeled the safest country in the world. Many people leave their homes unlocked and feel safe to let a child roam around by him or herself even in cities. They have a well functioning public transport system, funded by taxpayers. Only 60% of the population owns a car. Bicycle use and walking are popular. Finns have a high level of social trust in society that leads to the perception that people are honest in nature, good public service is taken for granted and there is no problem with gender equality. Finns believe that authorities are honest, even if some corruption is detected. Finland's authorities are considered the most honest in the world. Finland's culture is intolerant of authoritarian abuse of power. Finns pay high taxes but they don't mind because they are paid back to them in social services that provide quality of life.

The cost of living is high, but so is prosperity. The country is full of natural beauty. Finns don't spend their vacation in luxurious resorts, they prefer a cabin in the wilderness or in a park without electricity and running water. Nature is precious, to them, knowing that it creates balance in one's life. So, why would people in the happiest countries in the world (in all of Scandinavia) suffer from depression? The winters are long with extreme cold and long, dark nights. Further north there are two months of total darkness. Scandinavians suffer from seasonal affective disorder, which triggers incidents of depression in the brain due to lack of sun exposure.

Honesty is a big part of Finnish culture, maybe it is even in their DNA? If you lie you can't be trusted anymore. It is not rubbed in your face but people will be careful of your actions. It

was interesting to read about an experiment called the "Lost Wallet Test". Reporters "lost" 192 wallets in different cities all over the world, containing \$50.00, contact information, family photos and business cards. Twelve wallets were dropped in Helsinki (capitol of Finland), eleven were returned!

Everybody who has kids knows how they lose their mittens in winter.

Finns hang them up in trees or on posts where they found them so the owners can reclaim them. The trust includes the state, which is perceived as a friend, not an enemy, acting for the collective good.

Public officials work in everybody's shared interest, including the police. According to the American Psychological Association happiness is connected to honesty, a study that established connections in mental and physical health by telling the truth. I am quoting a journalist who visited Finland to find out about this happiness business: "Finns were helpful without interfering, warm, yet stoic, clear but not extremely expressive. What was apparent, was their direct communication style, which attributes to their core value of honesty and straightforwardness." Finns apparently are bad at small talk, saying that it is better to be silent than talk about something with no point, not to make any empty promises and not to try to polish things up. One negative aspect that can be brought up is that this culture of truth as ideal as it appears, lacks diversity of opinion. Keep in mind that the country is a fairly homogeneous society.

As I was getting all this information about Finland, I constantly made mental references between our country and Finland. Very few of our politicians would have a chance to get elected to office in Finland.

They would even have a hard time getting established in business, because their fame of lying, deceiving and making empty promises would make them unfit to succeed there. They would have to emigrate to the US to be prosperous.

those folks who are sick and we hope you are better soon.

Diane Hosey took bird seed and lap robes to the Braxton Co. Nursing Home in Flatwoods and we also take snacks to the VA Doctors Office in Gassaway as needed. We gave a donation to the Burnsville P&R today. Betty Carson made motion and Pat Drake second to give Burnsville P&R \$100. Motion carried.

Our lesson this month was "CLUTTER CLEAN UP". Have you ever wondered where all this stuff comes from? The thought of tackling such a large job can be overwhelming so take one small step at a time. It

took years to collect all this "stuff" so decluttering will take time as well. Make a plan and stick to it for it will take time for a successful "declutter". And may I say Good Luck.

We will be hosting the Weston Area Meeting on April 29. Several counties will be coming to Braxton County for a meeting and luncheon.

Braxton County Council will be meeting on February first at the Waffle Hut 10am.

Our next meeting will be February 8, 10am at the Burnsville Mayor's Office with Beverley Monroe Hostess. Hope to see you then.

Happy and Healthy New Year everyone.

Sutton Farmers' Market Begins May 2023

Plant your Greenhouses now to sell fresh produce in the Spring! - Clean out your closet to have all your great stuff ready for a Flea Market table! - Get that old stuff out of the barn, ready to sell! - Start making your

crafts so you have a lot on your table!. Market starts the first weekend of May (May 6th) running until the first weekend of October. Watch for upcoming news and details. Daily space fees and seasonal fees will be

the same as last year for vendors! So, what you are use to paying will stay the same. Although, do be prepared to bring your own table, the old plywood tables at the Sutton Farmers' Market are no longer available.

