

# BRAXTON

## CITIZENS' NEWS

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## Commission allocates \$1 million of ARP funding to broadband expansion

The Braxton County Commission allocated \$1,000,000 of the ARP (American Rescue Plan) funds to expand broadband in Braxton County. The action was taken at a special meeting held on Wednesday January 12.

The Commission reviewed information provided by Terrell Ellis, Executive Director of the Braxton County Development Authority, on plans to expand broadband in the county and leverage additional grant funding. "The Commission felt that spending \$1,000,000 to leverage \$4,000,000 more was

good use of our money," explained President Lisa Godwin. "We know that highspeed internet service is not widely available in many parts of the county. We have seen how that lack of connectivity hampers distant learning for children and we know how it adversely effects future economic development. This funding will go a long way toward making highspeed broadband more widely available."

Engineering plans identified 53 rural routes in the county that would receive service if the program

was approved.

The Commission also approved using \$123,500 in ARP funding for the Burnsville Public Utility Board to replace a much-needed river crossing in Burnsville.

The final item on the agenda of the special meeting was to advertise and hire a temporary part-time custodian for the Courthouse due to a permanent employee's extended absence due to medical complications.

The Commission's next regular session will be held on Friday, January 21, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

## Richwood man charged with sexual abuse/assault

Senior Trooper C.D. Harper of the Sutton Detachment of the West Virginia State Police responded to a complaint on January 4 in Sutton that ultimately led to the arrest of a Richwood man on charges that he allegedly sexually abused and assaulted a female juvenile.



The officer's investigation included an interview of a woman who stated that she had discovered the accused in the shower with her six-year-old daughter at her home in Sutton. After interviewing the subject and viewing video questioning of the juvenile, Trooper Harper arrested

Isaas Lane Crews, 24, originally of Richwood.

Crews was charged with Sexual Abuse by a Parent or Guardian and Sexual Assault in the First Degree. He was arraigned before Braxton County Magistrate David Singleton where his bond was set at \$30,000 cash only. Crews is currently lodged in the Central Regional Jail awaiting additional court appearances. If convicted of both charges he faces 10 to 35 years in prison.

## Hearing highlight Circuit Court activities

Several Braxton County Circuit Court hearings have recently been completed by the Honorable Judge Richard A. Facemire. The state was represented by Braxton County Prosecuting Attorney Jasmine R.H. Morton during the proceedings. Justin Foster and Deandre Williams from the Braxton County Probation Office were also present for several of the hearings.

On January 5, Justin Matthew Hannah appeared in court with his attorney Andrew Katz for a plea hearing. A plea agreement had been reached between the state and the defendant. Hannah entered a guilty plea to the felony charge of burglary. The state agreed to dismiss remaining charges in the indictment and stand silent at the sentencing hearing.

Coty Wayne Bird and attorney Andrew Katz came before Judge Facemire for a plea hearing. On the felony charge of conspiracy, the defendant entered a guilty plea. The state agreed to dismiss remaining charges in the indictment and stand silent at sentencing.

After accepting the plea agreements, Judge Facemire set the sentencing hearings for February 24.

On December 13, Darick Brent Bosley came to court for a pro-

bation revocation hearing. He was represented by Andrew Shaffer. The defendant admitted to allegations contained in the petition for probation revocation. Bosley requested to be placed back on probation so he could prove himself to the court. The state argued that he had not taken probation seriously before and had failed to participate in the terms of his probation. The court granted the request and suspended the one to five years sentence for fleeing in a vehicle with reckless indifference to the safety of others. Bosley is to be admitted to probation for a period of five years.

Melissa Shawntell Graham and attorney David Karickhoff appeared in court before Judge Facemire for a sentencing hearing. The defense requested she be placed back on probation as she has successfully completed a long-term rehabilitation program. The state did not object to the request. The court granted the request and suspended the one to five years sentence for conspiracy. She is to be placed on five years of probation.

James Stewart McChesney and his attorney Bernard Mauser came to court for a sentencing hearing. The defense moved for an alternative sentence with the state remain-

ing silent per the plea agreement. Judge Facemire denied the motion stating the deliberate nature of the offense, the defendant's prior criminal record, sporadic work history, and substance abuse problems. On the felony offense of fleeing with reckless indifference, McChesney was sentenced to one to five years in prison.

Joshua Todd Wilson appeared before Judge Facemire with his attorney Tyler Cottrill for a probation revocation hearing. The petition for revocation of probation was dismissed by the court and Wilson is to remain on probation. The defense requested a change to his probation. The defendant's mother expressed desire for the condition prohibited contact to be lifted due to medical issues. The court granted the request.

On November 30, Kevin D. Williams and his attorney David Karickhoff came to court for a sentencing hearing. The defense requested an alternative sentence. Victims in the case came forward to speak out against the request. The court denied a motion for alternative sentencing. Williams was sentenced to ten years in prison on the felony offense of use of minors in filming sexually explicit conduct.



**Coach Sterling Beane was honored prior to the championship round of the BC Invitational Wrestling Tournament for marking his 50<sup>th</sup> year of coaching. Pictured with Coach Beane (L to R) Assistant Coaches Rick Jarvis and Jamie Given, BCHS Assistant Principal Lori Williams, Dr. Tony Minney BCHS Principal.**

## Sterling Beane honored for 50 yrs. of coaching

Coach Sterling Beane, the only head wrestling coach Braxton County High School has ever known, was honored last weekend for marking an unprecedented 50 years of coaching local youth. It was fitting that the recognition preceded the final round of the Braxton County Invitational Wrestling Tournament, which Coach Beane has developed into one of the premier events in West Virginia high school grappling.

Dr. Tony Minney, BCHS Principal presented Beane a plaque commemorating the monumental accomplishment. That plaque read in

part, "Coach Beane has been a pillar of wrestling in Braxton County and the state of West Virginia. He has made a monumental impact on the lives of thousands of students and athletes. Coach Beane is a phenomenal leader, mentor and role model who has instilled many core values in his wrestlers that play a key role in their lifelong success and daily lives. Coach Beane is an inspiration to so many athletes and coaches. His care and devotion to his wrestlers has made them more than a team and more like a family throughout the decades. He has created a legacy and will be irreplaceable at BCHS. Congratulations on 50 Years of Selfless Service."

## First week of filing period draws moderate interest

The first week of the filing period for the May 10 Primary Election has seen moderate action in Braxton County. A total of six individuals have placed their names on the ballot.

Three incumbents have filed for reelection. County Clerk Sue Ruthford, Circuit Clerk Susan Lemon and County Commissioner Lisa Godwin all hope to serve

another term. To date only Godwin has any competition as former Commissioner Ron Facemire filed for that office.

Only one person has filled for one of the three seats that will be filled on the Board of Education in May. Larry E. Hardwar of Gassaway placed his name in the hat.

The final candidate

to register this week will also compete in a non-partisan election as Conservation District Supervisor. Linda L. Brown of Heaters will run for election to that position.

On the State level, neither Delegate Brent Boggs nor Senator Mike Romano plan to run for reelection. Only one candidate has filled as of

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## Local cat rescue benefits from Betty White Challenge

Had she not passed away a few weeks ago, long-time entertainer Betty White would have turned 100 years old on Jan. 17. A life-long advocate for animals, a nationwide movement to honor her memory was started by her supporters. Dubbed #BettyWhiteChallenge, the movement quickly spread on social media and encouraged everyone so inclined to donate \$5 or \$10 to an animal welfare organization in her memory. It is an opportunity for those unable to adopt or make large financial contributions to combine their smaller ones into a significant boost for the receiving groups.

Just One Generation is a Braxton county-based community non-profit that has been operating since 2013. The organization was formed to help address the severe feline overpopulation in the area. To date, over 3,500 cats have been



spayed/neutered through our financial assistance program, and over 500 homeless cats and kittens have found homes. Sally Stewart, program director, comments, "our organization received no grants or public funds last year. We were solely dependent on the donations we received from our loyal supporters to remain open. We are the only resource for cats and kittens in need. We have made every effort to address needs throughout the county, including trap/neuter/release events for feral cats, as well as emergency intakes of sick, injured, or endan-

gered animals who need medical care and placement assistance." She further states that the organization is once again needing donations to remain operational in 2022. "Right now, we are working to secure grant monies to help local families spay/neuter their pets, as well as taking in multiple animals left abandoned in the winter weather. We sincerely appreciate any and all donations that come our way."

Dr. Stewart says multiple donations in Betty White's memory have already been received. If you would like to contribute, checks or money orders can be made payable to Just One Generation and mailed to 4397 Elk River Rd, Frametown, WV 26623. PayPal donations also accepted with the username s s t e w a r t 1 1 2 @ hotmail.com.





# OPINION

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## As I See It

By Ed Given



### Gas prices and more...

Winter is back... I'm not advocating people risk their lives but it seems every time we have bad weather everyone is supposed to hibernate. It was good that Monday was a holiday at least for most people. Obviously not here in the newspaper business. It's probably a good thing too. When I left for the office about 8:30 a.m. this morning, my road hadn't been touched. Route 19 wasn't much better. I did make it without any major issues. Once I got the truck cleaned off.

When I grew up in Gassaway things were a lot different. First, we usually had snow fall in October or at least by November. And snow it did... walking to school with snow up to your knees was not a bit out of the ordinary. No one had 4-wheel drive either. The only 4X4 vehicle I remember from my childhood was Dr. George Holyman. Regardless of the condition, school was seldom called off. If the bus driver couldn't make it... then that group of students had a snow day. Living in downtown Gassaway we were expected to be there. Usually, we made it a point to go. The teachers always had something special in mind since the class sizes were most often smaller.

I'll make two points here. We have become soft. When the state road or the town falls a little short of our expectations, we are quick to criticize. Maybe we should remember that these agencies also are suffering from staff shortages and sickness just like other in the business communities. My second point... yes we are soft.

