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## Magistrates Report

### Magistrate Beth Smith

January 3: Sierra Nicole Parsons of Clarksburg, no proof of insurance, no contest plea, driving revoked for DUI, dismissed, wrong code cited, fine/court costs assessed.

James David Lacy of Burnsville, domestic battery, guilty plea, domestic assault, dismissed per plea, 180 days of jail with credit for time served of 129 days, remainder suspended and place on 12 months unsupervised probation, fine/court

costs assessed.

January 4: Gary Dale Morrison of Sutton, overweight vehicle, dismissed, officer may pursue charges with trucking company.

January 5: Randall L. Perry of Burnsville, reckless driving x2, dismissed, driving suspended-general, dismissed, no proof of insurance, dismissed, possession of controlled substance, dismissed, fleeing from officer x2, dismissed, officer no longer employed; Derek

Joel Stump of Norman town, first degree arson, preliminary hearing waived, transferred to circuit court.

January 7: Kimberlyn Rachele Carr of Gassaway, domestic assault, destruction of property, warrant issued, bond set at \$1500 cash or surety.

### Mag David Singleton

January 4: Calab Steven Moul of Buckhannon, driving suspended, no contest plea, possession of controlled substance, no contest plea, fines/court costs assessed.

## Braxton County Animal Shelter continues efforts to build on location quarantine unit

The Braxton County Animal Shelter would like to thank everyone who donated to the animal shelter in memory of Tom Tichner in lue of flowers over the last month and a half.

Donations are still coming in for the quarantine unit fund in memory of Tom and they're right around \$2,000. "Tom was very kind to our animal shelter, he was the county tech man but he would come running to help us when we would get an abandoned dog at the shelter and help us roll back the cameras and figure out who dropped off the dog," stated Megan Stout,

"When I started at the shelter in 2016 we ended

up with 2 litters of puppies with parvovirus (at the same time) which is a very contagious virus in unvaccinated dogs under 2 years old." remembers Stout.

"The shelter ended up closing for a time while we had parvo, and the solution we came up with when looking at other animal shelter designs is a "quarantine room" where we can separate new mothers and puppies from the rest of the dogs in the shelter to protect them, or even just a spot to put ill puppies so that the virus is less likely to spread throughout the shelter."

Parvo is scary because it has a 90% mortality

rate when untreated. It is spread via contact with feces and fomites on the hair, and it can live in the ground for seven years.

The Braxton County Animal Shelter has been fundraising for almost five years and have purchased the block to start building a separate building or quarantine unit whereas the shelter has limited space.

This quarantine unit will help the Braxton County Animal Shelter take in more dogs, keep the shelter open and running, and also be a safe place for sick animals to heal.

To make a monetary donation, the BCAS PayPal link is: [PayPal.me/BCAnimalShelter](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?url=https://www.bcas.org/).

## Godwin to remain Commission President for 2022

The first order of business at the County Commission's initial meeting of 2022 was the election of a president of the body. Commission Larry Clifton made a motion that Lisa Godwin continue as president for the coming calendar year. That action was seconded by Melvin Gun. Godwin thanked her fellow Commissioners for the "vote of confidence".

Also as statutorily required, the Commission voted to continue to meet on the first and third Fridays of each month with the exception of the second meeting in June which will be on Thursday, June 16 due to a holiday.

A motion by Larry Clifton approved the holiday schedule for county employees which currently includes 15 paid holiday, plus whatever additional ones the Commission may approve.

The Commission also approved timesheet and payroll schedule, Board of Equalization meeting schedule as well as the county's surety bonds at the City National Bank.

Commission President Lisa Godwin introduced April Lloyd who was recently hired by the Braxton County Health Department as Administrator.

John Hoffman, County OES, EMS and 9-1-1 Director was first to address the Commission. Hoffman gave those in attendance an update on recent inclement weather in the county. Hoffman pre-

sented several requests to hire 9-1-1 and EMS staff. He requested that Laura Wilson be elevated from part to full-time as a 9-1-1 Dispatcher. He stated that her rate of pay would be \$12.00 with full county benefits retroactive to January 7. He added that Wilson would sever a 90 probationary period.

Hoffman requested that Philip T. McKown, David Lee and Alexis Sligar be employed as part-time on call dispatchers effective January 10. McKown and Lee's pay will be \$9.00 with no county benefits. Sligar will receive \$13.50 per hour with benefits since she is an existing county employee. All three will be subjected to a 90-day probationary period as well as background and pre-employment drug screening.

Hoffman's final request was that Glenna Vance Rose be hired as a full-time EMT/Driver effective January 10. She will be paid \$13.50 per hour with full county benefits. She too will service a 90-day probational period. All three requests were approved via separate motions.

In other action, the Commission approved the probate appointments for the month of December 2021.

The Commission approved an application for correction of erroneous assessments from David M. Smith on a motion introduced by Melvin Gum.

It was Larry Clifton who made a motion to

approve the consolidation of contiguous tracts of land for tax purposes for Michael E. and Marsha J. Rexroad.

The Commission approved four purchase order requests. They included: Motorola Solutions Inc. \$105,976.79 to replace the CAD Dispatch System at the 9-1-1 Center; Midstate Chevrolet will perform repairs to the Sheriff's 2013 Ford Taurus at a cost of \$3,014.69; General Appliance LLC will replace a cast iron receiver tank and pump assembly for the Courthouse heating system at a cost of \$3,716.00; The County Clerk will purchase additional recording books and indexes from Casto & Harris at a cost of \$617.70 plus freight.

Following a brief explanation from Deputy County Clerk Shelia Butler, the Commission adopted a policy for medical emergency absentee voting.

Butler also elaborated on the proposed change in magisterial boundaries to coincide with the recently completed census. That order was approved on a motion by Larry Clifton.

Clifton also introduced action to authorize a letter be sent to the state, requesting they continue to make changes to taxes after January 15, 2022.

Melvin Gum made a motion to approve the use of the County Credit Card for registration at the WV Association of Counties Legislative



Left to right rear: GVFD Firefighter Jug Cotrell, Mrs. Kristy Veltre, Firefighters Paula Cunningham and Jeremy Dunbar and Pastor Eric Veltre standing proudly behind future firefighter Bella Johnson.

## Shiloh Fellowship Donates to Gassaway Volunteer Fire Department

Pastor Eric Veltre on behalf of the Shiloh Fellowship presented members of the Gassaway Volunteer Fire Department with an "end of the year" donation in recognition of firefighters' quick response to an emergency at its Braxton Street Outreach Center.

The Fellowship sponsors a weekly program to serve the community with donated clothing, housewares, and food-stuffs.

Last summer, an elderly individual while in the Outreach Center, experienced a medical emergency.

Pastor Veltre's wife, Kristy Veltre and other church members volunteering at the time, witnessed the event and Mrs. Veltre, unsure of

the seriousness of the matter called Braxton County 9-1-1.

In recounting the incident and explaining the reason behind the gift to the GVFD, Mrs. Veltre said, "I was just so relieved to see how quickly firefighters, Tom Skeens and Paula Cunningham responded and attended to the stricken individual." She went on to say, "I was concerned that we were over-reacting and when the ambulance arrived, no one was anything but concerned."