DHHR Reminds Residents that SNAP Emergency Allotments are Ending in March

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR), Bureau for Family Assistance is reminding residents receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits that the last issuance of COVID-19 SNAP Emergency Allotments (EA) will be in February 2023 due to the funding being discontinued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Since April 2020, DHHR has issued SNAP EA which increased the

household's monthly SNAP benefit to the maximum benefit allowable by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Effective March 1, 2023, monthly SNAP benefits will return to the pre-COVID-19 Public Health Emergency level and will again be based on the household's income, assets, household size and other non-financial factors.

Each SNAP household will receive a letter from DHHR notifying them of this change and provide direction on any questions they may have.

"We were pleased to be able to provide this extra assistance during the Public Health Emergency to combat hunger," said Janie Cole, Interim Commissioner of DHHR's Bureau for Family Assistance. "We encourage SNAP recipients to begin today to budget their family's benefits in preparation for this benefit change."

Questions related to SNAP may be directed to DHHR's Office of Constituent Services at 1-877-716-1212 or a local DHHR office.

Glenville State University and Marshall University Meet to Discuss Existing Future Partnerships



Marshall University President Brad Smith (left) with Glenville State University President Dr. Mark Manchin during a meeting of faculty and staff from both institutions on January 20. (GSU Photo/Kristen Cosner)



Timothy Bryan, an Assistant Professor of Accounting at Marshall University, takes part in one of the breakout sessions held at Glenville State University on January 20. (GSU Photo/Kristen Cosner)



: Connie Stout O'Dell, Dean of Education at Glenville State University, chats with other attendees during a meeting of faculty and staff from Marshall University and Glenville State on January 20. (GSU Photo/Kristen Cosner)

Denzil R. Wine family note of gratitude

The family of Denzil R. Wine would like to thank everyone for their prayers.

A special "thank you" for those who provided in-home care during his fi-

nal days at home, Preacher Harold Francis for his message and the staff of Stockert Funeral Home & Cremation, where the family comes first.

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Dog Tales: Stories from the Braxton County Animal Shelter

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

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

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

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



Delta is an eight to ten month old female mixed breed who was found as a stray so we only know what we've learned in the short time we've had this girl. She has Heeler traits but we can't be sure of her mix. Delta weighs about thirty pounds. She is very sweet and playful. Delta wants to play like a puppy with everyone she meets so she might do well with a playmate. She walks great on a leash and isn't too vocal in the shelter. We don't think Delta would do well with cats because of her energy level.



Kai is a one and half to two year old female pit mix who weights forty-five pounds. We think she may be mixed with Husky because of her blue eyes, curly tail, thicker coat and she is kind of vocal like she's talking to you sometimes. Kai knows sit and will slam her booty down for a treat. She is super treat motivated and playful but does have dog manners and she walks on a leash. Kai has lived indoors some but has accidents after 6+ hours alone so might just need some training.



Mia is a two year old female pit weighing in at forty to forty-five pounds who was found as a stray in Braxton county. She was very engorged when she came in from being newly separated from her puppies. We found out her previous owner was an out of county resident who rehomed her. We know for sure her name is Mia. She has lived with small children and is very gentle with kids. She has lived with other adult dogs and is very dog friendly. She has also lived with cats and is cat friendly as well. We know she enjoys baths and that she is house trained and will sit by the door to let you know.



Gia is a one year old female Pit mix who weighs around forty-five pounds. Gia is playful but also calms after a good play session. She's lived with children and is good with them. She has lived mostly outside and is very dog friendly. Not a top of the totem pole personality. Gia knows sit and stay and is learning quickly to walk on the leash



If you're looking for your own personal Toto to love forever he's here! **Remi** is a one year old male Schnauzer mix who weighs around thirty pounds. Remi has puppy energy and would need an active family to help him burn energy to be a good boy. He walks on a leash, knows his name and has lived mostly outdoors. No chickens for Remi boy although he is great with kids.