My comments about gasoline prices have drawn lots of response. When my last comments hit the street the price of gasoline had fell one penny at the pumps. At the same time pump prices in Weston had fallen nearly 30 cents. I had occasion to travel in that area recently and saw prices as low as \$2.91 per gallon... 30 cents less than here in our county. Obviously, the reason is there is more competition in Lewis County. They have a Sheetz complex and their WallMart sells gas as well. If our elected officials, state or federal, really want to do something to help the people, they should place controls on how deep big business can plunge the knife into the backs of consumers.

I get a weekly report on the price of gasoline from AAA. The report is tailored to West Virginia and most often lists prices from around the state. In the latest copy that I received. They listed prices in eight towns from across the Mountain State. They ranged from \$2.90 to \$3.24 with the average being \$3.10. That translate to Braxton County having some of the highest prices in the state. Frankly, I see no reason for such disparity. I hear the arguments about transportation costs, taxes etc. but it comes down to, big and small oil can simply price their product at what the market will bear. With no competition we fall into the victim category.



## Burnsville Public Library's Focus On: Audiobooks and Playaways

In this series, staff of Burnsville Public Library will share with you, different services, collections, materials and more, available at the library. We hope that by sharing some of our lesser known services, collections, etc. you will see that the library is more than just a place you come to for books.

In our last Focus On: piece we, told you about Libby by Overdrive. This week we are going to tell you about our audiobooks and Playaway collection. We have a selection of audiobooks, also known as books on CD, and Playaways (a book loaded on a small device that you plug headphones/earbuds/aux cable in to).

Many people utilize audiobooks in their ve-

hicles, during their commutes, or on trips. Other people utilize audiobooks due to conditions that could make it difficult to read a printed book. Some of these may include arthritis or vision difficulties. Audiobooks are an excellent alternative to reading. If you think audiobooks are just someone reading a book, you are so wrong. Most audiobooks have narrators who are expressive and very entertaining. Our director saw a speaker at a conference a few years ago who said "Audiobooks are like a book and the theater got together and" had a baby. It is so true!

We have audiobooks available for children, juveniles, young adults and

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We hope that we have given you the audiobook bug. Stop by and check out our audiobooks and Playaways. Our next Focus On: will highlight our Income Tax Center.

## From our readers

### Letters to the Editor

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## News from our Capitol

by Delegate Brent Boggs

From one winter storm to the next, as I write on Sunday night, the freezing rain has the roads and trees coated with a thin coat of ice. I appreciate that town and DOH crews in central West Virginia began early this afternoon pre-treating many of the roads prior to what we anticipate will be hazardous roads and driving on Monday. While it's a holiday for many, I'll be heading back to the Capitol early Monday, as the federal holiday is not observed by the Legislature.

As I predicted last week, the Governor did, indeed, call a special legislative session on Monday, which was only 48 hrs. before the regular session began. What no one predicted was that Governor Justice would contract COVID and was unable to deliver the annual State of the State Address to a joint assembly of the Legislature. His ongoing illness kept him from delivering his executive budget, laying out his agenda for 2022, and making several major economic

development announcements for West Virginia. We all wish the Governor a full and speedy recovery as he receives treatment and recuperates from his home. The administration indicated that the State of the State Address will be delivered later in the session after the Governor's health improves sufficiently.

After a series of bills were introduced by the Administration that basically moved ARPA federal funds into state programs. This, in turn will free up state funds for a new economic development project in Mason County. While an expensive investment for the State to swing, the project – a steel recycling plant – will employ between 500 and 800 workers and should be in operation in two to three years. A second facility employing approximately 40 workers will be constructed in Hancock County in the northern panhandle. The state's investment is incremental and conditional on the

company – Nucor Corporation, a Charlotte, NC-based comping – providing their portion of the investment, which should come in at around \$2.7 billion dollars. The site is located near Apple Grove, WV.

The method by which the funding was moved in order to use federal American Rescue Plan funds indirectly, is somewhat troublesome. However, the Administration is hanging their argument that the transactions are permissible under Federal rules that govern American Rescue Plan usage on an opinion from a national firm that provides tax and financial advisory services, according to documents I was able to review prior to voting on the package.

Additionally, two other major announcements were made in the Governor's office.

- A \$50 million expansion of the partnership between the West Virginia University Health System, which operates under the brand name WVU Medicine, and Owens & Minor Inc., a global healthcare solutions company. Owens & Minor and WVU Medicine are expected to work with the state to launch a healthcare products preparedness center in Morgantown that will create more than 125 jobs.
- An announcement

from GreenPower Motor Company Inc., which agreed to lease/purchase a 9.5-acre manufacturing facility in South Charleston, including an 80,000-square-foot building. The company will manufacture zero-emission, all-electric school buses there, generating millions of dollars in economic impact. The operation indicated it will bring as many as 200 new jobs to the state when manufacturing begins later this year, with the potential workforce to eventually reach up to 900 new jobs when full production is reached in 24 months.

In some much-needed good news out of Washington, DC last Thursday, West Virginia is about to receive \$500 million in funding specifically designated to replace and repair bridges across our state. National studies show that our bridges are among the worst in the nation. Not only will this funding begin to make a difference in bridge safety – it will also provide good-paying jobs for our skilled West Virginia workers. Their wages and benefits will have a significant impact on our West Virginia economy. The first-year match of state funds to access the federal dollars is approximately

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Monday, January 17. Ben Queen of Bridgeport is running for State Senate on the republican ticket. No one has filed to represent the new 63 delegate district which includes Braxton and part of Gilmer County.

There is still plenty of time for anyone wishing to register for the one of the available positions. They 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.

Inquiries and filings pertaining to the House of Delegates and State Senate are handled through the Secretary of State's office.

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\$100 million.

Last Thursday, budget hearings began the

House of Delegates, with presentations last Thursday from the Department of Revenue regarding the projected revenue and the Executive budget overview. This week, the committee will hear from (Monday) Department of Tourism, Supreme Court of Appeals, Dept. of Administration and Department of Transportation; (Tuesday) Department of Veterans Assistance; Bureau of Senior Services; (Thursday) Homeland Security, Department of Commerce, WV Development Office; (Friday) Higher Education Policy Commission & CTC.

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@WVHouse.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

The Common Council of the Town of Burnsville met on December 27, 2021.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor, Paul Bragg with all council members present: Steve Wine, Becky Jackson, John Verton, Tom Crutchfield, Kisha Verton and Angela Morgan.

Citizens in attendance included: Debbie Brown, Tristan Brown, April & Colin Dean, Chris Dean, Kim West, Lisa Godwin and AJ Godwin.

The only employee in Attendance was Jim Ball.

Way back when... Long ago in Braxton County



Do you know who is in this picture? The photograph was brought to our office by a reader who had no basic information. Obviously, the photo shows Carr's Cabs which operated in the Gassaway area in the 40's & 50's (we think). We have no knowledge of who is in the photo. Do you know? Or can you share information about Carr's Cabs with our readers? Braxton Newspapers is your

headquarters for the Craig A. Smith collection of historical books about Braxton County titled "Looking Back". The five volumes are filled with old pictures and county history. These books, The History of Braxton County, The History of Bulltown and Craig's three cookbooks are available for purchase at the Citizens' News/Democrat-Central Office, 501 Main Street, Sutton, WV.

Council holds regular meeting

Steve Wine made a motion to approve the minutes and financials, seconded by Kisha, motion carried.

Debbie Brown addressed the council to express concerns about the police officer hired by the town and his previous record. Council advised that all charges were dismissed except for a misdemeanor. She asked how many applications had been received for this position and how many were interviewed. More questions and comments followed.

Police Chief Jim Ball reported that he and Jerry would be in Spencer tomorrow for a class with certification hours.

Mayor Bragg discussed several topics with council they in-

cluded: WV Municipal League, re: 2022 Legislative Session, WV State Auditor, re: Tax Loss Restoration Fund, WV State Treasurer, re: Greenbrier and Table Games, and the Burnsville Public Library, re: Board Appointment.

Under the topic of Unfinished Business, John Verton started the conversation regarding the Medical Center lease. Discussion was held on whether or not to increase the rental amount. Following the discussion Tom Crutchfield made a motion to keep the rent amount at \$500.00 for a term of five years, seconded by Steve, motion carried.

Under New Business, John Verton made a motion to go into Ex-

ecutive Session at 7:36 pm, seconded by Steve, motion carried. Regular session resumed at 8:19pm. Tom made a motion to accept Margret Willey's resignation from the Library Board and to appoint Robin Crist to the remainder of her term, seconded by Steve, motion carried.

John made a motion to go into Executive Session again at 9:15pm, seconded by Tom, motion carried. Council returned to regular session at 9:53pm.

John made a motion to pay bills as submitted. John made a motion to adjourn at 9:54pm.

The next regular meeting regular meeting of the Burnsville Town Council will be on January 10th, at 6:00pm.



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# OBITUARIES

**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.

**Delmas L. Conard**

Delmas L. Conard, 76, of Freedom Twp., passed away on Thursday, January 6, 2022. He was born on February 8, 1945, in Exchange, W.V., to the late Glen R. and Myrl M. (nee Nicholson) Conard.

He retired as an auto mechanic for Portage County in Ohio. Delmas enjoyed working on anything with a motor and especially enjoyed spending time with his family.

Delmas will be deeply missed by his loving wife, Sheila, with whom he was blessed to share 45 years of marriage; children, Rebecca (David) Armstrong, Tina Conard, Delmas Conard, Jr., April Conard, and Crystal Conard; grandchildren, Chelsea (Candace) Rosado, Ryan Armstrong, and Noah Conard; brothers, Blain Conard, Donnie (Valerie) Conard, and Ronnie (Jill) Conard, and nephews, nieces, and friends he has made along the way.

He was preceded in death by his parents; precious daughter, Pearlie Conard, and his baby sister, Donna Jean.

