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Magistrates Report

Magistrate Beth Smith

November 26: Dalton Duffield of Gassaway, permitting unauthorized person to drive, dismissed, permitting DUI, dismissed, defendant successfully completed pre-trial diversion and paid court costs assessed.

November 28: Brandon Doyle McCourt of Sutton, possession of hydrocodone, no contest plea, no proof of insurance, dismissed proof provided, fine/court costs assessed.

November 30: Amy Lynn Shafer of Roanoke, cruelty to animals, guilty verdict, six months jail, to serve 30 days, five months suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation, fine/court costs

assessed; Amanda Dawn Brown of Orlando, disorderly conduct, guilty plea, shoplifting x2, dismissed per plea, fine/court costs assessed.

December 3: Christina Marie Abel of Flatwoods, unlawful taking of vehicle, warrant issued, bond set at \$1500 personal recognizance.

December 4: Bonnie Marie McCumbers of Sutton, possession of meth, driving suspended, expired registration, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$3000 personal recognizance.

Carrie Nicole Brown of Sutton, domestic battery, domestic assault, obstructing an officer x2, battery on an officer, war-

rantless arrest, bond set at \$6000 cash, surety, or 10% to the court.

Mag David Singleton

November 24: Cody Austin Richards of Troy, speeding, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed.

November 27: Amy Lynn Jenkins of Gassaway, forgery, warrant issued, bond set at \$5000 cash or surety; Christina Marie Able of Flatwoods, shoplifting-3rd offense, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$10,000 cash, surety or 10% to the court.

November 28: Leonard Edward Wyant, III of Summersville, driving revoked for DUI-3rd offense, warrant issued, bond set at \$10,000 cash or surety.

Local Democrat receives Statewide Recognition

On Tuesday, December 14, 2021, United States Senator Joe Manchin III will join with Democratic Party leaders for a special Virtual 2021 Roosevelt-Kennedy Celebration. During the Celebration, Martha Belle Taylor from Braxton County will receive special recognition in honoring her as one of West Virginia's Outstanding Democrats of the Year. This hardworking Democrat was selected by County Democratic

leaders for her efforts and dedication to the Democratic Party in her county.

Karen Coria, a Putnam County Democratic leader and coordinator of the 36th Annual Awards Celebration indicated that the award was established to recognize local party officials and volunteers whom Democratic leaders feel have contributed most to the party's efforts.

"Our goal is to recognize these special indi-

viduals who have distinguished themselves by contributing to our society, by working within the framework of our democracy and political party system," Coria said. "The efforts of the honoree demonstrates the importance of the work of every person in affecting the outcome of local, state and national races. These people play a crucial role in the electoral process." Coria added.



Yeti Expo set for this Saturday

The Yeti Expo and Mountain Laurel Christmas event will be held on Saturday, December 11. The day is billed as "a great small town classic Christmas including vendors, food, and live music." The event starts at 2pm and will continue until 6pm.

A host of vendors and crafters will display their goods at the old Fisher Building - next to the Sutton Fire Station, and the Sutton Community Building.

Mountain Laurel Country store which will be converted into a winter wonderland will also offer a treasure trove of gift giving merchandise.

The Sutton Volunteer Fire Department will have food available for those who get hungry between shopping and listening to live music at the Community Building.

It's a classic small-town Christmas with the opportunity to meet Bigfoot, Yeti, and Santa Claus.

In addition, Louis Petolicchio, of Sutton, will be on hand with his new book, just released, which recounts the historic experiences people have had in North

America with the "wild man," or more commonly known today as Bigfoot.

Petolicchio, who works with The West Virginia Bigfoot Museum, began to research the historical aspects of Bigfoot when he realized old newspaper accounts, some going back almost 200 years, had been reporting on large hairy creatures encountered in the mountains or woodlands of the continent.

Those accounts have now been compiled into a single edition titled "The Wild Man of North America."

"What we would call 'Bigfoot' today, they were calling a 'wild man,' which makes sense because the word 'Bigfoot' did not come into being until the 1950's and the word 'Sasquatch' was not coined until the 1930's," he said. "But stories of these animals have been reported in American newspapers since almost the beginning of the country, some of which have been good and some of which have been hostile."

Petolicchio noted that what he found intriguing was that after reviewing the newspaper reports

he has concluded that there have actually been three different creatures encountered in the North America wilds.

He said the first was Bigfoot, which is large, powerful, ape-like, generally reclusive but curious.

The second, he said, would best be described as a "feral human" or someone who is hermit-like but will behave in an erratic and sometimes violent manner.

"It is the third group which I find the most curious," he said. "I refer to them simple as a 'Lost Hominid' because I don't know what else to call them."

Petolicchio said the purpose of the book is not intended to resolve any debate as to whether Bigfoot exists, but to share the old newspaper accounts of what people had been experiencing from across the continent for the last couple of hundred years and allow readers to draw their own conclusions.

Copies of "The Wild Man of North America" are available at The West Virginia Bigfoot Museum in Sutton, or directly from the printer, Lulu.com.

Braxton County Commission meets

The Braxton County Commission conducted a brief regular meeting on Friday, December 3.

Susan Lemon, Circuit Clerk spoke to the commission first requesting the purchase of copier from Komax.

The Commissioners discussed buying or leasing the copier from the company. Larry Clifton made the motion to approve the lease agreement of \$120 per month for 36 months.

Vice President of DataMax Bobby Monroe discussed his business proposal for the collection of delinquent business and personal property taxes. DataMax has been working with several counties and towns throughout the state in collecting past due accounts for the past three years.

If payment is collected by his organization, the county will receive 75% of the payment with the remaining 25% going to his company. President Lisa Godwin thanked Monroe for his time and stated she would have the Prosecuting Attorney to review the agreement before making a decision.

Next to speak to the commission was Rodney

Pritt on behalf of Flatwoods Canoe Run PSD about the Holly Gray Park Wastewater Collection System Extension. This project has been needed for several years and has been on hold. He noted that the Braxton County Development Authority and the Airport Authority are in the process of writing grants to help move the project forward.

Pritt requested the commission approve releasing \$250,000 of the American Rescue Plan funds for the preliminary engineering for the project. The request was approved on a motion by Melvin Gum.

John Hoffman, OES/9-1-1/EMS Director informed the commission he would present the November monthly report at the next meeting and he had nothing to discuss at this time.

Under regular business, the commission approved the probate appointments for November on a motion by Larry Clifton.

He also made the motion to approve the correction of erroneous assessments for Cheryl Huffmaster and Vicki and James Carr.