Moco is a five year old, spayed, female Great Pyrenees/Australian Shepherd mix who weighs around sixty-five to seventy pounds. She loved living on a farm and has always lived outdoors. Paws and Claws Pet Grooming gave her a beautiful new hair-do today and she's looking and smelling fresh. Thank you Paws and Claws Pet Grooming! This girl walks on a leash and loves to give chin kisses. She can be shy at first but doesn't take long to warm up because she loves attention.

Baby is a seven year old, thirty-five pound, neutered, microchipped, male heeler/chi mix. Baby's story is that he was an



outside farm dog surrendered to the shelter and then adopted. He escaped under the fence at his new adopter's home and ran into the woods. Baby was shot by a bow hunter and survived! He was brought into the shelter but a Good Samaritan who found him with a huge laceration and fixed up by Dr. Johnson. He has since healed up completely and is now looking for a brand new forever home with someone to love. Baby is playful and affectionate and loves everyone. Kid friendly and has been around cats, chickens and cows. He does like most dogs but at times can have a Chihuahua attitude where he'll tell another dog he doesn't want to play but he's not aggressive. Baby walks on a leash and isn't a huge barker.

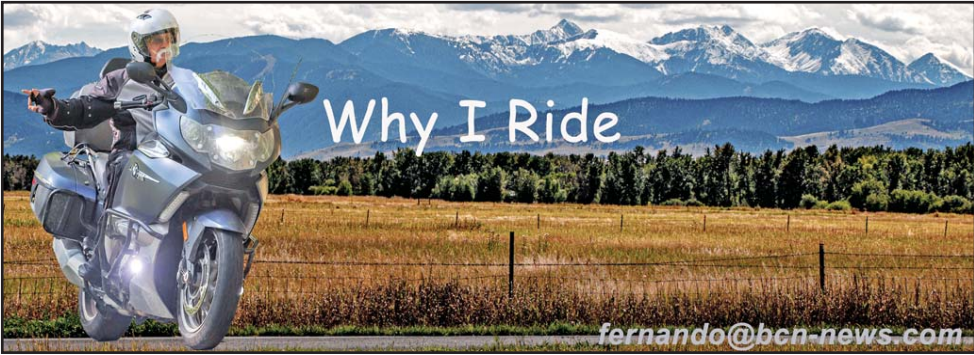


Rose is five year old female cur mix looking for a great new home! Rose is gentle and affectionate with children, dog friendly, keeps her paws on the ground and walks great on a leash. Rose has only ever lived outdoors. She knows sit, stay and no. No chickens for Rose please. She's been quiet since she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



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

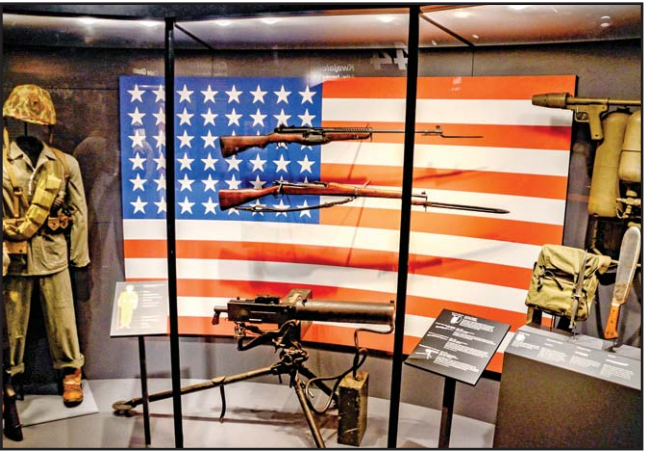
Thank you to the Braxton County community for being kind to animals and as always, thank you for supporting our furry friends!



“There are places I remember”



Wounded Knee Memorial. Monument and mass grave in the background.



WWII Museum exhibit of some of the thousands of items on display.



“Work sets you free” Nazi slogan at the entrance of Auschwitz. Holocaust Museum.

You’ve always known me to write about the beauty of the scenery I ride by, the great people I meet along the way, and the euphoric moments motorcycling provides for me. Reality check: the human race has not been pretty or nice at times. I hear there has to be a contrast in order to create a comparison, and there has to be dark to have light, sadness to have joy, war to have peace, pain to have pleasure. I disagree; however, many past and current events lead me to think that humanity doesn’t learn until a catastrophic incident occurs to shock us into appreciating that which we have taken for granted all along.