An additional con-

## Primary Election Filing Period Begins

The filing period for potential candidates for the Primary Election officially began Monday, January 10. Those wishing to have their name on the May 10th Primary Election ballot will have to make their intentions known by January 29.

In Braxton County three major positions and three Board of Education seats will be up for grabs.

Each party will choose their representatives for the offices of County Clerk, County Commission and Circuit Clerk. Those nominees will compete in the November General Election.

Only one of the three County Commission seats are open. That seat is currently held by Lisa Godwin. Due to the constitutional requirement that no more than two commissioners may reside in any single magisterial district, potential candidates must come from either the southern or northern districts.

The Board of Education will choose three new members. Since the contest is non-political, party affiliation is not a factor. The election of those representatives will take place during the Primary Election. The same is true of Conservation District supervisor. Each party will elect members of their respective Executive Committees during the May election as well.

Fees vary for the different offices and must be paid at the time of registration. They are set by State Code. The fee to vie for the position of County or Circuit Clerk

consideration making in the monetary gift, has been the GVFD willingness to assist in a small way, Shiloh Fellowship's Monday evening ministry, "Living Free."

The ministry held in Iowa Street's Rock Wall venue, is currently reaching out to challenged individuals with an emphasis on "Coping With the Losses of Life."

Willard "Jug" Cotrill, senior firefighter attending the presentation, thanked Pastor Veltre for the donation on behalf of the entire fire department.

is \$595.32. A hopeful for the office of County Commissioner must pay \$391.78 to register. Board of Education registration fees are set at \$25, while it cost \$10 to run for the office Conservation District Supervisor or County Executive Committee.

Anyone wishing to register for the one of the available seats may do so at the County Clerk's Office during regular business hours Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The office will also observe special hours for those wishing to file on the last day, January 29. Officials will accept applications between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Applications postmarked on or before January 29 will also be accepted by mail.

Any questions pertaining to the election or the offices that will be contested should be directed to the office of Sue Rutherford County Clerk in person or by calling 304-765-2833.

County Commissioner Lisa Mace Godwin was the first to make her intentions known by filing early Monday morning for re-election.

## BUSACE renovate Civil War era

The US Army Corps of Engineers at Burnsville Lake remain committed to the preservation and integrity of historical sites like the Civil War era Weston-Gauley Bridge Turnpike Trail (WGBT). This Fall, Maintenance Mechanic Jason Mead

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# Legislative Update

By Delegate Brent Boggs  
January 10, 2022

Weather is the news story of last week, as the recent snowstorm, deep freeze and rainstorm once again caused panic buying in stores and gas stations.

It hasn't been that many years ago when our recent weather event would likely result in a snow day or two, but nearly everyone else braved the elements and carefully made their way into work, most without 4-wheel drive.

I was comparing recollections with some other retired railroaders and each concurred that harsh winter weather used to be the norm all winter long instead of the occasional storms we now experience.

It was a long and hazardous trip driving to Cowen or Allingdale, where temperatures and snowfall amounts far eclipsed those of the low country only a few miles away, as the crow flies.

Shortly after transmitting my column last week, rumors were swirling that the Governor was planning a special session for the January interims which began, Sunday, January 9.

The initial word was a one-day session on Tuesday prior to the Wednesday start of the regular legislative session.

However, the Governor put out a press release on Saturday night that he is calling for a special session, beginning on Monday, January 10.

It's perplexing that the items on the agenda cannot wait until later in the week, since the session begins Wednesday. However, it's apparent

that he wants a session to approve a plan that involves development in Mason County and spinoff in Hancock County so it can be revealed as the centerpiece to his State of the State Address this Wednesday at 7 PM.

I cannot imagine that 48 hours difference will affect the outcome of a proposed deal, but I'm willing to listen to the presentation and read the bill before making an informed decision on my vote.

If what I'm hearing is true, this is a steel manufacturer that wants the State of WV to commit over \$300 million in American Rescue Plan dollars toward the project, including a lifetime exemption on sales tax. That's a heavy lift and especially on short notice. We'll be attempting to get additional information from the Administration and the company.

I contrast this with the minimal help that the administration has provided to our local small businesses, despite seeing many of them drastically affected by the pandemic.

Some have already closed; sadly, many more will, too, unless assistance is forthcoming quickly.

The Governor's special session proclamation contains seven items. The proclamation reads, in part:

FIRST: Legislation relating to and implementing a bill to provide certain tax incentives, based upon certain investment and employment thresholds, to promote development and expansion of new labor- and capital-intensive heavy industry

in this State.

SECOND: To make supplementary appropriation out of the Treasury from the balance of federal monies remaining unappropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, to the Executive, Governor's Office, Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund, fund 8823, fiscal year 2022, organization 0100, to allow for the reimbursement of eligible expenses for the first half of the current fiscal year by certain spending units, by supplementing and amending the appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.

Items three through 6 are a series of supplemental appropriation bills that move funds out of dozens of state agencies for the second half of the fiscal year and/or appropriate additional funds per the Governor's directive.

The final item appropriates funds to pay for the special session. Hopefully, we can make some headway in getting answers while the bills are in Finance Committee.

Finally, this week, Jean and I want to thank everyone for the many well-wishes on the occasion of our 43rd anniversary last Friday.

The storm last week was a serious event, but we had to laugh about the timing of the snowstorm.

Forty-three years ago, the night before and the day of our wedding, a snow and ice storm made travel hazardous and shut down the interstate highways after our wedding.

We made it as far north as Parkersburg before we were forced to find shel-

ter for the evening, well short of our destination. The next morning, the power was out, and roads were still littered with abandoned vehicles and accidents everywhere.

So, we reluctantly suspended honeymoon plans and came back to the house we had rented on North Main Street in Sutton.

Just like forty-three years ago, our plans to be out of town this anniversary were derailed by snow, ice, and treacherous roads.

Regardless of the weather, through the years we've been blessed with our being together, and with our kids, grandkids, family, and friends.

Now that the session is underway, please contact me at the Capitol office at: Building 1, Room 258-M, 1900 Kanawha Blvd., East, Charleston, WV 25305.

The phone number is 304-340-3142. For those with Internet access, my legislative email address is: Brent.Boggs@WV-House.gov

Remember to thank a Veteran every day for their service and remember our troops - at home and abroad - and keep them and their families in your thoughts and prayers throughout the New Year.

Until next week, take care. ####

## Burnsville CEOS

The Burnsville CEOS Club met December 18 at the Burnsville Mayors Office with the following members present: Diane Hosey, Janis Young, Barbara Bragg, Patricia Drake, Beverley Monroe, Sharon Helmick and Shirley Kelley.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Barbara Bragg with roll and flag pledge. For Meditations Beverley Monroe read a poem "Christmas Visions."

The secretary read the minutes from previous meeting and she also gave the treasures report. Both were approved.

The health motivator reported this month on potassium.

We will be filling some back-packs for children to be delivered to the DHHR soon.

Motion was made by Patricia Drake and second by Janis Young to purchase a new flag for Burnsville School. Motion carried.