Delmas wished to be cremated and buried in West Virginia in his family cemetery. All services for Delmas are private and were entrusted to Mallory-DeHaven-Carlson Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 8382 Center St., Garrettsville, OH, 44231. For online condolences, go to [www.carlsonfuneralhomes.com](http://www.carlsonfuneralhomes.com).

## Meet a Food Banker at the MFB

This week, we'd like to highlight Becky Conrad! Becky is the Community Engagement Specialist with MFB. She has been a member of the food bank family since early 2016 where she started as the grant writer.

Becky got her start in the non-profit world serving as an AmeriCorps VISTA for the Sutton Community Development Corporation, where she currently serves as president of the board.

In her free time Becky enjoys spending time with her husband and their three daughters. In addition to her role on the SCDC board, Becky spends much of her time giving back to her community through volunteerism and serving on boards such as the Landmark Studio for the Arts where she and her family enjoy bringing the magic of live



**Becky Conrad is announced as MFBs staff member of the week.**  
Thank you, Becky, for all you do!

## New Sutton 4H Club

Don't forget that Sutton has a new 4-H club! They meet on the second Thursday of each month at the library at 4:30pm.

4-H is a FREE program for youth ages 9-21 and the Cloverbud program is for ages 5-8.

4-H members select projects to participate in each year and can include projects like livestock, gardening,

small engines, bicycle, rocketry, woodworking, wildflowers, entomology, forestry, trapping, birds, sewing, fishing, photography, art, first aid, hiking, camping, cooking, and careers.

For additional information, contact Mary Marple at (304) 678-5224 or the WVU Braxton Co. Extension Service at (304) 765-2809.

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## “Have You Considered”? (Job 1:8; 2:3)

I'm just beginning a journey through the book of Job and a statement God asked Satan about Job's character. In chapter one, God said of Job, "there is none like him in the earth," that he was blameless, an upright man, fearing God and shunning evil. Of course Satan's answer was, "Does Job fear God for nothing?"

This seems to be the attitude of non-believers toward others who try to follow God and know and practice his teachings. Peter, when asked by three men of Cornelius' house to come and tell Gentiles, Cornelius being the first, what was necessary for them to become accepted as God's children. (Acts 10) When Peter had come to Caesarea and was in his house he said, "Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:" (10:34-35) It further involved fearing God and working righteousness. Peter, being a Jew, had only begun to accept what God had told Abraham as he called him from Ur of the Chaldees, "in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed." (Genesis 12:3) That includes Jews and Gentiles.

Job hadn't seen the end of Satan's temptations, and neither have we. True, by birth or circumstance some may seem to enjoy an advantage over those with lesser means. When all Job had was taken from him and he was afflicted with boils and blains from head to toe did he prove Satan right, or wrong? (Job 2: 7-10) Near the end of the book God justified Job as being accepted while his three friends weren't. (Job 42:7-8)

Take time to realize God's blessings are to all mankind. We get rain for things to grow, sun to warm and nourish the earth and bring forth good crops. We get strength to do, air to breathe, and so many more great blessings come to all alike.

But the greatest blessings are overlooked because so many won't even open God's precious word, learn its meaning, and practice its teachings, instead of their own think so's. Let our nation, our state, our people put God back in our lives and quit trusting Satan to tell us why we shouldn't.

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

## West Virginia Governor's School for the Arts now accepting applications for 2022

The West Virginia Governor's School for the Arts (GSA) is accepting applications from current high school sophomores to attend the 2022 session to be held June 26 – July 16 at Marshall University. The GSA is a three-week residential program providing individual and in-depth group instruction in the arts for current high school sophomores living in and attending school in West Virginia.

Artistic areas addressed are acting, creative writing, dance, instrumental music, studio art and vocal music. Skilled artists and teachers will work with students who demonstrate interest in those areas. In addition, the GSA attempts to broaden the students' understanding of the arts through interdisciplinary courses focusing on common elements in the arts disci-

plines. "The GSA has a strong tradition in our state of helping students expand their horizons and develop their talents," State Superintendent of Schools W. Clayton Burch said. "The impact this program has on our children cannot be overstated because it immerses them in a community of fellow artists where they share and grow with like-minded people. In addition, they are guided by teaching professionals who provide content knowledge and real-world expertise in their fields of interest that enrich the experience even more."

GSA is provided by the State of West Virginia at no cost to the students or their families.

Applications and directions for preparing for auditions can be found on the Governor's Schools website at [govschools.wv.gov/gsa](http://govschools.wv.gov/gsa). Specific questions may be addressed to Sherry Keffer, the Governor's Schools coordinator, at [cheryl.keffer@k12.wv.us](mailto:cheryl.keffer@k12.wv.us). The deadline to apply is Friday, January 28, 2022, with audition videos or portfolios due February 4, 2022.

For media inquiries, contact Christy Day, West Virginia Department of Education Office of Communications, at 304-558-2699 or [Christy.Day@k12.wv.us](mailto:Christy.Day@k12.wv.us).

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Braxton County Senior Center Menu for January**

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.

Wednesday, January 26- Meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, broccoli, dinner roll, fruit.

Thursday, January 27- Breakfast Bake, hash browns, biscuit, spiced apples, juice.

Friday, January 28- Pork BBQ Sandwich, sweet potato fries, coleslaw, fruit.

Monday, January 31- Fish sandwich with cheese, French Fries, baked beans, fruit.

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

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**Burnsville Public Library Peanut Brittle Fundraiser**

Are you looking for a last minute stocking stuffer or gift idea for the person on your list with a sweet tooth? Stop by the Burnsville Public Library and pick up some of our super yummy peanut brittle. At \$5 the library should be your choice for peanuty goodness. Follow The Burnsville Public Library on Facebook for additional information.

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**“The Journey”**

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

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**Friday night indoor 3D shoot**

Friday night Indoor 3D Shoot - 15 animals (shoot twice) - Doors open @ 6PM - Beef Chili and Cornbread available @ 6:30 - Shoot starts @ 7PM till ?. Mid State Archers 2415 Airport Rd. Questions - call Ronald 304.542.4353.

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**Kanawha Alumni Indoor Archery at night**

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

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**SJRC Mobile Outpatient Clinics come to BC**

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

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**Sutton Public Library Create to Donate**

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

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**Burnsville Public Library Board of Trustees meetings**

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

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**Mountaineer Food Bank volunteer opportunities**

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

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**Celebrate Recovery**

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

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**Burnsville Community Center event bookings**

Are you looking for a place to host an event? If so, the Burnsville Community Center is available for bookings. Reasonable rates with or without kitchen. For more information or to book your event, please call 304-853-2605 Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm.

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**Meeting notice**

The ‘Courage to Change’ Al-Anon meeting is held weekly from 5 to 6pm on Tuesdays at 506 Main St., in the Sutton Baptist Church, Kidd Annex. All friends, family and loved ones of a problem drinker or addict are welcome. Al-Anon is a mutual support group of people who share their experience in applying the Al-Anon principles to problems related to the effects of a problem drinker (or other addict) in their lives. No matter what relationship you have with an alcoholic, whether they are still drinking or not, all who have been affected by someone else's drinking or drug addiction can find solutions that lead to serenity in the Al-Anon fellowship.

## Braxton County Jamboree releases 2022 music schedule

The Braxton County Jamboree has announced the beginning line up 2022 music schedule.

January 21, Dixie Highway

January 28, TBA

February 4, TBA

February 11, TBA

February 18 Dixie Highway

Feb 25, TBA

March 4, Wildfire

March 11, Sincerely Country

March 18, Dixie Highway

March 25, Frank Conn and The Partners

April 1, Change of Habit

Saturday, April 2 at 7:00 P.M.

Hank Williams IV & Rowdy Friends Band.

The event, sure to bring in a crowd, will have limited seating. Admission will be \$10.00, Advance tickets will be available soon.

April 8, Whisky Miver

April 15, Jessica Schoonover Anderson



**Dixie Highway is scheduled to perform at the Braxton County Jamboree on January 21st.**

and Rick Tincher & The Birtch River Band

April 22, Frank Conn and The Partners

April 29, Buck and Company ( Bluegrass

Concessions will be available for purchase. No Alcohol Permitted at any event. The Braxton County Jamboree is Handicap-Accessible.

## Federal student loan repayment postponed until May 1st

Borrowers who were able to pause their federal student loan repayment will see their repayments postponed until May 1, according to KHEAA.

The federal government had intended to have borrowers resume payments in February but decided to wait until May because of the spread of the omicron coronavirus variant.

KHEAA advises borrowers to make sure their loan servicer has their current contact information. If you don't know who your loan servicer is, you

can find it by logging into your account at studentaid.gov. The information will be under the “My Loan Servicers” section.

Your loan servicer can also help if you expect to have trouble restarting repayment of your loans. In that case, contact your loan servicer as soon as possible. They can help you find the repayment plan that best fits your finances and could reduce your monthly payment.

KHEAA is a public, non-profit agency established in 1966 to improve students’

access to college. It provides information about financial aid and financial literacy at no cost to students and parents.

KHEAA also helps colleges manage their student loan default rates and verify information submitted on the FAFSA. For more information about those services, visit [www.kheaa.com](http://www.kheaa.com).

In addition, KHEAA disburses private Advantage Education Loans on behalf of its sister agency, KHESLC. For more information, visit [www.advantage-educationloan.com](http://www.advantage-educationloan.com).

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# Spaghetti

## Benefit Dinner

For the family of Josh Hacker

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Come out and support the family of Josh Hacker on Saturday, January 22, 2022 from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M at the Flatwoods Community Building

Meal will include Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Salad, Drink and Dessert

Choose from Dine In or Take Out!



# COMMUNITY CORNER

GASSAWAY NEWS

By: MELINDA FRAME



Hello, Everyone!