I will share some places I have visited which have moved my heart and soul, and have sparked a river of tears and deep contemplation. One thing for sure, I believe we all do not have to feel pain and suffering, just to learn that others have, for us to have reached this point in our lives.

1- Wounded Knee Massacre Monument—Site of a brutal massacre where close to 300 Lakota men, (and mostly) women and children were mowed down by the rifles and Hotchkiss guns of the U.S. Army’s 7th Cavalry in December 1890. Some historians speculate the massacre was revenge for the 7th Cavalry’s defeat at the Little Bighorn battle in



“Out of a Mountain of Despair, a stone of hope. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial.

1876. As I walked on this hallowed ground, I felt the cries of the people vibrating my body. I spent a bit of time paying my respects by the monument marking the mass grave where the frozen and lifeless bodies of the dead were buried. Wounded Knee is located on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. I stop by there on my trips out West. Visit <https://woundedkneemuseum.org/>

2- National WWII Museum, New Orleans, Louisiana. I have toured this museum a few times while in New Orleans for the NO Jazz & Heritage Music Festival. “The National WWII Museum tells the story of the American experience in the war that changed the world—why it was fought, how it was won, and what it means today—so that all generations will understand the price of freedom and be inspired by what they learn.” And so much to learn, a lot from the soldiers own accounts. The museum teaches the story of the war that changed the world through exhibits, multimedia experiences, and personal accounts. The site is a few acres containing the Louisiana Memorial Pavilion, the Solomon Victory Theater, the Hall of Democracy, the U.S. Freedom Pavilion, the Campaigns of Courage, which focuses on the European and Pacific Theaters, and coming soon, the Liberation Pavilion.

There are thousands of military equipment, airplanes, tanks, armaments of all sorts, interactive and passive videos, and research facilities. I consider the museum a WWII University Campus. Some of the exhibits and pictures are so realistic that one feels as though we are part of the action. The museum also includes life experiences on the home front. There are many opportunities to really get deep into the what’s and why’s, guaranteed to move you to tears, and remind you to honor those that gave their lives for us. Learn more at <https://www.nationalww2museum.org/>

3- The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington D.C.—It took me a very long time to recuperate from my visit to the Holocaust Museum. I suggest preparing yourself to learn a story that will reach deep inside you and tear your heart out. According to the museum’s Holocaust Encyclopedia, “The Holocaust was the systematic, state-sponsored persecution and murder of six million Jews by the Nazi regime and its allies and collaborators.” The museum’s database contains more than 270,000 records, including: Photos and albums of images of life before, during and after the Holocaust; personal stories, interviews, home movies, memoirs, and diaries; and films of historical footage and contemporary films about the Holocaust. See the inside of a gas chamber and the miserable living conditions of the prisoners. Visit the museum’s site at <https://www.ushmm.org/>

4- The Vietnam Veterans Memorial; The Wall and Sculptures—The Vietnam Veterans Memo-

rial includes the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, dedicated in 1982, which includes the names of over 58,000 men and women that gave their lives in service, as well as those missing in action, arranged in the order they were lost. The list on names begins at the center of the Wall, beginning with the first death in 1959, and continues to the right towards the shorter end, then resumes at the shorter end on the left and towards the middle, so that the first and last to die meet in the middle. The Wall was erected to “help heal the wounds of a nation suffering from a politically charged and controversial war.” The other exhibits at the VVM are The Three Soldiers statue and the Vietnam Women’s Memorial. The Memorial provided me with another emotional trip through American history. I did not serve in the military; however, I feel a passionate respect for those who served and are serving. My family and I came to the U.S. fleeing a communist country, so I deeply appreciate those that have given their lives and/or are serving in the military. Any Veteran or active personnel I encounter gets a hearty Thank you for your service from me. The memorial is free and open 24 hours a day. Rangers are on duty to answer questions from 9:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Visit the National Park Service’s site at <https://www.nps.gov/vive/index.htm/index.htm>

Two other memorials that I cherish are the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial <https://www.nps.gov/frde/index.htm> and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial <https://www.nps.gov/>



Vietnam Veteran searching for friend’s names on the Vietnam Memorial Wall.



The Three Soldiers statue at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.