The following purchase orders were approved on separate motions: American Garage Door-garage door repair at 911 Center in the amount of \$1,245; Mid-State Chevrolet-4 tires and alignment 2019 Silverado -Sheriff LE for \$1,016.55 and 4 tires and alignment 2014 Ford Explorer-Sheriff LE for \$793.14; and GST-WV Division-Dell Inspiron Laptop for E911 in the amount of \$1,079.93.

Larry Clifton made the motion to approve the resolution designating BC Development Authority as the Lead Economic Development Agency for Braxton County for FY 2021-2022.

On a motion by Melvin Gum, the commission approved to advertise for vacancy on EMS Board. Invoices for county, P-Card and EMS were approved on a motion by Larry Clifton. Melvin Gum also made the motion to approve the minutes of the November 19 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 am. The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 17 at 9:00 am.



Christmas is coming to the Braxton County Jamboree (Free Show) Friday Dec 17, 2021. Santa will be there with lots of toy's and candy. Drawing for a boy and Girl bike and drawing for adults gifts. Music provided by Dixie Highway so come and join us .



Dear Boys and Girls:

The **Braxton Democrat-Central** will be publishing your letters to Santa again this year.

Mrs. Clause and I are happy to report that the the nice folks at your county's newspaper will be providing this service at no charge and they will print your picture with your letter if you send it along.

So, boys and girls, send those letters real soon, so I can check to see who has been naughty and who's been nice!

See you soon...

Santa Claus

Send your letter and picture to:

Santa Claus
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P.O. Box 516, Sutton, WV 26601

Letters and pictures may also be received by email at:
democrat@bcn-news.com



Legislative Update

By Delegate Brent Boggs
December 6, 2021

Even though it's now December, at this writing it feels like fall with the warm days and frosty mornings. However, I know that's going to change by the time you read this week's column. Despite the lack of wintry weather last week, the Christmas parades in Gassaway last Friday night; the Sutton parade last Saturday afternoon; followed by the evening Christmas parade in Glenville last Saturday evening provided great opportunities to get in the Christmas spirit with friends and neighbors. We're looking forward to being at Burnsville this Saturday for their annual Christmas parade, too.

First this week, I'd like to recognize BCHS student Tyler Baldwin for his quick action and heroic efforts that saved the life of an elderly neighbor last week when his neighbor's Bens Run home caught fire.

As you've read in the newspaper and viewed on TV, Tyler was able to get the elderly homeowner out of the house before first responders arrived on the scene. While the home was a total loss, houses can be rebuilt. A life was saved, and a family can celebrate another holiday together. Thank you, Tyler, for your bravery and quick, lifesaving action.

As I write this Sunday afternoon, I'll be heading back to the Capitol for December interim meetings on Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 6 – 7. A full slate of meetings is planned, including a second meeting of the Select Committee exploring the viability of establishing a school of veterinary medicine in West Virginia.

As I wrote recently, we're still early in the exploration stages, but early data and information have me and many others excited about the prospects. I'll have additional information later this month and share it with you.

Early last week, a statewide newspaper carried a story regarding an audit report performed by the Legislative Auditors Office regarding the lack of legislative oversight on grant funding from state agencies. I received a couple of inquiries because of the story. After reading both the audit and article, it was apparent it contained multiple inaccuracies, as it referenced an audit of grant funding for budget year 2016-2017 but referenced legislation passed in 2019. After some initial research from home and inquiring with legislative attorneys, the article was, indeed, inaccurate on several accounts with oversight increased significantly.

Before I could contact the constituents that made

inquiries to me, the next day the newspaper did a front-page retraction and correction of the inaccurate information and proceeded to offer up a corrected version. I thought that was a class act in recognizing the mistakes and moving to correct them, both quickly and prominently displayed. However, it did bring up some valid points that makes for good information for taxpayers.

The bill referenced in 2019 that supposedly loosened reporting requirements was actually a bill dealing with volunteer fire departments for strengthening their reporting requirements. Not mentioned was a bill passed last session unanimously in the House that imposed even more comprehensive protections for taxpayers and grant awarding agencies to ensure compliance. Here are some highlights from Com. Sub. for H.B.2573:

- The State Auditor is required to maintain a searchable database of all development subsidies, defined as an expense of public funds for economic development totaling \$10,000 or more. The bill requires to be published: the business name and parent company, the project site, the NAICS code, the date, duration, type, and value of the subsidy, estimated number of new jobs, and the actual number of new jobs created.
- The bill requires the Development Office or a granting body to provide reports to the Auditor. The bill defines a granting body as any agency, board, office, public-private partnership, public benefit corporation or authority of the state or local government to grant a subsidy. The bill also requires a granting body to review information reported from a recipient for accuracy and requires the information be verified.
- The State Auditor is given oversight responsibility over state grants. The Auditor is authorized to promulgate rules gov-

erning state grants and to maintain reporting requirements, a public database for issued state grants, a list of debarred entities, stop payment procedures, and stop payment orders.

- The bill authorizes all grantors, the State Auditor, and the Attorney General to recover misspent grant funds through defined procedures including the use of private collection agencies and the courts.
- The bill requires grant-making agencies to designate a "Chief Accountability Officer"; suspends expenditures of grant funds if reporting and record-keeping requirements are not met; requires written disclosure of conflicts of interest; and provides for au-

ditions. The bill clarifies that activities by sub-grantors and subgrantees are governed by the same laws and rules as grantors and grantees.

- The bill prohibits grant funds from being used towards prohibited political activity and establishes criminal penalties for violations.

Finally, a sad note at the passing of long-time friend and public servant, Danny Myers. His military service in the National Guard; a long career with the U.S. Postal Service and former postmaster; his decades-long dedication and service as a volunteer firefighter and former fire chief, his expertise and hard work in 911 mapping and addressing in Braxton County, are just a few of Dan-

ny's contributions to our community and county. He will be missed greatly and well-remembered by everyone. Jean and I send our condolences to his wife, Alice, and the entire family.

During the interim period between legislative sessions, I can be reached at my home at 304-364-8411; or please address mail to: 151 Park Street, Gassaway, WV 26624. For those with Internet access, my legislative email address is: Brent.Boggs@WVHouse.gov

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



Photo of Squeaky's kids (45 years ago?) the original pic was folded, sorry for the quality

On the Other Side of the Mountain

By Verena Sava

Around the winter holidays I usually tell about something that happened in our farm-life that led us in a specific direction without realizing it. You all know that I am of Swiss origin, later becoming an American citizen. I thought you might find it interesting to learn something about stereotyping the Swiss. You should know as soon as a Swiss baby is born, it is fed cheese, chocolate and sausage and to imprint punctuality early on, a small Swiss swatch is dangling above the crib. Swiss punctuality does not only mean you are showing up at an agreed time, you show up early, early in a polite sense, 2 to 3 minutes precisely! I wrote this introduction because I will write about our cheese-making story.