I hope this finds you safe and warm on this snow day. The weatherman got part of it right. Ha ha! We only got about 3-4" of snow instead of the 8-10" but I'm ok with that. They are advising to shovel today because tomorrow will be solid ice. Oh boy! Will make travel a little treacherous! Be careful out there!

Birthdays this week are: January 18th-Cindy Hoover, River Hugh Michael Minnich, Faith White

January 19th-Shawn Darnold, Lucas Robinson

January 20th-Tammy Hanlon

January 21st-Lisa Shanding, Allen Pope

January 22nd-Jacob Weddington, Lora Robey-James

January 24th-Shadow Dawn Ramsey, Kaci Reynolds, Bill Morlan

January 25th-Rob Hoover, BJ Cook, Nicole Butler

Happy Birthday to all of you!!

If you have news, a birthday, an anniversary or a recipe that you would like to share, email me at gas-sawaynews@gmail.com, message me on Facebook or you may mail it to 233 Walkers Way, Frametown, WV 26623. When mailing, please include contact information.

Please keep the following friends and neighbors in your prayers; Debra Schwab, Joe Agostino, Barb Thompson, Tom Knight, Kathryn Greenlief, Jeanie Nottingham, Amy Crockett, Johnna Stalnaker, Karen "Bubba" Morris, Donna Ratliff, Sonja McCune Cooper, David Carr, Nathan Ault, Steve White, Bobby Facemire, Emma Grubb, Jill James, Thelma Hazel, Stan Corkhill, Brenda Rogers, Fawn Miller, Erika McCormick, Denny Tanner, Rusty Walker, Troy Dennison, Amy Shafer, Susan Petted, Bob Carr, and Keith Rose.

This week's recipe is Old Fashioned Beef Stew. Sounds good for a cold winter day!! Enjoy!

Ingredients

2 pounds cubed beef stew meat

3 tablespoons vegetable oil

4 cubes beef bouillon, crumbled

4 cups of water

1 teaspoon dried rosemary

1 teaspoon dried parsley

1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper

3 large potatoes, peeled and cubed

4 carrots, cut into 1-inch pieces

4 stalks celery, cut into 1-inch pieces

1 large onion, chopped

2 teaspoons cornstarch

2 teaspoons cold water

Directions

Add the oil to a Dutch Oven, or a large, heavy-bottom pot.

Cook the beef in batches over medium heat until brown. Ensure to cook on all sides

and move to a plate while cooking the rest. Be careful not to overcrowd the pot.

When the beef is all browned, dissolve the beef bouillon in hot water and then add to the pot.

Carefully place the beef back into the pot, with the liquid and seasonings.

Bring everything to a boil before reducing the heat to a low simmer and covering with the lid.

Leave the beef to simmer for an hour, checking occasionally and stirring to prevent anything from sticking.

While the beef cooks, wash, peel, and cut your vegetables. Be careful not to cut them too small, so that they keep their form after cooking.

In a small bowl, make a slurry using the cornstarch and 2 teaspoons of water. Mix it thoroughly until totally smooth.

After an hour, add in the vegetables and slurry, stirring everything through.

Cover the pot and let simmer for another hour, stirring occasionally.

Serve in a big bowl with crusty French bread.

Sympathy is extended to the families of Gary D Rhodes, Mark Allen Gunter, Sally Ann Rhodes and Violet Arbogast Lake Cogar. Please keep them in your prayers.

"Winter is the time for comfort - it is the time for home."

- Edith Sitwell

Until next week, stay safe and warm! God Bless!

PAT'S CHAT

By: PAT RIDPATH



Many of you have told me how much you enjoyed our Burns-ville High School reunions when Sonny was the master of ceremonies. I don't know who wrote this article or for what purpose, but I hope you will enjoy it and the picture of him when he was young. (The picture was included in the article.) Sonny died October 31, 2020, a few days before his birthday, November 4. The tragedy to me and my sister, Mary Ann Bucklew, is that our brother Sammy died just a few days later on December 15, 2020. We have no other siblings. Enjoy your family while you can. I am grateful for the many years we had them in our lives. Here is the article as I found it, and the picture:

Harry Wiant

Harry was from the East Coast, and taught at West Virginia for a number of years.

Even though he has a PhD from Yale in ecology, I have always thought well of Harry.

In the last few years, after the death of his wife, he moved to Se-attle to be nearer to his daughter. Much of his work is of a very practical nature, and quite a bit of it concerns my own interest in Variable Plot Sampling and field inventory. I am pretty sure that Harry was a good professor, although I never have seen him in that role. I remember him as a model of professional behavior. He is consistently polite, interested in people, accepting of them, and never gives the idea that he is impressed with himself (and there are others in the business, I must say, who often feel very special about themselves). One incident sticks in my mind about Harry.

Dave Marshall, Harry Wiant, and Kim Iles

We were at a meeting, and since you cannot always tell what people will discuss based on their talk titles, two previous speakers discussed the topic that Harry was to cover. He stepped to the podium and said "You know, the previous two speakers adequately covered what I think should be said about this topic, and so I think I will surrender my time to the next speaker - thank you", and stepped down. I have never forgotten that example.

I do not remember the other two speakers (who did not impress me) and cannot even remember the actual topic that Harry did not discuss. That example of humility and professional courtesy deeply impressed me, and I have always enjoyed Harry's company.

A few years after he started attending the Western Mensuration meetings in the Northwest, he liked the format and attitude so well that he restarted the regional North-Eastern Mensuration group, (NEMO) which now meets regularly.

When I think of Harry, I am reminded of this comment from the movie "Harvey", by the character Elwood P. Dowd - played by Jimmy Stewart:

Years ago my mother used to say to me, she'd say, "In this world, Elwood, you must be" - she always called me Elwood - "In this world, Elwood, you must be oh-so-smart or oh-so-pleasant." Well, for years I was smart.

I recommend pleasant. You may quote me. Maranatha

## American Legion Post 33 conducts Buddy Checks to assist Braxton County veterans

American Legion Post 33 Commander Paul Gillespie announced that legionnaires from his post have reached out to area veterans to check on their wellbeing during this challenging economic time.

The nationwide American legion Buddy Check Program was widely adopted nationwide during the coronavirus pandemic of 2020 and 2021 and continues to serve veterans who may be isolated or otherwise in need.

"Veterans who hear from us may be perfectly fine" said Gillespie. We make no assumptions. We just want to let them know that as fellow veterans, we understand and appreciate their service and that we care about them. We are here to assist. Veterans are diverse and have various needs. Maybe they just want someone to talk to, maybe they need a ride to the pharmacy or the grocery store. Whatever it is, we want to offer our help. We want everyone to know that they have friends in the American legion.

The American Legion, the nation's largest veteran's organization, is dedicated to the motto of "Veterans Strengthening America". Chartered by Congress in 1918, the American legion is committed to mentoring youth and sponsoring wholesome community programs, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting a strong national security and continued devotion to service members and veterans. Nearly two million members in posts across the nation and regions overseas serve their communities with a devotion to mutual helpfulness.

Post 33 is located at the Braxton Senior Center between Gas-saway and Sutton. The Post holds its meetings on the first Monday of every month at 7p.m. Area veterans are encouraged to attend to learn more about the local American legion.

## BCHD Food Handler Course Schedule

The Braxton County Health Department has announced its In-Person Food Handler Training for 2022

The location for all classes will be Braxton County Health Department, 617 Old Turnpike Road, Sutton, (304) 765-2851. Monday, Jan 31, 5-6 pm; Monday, Feb 28, 5-6 pm; Monday, Mar 28, 5-6 pm; Monday, Apr 25, 5-6 pm; Monday, May 23, 5-6 pm; Monday, Jun 27, 5-6 pm; Monday, Jul 25 5-6 pm; Monday, Aug 29, 5-6 pm; Monday, Sept 26, 5-6 pm; Monday, Oct, 24 5-6 pm; Mon-

day, Nov 28, 5-6 pm; and Monday, Dec 19, 5-6 pm. Notes: classes will be canceled if there are weather advisories or warnings; class size will be 6 people or less; you must preregister, no walk-ins; you must wear a mask and we will screen for symptoms; each card will be for 3 years, 1 & 2 year cards are no longer available; county cards will cost \$15; state cards will cost \$25; please bring exact cash or check/money order; nonprofit cards are no charge; if you prefer online training please go here for a county card: <https://www.statefoodsafety.com/food-handler/west-virginia/braxton-county> or here for a state card: <https://www.statefoodsafety.com/food-handler/west-virginia/braxton-county1>.

## Carson family thank you

The family and friends of Carl Carson want to thank all who helped with services.

Minister: Martin Wine.

Pall Bearers: Timmy George, Brian Balis, Spurgeon Friend, Ken Roupe, Luke Cogar, Duck Cogar, and Bill Belknap.

Funeral arrangements: Ellyson's Mortuary, Inc.

Carl Carson lived with Anna Dodrill at Little Birch for 22 years and also kept his farm up at Orlando.

Carl enjoyed taking kids to parades, riding hover boards. He also liked country and gospel music and car shows.

Carl will be missed by all. Our home is empty without Carl.

Anna Dodrill and Donnie Jackson

The Carson Families

COUNTY STORIES

By: JEANETTE RIFFLE

## Stay in By The Fire

Our forecast is for a package of winter weather to be dumped on us . We could possibly get a little of everything, but so far this afternoon it is just a light drizzle of rain and light snow. It is still above freezing. We went to town and stocked up Thursday to get ready for the storm. Everybody that I have talked to has done that. Last Monday the garbage truck didn't run because of ice on the roads, so hubby rounded up the trash and garbage can, but will check the road out in the morning, before taking it all up there.

