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Braxton County Circuit Judge Richard A. Facemire administers the oath of office to newly appointed board member Martha Dean.

New Board of Ed member takes seat

The Board of Education for Braxton County opened their most recent meeting on December 21 with the swearing in of new board member Martha Dean. The Honorable Richard A. Facemire, Circuit Court Judge, swore in Dean and the other board members welcomed her to her new position.

The first to speak to the board was Chris Campbell, ZMM Architects. He discussed the bids for the walk-in freezer/cooler at the high school. The bids came in higher than the initial estimate that was provided to the board in May. The board approved the bid of \$340,000 for the unit.

Campbell went on to update the board on the HVAC replacement also at the high school. He discussed his company doing an assessment and developing a plan to have ready for advertising at the end of 2022. Delaying the replacement of the HVAC units

will allow time for the county to reapply for SBA funds for the roof replacement so hopefully both projects can be completed at one time.

Superintendent Kathy Hypes updated the board on the COVID numbers from the previous week. The numbers did not increase after the Thanksgiving holiday as expected. Ten students and one staff tested positive and 56 students and no staff were on quarantine.

She discussed the recent document released by the WVDE concerning the summer learning program. She noted the numbers in the document were a little misleading. The county used grants other than the one listed in the document to cover the expenses for summer school. The grants used were going to expire and the county would have lost that money. Those funds listed in the document are still available to the county and

will be used for the upcoming summer learning programs.

Superintendent Hypes requested Director of Transportation Brenda Wells speak to the board with a transportation update. Director Wells provided the board with a checklist for bus operator certification. She discussed the costs involved for the various testing can be over \$300. Evelyn Post suggested asking local businesses to "adopt" a driver to help cover the costs of testing so individuals can be certified. She also noted the state was trying to streamline some of the process.

The board approved the following consent agenda items: approval of December 7 regular meeting minutes and December 14 special meeting minutes; payment of bills; budget transfers and supplements; and treasurer's report.

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Christmas Bonanza winners announced

The final task before the Citizens' News staff, began their Christmas holiday, was the selec-

tion of the winners of the annual Christmas Bonanza contest. Thanks to the generosity of the par-

ticipating merchants five lucky area residents each received \$50 Go-Mart gift certificates.

The five winners selected were: Kalley Bragg of Gassaway, Sierra Stump of Gassaway, Christine Carter of Sutton, Gail Ratliff and Noah White both of Flatwoods.

Braxton Newspapers publisher, Ed Given, stated that as in the past, a large number of entries were received during the contest period which encouraged local residents to shop at home. "Perhaps this year above all the previous ones it was more important to shop at home which has always been the theme of this promotion. We would like to thank all those who participated in the event. We congratulate the winners and thank the fine merchants and business professionals who made the sweepstakes possible, particularly Go-Mart for partnering with us in this venture," he added.

In addition to Go-Mart, the sponsoring merchants included: Mountain Laurel Country Store, Peoples Bank, Family Furniture, Mid-State Chevrolet, Lloyds Hardware, Sutton Moose Lodge, and Little Caesars Pizza.



Citizens' News staffer Jennifer Lloyd (right) presents Christmas Bonanza prizes to two of the five winners. Kalley Bragg (above) of Gassaway and Gail Ratliff (below) of Flatwoods.

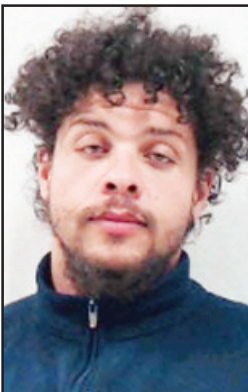


Courthouse vandalized

Not everyone was in on the information and the Christmas spirit last week. At least one local resident attempted to vandalize and/or break into the Braxton County Courthouse. A shattered back door was discovered when Sheriff Lou DellaMea came to work on December 23. The mirror on a county owned vehicle was also damaged.

The Sheriff put the investigation in the hands of Deputy A.L. Groves who made short order of the crime. Deputy Groves viewed tapes from local surveillance cameras and interviewed a witness to obtain the identity of a suspect.

The witness told the officer that they had observed Theron Shelby Davis of Sutton beating on the county vehicle behind the Courthouse at approximately 11:50 the night before. Based



a positive ID from the surveillance tapes Deputy Groves obtained a warrant for Davis and arrested him later that day on Main Street, Sutton without incident. Davis was

arraigned before Braxton County Magistrate Beth Smith on December 24 on misdemeanor charges of destruction of property valued at no more than \$500. Magistrate Smith set Davis' bond at \$1,500 cash only.

At press time, Davis remained incarcerated at the Central Regional Jail awaiting additional court appearances.



Sheriff Lou DellaMea surveys the heavily damaged rear door of the Braxton County Courthouse.

1000 point Eagles recognized



Before the start of the varsity Eagles basketball game against South Harrison December 23, Head Coach Josh Lunceford recognized three former players with an early Christmas present. (L to R) Jadyn Stewart, Cole Browning and Tayton Stout are all members of the 1000

career point club. Coach Lunceford built special display cases for the old jerseys his players wore to honor their achievement since the Eagles updated their uniforms this season. Chris Stout, the father of Tayton, was on hand to receive his son's gift.

Three receive prison time, others have day in court

The Honorable Richard A. Facemire recently completed several plea and sentencing hearings in the Braxton County Circuit Court with Braxton County Prosecuting Attorney Jasmine R.H. Morton representing the state during the proceedings. Jacob Foster and Deandre Williams of the probation department were also present for the plea hearings.

On November 8, Ralph Jennings McCourt, Jr. came to court with attorney Kevin Hughart for a sentencing hearing. The defense moved for an alternative sentence with the state remaining silent per the plea agreement. McCourt admitted to having a serious drug problem but wished to attend a long-term, inpatient drug treatment program. Judge Facemire denied the motion noting his prior criminal record and

substance abuse problem. On multiple felony offenses for possession with intent to deliver for meth, alprazolam, suboxone, and acetyl fentanyl and one felony count of conspiracy, the defendant was sentenced to five to 45 years in prison.

Chase Neal Hamner appeared in court with attorney Bernard Mauser for sentencing on the felony charge of grand larceny. The court denied the request for an alternative sentence and the defendant is to spend one to ten years in the state penitentiary.

Roger Allen Pettry and his attorney Kevin Hughart came before Judge Facemire for a sentencing hearing. A motion for alternative sentence was made by the defense but was denied by the court. The defendant was sentenced to one to ten years for the felony charge of breaking and

entering.

On December 3, Charles Edward Shaffer, Jr. and his attorney Bernard Mauser appeared in court for a plea hearing. The defendant entered a guilty plea to the felony offense of transferring a stolen vehicle. Per the plea agreement, the state agreed to dismiss remaining charges and stand silent at sentencing.

On November 30, Robert Wayne Mitchell came to court with his attorney David Karickhoff. Both parties accepted the terms of a plea agreement. Mitchell pled guilty to the felony charge of fleeing in a vehicle from law enforcement while under the influence of alcohol, controlled substance, or

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As I See It

By Ed Given



Another Christmas in the books...

Christmas is over and as always comes with somewhat of a let-down. I guess, its due to all the hectic preparations but when the Christmas activities are over, it always seems to me... well gee that was fun while it lasted. As I mentioned before Allison and her family spent Christmas in Florida. It certainly made things different for us. This is the first time, I can recall, that all my kids haven't been home for the big day.

In addition, we moved the Christmas Eve celebration from our house which is the normal setting to MyKaela's new home. Here is where Allison's absence became a plus. I am not sure we could have fit another eight people plus the large assortment of gifts into MyKaela and Shane's house.

Of course, some things don't change. We had an ocean of delicious food and the warmth of the season certainly filled the new venue.

But the best part was... you guessed it... Memphis. Being his first Christmas and him only being 6 months old, I didn't expect much. Boy, was I surprised. He went after those packages with a vengeance. He tore through the paper, just stopping long enough to try to taste a piece or two before his mommy could jerk it away. He was quite interested in the gifts as well. Obviously, he had plenty to choose from and was the highlight of the afternoon.

I knew he would be overwhelmed so when MyKaela invited Jeanine and I down for dinner on the 23rd I took advantage of the setting and gave the little fellow the gift that we had gotten him. It worked out great and I must say that it appears that ole Poppie did pretty good!

As is our tradition, Jeanine and I visited the kids Christmas morning. MyKaela's house looked like one of those pictures we have been seeing on television of the devastation of a hurricane... but in a good way.

We went to Jamie's next to check on what Santa had left the girls. As usual... that was loads of fun. In addition, Jamie programmed the new Fit-bit watch that Jeanine gave me for Christmas. Both Kryss and I failed miserably, so it was nice for Jamie to bail us out.

Of course, we didn't go to Allison's since only the dogs were home and I was not in the mood for a road trip. The good news is Christmas - Round 2 is set for Wednesday so the chaos is not over.

Even with the changes, and as old as I am, I don't do well with change, we had a great Christmas. I will keep you posted as to how the extended version goes.

In the meantime, we are preparing for a new year. We can only hope that it will be better than 2020 and 2021. As we embark on this new journey, let me wish everyone a safe and happy New Year!



Members of the Frametown Trailblazers 4-H Club show off some of the fruit baskets ready to be delivered to local residents.

Frametown Trailblazers 4-H Club delivers holiday cheer

By: Debbie Friend, WVU Extension Agent

The Holiday season is a wonderful opportunity for local groups and individuals to show others

how much they care for them. Recently, the Frametown Trailblazers 4-H Club made and delivered fruit baskets to local senior citizens.

The 4-H club made and delivered 20 baskets full of fruit, granola bars, and other tasty treats. The 4-H members had a lot of

Just look at this!

A weekly photo of opinion in Braxton County... sometimes good and sometimes not so good.



The new Elk River Rails to Trail is finally inching closer to Gassaway. The trail is gaining popularity as it expands northward. A section to Frametown was opened this summer. Work continues as railroad tracks have been removed up to Gassaway. The expansion can provide a big economic and recreational boost to Braxton County. We can't wait!!!

fun making the baskets, and even more fun when they delivered them. Each of the lucky recipients was blessed to hear an enthusiastic version of "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" sung by the club members.

For more information about 4-H or joining a 4-H club in Braxton County, contact the WVU-Braxton County Extension Office at 304-765-2809.

From our readers

Letters to the Editor Our policy...

We would like to remind readers that we welcome letters to the editor.

We would like to reiterate our policy of not publishing letters that do not contain the author's identification. You must enclose a phone number for verification purposes. The number will not be published.

We reserve the right to edit and/or refuse any letter. We do not accept letters refuting or endorsing candidates for any upcoming election.