We were still living in a tent, building the first part of our house to have a shelter for winter when we had our first goat, named Squeaky, and a few chickens. Squeaky and the chickens had comfortable shelters before we finished ours. Their habitat looked downright fancy, being built with tongue and groove from the farmhouse we had dismantled at Falls Mills. The doors were tight, keeping them safe at night and the windows let the sunlight in during the day. We had fresh milk and eggs. We managed to finish two rooms of our house and felt comfortable for the winter. We realized that goats are herd animals and need company of their own kind, so we bought Buffy and a buck who's name I don't remember. The following year we had too much milk and what came to my mind as a Swiss was cheese!

We borrowed a book from the library and tried our luck at making cheese. The result was mildly put "disappointing". Greg's brother, who lived on the farm with us in a house



Hard cheese with proper instructions, just needs 6 months ripening now

tent, spit out the first bite he had sampled, labeling it horrible. We did not give up and kept on trying, but we only made a lot of dog and chicken feed. Mice did not touch it either, they did not recognize it as the cheese with which they were familiar. For quite a while we had no electricity, so we had to do without refrigeration. This of course limited our protein sources. We ate a lot of canned fish.

My parents always hoped I would return some day to Switzerland and to keep me connected to my homeland, they sent me a daily newspaper to keep in touch with my roots and maybe to create some feeling of homesickness and nostalgia. It just so happened that one day I read a featured story about cheese making in the Swiss Alps, where people learned how to do it, how wonderful and special it tasted, and it mentioned the person who did all the inspections in the Alps. I wrote to him, telling him about our failures, wrote down the recipe we followed, and, to our surprise, he answered. He recognized immediately where we made mistakes, made recommendations, sent a book about making hard cheese in the Alps and with it some freeze-dried culture that is crucial for cheese making, and a good outcome.

Of course, having been raised on cheese, I was familiar with many different varieties of cheeses produced in CH. My father always bought some Alp-Cheese as a special

treat. Now it was up to us to attempt to produce cheese that was delicious for both humans and mice! Clean milk, the right bacterial culture, the exact amount of rennet, the right amount of incubation time with observance of proper temperature conditions and the art of recognizing when the curd was right for pressing, using simple tests of tasting the curd, feeling the consistency with our hands and deciding that it was right. Any recipe is helpful and when followed exactly, the end result should be perfect, but the recipe does not guarantee a perfect outcome. Experience and the knowledge of how it should taste and feel has to be obtained by repeating the process again and again till we find confidence. Greg finally made a beautiful, round, smooth wheel of cheese every other day, of which any Swiss would have been proud. Friends started buying it by the wheel or by the pound. We sold eggs, strawberries, aged hard cheese, but nothing ever covered more than our basic financial needs. We could live, but we were never able to make any improvements on the farm, like buying more fence material, buying equipment to minimize the slow, manual labor, buying more animals or building another barn to house them.

In the meantime, I had started to teach in Birch River. I loved teaching and I love kids. We milked the goats early

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December 6, 2021

"In the center of God's

There are many ways to communicate. Facebook is one place where many people meet, some of them on a daily basis. This creates many calls to "read" something, and I don't think everyone wants to read volumes of paragraphs in personal or even business messages.

I have chosen the following article from AdventistWORLD because it is "short" and I don't think it will be skipped as a longer epistle might be and perhaps it will be read more thoroughly, perhaps with more understanding.

"To Be Continued . . .
"An abundance of voices assaults us from every corner. These voices can be heard in every conceivable media--time-tested print, fast-moving social media, heartthumping video, or mind-angaging audio. Some of these voices shout; others whisper. They all seek to get our attention, for they want to tell us a story.

"Scripture is only one voice among the many--and yet it is the completely different one. It plots awe-inspiring divine interventions and some great human exploits. It lets us see the highs and lows of human history and is unabashedly honest and transparent as it points us to God's persistent story line. It goes like this: God is love--and this love wants to communicate itself to us! We often call this story line the 'cosmic conflict,' or the 'Great Controversy,' for it moves from the perfection of Heaven's throne room to a perfect garden on a newly created blue planet to the devastation of the Fall and the post-Flood world.

story line we see a cross standing on a hill outside the gates of Jerusalem with the God-man Jesus hanging with His arms spread out. As we consider Jesus' death and resurrection, we need to recalibrate our mixed emotions. We hear Him say to the former demoniac on a shore next to Lake Galilee: 'Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you' (Mark 5:19). We also hear the psalmist exclaim: 'My mouth shall tell of Your righteousness and Your salvation all the day, for I do not know their limits' (Ps. 71:15).

"And suddenly we get it. God's story didn't finish on the cross or when Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses on a door of the Wittenberg church or when William Miller and thousands of Advent believers looked in anticipation up into the sky on October 22, 1844. God's story is our story too. 'To be continued' is not just part of the closing credits of a TV series or found on the last page of a cherished volume. Our lives and witness offer the continuation of the cosmic conflict, adding a small piece to the puzzle. That's the reason we are called to share our stories in the larger conline. It goes like this: God is love--and this love wants to communicate itself to us! We often call this story line the 'cosmic conflict,' or the 'Great Controversy,' for it moves from the perfection of Heaven's throne room to a perfect garden on a newly created blue planet to the devastation of the Fall and the post-Flood world.

"Listen to the way Ellen White put it: 'Each has his place in the eternal plan of heaven. Each is to work in cooperation with Christ for the salva-

tion of souls. Not more surely is the place prepared for us in the heavenly mansions than is the special place designated on earth where we are to work for God.'

"Yes, your story--my story--is unique and uniquely needed. Someone, somewhere, needs to see, her, or even just

Count Down to Christmas

By: Jeanette Riffle

Thanksgiving over and the left overs frozen or shared with others and now we are getting ready for Christmas. We got a Christmas card, already.

I always start on the out of state ones and put a letter in each one. Little by little, I bring out some decorations. We kept Thanksgiving simple and safe and went by the safety rules.

We enjoyed having our son and granddaughter home. They want to come back again for Christmas. Hopefully the roads will be safe to travel at that time.

Our weather keeps going back and forth. Warm, like spring is breaking, and then wintry again. A lot of people are sick. My sister in law up the field, has been seeing dandelions and violets when she walks around outside. We heard on the news that in the higher elevations of Hawaii, they were forecasting blizzard warnings, up to one hundred mile an hour winds, and up to twelve inches of snow. We were so surprised to hear of that kind of weather in Hawaii.

I have been working on some homemade gifts for Christmas and baking a lot with the cooler weather.

You can use overly

observe that story and be encouraged to step into the story line that will be continued into eternity."