President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Fala, the Scottish Terrier. Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial.

[mlkm/index.htm](https://www.nps.gov/vive/index.htm)

I am humbled as I collect and write about the visits to these Memorials, and would love to write more about them, however, time and space rule my intentions. I will post more pictures on Face-

book, whether on my page or, I am considering starting a Why I Ride page as a home for more pictures. Wherever you ride, do it safely and intelligently. Peace. <https://www.facebook.com/Fr-odriguez1951/>



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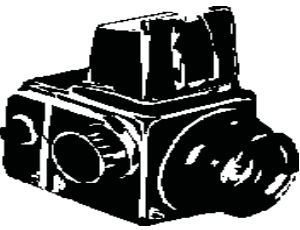
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Brooklyn Paletti puts two in the basket for the Lady Knights in the game against Gilmer County.



Rylan Criner goes up for another two points for the Lady Knights.



Avah Mollohan looks for an opening.



Makenna Robinson dribbles the ball back into Eagle territory.

Junior varsity Knights score win over Gilmer jv

By Shirley Shuman

The middle school jv boys raised their season record to 7-4 last week with a 32-17 win at Gilmer. The Knights began strong and led throughout the game. Their success came, Coach Nick Long explained, as they made their shots, rebounded well, and made accurate passes. “Their defense was locked in the entire game with many blocks, rebounds, and steals,” he said. At halftime, Braxton led 19-7.

Braxton used the same offense and defense successfully in the second half. “The offense kept rolling with quality shot attempts and high pressure stops on defense,”

Junior varsity Knights’ individual scoring against Gilmer:	
Zack McQuain	10
Jackson Lewis	11
Holden Lloyd.....	1
Rayden Davis	2
Cohen McPherson.....	1
Kallen Meadows.....	3
Deklan Meadows.....	4

their coach said. He explained “The keys to victory were executing the game plan, playing to our strength on defense, limiting our turnovers, and fast break scoring.”

This was the second consecutive game in which the team’s turnovers were limited. “Limiting our turnovers has made a big difference since the beginning of the season,” Coach

Long noted. “The boys continue to develop their court awareness and learn more about basketball. I am very proud of how this jv group continues to improve and work hard. They are very coachable and want to keep learning from my experience,” he added.

The junior varsity plays at Summersville Thursday,

Knights varsity defeats Gilmer 46-19 after slow start

By Shirley Shuman

Although his team “started out slow,” and led only 8-4 after the first quarter, Coach Drew Taylor noted that the players “opened up a bit in the second and finished 28-8 at halftime”. The coach attributed the increase in scoring to “better lay-up percentages.” He also said that the Knights “doubled [their] scoring in the second half and had a valiant defensive effort during the game.”

Coach Taylor commented that he “was

pleased with the overall effort” beginning with the second quarter. “We need to start faster and with more purpose,” he said. “I was proud of how we limited Gilmer’s top player to single-

digit scoring.” The win put the Knights at 9-4 for the season.

The Knights play Summersville Thursday in what Coach Taylor called “a pivotal rematch.”

Knights’ individual scoring against Gilmer:	
Jackson Lewis	3
Ryan Stalnaker.....	2
Aiden Pritt.....	2
Jack Lowther	3
Brady Toler	19
Braeden Godfrey	6
Landon Hart	8
Remington Huffman.....	3
Ashton Stewart	2

BCSC early bird registration ends Jan 28th

Early bird registration will opened on January 15, 2023.

U6-U19 use the promo-code 77224 for one player, 51431 for two players, or 23916 for three players for the early registration discount.

Braxton County Soccer Club’s Spring Early Bird Registration opens January 15th until January 28th. Registration is for age groups U4 to U19 (birth year 2019-2004.)

Through January 28th, there will be any early bird discount applied to each registered player. Registration cost for U4 players will be \$35. Registration cost for U6-U19 players is \$45 per player by using the promo-code listed above with an additional 5.00 per extra player signed up. After January 28th, registration costs will increase, so don’t delay.

To register, use the “sign up” button at the top

of our Facebook page or the link: <http://clubs.bluesombrero.com/braxtoncountysc>

You will be required to upload a copy of the player’s birth certificate and a photo of the player at registration. Please ask us about the Volunteer discount before you register your players!

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