

Magistrates Report

Magistrate Beth Smith

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 Thom-

as 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.

Mountaineer Foodbank to receive portion of latest CARES Act funding

Governor Jim Justice recently identified where most of the balance of funding allocated by the federal government through the CARES Act will go.

The state had to commit those funds before the end of the year or return them. Mountaineer Food Bank is in line for a large portion of that funding.

“We are truly grateful Governor Justice has seen and heard the needs we have in West Virginia and made the decision to utilize our federal dollars to help reduce hunger throughout the state,” said Delegate Larry Pack, a member of the Food Insecurity Workgroup on the House of Delegates. “We know the need is dire, and these investments will go a long way in helping those people and groups doing immensely important work to feed our state’s hungry.”

Justice announced Thursday he will designate \$7.25 million for food insecurity partners across the state, with \$3 million of that going to food pantries and \$2 million to Facing Hunger Foodbank and Mountaineer Food Bank. Justice said 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. Justice also announced several Rescue Mission organizations each will receive \$250,000.

The exact manner in which the funds will be utilized by Mountaineer Food Bank has not yet been announced.

Gassaway Baptist Church assists Kentucky storm victims



Gassaway Baptist Church members served alongside Samaritan's Purse to assist with relief efforts.



Tornadoes rip thru Kentucky.

by the storms: Mayfield, Bowling Green and Dawson Springs.

Samaritan's Purse is a nondenominational Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid to storm victims.

While in the Bluegrass State, the team helped homeowners clean up storm related debris in



Trees were full of debris from the tornadoes.

On December 10 tornadoes hit the state of Kentucky leaving devastation in its' path.

The death toll in the state has risen to 77, breaking a previous record from 1890 from the Gassaway Baptist

storm related fatalities. Last week a team of nine members from the Gassaway Baptist

Hutchison committs to play baseball at Moravian University in the fall

Owen Hutchison, a senior at Central York High School, in York, Pennsylvania has committed to play baseball at Moravian University in the fall of 2022.

Hutchison 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 in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. The university traces its founding to 1742 by Moravians, descendants of followers of Bohemian Reformation and is the sixth-oldest college in the



Owen Hutchison

United States.

Hutchison is the son of Dana and Paula Hutchison of York, Pennsylvania and the grandson of Bill

and Loretta Hutchison of Flatwoods, WV, and the late Paul and Shirley Coleman of Carlisle, Pennsylvania.



Heavy equipment was brought in to help with the destruction.



Members of Gassaway Baptist Church help Samaritan's Purse after all of the devastation.

Legislative Update

By Delegate Brent Boggs
December 27, 2021

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, Colin 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
- Monday, January 10, 2022
- 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
- 1:00PM Legislative Oversight Commission on EducationAccountability Senate Finance
- 2:00PM Joint Legislative Committee on Flooding Senate Judiciary
- 3:00PM Select Committee on Infrastructure Senate Judiciary
- 3:00PMLegislative Oversight Commission on Health and Human ResourcesAccountability House Judiciary
- 4:00PM 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 – HigherEducation Senate Judiciary
- Tuesday, January 11, 2022
- 9:00AMJoint 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 LegislativeOversight 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
- 4:00PM 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 ses-

sion 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. ####

Clear a Path

By: Jeanette Riffle

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 big farm 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.

Continued on page 3

The Braxton Democrat-Central
Published every Thursday
by
Quality Printing & Publishing, Inc.
DBA/ Braxton Democrat-Central
501 Main Street Sutton, Wv26601-1349
USPS 063-480

Ed Given Brenda Foy Janet Six Jennifer Lloyd Sonya Stewart Jeanine Given	Publisher General Manager Office Manager Layout & Design Advertising Sales Circulation Manager
---	---

Phone: (304) 765-5555 Fax: (304) 765-2754
e-mail: braxton@wvdsi.net; braxtonbrenda@wvdsi.net
Subscription rates for 1 year in county, \$17.00; Out of county, \$23.50;
Out of state, \$35.50; Cannot accept subscription for less than six months. Senior Citizens with Golden Mountaineer Cards may deduct \$1.00 from yearly rates.
POSTMASTER: SEND ADDRESS CHANGES TO: BRAXTON DEMOCRAT-CENTRAL, 501 MAIN STREET, SUTTON, WV, 26601. PHONE: (304) 765-5555 PERIODICAL POSTAGE PAID AT SUTTON, WV, 26601



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



ROLL AND WIN!