Gerald A. Klingbell, "To Be Continued"... Adventist World /page 15. July/August 2021. Printed Monthly by Pacific Press Publishing Association. Used by permission.

ripe bananas in a Hummingbird Cake. That one is moist and doesn't require an icing but some people put a cream cheese icing on it. I made one a couple days ago and there's only one piece left. Cakes usually last longer with just the two of us here.

Numbers were down this morning at Rosedale Baptist Church due to sickness. Mr. R. has been under the weather with a head cold. It has about run its course but it has called a halt to the deer hunting.

It's not worth going to a blind on the creek bank and getting worse, plus he would cough and scare the deer away. Archery season is over and gun season has been in. There's still time.

We will be rounding up the ingredients for our fruit cake soon. As a matter of fact, that is one of my gifts to him. I don't eat it. It's too rich for me but he just loves it.

Store bought fruit cakes aren't good and they are so expensive, so I made up a recipe of my own.

When you grow up cooking and baking for family of six, you learn how to make things from scratch. I will wrap things up for this week.

Until next time, everyone stay safe and stay well. Take care and God bless!

Braxton County Senior Center December 2021 Menu

December 08 Pot Roast Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy Peas Dinner Roll Fruit

December 09 BBQ Chicken Baked Beans Biscuit Macaroni Salad Fruit

December 10 Peppero- ni Roll Tomato Soup w/ Cheese Crackers Fruit

December 13 Chili Sweet Potatoes Cornbread Fruit

December 14 Open-Face Turkey Sandwich Stuffing Corn Fruit

December 15 Potato Soup Broccoli Cornbread Fruit

December 16 CHRISTMAS DINNER Baked Ham Sweet Potato Casserole Green Beans Dinner Roll Cherry Crisp

December 17 Spaghetti w/ Meatballs Garden Salad Garlic Bread Fruit

December 20 Chicken Alfredo Garlic Bread Broccoli Fruit

December 21 Hamburger Steak w/ Onion Gravy Mashed Potatoes Spinach Casserole Dinner Roll Fruit

December 22 Pork Riblet on Bun French Fries Fruit

December 23 Breakfast Bake Hash Brown Biscuit Spiced Apples

December 24 HOLIDAY CENTER CLOSED

December 27 Fish Sandwich w/ Cheese French Fries Coleslaw Baked Beans Fruit

December 28 Bean Soup Ham Salad Sandwich Stewed Tomatoes Fruit

December 29 Hot Dog w/ Chili Coleslaw Tater Tots Fruit

December 30 Meatloaf

Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy Peas Dinner Roll Fruit

December 31 HOLIDAY CENTER CLOSED

2% Milk served with each meal.

Menu subject to change due to Availability of foods.

Christmas Dinner

December 18th
Join us for a Christmas Dinner Saturday, December 18th from 11-1 PM at the Shiloh Fellowship Outreach 602 Elk Street, Gassaway.

First come serve. Drive thru

On the Other Side of the Mountain

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in the morning, because I had to clean up before heading for school. All barn smell had to be painstakingly removed. We had no running or hot water. It had to be fetched and heated on the stove or used cold. We milked again in the evening and to compensate for my time spent on farm duty, Greg helped me grade and check schoolwork of the children. Having taught in the past, I knew it was important to get the kids interested, get them excited. Children are always enthusiastic about nature, plants, animals, science in general, without mentioning the subject. Once they wanted to learn more, I pointed out how to get information by reading, asking questions, getting in touch with people who work in the field of their specific interest, talking to them, even writing to them.

This made them apply reading and writing skills without pressure. Math was another subject that needed some practical application, like comparison shopping, saving money for something the child wants and also just making it fun to memorize and using competition for the dreaded multiplication table.

Teachers to be hired present their certificates and records of teaching experiences to a superintendent or principal in an interview. I had all that, but I had a special test to pass without knowing about it. When I first worked as a substitute teacher, Miss Strickland (1st grade) apparently observed me during recess and lunch with the children and probably peeked through the window of the classroom. Miss Butcher confirmed that I was doing a good job and managed the classroom well, while she was out sick for a week. I had an accent, regrettably not the lovely, familiar WV accent that I like so much. I wore either a mini skirt or jeans, not quite proper Birch River teacher attire, but somehow Miss Strickland, Miss Butcher and Mrs. Morris saw behind the accent and appearance, admitted that we were more alike than different. All my life I had a no-nonsense approach and was squarely grounded, trying to stay true to myself, not changing just to please others. They observed my teaching methods, how I dealt with the kids and that I maintained discipline even as a substitute. Surprisingly I got hired as a full-time teacher.

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This column describes my dual role as a budding farmer and as a teacher who wanted to add her teaching experiences in WV to the previous ones in CH, in Canada and in NY. Next week I will continue with our early journey here on the farm.

Braxton County Farm Bureau to meet

The Braxton County Farm Bureau will meet on Monday, December 20, 2021 at 6 PM at the Flatwoods Community Building. There will be a Yankee Swap for all those who choose to participate.

No November meeting due to WV Farm Bureau Annual Meeting. Please plan to attend.

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Mary Louise Six

Mary Louise Six, 82, of Sutton, passed away on Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at Holbrook Health Care Center, Buckhannon, WV.

She was born May 16, 1939 in Sutton, the daughter of the late Garland & Marie Lemon Six. Also preceding her in death were her three brothers, Oscar Six, Leon Six, and Glen Six.

Mary leaves behind to cherish her memory her daughters, Janet Six and Kimberly Six both of Sutton; brother, John "Mousie" Six of Sutton; and granddaughter, Elizabeth "Buffy" Six of Huntington.

Upon request the body will be cremated.

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

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

Carol Marie Richardson

Carol Marie Richardson, 70, of Sutton, went home to be with the Lord



November 28, 2021, at Ruby Memorial Hospital, Morgantown. She was born December 27, 1950 in Clay, WV the daughter of the late Walter C. & Sylvia Jane Withrow McDivitt. Also preceding her in death was her brother, Roger McDivitt; sister, Barbara Williams.

Carol was a housekeeper for Days Inn, Sutton, and a member of Stump Chapel Baptist Church, Tesla.

She is survived by her loving husband, John Richardson; sons, Mike Richardson (Rosia), Mitchell Richardson (Sonja), Dustin Richardson all of Sutton, John Richardson (Sue) of Bays; daughter, Rebecca Carr of Sutton; brother, Walter McDivitt of Summersville; sister, Shirley Regger of Clay; grandchildren, Sammy Richardson, Alli Richardson, Justin Mollahan, Jeremy Mollahan, Mariah Richardson, Cody Mollahan, Eric Mollahan, Sasha Richardson; 3 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held 1:00 pm, Saturday, December 4, 2021 at Harper Cemetery, Little Birch with Rev. Teddy Legg officiating.