This being our December Meeting we had no lesson and we played bingo and enjoyed each other's company.

Janis said grace and we enjoyed food and friendship. Thanks to all who supported our "Bake Sale".

Our next meeting will be January 12th 2022, 10 am at the Burnsville Mayors Office. You are welcome to join us.

# Love of Horses

By: Jeanette Riffle

My friend up Tague Rd. in Braxton Co. calls every week to see how we are doing and this time we we got on the subject of horses. I had connected on FB with a first cousin of mine on the Stewart side, who lives down in Georgia, near Atlanta.

Anyway, Deborah posted her profile picture on FB of her standing between 2 fine looking horses. She said her love of horses started when she was a child and they would be visiting our Stewart grandparents farm below Norman-town, W.V.

Grandpa Frank Stewart would swoop her up off the floor and take her outside to see the farm animals. She thought the pigs were rude and didn't have any manners. Her favorite animals were the horses. She has fond memories of her older brother, Gary, and my two brothers, Brock and Roger, trying to get on a horse to take a ride. She remembers them dragging a saddle out of the barn, down the pasture field, and the struggle they had trying to get that saddle on a horse.

They piled things up to step on and even used each other as a ladder to climb up. I just couldn't imagine that.

It must have been a really gentle horse to put up with all that. I didn't ask but I expect they ended up riding it bareback.

My friend told me that her uncle had a couple nice horses and she and her sister liked riding them bareback down to the country store at Wilsie in Braxton Co.

She said that one time they were riding the

## Braxton County Senior Center Menu for January 2022

Wednesday, January 12- Open Face Turkey Sandwich, stuffing, green beans, fruit

Thursday, January 13- Stuffed Green Peppers, scalloped potatoes, dinner roll, fruit

Friday, January 14- Pepperoni Roll, Tomato soup w/Cheddar Cheese Crackers, fruit

Monday, January 17- Holiday CENTER CLOSED

Tuesday, January 18- Chicken Alfredo, peas, garlic bread, fruit

Wednesday, January 19- Country Fried Steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, dinner roll, pea salad, fruit

Thursday, January 20- Beef Vegetable Soup, cornbread, broccoli casserole, fruit

Friday, January 21- Pinto Beans, Cornbread, beets, fruit

Monday, January 24- Chili, sweet potatoes, crackers, fruit

Tuesday, January 25- Chicken ala King, rice, dinner roll, fruit

horses out of the hollow and they came upon a freshly plowed garden. Her horse just went over in that dirt and laid down. She had to get off because it wouldn't get up. I guess she got on her sister's horse.

I have lots of horse memories. Dad borrowed a dapple gray horse from his parents to get back and forth from our place to there's, when he got back from WW 11. He didn't have a car until 1950.

Sometimes on a Saturday morning, Mom would bundle me up and Dad would put me on that horse and he walked along, up the road to their farm.

I remember the snow flakes coming down but I wasn't cold. Grandmother Grace Stewart, would get me up the gas stove on the floor and make me some hot chocolate. We visited a while and back down the road we would go. That horse was more white than gray and I called it, "the white horse." When they sold the horse for \$50, we sure did miss it.

Speaking of snow, we got the biggest one we have had for a while and one night it got down to zero here in the valley of Shock. Today, Sunday, it is warmer and raining. The snow is melting off.

I will close for this time. Church services have been canceled for a week at Rosedale Baptist due to so much sickness. Several families have come down with COVID.

Our prayers go out to them and for all the sick right now. Take care and be safe. May the Good Lord keep you in his care !

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

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## Card of thanks

To all who sent flowers, visited, and supported our family during the loss of our Mother, we say Thank you.

You are truly appreciated, and we cannot begin to tell you how much your prayers and support have helped us during this difficult time. Special thanks to Rev. Ronzel Roberts for holding the service, those who attended the memorial service, members of the Carson family who prepared the grave, and Colonial Place and Nella's Nursing Home at Elkins, WV. We also want to thank the staff of Stockert Funeral Home, Flatwoods, WV.

May God Bless each of you!

The Family of Viola Mae Johnston Nicholson  
**Peanut Brittle still available at Burnsville Library**

Burnsville Public Library still has our super yummy, homemade, peanut brittle available!

# Little Readers at the Sutton Public Library



Children learned all about scare crows and farming.



Kaydence proud of her Santa Face.



Big discussion about mask making.



Tossing game Feed the Ghost.



Snowmen with finger painted snow.

Sutton Public Library offers a read and play program for "Little Readers" ages 5 and under.

This program is designed to introduce young readers to the joy of reading. Parents, grandparents and caregivers are encouraged to bring your children to experience new stories, themes, crafts, games and a snack to go. Little Readers group meets each Monday beginning at 11am at the library. For more information contact the library at 304-765-7224. You can also follow the library on Facebook and Twitter.

# Glenville State College Kicks Off Spring 2022 Semester

Glenville State College students and staff marked the first day of spring 2022 semester classes on Monday, January 10.

"I am very excited to begin this new semester

here at Glenville State. And we are working hard to make things look as normal as possible this spring," said Glenville State College President, Dr. Mark A. Manchin.

Being mindful of COVID-19, masks are required in classroom settings again this semester at Glenville State.

The new year also brings a noteworthy milestone for Glenville State, its sesquicentennial. Founded in February 1872, the institution will be marking the anniversary throughout the year.

"Marking 150 years is a monumental occasion and we look forward to celebrating it with our

students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends. This will be an opportunity to remember those who laid the foundation for this institution, to reflect on the things that make our college so special, and to look ahead as we plan for the next 150 years," Manchin added.

Students may add or drop classes through Friday, January 14. The last day of the spring term is scheduled for Friday, April 29.



FirstDaySPR22\_1.JPG – Students walk across Glenville State College's campus on a chilly Monday, January 10, the first day of the spring 2022 semester.

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# Obituaries

## Beverly P. Jordan

Beverly P. Jordan, 77, of Sebring, Ohio passed away on Monday, January 3, 2022 at Mercy Medical Center in Canton.

Beverly was born on December 3, 1944 to the late Hayward and Jessie Carpenter.

Beverly enjoyed spending time with her family especially playing cards.

Beverly is survived by her children, Chuck Carpenter, Shelly Novellino, Gary Dye and Crystal Allen; siblings, Sandra Howells, Olive Edwards, Fred Carpenter, Butch Carpenter and Jimmy Carpenter; grandchildren, Ciera Beamer, Desiree Simpson, Samantha Allen, Madelynn Dye, Xander Dye and Phillip Novellino III; great grandchildren, Braylon, Axel, Benton, Emma and Charlotte.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by a brother, Lloyd Carpenter and sister, Nina (Carpenter) Mann.

Funeral service were 2 P.M. Monday, January 10, 2022 at Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway, WV with Reverend Linn Schiefer officiating. Interment followed in the Fairview Cemetery, Chapel.

Visitation was two hours prior to the service at the funeral home.

Words of comfort and fond memories may be extended to the family at [www.roachfuneralhome.com](http://www.roachfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements by Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway, WV.