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 became 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

On the Other Side of the Mountain

By Verena Sava

All about lettuce I remember a Christmas, maybe in the late seventies, when we had the front door open to let some cool air circulate around the table where we celebrated the holiday with our friends, Brian and Jeff. It was an unusually warm winter day. That particular Christmas day did not stick in

our mind solely because of the surprising warmth, but while I tried to get the Christmas meal started, Greg came in and said that the sheep and the horse were missing. We found the place where they had escaped.

A tree had fallen on the fence, providing a perfect bridge for their escapade. They had followed a path that had been frequented

by former neighbors who used it for a faster and more direct route to the county road. After about a half an hour we found the animals grazing on an abandoned field. We had come prepared with a bucket of grain that we wiggled in front of them and sure enough the smell of grain and the familiar sight of the bucket caught their attention and they followed us home. We had to fix the fence. Christmas dinner was delayed.

Catalogs have been arriving at the mailbox. I usually encourage people to favor local businesses if at all possible, but when it comes to seeds, I prefer the choices offered by various seed catalogs. I can read about the expectations for a certain crop, their resistance to certain diseases, their growing recommendations, days to maturity and sometimes remarks about flavor and hardiness. The drawbacks of catalog shopping is that types and variations are innumerable, so I have to peruse many catalogs. Another downside is the cost of shipping, which can amount to quite a bit when one orders from different places. We used to order as a group and share the extra expense, but there are too few people today to make a communal order.

Here are some varieties that we like in the lettuce category. From Johnny's: Muir (green) and Magenta (purple fringes) for summer lettuce.

They can take the heat well, are slow to bolt with good disease resistance. They stay crisp and sweet all summer. Even-though they are not considered as a head lettuce, they form very full, nice compact bunches, similar to a head lettuce. They have to be thinned out at 5" to 6" intervals.

I still seed some Romaine, but I find the two types mentioned before, easier to grow and giving a better return. For head lettuce, which will do best transplanted from flats into the garden in April, I had consistent results with Nancy (green) and Skyphos (red).

They are tender and sweet, and both take about 50 days to maturity. They make wonderful salads, so crisp they make a crunchy sound when eaten.

For winter fare, I recommend Benefine and Curlesi (both jagged and curly leaves) for endive and Natacha (broad, smooth leaves) for escarole.

Virtus forms a twisted 10" tall cone that holds well during the season.

It is mildly bitter without being unpleasant. These are the lettuce varieties from Johnny's. Should you consult their website or catalog, the offers on lettuces is overwhelming. Sometimes of course, I will add on other vegetables. I would highly recommend for you to get a catalog from Johnny's, even if you don't intend to buy anything from them. They offer good advice on planting, insect control, useful garden gadgets, you can even ask for help if you have a garden problem. The prices of seeds might be somewhat higher than other companies, but they are employee owned and offer healthcare.

As many of you know my favorite .loose leaf lettuce is Green Ice.

Not that it tastes any better than all the other

ones mentioned, but I think it is the most reliable and adaptable lettuce. As a loose leaf variety, it has fairly large loose heads. Days to maturity is 45 days after emergence. It can be started as early as end of March, with some row cover like Remay to increase the temperature of the still cold soil and putting a bow over the seedbed, covering it with plastic. This contraption works like a cold frame. Of course seeding can start in February in a hoop house. Green Ice is available by Park Seed, Territorial, Burpee's, Harris and Gurney's

You wonder why we use so many different varieties of lettuce just for the two of us. We eat fresh lettuce every day. I start in February in the hoop house with Green Ice and at the same time I seed head lettuce inside in flats that will be ready to be transplanted outside middle of April. I also seed Green Ice again outside around middle of March, beginning of April.