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

Clifford Benny McCourt

Clifford Benny McCourt, Sr., 57, of Sutton, passed away on Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at Ruby Memorial Hospital, Morgantown.

He was born February 17, 1964 in Sutton, the son of the late William Benny & Tayula Cogar McCourt. Also preceding him in death was his son, Clifford Benny McCourt, Jr.

Clifford was a Auto Mechanic at Little Birch, WV.

He is survived by his wife, Nina Utt McCourt; sons, Clifford McCourt, II, Gabriel McCourt, both of Centralia; daughters, Martha Godbey (Sam) of Clenedenin, Elizabeth McCourt, Alexis McCourt, Annie McCourt all of Centralia; sisters, Erma Crites, Marguerite Helmick both of Sutton, Betty Rose of Centralia; grandson, Jonathon Godbey.

Graveside services were held 1:00 pm, Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at McCourt Cemetery, Centralia, with Rev. Russell Shaw officiating. There will be no visitation.

Greene-Robertson Funeral Home is honored to be serving the McCourt family.

Opalene Stella Moffatt,

Opalene Stella Moffatt, 95, of Webster Springs passed away on Monday, November 29, 2021, at Webster County Memorial Hospital. She was born on November 16, 1926, in Bower, WV, to Delford and Amy Belcher Underwood.

She married Don Basil



land, WV; her brother Bill "Lightning" Underwood; her brother Carl "Thunderbolt" Underwood; her brother Denzil "Windstorm" Underwood; her brother Dale "Breeze" Underwood; and her sister Edra Channell.

Friends joined the family on Thursday, December 2nd beginning at 6 p.m. at the Dodd Reed funeral home in Webster Springs. Funeral services were held Friday, December 3rd, at 1 p.m. with her sons-in-law Bro. Jeff Swecker and Bro. Charles Tenney officiating. Burial followed at the Handschumacher Cemetery in Upper Glade.

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

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

John "Danny" Facemire

John "Danny" Facemire, 68, of Sutton, West Virginia was born on August 29, 1953 in Gassaway, WV, and passed away on December 3, 2021

fighting a 10 year courageous battle against Alzheimer's.

Danny was a member of the Sutton Baptist Church, an avid Nascar fan, and car enthusiast.

Danny is survived by his wife of over 44 years, Debbie; children, Nichole Trevino and husband, Paul, Lindsey Facemire, and John Facemire; grandchildren, Zoe, Theresa, Daria, and Paul; his siblings, Vickie Conant and her husband, Doug, Doug Facemire and his wife, Tammy, and Jeff Facemire, and his wife, Diana.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Eugene and Barbara Facemire.

As per his wishes he will be cremated and a memorial service will be scheduled at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 1601 2nd Street, Charleston, WV 25387 or the Braxton County Animal Shelter/Quarantine Room, 10 Animal Shelter Lane, Sutton, WV 26601. The Animal Shelter also accepts donations through PayPal. You can go PayPal.me/.BCAnimalShelter, enter the amount you would like to donate and include 'Memorial Donations for the Quarantine Room' in the note.

Arrangements by Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway.

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

Linda F. Singleton

Linda F. Singleton, 73, a lifelong resident of Frametown, WV passed away

Friday, December 3, 2021 after a brief illness.

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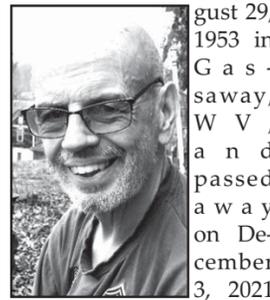
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In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her sister-in-law, Violet M. James and stepson, Jimmy Singleton.

She was a homemaker, devoted wife, and mother. She was a Methodist by faith. Linda was a 1966 graduate of Gassaway High School. In her younger years she was employed by Kinney Shoe Company until its closing in the area. She attended Dessie Grade School, where she always enjoyed attending the annual reunions and seeing lifelong friends. She took pride in tending to her garden and planting and caring for her various flowers around the house. Her favorite flowers were her roses.

Linda's memory will always be cherished by her husband of 53 years, James A. Singleton "Archie"; her nephew, Gavin S James, which she raised as her son since birth; brothers, Forrest O. James, Roger N. James (Debbie), and Richard P. James; sister, Velma A. James; stepson, Michael Singleton (Linna); and nieces and nephews.

Her funeral service was 2 P.M. Monday, December 6, 2021 at Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway with Pastor Ray Teets officiating. Friends visited two hours prior at the funeral home.

Interment was in the Sugar Creek Cemetery, Gassaway.

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

Jeanne Yvette Hinely

Jeanne Yvette Hinely, 81, of Cowen, passed away on Thursday, December 2,



2021 at Webster Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

She was born September 6, 1940 in Long Island, NY to the late Leonard and Yvette Levert Carman.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, Jimmie L. Hinely, Sr.; son, Jimmie L. Hinely, Jr.; grandson, Derrick Hinely, and brother, Jimmy Carman.

Jeanne was a smart and ambitious woman that had a great work ethic. She would often work two jobs. She enjoyed reading all kinds of books and in the later years she would listen to audio books. She was a birdwatcher and

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loved to watch the flowers bloom. Her family was her life. She was excellent at playing Trivial Pursuit and Scrabble games with her family. She loved to go and play BINGO. Jeanne was the oldest of her siblings and the only girl in her family.

She is survived by son, John Hinely and wife, Pam, of Iowa; daughters, Jennifer Carpenter of Georgia and Jessica Grant and husband, Mitch, of Florida; three brothers, Leonard, Gary and Robert Carman; nine grandchildren, Angela, Crystal, Jimmie III, Jasmine, Mandi, Derrick, Joshua, Bud and Tommy; seven great grandchildren, AJ, Scott, Sydney, Cheyenne, Izzy, Morgan, and Chloe; and one great great grandchild, Layla Grace.

Graveside service was 11 A.M. Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at Sugar Creek Cemetery, Gassaway with Pastor Jim Criner officiating.

Service of Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway

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

Terra Dawn Lewis

Terra Dawn Lewis, 39 of Richwood went home to be with the Lord on November 8, 2021.

Terra was a loving wife, mother, daughter, sister and aunt.

Terra is survived by Husband, Joey Lewis.

Four children, Miranda, Carlisle, Kendrick and Harrison Lewis and Desiree Thomas. Parents, LeRoy and Alice Prunty, Braxton County. Sister, Rebecca (Becky) Prunty, Braxton County. Two Brothers, Roy and Wife Tara Prunty, Gilmer County and Stacey Prunty, Braxton County. Several Nieces and Nephews. Mother and Father-In-Law Marsha and Terry Lewis, Richwood, WV.