I, and of course the children look forward to playing in snow and making snow ice cream. My youngest brother, Brent Stewart, and I got into a conversation about that. He can't remember Mom making snow ice cream for us. He is nine years younger than me so maybe she didn't have time for that by the time he came along. When he was two, she got a job at the factory of Grantsville where they made rubber life jackets and rafts for the navy. It isn't there now. He remembers elementary teachers at the Normantown High School, warning of radio active material in snow, from fall out in the air ,and that snow wasn't safe to eat. He said he had never eaten any of it. I don't remember hearing anything like that when I was grow-

ing up at home, but when I got married and left home, we lived in suburbs of cities and I didn't feel that snow would be safe to eat. There was too much smog in the air. The air didn't smell good. I don't make it now as there are no small children in the home, and besides we have a dog running around outside, deer and lots of other critters. The snow wouldn't be clean, here. Our big dog loves snow, though. He takes big gulps of it and chokes himself. He stands on his hind feet and tries to catch snow flakes out of the air. It looks like he is dancing. He acts like a kid playing in snow.

Until next time, be safe out there and may God bless and keep you in his care!

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List of items can be found at the Mayors Office



MAGISTRATE COURT

R-E-P-O-R-T

Magistrate Beth Smith's Court

January 11: James Burnham of Sutton, destruction of property, dismissed-deferred sentence, leaving the scene with property damage, dismissed-deferred sentence, court costs and restitution paid.

Magistrate David Singleton's Court

January 11: Issac Lane Crews of Sutton, first degree sexual assault, sexual abuse by parent or guardian, warrant issued, bond set at \$30,000 cash only; Melvin M. Allen of Nebo, speed-

ing, no contest plea, no proof of insurance, dismissed proof provided, fine/court cost assessed; Kristy Lynn Pechinko of Williamson, no proof of insurance, no contest plea, 180 days of jail, suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation, fine/court costs assessed.

January 12: Ryan Duckworth of Frametown, fleeing from officer, guilty plea, fleeing from officer, dismissed per plea, 248 days of jail with credit for time served of 34 days, to serve remainder, fine/court costs assessed; Joshua Thomas Harp-

er of Little Birch, domestic battery, guilty plea, domestic assault, dismissed per plea, 180 days of jail with credit for time served of six days, remainder suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation, fine/court costs assessed; Timothy Eugene Miller of Glenville, harassment, dismissed, extortion, dismissed, per victim's wishes and unavailability of investigating officer; Bryon Christopher Bush-Horner of Horn-er, malicious assault, dismissed, conspiracy, dismissed, state does not wish to proceed at this time.

Find your next adventure at Bakers Run Campground

Bakers Run, a Corps of Engineers Campground with seventy-seven sites located on the Tail Water of Sutton Lake is now reserving camp sites for the 2022 Camping Season.

This campground is full of beauty, easy lake access, and clean bathhouses. The campground is located fifteen miles from Sutton, WV.

Bakers Run Campground is one of the best kept secrets in West Virginia. The campground rests among shady forests and flowing tributaries of the Elk River, which has the highest species diversity and richness of any river in the entire state. This makes the fishing excellent for bass, crappie, catfish, bluegill, and walleye. Bakers Run is surrounded by the Elk River Wildlife Management Area, campers will hear turkeys gobble and see whitetail deer along with other wildlife as a part of their experience.

Along with the lake, recreation opportunities include a playground with swings, horseshoe pits, bean bag toss, volleyball area, and basketball court. There is a shower house and restroom inside the campground

Full-Hook-Up campsites \$40.00 per night

Standard Electric campsites \$30.00 per night

Non-Electric Campsites \$24.00

Opens: May 1,



Photos courtesy of growingupwv

2022 Closes: September 30, 2022

Bakers Run Campground Memorial Day Weekend (May 27th to May 30th)

• 20 Reservation made as of 01/11/2022

• 12 Standard Electric campsites available

• 43 NON-Electric campsites available

• NO FULL-HOOK-UPS

Bakers Run Campground 4th of July Weekend (July 1st to July 4th)

• 23 Reservation made as of 01/11/2022

• 8 Standard Elec-

tric campsites available

• 1 FULL-HOOK-UPS campsite available

• 43 NON-Electric campsites available

Reservations can be made 180 day in advance for camping. If you would like to make a reservation for Bakers Run Campground or Gerald R. Freeman Campground or reserve a picnic shelter at one of our day use areas, please call the R1S Customer Service Desk toll-free at 1-877-444-6777 or visit the internet at [www.Recreation.gov](http://www.Recreation.gov).

Town of Flatwoods holds December 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.

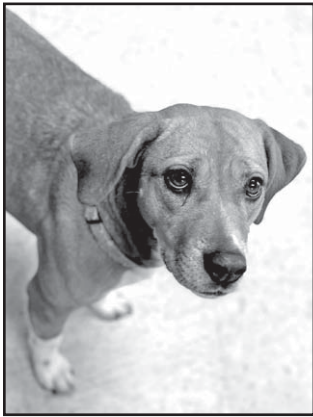
Jake Hamrick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m. Dennis Miller seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Dog Stories from the Braxton Tales: County Animal Shelter

Are you looking to add a four legged, tail wagging member to your family? Rescues from the Braxton County Animal Shelter are looking for their final "Forever" homes and are anxious to meet you. There is a reason we call them man's best friend. We can learn so many things from a dog's behavior, personality, demeanor, resiliency, and most importantly, the willingness to provide their family members with unconditional love, loyalty, and companionship down to their very last breath. BCAS is open Monday through Friday from 10-3. There is no charge to surrender a dog, but donations toward their care are appreciated. Adoptions are \$99.00 for male dogs and \$119.00 for female dogs, and include spay/neuter, rabies vaccination, parvo/distemper vaccination, kennel cough vaccination, flea treatment and deworming. No dog will leave the shelter unfixed and we are very willing to work with reputable 501c3 rescues. Please call the shelter for vet pricing and ask for our adoption/rescue coordinator Megan at (304)765-2



**Giselle** is a two year female Plott Hound. She was picked up by a man traveling through Braxton, who found her under a bridge. She's very friendly, has a big ol hound dog bark, walks well on a leash and seems a little playful but not overly energetic. We don't know a lot about her because she came to our shelter as a stray. We do know she's probably not a good candidate for a home with cats but would love a puppy sibling to play with!

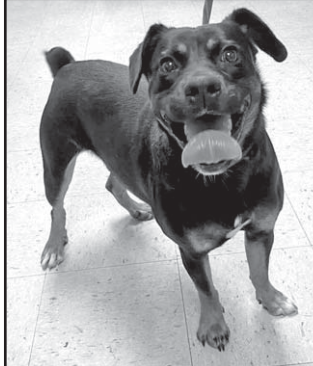


This little West Virginia brown dog is **Stella**. She came to the BCAS as a stray. Stella is around two and a half to three year old who weighs forty pounds. She's affectionate but gentle, she won't jump up so we think she would do great with a family with children. Stilla isn't a barker unless necessary. She definitely knows sit and walks well on a leash. We don't know if she's ever lived indoors before. She doesn't seem to mind cats from our experience with her. Stella is a gentle soul who is eager to please and always waiting for her next pet or the next

direction.



**Remi** is a one and a half year old male mixed breed who weighs forty to forty-five pounds. Remi was found as a stray with his brother. He's been very social and gotten along well with other dogs here at the BCAS. This is a very friendly and smiley guy who is as loving as they come with people. Remi is having to learn not to jump up so he may not be suitable for a home with small children yet. He knows sit, with a fist signal. He's lived with farm animals and cats. He has lived indoors and outside and won't potty in the house given the chance to get outside. Remi walks great on a leash and knows his name.



**Eddie** is a one year old male mixed breed, who weighs between forty and forty-five pounds. Eddie's was picked up by animal control after being hit by a car on the interstate. He was taken to the animal hospital for a dislocated hip and sutures. He has since fully healed and is ready for a brand new home with a forever family. Because he was found as a stray, we don't have much back story on this guy. He's got playful puppy energy and would make a great companion for someone with an outgoing lifestyle. His energy can be run off with activity outside and then he wants to be a lap dog and soak up all the love. Eddie's only quirk is that he doesn't enjoy the company of most male dogs but getting neutered may change that. He does great with female dogs, and may do well in an only dog household if someone would throw a ball for him regularly or take him for walks and give him things to do to occupy his active/fun mind.



**Jersey** is a beautiful

young female Beagle, who is under one years old, and around twenty-five pounds. She's smart and learning quickly to walk on a leash. She came to the shelter as a stray, but we do know that she will chase cats. Jersey loves to play but is not overly energetic. She will soak up all the belly scratches and love you have to give and would make an excellent addition to any loving home



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



**Marley** is an approximate six month old mixed breed female who weighs around thirty pounds and likely will stay a medium sized dog. Marley is still a puppy with playful puppy ways. She was surrendered to animal control by a caretaker who didn't have time to invest in her. She walks on a leash and knows her name and is very smart and eager to please her human. Marley could easily be trained and is food motivated. Marley has lived mostly outdoors and isn't fully house trained yet. She loves all dogs and people and would love to have a puppy sibling to play with but probably wouldn't do well in a home with small children because she hasn't yet learned to be gentle when in play mode.

The Braxton County Animal Shelter is still accepting donations in memory of Betty White. White was an avid animal lover.

To make a monetary donation, the BCAS PayPal link is: [PayPal.me/BraxtonCountyAnimalShelter](https://www.paypal.com/BraxtonCountyAnimalShelter).

Braxton County FFA host fundraiser

The Braxton County FFA is selling strawberries and meat sticks.

Strawberry Flats will be packaged in one pound clear packages. Visit the link to or-

der your strawberries and meat sticks at <https://forms.gle/fEhqdSSToRNurCFE7>

Braxton County FFA will be taking orders up through Friday, February 11th.



# SPORTS

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## Eagles' junior varsity boys win in two outings last week

The high school 20 points to lead the young Eagles, and Doddridge junior varsity 76-59 last Tuesday. Riley Hunt scored



Ryken Rutherford shoots for three points for the Eagles in the game against Doddridge.

quarters against Calhoun's jv team and won 34-28. Braxton coach Robert Lloyd explained that the game was shortened because Calhoun didn't have enough players to play four quarters for jv, then move up to play varsity as well. In the shortened game, Zack Shaver scored 8 points and Aiden Dever 6 to lead the scoring.



Logan Baldwin scans the court as he brings the ball back into Eagle territory.



Riley Hunt scored 20 points in the game against Doddridge.



Zach Shaver works to moves around the Doddridge defenders.



Jaxson Short works to put two points on the Eagles scoreboard.

Photos courtesy of Janet Six.

## 2021 Eagles yearbooks are ready for pick up



The 2021 BCMS Eagles yearbook is now available for pick up.

Braxton County High School has announced the arrival of the 2021 school year Eagle Yearbooks

County High School students may see Mrs. Collins during their lunch period to purchase their copy.

Graduates of Braxton County High School may call 765-7331 or email jrcollins@k12.wv.us to arrange pickup.

Extra copies are available for anyone interested. The cost of the yearbook is \$50.00.

For additional information and questions, please contact Mrs. Collins at the resources above.



The Eagles defense moves in to block the play.



Braxton County High School Eagles placed third in the Braxto Invitational Wrestling Tournament.

## BCHS Invitational Wrestling Tournament note of thanks

The Braxton County Invitational Wrestling Tournament was held on January 14 and 15 at the high school. Considering no tournaments were held in 2021 due to covid, we are so blessed to be up and about for the athlete.

The donations were in abundance as par-

ents, grandparents, family members, and caring community members gave food, labor, and monetary assistance loaded with many blessings.

We can't express enough what each of you means to us all but here are some names of recognition: Yoak Real-

ty, Joyce Sargent, Carol Cutlip, Jennifer Miller, Tom Conley, Jarrett and Mary Frame, Bill and Jeanette Shreves, Mary Duffield, Lisa Behr, Walter Rollyson, Linda Johnson, Dave Hensley, Alicia's Beauty Shop, Sue Jarvis, Danny and Lou Merrell, Tom Lowry, Elk Motor Court, Chad

Lancaster, Donna Jean Hanshaw, Lucy Williams, Ken and Kathleen Holcomb, D&D Auction, Regina Swecker, and Jo Ellen Smith.

Thank you to all whom assisted in the hospitality room, each of you are special. Have a blessed 2022. Canna Drake

### BCMS KNIGHTS

Sports are now featured in the Braxton Democrat-Central





Eleven of Eagles' 12 wrestlers place in Braxton Invitational

Two of Braxton team wrestle to championships

Out of the 13 teams competing in the Braxton County High Invitational Wrestling Tournament Friday and Saturday, the Eagles placed third. Point Pleasant took first place, and Herbert Hoover placed second. Point Pleasant is currently ranked first in state AA teams. Herbert Hoover is in second place and Braxton is fifth. The Braxton tour-

namment is sponsored by Go-Mart Inc. Point Pleasant's 152 lb wrestler, Derek Raik, was named Most Valuable Wrestler. Eagles' head coach Sterling Beane pointed out that this year's MVW award was given to honor recently deceased George Keeney. Keeney was an official at the first Braxton tournament (then the "Big 16,") and

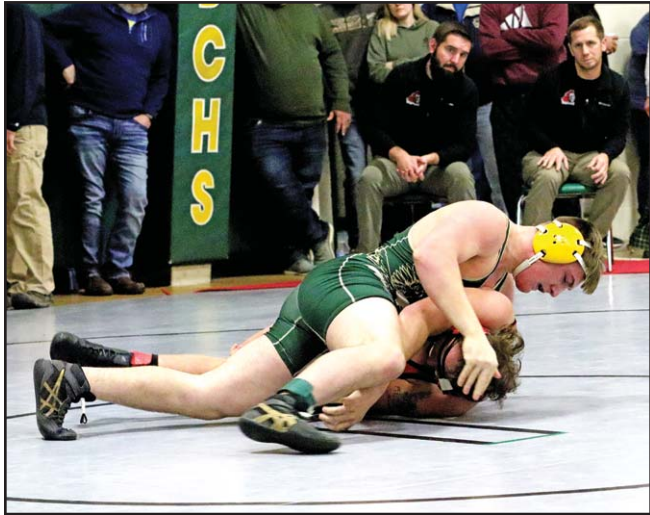
officialated at the event every year until his retirement.

Of the 12 Braxton wrestlers who competed, 11 placed among the top six in their weight classes. Two, Blayne Jarvis at 138 and Colton

Moore at 195, emerged as champions at their weights. Moore is undefeated and Jarvis has lost only one match this season.

The Eagles' next competition comes Saturday when they wrestle in the Bob Zide Rumble at Williamstown.

Braxton wrestlers and their places in the Braxton County High Invitational		
Weight	Wrestler	Place
113	Braydon Helmick	6th
220	Justin Bishop	5th
126	Anthony Currence	4th
285	Ryder McLaughlin	3rd
160	Jackson Davis	3rd
132	Andrew Brandt	3rd
182	Bryce Leegan	2nd
170	Bryson Spell	2nd
152	Logan Bennett	2nd
195	Colton Moore	1st
138	Blayne Jarvis	1st



Blayne Jarvis took first place in his weight class for the Eagles at the Braxton Invitational.



Bryce Leegan fights to bring his opponent to the mat. Leegan placed second in the Braxton Invitational.



Colton Moore fought hard for a first place win for the Eagles at the Braxton Invitational.



Braydon Helmick fights to roll his adversary over looking for the pin. Helmick placed sixth at the Braxton Invitational.



Anthony Currence works to turn his opponent onto his back going for his forth place win for the Eagles.



Logan Bennett grappled with his adversaries for second place at the Braxton Invitational.



Ryder McLaughlin wins with the pin securing his third place win for the Eagles at the Braxton Invitational.



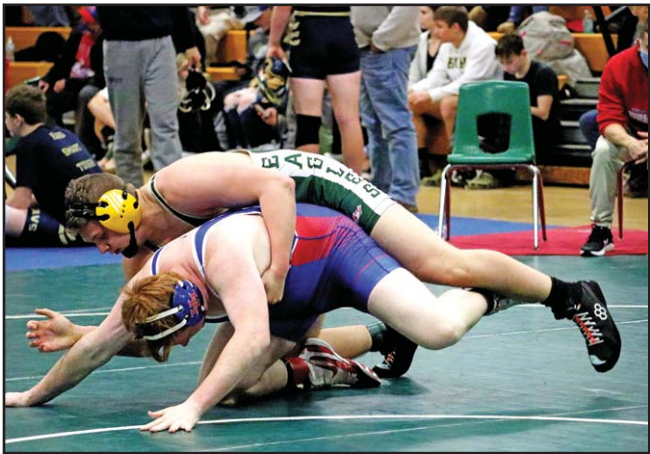
Jackson Davis wrestled his way into a third place position at the Braxton Invitational.



Bryson Spell looks for his opportunity to bring his opponent to the mat.



Andrew Brandt works his opponent around the mat. Brandt placed third at the Braxton Invitational.



Justin Bishop works to take control over his adversary. Bishop placed fifth at the meet.





**NOTICE OF FILING OF ESTATES**  
TO THE CREDITORS AND BENEFICIARIES OF THE WITHIN NAMED DECEASED PERSONS: I have before me the estates of the following deceased persons and the accounts of the fiduciaries of their respective estates: DECEDENT: MARTHA GODFREY FIDUCIARY: CHESTER HUFFMAN 5162 GEM RD HEATERS, WV 26627 DECEDENT: ARGIL E. SHAVER FIDUCIARY: SANDRA PERRINE 656 CEDAR ST. FLATWOODS, WV 26621 DECEDENT: LAWRENCE ALLEN SHAVER I FIDUCIARY: NEDA SHAVER 794 CEDAR ST. FLATWOODS, WV 26621 DECEDENT: ANGELIA SUE WORKMAN JACKSON FIDUCIARY: JOHNNY LEE JACKSON 273 SKIDMORE RUN RD. SUTTON, WV 26601 DECEDENT: WANDA SUE FLINT FIDUCIARY: REBECCA FRIEND P O BOX 75 FLATWOODS, WV 26621 DECEDENT: RICKEY D. MCCUMBERS FIDUCIARY: BETTY MCCUMBERS 123 JAMES H LEMON DRIVE APT G61 GASSAWAY, WV 26624 DECEDENT: MARIANNA MORRISON FIDUCIARY: BARBARA JORDAN 35 CAMDEN AVE. SUTTON, WV 26601 DECEDENT: GARRETT WARD WILLIAMS FIDUCIARY: RHONDA GAIL WILLIAMS P O BOX 5 HEATERS, WV 26627 DECEDENT: RODGER KENT BELKNAP FIDUCIARY: JAMES PAUL MICHAEL 297 NORTH 5TH ST. SUTTON, WV 26601 All persons having any claims against the estate(s) of any of the above-named persons whether due or not, are notified

to exhibit the same with vouchers thereof, legally verified, to the fiduciary of such deceased persons as shown herein within 60 days from the first publication or on or before the 7th day of March, 2022, otherwise any or all such Claims may by law be excluded from all benefits of said estate(s). All beneficiaries of said estate(s) may appear either before the above-named fiduciary by the date first above shown or thereafter before the Fiduciary Supervisor by the date last above shown to examine said claims and otherwise protect their respective interests. Given under my hand this the 10th day of January, 2022. TAMERA FACEMIRE Fiduciary Supervisor 1-11 1-18b

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONVEYANCE**  
OF UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PROPERTY (RICHMOND CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH) Notice is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of the West Virginia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church will, on or after January 25, 2022, QUIT-CLAIM, GRANT and CONVEY to Trustees of the Richmond Chapel Church, all of their right, title and interest in and to those certain tracts or parcels of land situate on the waters of Steer Creek, in Otter District, Braxton County, West Virginia, and bounded as follows: PARCEL ONE BEGINNING at a large Rock in the upper side of the road near W. K. Benders and running thence S. 80° E. 14 poles & 11 links to a Stake – thence N. 83° E. 13 1/5 poles to a Stake, thence N. 65° W. 27 poles to a small hickory, thence S. 10 W. 11 poles to the Beginning containing an acre be the same more or less AND BEING the same property conveyed to Henry Bender et als, Trustees of M.E. church from William K. Bender et al by Deed dated July 27, 1885 and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Braxton County, West Virginia in Deed Book 19, at page 79, reference is to hereby made.

PARCEL TWO BEGINNING at a rock on bank of the road a corner to said Richmond M.E. Church lot and with a line of same N.10 E. 13 poles passing a hickory corner to said church lot at 11 poles to a stake: N. 64 W 8 poles and 5 links to a stake and pointers; S.35 ½ W. 12 poles and 10 links to a stake, two feet North west of a small hickory marked as a corner: S. 67 E. 14 poles to the place of beginning, containing 136 poles in the same more or less. AND BEING the same property conveyed to Andrew Binder, Trustees of the Richmond M. E. Church from H. K. Bender et ux, by Deed dated September 5, 1895 and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Braxton County, West Virginia in Deed Book 32, at page 224, reference is to hereby made. SAID Richmond Chapel United Methodist Church was declared closed effective November 22, 2021 by resolution of a majority of the District Superintendents of the West Virginia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. Dated the 7TH day of January, 2021. BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE WEST VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH By: Robert N. File, Attorney 130 Main Street Beckley, West Virginia (304) 253-3358 1-18 1-25b

**NOTICE**  
The Braxton County Commission will be accepting applications for one (1) part time temporary custodian/janitor. Applications and job descriptions can be picked up at the County Commission (3rd floor) or County Clerk's Office on the 1st floor of the Courthouse. Please submit your application on or before the 28th of January, 2022. Applications may be mailed or hand delivered to the Braxton County Commission, P.O. Box 486, 300 Main Street, 3rd Floor Courthouse, Sutton, WV 26601. Marked PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL. EOE. 1-18 1-25b

# Dr. Bruce Gorby offering addiction treatment at Mon Health Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital



**Bruce Gorby, DO**

As well as being a family physician, Bruce Gorby, DO, began offering addiction treatment in 2019, and was certified in Addiction Medicine by the American Board of Preventative Medicine. Today, he has devoted his practice fulltime to the Mon Health Recovery Care Program at a clinic next to Mon Health Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital on Route 33, west of Weston.

Considering the epidemic of substance abuse in this area, his addiction practice is essential in the community. There was a confirmed total of 1,275 drug overdose deaths

in 2020 compared to 878 fatalities in 2019 in West Virginia. The pandemic has accelerated the fatalities not only in WV, but nationwide.

“In January 2021, my certification in the subspecialty of Addiction Medicine was received,” said Dr. Gorby. “My work then became devoted to treating and learning more about substance use disorders. Fortunately, Mon Health Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital has given me the opportunity to continue this mission at the Weston campus.”

As well as treating addiction, Dr. Gorby noted that another of

his goals is to combat the stigma. He encourages people to be aware that addiction needs to be treated like the chronic disease that it is. Dr. Gorby is able to provide help at a local level, and many times Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance will provide coverage, but the office clarifies that no one is turned away for inability to pay.

“We are open from 9 AM to 5 PM, Monday through Friday,” Dr. Gorby noted. “Currently we offer comprehensive evidence-based treatment for all types of addiction including alcohol and gambling, as well as opioid and other addictions.”

In addition to Dr. Gorby’s Addiction Medicine, the hospitals of the Mon Health System including Grafton City Hospital have created the Mon Health Recovery Care Program. Mon Health Medical Center, Mon Health Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital, Grafton City Hospital and Mon Health Preston Memorial Hospital provide support and services at the Emergency Room with a peer recovery program. These hospitals have peer recovery coaches available for patients in the ER who screen for substance use. Mon Health Medical Center and Mon Health Preston Memorial Hospital also provide an Overdose Survivors Outreach Program (OSOP) Coach who helps those patients in the community. In addition to a Reverse the Cycle program, Mon Health Preston Memorial Hospital has also opened a recovery care clinic which follows the Comprehensive Opioid Addiction Treatment (COAT) model.

For more information about the program at Mon Health Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital, call 304-884-8941. To learn more about Mon Health, visit MonHealth.com.

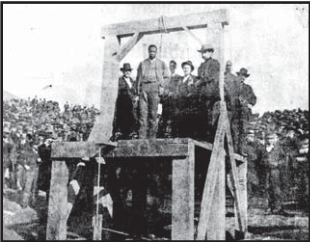
The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia at [www.wvencyclopedia.org](http://www.wvencyclopedia.org).

Jan. 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.

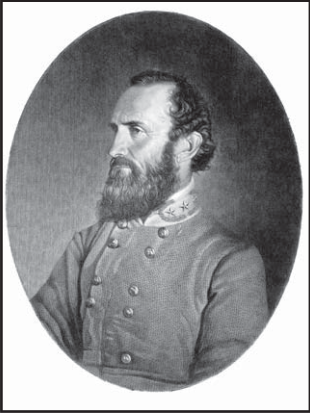
Jan. 19, 1820: Fairmont was established by the Virginia legislature on the farm of Boaz Fleming. The original name of Middletown was changed to Fairmont in 1843.

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 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.



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.”



Jan. 20-21, 1824: West Virginia’s most famous soldier, Thomas Jonathan Jackson, was born near midnight in Clarksburg. When Virginia left the Union in 1861, Jackson dutifully went with his native state. He commanded the strategically important post at Harpers Ferry until being appointed a brigadier general of infantry. In the opening battle at Manassas on July 21, 1861, he won the name “Stonewall” for steadfastness at the

critical point in the engagement.

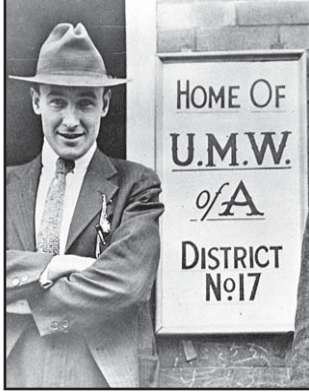
Jan. 19-20, 1978: An overnight snowstorm paralyzed Charleston. Unusual in that more snow fell in the capital city than in Randolph County, total snow depth in Charleston averaged 24 inches, the deepest snow on record for the city. January 1978 became the snowiest month for both Huntington and Charleston, and extended cold kept the snow cover on the ground into March, the longest known continuous snow cover for most towns in West Virginia.

Jan. 21, 1906: The first passenger train ran from Elkins to Charleston following completion of the Coal & Coke Railway. The new railroad, a project of former senator Henry Gassaway Davis, provided a much-needed north-south route through the heart of West Virginia.



Jan. 22, 1927: Confederate General John McCausland died. After the fall of the Confederacy, McCausland fled the country. He returned in 1867 and spent the remainder of his life on his large farm in Mason County.

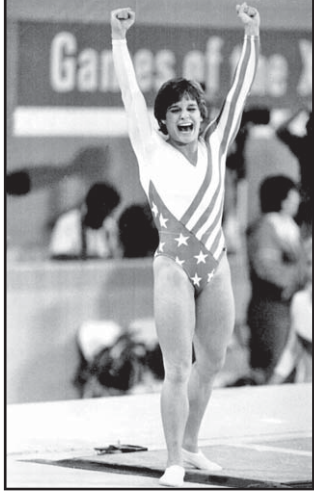
Jan. 23, 1850: Raleigh County was established by an act of the Virginia General Assembly. The county’s founder, Alfred Beckley, named the county after Sir Walter Raleigh.



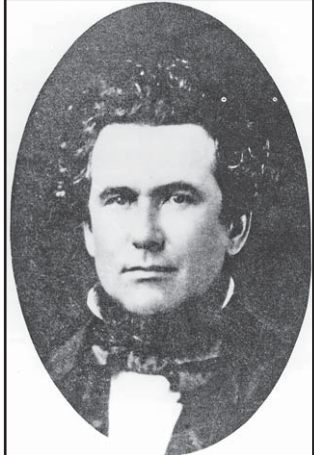
Jan. 23, 1888: Union leader Fred Mooney was born in a log cabin on Davis Creek in Kanawha County. He was secretary-treasurer of United Mine Workers of America District 17 from 1917 to 1924 and was a radical leader in the West Virginia Mine Wars.

Jan. 23, 1890: The United Mine Workers was organized at a meeting in Columbus, Ohio, with John B. Rae, a

Scottish immigrant, as the first president. Just three months later, in Wheeling, UMWA District 17, encompassing most of West Virginia, held its first meeting, elected M. F. Moran as district president and immediately launched what became a struggle of more than 40 years to unionize the state’s coal mines.



Jan. 24, 1968: Mary Lou Retton was born in Fairmont. She made history at the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles when, at 16, she became the first American woman ever to win a gold medal in gymnastics and the first native West Virginia woman to win a gold medal in Olympic competition.



Jan. 25, 1814: Francis Harrison Pierpont was born near Morgantown. On June 20, 1861, Pierpont was unanimously elected as governor of the unionist Reorganized State of Virginia, which sat at Wheeling until West Virginia entered the Union two years later.



Jan. 25, 1878: Activist Lenna Lowe Yost was born in Basnettville in Marion County. She held key leadership roles in the woman’s suffrage movement and the temperance movement.



Jan. 25, 1889: Anna Johnson Gates was born in Kanawha County. The state’s first female state legislator, Gates was elected to the House of Delegates in 1922 and served a single term.