This later seeding will be ready when the first crop in the hoop house is nearing its end of production. In May Muir, Magenta, some Green Ice and Romaine are direct seeded outside. The rows are all about 4' or 5' feet long, and I try to pace the seeding on a 5 to 6-week interval, so a constant harvest is assured. The goats and chickens love the lettuce we have to pull, when the next crop is ready.

The winter lettuces are seeded in the hoop house around middle of August. They will mature around Thanksgiving when the outside greens are in decline. The cold weather keeps the growth in check and we have winter lettuce till March when the first Green Ice is ready.

I don't remember the year of another Christmas where it was so cold that we had to take the two newly born baby goats down in the living room, near the wood-stove to let them dry out and to prevent the wet ears from freezing.

I don't remember the guests on this particular Christmas, but they must have been pretty tolerant of sharing the space with animals, of course their cuteness would have won over any skeptic.

A chance meeting

By Joseph J Mazzella

I had a chance meeting the other day. I was walking into a local convenience store when a voice called out to me. It was my friend, Rod. We had first met in kindergarten and he had been one of my best friends all through grade school, high school, and into college. Fun loving and free spirited, Rod had gotten me into trouble more than once growing up. He had also been a fountain of laughter and good cheer and my childhood had been so much better with him in it. He moved away to find work and it had been at least 30 years since I last saw him. Now we were talking, trying to catch up 3 decades in a few minutes. I also noticed something strange about him. He looked in a word: OLD.

Now truth be told he looked much better than me. He was thinner and fitter. He had fewer wrinkles. His hair was thicker

Continued on page 5

Clear a Path

Continued from page 2

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.

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 Boggess, 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

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.

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 program 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 GSC.

Family Foot Care

Specializing in:

- Diabetic Foot Care
- Corn & Calluses
- Heel Pain
- Sports Medicine
- Bunions & Hammer Toes
- Warts
- Custom shoes, diabetic shoes & orthotics

Dr. David A. Anderson, DPM
Podiatrist

We accept most insurances (including Medicare)

New Patients Welcome!

437 N. Main Avenue
Weston

Phone:
269-3445

ELK THEATRE

192 Main Street Sutton WV 304 765 2519
Booth Opens 30 Min Before Showtime

DEC 31 2021 - JAN 2 2022

Fri & Sat 7 PM Sun 3 PM

Tickets \$7

**Spider-man:
No Way Home**

Rated PG 13 Runs 2 Hrs 28 Min

<https://www.facebook.com/elktheatre>

NO 3D

www.elktheatre.com

Obituaries

Sandra “Marlene” Facemire

Sandra “Marlene” Facemire, 63, of Sutton passed away Sunday, December 19, 2021 at home surrounded 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. Facemire; mother and stepfather, 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 bird-watching. 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.

Donnie Carl Carson
Donnie Carl Carson, 81 of Orlando, WV; departed this earthly life in the early morning hours of Wednesday, December



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 Dordrill 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.

Vicky Elizabeth Jenkins
Vicky Elizabeth Jenkins, 70, of Gassaway, passed away Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at home.

She was 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.

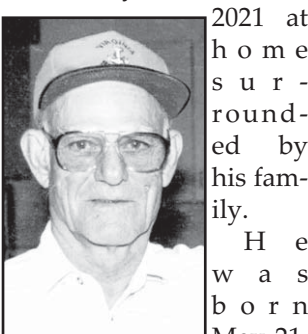
Left to cherish her memory is her husband of 50 years, Johnny Jenkins; children, Shane Jenkins and Amy Jenkins; father, James Culverhouse; grandchildren, Sierra, Courtney, Zachary ,Zander, Elijah, Dane, Phillip and Erica; great grandchildren, Crimson and Indigo; brother, Al Culverhouse and wife, Missy;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

Graveside service were 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.