Visitation was Friday, November 12, 2021 from 1:00 PM till 2:00 PM in Little Laurel Baptist Church, Richwood, WV. Officiating was from Pastor Ricky Bragg. Services were at 2:00 PM in the church. Interment was in Mt. View Memorial Park, Richwood, WV.

Eva Diane "Smurf" Harter

Eva Diane "Smurf" Harter, 63, of Horner passed away on Wednesday, December 1st, 2021 in Mon General Hospital of Morgantown. She was

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Sprouse and Carol (Coser) Sprouse.

Cherishing her memory are three daughters: Chrystal Miller of Camden, Rachael Freeman and boyfriend Robert Kuhn and Leslie Pratt and boyfriend Richard Herrick both of Weston, 8 grandchildren: Thomas Pratt, David R. Paisley, Kyra and Trenton Toms, Hope Miller, Jacob Bassell, Elizabeth Pratt, Chase Freeman, and Parker Kuhn, four great-grandchildren: Payton Turner, Easton Turner, Riley Turner and Finley Toms and her boyfriend: Steven "Buckeye" Helmick. Also surviving are step-children: Steven "Moe" Helmick and family and Tonya Kittle and family, one sister: Shawna Marie Turner and husband Gary of Weston and several nieces and nephews. Eva was preceded in death by one sister: Dreama Lynn Harter.

Eva worked in housing assignment at WVU-Jackson Mill 4-H Camp for several years and had worked as manager at Coke-N-Float. She was a graduate of Lewis County High School with the class of 1975. She loved camping and was a camp volunteer at Burnsville. She enjoyed playing on the computer and being on Facebook. Eva loved deer hunting but most of all she enjoyed mowing her yard.

Family and friends will be received at the Hardman Family Funeral Home 730 N. Main Avenue Weston on Saturday, December 4th, 2021 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. where funeral services will be held in the Hardman Family Funeral Home chapel with Pastor Wease Day officiating. Interment will follow services in Peterson Cemetery of Weston, WV. On-line condolences and life stories in memory of Eva may be expressed at hardmanfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Hardman Family Funeral Home of Weston considers it an honor and a privilege to serve the family of Eva Diane "Smurf" Harter.

Darley James McCray

Darley James McCray, 63, of Ireland, passed away in the comfort of his home on Friday, December 3, 2021.

He was born in Buckhannon on November 15, 1958, a son of Lucille Boggs McCray and the late Ralph Welton McCray. In addition to his father, Darley was preceded in death by one brother, David McCray; and one sister, Margaret McCray Kelley

Forever cherishing their memories of Darley's loving nature are one daughter, Jessica Stalnaker of Ireland, WV; four grandchildren: Seth, Kaylee, Emily, and Brody Stalnaker all of Ireland, WV; two sisters: Brenda McCray Helmick and husband, Harold, of Roanoke, WV, and Carol McCray of Ireland, WV; one brother, Travis McCray of Ireland, WV; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Darley was a self-employed logger for over 35 years working for D. McCray logging. He had a passion for gardening and raising vegetables. He also enjoyed fishing and riding his 4-wheeler. Darley was a man with a huge heart willing to help anyone, but always at the center of his life were his grandchildren.

Family and friends will gather for a Graveside Service in McCutcheon Chapel Cemetery on McChord Run Road in Walkersville at 4:00 pm on Tuesday, December 7, 2021, with Pastor Bob Mitchell officiating. Interment will follow.

We, at Clutter Funeral Home - Alkire Chapel located at 190 Wildcat Road in Ireland, are honored and privileged to serve the family of Darley James McCray. Online condolences may be expressed at www.ClutterFuneralHome.com.

George Dewey Keener

George Dewey Keener, Jr., 86, of Sutton, passed away on Saturday, December 4, 2021 at Braxton Memorial Hospital, Gassaway.

He was born June 26, 1935 in Sutton, the son of the late George Dewey Keener, Sr. & Pearly Mae Crites Keener. Also preceding him in death was his sons, Lonnie Keener, Jeff Keener; daughter, Irene Pearl Keener; sisters, Mary Madeline Morris, Kathleen White, Jacqueline Coldwell; brother, Ralph Keener.

George was a retired Staff Sergeant serving in Vietnam in Air Force with the 101st Air Bourne and was also a Army Paratrooper. He was a member of Laurel Run Baptist Church.

He is survived by his loving wife, Patsy Keener; sons, George Keener (Charlotte) of Princeton, WV, Fred Keener (Yvonne) of Washington; daughters, Diana Keener (Roy) of Wilsie, WV, Janette Faulk (Brian) of Maryland; 14 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held 1:00 pm, Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at Greene-Robertson Funeral Home, Sutton with Rev. Jason Allen officiating. Military graveside Rite will follow at the funeral home with American Legion Post #33, with burial at Keener Cemetery, Sutton. Friends may call 6 to 8 pm., Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at the funeral home.

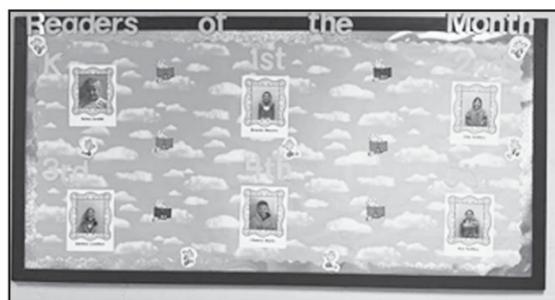
Greene-Robertson Funeral Home is humbly serving the Keener family.

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

Stewart family reunion

The Annual Stewart Family Christmas Eve lunch will be held at the Gassaway Community Building on December 24, 2021. The room will be open at 11:30 a.m. for set-up with lunch to be available as soon as all is complete. Please bring a dish and come join us.

Frametown Elementary Readers of the Month



Students at Frametown Elementary School are involved in a reading incentive program. The "Reader of the Month" is a school-wide contest to help improve reading skills. Classroom teachers determined the criteria for their class and students strive to have the highest scores in their class. Classrooms are using the Accelerated Reader program and i-Ready programs as measuring instruments. One student from each grade will be determined by these scores and will

have their picture on the "Reader of the Month" bulletin board, certificate to take home, and lunch with a friend in Ms. Patty's room with music and other specials! The winners for the month of November are: Rylea Grubb - Mrs. Skeens' Kindergarten; Braylie Moyers - Mrs. Chapman's 1st Grade; Ella Nettles - Mrs. Davis' 2nd Grade; Adeline Lowther - Mrs. White's 3rd Grade; Chance Davis - Mrs. Allen's 4th Grade; Ava Nettles - Mrs. Dennison's 5th Grade.

The Music Within

By Joseph J Mazzella

I am not sure how many years ago it was. I know it was a while back because I still had a cassette player at the time. I had a lot of housework to do. I was tired of television and was in the mood for music. I pulled out one of my favorite cassettes then and put it in the player. It started to play but before long a loud squeal happened and the music stopped. I opened the player and saw the tape in the cassette was all pulled out and twisted. I tried the old pencil trick to get the tape back in place but it was already broken beyond repair. I frowned. I didn't want to risk another of my cassettes with a tape eating machine, but I really wanted some music.

Then I noticed my ancient record player in the corner. I walked over and dusted off the top of it. I pulled out an old record of my Mom's that my Dad had given me after she died.

I turned on the record player and gently put the record on the turntable. "Pop!" "Crack!" went the record for a second as I put the needle down. Then a beautiful melody from my childhood started to play. I smiled and stared to do my housework. The sweet songs I grew up on slowly started to stir my soul. I felt the music within me coming out of me. My spirit felt like singing so I started to sing, letting my weak, raspy voice join in joyously with the songs. I even dared to dance a little while I did the dishes and didn't drop a single dish. I smiled and laughed. My heart felt so happy. And in that moment I could feel the love of God and the joy of the universe



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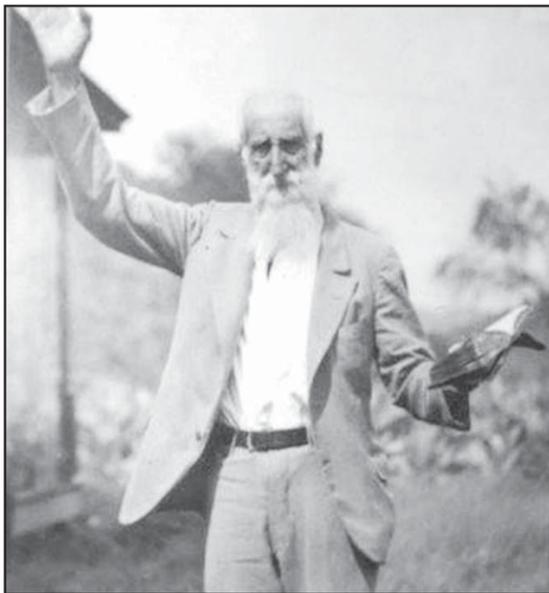
Dec. 12, 1942: Internationally known jazz pianist and recording artist Bob Thompson was born in Jamaica, Queens, New York. He studied music at West Virginia State College (now University) and is the house pianist on the Mountain Stage radio program.



Dec. 14, 1857: Coal operator Justus Collins was born. He owned coal mines at Glen Jean and Whipple, and the octagonal Whipple company store survives today as a local landmark.



Dec. 15, 1967: The Silver Bridge at Point Pleasant collapsed, killing 46 people. The Silver Bridge was built by the American Bridge Company of Pittsburgh and opened to traffic on May 19, 1928. The accident led to the passage of legislation for a national bridge inspection and safety program.



Dec. 10, 1841: Logan County preacher "Uncle Dyke" Garrett was born on Big Creek. His greatest fame was for converting and baptizing Devil Anse Hatfield in Main Island Creek in 1911.



Dec. 11, 1905: 'Pare' Lorentz, known as "FDR's filmmaker," was born in Clarksburg. In 1933, Lorentz created The Roosevelt Year: 1933, a pictorial review of FDR's first year in the White House.

Charleston WV – The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia at www.wvencyclopedia.org.

Dec. 9, 1829: West Virginia's fourth governor, John Jeremiah Jacob, was born in Hampshire County. He was the first governor born within the area that became West Virginia and the first Democratic governor of the state.

Dec. 9, 1932: Songwriter, musician, playwright, humorist, and poet Billy Edd Wheeler was born in Whitesville.

Dec. 10, 1949: The first class of 20 cadets graduated from the West Virginia State Police Academy in Institute. The State Police purchased property for the academy on a hilltop overlooking Institute from Kanawha County for about \$3,200. Construction began in 1948, and the building was completed the next year.

Dec. 12, 1953: Chuck Yeager set a speed record by flying two-and-a-half times the speed of sound in a Bell X-1A. Yeager, who grew up in Hamlin, had broken the sound barrier six years earlier on Oct. 14, 1947.

Dec. 13, 1861: The Battle of Allegheny Mountain, one of the bloodiest conflicts of the Civil War's first year, took place in Pocahontas County.

Dec. 13, 1926: Wheeling radio station WWVA-AM began broadcasting. The 50-watt station operated from the basement of John Stroebel's house for most of its first year. Stroebel was a physics teacher and wireless pioneer.

Dec. 14, 1910: The accidental death of a Chesapeake & Ohio engineer near St. Albans led to the popular train song, "Billy Richardson's Last Ride."

Dec. 15, 1879: Roman Catholic Bishop John Joseph Swint was born in Pickens. He was responsible for the building of many religious institutions in the Diocese of Wheeling (now the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston).

Dec. 15, 1972: An explosion at a Weirton Steel coke plant on Browns Island killed 19 men and injured 10 others. It was the worst industrial accident in Weirton's history.

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For more information contact the West Virginia Humanities Council, 1310 Kanawha Blvd. E., Charleston, WV 25301; (304) 346-8500; or visit e-WV at www.wvencyclopedia.org.

Farm Bureau meeting

The Braxton County Farm Bureau will meet on Monday, December 20, 2021 at 6 PM at the Flatwoods Community Building.

Christmas Program

The Old German Community Church on Chapel Road, Gassaway, will be hosting the Christmas Program "The Crippled Lamb" on Saturday, December 11 at 7:00 pm. Rick Hart, Pastor.

Will haul away anything METAL for FREE. Call: 304-765-7934

Braxton County Animal Shelter



Jodi is an eight month old spayed female, black lab mix, weighing around fifty pounds. Jodi was surrendered because her owner was disabled and could no longer care for her. She is super affectionate and lays her head in your lap for pets. She has only ever lived outdoors so she isn't yet house trained but she is very smart and we believe she would learn quickly with time and attention. Jodi has lots of playful energy and loves other dogs so we believe she would do best in a home with another dog to play with to burn off energy and show her the ropes. She knows how to sit and walks on a leash and responds to a whistle.



This is Max. He is a fourteen month old micro-chipped, neutered male who was adopted from our shelter and later returned. This guy does not do well with chickens! We don't believe that Max has ever lived indoors so he probably isn't yet house trained.

He knows sit, stay, give kisses and come. He's very dog social and wants to play with other dogs but not overly energetic. Max needs a fenced yard or boundaries. He loves toys and will take all the affection and play you can give. He also walks great on a leash and seems to be eager to please his people!

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 "Forever" 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 \$99.00 for male dogs and \$119.00 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)765-2

The Braxton County Animal Shelter still has puppies available for adoption, If you think you could give them a great forever home contact the shelter.

Sutton Christmas Parade



Christmas Parade

The Town of Burnsville Christmas Parade will be December 11th. Line up starts at 5 PM at the school. Please call 304-853-2605 to be included in the line-up. Santa will be on hand to give out candy after the parade and there will be hot chocolate and cookies for the kids. Concessions will be offered by the Burnsville Freedom Festival.



President Donald Burroughs of the Braxton County Farm Bureau is show here receiving an award from the WV Farm Bureau President Charles Wilfong for Braxton making the quota for 2021. Braxton County was also represented at the Annual Meeting at Oglbay Resort & Conference Center by Brenda Burroughs and Linda Brown.

Glennville State College Student Government Association Members Decorate Downtown Glennville



(l-r) Dennis Fitzpatrick, Dave Kennedy, Hannah Rexroad, Garrett Watts, Cody Dye, Nic McVaney, and Conner Ferguson recently spent time hanging Christmas decorations in Downtown Glennville.

Helping develop a stronger connection to the community not only helps the College, but it also helps our students develop a sense of engagement and belonging. We were more than happy to lend a hand to this great community, had a great time doing so, and look forward to more of these types of opportunities as we move into the new year," said Student Government Association President, Nic McVaney. "We really appreciate the SGA members for coming down and helping; the additional manpower certainly made the work go faster," Fitzpatrick added. "By having the Student Government Association members volunteer with this project in downtown Glennville, we see benefits to both the students and members of the Glennville community.



Glennville State College Student Government Association officers Garrett Watts (left) and Cody Dye add lights to the decorations at Glennville's City Square Park.

Members of Glennville State College's Student Government Association recently helped decorate Downtown Glennville for Christmas. The students hung garland, lights, and bows throughout City Square Park and at the lot near the intersection of Main and Lewis Streets. "We started really adding more decorations to the Downtown area around three years ago, and we have tried to add a little more as money is available," said Glennville Mayor Dennis Fitzpatrick. "The decorations we see now are part of that, in

addition to the tree under the gazebo and the items on the archway entry into the Park that were generously donated by Terry Ellyson." The students who participated said it was a nice way to give back to the community. "It was a pleasure to be able to help the City of Glennville get in the holiday spirit. I know I can speak for the whole Glennville State College Student Government Association in saying that we are grateful to have been given this wonderful opportunity by Mayor Fitzpatrick.

Being a small college town, having a relationship with the community is imperative and can help bring members of the diverse student body and the members of the community together for a common goal. In Student Government, we strive to instill leadership, service, and relationship building and, through projects like these, we are doing that while also exposing our student leaders to the operations of local government. I look forward to more projects and partnerships like this in the future," said Director of Alumni Relations, Engagement, and Leadership, Conner Ferguson.

FLATWOODS CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Friday December 10th 6:30 p.m. **Visit with Santa!**

Children are invited to stop by the Flatwoods Municipal Building to visit with Santa and get a goody bag. Free hot cocoa, coffee, and cookies, will be served courtesy of Lana and Keith Dancy of L & K Car Wash.

Saturday December 11th Noon to 2 p.m. **Live Nativity**

All are welcome to visit our live nativity at the Flatwoods Municipal Building. We will also

Saturday December 11th

Craft & Vendor Show

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Flatwoods Community Building

Vendors with crafts and products such as

- Thirty- One
- handmade gnomes
- Scentsy
- Paparazzi
- Wood Crafts
- Tin Crafts
- Baked Goods
- Dog Treats
- Dog accessories
- Home Decor
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- Turned wood products

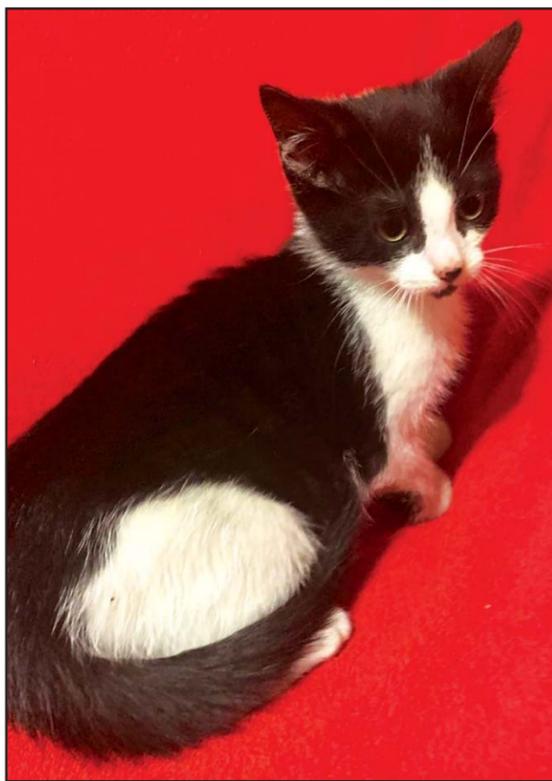
Free Giveaways all day!

Gi's Pit Beef at the craft fair Saturday!

Kitty Korner



CUPID: Female, 9 weeks old, white with black spots



RUDOLPH: Male, 8 weeks old, tuxedo (black/white)



NOEL: Female, 8 weeks old, flame-tipped Siamese color and markings



GABRIEL: Male, 8 weeks old, white with gray spots

As the holiday approached, we remind you that pets are a lifetime commitment, and not just a present for under the tree on Christmas morning. Just One Generation recommends that new pets NOT be introduced to a household on or at Christmas morning, but rather several weeks before or

after the event. This gives all the best chance for the pet to adapt to its new environment. Just One Generation cat rescue was formed in 2013 to help address the severe feline overpopulation problem in our area. All of our adoptable cats and kittens are looking for indoor homes, and are litter box

trained, social, have been vaccinated, dewormed, and received topical flea protection. Spay/neuter/rabies is included with our modest adoption fee of \$35, and older kittens and cats may already be done at the time of placement.

This week we feature four of our recently arrived kittens, any one of which would make an excellent addition to any family. More adoptable animals can be viewed on petfinder.com by entering a search for CATS at location 26623, or by LIKING

our Facebook page. Additional information can be obtained by calling Sally Stewart at 304-364-4136.



Drop your letter to santa off before December 18th to receive a reply in time for the Holidays.

The Burnsville Public Library would like to announce that Santa's elves have delivered the Santa Mailbox just in time for Christmas.

If your child wants to receive a letter or card back from Santa Clause, please make sure they

include their first and last name with their address.

The deadline to receive a reply will be on December 18th.

For more information and updates, please visit the Burnsville Public Library on Facebook.

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