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News from our Capitol

by Delegate Brent Boggs

As I type this Sunday evening the day after Christmas, I'm thankful to have enjoyed the holiday with my family. While Jessica, Greg and Gavin were unable to fly home for Christmas, Collin drove up last week and had a great week at the farm and visiting with family. My mom and dad were especially thrilled with his unexpected visit. I hope everyone enjoyed a blessed and happy Christmas as we look forward to what the New Year brings later this week and throughout 2022.

With the deadline looming for the Governor to release the remainder of the CARES Act funding that would otherwise be returned to the federal government after December 31, the Governor announced last week he plans to designate \$48 million for initiatives to train, recruit and retain nurses. This is part of a package that will bolster the new Glenville State College Nursing degree program and a couple of other schools offering nursing degrees in West Virginia. This is good news for GSC but even

better news for healthcare facilities across West Virginia that are in dire need of additional registered nurses to meet the needs of West Virginia citizens.

Also, the Governor is sending \$7.25 million for food insecurity partners across the state, with \$3 million of that going to food pantries and \$2 million to Mountaineer Food Bank and Facing Hunger Foodbank. Also, additional dollars will go into upgrades at the West Virginia National Guard Rock Branch regional food distribution center, which will include a large-scale, combination cooler and freezer to allow for proper cold storage at the site.

Members of the Food Insecurity Workgroup, of which I am a member, conducted a series of virtual meetings and in-person visits throughout the summer to hear from both food banks about food availability and distribution as well as presentations from several state agencies that administer feeding programs. Other workgroup meetings included presentations by

non-governmental organizations familiar with the state's hunger issues, including the West Virginia Food and Farm Coalition, Turnrow Appalachian Farm Collective, Pantry Plus More, West Virginia Center for Budget and Policy and the WVU Food Justice Lab.

Additional funding was proposed by the Governor as follows:

- \$22 million for a back-to-work initiative.
- \$10 million in an emergency management crisis fund to go to our first responders
- \$250,000 each to Union Mission in Charleston, Clarksburg Mission, Huntington City Mission, Martinsburg Union Rescue Mission and Bluefield Union Mission, as well as West Virginia Rescue Ministries in Fairmont and the Faith Mission Homeless Shelter in Hurricane.
- \$6 million for the Salvation Army facility in Beckley
- \$500,000 for Shepherd University to support its light therapy program.
- \$3 million for remote work facilities through West Virginia University.
- \$1.5 million in upgrades for the State Fair facility in Lewisburg.
- \$2 million for Game Changers, which is a substance abuse prevention program in the schools.
- \$2.7 million to cover

ongoing costs in the Department of Health and Human Resources related to pandemic response.

- \$1.3 million for a vaccine incentive program.
- \$3.3 million for administrative costs related to the state's handling of the covid-19 pandemic.
- \$15.2 million to be on hand for state agencies that might have unanticipated expenses related to the pandemic.

Finally, Interim Legislative meetings for January immediately prior to the beginning of the 2022 session are scheduled as follows:

Sunday, January 09, 2022
1:00 PM Joint Legislative Oversight on WVDOT Accountability - Senate Finance

1:00 PM Legislative Rule-Making Review Committee - Senate Judiciary

3:00 PM Joint Commission on Economic Development - House Judiciary

3:00 PM Post Audits Subcommittee - Senate Finance

4:00 PM Select Committee on PEIA, Seniors and Long-Term Care - Senate Judiciary

5:00 PM Forest Management Review Commission - House Education

5:00 PM Joint Committee on Children and Families - Senate Judiciary

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The following professional and service personnel recommendations were approved: employment for Donna Lambert, instructional interventionist, Frametown, Cynthia Sprouse, instructional interventionist, Burnsville, Mark Rose, custodian, BCMS/central office, Juanita Michelle Jackson, from preschool/supervisory/instructional/transportation/transition/ECCAT aide, Flatwoods to kindergarten/first grade supervisory/instructional/transportation/ECCAT aide, Little Birch, and Sherryl Wayne, substitute aide; leave request for Patrick Facemire, unpaid medical leave of absence; and resignation for Addi Facemire, preschool supervisor/instructional/transportation/ECCAT aide, Burnsville.

Board members approved to add Frank Blake and Amanda J. Gum to the Ad Hoc Committee for Athletic Facilities, Policy 3210: Substitute Professionals in Areas of Critical Need and Shortage, and Heather Frame, Amanda Gum, Andrea McCourt, Libby McQuain, and Casey Nay as parent volunteers for Flatwoods on separate motions.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 pm. The next regular board meeting will be January 4 at 6:00 pm. The board will conduct three expulsion hearings before the meeting starting at 4:30 pm. As always, members of the Braxton County community are encouraged to attend regular board meetings. Any parent or concerned community member wishing to speak as a delegate or with public concerns may do so by signing in up to 15 minutes prior to the start of the meeting.

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drugs. The state agreed to remain silent at the sentencing hearing and dismiss bound over matters currently pending.

Geneva Jean Brady appeared in court with her attorney David Karickhoff. She entered a guilty plea to the felony charge of possession of the meth with intent to deliver. The state agreed to remain

silent at the sentencing hearing and to dismiss remaining counts of the indictment.

On November 16, Roger Glen Smith and attorney Kevin Hughart came before Judge Facemire for a plea hearing. In a plea agreement, the defendant pled guilty to wanton endangerment involving a firearm. The state agreed to recommend an alternative sentence of home confinement at the sentencing hearing and dismiss remaining charges.

Harold Eugene Stewart appeared in court with attorney Kevin Hughart to enter a guilty plea to the felony charge of sexual abuse in the first degree. The state will stand silent at sentencing and dismiss remaining charges in the indictment per the plea agreement.

Tyler Brooks Alley and his attorney Betty Gregory appeared before the court for a plea hearing. The defendant entered a guilty plea to the felony offense of conspiracy (offenses by inmates). Per the plea agreement, the state will dismiss remaining charges and stand silent at sentencing.

Wallace Lee Hess appeared before Judge Facemire with attorney David Karickhoff. A plea agreement had been reached by both parties. Hess entered a guilty plea to the felony offense of grand larceny and escape. The state agreed to stay silent at sentencing and dismiss other charges.

Dusty A. Turner, Jr. and attorney Jonathan Fittro came to court for a plea hearing. On the felony offense of malicious assault, the defendant entered a guilty plea. The state agreed to dismiss remaining charges and recommend he attend the Anthony Correctional Center for Youthful Offenders.

Ryan Wesley Harris appeared in court for a plea hearing. He was represented by David Karickhoff. The defendant entered a guilty plea to burglary and the state agreed to dismiss remaining counts in the indictment and stay silent at the sentencing hearing.

Sentencing hearings for these individuals of the various plea hearings have been set for January 12.

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8:00 AM Joint Standing Committee on Education - Senate Chamber

10:00 AM Joint Standing Committee on Finance - House Chamber

10:00 AM Joint Standing Committee on the Judiciary - Senate Chamber

1:00 PM Agriculture and Rural Development - Senate Judiciary

1:00 PM Legislative Oversight Commission on Education Accountability - Senate Finance

2:00 PM Joint Legislative Committee on Flooding - Senate Judiciary

3:00 PM Select Committee on Infrastructure - Senate Judiciary

3:00 PM Legislative Oversight Commission on Health and Human Resources Accountability - House Judiciary

4:00 PM Commission on Special Investigations - Senate Finance

5:00 PM Joint Standing Committee on Energy - House Chamber

5:00 PM Special Committee on Viability of WV Veterinary Medicine School - Higher Education - Senate Judiciary

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

9:00 AM Joint Committee on Health - House Chamber

9:00 AM Joint Committee on Technology - Senate Judiciary

11:00 AM Joint Standing Committee on Pensions and Retirement - Senate Finance

11:00 AM Select Committee on Veterans' Affairs - Senate Judiciary

1:00 PM Joint Legislative Oversight Commission on State Water Resources - House Education

1:00 PM Commission on Interstate Cooperation - Senate Finance

2:00 PM Joint Committee on Government Operations - House Chamber

2:00 PM Joint Standing Committee on Government Organization - House Chamber

4:00 PM Joint Committee on Government and Finance - Senate Finance

4:00 PM Legislative Oversight Committee on Regional Jail and Correctional Facility Authority - Senate Judiciary

5:00 PM Joint Committee on Volunteer Fire Departments and Emergency Medical Services - Senate Finance

5:00 PM Joint Committee on Natural Gas Development - Senate Judiciary

During the next week until the session begins, please contact me at my home office 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

The 2022 legislative session begins on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, and I will be in the Capitol office daily beginning on January 9 until the session ends in mid-March.

Jean and I wish everyone a healthy, safe, and prosperous New Year in 2022. 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 during this holiday season. Until next week, Happy New Year and take care.

Way back when...

Long ago in Braxton County



The large brick and stone building on Main Street Sutton may become a public park one day... but as it is shown here in the early 1900s was home to several businesses. In the bottom left side was R.H. Humphreys Jeweler and Optical Store. The area to the right was once home to the First National Bank of Sutton. The facility later housed the Bank of Sutton. Upstairs on the left was a dentist's office. Jake Fisher, later a circuit judge, had offices on the second-floor as did Dulin & Fox Attorneys at

Law. The photo is courtesy of Craig A. Smith collection and is featured in a series of historical books about Braxton County titled "Looking Back". The five volumes are filled with old pictures and county history. These books, The History of Braxton County, The History of Bulltown and Craig's three cookbooks are available for purchase at the Citizens' News/Democrat-Central Office, 501 Main Street, Sutton, WV. They make great Gifts if you forgot someone this holiday season.

WVU Extension to host educational dinner meeting

WVU Extension will host an educational dinner meeting at Jackson's Mill on Wednesday, January 12, 2022. Dinner will be at 6:30 pm, with the program to begin at 7:30 pm.

Dinner is being sponsored by Eastern Gas Transmission and Storage. However, you do need to pre-register by calling the WVU-Braxton County Extension Office, at 304-765-2809, by January 5. If you would like to attend, but can't make the dinner, you are still welcome to attend the program, which will start at 7:30 pm. There is no cost and no pre-registration needed if you come


only to the program.

The topic this month will be Understanding and Applying Value of Gain in a Livestock Enterprise. Dr. Shaffer, WVU Extension Livestock Specialist, will discuss the concept of Value of Gain, how it is calculated and how it can be applied across different livestock enterprises.

Kevin Shaffer was raised on a family farm in north-central West Virginia raising commercial cattle. He earned a B.S., M.S. and Ph. D. in Animal Sciences from West Virginia University, specializing in ruminant nutrition and beef cattle management.

Dr. Shaffer is an Extension Associate Professor with the WVUES and the WVU Davis College of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Design. He serves as coordinator of the West Virginia Young Sire Evaluation Program, including the Wardensville and Southern Bull Test programs, WV Quality Assurance Feeder Cattle Marketing Program and teaches beef cattle management courses. Dr. Shaffer resides in Philippi, WV with his wife, Monica, two daughters, Avery and Ellie, and one son, Emmett. Together, they are managing a growing a livestock business.