Johnny L. Crislip
Johnny L. Crislip, 90, of Rosedale, passed away on Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at home 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 www.roachfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements by Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway.

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.

Service of Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway.

Sherri Lynn (Barton) King

Sherri Lynn (Barton) King born May 30th, 1961 passed away November 21st, 2021. She was retired from the WV DOH. She was the daughter of late Russell B. Barton and Leota Maybelle (Newell)



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 Greathouse 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>.

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 t w o Arden were held 1pm, Wednesday, December 29, 2021 at Dodd & Reed Funeral Home, Webster Springs, with Pastor Butch Rose officiating, burial followed at Harrison-Cochran Cemetery, Webster Springs. Friends joined 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.

Gale Malcolm Ross

Gale Malcolm Ross, 68 of Webster Springs passed away Friday, December 24, 2021 at Ruby Memorial Hospital, Morgantown, just hours before his 69th birthday.

He was born December 25, 1952 in Akron, OH, the son of the late Kenneth Elmer and Clare Christine (Nichols) Ross and was a part of the Muskogee Creek Nation.

Malcolm was a Drama and Mathematics teacher for the Nicholas County Board of Education, he taught at Richwood High School. He enjoyed acting in community theatre productions, woodcarving, and excelled at knitting. Malcolm had accomplished many things intellectually; but also physically, having been an Olympic Contender in Judo.

Left to cherish his memories are his loving wife, Mary (Bell) Ross; son, Jason Bookheimer; siblings: Merrie (David) Schwartz of Pensacola, FL, Kathy (Brian) Armstead of Milton, and Mike (Judy) Ross of OH; special niece, Paula Ross of Fairmont; and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

In keeping with his wishes, no public services will take place.

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

Dodd & Reed Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Ross 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

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



Our goal is to give the families that we serve, a warm and relaxed home to come to at a difficult time - when compassion, sincerity and professionalism are paramount.

Ryan M. Roach, LIC

708 Braxton St.
Gassaway, WV 26624
304-364-2231

**Coffman's Insurance
Agency, Inc.**
P. O. Box 510
Birch River, WV 26610
W.Va. Insurance Company

Home Owners Policies
Mobile Homes, Modulares, Sectionals
Farm & Business Insurance.
For Rates or Appointments

Call
Garry Coffman, Agent
1-800-261-3626
649-8702 Office
649-5931 Home



Jean Boggs was the winner of the Tupperware door prize.

Gassaway Public Library thank you

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 of Rusty Wire Ranch for selling her unique creations.

WV Caring also spoke to patrons about their programs. Amanda, Ju-

lie 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.

The Journey of Hope and Restoration

“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.

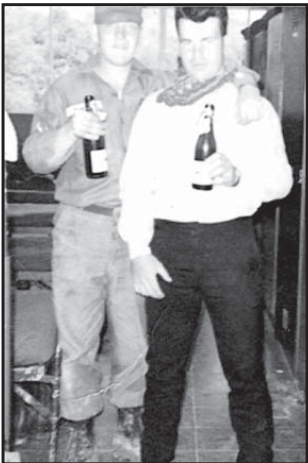
To register or if you have questions you can call Pastor Eric Veltre at 304-689-0000.

Braxton County Jamboree New Year’s Eve dance

New Years Eve dance at the Braxton County Jamboree December 31, 2021.

Retro Country. Doors open at 6 pm show starts at 8 pm till midnight Charge \$8 per person Kids 8 and under free Concession stand will be open No alcohol permitted.

Gelnhausen Germany 1966



By Larry Knight

This picture was a day to celebrate. We have been knee deep in the mud for more than a couple of months on the Birnbach job.

The rain came at least once a day just to make more mud. These were hot humid days and we seemed to be getting nowhere fast. We were building a small compound.