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***In memory of our brothers birthday***

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**Sadly missed by his sisters**

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**and Margret Hall of Gassaway, WV.**



# SPORTS

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## Eagles score wins against Doddridge and Calhoun

The Braxton boys were strong in the two games they played last week. In their first game of the week, they outscored Doddridge 79-41 with 11 different Braxton players scoring. The second game of the week ended with the Eagles winning 80-51 over Calhoun.

Against Doddridge, Braxton led 19-14 at the end of the first quarter and outscored the Bull Dogs by 22 points to go into halftime with a commanding lead. Coach Josh Lunceford noted that "the second quarter has been our quarter this season." He also pointed out that the team usually plays well in the fourth.

Eleven different players scored against Doddridge with William Forbush and Mason Abraham in double figures. Forbush, who led Braxton's scoring with 17 points, put in three of the Eagles' six 3's in that game. Abraham scored 12 points. At the foul line Braxton was 10 for 22.

In the Eagles' 80-51 win over Calhoun later

in the week, Braxton was down by two at the end of the first quarter. Then they came alive in the second quarter to outscore the Red Devils 25-2 for the lead which they maintained the rest of the game. In that win, the Eagles had eight 3-pointers with D.J. Coomes and Landon Stewart each putting in three. Coach Josh Lunceford said his team's 3-point shooting against Calhoun was over 50 percent, and the team made 16 of 25 free-throw attempts.

Leading all scorers, Coomes put in 23 points. Two other Braxton players, Stewart and Mason Abraham also scored in double figures. Stewart scored 14 and Abraham 10. A total of 12 Braxton players got on the scoreboard against Calhoun.

The Eagles have four games scheduled this week. Last night they had Nicholas scheduled for a game at the Braxton Armory that was cancelled due to inclement weather. The other three are all away games which include two

which Coach Lunceford pointed out are very important. After playing at Gilmer Wednesday, Braxton travels to Clay

Friday to play the Panthers, a sectional rival. Saturday they have a game at regional rival Frankfort.



Mason Abraham jumps for two points from under the basket for the Eagles.



Landon Stewart looks to make his next move in the game against Doddridge.



Matthias Garavaglia works his way around a Doddridge defender.



Braden Clark shooting for two points in the Doddridge game.



Beau Liston moves the ball back into Eagle territory.



Lane Morrow searches for an open Eagle.

Photos courtesy of Janet Six.



DJ Coomes shoots for two points for the Eagles



Spencer Boseley moves in with a lay up putting two points on the scoreboard for the Eagles.

## Braxton County Soccer Club announces Spring 2022 soccer season registration

It is that time of year, again!

We are excited to announce that Braxton County Soccer Club will begin registration for the Spring 2022 Soccer season.

Early Bird Registration will be open from January 17th to January 31st for age groups U4 to U18 (birth year 2004-2018).

During this time, there will be a discount applied to each registered player. The Discounted Registration cost for U4 players (Birth year 2018) is \$30 per player.

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Spring 2022 soccer registration is from January 17th to January 31st.

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To register, use the "sign up" button at the top of our Facebook

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Season begins March 14th. If there are any questions, you may message the Braxton County Soccer webpage or Facebook page, or contact Nacoal Ransbottom.



# Lady Eagles played four games in busy week

By Shirley Shuman

The BCHS girls' team had three road trips and one home game last week. Their first game, played at Doddridge ended with Doddridge's 65-24 win. In that game, Bre Smarr, with 12 points, led the Eagles.

In Thursday's home game against Calhoun, Braxton lost 61-28 to the Lady Red Devils. No Braxton player scored in double figures in that game. The Lady Eagles' high scorer was SkyLynn Abraham with 9 points.

Friday and Saturday, Braxton played in

a two-day tournament at East Fairmont. In Friday's game, East Fairmont outscored Braxton 65-30 with Smarr and Brooklynn Godfrey leading the Eagles' scoring with 8 points each.

The Lady Eagles were more competitive in the second game of the tournament, . Brooke County won that game 45-33 with Lainey Hunt scoring 13 to lead Braxton.

Braxton has a busy week coming up. Tonight the girls host #1 Gilmer and on Thursday they host Clay

They will travel to Lincoln County Saturday



Brooklyn Godfrey shoots for three points for the Lady Eagles in the game against Calhoun.



Paxton Conley works the ball around a Calhoun defender.



Lainey Hunt shoots a foul shot for the Lady Eagles.



Brooklyn Godfrey dribbles the ball back down the court setting up the next play for the Lady Eagles.



SkyLynn Abraham wins the jump ball for the Lady Eagles.

Lady Eagles' individual scoring in last week's games:				
Player	Doddridge	Calhoun	East Fairmont	Brooke
Bre Smarr	12	4	8	7
Erica Nicholson	5	7	0	0
Lainey Hunt	2	8	5	13
Paxton Conley	2	0	2	0
Brooklyn Godfrey	2	0	8	0
SkyLynn Abraham	0	9	0	0
Heidi Payne	0	0	5	2
Bethany Payne	0	0	2	0
Adrian Lunceford	0	0	0	9

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# Fairmont State University awarded \$749,693 NSF grant to support low-income STEM majors

Fairmont State University has received a six-year grant totaling \$749,693 through the National Science Foundation's Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics program (S-STEM).

Fairmont State's project, Bridging the STEM Gap in Appalachia: Engaging with students to iteratively improve faculty practices in support of student success, aims to increase enrollment, retention and graduation of low-income, academically talented students in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) programs.

Degree programs impacted by this grant include B.S. degrees in Computer Science (also a cybersecurity concentration), Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Forensic Science, Civil, Mechanical and Electrical Engineering Technology, Occupational Safety and Surveying and Geomatics Engineering Technology.

Over the course of six years, Fairmont State's S-STEM program will recruit and directly support 18 low-income undergraduates from their first to fourth years of university education, as well as facilitate opportunities for securing gainful employment upon graduation.

In addition to receiving scholarship support, these students will also participate in special programming both in and out of the classroom to help ensure their success. S-STEM students will be invited to become a part of a STEM Living and Learning Community, and they will interact with their faculty and peer mentors on a regular basis, especially during their freshman year. Partnerships with local and regional industries will provide unique opportunities for the students as well.

"There is a vast STEM gap in Appalachia, and nowhere is that chasm more keenly experienced than in West Virginia," Mirta M. Martin, president of Fairmont State University, said. "While our state is filled with academic talent, many of those young students simply don't

have access to the kinds of opportunities that will allow them to develop as STEM scholars and pursue STEM careers. The S-STEM program—a program that goes beyond scholarships and includes mentorship, student success initiatives, unique learning experiences and career guidance—will go a long way toward filling the opportunity gap for West Virginia students interested in STEM fields. I, along with our expert teacher-mentors who teach in STEM fields here at Fairmont State, are thrilled to be a part of this vital and game-changing project."

As a part of this program, faculty and peer mentors will receive active and ongoing professional development on topics related to mentoring, advising and student engagement techniques. S-STEM students will be involved in providing feedback to help keep the program student-focused.

The six-year project will be led by Dr. Robert Niichel, Associate Professor of Mathematics, who will be assisted by Dr. Jojo Joseph, Assistant Professor of Chemistry and Ms. Abby Chapman, Assistant Professor of Occupational Safety. The project will also be supported by a team of faculty in the College of Science and Technology and staff from across campus.

"We hope our program will change the course of our students' lives and help us improve our STEM teaching and advising," Niichel said. "And, I think we have developed a program that can do that."



Little Birch Elementary School Third Grade Honor Roll students for the second nine weeks.



Little Birch Elementary School Fourth Grade Honor Roll students for the second nine weeks.



Little Birch Elementary School Fifth Grade Honor Roll students for the second nine weeks.

## Little Birch Elementary School recognizes academic achievement

Principal Wine has released the Honor Roll & Honorable Mention list for the 2nd grading period.

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4th Grade: Aidan Dorsey, Marianna GeorgeBrenna Hoard, Addisynn McCombs, Mallory Putnam, Brayden Rose.

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3.0-3.4 GPA

3rd Grade: Anna-belle Robinson, Violet Williams

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## Glenville State College Forest Technology students benefit from Weyerhaeuser Donation



Tree measurement tools that will be utilized by Forest Technology students at Glenville State College. The instruments were purchased with a donation from Weyerhaeuser.

The Department of Land Resources at Glenville State College recently received a grant from Weyerhaeuser to support the College's Forest Technology program.

The Department of Land Resources will use the funds from the \$1,485 grant to purchase basic forestry tools and instruments used in measuring tree height and diameter. These new items will be part of the instrumentation pool that are loaned to students for their use throughout the semester.

"The most recent grant that we received is a clear indicator of Weyerhaeuser's unwavering support of the Forest Technology program at Glenville

State College," said Department Chair and Professor of Forestry, Dr. Rico Gazal. "We are glad to know that Weyerhaeuser continues to be a valuable partner in providing quality education to our students."

Gazal adds that when students have unlimited access to the instruments, their experiential learning is expanded beyond the laboratory period. Students will have the ability to collect data, review for an exam, and conduct basic tree measurement required in their courses on their own time. Having an individual instrument is also consistent with COVID-19 safety protocols.

The Department of Land Resources at Glenville State College offers two associate degree programs in Forest Technology and Land Surveying. It also offers a baccalaureate degree in Natural Resource Management with six majors: Forest Technology, Land Surveying Technology, Environmental Science, Energy and Land Management, Criminal Justice, and Wildlife Management.

The Forest Technology program has been accredited by the Society of American Foresters (SAF) since 2016. Before then, it had been a recognized program of SAF since 1973. Faculty and staff in the program pride themselves on helping produce graduates who are knowledgeable in the basic field operations of forestry, land surveying, and natural resource management practices through classroom and hands-on learning.

For more information about the programs within the Department of Land Resources at Glenville State College, contact the Department of Land Resources at LandResources@glenville.edu or (304) 462-6370.

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