## Tamara Dawn "Tammy" Williams

Tamara Dawn "Tammy" Williams, 49 of Webster Springs, passed away on Thursday, December 30, 2021 at her home surrounded by her family.

She was born December 4, 1972 in Rome, GA to the late Thomas Anthony and Mary Dianne Gamble Williams. She worked in outside sales for Pollock and enjoyed baking and cooking. She loved animals and motorcycles, especially Brothers

of The Wheel. Tamara was excited about owning and operating their own business, was always laughing and making others laugh, and was a people person. She was the life of the party and never, ever met a stranger.

She is survived by her companion: Kenny Pope; brother: Scott Stevens; sister: Tara Williams (companion Travis Best) Williams; nieces and nephews: Jason Stevens, TJ Wilson, Bethany Stevens, Savannah Rhodes, Abby Stevens, and Tina Hergis; her pets: Duchess and Duke; and many extended family and friends who will mourn her passing.

A Celebration of Life and Sharing of Memories will be held on Saturday, January 29, 2022 at 12 noon at Softails Saloon, 4 Washington Street, Webster Springs with Rev. Kyle Rader officiating.

In lieu of flowers Memorial Contributions may be made to Dodd & Reed Funeral Home, 155 McGraw Avenue, Webster Springs, WV 26288 to assist the family with expenses.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.doddreedfh.com](http://www.doddreedfh.com).

Dodd & Reed Funeral Home is honored to be serving Tammy's family.

## Jeremy Ryan Peters

Jeremy Ryan Peters of Whitesville, WV died Thursday December 30, 2021, in Whitesville WV. Jeremy was born August 24th, 1980, in Charleston, WV. The son of Debra Peters of Gassaway WV and John Price of Clear Fork, WV. (Biological Father Thomas "Eddie" Green of Sundial, WV). He is survived by his sisters, Audrey and Mark Blackburn of Ripley, WV, Brandy Price and Justin Collins of Huntington, WV. Brothers, Thomas Green and Savannah Cave of Myrtle Beach SC, and Toney and Crissy Vistiaire of Lynchburg, VA. Aunts and Uncles, Patty and Gary Quarles of Naoma, WV, Donna and Ricky Gunnoe of Cool Ridge, WV, Lisa Williams of Naoma, WV, Anita (Susie) Belcher

of Beckley, WV, Roger Green of Burlington, NC, Robert Green of Beckley, WV and Nanette Pettry of Sundial, WV. Nieces and Nephews, Kaylei and Dalton Blackburn of Ripley, WV, Joshua Holstein and LaTasha Steele of Jacksonville, FL, Lydia Pettry, Jaydon Pettry, and Cayson Collins of Huntington, WV, and Thomas Green III of Myrtle Beach, SC. Jeremy was preceded in death by his sister, Tesa Frances Price, formerly of Whitesville, WV. Grandparents, Mary Jo and Norman Peters, formerly of Naoma, WV. Carmen and Duffy Green, formerly of Sundial, WV. Ida Moore, formerly of, Whitesville, WV. Phyllis and Herb Honaker, formerly of Ameagle, WV. Donald Moore, formerly of, Whitesville, WV. Uncles, Johnny Green, formerly of, Colonial Beach, VA. Aunts, Betty Smith formerly, of Twilight, WV. Duffeanna Jennings and Kelly Robbins both formerly of, Roxboro, NC. Jeremy never met a stranger he was always looking for a good laugh, good time, and a good prank to pull.

He loved sports, (baseball was his favorite) boardgames (and boy if he lost were you in trouble) and he enjoyed working out. Jeremy was a hard worker, he loved working for the mines in Prenter and at his most current job at Walgreens in Whitesville, he took pride in his work. He had a very tender heart and willing to step in and help anyone in need. He loved all children; however, Kaylei and Dalton Blackburn held a special place in his heart, they were his world. Rest in peace, Jeremy, you will forever be remembered and etched in our hearts. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, Jan. 8, 2021 at one o'clock in the Armstrong Funeral Home Whitesville, WV with Pastor Ricky Peters officiating. Interment followed in the Pineview Cemetery Orgas, WV. The visitation was Friday from 6-9 at the funeral home. Online condolences at [www.armstrongfuneralhomewv.net](http://www.armstrongfuneralhomewv.net).

## Sally Ann Rhodes

Sally Ann Rhodes, 73, of Duck, passed away



Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at CAMC Memorial Hospital, Charleston.

She

was born February 14, 1948 in Clay to the late Abie and Nellie Moore Starcher.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Galentine Rhodes; son, Jason Rhodes; and two brothers, Van Delmas Moore and Jerry Starcher.

Sally was a homemaker that took care of her family. She also drove a school bus for 15 years while she lived in Summit County, OH. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She enjoyed quilting and made quilts for all of her family members. She also liked to keep her yard well kept. She was a strong hardworker who was full of energy. She was a Baptist by faith.

She is survived by her son, Shane Rhodes and wife, Traci, of Norton, OH; daughter, Stephanie Rhodes of Ivydale; grandchildren, Erica Webb, Joshua Rhodes and wife, Shawna, and Chad Rhodes; great grandchildren, Payton and Jason Rhodes; brother, Carl Eugene Arnold, and wife, Helen; and sisters, Phyllis, Sarah, Charlotte, Jeanie, and Barbara.

In keeping with Sally's wishes she was cremated.

Joint services for Sally and Galentine will be 2 P.M. Saturday, January 15, 2022 at Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway, WV.

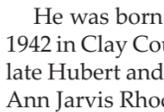
Visitation will be two hours prior to the service at the funeral home.

Words of comfort and fond memories may be extended to the family at [www.roachfuneralhome.com](http://www.roachfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements by Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway, WV.

## Galentine Jinkens Rhodes

Galentine Jinkens Rhodes, 79, of Duck, passed away December 30, 2021 at CAMC Memorial Hospital, Charleston.



He was born March 16, 1942 in Clay County to the late Hubert and Katherine Ann Jarvis Rhodes.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his son, Jason Rhodes; and brother Wilbert Rhodes.

His wife of 54 years, Sally Starcher Rhodes, passed away January 5, 2022.

Galentine served in the United States Army. He was a factory worker for company that made airplane blades for jet engines. Galentine enjoyed gardening and loved taking care of his dogs. He was a loving father and husband who was a wonderful provider for his family. He was a Baptist by faith.

He is survived by his son, Shane Rhodes and wife, Traci, of Norton OH; and daughter, Stephanie Rhodes of Ivydale; grandchildren, Erica

Webb, Joshua Rhodes and wife, Shawna, and Chad Rhodes; great grandchildren, Payton and Jason Rhodes; and sisters, Bertha Jackson and Ruby Rhodes both of Columbus, OH.

Joint services for Galentine and Sally will be 2 P.M. Saturday, January 15, 2022 at Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway, WV. Interment for Galentine will be in the Polk Duffield Cemetery, Wilson Ridge, Strange Creek.

Visitation will be two hours prior to the service at the funeral home.

Words of comfort and fond memories may be extended to the family at [www.roachfuneralhome.com](http://www.roachfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements by Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway.

## Violet Arbogast Lake Cogar

Violet Arbogast Lake Cogar passed away Wednesday morning January 5,



2022 with family by her side.

Violet was born August 5, 1941 in Caress, West Virginia to the late Murriel and Darrel Arbogast. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her first husband Willard Clenley Lake, sister Velma Crist Post, brother Larry Arbogast, husband Samuel Cogar, and her son Willard Creed Lake

Violet embodied the traits of the antiques she collected over the years. She was a beauty, a rarity, a woman of unique quality and features. In short, she was a treasure. Violet had a way of making everything beautiful - whether pruning her flowers, arranging her dishes, or making clothes that rivaled any catalogue back in the seventies.

She also had a way of making everything delicious. Violet was a gourmet cook before being a chef was popular. She fed her family and the people of Braxton County with her delectable dishes - from the elite supper club diners to the children of Braxton County Middle School where she retired. She also fed us with words of wisdom whenever she spoke as eloquently and profoundly as the books she devoured. She was an avid reader.

She always said about her beloved Fostoria American glass, "Make sure you get the pieces with sharp glass so you know it's authentic". Violet was a most authentic woman - a true original. Like her precious glass, she was also the sharpest woman. She was so smart she skipped grades in school and graduated high school at 16. Violet was also well traveled. She spent time in Canada as a young mother, and visited her daughters and grandchildren in Florida, New Mexico, Oregon, and Colorado, as well as taking numerous trips across the country. She

was the constant for her sons wherever they were in life.

Violet was beloved by many family members and friends. Her life was hard in so many ways, but she was forever soft, sweet, compassionate and always reaching out to help her family. Her children and grandchildren often teased her about being her "favorite". Her answer was always "I have no favorites. Just sometimes one may need my attention more than others". We will miss her attention, her spirit, and her unconditional love. Her legacy will live on through her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Violet will forever be remembered by her son Craig Lake, daughters, Cristy Murray, Crystal Godfrey, Cheryl Snider, and Carolyn Cosner. She is also survived by 10 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

Violet requested to forego a funeral and donated her body to science. Her family requests that you donate to your local library in her memory and support those battling cancer. Although our tears are flowing, we feel blessed that when our mother took her last breath, she entered heaven's gates. May she be surrounded by holy angels. She was an angel on Earth. We miss her dearly. Help us to honor her memory by living a life of selfless love and service. Amen and rest in peace, dear sweet Violet.

Words of comfort and fond memories may be extended to the family at [www.roachfuneralhome.com](http://www.roachfuneralhome.com).

## Gary D. Rhodes

Gary D. Rhodes, 71, of Duck, West Virginia, passed away on January



5, 2022, at the United Hospital Center from complications due to cancer. He was

born to the late Floyd Earl and Zeldia (Wilson) Rhodes on February 5, 1950 in Tesla, W.Va., where he enjoyed a happy childhood on a small family farm in a close-knit community of extended family and friends.

He graduated from Sutton High School in 1968 where he played drums in the band; the school mascot he painted on the bass drum is still displayed at alumni events.

Following high school, he proudly served our country in the U.S. Army in Vietnam.

After returning from his tour in Vietnam, Gary completed his military duty in Fort Sill, OK and returned to Braxton County.

He worked briefly on construction of I-79, but found his niche in the trucking industry. He began driving with his father-in law, Arthur Lambert in the limestone business. He later became a petroleum tanker driver for Heater Oil Company (now Go-Mart), then on to become an over the road driver for Smith Transfer in Belle, WV.

He returned to tanker driving for Union Carbide, Linde Division in 1978. Gary spent 30 years as a professional driver earning the prestigious National Safety Council Award for 2 million accident-free miles. He was a member of Teamsters

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# Obituaries

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Local 175 and a Baptist by faith.

Gary was a loving and supportive son, husband, father, grandfather and brother and a loyal friend.

He had an easy-going and caring personality and a quick wit – a mischievous grin and a twinkling eye usually indicated that a witty remark was headed your way.

His pastimes included listening to classic country music, watching major league baseball (New York Yankees), classic cars (his 1965 Comet), and watching Gunsmoke. He also enjoyed many family vacations on Topsail Island, NC.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his sister, Debra L. Webster, and his grandson, Benjamin Dale Rhodes.

He is survived by his loving wife of 49 years, Patsy Lambert Rhodes; son, Michael Rhodes (Christy) of Pittsburgh, PA; daughters, Jessica Malone (Ryan) of St. Marys, WV, and Julie Rhodes of Duck; sisters, Marilee Bright of Sutton and Starla Jarrell (Dennis) of Gassaway; grandchildren: Logan Malone, Natalie Malone and Eddie Rhodes, as well as members of the extended Rhodes/Wilson and Lambert/Hardway families.

A family graveside service, with military rites conducted by the American Legion Post 33, took place on January 8 at Braxton Memorial Cemetery. Rev. Linn Schiefer officiated the service.

Greene-Robertson Funeral Home is humbled to serve the Rhodes Family.

Online condolences may be sent to: greenerobertsonfuneralhome.com

## Tiffany Dawn Sanchez (Riffle)

Tiffany Dawn Sanchez (Riffle), 37, of Charleston WV passed away on December 27, 2021 after a long illness due to



complications from Covid-19.

Tiffany was born on September 13th to Earnest and Donna Riffle in Sutton WV. Tiffany was a 2001 Braxton County graduate. Tiffany participated in many extracurricular activities in school including: cheerleading, track, wrestling, and FFA. She excelled at debate, although she was not an official member of any team.

Tiffany attended Salem-Tokyo College and was a phlebotomist by profession. Tiffany enjoyed sticking it to people so she was able to fulfill her favorite past time with getting paid as a bonus.

Tiffany loved to spend time with friends and family. Often you would find her on a river bank or beach soaking up the sun. Tiffany loved to travel and visited many states as well as several countries. Tiffany was an avid sewer and baker. Tiffany's home was always filled with the welcoming scents of either food or booze. Tiffany was great at: dyeing her blonde roots, petting her dog, dirty jokes, sewing, fishing, and rolling joints.

Tiffany was predeceased in death by her mother Donna Wimer. She is survived by her dog Shadow, husband Cosme Sanchez of Charleston, grandparents Kenneth and Dottie Riffle of Sutton, father Earnest Riffle of Sutton, sister Betsy Coulter of Sutton, sister Brittany Anilao (Brett) of Lexington South Carolina, nephews and nieces: Lu, Lanah, Laurel, Lyra, and Laric Anilao of Lexington South Carolina.

Keeping with Tiffany's wishes she was cremated. A Celebration of Tiffany's life will be held at a later date.

## Notice

West Virginia University at Parkersburg awarded certificates, associate and bachelor's degrees to December graduates.

Graduates who attained a 3.50 to 4.00 grade point average (GPA) earned academic honors, as follows: 3.50-3.749, Cum Laude; 3.75-3.99, Magna Cum Laude; and 4.0, Summa Cum Laude. The December WVU Parkersburg graduates include:

BRAXTON COUNTY – Flatwoods: Sydney Skidmore, AAS, Nursing;

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**IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF BRAXTON COUNTY, WV**  
RE: Changing Boundaries of Eastern and Western Magisterial Districts

THIS 10th day of January 2022, pursuant to W. Va. Code §7-2-2, the County Commission of Braxton County, West Virginia, sitting in regular session does hereby ORDER the magisterial district boundaries of the Eastern Magisterial District and the Western Magisterial District permanently amended by relocating the current Precinct 24 (Mark LeRose Ford) boundary line, thereby changing this Precinct from the Eastern District to the Western District and decreasing the boundary of the Eastern Magisterial District and increasing the boundary of the Western Magisterial District. WV Code requires Magisterial Districts to be "nearly equal" in "territory" and "population". The Commission finds that this change will bring the population totals more closely in alignment, without dividing a neighborhood or changing the voting location of voters. As for determining which Magisterial Districts are open for the 2022 ballot, candidate eligibility will be based on the updated District boundaries. Sue Ann Rutherford, Clerk has posted notice of said change on the front door of the Braxton County Courthouse and at some public place in both the Eastern and Western Magisterial Districts.

for at least 14 days prior to today and no member of the public appeared to protest or comment during the December 17th regularly scheduled meeting. Consequently, the County Commission has this day voted to ORDER the boundary of the Eastern Magisterial District reduced by relocating the boundary line of Precinct 24 and thereby increasing the boundary of the Western Magisterial District.

IT IS SO ORDERED

ENTERED this 10th day of January 2022.

BRAXTON COUNTY COMMISSION  
Lisa Mace Godwin, President  
Melvin G. Gum  
Larry B. Clifton 1-13b

LEGAL NOTICE  
IN THE MATTER OF THE CHANGE OF NAME OF N.T.

CASE NO. 21-P-36

This notice that we will, on the 9th day of February, 2022 at 10:30 am, or as soon thereafter as the matter of the Petition may be heard, before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Braxton County, West Virginia, at his office in the Court of said County for the change of name of N.T. to the name of N. B..

Shannon Bragg  
Petitioner 1-13 1-20p

# Burnsville hires police officer

At their regular meeting on December 13, 2021 the town of Burnsville hired an additional police officer. The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Mayor, Paul Bragg

Council members Steve Wine, Becky Jackson, John Verton, Tom Crutchfield, Paul Bragg, Kisha Verton and Angela Morgan were in attendance as well as Gary Crutchfield, Jerry Losh, Jim Ball and Jerry McCauley.

As the meeting progressed Police Chief Jim Ball introduced Jerry Losh to council and presented his application for police officer. After review of the application and interview questions from the council, Steve Wine made a motion to hire Losh for the position of police officer at a pay rate of \$14.00 per hour. The action passed without objection. Benefits will be available after the 90-trial period.

Ball reported on two individuals who tried breaking into a hotel room. He also reported that Gary Batten had filed a complaint against his former tenant over condition of the property. There was also a separate complaint on these individuals for revving their truck engine late at night and making a lot of noise. The meeting began with Steve Wine making

a motion to approve the minutes and financial reports as presented.

Under the topic of Grievance/Comments from Citizen: Jerry McCauley voiced an objection to a candidate for the water board and said that he had a few people in mind that would be good appointees but would like to talk to them first to see if they were interested before submitting their names. Gary Crutchfield brought up the issue of the utility board tearing up streets/pavement for repairs and then not fixing the street back properly. He said there was a 3x5 section of 1st Street that they just put down gravel

instead of blacktop.

Mayor Bragg provided several pieces of communication to the Council. They included: First Energy Corp, re: Solar Energy Projects, WV State Auditor, re: IRP/Public Utilities, WV State Treasurer, re: Video Lottery, Braxton Co. Assessor, re: Dog Taxes and Braxton Co. Sheriff, re: Property Taxes.

In the area of Unfinished Business the lease agreement with the medical center was discussed. Concerns had arisen about the pharmacy closing. Steve made a motion to table the matter until council members had their questions answered, seconded by John; motion

carried.

Steve made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance #03-2021, seconded by Becky, motion carried.

John Verton made a motion to pay the bills as submitted. The action was seconded by Steve; motion carried. Be no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

## Board of Directors to meet Jan 24

Please be advised that the regular meeting of the WVU Medicine Braxton County Memorial Hospital Board of Directors is scheduled for Monday, January 24th at 6:00 p.m. via conference call.

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# This Week in West Virginia History

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

Jan. 13, 1905: Joseph H. Diss Debar died in Philadelphia. A supporter of the movement to create West Virginia, Diss Debar was commissioned in 1863 to design the Great Seal of West Virginia.

Jan. 14, 1842: Marion County was established and named after Revolutionary War hero Francis Marion. Middletown was chosen as the county seat, but the name was changed to Fairmont the following year.

Jan. 14, 1873: The first session of the Glenville Branch of the State Normal School began in the old Gilmer County courthouse. In 1943, the legislature changed the name to Glenville State College.

Jan. 15, 1799: Monroe County was established. It was named for James Monroe, the newly inaugurated governor of Virginia and later president of the United States.

Jan. 15, 1836: Braxton County was created from Kanawha, Lewis, and Nicholas counties. It is named for Carter Braxton, a Virginia statesman and a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

Jan. 15, 1848: Hancock County was established and named for statesman John Hancock.

Jan. 15, 1864: Frances Benjamin Johnston was born in Grafton. Johnston gained national renown as the first female press photographer, and enjoyed a long and remarkable career as one of the nation's leading documentary, portrait, and artistic photographers.

Jan. 16, 1869: Ephraim Franklin Morgan was born in Marion County. Morgan, a Republican, was governor during the tumultuous West Virginia Mine Wars.

Jan. 17, 1918: The War Department hired a New York engineering firm to build the DuPont munitions plant in Nitro. Within 11 months, the powder plant and a complete town with houses, a civic center and a hospital were completed.

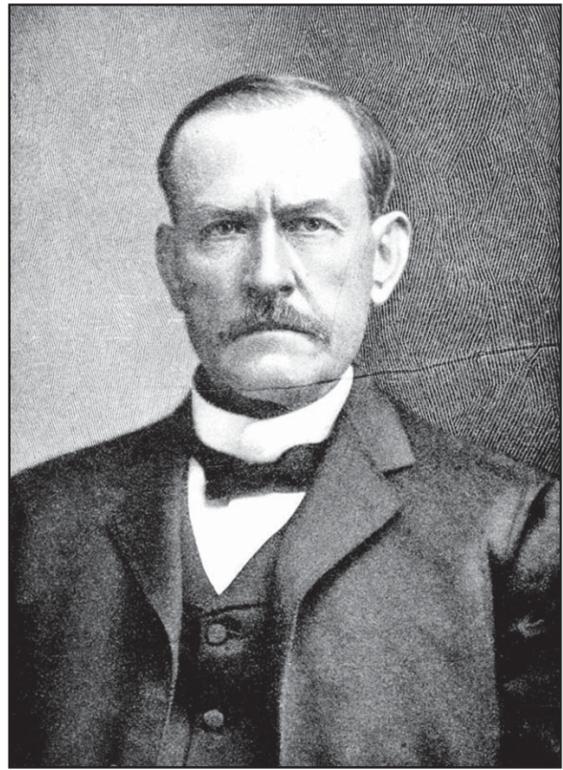
Jan. 17, 1956: Musician Blind Alfred Reed died. He was a street singer and fiddler from Pipestem, Summers County.

Jan. 18, 1842: Wayne County was established from part of Cabell County. It was named for General "Mad Anthony" Wayne, a Revolutionary War hero who later defeated Ohio Indian tribes at the 1794 Battle of Fallen Timbers.

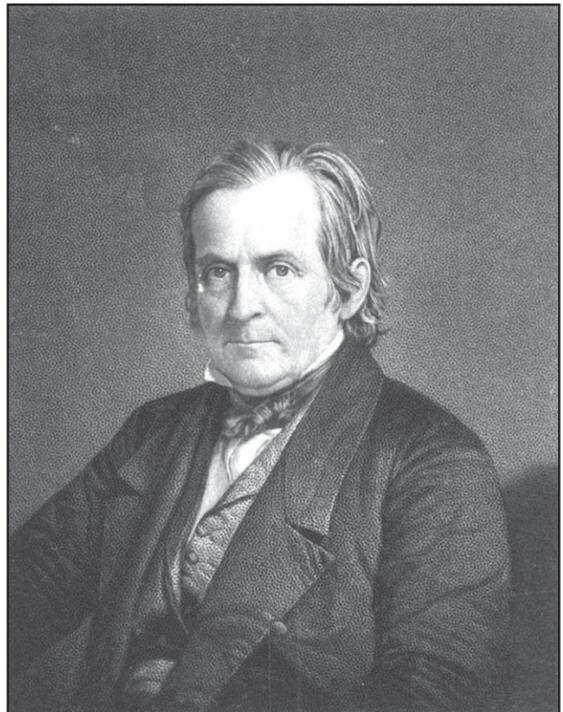
Jan. 19, 1818: The Virginia General Assembly established Preston County from part of Monongalia County. The new county was named for James Patton Preston, then governor of Virginia.

Jan. 19, 1820: Fairmont was established by the Virginia legislature on the farm of Boaz Fleming. The original name of Middletown was changed to Fairmont in 1843.

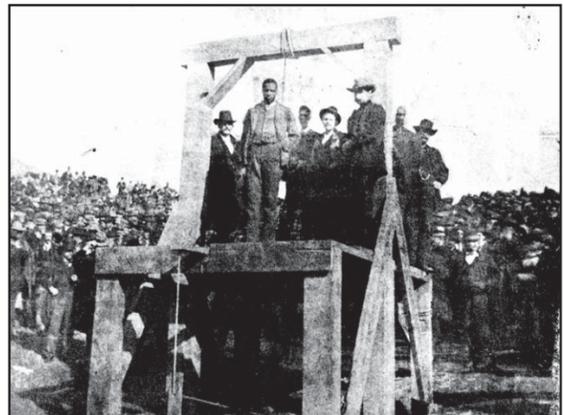
Jan. 19, 1844: The Virginia General Assembly established Taylor County from parts of Barbour, Harrison, and Marion counties. The county was named in honor of U.S. Sen. John Taylor, a



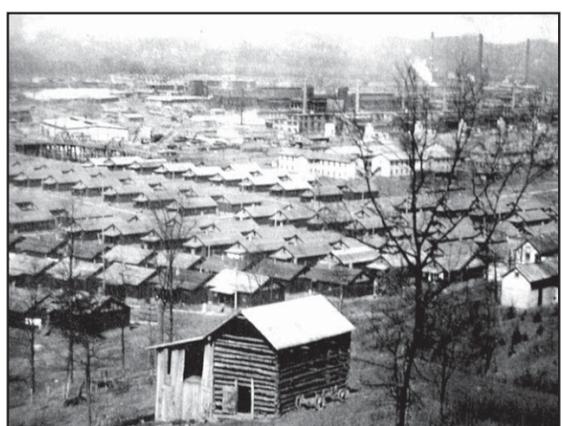
Jan. 16, 1850: Lawman Dan Cunningham was born in Jackson County. His remarkable career involved him in the Hatfield-McCoy Feud, the West Virginia Mine Wars, and the destruction of moonshine stills.



Jan. 16, 1790: Henry Ruffner was born in Luray, Virginia. In 1819, he organized two Presbyterian congregations in the Kanawha Valley. He is best known for his controversial 1847 anti-slavery treatise, Address to the People of West Virginia.



Jan. 19, 1894: Railroad worker John Hardy was hanged for killing a man in a drunken gambling dispute. The episode inspired the widely popular ballad "John Hardy."



soldier-statesman from Caroline County, Virginia.

Jan. 19, 1848: Wirt County was created by the General Assembly of Virginia from portions of Wood and Jackson counties.

It was named for William Wirt, Virginia statesman and a presidential candidate in 1832.

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## On the Other Side of the Mountain

By Verena Sava

I mentioned last time that I will write about one experience you might find amusing during our cheese making adventure. We had journalists, food writers, chefs and sales people from cheese stores here on the farm. We kept close contact with the Greenbrier, having Robert Wong and Rod Stoner visiting and celebrating together our common interest in good food, not just cheese.

When the Greenbrier hosted the national food writers' convention, they invited us to be a representative of a WV food producer. You must realize that we could not leave the farm for one day, we were too involved with the smooth running of the business, planning what shapes needed to be produced to fill the next orders, starting at 6 am, feeding the goats, making an initial check if everybody was healthy and fine, before the employees would show up for work and milking. Our day usually ended up at 7pm unless it was our turn to do the evening milking when we did not get done till 8:30pm.

The question was how to find some time to spend at White Sulphur Springs. We told our employees and together we arranged that we could leave shortly after 2pm, two people would stay here till 8:30pm.

We also had to make sure that if something would come up, that everybody was ready to take on extra chores the next morning, in case we should not return on time. We had to solve some other problems. We had to show up in respectable shape. Greg needed a coat and Betty from NRCS in Gassaway lent Greg a nice coat and a tie from somebody in her family. I still had some school clothes from my teaching years and after a shower, an in-house hair trim, we looked pretty smart, fashion wise.

We looked for a suitcase in our upstairs mess,



Female cardinal

but all of them were big, remnants of our international travels. However I found one small, clad tartan one that seemed perfect for the small items we needed to stay overnight.

There was only one problem, the latch did not hold steady and I had to hold it firm with one of my hands to keep it from opening and spilling the contents. We were set!

After arriving at the Greenbrier, we were to report to the front desk to find out where we would stay overnight. A porter offered to carry my suitcase to accompany us to our room.

I declined by firmly clutching to the case. He mentioned that it would look disrespectful if he were to let me lug it along without his help. I even insisted more. He assured me he would be very careful not to do any damage to the apparent valuable contents of the suitcase.

I finally gave in, "what the hell, why should this incident ruin my night out," and I told the porter the truth. He laughed out loud, clutched the case and led us to our quarters, which turned out to be the presidential suite at the hotel. He showed us the different rooms that were part of the presidential quarters, the conference room, the library and the dining room.

All these rooms around our bedroom had

wonderful snacks and hors d'oeuvres placed on several tables. Each time we passed, we picked up something different from each bowl. We had no idea why there would be these temptations, other than an offer to nibble on.

Now each time we came back, the items were miraculously replaced. At times when we returned to our quarters, we noticed that there was a sticker on the current toilet paper roll to indicate that after we used the toilet, somebody had been there to clean up.

At one point there was a knock on the door when we were present and somebody delivered a case of wine for us to take back home with us.

Downstairs the meeting of food writers, food connoisseurs, food producers was in full swing. There were cuts of raw meat to show what was available, hundreds of kinds of chocolates from many places in the world, any kind of fruit, vegetables, cheeses, candy, items we had never seen or heard of before.

It was meant to show the foodies what was available and sometimes also what was "in". It was highly informational and educational. Please, realize that this whole event had nothing to do with us, it was all about the wide range of food that is available to chefs and folks who have the means to buy it.

The highlight of the



Rose-hip with snow cap

evening was meeting Julia Child. We got to talk to her, but I don't remember what our conversation was about, I was too excited about this idol of mine.

Late in the evening we also learned what all the trays of gourmet food in

the presidential rooms were for. The food writers had a party there, where everybody was invited to take part. It went on into the wee hours of the next day.

We managed to get a few hours of sleep and then headed home for our regular day. The suitcase and "stealing" food from trays are vivid in our memory, it was not just a stay at the Greenbrier, it had some extras attached to it that make it special.

At this point I also want to thank all the local farm agencies that worked closely with us together over many years, mainly the people at NRCS over many years, Fred Williams from FSA who never lost faith in us and was there when we needed him.

Some of you might ask, why in the world we went through all this trouble and also if we would do it again. We had a goal in mind, mak-

ing a living on our hard scrabble, rocky farm.

We succeeded, even if we had to bring some sacrifices, and dealing with guilt, like never having holiday with friends, because that's when our employees wanted to be with their families. My parents died without me ever being there. I was unable to care for them when they got ill, all I could do was organize and attend the funeral. All our friendships were put on the back burner.

However the whole trip was one big, exciting, almost thrilling experience, at least looking back, the hardships seem less harsh. It solidified our relationship as a couple and as business partners.

To the question if we would do it again, of course, maybe in hindsight we would do some things differently, making things easier, but this can be seen only AFTER one has life experiences.

## BCMS Knights Sports

Knights face usual problem of unfilled weight spots at Fairmont

## Five Braxton wrestlers have winning record for day

By Shirley Shuman

Wrestling at West Fairmont Saturday, the middle school Knights went 0-4 as a team because they have so many unfilled weight classes. "It was the same story, different day," Braxton coach Tyler Morlan declared. "We only had seven wrestlers so even when all would win, we still lost the match."

Individually, the team was led by Eliah Moore, 190, who went 4-0 on

the day. Four Knights--- Hunter Short 95, Landon Mays 102, Paxton Smith 123, and Joel Sigman 285, were 3-1 for the day. Going 2-2 were Bradyn Morris 110, and Gabriel Hacker 155.

As a team, Braxton lost 42-30 to East Fairmont. In the second round, all seven of Braxton wrestlers won their matches but the Knights still fell to Musselman 42-39. In the final round of pool

matches, Braxton lost 81-5 to Mountaineer Mon.

Braxton faced Mountaineer Mon B team in the re-pooling. In that match, they fell by the final score of 42-33.

Coach Morlan was pleased with what his seven wrestlers did at West Fairmont.

"We showed a lot of improvements and wrestled more aggressively than we had in previous matches," he said.

# Peter Pan Cleaners



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

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## 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





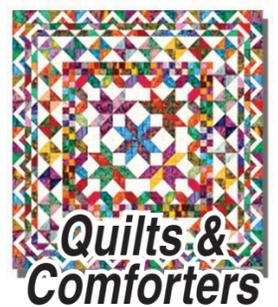
Laundry

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.





Cold bath

## Army Corps committed to preservation and integrity of historical sites like WGBTT

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 ows along with Rangers Josh Stanley and Grant Pierce teamed up with Tony Rogers and Scott Ice (MISFIT Landscaping), to evaluate and subsequently renovate all 10.5 miles of the WGBTT.

Phase I included installing new fencing, fence posts and gates to solidify the Corp Turnpike boundary.

Phase II involved clearing the trail of heavy brush, dead-fall and over-hanging trees. The end-state being enhanced safety and trafficability of the trail for all ages and abilities.

Two months later and the trail is now complete. As such, we want to welcome everyone to come take a trip back in time by exploring 10 miles of unimpeded picturesque scenery like the soldiers and pioneers of the 1860s.

History of the turnpike from the WGBTP trail brochure: To link roads that ran from East to West through both Weston and Gauley Bridge, it had long been felt that there was a need for a North-South road.

This road would provide access to parts of Braxton, Lewis, Nicholas, and Fayette Counties, which were increasing in population.

In 1849 work was begun on a turnpike road through a wild and largely unsettled area of western Virginia. Considering the very limited resources



and lack of any local engineering experience, it was a bold undertaking indeed.

The proponents of this enterprise lacked technical and financial resources, but they made up for

this shortcoming by a display of broad-based local support and great enthusiasm.

The road was finally completed in 1858, at an average cost of approximately \$450 per mile.

## Flatwoods meeting

The Town of Flatwoods Council met on December 21 at the Flatwoods Municipal building.

Mayor Dale Ball, called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Opening Prayer was led by Councilman Dennis Miller

Present were Mayor, Dale Ball, Treasurer/Recorder Lisa Hamrick, Chief of Police Shawn Brown, and Council Members Jake Hamrick, Brenda Ball, Keith Long, and Dennis Miller.

Citizens present were Linda James, Selena Stump, Lorie J. Brown, and Danny Lee Smallwood Jr.

Lisa Hamrick read the minutes from November 16, 2021, meeting.

Dennis Miller made the motion to approve the minutes as read.

Jake Hamrick seconded. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Lisa Hamrick read the Treasurer's Report. Dennis Miller made the motion to approve the minutes as read.

Keith Long seconded. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Danny and Lorie are going to work on laying down the new floors in the mayor's office, bathroom, and meeting room. The Town of Flatwoods would like

to recognize the following for helping with the Flatwoods Christmas Celebration: Allie Groves, Dennis Miller, Janice Miller, Danny Smallwood, Dale Ball, Shawn Brown, Keith Long, Amber Grensavitch, and citizens for supporting events.

Dennis Miller made a motion for new business license for Stockert Funeral Home and Cremation and renewal business license for Graphic Design. Brenda Ball seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

Lisa Hamrick read the bill list; Jake Hamrick made a motion to approve the bill list as read. Dennis Miller seconded. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Jake Hamrick made a motion to accept quote from Maryland Small Arms for a new bullet resistant vest for Police Chief Shawn Brown. Keith Long seconded. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Dennis Miller made a motion to accept the quote from Jeremy's Heating and Cooling to replace furnace in Municipal Building, \$5,000 from coal severance fund and remainder to be paid from General Fund. Jake Hamrick seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

Jake Hamrick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m. Dennis Miller seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

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