Once the rain stopped falling then the mud started to dry up. By about September we were starting to get some momentum and get things done.

The job was about 6 months behind schedule and completion date was coming at us fast. When we did get a break it only lasted a day or two.

The picture shows two Champaign bottles I won the night before shooting a BB gun at a local carnival. That was a fun night. The guy operating the booth asked me if I was a cowboy from Texas the way I shot that BB gun pretty well.

The fact was I got a good many of the prizes the guy had on hand to win. Poor guy the next night the guys’ booth was not open.

I had better introduce you to the picture. The

A chance meeting

Continued from page 3 and had a lot less gray than mine. But while I get to see my own daily deterioration in the mirror each morning my picture of Rod was stuck 30 years in the past. We said goodbye and wished each other well and I went home feeling both you and old at the same time. Part of me wondered where the last 30 years had gone and part of me remembered those joyous childhood memories like they were yesterday. It was very confusing.

Have you ever felt like you were just passing through this life? Have you ever felt so old in your body but so young in your soul? If you have then you can understand what I was feeling then. Part of me was a 55 year old man with grown children and part of me was a 5 year old boy laughing with my friend and staying awake during nap time at Kindergarten.

I think that chance meeting with Rod wasn’t quite so chance, after all. It was another little reminder from God to cherish each moment this life gives you and to love and laugh each and every day. Life goes by so fast here. You blink and 30 years have gone by. Still, I know there will be a time when we can spend eternity catching up with our family and friends. It will be in a place where no one grows old and the love, laughter, and light last forever. Until then I will do my best to stay young inside, to cherish each day, and to share my love with everyone. May you do the same.

Obituaries

Continued from page 4 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

Sutton Moose Lodge #825
304-765-5270

NOW OPEN

Public welcome to Bingo
Open Monday-Friday - 3 p.m. Sat. & Sun - 1 p.m.

Year to Date Charitable Contributions
2021 total \$28,122.10

Like us on Facebook at Sutton Moose Lodge

Braxton Manor

Exclusively designed for the person 62 years of age or older and persons handicapped or disabled.

Rent is based on income.

Equal Housing Opportunity

304-364-2669

TTY TDD 1-800-982-8771

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer

PETER PAN
CLEANERS AND LAUNDERERS

Top notch laundry and dry cleaning services

Family-owned and operated business established in 1953

Quality Dry Cleaning

Premium Laundry Service

Free Pickup and Delivery Service

BRAXTON
CITIZENS' NEWS

Your NEW local Drop-Off and Pick-Up location in Sutton

Drop off on Monday by noon and daily Tuesday - Friday 9:00-3:00

Pick up the following Tuesday

Take advantage of our commercial laundry service with 35 and 50 pound capacity washers and water temperatures up to 170 degrees. The CDC recommends 160 degrees to kill the Coronavirus.

We can keep your comforters, bedding and towels clean and virus free!

SPECIAL PRICING

COMFORTERS (All sizes) Washable ONLY 29.99 - Down Filled 5.00 extra

SHEETS, TOWELS AND CLOTHING \$1.75 per pound/10.00 minimum

FREE PICK-UP & DELIVERY

Learn more about our services today, call

(304) 765-5193

501 Main Street Sutton, West Virginia

Braxton County Middle School Knights Sports

By Shirley Shuman



Stevie Boggs, the Knights' leading scorer.



Aiden Crockett with the ball.



Carter Lewis in action under the hoop.

BCMS boys defeat arch rival Clay

Three players scored in double figures, with two of them getting double-doubles in the Knights' recent 57-34 defeat of Clay.

Braxton coach Randall Brown pointed out that "as usual any game with Clay is going to be physical " and added, "Clay matched us very well size wise."