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OBITUARIES

Donnie Carl Carson
Donnie Carl Carson, 81 of Orlando, WV; departed t h i s earthly life in the e a r l y m o r n i n g hours o f

Wednesday, December 22, 2021 at the Cabell Huntington Hospital in Huntington, WV; following an extended illness. He was born August 19, 1940 in Braxton County, WV; son of the late Alton and Jessie Canfield Carson.

Donnie was a coal miner, a mechanic, bull dozer operator, and also worked in the timber industry. In his spare time, Donnie enjoyed hunting with his brothers, fishing, spending time outdoors, gardening, working, and living the quiet life in West Virginia.

Surviving is his daughter, Carla Carson of Weston, WV; ex-wife, Barbara Carson of Ripley, WV; ex-wife Carol Carson Cook of Lewis County, WV; girlfriend, Anna Dodrill of Little Birch, WV; and 7 siblings, Freda Perrine of Burnsville, WV; Ralph Carson (Ruth) of Gilmer Station, John S. Carson and companion Kate Blake of Buckhannon, WV; Ray Carson of Gilmer Station, Glen Carson (Linda) of Craigsville, WV; Joyce Moore of Ohio, and Mae Johnson of Elkins. Also surviving are a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and many other wonderful family and friends.

Along with his parents, Donnie is preceded in death by 3 siblings, Russell Carson, Mary Heater, and Carol Robinson.

A funeral service was conducted at the

Ellyson Mortuary, Inc., 2 Vanhorn Drive, Glenville, WV; 26351 at 3:00 PM; Sunday, December 26, 2021. Burial followed in the Canfield Cemetery near Sand Fork, WV. Friends were received from 2:00 – 3:00 PM; Sunday at the mortuary in Glenville.

Ellyson Mortuary, Inc., is honored to assist the family of Donnie Carl Carson with arrangements.

Betty Lou Tonkin Brannon

Betty Lou Tonkin Brannon, 73, of Glenville, WV



passed away December 21, 2021 at Stone-w a l l Jackson Memorial Hospital, Weston, WV due to complications from Covid-19. She was born February 26, 1948 in Gassaway to the late Guy and Mary Stine Tonkin.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her brothers, Charles Tonkin and Jim Tonkin; and sister, JoAnn Tonkin.

Betty retired from Rite Aid in Glenville after 25 years. She enjoyed gardening, reading and playing solitaire. She enjoyed watching WVU sports.

She is survived by her seven siblings; Genevieve Moore and husband Harold, Barbara Argenio, Norma Jean Binder and husband Phil, Nancy Morrison, Marge Friend, Robert Tonkin and wife Jeanie, William Tonkin and wife Darlene; and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside service was 11 A.M. Tuesday, December 28, 2021 at Bender Run Cemetery, Chapel, WV with Reverend Linn Schiefer officiating.

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

com. Service of Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway.

Shirley Jane Eubank

Shirley Jane Eubank, 72, of Flatwoods, WV passed away on Sunday, December 19, 2021 at home surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on May 5, 1949 in Canton, Ohio to the late Robert and Anna Mae Howey. In addition to Shirley's parents, she is preceded in death by her first husband Shirley Walker Cool, sisters; Nancy Green and Roberta Fondrest; father-in-law Charles Eubank and mother-in-law Ruby Eubank.

Shirley has lived in Braxton County the last 35 years and previously lived in Orrville, Ohio. She was a Christian by faith and attended Shiloh Church. Shirley worked many years as a restaurant attendant.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband, Charles Mitchell Eubank; brother Richard Howey of Brewster, Ohio; daughter Tina Dehart and husband Michael of Fountain Inn, SC; sons Michael Cool of Burnsville and Lester Cool of Gassaway. Brother-in-law Harold Eubank and wife Barbara; sister in laws Mary and Doris Eubank. Shirley is also survived by nine grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Visitation was held Wednesday, December 23, 2021 from 5:00 to 8:00 at the funeral home. The service was held Thursday, December 23, 2021 at 1:00 pm at Stockert Funeral Home chapel with Pastor Eric Veltre officiating. Burial followed at Mount Hebron Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations will be accepted to help the family with the funeral expenses. Please make checks payable to Stockert Funeral Home & Cremation and write in the memo line Shirley Eubank.

Stockert Funeral Home & Cremation is honored to serve the Eubank and Cool families.

Vicky Elizabeth Jenkins

Vicky Elizabeth Jenkins, 70, of Gassaway, passed a w a y T u e s d a y , December 21, 2021 at home.

S h e w a s born December 1, 1951 in Orlando, FL.

Vicky worked at the shoe factory in Sutton, Gassaway Cab, Go Mart Corporation and for Braxton County Schools. What she enjoyed most was spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Geraldine Sutton Culverhouse.

Left to cherish her memory is her husband of 50 years, Johnny Jenkins; children, Shane Jenkins and Amy Jenkins; father, James Culverhouse; grandchildren, Sierra, Courtney, Zachary, Zander, Elijah, Dane, Phillip and Erica; great grandchildren, Crimson and Indigo; brother, Al Culverhouse and wife, Missy; sister, Carmen Hood; several nieces and nephews.

Graveside service was 3 p.m. Thursday, December 23, 2021 at Morrison Ridge Cemetery, Sutton with Rev. Doug Smailes officiating.

Words of comfort and fond memories may extended to the family at

www.roachfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements by Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway.

Ralph Calvin Gay

Ralph Calvin Gay, 68, of Burnsville, WV and formerly of Sutton, WV, passed away on Sunday, December 19, 2021 at the Hospice House in Huntington, WV.

Ralph was born on June 26, 1953 to parents Robert Lee Gay and wife Margaret Nell (Friend) Gay who preceded him in death. He was also preceded in death by a sister, Roberta "Bobby" Gay.

Ralph worked at Days Inn for many years as a cook. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather and was an avid West Virginia and Steeler football fan. He will be sadly missed by all his family and especially his grandson Dylan who was his best "buddy".

Ralph is survived by his wife, Tammie, who he was married to for 35 years; sister; Rhonda Dunning, daughters; Charity (Johnny) Jones, Augusta Gay and Shannnda Gay, grandchildren; Makaela Jones, Malik Jones, Tyler Hill, Quan Singleton, Quay Singleton, Trey Singleton and Dylan Stewart; great grandchildren Octavian Hill, Xavier Hill, Colton Artis and Raelyn Jones.

Ralph will be cremated and a celebration of life will be held at later date.

Stockert Funeral Home & Cremation is honored to serve the Gay family.

Sandra "Marlene" Facemire

Sandra "Marlene" Facemire, 63, of Sutton



passed a w a y Sunday, December 19, 2021 at h o m e s u r - rounded by her

family. She was born February 23, 1958 in Braxton County.

She was preceded in death by her son, David E. Facemire; first husband, Eddie Ball; second husband, David L. Face-mire; mother and step-father, Helen and Leon Facemire; and father and stepmother, Charles and Reba Chaplin.

Marlene was an avid reader. So much that the librarian would call her if there was a new book for her to read. She enjoyed cooking and being surrounded by her family. Family gatherings were her favorite thing to do. She also enjoyed flower gardening and birdwatching. She liked to do word puzzles. She will be missed.

She is survived by her daughters, Heather Facemier of Waverly, WV, Shona Nicholas of Gassaway, and Tanya Clowser and husband Frank of Gassaway; sisters, Violet Byers of Sutton, Irene Wilson of Flatwoods, Karen Rexroad of Gassaway and Janet Molnar and husband Mike of Newnam, Georgia; brother, Edward Chaplin of Florida; 11 grandchildren and several great grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

She was cremated. A private gathering of family and friends was held at Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway, WV.

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

Sherri Lynn (Barton) King

Sherri Lynn (Barton) King born May 30th, 1 9 6 1 passed a w a y N o v e m b e r 21st, 2021. S h e w a s re-

tired from the WV DOH.

She was the daughter of late Russell B. Barton and Leota Maybelle (Newell) Barton. She left behind two wonderful sons, Timothy E. King and Zachary A. King and Wife Elizabeth King.

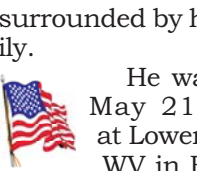
She left behind four grandchildren Daniel King, Aubrey King, David King and Alexander King. Also survived by 3 sisters and 1 brother. Sheila Norman and Husband Dale Norman. Sisters Pam and Jody. Brother Russell (Butch) Barton and wife Sandy. She left behind several nieces and nephews. Andrea and Husband James Gain, Julie and Husband Mike Beckner, Bryon and Wife Bridget Norman and Terri and Husband Matt Thomas. Brandy Bunner, Phillip Crislip and Scheena Hinzman. Justin Great-house and Rusty Conrad. Meghan Heiney and Cassie Barton. She also leaves behind her four best friends, Lisa Tanner, Sandy Fowler, Faye Moore and Cheryl Wolfe.

In lieu of flowers Sherri asked that donations be made to one of her two favorite charities:

Polycystic Kidney Foundation (PKD), PO Box 871847, Kansas City, MO 64187, <https://pkdcure.org/give> and/or American Association of Kidney Patients (AAKP) 14440 Bruce B. Downs Blvd., Tampa Florida, 33613, <https://aakp.org/giveyourway>.

Johnny L. Crislip

Johnny L. Crislip, 90, of Rosedale, passed a w a y o n T u e s d a y , D e c e m b e r 21, 2 0 2 1 a t h o m e surrounded by his family.



He was born May 21, 1931 at Lower Sleith, WV in Braxton County to the late Howard and Sarah Carter Crislip.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his daughter, Linda Stewart; sisters, Gay Crislip and Glenna Stump; and brothers, Otis Carter, Romey Crislip, Venton Crislip, Olie Crislip, Chanty Crislip, Burton Crislip, Bob "Doc" Crislip, Kenneth Crislip, and Benny Crislip.

Johnny was a United States Army Veteran. He was a construction worker, timberer, and general laborer with a great work ethic. When Interstate-79 was being built he helped build it. He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing. Johnny was the last surviving member of his family.

Left behind to love and cherish his memory are his wife of 70 years, Shirley Ann Stalnaker Crislip; sons Donnie Crislip of Spencer and Paul Crislip of Rosedale; and daughter, Mary Ropp and husband, Harry, of Elkview; five grandchildren, eight great grandchildren and one great great grandchild.

Funeral service was 1 P.M. Monday, December 27, 2021 at Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway, WV with Elder Larry Fisher officiating. Burial followed in the Crislip Family Cemetery, Lower Sleith.

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

Words of comfort and fond memories may be extended to the family at [\[alhome.com\]\(http://alhome.com\).](http://www.roachfuner-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

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Arden B. McCourt

Arden B. McCourt, 62, of Webster Springs passed away Thursday, December 23, 2021 at United Hospital Center in Bridgeport.

Born December 12, 1959 in Webster Springs, he was the son of the late Elijah Shelton and Emi Lee (Hosey) McCourt. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brothers and sisters: Robert Lee Hosey, Carolyn McCourt, Barbara Knock, Arnold "Snail" McCourt, Mary Simmons, and three other sisters.

Arden made a living working as a sawyer at Jim C. Hamer Co in Curtin. When he was able, he enjoyed the great outdoors, specifically hunting and fishing.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Jennifer L. McCourt; children: Shawana (Jamie) Sartin of Gassaway, David McCourt of Buckhannon, Tony (Jordan) Green of Cowen, and Justin McCourt of Webster Springs; grandchildren: Tyler, Ellie, and Sean; brothers: Thurman (Shirley) McCourt, Clifford (Betty) McCourt, Paul (Janie) McCourt; sisters: Donna (Bill) Stephenson and Georgie (Richard) Stout; close friend, Danny Brooks; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

Services to celebrate Arden will be held 1pm, Wednesday, December 29, 2021 at Dodd & Reed Funeral Home, Webster Springs, with Pastor Butch Rose officiating, burial will follow at Harrison-Cochran Cemetery, Webster Springs. Friends may join the family for visitation 6pm-9pm Tuesday evening at the funeral home.

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

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

Michael "Mike" Lee Harper

Michael "Mike" Lee Harper, 65 of Heaters, WV, passed away on December 24, 2021 at Ruby Memorial Hospital, Morgantown, WV. He was born February 5, 1956, the son of Charles Dale and Audra Belle Krafft-Harper. Mike was preceded in death by his parents, sister Alice Carol Harper, whom he loved dearly, brother Charles Davis Harper, good friend Nathan Potts, who was like a brother to him and a special niece, Ronda Riffle.

Mike worked over 40 years in the coal industry at Bituminous Services, Salt Lick Coal, Central Coal, Summersville Five Block, Catenary Coal and Brooks Run Mining. He loved animals, farming being outdoors, and spending time with his family. Mike was a devoted Christian, husband, father, grandfather and friend. Mike is survived by his wife of 43 years, Bonnie of Heaters, WV; daughter Dawn (Blaine) Cook and grandchildren; Chloe and Michael Cook of Lost Creek, WV; brother Ronnie (Helen) Harper of Heaters, WV; niece Michelle Barrett; great niece Ashley Teets (David) of Heaters, WV; and Barbara Claypool, who he thought of as an Aunt, of Falls Mill, WV. Mike is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

In respect of his wishes, a private graveside service will be held.

Stockert Funeral Home & Cremation is honored to serve the Harper Family

Fundamentals of Faith (3)

We've already talked about faith being something active, and not passive. What good does it do for us to believe Jesus if God's Son if we fail to act on our belief? Even Jesus could not have brought about man's salvation by simply believing he could. A perfect sin sacrifice required him to live a sinless life under the old law and then give his life in payment for our sins. (John 3:16) If there was any other way possible, Christ's death would have been unnecessary.

The third fundamental we wish to mention is confessing Christ as the Son of God. In repentance our faith turns from following sin and the world to following God. That change takes place when the sinner is convicted he is a sinner and chooses no longer to follow old ways and practices. It's a change of mind that brings about a change of direction or action.

In confession our faith takes voice, something Christ says is essential if we are to be confessed before the Father (Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9,10). This is something he requires of someone capable of speaking. One born without this ability to speak might be able to fulfill that obligation by using sign language to make their conviction known. Something the Jewish leaders required during Christ's earthly ministry was that other Jews either deny Christ was God's Son or be denied access to their place of worship. (John 9: 22; 12:42) Later, during the writings of the New Testament the Roman government threatened death to all who held what they looked at as heresy, believing Christ rose from the dead and was the Son of God

When John wrote the general epistles bearing his name Christianity was so strongly condemned that he marked all who denied Christ's coming to earth and being raised from the dead as anti-Christ's. (I John 4:2,3,15; II John 4:7)

We're not saying the only time an individual would need to confess Christ as God's Son would be before becoming a Christian. In my next fundamental (baptism) a question I've asked each one responding to the invitation is, "Do you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God?" That's just giving vocal expression to our faith. True, Christ could know the minds of individuals before they told him directly, but I cannot read minds. Are we still going the same way?

*Free Bible Course: Contact Charles Brady
2615 Elk River Rd., Frametown, WV 26623
Sponsor: Church of Christ
742 Elk Street, Gassaway, WV 26624
(minister) Danny Lambey*

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

“The Journey”

It is called “The Journey” of Hope and Restoration, these studies are through the “Living Free” program curriculum. These studies are done in a small group setting that meets each Monday at 6:00 pm. The lesson that we are currently studying is “Coping with Losses of Life”. This is a biblically-based study and everyone is welcome to participate. We serve food at 5:30 PM each Monday at 602 Elk Street, Gassaway, WV. We have many areas that we are able to minister to others as well such as the areas of destructive behaviors, harmful emotions, negative attitudes, unhealthy relationships, and substance abuse. To register or if you have questions you can call Pastor Eric Veltre at 304-689-0000.

Burnsville Elementary hosts Town Hall meeting

Burnsville Elementary will host a Town Hall meeting at the school on January 11, 2022. The meeting will begin at 3:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The issues to be addressed at the Town Hall meeting may include, but are not limited to: Parent and Community Involvement; The Learning Environment; Student Engagement; Attendance; Supports for At-Risk Students; Curricular Offerings; Resources; and The Capacity for School Improvement.



Owen Hutchinson

Owen Hutchinson commits to Moravian University baseball team for Fall season 2020

Owen Hutchinson, a senior at Central York High School, in York, Pennsylvania has committed to play baseball at Moravian University in the fall of 2022. Hutchinson has been on the varsity baseball team for three years and has played summer and fall baseball on the traveling elite baseball teams in York. While at Moravian he will be majoring in athletic training.

Moravian University is a private university

Donate your Christmas tree to Burnsville Lake

With Christmas right around the corner, keep in mind that your Christmas tree can have another home after the holidays. Did you know that Christmas trees can be reused as a very important fish habitat in lakes!

With the Christmas Trees positioned it creates a reef like habitat and it is a resting point for game and non-game fish. Over the year the tree will decompose

Annual Stewart Family Christmas Eve lunch

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.

Braxton County Senior Center December Menu

December 21 Ham-burger 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.

Friday night indoor 3D shoot

Friday night Indoor 3D Shoot - 15 animals (shoot twice) - Doors open @ 6PM - Beef Chili and

Cornbread available @ 6:30 - Shoot starts @ 7PM till ?. Mid State Archers 2415 Airport Rd. Questions - call Ronald 304.542.4353.

Kanawha Alumni Indoor Archery at night

Mid-State Archers is now opening on Tuesday nights for indoor target archery from 6-9pm, 2415 Airport Rd. For more information call 304.542.4353.

SJRC Mobile Outpatient Clinics come to BC

St. Joseph Recovery Center is bringing Substance Abuse and Mental Health Treatment to West Virginia Counties with our Mobile Outpatient Clinics. The Mobile Clinics will offer the same experienced, professional staff and comprehensive treatment that is available at our main office in Summersville, West Virginia. St. Joseph Recovery Center has a 12 bed Residential Unit and a 12 bed Detox Unit for men and women providing direct access for clients from the Mobile Units to receive a higher level of care if needed. The Mobile Outpatient Clinic will be in Braxton County every Tuesday from 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. located at the Encore A Thrift Store at 229 River Street Gassaway, WV 26624. Services include: Professional Therapy, Medical Evaluation, Medication Management, Medication-Assisted Treatment (Suboxone and Vivitrol), Peer Recovery Support Services, Full-Service Laboratory On Board, Observed and Confirmed UDS, Same Day Appointments as available, Access to All Levels of Care, and Coordination of Care. No referral needed, walk-ins welcomed! For more information please contact P.R.S.S Tabitha Saye at (681)326-6866, Outreach Coordinator Russell Barrett at (304)481-4829, or call the main office at (304)362-0295.

Sutton Public Library Create to Donate

Don't forget that our Create to Donate drop-in class has restarted! Join us every Thursday from 12:30-2:30pm. All the materials are provided, just show up! No previous experience required.

Burnsville Public Library Board of Trustees meetings

Burnsville Public Library Board of Trustees meets the second Monday of each month at 4:30 pm at the library. Meetings are open to the public. During the pandemic, if you would like to attend but don't feel comfortable attending in person please reach out. We could arrange a way for you to attend virtually.

Mountaineer Food Bank volunteer opportunities

The Mountaineer Food Bank will have volunteer opportunities every second Saturday of the month. The MFB will take up to ten individuals in two hour increments. Each volunteer station will be sanitized between each time slot and masks will be provided. Please give time if you can! Call the Mountaineer Food Bank a call at 304-364-5518 to get scheduled.

Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery helps with all Hurts, Habits, and Hangups. Every Thursday evening, meet at 6:00 PM for light meal and fellowship, large group meetings begin at 7:00 PM with samll group meetings immediately following. Meetings held at the Pulse in Gassaway. If you have any questions please call Pastor Doug Smiles.

First Southern Baptist Church of Sutton: A year in review.

Usually, this is when we (The First Southern Baptist Church of Sutton) tells the community about our backpack giveaway. Well, it is 2021, and we did it, but it did not go as planned like most things this year. The first Saturday we did the giveaway Braxton County was hit with a storm knocking out the power in the area, so we did the next Saturday again. On that first try, no one took any pictures to share with the paper because we tried to keep everything from blowing away. Then the second Saturday, we were so busy that no one thought to take any.

In the end, we gave away nearly three hundred bookbags to people in our community packed with toys, food, Bibles, and school supplies. First, we need to thank the North Carolina churches who make this ministry possible. Second I want to thank Paula Carpenter, Brenda Naye, Lisa James, and Dennis Jarrell, who serves this ministry.

The bookbag ministry is just a tiny part of the ministries our church offers, even though it is the most visible. One other thing we have added during the pandemic is our Facebook ministry. You can find it by searching Facebook for First Southern Baptist Sutton, West Virginia.

It is a ministry we would not have started without Covid, but now we have a virtual congregation across multiple states. Only 46% of our viewers are local. Most of our viewers are West Virginians who have moved out of state for one reason or another, but because of social media have become part of our church back home. So, here I have to thank Autumn Osborne for taking care of our social media, including our new website southernbaptistwv.com. But if I could tell people one new thing about the church “Women’s Bible Study” on Wednesday at 6. This is a crazy group in a good way. So many churches talk about their youth group, but you should see our ladies group. These ladies have created such a cool environment. I don’t know how to explain it in a way that does it justice. It’s a Bible study, but no topic is off-limits. It’s a time to share burdens and opinions and know that no one is going to judge you.

More than likely, someone else is going to share something similar. It is a place where women are empowered and supported by other women. You don’t have to be a church member to come Wednesday nights, probably half of the ladies attend a different church Sundays or don’t usually go to church. Sometimes it even comes with charcuterie (that’s a little board where Lisa James makes finger foods look fancy).

So how to describe FSBC? It is a jeans and t-shirt church with a sprinkling of ugly Christmas sweaters and a few people in camo or flannels. It is a church for broken people ran by broken people. It is a church for sinners and NOT a museum for saints. It is a place where we do things that benefit the community but do more for each other. It



First Southern Baptist Church of Sutton held many parking lot services during the peak of COVID.



Jeanie Hart helped pack treat bags for the Trunk-or-Treat event at Holly Gray Park.



First Southern Baptist Church of Sutton took a White Water Rafting Trip.



Ladies Bible Study after their painting class at The Tiny Sparrow in Gassaway.



First Southern Baptist Church of Sutton choir Christmas Party.

is a church where you can plugin, but it is NOT a church that smothers you. It is a church you can try and not worry that we will chase you to come back. We never ask about your income or how much money you can give. Rich, poor, somewhere in between, it doesn’t matter! This is a church, not a

cult. Check us out on Facebook or check us out in person. Even if you have been “church hurt” in the past, maybe it’s time you try this church. Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 am, Bible Study Sunday Night at 6:00 pm, Wednesday Night Ladies Bible Study at 6:00 pm.

2021 Sweet Heart Productions Christmas Pageant and Fairytale Christmas Pageant

By **Fernando Rodriguez**

Multi-colored lights shone on the Landmark Studio for the Arts' stage to light the way for the contestants of the 2021 Sweet Heart Productions Christmas Pageant and Fairytale Christmas Pageant. Fifty-four contestants strutted their glamorous gowns and dresses and their best smiles in front of the panel of judges vying for the top spots in divisions which in-

cluded: Baby Miss, Tot Miss, Tiny Miss, Little Miss, Young Miss, Jr. Miss, Miss, MS, Mrs., Grandma, and yes, a Boys division. The pageants are made possible by Gary Beamer, who has been producing high-quality pageants for over 20 years, and his loyal following of volunteers. Gary also orchestrated the extremely successful Sutton Christmas Parade 2021, his first time

doing so. This year's Christmas Pageant was composed of the most entries ever. In addition to the many division winners, special awards were given to supporting staff, and a Toy & Food drive took place on the same day, with toys going to children in foster care and the food to local food banks. Some of the winners include: Evie Martin,

Tot Miss Division Queen and Best Personality; Reese Mohr, Mini Grand Supreme and Overall Best Dressed; Kingsley Pennington, Fairytale Queen, Prettiest Smile, and Ultimate Grand Supreme; Violet Lemasters, Grand Supreme 0-4, and Diva of the Year; Meala Williams, Grand Supreme; Marleigh Williams, Overall Most Beautiful, Mini Supreme 5+, Best Overall Fairytale Queen 5+, and

Best Smile for the Year; Lilith Helmick, Little Miss Merry Christmas; Emma Hare, Christmas Tree Supreme, Fan Favorite, Best Dressed, and Most Beautiful; Kendra Lambert, Miss Merry Christmas Queen 2021, Best Dressed Division, Most Beautiful, and Best Overall Attire. Everyone was a winner. The pictures will be posted on my Facebook page, as well as Gary's. Anyone wishing pic-

tures can message me an email address with the person's name and contestant number if possible, and I will be happy to email high-quality pictures suitable for printing. Thank you, Gary Beamer, Sweet Heart Productions, and his assistants, the Landmark Studio for the Arts, and the many sponsors and contributors, for making this fabulous event possible.



Everyone was a winner at the Christmas Pageant and Fairytale Christmas Pageant.



Fifty-four contestants strutted their glamorous gowns and dresses and their best smiles in front of the panel of judges.

COMMUNITY CORNER

PAT'S CHAT

By : PAT RIDPATH



This is the time of year when bell ringers and other individuals are out collecting funds for different charities. The mail delivery every day includes many letters from organizations requesting funds, often including address labels, greeting cards, notebooks, and other useful items, hoping to open our hearts to consider helping their various charities. This is the time of year that Adventists are also encouraged to go to our neighbors and tell them what we are doing world-wide to help those less fortunate than we, and ask folks to help. Adventists are encouraged to go door to door, especially during the Christmas season and collect donations for many missions of the world-wide Adventist church. Sometimes caroling is also included. I was 16 when I be-

came a Seventh-day Adventist and from then on until now, I worked either by door to door or caroling groups, or even mail, requesting dollars for the needs of many God's needy children. We used to go out in groups and in recent years, we had a loudspeaker hooked on top of a car to bring Christmas carols to different neighborhoods. We would take different sections of the town. Then when we returned to the church, there were usually snacks and hot chocolate or other drinks for us. Some of the younger people earned enough to get them into summer camp free the next summer.

When funds were then sent to the Mountain View Conference, they would return half or some portion of the total back to our church to be used for our own Community Services such as helping someone who is stuck in Buckhannon for some reason to get lodging for the night. Sometimes people come

to the church needing help and we would have funds that would allow us to help them.

When Sheri Lynn Sapp was a little girl she loved to go with her mom, Marcelene Sapp and Vonda Simons, Fred Seeley's mom and others when they went to Weston, Sutton, Burnsville and other towns. as well as the Buckhannon area. Sheri liked doing this when she was just a little girl and she has continued going with the caroling vehicle even if she is the only person doing the visitation to the homes. Each of us has a goal toward the total of funds needed. She had received over \$500 toward our goal. We are so thankful for her dedication. If you would like to know more about Adventist Community Services and what they do, I found this site that may help you: Adventist Community Services | North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists (nadadventist.org) Maranatha

WVU Braxton County Extension and BPL partner to bring free six week eating Smart, Being Active class January 8th



We're partnering with Burnsville WV Public Library to offer a FREE six week Eating Smart, Being Active class this winter. Ready to learn tips to save money at the

grocery store, store and prepare food safely, and cook fresh meals your family will enjoy?

Health Educator Selah Raines will teach ESBA on Saturdays at Burnsville Public Library from 12:30- 1:30 pm starting January 8th.

All are welcome, and people on limited incomes and/or who are responsible for the care and feeding of children are encouraged to a end.

Participants receive free WVU-branded kitchen tools at each class.

If you have been working to stretch your food dollars, this class is for you.

Space is limited-please register by going to the link in the comments, or by calling our office at 765-2809 and leaving your contact info for Health Educator Selah Raines.

Registration is open until Dec. 20 or until all spaces are filled--don't wait to get a jump start on new skills for the upcoming New Year!

Mon Health Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital Sponsors Snowball Run on January 8

Mon Health Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital is sponsoring a Snowball Walk/Run on Saturday, January 8, at 10 AM at the Hospital at 230 Hospital Plaza in Weston.

There is a \$5 cost for the race and there will be medals presented to the top three men and women. Race day registration will be available beginning at 9 AM. Call 304-269-8167 for more information or register here: <https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=260778>

The race will be either on the track behind the hospital or six laps around the hospital campus, weather permitting.

Previously, Mon Health Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital collaborated with local nonprofits such as the American Cancer Society, Saint Patrick School, and the City of Weston to create a walk/run in each

month of the year. The goal of the collaboration was to encourage people to prioritize their health. Being consistent in one's walking routine is an important factor in developing a healthy physical activity program. Some of the positive outcomes for walkers include:

- People who walk approximately 20-25 miles per week outlive those who don't by several years.
- On average, every minute of walking can extend your life by 1.5 to 2 minutes.
- Walking 20 extra minutes daily will on average burn off 7 pounds of body fat per year.

The next walk/run for Mon Health Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital is the Ground Hog Walk/Run on February 5, 2022. Registration will open on January 15, 2022.

Burnsville Public Library Reading after School program

Don't forget to register your child for the Hands on Reading After School Program. The program came off its pandemic hiatus on Monday, January 3rd.

Masks, being worn over the nose and mouth, will be required of all participants. There will be no Snacks. Pick up time will begin at 4:30 and all children must be picked up by 4:45.

There are registration forms at the library. If you have any questions please let us

COUNTY STORIES

By: JEANETTE RIFFLE

Clear a Path

That is exactly what we have to do after I get my story written. We didn't do our gift exchange until today, Sunday, the day after Christmas. The kids made it home from Michigan, on Christmas Eve and I knew they were tired from the trip so I didn't say anything. Then on Christmas day, I fixed a bigfarm breakfast and later on, we put together a ham dinner, so we were all tired and stuffed and really didn't have enough energy to get into all that excitement. Today, I took a picture of all the clutter of wrapping paper, boxes, bows and gifts everywhere, and it reminded me of Christmas at my parent's house. There would be close to thirty people there and sometimes more. By the time the grand children threw wrapping paper

everywhere you had to clear a path to get up and walk. Mom would say, "Oh well, just so we can clear a path." She said the same thing when I would be over there clearing clutter and cleaning for her but I went right ahead anyhow and did the job right. Funny how certain things bring back memories.

We don't have turkey coma like at Thanksgiving but we have been getting sleepy. We sure did not have turkey again for Christmas. We had a ham, mashed potatoes, green beans, macaroni and cheese, hot rolls and pears. I baked a couple pumpkin pies, apple pie and chocolate chip cookie bars. I said, "Hide the bathroom scales !" It is easier to put the weight on than to get it off.

We think coyotes have been pestering our dog, Rascal, at night.

He won't go in by the fire. We try and take good care of him but he takes off running if he thinks Mr. R. is coming out to put him inside. He got more hay put in his box and he seems to be happy with that, but he tears off that back porch barking and growling after something every night. Sometimes it is deer and other times we think it is coyotes. You can tell by the bark. He would rather stay outside and be watchdog than to be warm. We have never had a dog act like he does. And, he would rather eat deer droppings than dog food. If he barks and scares them all off, he won't have much to eat, though.

Well, I will wrap this up for now. I hope everyone had a nice Christmas. We did and now I will say, Happy New Year and God bless ! Be safe and stay well.

MAGISTRATE COURT R-E-P-O-R-T

Magistrate Beth Smith's Court

December 17: John W. Kennen of Sutton, improper solid waste disposal, guilty plea, fine/court costs assessed and paid.

December 21: Jeffrey O. Crites of Cowen, overweight vehicle, dismissed, officer to pursue charges with owner of company; Adam C. James of Sutton, battery, dismissed, assault, dismissed, victim does not wish to pursue charges; Ryan Seth Rollyson of Gassaway, failure to appear, escape, warrant issued, bond set at \$20,000 cash only; Derrick Thomas Young of Ireland, failure to register x3, warrant issued, bond set at \$10,000 personal recognizance; Robert A. Conner of Sutton, overweight vehicle, dismissed; Jerry Robert Westfall of Birch River, shoplifting, guilty plea, fine/court costs assessed.

December 22: Krystal Carpenter of Sutton, possession of meth, guilty plea, 30 days of jail with credit for time served of four days, remainder suspended and placed on eight months unsupervised probation, fine/court costs assessed; Larry T. Gregory, III of Shinnston, battery, dismissed per plea in federal court; Alice L. Nottingham of Pineville, DUI with minor, guilty plea, 180 days of jail with credit for time served of two days, remainder suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation, fine/court costs assessed.

December 24: Theron Shelby Davis of Sutton, destruction of property, warrant issued, bond set at \$1500 cash only.

December 26: Derek Joel Stump of Norman-town, burglary, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$15,000 cash only.

Peter Pan Cleaners





Your local drop off and pick up location!

New local Drop-off and Pick-up Location in Sutton

501 Main Street Sutton, WV

Monday Drop-off & Pick-up

Dry Cleaning	
Pants	8.95
Skirt	8.95
Coats/Blazers	8.95
Suit	17.90
Dress	17.90
Blouse/Shirt	8.90
Sweater	9.50
Heavy Coat (Hip Length)	19.75
Heavy Coat (Long)	22.75



Wash & Fold

Shirts	3.55
Pants (Extra Heavy Starch + 1.00)	9.40
Wash and Fold	2.05 Per Pound (10.25 minimum charge)

Linens

Comforter (Full/Queen)	36.50
Comforter (King)	41.50
Quilt	23.00

(Down Filled + 5.00)

Extra charge for silks, beads, leather trim, down filled, etc.



Quilts & Comforters



Judy's Garden Club hosts Poster Contest



An annual event of Judy's Garden Club is to invite elementary age Braxton County students to create a poster. These creations provide an opportunity for young students to realize the themes "only you can prevent wildfires" and "give a hoot.. don't pollute " have an importance for our environment.

Protection and wise use of our natural resources is the focus of these posters featuring Smokey Bear. There are resources such as posters and pamphlets for use. Students discuss the causes of wildfires

and realize those fires can be prevented to preserve forest habitats. Woodsy Owl allows students to relate to the importance of caring for the environment by not polluting. The expanded theme may include water, air or land pollution and the significance of giving a "hoot" to avoid polluting Mother Earth.

JGC awards a quality certificate to each participant and a winning poster is chosen from each grade level to be judged by WVGC at the state level! Good luck to the entries!

These five winners

were presented with an additional prize of a gift certificate from the SPOT in Flatwoods. JGC and Trisha Gregory, member of Judy's Garden Club, Appalachian District, provided the funds for these prizes. Ms. Gregory was in charge of this event which included SES and LBE students.

JGC applauds all students who learned more about the care of our fragile environment by participating. This is one of several activities sponsored by JGC to encourage responsible behavior toward the environment.

Governor Justice allocates funding for Nursing Program at Glenville State College



West Virginia Governor Jim Justice has announced funding for nursing programs at three schools in the state, including Glenville State College.

"I commend Governor Justice on his foresight for helping tackle this nursing shortage. We see this as a preemptive strike of sorts, recognizing the needs of the present and the future here in West Virginia and throughout the country," said Glenville State College President, Dr. Mark A. Manchin.

At a press conference on Tuesday, Governor Justice said that \$48 million dollars from federal CARES Act money will be given to the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission to distribute between Glenville State College, Concord University, and Bridge Valley Community and Technical College for the purpose of starting nursing programs at the institutions, as well as expanding Bridge Valley's current nursing program.

The Governor was joined for the announcement by Dr. Cynthia

Persily of the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission, Glenville State College President Dr. Mark A. Manchin, Concord University President Kendra Boggett, and Bridge Valley Community and Technical College President Casey Sacks.

"No words can adequately describe how I feel about this announcement," Manchin said. "We're excited about this opportunity, and I want to thank Governor Justice for his leadership in taking the initiative to tackle this shortage of nurses. We see now, especially with COVID, that nurses are needed here in West Virginia and throughout the nation. This initiative will allow us to train more nurses for the future right where we need them the most – in rural areas of our state. So, with this endeavor, I believe that it will make a real difference in the clinics and small hospitals of the Mountain State and beyond."

Glenville State College has partnered with Marshall University to offer students a pro-

gram leading to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. The agreement will see prospective students enroll at Glenville State and complete general education courses during their first year. Once students are admitted to the BSN program, they will receive instruction from Marshall faculty members on Glenville State's campus. The program, which is pending WV Board of Nursing approval, is designed for professional nurse generalists to work with individuals, families, groups, and communities in a variety of healthcare settings as they work toward obtaining RN licensure. Pre-nursing enrollment begins in the fall of 2022 at Glenville State.

"This type of four-year nursing program has never existed in the central part of West Virginia where Glenville State is located, and we are looking forward to expanding our footprint and expanding access to this in-demand program. This will help fill a real need and, again, I thank Governor Justice for helping us to train these much-needed nurses," Manchin added.

As West Virginia faces nursing shortages and the number of COVID related hospitalizations reaches an all-time high, the governor hopes these new programs, in addition to incentives including scholarship programs for West Virginia nursing students, will help support current hospital staffs by flooding West Virginia with quality nurses.

Visit www.glenville.edu/nursing for more information about the nursing program at Glenville State College.



BCHS junior varsity goes 1-1 on the week

In an away game last Tuesday, Braxton's junior varsity boys defeated Roane's jv team 58-48. Two players scored in double figures. Leading all scoring, Ryken Rutherford put in 25 points. Landon Stewart added 13 points for the Eagles.

On Thursday, South Harrison's jv team outscored Braxton's junior varsity 60-55. In that game Landon Stewart had a game-high with 29

points. Logan Baldwin scored eight.

Coach Robert Lloyd noted, "Both teams were great opponents. We just fell short against South Harrison."

The coach emphasized, "Our team is still learning how to play with one another. I believe once we learn that, our team will have more success than they already have had so far this season."



Logan Baldwin scored eight points for the Eagles.



Jaxson Short shoots from under the net over the head of a South Harrison defender.



Landon Stewart had a game-high with 29 points scored in the game in against South Harrison



Aidan Dever challenges a Roane County Raider.



Ryken Rutherford dribbles the ball back down court.

Eagles lose to Roane and South Harrison in week before break

The Roane County Raiders outscored the Braxton Eagles 54-49 on the Raiders' home court. Saying that his team "didn't play well," Coach Josh Lunceford clarified. "We shot poorly and had too many turnovers," he said. In addition, the Eagles made only nine of 20 free-throw attempts.

Two Braxton players scored in double figures against Roane. D.J. Coomes led with 16 points, and Mason Abraham added 14.

In the 73-58 loss to South Harrison, the Eagles were down 24-8 after the first quarter.

The team fought back and, at the halfway mark in in the fourth quarter, Braxton was down by only 5. Instead of capitalizing on their chance to eliminate the scoring gap, the Eagles "had three or turnovers in a row in about 45 seconds," and the Hawks took advantage of the mistakes to widen their lead and win the game. Coomes, with 20 points, and William Forbush with 14 led Braxton's scoring against South Harrison.

Braxton travels to Lincoln County Dec. 30 for the only game this week.

Eagles' individual scoring in last week's games:		
Player	Points against Roane	Points against South Harrison
Spencer Bosely	2	0
Lane Marrow	3	5
D.J. Coomes	16	20
William Forbush	9	14
Beau Liston	3	6
Mason Abraham	14	9
Matthias Garavaglia	2	6



Mason Abraham works the ball around a Roane County Raider.



William Forbush looks to push the ball into shooting range.
Photos by Janet Six



Spencer Bosely looks for an open Eagle teammate.



Mathias Garavaglia focuses on the basket.



Lane Marrow shoots for three points for the Eagles.

(Tariff Rule 44) PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN CHARGES BY MUNICIPALITIES
NOTICE is hereby given that the Town of Burnsville, a public sewer utility, has adopted, by ordinance on December 13, 2021, a tariff containing increased rates, tolls and charges for furnishing sewer collection and disposal service to sewer customers in and around Burnsville in the County of Braxton, West Virginia. Burnsville deems the present customer rates and charges for the furnishing of sewer service throughout the entire territory served by Burnsville to be inadequate to provide sufficient revenues to the Town to maintain and operate the sewer collection and disposal system and to maintain required debt service coverage. The Town is proposing a two step increase in rates and charges to assist its customers. The Step I increase in rates and charges is necessary to provide sufficient revenues to the Town to maintain and operate the sewer collection and disposal system and to maintain required debt service coverage. The Step I rate increase, being a percentage increase of 10.66% over current rates, will be effective for bills rendered after February 1, 2022. The Step II increase in rates and charges is necessary to satisfy the monthly payments on the loan for the Town's wastewater collection system improvements project. The project will be funded by grants in the amount of \$2,669,500 and a loan in the amount of \$169,500. The Step II rate increase, being a percentage increase of 20.01% over current rates, will be effective for bills rendered after substantial completion of the wastewater collection system improvements project. The proposed rate increases are as follows

STEP I RATES
(Effective for bills rendered after February 1, 2022)

APPLICABILITY
Applicable within the entire territory served.

AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE
Available for general domestic, commercial, and industrial service.

USAGE CHARGE			
(I)	First	2,000 gallons	\$16.20 per 1,000 gallons
	Over	2,000 gallons	\$16.20 per 1,000 gallons

MINIMUM BILL			
(I)	Minimum Monthly Bill		\$ 32.40
	3,400 Gallon Monthly Bill		\$ 55.08
	4,000 Gallon Monthly Bill		\$ 64.80

(I) **UNMETERED CHARGES FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS**
\$48.60 per customer per month (based on 3,000 gallons)

(I) Indicates increase.

STEP II RATES
(Effective for bills rendered after substantial completion of the wastewater collection system improvements project)

APPLICABILITY
Applicable within the entire territory served.

AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE
Available for general domestic, commercial, and industrial service.

USAGE CHARGE			
(I)	First	2,000 gallons	\$17.57 per 1,000 gallons
	Over	2,000 gallons	\$17.57 per 1,000 gallons

MINIMUM BILL			
(I)	Minimum Monthly Bill	=	\$ 35.14
	3,400 Gallon Monthly Bill	=	\$ 59.74
	4,000 Gallon Monthly Bill	=	\$ 70.28

(I) **UNMETERED CHARGES FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS**
\$52.71 per customer per month (based on 3,000 gallons)

(I) Indicates increase.

The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

Step I Rate Increase- Bills Rendered After February 1, 2022					
	Avg Gallons	Current Bill	Step Bill	Dollar Increase	% Increase
Residential	2,500	\$ 36.60	\$ 40.50	\$ 3.90	10.66 %
Commercial	4,000	\$ 58.56	\$ 64.80	\$ 6.24	10.66 %
Public Authority	20,500	\$ 300.12	\$ 332.10	\$ 31.98	10.66 %

Step II Rate Increase- Bills Rendered After Substantial Completion of the Project					
	Avg Gallons	Current Bill	Step Bill	Dollar Increase	% Increase
Residential	2,500	\$ 36.60	\$ 43.93	\$ 7.33	20.01 %
Commercial	4,000	\$ 58.56	\$ 70.28	\$ 11.72	20.01 %
Public Authority	20,500	\$ 300.12	\$ 360.19	\$ 60.07	20.01 %


The Town does not have any resale customers. The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. The Commission shall review and approve or modify the increased rates only upon the filing of a petition within thirty (30) days of the adoption of the ordinance changing said rates or charges, by:
(1) Any customer aggrieved by the changed charges who presents to the Commission a petition signed by not less than twenty-five percent of the customers served by such municipally operated public utility; or
(2) Any customer who is served by a municipally operated utility and who resides outside the corporate limits and who is affected by the change in said rates or charges and who presents to the Commission a petition alleging discrimination between customers within and without the municipal boundaries. Said petition shall be accompanied by evidence of discrimination; or
(3) Any customer or group of customers of a municipally operated utility who are affected by said change in rates or charges who reside within the municipal boundaries and who present a petition to the Commission alleging discrimination between said customer or group of customers and other customers of the municipal utility. Said petition shall be accompanied by evidence of discrimination.
All petitions should be addressed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, 201 Brooks Street, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323.
A complete copy of the proposed rates, as well as a representative of Burnsville to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at the office of Burnsville Public Utility Board: 54 Buckeye Alley, Burnsville, West Virginia, 26335.
A copy of the proposed rates is available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the Public Service Commission at 201 Brooks Street, P.O. Box 812. Charleston, West Virginia 25323. 12-21 12-28b

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
Family Court Civil Action No: 21-DV-51
IN THE FAMILY COURT OF BRAXTON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
TO: JOSHUA PAUL YOUNG
2763 Exchange Road
Exchange, WV 26619


03/29/1982, Date of Birth
1. The object of this suit is to obtain service on JOSHUA PAUL YOUNG.
2. The object of this Publication by Class I legal advertisement is to notify the above-named individual of the action pending before the Court specified below: Domestic Violence Petition

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:
If appearing by evidence duly taken in this action that you could not be found in or that you have left the State of West Virginia, you are hereby notified of above-referenced action, a copy of which may be obtained at the Braxton County, Circuit Clerk's office. A Final Hearing is scheduled for the 6th day of January, 2022 at 2:00 PM, before the Braxton County Family Court. Issued this 20th day of December, 2021 at 10:56 AM
Susan Lemon
Circuit Clerk 12-28b


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 another of our mother cats that hold a special place in our hearts, as well as two recently received 8 week old sisters. 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.



SUGAR: Momma cat, young adult, calico short-haired, fully vetted, including spay and rabies vaccine.



JEWEL: 8-9 week old female brown tabby, short-haired



SHIMMER: 8-9 weeks old female brown tabby, short-haired



Jean Boggs was announced the winner of the door prize at the recent fundraiser.

Gassaway Public Library note of gratitude

Gassaway Public Library Staff would like to take this opportunity to thank our community for supporting the library. In addition to the community we would like to thank Julie Dobbins for displaying and selling Tupperware; Joy Rose, a local author for talking with our patrons about the writing process, and Amanda Wallbrown, a local artisan for Rusty Wire Ranch for selling her unique creations. WV Caring also spoke to patrons about their programs. Amanda, Julie and WV Caring each contributed a door prize. Our recent fundraiser was a huge success. Pictured is one of our door prize winners, Jean Boggs. Jean won the Tupperware door prize. Our recent fundraiser was a huge success.

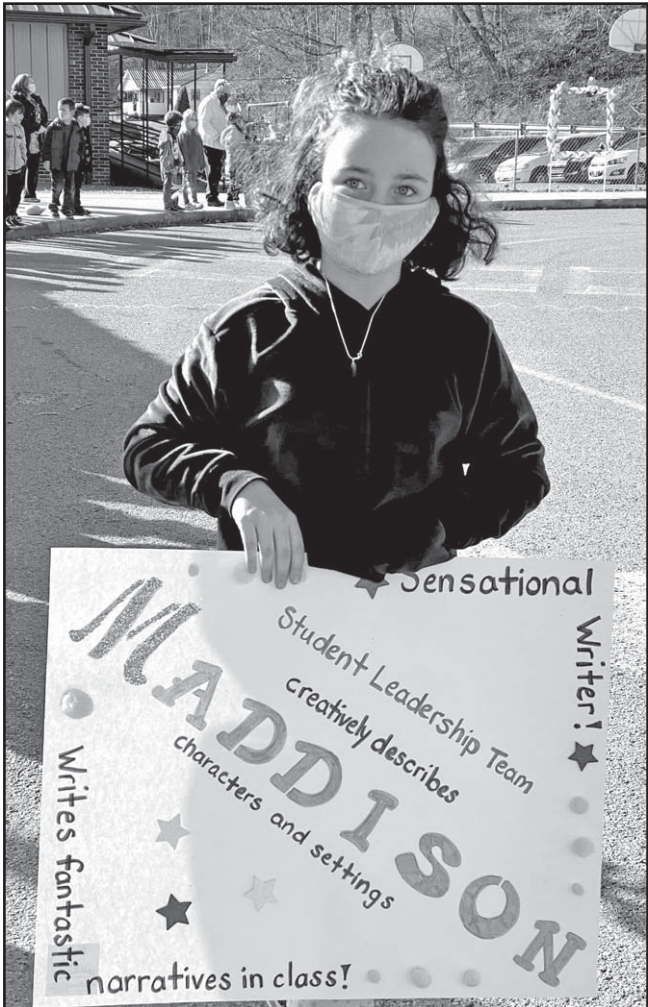
Little Birch Elementary School hosts Grinch Growth Parade

Little Birch Elementary School had a fun day with Santa, a reindeer, and the Grinch at the growth parade on Friday, December 23rd. LBES would like to extend a special thanks to all who helped make

the event possible. An extra special shoutout goes to Beth Snodgrass and Amy Jamison for making the posters for students to walk in the parade with. To the students of LBES, be proud of your

accomplishments, set new goals, and watch bigger and better things happen when you

achieve them. All of us are very proud of our LBE Pi-rates!



Beth Snodgrass and Amy Jamison made personalized posters for each student in the parade.



Santa Clause congratulated the students during the parade on a decorated float.



Everyone wanted a chance to take a photograph with Santa and Grinch.



Santa Clause, the Grinch and a reindeer were in attendance at the Growth parade to celebrate.

SPORTS

Reporting Braxton County's sports action

- Youth
- Middle School
- High School

South Harrison wins over Lady Eagles in low-scoring game

Coach Bill Lunceford attributed his team's 38-28 loss to South Harrison in part to getting out-rebounded and getting into foul trouble. The coach also noted that his team "blew a nine-point lead and had only one player, Lainey Hunt, in double figures."

The Lady Eagles actually held the Lady Hawks to 17 points from the field but gave them 21 points from the free throw line, Coach Lunceford pointed out. Braxton has one game this week. They play Frankfort at 12:30 p.m at the Braxton County Armory.



Lainey Hunt works the ball into position setting up the shot for the Lady Eagles.

Individual statistics for Braxton girls against South Harrison:	
Lainey Hunt	10 pts, 6 rebounds
Laura Cain	3 pts, 6 rebounds
Bre Smarr	3 pts.
Brooklyn Godfrey	4 pts.
Adrian Lunceford	2 pts.
Heidi Payne	2 pts., 4 steals, 5 deflections leading to steals
Bethany Payne	2pts.
SkyLynn Abraham	6 blocks

Photos courtesy of Tiffany Godfrey



SkyLynn Abraham blocks the shot of a South Harrison player.



Bre Smarr looks for an open Lady Eagle.



Little Caesars

PIZZA DOUGH!

PIZZA DOUGH!

You could win some DOUGH thanks to Little Caesars and Braxton Live! Attend any of the following Braxton County High School games for your chance to roll the dice at half time.

and win \$10,000!

BOYS

December 7 - Ritchie

December 23 - South Harrison

January 11 - Doddridge
(Braxton Live Exclusive)

January 17 - Nicholas

February 11- Roane

February 22 - Lincoln County

GIRLS

December 7 - Clay

December 9 - Webster

January 13 - Calhoun

January 24 - Notre Dame

January 28 - Nicholas

Braxton Books for Babies continues monthly online book readings

Registration opens on Tuesday, January 18th

Braxton Books For Babies, a free program that encourages literacy development for children prior to school enrollment (birth to four years of age), offers a registration form on their Facebook page for the first seventy-five families to sign up and participate in fun, educational books and activities. Once families are notified, packets are ready for pickup at the Board of Education Office. Families are instructed to drive through to get their packets. The packets include all their books and activities for the month.

The following dates are for January 2022 to April 2022:

January theme is Circus, Registration is on Monday, January 3rd, and Packet pick up will January 18th from 10:00 to 11:00 A.M. at the Board of Education Office, Facebook live will be on January 21st at

10:00 A.M.

February theme is Dr. Seuss, Registration is on Tuesday, February 1st, and Packet pick up will February 15th from 10:00 to 11:00 A.M. at the Board of Education Office, Facebook live will be on February 18th at 10:00 A.M.

March theme is Eric Carle, Registration is on Tuesday, March 1st, and Packet pick up will be on March 15th from

10:00 to 11:00 A.M. at the Board of Education Office, Facebook live will be on March 18th at 10:00 A.M.

April theme is Recycling, Registration is on Friday, April 1st, and Packet pick up will April 1st from 10:00 to 11:00 A.M. at the Board of Education Office, Facebook live will be on April 22nd at 10:00 A.M.

Dates and times are subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control. Please check our Facebook page for updates.



Just 25 more minutes until we take a long Winter nap! Join us to talk about hibernation today!

Spring 2022 registration underway at New River CTC

Course selection is underway at New River Community and Technical College for the spring semester starting Jan.18, 2022.

“New River CTC students also have the option to register for classes in upcoming semesters from this spring through the summer of 2023,” said Executive Director for Institutional Advancement and the New River CTC Foundation Michael Green. “By having our schedules available now and allowing students to register for classes in

advance, they can plan ahead knowing when they’ll have classes.”

For the spring 2022 semester New River CTC is offering in-person classes along with web enhanced face-to-face classes using Zoom video conferencing and online classes.

More than 40 of New River CTC’s degree and certificate programs qualify for free tuition through the West Virginia Invests grant program, and the college is currently accepting new students. Barber-

ing, cosmetology, cyber security and welding will have new class starts in January.

Registration for the spring semester will continue through Jan.14, 2022.

Visit www.newriver.edu, email admissions@newriver.edu or call 1-866-349-3739 for more information about New River CTC. College offices and campuses will be closed for the winter holiday Dec. 23-31, 2021. College offices will open at 8 a.m. on Jan. 3, 2022.



Flatwoods Canoe Run PSD

Flatwoods-Canoe Run PSD is now offering notifications of

- ✓ Boil Water Advisories
- ✓ Planned Outages
- ✓ Etc.

via voice and/or text messaging.

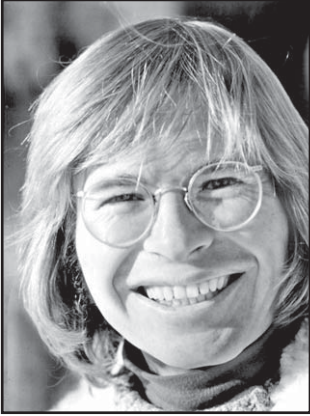
Stop by the office at 406 Main St. in Sutton call 304-765-2300 or visit the following website to register for this free service:

<https://entry.inspironlogistics.com/crpsd/wens.cfm>

THIS WEEK IN WEST VIRGINIA HISTORY

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. 29, 1861: Confederate soldiers burned most of downtown Sutton. The town slowly rebuilt but remained small until the local timber industry boomed in the 1890 to 1920 period.



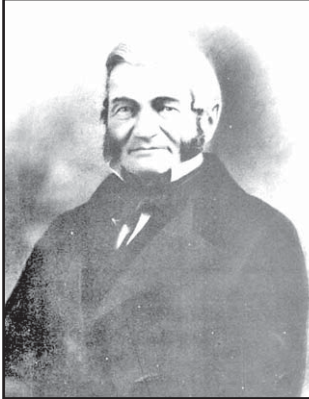
Dec. 29, 1970: John Denver and two friends completed the song “Take Me Home, Country Roads.” Denver performed “Country Roads” in West Virginia on several occasions, notably for the opening of the new Mountaineer Stadium in Morgantown in 1980.

Dec. 30, 1917: The temperature in Lewisburg dropped to 37 degrees below zero. It is the coldest official temperature on record for the state.

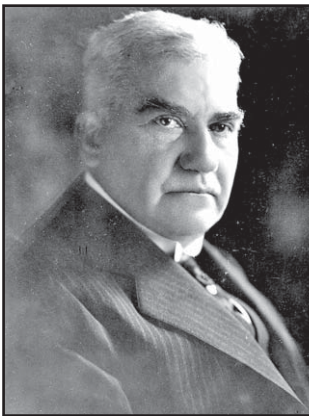


Dec. 31, 2007: Sara Jane Moore was released from prison after serving 32 years for trying to kill President Ford. Moore grew up in Charleston and later moved to California, where she joined left-wing groups and became an FBI informant. She spent part of

her incarceration at the Federal Prison Camp in Alderson.

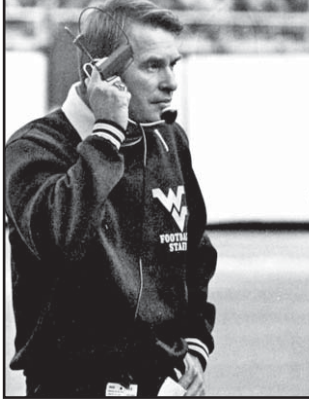


Jan. 1, 1790: Claudius Crozet was born in France. As state engineer of Virginia, he was involved in numerous turnpike projects and made a significant contribution to the road network in western Virginia.



Jan. 1, 1859: Michael Joseph Owens was born in Point Pleasant. A skilled glassblower by age 15, Owens went on to mechanize the making of industrial glass products and launched a factory in Charleston that became the world’s largest producer of window glass.

Jan. 1, 1888: Jim Vance, uncle to “Devil Anse” Hatfield, led an arson attack on the McCoy family cabin. Two of Randall McCoy’s children were killed, and his wife was beaten.



Jan. 1, 1936: Don Nehlen was born in Canton, Ohio. Nehlen, who had a record of 149-93-4 at WVU, was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2005.

Jan. 2, 2006: An explosion at the Sago Mine in Upshur County killed 12 men. Federal investigators pointed to a lightning strike as the most likely ignition source for the blast.



Jan. 3, 1856: Musician Lewis Johnson “Uncle Jack” McElwain was born. He was the most respected fiddler in central West Virginia during his lifetime. He took part in many fiddle contests, and no one can recall him ever being beaten.



Jan. 3, 1921: The state capitol building in Charleston was destroyed by fire. A temporary wood-frame building was erected in just 42 days and became known as the “pasteboard capitol.”

Jan. 4, 1897: Classes began at Montgomery Preparatory School, a state institution that was established to prepare students for West Virginia University. The school evolved into West Virginia University Institute of Technology.

e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia is a project of the West Virginia Humanities Council. 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.

Dog Stories from the Braxton Tales: 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 \$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

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



Marley is an approximate six month old mixed breed female who weighs around thirty pounds and likely will stay a medium sized dog. Marley is still a puppy with playful puppy ways. She was surrendered to animal control by a caretaker who didn’t have time to invest in her. She walks on a leash and knows her name and is very smart and eager to please her human. Marley could easily be trained and is food motivated. Marley has lived mostly outdoors and isn’t fully house trained yet. She loves all dogs and peo-

ple and would love to have a puppy sibling to play with but probably wouldn’t do well in a home with small children because she hasn’t yet learned to be gentle when in play mode.



Sam, Joe and Pete are littermates looking for brand new homes this Christmas! Their Mom is a German Shepherd and we can’t be sure about the Dad so they are listed as German Shepherd mixes. These handsome brothers are five months old (born July 13th) and will likely mature into big dogs. They have never lived indoors and are learning to walk on a leash but they are very smart and are learning quickly. These guys love to romp and play with each other and would do well with puppy siblings. They especially love a good tug of war with a rope and some belly scratches.

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BRAXTON

CITIZENS' NEWS

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CLASSIFIEDS

- BUY
- SELL
- TRADE



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HELP WANTED

HELP WANTED: Mountain State Home Health Care, Inc. has an immediate opening to join our team with a combined position of a full time Registered Nurse/Case Manager. Services provided include: Title XIX Aged and Disabled Waiver, Personal Care, Case Management Services, Veterans In-Home Care, Private Pay and Long Term Care Insurance. Required, will be 2-3 flexible office days as needed in Mount Nebo with the other weekdays to be working from home or in the field. Multi County coverage is to be expected. Travel compensation and pay will be discussed during the interview process. If you would like to be considered, please submit a resume to jphillips@mtstatehomehealth.com EOE 12-21 12-28b



FOR SALE

FOR SALE: 2003 Kawasaki automatic 4 wheel drive ATV. Great condition, new tires. \$3000. Call 304-644-1307. 12-28 1-4p

FOR SALE: 3 Bedroom house on 4 acres, 228 Diatter Run Road, Frametown, \$95,000. Call 304-364-5748. 12-14 1-4p

FOR RENT: 2 & 3 bedroom apartments for rent, \$425 to \$475 per month. Required security deposit, references, proof of employment, nonsmoking. NO PETS. No utilities included, includes one year lease. Please leave message at 304-853-2423. 12-07 01-25b



FOR RENT

BURNSVILLE TRAILER PARK:

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

FOR RENT: One, two and three bedroom homes One month's rent required for security deposit. Utilities not included. Absolutely no pets. Application required. Applications may be picked up at Lloyd's Inc. 2220 Sutton La



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Christmas With the Corps!

Frametown Elementary celebrates Christmas

On Friday, December 17th, 2021, Huntington District- Burnsville Lake - In the spirit of Christmas, Burnsville Lake Staff had an idea to help kids and families in the local area have a little extra holiday spirit this year. Burnsville reached out to the Sutton Lake staff to team together for Christmas with the Corps!

Christmas with the Corps is a chance for the staff at both projects and volunteers to work together and give back. It truly does take a village and our village stepped up and made a Christmas Miracle happen in Braxton County. In just under a week, with the gracious support of the Friends of Burnsville Lake, Bulltown Historical Association, Judy's Garden Club, Braxton County Community in the Schools Coordinators and Teachers we were able to serve 38 children and 1 adult from five Braxton County Schools, and our volunteers raised over \$3,600 from generous local donors.

Christmas with the Corps allowed Rangers and volunteers to shop at Sutton Walmart in Braxton County with local families. Walmart made sure Santa stopped in and gave each kid an UNO game to take home and share with their families. This was a very special time, and lots of precious memories were made for all. We saw lots of smiles and heard comments like, "This is the best shopping day ever!", "Santa gave me this and he gave me presents under the tree!", "That's



Burnsville and Sutton Lake staff and volunteers spread Christmas cheer to Braxton Co. families.



Santa gifted each kid with an Uno game to take home and share with their families at the special event.

perfect! Big sigh of joy!" and "Without this I am not sure how my kids would have had anything under the tree", and "Thank You!".

Merry Christmas and always remember the reason behind Christmas, it's about giving of yourself to others and seeing the smile and joy on someone else's face.

Merry Christmas to

all and remember 'tis the season for giving!

If you would like to help with events just like this one, please feel free to contact us or join one of our groups (The Friends of Burnsville Lake or Bulltown Historical Association), you can even become a Corps Volunteer at either Burnsville or Sutton Lake Projects.

On Friday, December 10, 2021, Frametown Elementary School staff, students, and families kicked off the Christmas Season with a tree lighting event. Prior to this evening, students made ornaments for the tree that were nature friendly.

Santa also put in a special appearance! Students were able to get pictures with Santa and give some gift requests. Refreshments were also on hand. Mrs. Rader donated the tree and was there to turn on the lights. The students then shared several Christmas favorites that they had been practicing in class.

On Tuesday, December 21, we also had a special visit from the Grinch! He attempted to surprise the students and staff, but eventually gave up and moved on. He was caught by the principal when trying to steal her Christmas tree and served lunch detention in her office!

On Wednesday, December 22, the students also took a ride on the Polar Express, complete with hot cocoa and popcorn! Each student had their own ticket and rode in style! Of course, students could wear their pajamas that day to add to the experience.


We would like to thank Santa for taking time out of his busy schedule to spend the evening with us, as well as GoMart, Inc. for their donation of the cups, Gassaway Baptist Church for the hot chocolate and volunteers to serve it at the tree lighting! Go-Mart, Inc. also donated enough cups for the Polar Express ride!



Frametown Elementary School hosted a Christmas Tree lighting for staff, students, and families.



The Grinch got caught "green" handed trying to steal the Principals Christmas tree.




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