Part of Clay's game strategy was triple-teaming Stevie Boggs, the Knights' leading scorer. Boggs still managed 20 points and 13 rebounds. Another Braxton player in double figures, Brady Toler also had a double-

double with 10 points and 10 rebounds, and Owen Lowther added 11 points and pulled down eight rebounds. All of this showed that, with Boggs being triple-teamed, "other boys stepped up and really played well on the offensive side of the ball."

The coach said that his players "truly played their best game of the season, and we were able to wear Clay down with our full-court press.

We pride ourselves on our ability to play defense, and that is what I believe won the game for us. " Brown went on to say, "Every player really

stepped up for this game and did exactly as they were taught."

One interesting aspect of the Braxton-Clay game was the progression of the Knights' field goal shooting percentage. In the first quarter, Braxton shot 37 percent from the floor. That improved to 43 percent in the second, went

up to 56 percent in the third, and to 70 percent in the fourth.

Looking forward to the rest of the season, Coach Brown noted, "We are now getting into some teams that will give us more competition, but I am confident if we play our game, we will be difficult to contend with."

Knight's individual statistics for the Braxton-Clay game:			
Stevie Boggs.....	20 points,	13 rebounds	
Brady Toler.....	10 points,	10 rebounds	
Owen Lowther.....	11 points,	8 rebounds	
Carter Lewis.....	3 points,	6 rebounds	
Aidan Crockett.....	8 points,	2 steals	
Brayden Godfrey.....	2 points,	2 rebounds	



Brady Toler defending the ball against Clay



Joel Sigman was undefeated during the competition.

Knights' wrestlers go 2-1 in quad held on home territory



Bradyn Morris

In a wrestling event sponsored by the BCMS team last Wednesday, Hurricane, Midland Trail, Calhoun, Gilmer and Braxton competed. Braxton finished at 2-1.

Knights' wrestlers Jackson Wyne, Hunter Short, Bradyn Morris, Paxton Smith, Eliah Moore, and Joel Sigman were undefeated during

the competition.

In the first round, Braxton defeated Calhoun 36-30. Knights' coach Tyler Morlan called this "a great win for us," and explained. "We had lost to them earlier in the year, and we were able to get a couple wins in matches that we lost and pins in matches that were [only] minor decisions last

time."

Round two was also a good round for the Knights. In that round, Braxton out-wrestled Midland Trail 33-24. Coach Morlan described the match. "This was a hard-fought round for our boys, and a lot of matches ran into the third round when we were able to come out on top."



Brady Pierson



Paxton Smith



Gabriel Hacker

Hurricane Midland outscored Braxton 54-30 in the third match. "This was a really good

team and was a good test for our boys," the Braxton coach noted. "With only nine varsity weight

classes filled, we knew it would be had to win, but a lot of our boys stepped up and got pins."

Kitty Korner



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



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



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

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](https://www.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.

Notice

“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. To register or if you have questions you can call Pastor Eric Veltre at 304-689-0000

Take a look who is making their debut on the World Wide Web!

THE BRAXTON DEMOCRAT

CENTRAL



Stay informed with **Braxton Democrat-Central** and the **Braxton Citizens' News** in one spot right at your fingertips!

- ✓ E-Edition
- ✓ Sports
- ✓ Schools
- ✓ Government
- ✓ Opinion
- ✓ Obituaries
- ✓ Payment options and MORE!

Braxton Democrat-Central E-Edition will be uploaded every Thursday morning!

Let us help launch you into the right direction of the factual happenings in Braxton County that are important to you!

Take a look at a few of our new website features with a **FREE 3 day trial!**

- ✓ New features to the website.
- ✓ Updated stories as they develop after press released.
- ✓ Additional photo coverage.

New subscribers can take advantage of a **3-day free trial** to look over the new website features.

FREE TRIAL **3 DAY**

Subscribe today at www.bcn-news.com

Call (304)765-5193 if you need additional information!

Happy Holidays

FROM OUR FAMILY TO YOURS

THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING US TO SERVE YOUR HEALTHCARE NEEDS

WVU Medicine

BRAXTON COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL