



Moore named MOW at Bob Zide Rumble

Colton Moore, Braxton County High School's 195-pound grappler won an individual Championship in his weight class and was named Most Outstanding Wrestler (MOW) at the Bob Zide Rumble wrestling tournament held at Williamstown High School last Saturday. Seventeen teams participated in the tournament.

Moore earned his individual championships by defeating the state's #1 ranked AA wrestler. See full story and more photos on Page 8 of this issue.



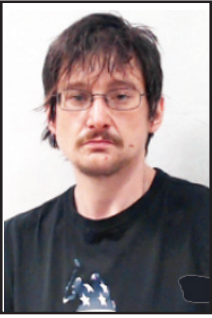
I-79 traffic stop leads to drug arrests

Braxton County Deputy Sheriff Andrew Groves was patrolling I-79 Saturday, January 23 around 7:00 p.m. when he observed a Chevrolet Cobalt with defective exhaust and improper registration headed north about the 55-mile marker.

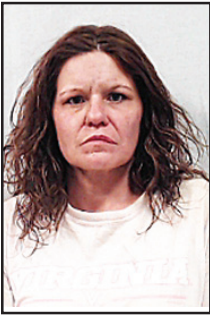
Upon conducting a traffic stop the officer identified the driver as Jerry Ray Hart, 43, of Sutton and his passenger as Bridgette Bender, 34, of Frametown. The officer observed a piece of tinfoil in the passenger seat under Ms. Bender's purse. The officer, with the assistance of Cpl. Cleve Westfall, detained the pair and searched the vehicle. The officers located a glass pipe in Hart's shirt pocket.

Search of the vehicle uncovered burnt foil, a large amount of cash and plastic bags often used in the distribution of illegal substances.

Upon questioning the female suspect voluntarily told the officers



Hart



Bender

that she had “a bag down my pants.” Bender retrieved the substance which contained 24.5 grams of a crystal substance officers believed to be metamphamide and a second bag containing 8.9 grams of a white powdery substance believed to be Fentanyl.

Under questioning, Bender identified the substances as Meth and Fentanyl and told the officers that Hart gave her the bags to put down her pants when they saw the blue lights behind them.



Cash and drugs seized during the traffic stop.

Both were arrested on charges of possession of drugs with the intent to delivery and conspiracy. The pair were arraigned before Braxton County Magistrate Beth Smith where their bonds were set at \$35,000 each. The pair remain incarcerated at the Central Regional Jail at press-time in lieu of that cash only bond awaiting additional court proceedings.

Board of Education reviews new State COVID guidelines

The Braxton County Board of Education conducted their most recent regular meeting on January 18.

Evelyn Post opened the meeting thanking Superintendent Kathy Hypes for closing the schools recently due to the inclement weather.

During the meeting, Superintendent Hypes discussed the new COVID guidelines presented by the state. She discussed the isolation and quarantine guidelines for universal masking and how vaccination status affects that. Superintendent Hypes discussed the different symptoms being seen with the omicron variant including it being more of an upper respiratory issue.

She informed the board she is looking into the possibility of starting a county screening program for all schools which will include “test to stay” and “test to play” strategies for students. This will allow students to stay in school with negative testing as an alternative to quarantining at home. Student athletes would also be able to test, if exposed, in order to participate in sporting events. Superintendent Hypes is hoping

to be able to find a state approved laboratory to work with on this program to get it started.

She also discussed the state started a new practice in which every school must submit confirmed positive cases by 5:00 pm on Sunday for the previous Sunday through Saturday time period into statewide school surveillance. The information will be reported to the health department.

She noted that the recent closures of classrooms have been due more to staff shortages than to outbreaks. Only two of the classrooms closed were due to a virus outbreak.

Board President DeAnna Whipkey thanked new board member Martha Dean for stepping up to fill the seat left on the park board after the resignation of David Hoover. She also asked the other board members to consider stepping in to fill the other vacancy on the WV Extension Agency Board.

She reminded board members the WV School Board Association winter conference will be held on February 18 and 19 in Charleston. Options for attending

livestream or in person are available. Deadline is February 10.

Evelyn Post discussed issues coming up in the current legislative term concerning school systems. She encouraged board members to provide input to their representatives on these issues that will impact our county.

Superintendent Hypes reminded board members starting at the next regular meeting the schools will be coming two at a time to complete their LSIC presentations.

Hypes briefly reported on the enrollment numbers for the past two fiscal years and per pupil expenditures. The numbers show the expenditures for all funding, local, state and federal, as well as food programs and salaries. Enrollment has been declining every year. She discussed the declining numbers is a combination of the pandemic and a drop in population.

Evelyn Post discussed looking into using local funds to provide optical and dental insurance for employees. Board members noted the budget would need to

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Sutton Town Council conducts busy session

The Sutton Town Council met for a regular meeting on Thursday, January 13, 2022 in the Council Chambers on the first floor of the Municipal Building. Mayor JD Hoover called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Present were Council members: Steve Facemire, Catherine Hoover, Robyn Dolan, Marsha Lloyd, Beth Atkins, and Municipal Clerk, Robin Smith. Absent: Recorder Laurel Petolicchio, due to illness. Also present were: Dot Gioulis, Fernando Rodriguez, Sally Stewart, Rodney Jamison, Shane Boggs, Ryan Jarvis, Spencer Hall, and Deborah Minnich

Mayor Hoover recognized Brittany Fowler and Noah McCumbers for their hard work and initiative during the town's first snow storm.

Sally Stewart spoke on behalf of Just One Generation, a program to help the feral cat problem in Sutton. Robyn Dolan made a motion, seconded by Beth Atkins to pay 1/3 of the costs (approximately \$400) for the spay/neuter/testing/euthanasia if needed of the feral cats that they can catch. A notice will be given to

the community before that cat traps are set.

Dot Gioulis spoke on behalf of the SCDC - Sutton Community Development Corp. She shared with the council a brochure from FASTERWV, a program to help start new businesses. She also discussed the progress of the Elk River Trail. A consultant will be in the area in February. There will be public meetings about the Elk River Trail in March. The consultant will present the town with their report in August. The next SCDC meeting will be the 3rd Tuesday in February.

The construction permit approval was moved forward on the agenda. Steve Facemire made a motion, seconded by Catherine Hoover to approve the construction permit for Deborah Minnich at 100 N Main St.

Steve Facemire made a motion, seconded by Catherine Hoover to accept the minutes of the December 9, 2021 regular meeting with the addition of Vivian Parsons added to those in attendance.

Beth Atkins made a motion, seconded by Robyn Dolan to accept

the financial report and pay bills.

Steve Facemire and Marsha Lloyd discussed which roads belong to the town, county owned or private. Robyn Dolan will talk to DOH to clarify which roads they plow or provide materials for the town to take care of. Beth will get clarification about Flint Lane.

Street issues at Birch Street, Billy Hall residence, and N. Baxter Street at Shingler residence were also discussed.

Marsha Lloyd stated that Walmart would provide a laptop for a police officer after the position was filled. Steve made a motion, seconded by Marsha Lloyd to table the decision about a cell phone until the next meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Catherine Hoover made a motion, seconded by Steve Facemire to accept the proposal from Waste Management to remove the town trash truck and its contents at no cost to the town. Motion passed with a vote of four to one.

The collection of tires in the town dump that were inherited by this administration is

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Commission hopes to net \$4 million for broadband

One of the actions at last Friday's Braxton County Commission could bring as much as \$4 million to the county for broadband expansion. During the meeting Larry Clifton made a motion to pledge \$1 million of the county's allotted (ARP) American Recovery Plan funds to the West Virginia Department of Economic Development's GigReady Incentive Grant Program. The county's 25% match, could if approved, provide highspeed internet services to approximately 1366 area residents and businesses with the addition of 26 miles of fiber optic cable.

Addie Facemire,

newly hired director of BC Drug Testing Services was first to address the Commission at last Friday's meeting. She presented the Commission with her agency's activity report for the month of December. That information revealed a total of 62 drug screens were administer. In addition, Facemire reported that two individuals had completed the requirements of their home confinement and had been released.

John Hoffman, County OES, 9-1-1 and EMS Director had several matters to discuss with the Commission.

He presented the Commissioners with a report on his agencies' activities for the month

of December and the accumulative totals for the calendar year. That information showed a total of 2088 calls had come into the 9-1-1 center in December. Of that total 564 were emergency related; 150 were for county law enforcement agencies, 78 for fire departments, 142 for EMS with the remaining 174 being miscellaneous by nature.

After a brief explanation from Hoffman, Melvin Gum made a motion to approve a resolution for the purchase of a new CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) system for the 9-1-1 Center.

The Director also requested permission to hire Samuel James

Snyder as a full-time Medic/Driver for the ambulance service. He stated that Snyder would receive \$17 per hour as well as full county benefits. He will also serve a 90 probationary period. The request was granted on a motion by Larry Clifton.

Following a brief discussion, the Commission approved changes in the county's magisterial districts brought on by the recently completed census as suggested by the County Clerk's office.

In other action the Larry Clifton made a motion led to the approval of the short settlement for David Scott Mowery as pre-

sented by the Fiduciary Supervisor.

Only one purchase order came before the Commission for consideration. The Sheriff was granted approval to purchase two ballistic vests from Markl Supply Company Inc. at a cost of \$1,476.00.

The Commission approved joining the Town of Sutton and Just One Generation in paying \$400 each to have a large colony of feral cats in Sutton spade and/or neutered.

Larry Clifton made a motion to give Sheriff Lou DellaMea permission to pay off two police vehicles totaling \$8,748.07 with funds in his budget.

It was also Clifton who introduced action

to allocate \$250 so the county would continue to participate in the Senior Companion Program.

After a review, the Commission approved the county and EMS invoices for payment.

Melvin Gum made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commission regular meeting on January 10 and a Special Meeting on January 12 as presented by the County Clerk.

The Commission adjourned at 9:27 a.m. The Commission's next regular meeting will convene on February 4 at 9:00 a.m.



OPINION

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As I See It

By Ed Given



What is the legislature up to???

Before I get into this week’s topic... I had occasion to travel to Summersville last week so Dr. Marsh could tune up my hearing aids. That went well. I had a nice visit with him. I can hear again. And the visit was one of the least expensive visits to a doctor I’ve had in quite some time.

While in the neighboring county, I noticed that their price for gasoline is actually a few cents higher than in Braxton County. So, we at least don’t have the highest prices in the state... if that’s any consolation.

I mentioned in a previous writing that I was concerned with the haste of action that was taken in the special session in an effort to attract the steel recycling plant to the northern panhandle. I guess if it works it will be great. However, my experience in monitoring government all these years leads me to believe that there will be some bad to go along with this good. Obviously, with the haste of the action taken earlier this month, I seriously doubt that much consideration was given any ill effects that may be lurking around the corner. Once again, only time will tell.

I have tried to follow many of the pieces of legislation that are being considered this session. It is difficult. On several fronts I have not been able to find the simplified answer as to what the intent is of some of these pieces of proposed legislation.

One example of something I tried to look into this week was a measure that would prohibit financial institution from boycotting any type of coal or national gas company. I read everything I could find and became more confused as I went. The action is pushed by our new and young Treasurer Riley Moore. He obviously knows something I don’t. The measure would pertain to investment of West Virginia taxpayer money, I think. According to what I read, there are billions of dollars at stake. In reading the definitions and arguments, it looks like the measure could be manipulated to where a financial institution would have to extend a loan to any coal, oil, gas concern that requested it or be in violation of this law, assuming it passes.

We have seen what the State of West Virginia can do in the financial world and it’s not a pretty picture. I think government needs to stay out of the banking business or at least come up with clear cut, easily understandable rules, and regulations. Unfortunately, this is only one of a number of proposed bills that really confuses me.

On a final note, our press deadline had to be moved up on Monday. Our printer in Elkins contacted me on Saturday to let me know that seven members of their production staff were out with COVID. Fortunately, they are part of a larger chain and could print our paper and the others they handle at one of their sister operations. However, to do that we had to move our deadline up almost half a day. If you are reading this on your normal day... we made it.

From our readers

Carr’s Cabs, info...

Editor’s Note: We received the following reponse to to last week’s “Way Back When” picture wanting information regarding the Carr’s Cabs in Gassaway.

Dear Editor,

The 1940 Census records for Gassaway shows Robert Carr as proprietor of a taxi company. His address on census form was listed as River Street.

Thirl Drake is shown in same census as a taxi driver.

Sincerely,
Phillip Blake
Frametown

Intercepted letter...

President Joe Biden
The White House

1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C. 20500
January 14, 2022
President Biden,

I write to you amidst the highest numbers of active COVID cases our state has seen. I thank you for your leadership throughout the pandemic and ask for your help.

The virus is so prevalent here right now that even those who try to do the right thing are testing positive for COVID-19 and becoming ill. Most recently, our very own Governor Jim Justice became infected. He is vaccinated and boosted, as he strongly encourages West Virginians to be every day. Fortunately, Governor Justice was able to quickly receive a transfusion of monoclonal antibodies and is doing much better as a result.

Due to a shortage in-state on monoclonal antibodies, not all West

Virginians have the same opportunity. People are lying in our hospitals, waiting in our emergency rooms, and suffering at home with no relief in sight because we are experiencing a critical shortage of these antibodies.

Our state is full of people who are at high risk, with comorbidities and the underlying conditions that are considered qualifiers for this antibody eligibility. How can we gain access to additional antibodies? If you can release more, I strongly urge you to do so immediately. If additional resources are needed to produce supplies, please allocate them.

Thank you once again for your tireless commitment to defeating the virus. We appreciate your leadership and stand ready to assist as needed.

With urgency,
Stephen Baldwin

WV Senate
Minority Leader

Letters to the Editor

Our policy...

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

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

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

Letters should be mailed to: Editor, Braxton Citizens’ News, P.O. Box 516, Sutton, WV 26601.

Those wishing to email should send them to: editor@bcn-news.com

WVU Extension Service to host Agriculture Educational Webinar Series

Each winter, WVU Extension Service brings education, know-how and research right to your community through a series of educational dinner meetings. For 2022, the plan is to have 4 webinars in February to complement other in-person events. We hope you will join us virtually for the 2022 agriculture webinar series!

You will have the same opportunity to learn from WVU Extension Service specialists and industry experts about relevant topics to help you improve your own agricultural operations. Because of the virtual format, we’re able to connect you with industry experts from across the US.

This year we will be offering webinars every Thursday evening during the month of February. Webinars will be held at 7:00 pm utilizing Zoom. Below is the schedule of speakers and a brief description

of their topic. Contact the WVU-Braxton County Extension Office at 304-765-2809 and we can email the registration link to you. The registration link is: https://wvu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1BQ8fIUkHjrSru6?Q_D_L=Qd6TbiesKA5qFIZ_1BQ8fIUkHjrSru6_MLRP_7U6ibdpw4F0Izt4&Q_CHL=email

February 3

Grazing for Carbon and Ecosystem Health with Gabe Brown

Mr. Brown will cover grazing management principles and techniques to improve carbon sequestration and overall ecosystem health.

February 10

Managed Grazing in Challenging Terrain with Cooper Hibbard

Mr. Hibbard will address the principles that guide grazing management at Sieben Livestock, how temporary fence is an integral component of that man-

agement and how he addresses the challenges of using temporary fence in a challenging, high elevation environment.

February 17

Adaptive Grazing 101 with Allen Williams

Dr. Williams will cover the principles of adaptive grazing management and illustrate the economic and ecosystem benefits of implementation.

February 24

Using Sheep and Goats to Improve Profitability with Brad Smith

Mr. Smith will discuss how adding small ruminants to your production systems can increase profitability, focusing on the areas of multi-species grazing, herd health, marketing, out of season breeding, and general small ruminant management.

Please use the link below to register for these webinars. Once registered, you will receive the link to the

Zoom meeting the day prior to the meeting. https://wvu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1BQ8fIUkHjrSru6?Q_D_L=Qd6TbiesKA5qFIZ_1BQ8fIUkHjrSru6_MLRP_7U6ibdpw4F0Izt4&Q_CHL=email

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News from our Capitol

by Delegate Brent Boggs

The weather has taken a remarkable turn toward what I consider to be true winter weather over the past few weeks. Accordingly, many secondary roads, town streets and sidewalks still have many icy spots. If you’re out walking to your mailbox or getting your newspaper, take great care. One slip or fall – regardless of age or physical condition – can have major consequences. If you or anyone in your family feels safe in doing so, take the initiative to clear and treat the sidewalk or driveway for a neighbor or friend that may be physically unable to perform the task.

Last Friday, January 21 marked the tenth day of the 2022 Legislative session. To date, the House has introduced 957 bills; in the Senate, 464 bills have been introduced. Twenty bills have passed the Senate; 3 bills have passed the House. No bills have passed both houses, therefore, the Governor has taken no action on any bills from the regular

session.

Bills that have passed the House as of January 21 and head to the Senate:

- **HB 4059** Clarifying that new Department of Health and Human Resources’ Deputy Commissioners are exempt from civil service.

- **HB 4060** Repealing outdated sections of code relating to health.

- **HB 4067** To make certain agency reports electronic or eliminating certain agency reports.

In the Senate, a few of the bills that are headed to the House for consideration include:

- **SB 9** Providing continued eligibility for developmental disability services to dependents of military members
- **SB 22** Relating to exempting certain organizations from property taxation

- **SB 77** Allowing certain veterans park free at metered parking in any state municipality

- **SB 228** Providing tuition and fee waivers at state higher education

institutions for volunteers who have completed service in AmeriCorps programs in WV

House bills out of committee and on the floor for consideration this week include:

- **HB 2184** Increasing the criminal penalties for exposure of police or governmental to fentanyl or any other harmful drug
- **HB 3220** Restrictions on taxpayer funded lobbying

- **HB 4065** Allowing DNR to teach hunter safety courses in schools

House Finance Committee budget hearings continue this week and should be back on schedule, pending another shot of inclement weather. They include:

Jan. 24 - Dept. of Environmental Protection; Department of Education; School Building Auth.

Jan. 25 - DHHR

Jan. 26 - Dept. of Admin; Dept. of Transportation, DOH, DMV

Jan. 27 - Lottery; Department of Revenue
Of the many bills introduced this session, I’m very proud and honored to have introduced, along with my friends, Speaker Hanshaw, Delegate Westfall and Delegate Queen, **House Bill 4264**, granting university status to GSC and changing the name to Glenville State

University. This is more than a name change. It is the culmination of much hard work through the years; meeting the criteria required by the Higher Education Policy Commission, including the ability to offer master’s degree in some programs. With a renewed emphasis on teacher education and a new registered nurse program in conjunction with Marshall University, there is a renewed enthusiasm on campus and in central West Virginia for the future of local higher education opportunities for traditional students and non-traditional students that are seeking to begin or return to the path to an associate or baccalaureate degree.

This week, I want to offer my congratulations to BCHS Wrestling Coach Sterling Beane on being recognized for 50 years of coaching. He was recently honored at the Braxton Co. Invitational Wrestling Tournament by his assistant coaches, BCHS administration and faculty. Sterling has influenced and mentored hundreds of student-athletes over the years and amassed impressive coaching credentials, earning the utmost respect of his athletes and his coaching peers around

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look 10+ years out to see if funding could be substained long term. That way it would not be something given to employees then have to be removed in later years due to budget cuts.

The following consent agenda items were approved: approval of January 4 meeting and January 5 work session; approval of transportation requests; payment of bills; and budget transfers and supplements.

The board approved the following service and extra-curricular recommendations: employment for Ashley Molloyhan, substitute aid, Samantha Davis, preschool supervisory/instructional/transportation aide/ECCAT, Burnsville, and Jamie Given, assistant wres-

ting coach, BCHS; and resignation for Schannon Dennison, substitute custodian.

The board approved the fundraisers as they were presented.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 1 at 6:00 pm. As always, members of the Braxton County community are encouraged to attend regular board meetings. Any parent or concerned community member wishing to speak as a delegate or with public concerns may do so by signing in up to 15 minutes prior to the start of the meeting.

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overwhelming. A location for shredding tires will be looked into.

Beth Atkins read the exact wording of the deed transferring property

from Craig Smith to the town of Sutton.

The council discussed the removal of wall between upstairs bathrooms to bring up to code. Marsha Lloyd made a motion, seconded by Robyn Dolan to table the matter until the next meeting until the bathroom situation is reviewed.

Beth Atkins reported that a representative of Bruno Stair Lift Company from Huntington will come to the community building Tuesday Jan. 19 at 9:00 to give an estimate for a lift to make the upstairs of the community building handicap accessible.

Steve Facemire will check into an elevator system that could be installed for the same purpose.

There are still problems with the plumbing in the upstairs bathroom. The company who did the work will be called back to fix these problems. Discussion of replumbing of the entire building will be put on the next agenda.

Steve Facemire made a motion, seconded by Marsha Lloyd to keep the town's insurance as it is. The motion passed with a vote of four to one.

Town fees were discussed. A list will be presented at the next meeting for a vote.

Marsha Lloyd is looking into parking meters and writing a policy for parking permits.

A request was made that the town clerk walks through Sutton and make sure all businesses have a business license.

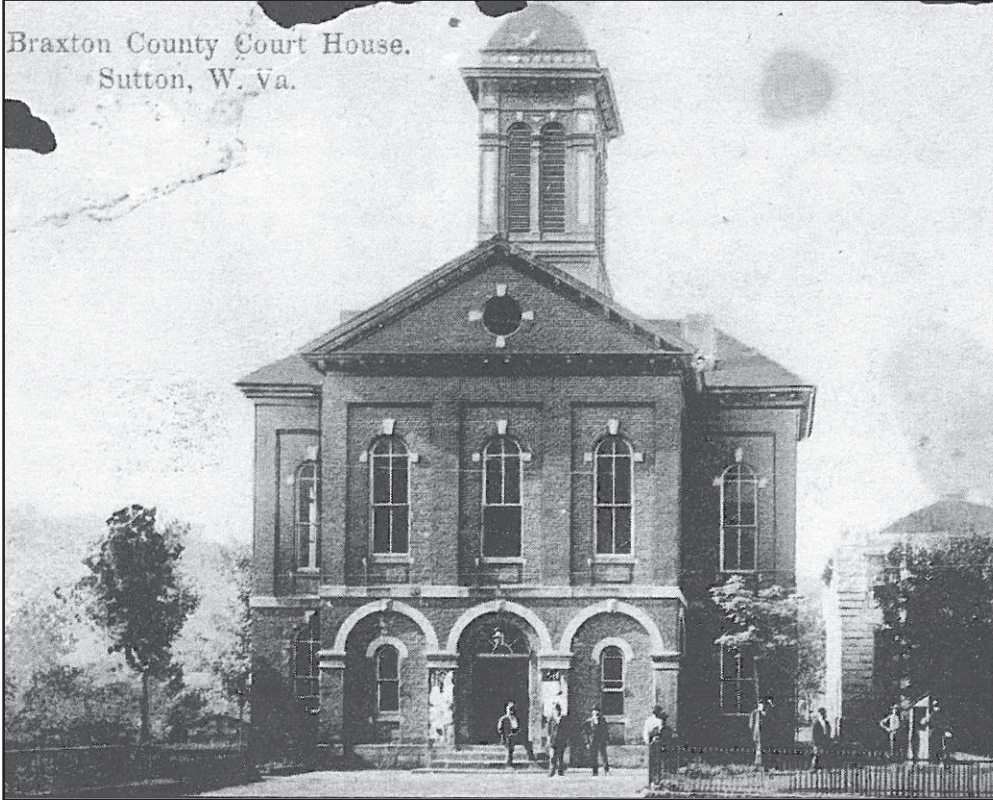
Steve Facemire reported that two maple trees in front of the Marie Kidd house are dying and loosing limbs making it hazardous to walk or park in that area. The power company has been notified and the trees will be removed. The limbs will be shredded and left on the property for the owners to remove.

Catherine Hoover made a motion, seconded by Steve Facemire to approve the construction permit for Argyle Davis at Fairview Circle.

Council went into executive session at


Way back when...

Long ago in Braxton County



The Courthouse... The Braxton County Courthouse on Main Street more closely resembles this early 1900 picture now that the large trees have been removed. The old Jail is visible in the right portion of the photograph. Of course, the addition now on the left side of the courthouse didn't exist at the time of the picture. The photo is courtesy of Craig A. Smith collection and is featured in a series of historical books

about Braxton County titled "Looking Back". The five volumes are filled with old pictures and county history. These books, The History of Braxton County, The History of Bulltown and Craig's three cookbooks are available for purchase at the Citizens' News/Democrat-Central Office, 501 Main Street, Sutton, WV. They make great gifts for the history buff in your family!



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Council returned to regular session at 9:00 pm.

Steve Facemire made a motion, seconded by Catherine Hoover to hire Shane Boggs as Police Commissioner.

Beth Atkins made a motion, seconded by Robyn Dolan to hire Rodney Jamison as Municipal Court Judge.

Steve Facemire made a motion, seconded by Catherine Hoover promote Brittany Fowler to Supervisor of town workers.

Beth Atkins made a motion, seconded by Steve Facemire to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

I've been blessed to know Sterling and his family my entire life. Congratulations Coach Beane and thanks for all your dedicated service to coaching and education.

Finally, a sad note on the passing of my friend and former colleague in the Legislature, former State Senator Joe Minard. Joe represented Harrison, Lewis, Gilmer, and Braxton Counties for many years in the 12th Senatorial District. Previously, Joe served in the House of Delegates and most recently was clerk of the State Senate prior to his retirement. He and his late wife, Mary, were great friends to Jean and me. We have many pleasant memories of enjoying time with them at the Capitol, at

Century Inn, during legislative interims around the state, and at their restaurant in Clarksburg. Rest in peace, Papa Joe.

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

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OBITUARIES

Paul “Rex” Miller
Paul “Rex” Miller, 93, of Solomons, MD, sailed into the Port of Heaven on December 23, 2021. Rex is survived by his wife and first mate, Donna, of 42 years, sons Paul Rex Miller, Jr. (Sue) CA, Eric Miller (Teri) MD, daughter Kristen Lauver (Tom Devlin) MD, sister Louise Woods, MD, and 5 grandchildren.

Rex was born in Baltimore, MD in 1928 and graduated from the Baltimore MD Polytechnic Institute in 1946. He enlisted in the Navy in 1946 and served in the Navy and the Navy Reserves. He graduated from Johns Hopkins University School of Engineering with a ME Degree, received a Masters Degree from the University of MD and attended the Oak Ridge School of Reactor Technology in Oak Ridge TN.

Rex began his career in 1951 as an academic instructor and flight test planner at the Navy’s Test Pilot School at the Patuxent River Naval Air Base in Lexington Park MD, where he taught and flew with NASA Astronauts, John Glenn and Scott Carpenter. The test pilots inspired him to get his private pilot’s license and he flew with the FAA Flying Club for many years.

Subsequent employment was with the Atomic Energy Commission in Washington DC where he supported the Nuclear Ship Savannah Project. Following employment was with Martin Company and NASA. After retirement from NASA, he was employed by Schafer Associates in Arlington VA as a Program Advisor to an element of the Penta-

gon’s Strategic Defense Initiative Organization. After retirement in 1997, Rex and Donna moved to Solomons MD, where his beloved Chesapeake Bay was close by. Rex was a member of the Solomons Island Yacht Club. As a boy his father took him on adventures on the Chesapeake Bay on the Baltimore Ferry, where he sketched the steamboats, airplanes and the water and sky. With adventure in his blood, he learned to sail and sailed the Chesapeake Bay over 60 years, with his most rewarding adventure being when he Captained his Tartan 37 sailboat to Bermuda, with the most exuberant feeling of returning to homeport via his beloved Chesapeake Bay.

Rex’s other passion was sketching and painting. After moving to Solomons he enrolled in the Advanced Oil Painting Class at the Calvert County Office on Aging, where he assisted in forming the Color and Light Society. He was a founding member of the CalvART Gallery in Prince Frederick, MD, a member of the North End Gallery in Leonardtown, MD and the Calvert Artists Guild. One of his most rewarding venues was being juried to exhibit his art at Ann Marie Garden Artsfests.

Rex was honored to be a Southern Maryland artist exhibiting his works of water, boats, sky and clouds, and his interpretation of the beauty of the barns and nature landmarks of Southern Maryland.

Rex said that “When someone bought one of my paintings I felt I had communicated with another person in this universe in a very special way and that is the most satisfying accomplishment an artist can achieve.”

Rex was a member of the former Solomons United Methodist Church congregation. Family received

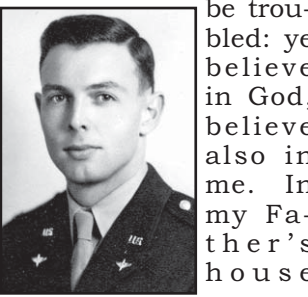
friends on Monday, January 10, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. until 1:00 p.m. with a Funeral Service following at 1:00 p.m. at Rausch Funeral Home, 20 American Lane, Lusby, MD. Interment began on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 11:30 a.m. in the Maryland Veterans Cemetery, Crownsville, MD.

Memorial donations can be made to the Solomons Rescue Squad. Condolences to the family may be made at www.rauschfuneralhomes.com.

Support the Arts of Southern Maryland: CalvART Gallery, the North End Gallery, Annmarie Garden, and the Color and Light Society. Family is requesting that masks be worn at the services.

Frederick “Fred” Walter Kuhn

Let not your heart



be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. (John 14: 1 & 2)

Frederick “Fred” Walter Kuhn, 100, formerly of Funkstown, Md., passed away, Monday, January 17, 2022, at Somerford House, Hagerstown, Md.

Born October 8, 1921, in Burnsville, Braxton County, W.Va. he was the son of the late, Walter Cleveland and Anna Belle (Hoover) Kuhn. In addition to his parents, he also was preceded in death by a daughter, Charlotte passed away on December 29, 1955, and a son-in-law, Frank Woodring, passed away January 26, 2013.

Fred graduated from Burnsville High School in Burnsville, and was Valedictorian of the Class of 1942

Fred married Bonnie Ruth Mick June 21, 1945.

He served in the USAAF from April 1942 to October 1945. He was an aircraft mechanic on B-24’s and a military pilot with the 15th Air Force, 451st Bomb Group, 724th Squadron - served three months in the Mediterranean theater of WWII

After his military service he graduated from WVU in January 1950 with a B.S.M.E.

He was employed by Fairchild in flight test engineering and as a supervisor in liaison engineering. He worked for the legendary Dick Henson as a production test pilot on C-119’s, C-123’s, and modified C-47’s. He was then employed by Mack Truck as an engineer and supervisor in the Experimental Engine Test Lab. He was in charge of cold room testing and represented Mack Trucks as a cold weather expert at a National Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) meeting in Detroit, MI. He retired from Mack in 1983.

Fred was a member of Cornerstone Community Church (formerly Grace Brethren) where he served as Vice Moderator, Financial Secretary, Deacon, and usher. Was on the Missions Committee, taught Sunday School, helped with the S-O-S telephone ministry and the Family Altar broadcast.

He was one of the founders and was on the board of Cedar Ridge Children’s Home and Radio Station. He served on the board of Youth for Christ. He was a Gideon.

He was part of the volunteer staff of the Maryland Cracker Barrel magazine.

In addition to his wife, Bonnie, Fred is survived by a daughter, Suanne Kuhn Woodring. Grandson, Chad Woodring and wife Dawn. Great grandchildren, Clare and Lance Woodring.

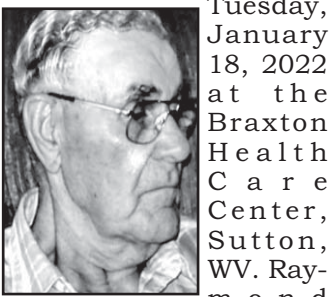
His motto was a quote from Stephen Grellet. “I expect to pass thru this world but once. Any good therefore, that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.”

A Celebration of Life Service will be conducted at a later date.

(In lieu of flowers) Contributions can be made to the Kuhn/ Woodring fund at the Community Foundation of Washington County, 37 S. Potomac Street, Hagerstown, MD 21740, or the Pavilion Fund at Cornerstone Community Church, 20510 Beaver Creek Road, Hagerstown, MD 21749.

Raymond Eugene Huffman

Raymond Eugene Huffman, 89, passed away



Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at the Braxton Health Care Center, Sutton, WV. Raymond was born August 18, 1933 on Hyre Run Road near Burnsville. He was a resident of Copen, WV most of his life and a lifetime Braxton County resident. Raymond is preceded in death by his first wife: Betty Howell Huffman; parents: Ernest and Ida May Huffman; Brothers: Carl, Ralph, Russell, Jimmy, June and Ray; Sisters: Martha Godfrey, Rena Godfrey, and Mary Keller; Son-in-law: Charles Cook, and Daughter-in-law: Kim Nicholson Huffman.

Raymond worked in the coal mines when he was young before going to work in the gas fields as a well tender. He worked 40-years for Mike Ross. He was also a farmer his entire life.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife: Rosa Lee; Brother: Chester Huffman (Betty); Sister: Bonnie Riffle (Larry); Sons: Terry Huffman (Mindy), Jerry Huffman; Daughter: Carol Sue Cook; four grandchildren, four great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Family received friends for visitation on Saturday, January 22, 2022 from 11:00-1:00 PM. Funeral service followed at 1:00 PM in the Stockert Funeral Home & Cremation Chapel, Flatwoods, WV. Pastor Daniel Arnold officiated the ceremony. Interment followed the service in the Odd Fellows Cemetery near Burnsville, WV.

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

Walter D. Sillman

Walter D. Sillman, 81, passed away at home on Saturday, January 15, 2022. He was born on July 2, 1940. Walter lived in Lowther Hollow near Ireland, WV for 50 plus years and was a lifelong resident of Braxton County.

He was raised by his late parents Henry and Eva Sillman of Stone Coal, WV also proceeding him in death were his brother, Hylo Sill-

man and sisters: Velma Gibson, Esty Modestite and Laya Williams. Left to cherish his memory are brothers: Carl and Lonnie Sillman; sisters: Linda Tanner, Thelma Keener, and Ruby Sponaule also his greatest accomplishment, his five kids, sons: David, Steven, and Robert Sillman and daughters: Connie Brown and Pearl Sillman; and four grandchildren.

Walter was a hard worker his entire life, toiling many hours on the farm where he lived. He was a kind and very giving person who was always there to lend a helping hand and was well liked by friends and neighbors.

Walter enjoyed fishing, hunting, lawn work and keeping a nice yard. He will truly be missed by all who knew him.

Stockert Funeral Home & Cremation is honored to serve the family and friends of Walter Sillman by following his wishes, choosing to be cremated.

Jean Augusta Clark

Jean Augusta Clark, 89, of Sutton, passed away Monday, January 17, 2022 at Braxton Health Care Center.

She was born on August 21, 1942, in Butler, PA to the late George & Lillian Weaver MacCord. Also preceding her in death was her husband, Morrison Lee Clark who passed away March 2, 2021.

Jean was a System Analyst for the Social Security Administration.

She is survived by her son, Jefferson (Jeff) Clark of Sutton; brother, George MacCord, Jr. of Chicago, IL.

Upon request she will be cremated. Memorial service will be scheduled at a later date.

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

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

Charles Robert Garvin “Chuck”

Charles Robert Garvin “Chuck”, age 90 of Flatwoods, WV passed away peacefully on January 15, 2022



he was born January 13, 1932 in Centralia, WV to Javis and Ona (Clutter) Garvin.

Charles enjoyed spending time with his family, grandchildren, and friends. Charles served in the United States Army for five years during the Korean War. He received his purple heart and a bronze star; however, this was something he rarely spoke of.

He was a very dedicated worker and was most recently employed as a full-time security guard up until his retirement in August of 2021 at the age of 89. He never met a stranger and he always went above and beyond to help others. Charles was a devoted member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

He is proceeded in death by his parents Javis and Ona (Clutter) Garvin, his brothers Woodrow Garvin, Adren Garvin, his sisters Emma (Garvin) Parker, Cleo (Garvin) Williams, Lorraine (Garvin) Lunc-

eford, and an infant son Charles Brewster. His survivors include his sisters Louise (Garvin) Hines, Marjorie (Garvin) McCourt, brother in law and best friend James Lunceford, seven children Janet Quick, Javis Brewster, Candy Leach, William Garvin, Andrea Ramona, Sophronia Liplin, Crystal Pequignot, 17 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren, and several step children. Charles was very loved and will be greatly missed.

As per his request there will be no services.

Teresa Elizabeth Wentz

Teresa Elizabeth Wentz, 52, of Easley, SC, formerly of Webster Springs, West Virginia, passed away on Thursday,



January 13, 2022 at home.

She was born February 18, 1969, at Webster County Memorial Hospital to Sherley Ilene Simmons Wentz and the late George Wentz.

Teresa was a 1987 graduate of Webster County High School, and then went on to obtain a Journalism degree from West Virginia University and her Masters degree from the University of South Carolina.

In addition to her loving mother of Easley, SC, she is survived by brother, David Wentz (Donna) of Fountain Inn, SC; two nephews, Jeramey Wentz (Melissa), Joshua Wentz (Constance); and niece, Jessica Wentz (Justin Armitage).

In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Ezra and Leafie Simmons and paternal grandparents, Richard and Sarah Ina Wentz.

A visitation was held Wednesday, January 19, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. until 6:45 p.m. at Thomas McAfee Funeral Homes, Southeast, with the funeral service to follow at 7:00 p.m. in the Southeast Chapel.

A visitation was also held 1pm- 2pm, Saturday, January 22, 2022 at Dodd & Reed Funeral Home, Webster Springs. Graveside service followed upon our arrival to Hacker Valley Cemetery, Hacker Valley, WV; at approximately 2:45pm.

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

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

Ronald Eugene Conner

Ronald Eugene Conner, 57, of Sutton, went home to be with his Lord on Saturday, January 15, 2022 at his residence.

He was born July 24, 1964, in Elyria, OH, the son of the late, David William & Lois Ann Garretson Conner. Also preceding him in death was his daughter, Latasha Shey Wood-Conner. Ronald was a Barber in the Braxton County area for many years and a member of Polemic Run Baptist Church.

He is survived by his son, Justin Garrett Conner of Sutton; brothers, Please turn to

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

American Rescue Plan Funds

The Sutton Town council invites anyone interested to attend an open meeting to discuss the funds that were given to the town of Sutton from the American Rescue Plan. If you have any suggestions for how this money should be spent to benefit the town of Sutton please attend the regular town council meeting Thursday, January 27th 6:00pm.

Flatwoods Elementary LSIC meeting

On February 1 at 6:00, Flatwoods Elementary will host a Town Hall Meeting for the Local School Improvement Council, in the school cafeteria. Safety and Covid protocols will be followed during the meeting. This is a great opportunity to find out what is going on at the school, and express any concerns you may have. Community members, parents, staff, and families are welcome to attend, to discuss topics such as data, goals, and needs for overall school success. This meeting, and team of individuals will be used to continue the growth of Flatwoods Elementary School in the Local School Improvement process.

Frametown Elementary LSIC meeting

Frametown Elementary LSIC (Local School Improvement Council) will be hosting a town hall meeting at the school on Tuesday, February 1 at 5:30. All are welcome to attend.

Burnsville Freedom Festival volunteers needed for 2022

Due to the growth of our festival we need more volunteers to help plan, fund raise and help during the event. We have some phenomenal bands and other events already lined up for this year and we need your help. Please call 304-853-2605 or private message the Freedom Festival Facebook page for more details.

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; Monday, 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-county1>.

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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.

Braxton County Senior Center Menu for January

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.

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.

“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.

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.

Indoor Archery at night

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

SJRC Mobile Outpatient Clinics come to BC

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

Sutton Public Library Create to Donate

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

Burnsville Public Library Board of Trustees meetings

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

Mountaineer Food Bank volunteer opportunities

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

OBITS

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Rodney David Conner of Martinsburg, WV, Robert Alan Conner (Lora) of Sutton; nieces, Brittany Conner, Amber Conner, Chyenne Conner; nephew, David Conner; and Ronald's loving dog, Elvis.

Memorial service in his honor was held 12:00 pm, Saturday, January 22, 2022 at Polemic Run Baptist Church, Polemic Run Rd. Sutton, with Rev. Chip Rose officiating.

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

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

Bettie Lou Jarvis

Bettie Lou Jarvis, 82, of Gassaway, passed away on Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at the WV Caring Hospice Center, Elkins, WV.

She was born February 16, 1939 at Duck, WV to the late Jessy J. and Lucretia Tanner Paintiff.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her grandson, Adam Rollyson; brothers, Grover, Richard, Walt, Tom, Roy, and Russell; and sisters, Blanche, Ruby, and Stella.

Bettie was a homemaker and also worked for a while at Jim's Roller Rink. She truly enjoyed taking care of her yard and loved the outdoors. Birdwatching was one of her hobbies. She liked to watch the Walker Texas Ranger TV Show and liked to listen to bluegrass music. Bettie was an avid quilter. She was a Christian by faith and was ready to go to her heavenly home. She was a problem solver who had high standards. Bettie loved her family and she will truly be missed.

Left to cherish her memories are her sons, Chelsie “Bud” Rollyson and companion, Renee Rollyson, and John Jarvis and wife, Vicki, all of Gassaway; grandchildren, Amber Francis and husband, Mike, Kristie Arbogast and husband, Bryant, Joshua Brown, Chelsea Sartin and husband, Danny, and Samantha Scarff; and sister, Bessie Rice. She is also survived by several great and great great grandchildren and her dog, Scooter.

Bettie's graveside service was 1 P.M. Saturday, January 22, 2022 at Walnut Grove Cemetery, Strange Creek with Reverend Linn Schiefer officiating.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to Roach Funeral Home, 708 Braxton Street, Gassaway, WV 26624 to assist with funeral expenses.

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

Arrangements by

Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway, WV.

Donald Ray Chapman

Donald Ray Chapman, 93, of Gassaway, WV, went home to be with the Lord on January 15, 2022 at WV Caring, Elkins, WV, with his loving, devoted wife of 67 years, Bessie, at his side. Due to Covid-19 protocols, his daughter, Sheila, was not permitted to stay with him.

Donald was born on November 18, 1928. He was preceded in death by his parents, Cecil Ray and Elva Gay Chapman; brothers, Calvin Chapman, Robert “Jack” Chapman, Eugene “Gene” Chapman, and sister, Elsie Greene. He is survived by his wife, Bessie, Gassaway; daughter, Sheila (Bill) Powers, Gassaway; granddaughters, Dawn Rae (David) Smith, Athens, WV and Allison (Doug) Beall, Normantown, WV; great-grandchildren, Kennedy Smith, Athens; Brody, Joel, Brooklyn, and Baby Beall on the way, all of Normantown; and several nieces and nephews. Also surviving is a sister, Anna Blair Reed, Clarksburg; and brother-in-law, Ronald “Don” Sears, Florida.

Donald was a self-employed painter for several years until he started working for Columbia Gas until he retired. He was a proud Air Force veteran. One of his assignments as an MP was a personal chauffeur for a general in Italy. At one time, Donald was a member of Engel Chapel, Gassaway.

Donald was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He loved his family and was always excited when he knew the grandchildren and great-grandchildren were coming to visit. Donald was a big fan of WVU basketball and football. He looked forward to watching the games until macular degeneration took his eye sight. After that, he continued to enjoy WVU games with the assistance of his son-in-law, Bill, telling him what was happening in the course of the games. Family Feud was another TV show he enjoyed. Donald was especially fond of his Pomeranian, King. He was a great guitarist (Chet Adkins style) and enjoyed playing with friends until he could not play any longer. His favorite song to play was the hymn, “In the Garden”.

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

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Donald endured several debilitating health issues of which he never complained leaving him blind, with very limited ability to walk, talk, or hear. Now he can do them all and we are so thankful for that.

The family would like to thank the doctors and staff at the VA hospital, Clarksburg, WV; the Braxton County Senior Center; WV Caring, Elkins, and the nurses who came to the house for care Donald received. Thanks for all who gave prayers, sent cards, called, and brought food. May god bless you all.

A private graveside service with military rites was held at the Sugar Creek Cemetery, near Gassaway, with Pastor Joe Bob Truman officiating. The family would like to thank Pastor Joe Bob Truman for presiding over the graveside service and to Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway, WV, for handling the arrangements.

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

Kermit Lee Neff

Kermit Lee Neff, age 60, of Cherryville, NC, went home to be with the Lord on January 18, 2022 at his residence.

He was born on February 16, 1961 in Summersville, WV. He is preceded in death by mommy, Faye Neff Adkins; dad, Arthur Neff; father, Chester Frame; mother, Lucille Grubb; grandfather, Squire Neff; brother, PJ Frame; sister, Pamela Frame.

He leaves behind a son, Andrew and grandson, Jackson Lough; step-son, Francis Lough; daughters, Krystal Lough, Dawna Lough; brothers, Allen Neff, Jeffrey Neff, Jamie Neff, Joey Frame, Rockie Frame, Stevie Frame, Samuel Neff, Edward Neff; sisters, Bertha Fisher, Judy White, Alice Nottingham, Margaret Wengstrom, Sarah Blair, Barbara Rogers, Tammy Frame Carolyn Frame; stepmother, Alma Frame; best friend, Gail Fisher; aunt, “Tootie”; his furbaby companions, Jasmine and Koty.

Funeral services will be held 1:00 pm, Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at Greene-Robertson Funeral Home, Sutton with Rev. Wadie Rose, Jr. officiating. Burial will follow at Rose Cemetery, Strange Creek, WV. Friends may call one hour before the service at the funeral home.

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

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- Obituaries may be edited to conform to the newspaper standards and deadlines.
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COMMUNITY CORNER

GASSAWAY NEWS

By: MELINDA FRAME



Hello, Everyone! I hope this finds you well and that you have enjoyed your week.

It sure has been cold and snowy. It reminds me of winters when I was a kid and the snow would stay on the ground for many days. Do you remember that? Our driveway has been pretty icy but thank goodness the state road has done a great job of keeping the main roads clear.

Birthdays this week are: January 25th-Lisa Knight Conant, Alice Junker Girod, Kerry Neil Smyth, Rob Hoover, BJ Cook, Nicole Butler

January 26th-Kolton Cook, Maggie Cox, Amy Saunders, Montana Flint, Austin Starkey

January 27th-Daisy Peterson

January 28th-Stan Corkhill, Brent Harris, Ava Jo Wolf, Donnie Gray

January 29th-James Leeper, Cherie Jenkins

January 30th-Katie Wentz, Teri Wentz, Brianna Hoover, Sterling P Beane III

January 31st-Beth Smith, Debbie Cooke, Rose Gunter, Michael Wehner

February 1st-Brenda Jarvis, Lynn Cook, Greg McLaughlin, Michael Davis

February 2nd-Travis Rexroad, Lori Cowger Dittman, Logan Morlan

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 gassawaynews@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, Jean-nie 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 Slow-Cooker Italian Pork Loin

Ingredients

2cans (15 oz each) Progresso™ cannellini beans, drained, rinsed

1cup thinly sliced yellow onions

1red bell pepper, cut into thin slices

1tablespoon Italian seasoning

2tablespoons vegetable oil

2teaspoons salt

2 1/2to 3 1/2 lb boneless pork loin roast, trimmed

1can (28 oz) Muir Glen™ organic fire-roasted diced tomatoes, drained

1cup shredded mozzarella cheese (4 oz)

1/4cup shredded fresh basil leaves

Spray 5- to 6-quart slow cooker with cooking spray. Mix beans, onions, bell pepper, Italian seasoning, 1 tablespoon of the oil and 1 teaspoon of the salt in slow cooker.

Rub pork loin with remaining 1 tablespoon

oil, then rub in remaining 1 teaspoon salt. Heat 12-inch nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Cook pork in hot skillet 3 to 5 minutes on both large flat sides or until browned. Transfer to slow cooker. Pour tomatoes over pork. Cover; cook on Low heat setting 3 to 4 hours or until pork is cooked through (145°F in center).

Transfer pork to cutting board; let stand until cool enough to handle. Stir bean mixture in slow cooker; using slotted spoon, transfer to serving platter. Cut pork into 8 slices; place on top of bean mixture on platter, then top with mozzarella cheese. Cover platter with foil 3 to 5 minutes or until cheese melts. Remove foil; top with basil.

If you love Italian Cuisine as much as we do, you have to try Muriel’s in Fairmont. Oh my goodness! It is the best that I have ever had. It is authentic and the atmosphere is perfect. It is now one of our favorite places to go. If you have been there then you know what I mean! It is well worth the drive.

Sympathy is extended to the families of Bettie Lou Jarvis, Donald Ray Chapman, Kermit Lee Neff, Ronald Eugene Conner, Jean Augusta Clark, Raymond Huffman, Kenneth Wine, Alidene Perkins Bender, and Walter Sillman. Please keep them in your prayers.

“Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire: it is the time for home.”

- Edith Sitwell

Until next week, take care and God Bless!

COUNTY STORIES

By: JEANETTE RIFFLE

Finding Happiness in Hard Times

I was reading an article in the AARP Magazine that came in this past week that got me to thinking. It was written by Sari Harrar. Sari has written on health and science for over 25 years and writes frequently for AARP. Three strategies from her course and from other experts have been proven to increase happiness:

Connect. Human connection is the classic recipe, the chicken soup for happiness. Good relationships keep us happier and healthier. A sense of joy can reduce inflammation and stress that over time can break down joints, your cardiovascular system and your brain. It is not the number of friends we have but the quality of our relationships that matter.

Move.. and breath. Physical activity can boost your happiness by reducing stress and releasing the feel-good brain chemicals. Some people get a real mood

lift from exercise while others might enjoy spending time in nature. I remember the advice that my specialist, Dr. Courtney, of UHC gave me after my last joint replacement surgery. He said to get up, get dressed up and show up and that was exercise. I have followed his advice as much as possible and it does help to get out of the house on nice days for a change of scenery, fresh air and sunshine, even if I stay in the vehicle.

Take a moment to savor. Take a moment to enjoy a sunrise, the morning’s bird song and the joy of our pets. These are a few suggestions or you can recall a cherished memory, play music or linger over some old photos. A regular savoring habit can increase happiness for longer periods of time.

Older people who keep themselves physically, mentally and socially active, don’t get as upset when

things go wrong. They focus on the positive, on people and connections. People feel great when they have a sense of purpose. Reaching out to others gets us out of ourselves.

This Covid-19 virus has altered our lives in many ways and some people are dealing with fear and anxieties more than ever before. It is vital that we find ways to be happy. Happiness comes from within. The joy of the Lord is my strength and seeking His will each day brings happiness. Many people are depressed after Christmas. We need to reach out to them. I get on the phone and I can connect with relatives and friends on FB. When the weather gets decent so I don’t have to worry about falling on the ice, I can do Drive In Church , again.

Until next time, continue to be safe and stay well. God bless and keep you in his care!

THIS WEEK IN WEST VIRGINIA HISTORY

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

Jan. 26, 1850: Wyoming County was formed by the Virginia General Assembly from a part of Logan County.

Jan. 26, 1960: Burnsville High School basketball player Danny Heater scored 135 points in a varsity game against Widen, setting a national record. Heater went on to receive an academic scholarship to attend the University of Richmond.

legislature had passed a law requiring the building of state hospitals for those engaged in dangerous occupations, and eventually three hospitals were built in different sections of the state.

more than 40 films.

PAT’S CHAT

By: PAT RIDPATH



Thinking of our long time of little or no visiting due to Covid and then the extreme weather. As of next weekend, I will have lived 88 years.

Things have really changed when I think of how we fill in our hours during these stay-at-home days. I have this computer and can catch up on some correspondence more easily than I did in the past. In those days it was either a written note or an expensive long-distance call. We had no T.V. in those days. We played games, but not electronic ones. We did listen to the radio and had special ones we learned to love in those years.

Our imagination was our “television”! We could “see” the people and the happenings. I wonder if that was a stimulant to our brains, our imagination.

I found the following memories in some things written by my brother, Sonny. My younger brother, Sammy, drew pictures of things he thought of, remarkable pictures which led him to a career in advertising ads back before computers, so his ads were hand drawn from the newspapers in D. C.. Following is a letter written from somewhere Sonny was living or working and he

is obviously very homesick:

From a letter written home (Harry V. Wiant, Feb. 18, 1962)

“I can see the two maples, bare of leaves at this time of year, the long steps, and the house so full of good memories and love. The river flows as it did when I probed its secrets with Toby, the old shop kind of misses being used as a saloon for cowboy games, the ashes of many a campfire where we slept could still be found in the fields and woods. I miss the special sound of the wind around the eaves of the house when one is snug under many quilts, sounds that can never be duplicated elsewhere. The best the world has ever seen envied the foxes, for the Son of Man had no place to lay his head. Man, the smartest of the creatures, leaves the fields of home, driven by the need for success and fortune. Life that is less wise stays on familiar trails. In this respect is man the wiser? He searches through the world for he knows not what and forever dreams of the fields of home. “Mid pleasures or palaces” he fails to find what he left. That will only be found again in the better land.”

Then in another letter from Sonny, he is again lonely and homesick, I think:

From a letter to the folks at home (Sonny, Jan. 14, 1961)

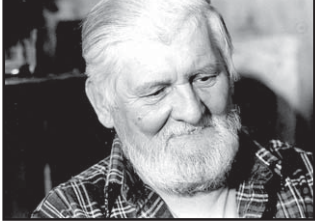
“It’s one of those rainy, foggy days, the kind of day one should do no more than throw a chunk of coal on the fire, give the dog a gentle stroke, and go to sleep curled up in the old rocking chair. After a good, long nap, one could make his way to the supper table and the thick slices of homemade bread with big chunks of butter, fresh milk, and everything else that makes a perfect meal, including a man-size serving of apple cobbler. Then, Pat or Mary would play from “The Golden Book of Favorites”, Carry Me Back to Old Virginia, Juanita, and Drink to Me Only with Thine Eyes, while we’d sing in happy, if not beautiful, voices. That night, one could snuggle in the big armchair with a good book and a big pan of popcorn. In the still of the night, when the town and the surrounding green hills are at rest, it was good to go out on the porch and take a deep breath of the damp but pure mountain air, then slip off to the big, comfortable bed and heavy, homey quilts. Ah! Home! The memories are burned so deep that neither time nor distance can erase one wonderful detail.”

I hope you have enjoyed these thoughts of “HOME” in those wonderful, long-ago days. You can understand why I miss my brothers so much.

Maranatha



Jan. 27, 1925: Bernard L. Coffindaffer was born in Nicholas County. In the 1980s and 1990s, Coffindaffer erected clusters of crosses along the highways of West Virginia and much of the Southeast.



Jan. 27. 1933: Folk artist George Connard Wolfe was born in Standard, Kanawha County. A self-trained sculptor, he made his own tools from automobile leaf springs and engine valves and worked in stone and wood.

Jan. 27-28, 1998: Flat Top on the Mercer-Raleigh county line received a record snowfall of 35 inches in a 24-hour period.



Jan. 28, 1902: Miners Hospital No. One opened at Welch, with a young Dr. Henry Hatfield as president. The



Jan. 28, 1937: In a flood that drove a million Ohio Valley residents from their homes, the Ohio River crested at Huntington at 69.45 feet, more than 19 feet above flood stage. By the time the water receded, five people were dead, and the city was in ruins.

Jan. 29, 1903: The great rhododendron was designated the official state flower of West Virginia, after being recommended by the governor and voted on by students in the public schools.

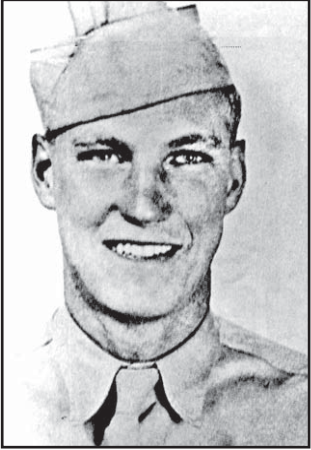
Jan. 30, 1818: Nicholas County was created by the Virginia legislature from parts of Greenbrier, Kanawha, and Randolph counties. The county was named for Wilson Cary Nicholas, a Virginia governor and U.S. senator who lived from 1761 to 1820.

Jan. 30, 1895: Mingo County was created from the southern part of Logan County. Mingo is the youngest county in West Virginia.

Jan. 31, 1878: Educator William Woodson Trent was born in rural Nicholas County. He served as state superintendent of schools from 1933 until 1957.

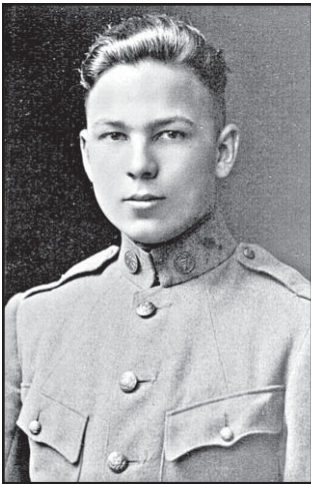


Jan. 31, 1922: Movie and television actress Joanne Dru was born Joan Letitia Lacock in Logan. Her movie career included



Jan. 31, 1945: Sergeant Jonah Edward Kelley of Mineral County was killed in action while leading his squad against German positions during World War II. He was awarded the Medal of Honor for his “superb courage.”

Feb. 1, 1832: Education reformer Alexander Luark Wade was born. Wade reorganized rural Monongalia County schools to require progress through eight prescribed levels with a graduating exercise and receipt of a diploma. Wade’s system worked so well, it was copied in other counties and states.



Feb. 1, 1901: Frank Buckles, the last known American veteran of World War I, was born in Missouri. Buckles purchased a farm in Charles Town in 1954 and continued to live there until his death in 2011.

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MAGISTRATE COURT

REPORT

Magistrate Beth Smith's Court
January 18: Charles R. Allen of Burnsville, possession of meth, guilty plea, transportation of prohibited items onto jail grounds, no probable cause found, possession with intent to deliver, no probable cause found, officer no longer with department, 90 days of jail with credit for time served of 18 days, remainder suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation, fine/court costs assessed; Carrie Nicole Brown of Sutton, obstructing an officer, guilty plea, obstructing an officer, dismissed per plea, battery on government employee, dismissed per plea, domestic assault, dismissed per plea, domestic battery, dismissed per plea, 30 days of jail with credit for time served of five days, remainder suspended and placed on seven months unsupervised probation, fine/court costs assessed.

January 19: Fnu Mohibulla of Rockwell, TX, obstructing an officer x4, fleeing on foot, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$7500 cash or surety.

January 23: Jerry Ray Hart of Sutton, possession with intent to deliver x2, meth and fentanyl, conspiracy, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$35,000 cash only; Bridgette Jayne Bender of Frametown, possession with intent to deliver x2, meth and fentanyl, conspiracy, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$35,000 cash only.

Magistrate David Singleton's Court
January 23: Anthony Paletti of Flatwoods, possession with intent to deliver x2, meth and heroin, conspiracy, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$35,000 cash only; Melissa S. Thompson of Gassaway, possession with intent to deliver x2, meth and heroin, conspiracy, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$35,000 cash only.

Grow This: West Virginia garden challenge

The Grow This: West Virginia Garden Challenge provides free seeds to anyone in West Virginia who fills out a short survey. Sign-ups for the 2022 season began January 1, 2022. This year's crops will be Roma tomatoes, cucumbers and Brussels sprouts. Visit the link to sign up here https://wvu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_Ova9aEcMFvgYdGS The program launched in 2018 and, for the first few years, had a few hundred participants statewide. But in 2020, as a result of COVID-19 lockdowns, more than 25,000 people signed up to receive seeds. Many were first-time gardeners. Family Nutrition Program staff also held events around the state to distribute seeds and allow gardeners to share plants and supplies. The program keeps in touch with participants via the Grow This Face-

Burnsville US Army Corps of Engineers announce DNR Trout stocking dates

Recently, the Burnsville US Army Corps of Engineers has been receiving several questions about the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources Trout Stocking Program. The West Virginia DNR will stock trout in the Burnsville Lake Tailwaters twice a month February through April and once in May. To see a list of all trout stocking locations across the state and to see the daily trout stocking report please visit <https://wvdnr.gov/fishing/fish-stocking/>. Follow the Burnsville US Army Corps of Engineers on Facebook to keep up with the most up to date information for additional information and changes.

Sutton Moose Lodge 825

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Sutton Moose Lodge 825 donations totaled over \$63,000 for 2021

American Legion Post #33	\$1,600.00
Braxton County Coalition	\$1,500.00
Braxton County High School Band Booster	\$5,500.00
Braxton County High School Football	\$264.00
Braxton County High School Prom	\$500.00
Braxton County High School Scholarships	\$4,000.00
Braxton County Little League	\$100.00
Braxton County Middle School	\$8,200.00
Braxton County Middle School Athletic Department	\$100.00
Braxton County Middle School Cheer	\$3,500.00
Braxton County Middle School Girls Basketball	\$1,000.00
Braxton County Middle School Girls Softball	\$1,700.00
Braxton County Redskins Football	\$500.00
Braxton County Soccer Club	\$2,860.00
Braxton County Youth Basketball League	\$300.00
Braxton County Youth Wrestling	\$2,500.00
Braxton Health Care Center	\$750.00
Burnsville Public Library	\$5,000.00
Elk Theater	\$287.00
Flatwoods Cardinals Little League	\$400.00
Landmark Studio for the Arts	\$2,000.00
Lodge #825 Member Distress Donations	\$6,500.00
Lodge #825 Member's Burial Fund Donation	\$1,125.00
Miscellaneous Donations	\$2,923.41
Moose Charities	\$1,890.00
Pleasant Hill Water Line Association	\$1,000.00
Sutton Community Development Corporation	\$200.00
Sutton Public Library	\$4,000.00
Town of Burnsville	\$1,000.00
West Virginia Bigfoot Festival	\$525.00
WV Moose Association	\$1,350.00
Youth Pool Party	\$309.28

DAVISSON BROTHERS BAND

The Davisson Brothers Band will be performing a semi-acoustic show on Saturday, January 29th from 9:00 PM to 11:00 PM

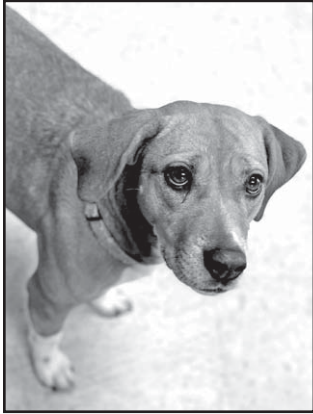
Tickets will be available at the lodge or via club officer. Advanced tickets are \$20.00 per person or \$25.00 at the door. This is a great time to come and check out your local Sutton Moose Lodge and see all the wonderful things we do for our local community, Mooseheart, Moosehaven, and Members. Open to the public - Membership drive. Follow us on Facebook.

Dog Stories from the Braxton Tales: County Animal Shelter

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

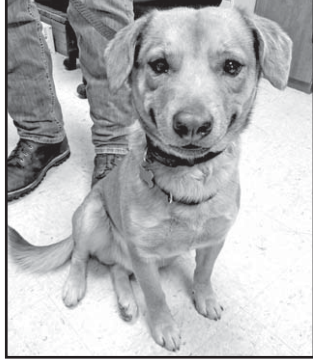


Giselle is a two year female Plott Hound. She was picked up by a man traveling through Braxton, who found her under a bridge. She's very friendly, has a big ol hound dog bark, walks well on a leash and seems a little playful but not overly energetic. We don't know a lot about her because she came to 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!

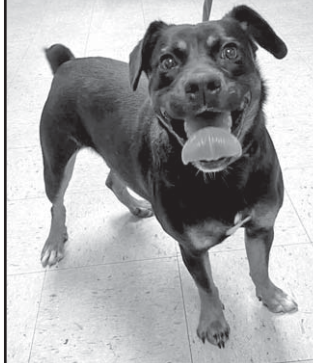


This little West Virginia brown dog is **Stella**. She came to the BCAS as a stray. Stella is around two and a half to three year old who weighs fourty pounds. She's affectionate but gentle, she won't jump up so we think she would do great with a family with children. Stella isn't a barker unless necessary. 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/BCAnimalShelter](https://www.paypal.com/BCAnimalShelter).

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Eagles win both basketball games played last week

Braxton won games over Gilmer and Frankfort last week. A 58-37 win over Gilmer came Wednesday night. Saturday, the Eagles outscored Frankfort 76-66.

Coach Josh Luncford commended three of his players for their performances against the Gilmer Titans. "William [Forbush] and D.J.[Coomes] both played well and their scoring showed that," he said. The coach also noted that Beau Liston pulled down 15 rebounds in a strong defensive effort. Offensively, Forbush led Braxton's scoring with 21 points, and Coomes added 18. Braxton's score included six 3's

Eagles' scoring in last week's games:		
Player	Gilmer	Frankfort
Spencer Bosely	2	0
D.J. Coomes	18	9
William Forbush	21	32
Beau Liston	4	9
Mason Abraham	4	8
Matthew Garavaglia	7	0
Jaxson Short	2	0

and a 4-8 performance at the foul line.

The Eagles' coach pointed out that Forbush and Liston both had huge games against Frankfort. Forbush had an outstanding game both offensively and defensively. He scored a team-high 32 points and, defensively, "shut down Frankfort's leading scorer in the second

half." Coach Luncford noted that Forbush held him to five points in the second half after he had scored 18 the first half. Other high points of the game included Lane Morrow's five 3's and the team's 13 for 17 success at the foul line. That performance was the team's best this season.

Frankfort junior varsity boys edge Braxton jv

Frankfort scored 47-45 home win over the Eagles in a junior var-

sity game played Saturday. Commenting on the game, Braxton coach

Robert Lloyd said, "We as a team had several small mistakes, but we were able to stay in the game." The coach said he took responsibility for the loss "for not making the proper adjustments towards the end of the game."

Logan Baldwin led the young Eagles with 10 points, and Jaxson Short added nine.

The team, whose game total included four three pointers, made 12 of 27 foul shots.



BCHS Wrestling team won Bob Zide "Rumble" wrestling Tournament with 202 pts.

Eagles win Bob Zide "Rumble" wrestling tournament

Braxton's Colton Moore chosen Most Outstanding Wrestler

In the Bob Zide wrestling tournament at Williamstown High Saturday, Braxton wrestlers finished first with 202 points. Riverside and Winfield, each with 146 ½ points, tied for second.

Three Braxton wrestlers- Logan Bennett, 152, Bryce Leegan, 182, and Colton Moore, 195,

earned individual championships, and Moore received the MOW award. In the championship bout at 195, he defeated the state's #1 ranked AA wrestler.

For the championship at 182, Leegan defeated Logan Howell, who came into the tournament at 31-0. Braxton also had three runners-

up—Blayne Jarvis, 138, Bryson Spell, 170, and Ryder McLaughlin, 285.

Coach Sterling Beane said he felt Braxton's wrestlers did well. "They wrestled hard and were able to pull away and win the tournament." He also noted that he feels the Eagles are wrestling tougher competition this year.

Braxton's next competition will be Friday and Saturday in the WSAZ tournament.

BCMS KNIGHTS

Sports are now featured in the Braxton Democrat-Central

Weight Class	Wrestler	Record Saturday	Place
113	Braydon Helmick	2 wins, 2 losses	5th
122	Anthony Currence	3 wins, 2 losses	6th
132	Andrew Brandt	3 wins, 2 losses	6th
138	Blayne Jarvis	2 wins, 1 loss	2nd
145	Andrew McCallister	1 win, 2 losses	DNP
152	Logan Bennett	3 wins, 0 losses	1st
160	Jackson Davis	2 wins, 2 losses	5th
170	Bryson Spell	2 wins, 1 loss	2nd
182	Bryce Leegan	3 wins, 0 losses	1st
195	Colton Moore	3 wins, 0 losses	1St, MVW
220	Justin Bishop	2 wins, 2 losses	4th
285	Ryder McLaughlin	2 wins, 1 loss	2nd

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5th and 6th grade youth basketball teams take to the court

This past Sunday, January 23rd, the Braxton County Youth Basketball League had another fun filled day of basketball games.

The basketball games kicked off at 1:00 with the 3rd/4th grade league.

This week we wanted to showcase our 5th/6th grade teams. Our 5th/6th graders are made up of two teams from Gassaway, the Elks and Razorbacks.

One Sutton team, the Blue Devils, one Frametown team, the Firehawks, one Flatwoods team the Falcons, and one Burnsville team, the

Lakers.

The competition among these players is heating up as we head into our last regular season game held this Sunday, January 30th at Braxton County Middle School.

The Youth Basketball League Tournament will be held February 5th with the Championship games being held on Sunday, February 6th.

Learning the fundamentals and the love of the sport has been a number one goal all season with this Youth League and one that appears to have been achieved.



The Blue Devils, The Firehawks, The Falcons, The Lakers dribbled their hearts out on the basketball court this past Sunday putting their new found skills to use as they work together for a win. Photos courtesy of the Braxton County Youth Basketball League.



LEGAL NOTICES

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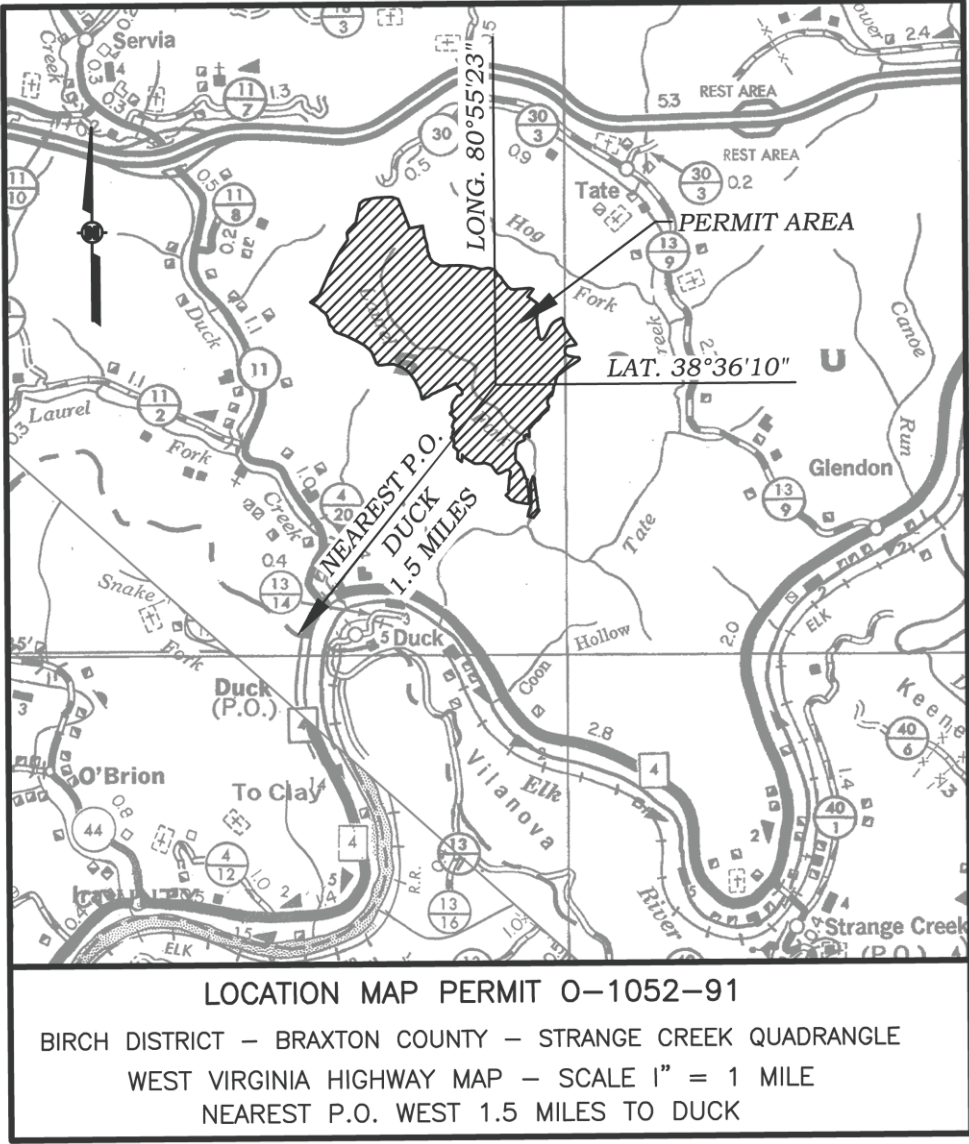
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Notice is hereby given that Wolfpen Knob Development Company LLC, 1000 Consol Energy Dr., Suite 100, Canonsburg, PA 15317 has a permit on file with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for the surface mining of approximately 497.44 acres and has submitted an application to the DEP, 47 School Street, Suite 301, Philippi, WV 26416-1600, for renewal of Article 3 Permit Number O105291 to construct and operate a coal refuse disposal facility and belt-line in the N/A seam of coal. The operation is discharging into Laurel Fork of Tate Creek of the Elk River of the Kanawha River and is located 1.5 miles, northeast of Duck in Birch District of Braxton County, Longitude 80° 55' 23" and

Latitude 38° 36' 10" (Coordinates from USGS Topographic Map). Surface of the area associated herewith is owned by: Wolfpen Knob Development Company LLC, 1000 Consol Energy Drive, Suite 100, Canonsburg, PA 15317. Surface of the area within 100 feet of the permit area is owned by: Sandra R. Watson and/or Robert G. Watson, 1622 Servia Elmira Road, Duck, WV 25063; Judith A. Hall (l/e) and Shanna R. Hall, 24 Mollohan Road, Duck, WV 25063; Richard Dobbins, 3398 Servia Elmira Road, Duck, WV 25063; and, Raymond C. Hart and Cristie M. Miller, P.O. Box 141, Rosedale, WV 26630. Written comments and/or requests for an informal conference of the permit renewal application

shall identify the applicant and application number and will be received by the Permit Supervisor at the DEP address above until March 17, 2022, or thirty (30) days from the date of final publication. A copy of the application will be available for review until March 17, 2022, or thirty (30) days from the date of final publication in the DEP Regional Office located at the address above and is available at: http://apps.dep.wv.gov/WebApp/_dep/Search/ePermitting/ePermittingApplicationSearchPage.cfm The above link can be accessed from a computer at all West Virginia public libraries. DEP Telephone Number: 304-457-3219 Permit Number: O105291

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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

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

NOTICE TO REDEEM
2020-S-00000048 - Braxton County – WVTL LLC
To: DEBORAH ANN WASLYK, OCCUPANT, OCCUPANT, IRS, ATTN: TECHNICAL SERVICES ADVISORY GROUP MANAGER, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all unknown heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.
DISTRICT BIRCH MAP 9999 PARCEL 0005 0000
You will take notice that WVTL LLC, the purchaser of tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2020-S-00000048, 35AC STEER CREEK, located in BIRCH, which was returned delinquent in the name of WASLYK DEBORAH ANN, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Braxton County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 20th day of October, 2020, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2022, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2022 will be as follows:
Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 31, 2022.-\$868.75
Amount of subsequent years taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2022.-\$695.83
Amount paid for Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2021 following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2022.-\$1,107.29
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2022.-\$129.39
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff – cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Lou Dellamea, Sheriff and Treasurer of Braxton County.-\$2,801.26
Cost of Certification of Redemption – cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.-\$35.00
You may redeem at any time before March 31, 2022, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.
Return to: WV State Auditor's Office, County Collections Division,

1900 Kanawha Blvd East, Building 1, Room W-114 Charleston, West Virginia, 25305. Questions please call 1-888-509-6568 option 2 1-25 2-8b

NOTICE TO REDEEM
2020-S-00000056 - Braxton County – WVTL LLC
To: CAMDEN FOX HRS, FRED FOX, JANE CUTLIP, ROY CUTLIP, JOAN SHRIVER, JOHN HALL, JOHN HALL, EARL FOX, HERMAN FOX, JENNIE HALL, AUGUSTA CURVY, ANNA FAST, GORDON FOX, JOHN FOX, GEORGE FOX, AGNES JANE FOX, REBECCA DUFFIELD, ELLE DUFFIELD, ANNA JEAN GREENE, FRED FOX II, KELLEY ANN HALL, LEAH FOX, LEAH FOX MORRISON, MARY ANN HALL, HOLLY ANN HALL CONRAD, ROBERT R HALL, ROBERT A HALL, LELAND SHRIVER, JUDY TULLY, JUDY TILLY, JUDITH TULLY, GEORGE R FOX, SUSAN FOX, THE HEIRS OF CAMDEN FOX, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CAMDEN FOX, IRS, ATTN: TECHNICAL SERVICES ADVISORY GROUP MANAGER, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all unknown heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.
DISTRICT BIRCH MAP 9999 PARCEL 0001 9910
You will take notice that WVTL LLC, the purchaser of tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2020-S-00000056, OG 1/2 OF 81 AC TATE, located in BIRCH, which was returned delinquent in the name of FOX CAMDEN HRS, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Braxton County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 20th day of October, 2020, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2022, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2022 will be as follows:
Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 31, 2022.-\$103.30
Amount of subsequent years taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2022.-\$8.86
Amount paid for Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2021 following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2022.-\$4,565.81
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff – cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Lou Dellamea, Sheriff and Treasurer

of Braxton County.-\$6,200.08
Cost of Certification of Redemption – cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.-\$35.00
You may redeem at any time before March 31, 2022, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.
Return to: WV State Auditor's Office, County Collections Division, 1900 Kanawha Blvd East, Building 1, Room W-114 Charleston, West Virginia, 25305. Questions please call 1-888-509-6568 option 2 1-25 2-8b

NOTICE TO REDEEM
2020-S-00000057 - Braxton County – WVTL LLC
To: CAMDEN FOX HRS, FRED FOX, JANE CUTLIP, ROY CUTLIP, JOAN SHRIVER, JOHN HALL, JOHN HALL, EARL FOX, HERMAN FOX, JENNIE HALL, AUGUSTA CURVY, ANNA FAST, GORDON FOX, JOHN FOX, GEORGE FOX, AGNES JANE FOX, REBECCA DUFFIELD, ELLE DUFFIELD, ANNA JEAN GREENE, FRED FOX II, KELLEY ANN HALL, LEAH FOX, LEAH FOX MORRISON, MARY ANN HALL, HOLLY ANN HALL CONRAD, ROBERT R HALL, ROBERT A HALL, LELAND SHRIVER, JUDY TULLY, JUDY TILLY, JUDITH TULLY, GEORGE R FOX, SUSAN FOX, THE HEIRS OF CAMDEN FOX, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CAMDEN FOX, CAMDEN FOX HRS, IRS, ATTN: TECHNICAL SERVICES ADVISORY GROUP MANAGER, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all unknown heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.
DISTRICT BIRCH MAP 9999 PARCEL 0001 9920
You will take notice that WVTL LLC, the purchaser of tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2020-S-00000057, OG 1/2 OF 73 AC N S ELK, located in BIRCH, which was returned delinquent in the name of FOX CAMDEN HRS, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Braxton County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 20th day of October, 2020, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2022, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2022 will be as follows:
Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 31, 2022.-\$102.30
Amount of subsequent years taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2022.-\$7.96
Amount paid for Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2021 following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2022.-\$1,537.35
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2022.-\$4,708.94
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff – cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Lou Dellamea, Sheriff and Treasurer of Braxton County.-\$6,356.55
Cost of Certification of Redemption – cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.-\$35.00
You may redeem at any time before March 31, 2022, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.
Return to: WV State Auditor's Office, County Collections Division, 1900 Kanawha Blvd East, Building 1, Room W-114 Charleston, West Virginia, 25305. Questions please call 1-888-509-6568 option 2 1-25 2-8b

NOTICE TO REDEEM
2020-S-00000058 - Braxton County – WVTL LLC
To: CAMDEN FOX HRS, FRED FOX, JANE CUTLIP, ROY CUTLIP, JOAN SHRIVER, JOHN HALL, JOHN HALL, EARL FOX, HERMAN FOX, JENNIE HALL, AUGUSTA CURVY, ANNA FAST, GORDON FOX, JOHN FOX, GEORGE FOX, AGNES JANE FOX, REBECCA DUFFIELD, ELLE DUFFIELD, ANNA JEAN GREENE, FRED FOX II, KELLEY ANN HALL, LEAH FOX, LEAH FOX MORRISON, MARY ANN HALL, HOLLY ANN HALL CONRAD, ROBERT R HALL, ROBERT A HALL, LELAND SHRIVER, JUDY TULLY, JUDY TILLY, JUDITH TULLY, GEORGE R FOX, SUSAN FOX, THE HEIRS OF CAMDEN FOX, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CAMDEN FOX, IRS, ATTN: TECHNICAL SERVICES ADVISORY GROUP MANAGER, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all unknown heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.
DISTRICT BIRCH MAP 9999 PARCEL 0001 9930
You will take notice that WVTL LLC, the purchaser of tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2020-S-00000058, OG 1/2 OF 32 AC N S ELK, located in BIRCH, which was returned delinquent in the name of FOX CAMDEN HRS, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Braxton County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 20th day of October, 2020, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2022, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2022 will be as follows:
Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 31, 2022.-\$111.20
Amount of subsequent years taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2022.-\$16.10
Amount paid for Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2021 following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2022.-\$1,140.95
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2022.-\$717.56
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff – cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Lou Dellamea, Sheriff and Treasurer of Braxton County.-\$1,985.81
Cost of Certification of Redemption – cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.-\$35.00
You may redeem at any time before March 31, 2022, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.
Return to: WV State Auditor's Office, County Collections Division, 1900 Kanawha Blvd East, Building 1, Room W-114 Charleston, West Virginia, 25305. Questions please call 1-888-509-6568 option 2 1-25 2-8b

NOTICE TO REDEEM
2020-S-00000062 - Braxton County – WVTL LLC
To: DOROTHY SHOLES FRITZ, JOHN SHOLES, DOROTHY SHOLES FRITZ, OCCUPANT, IRS, ATTN: TECHNICAL SERVICES ADVISORY GROUP MANAGER, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all unknown heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.
DISTRICT BURNSVILLE CORP MAP 4 PARCEL 0142 0001
You will take notice that WVTL LLC, the purchaser of tax lien(s) on the following real estate,

thereon was sold by the sheriff of Braxton County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 20th day of October, 2020, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2022, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2022 will be as follows:
Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 31, 2022.-\$97.37
Amount of subsequent years taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2022.-\$3.43
Amount paid for Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2021 following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2022.-\$1,522.11
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2022.-\$4,565.81
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff – cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Lou Dellamea, Sheriff and Treasurer of Braxton County.-\$6,188.72
Cost of Certification of Redemption – cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.-\$35.00
You may redeem at any time before March 31, 2022, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.
Return to: WV State Auditor's Office, County Collections Division, 1900 Kanawha Blvd East, Building 1, Room W-114 Charleston, West Virginia, 25305. Questions please call 1-888-509-6568 option 2 1-25 2-8b

NOTICE TO REDEEM
2020-S-00000061 - Braxton County – WVTL LLC
To: MAURICE K BEARESE, ANNE L BEARESE, MAURICE BEARESE, ANNE BEARESE, ANNE L BEARESE, MAURICE BEARESE, JAMES DOUGLAS, ELAINE DOUGLAS, BEARESE MAURICE, BEARESE ANNE L, IRS, ATTN: TECHNICAL SERVICES ADVISORY GROUP MANAGER, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all unknown heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.
DISTRICT BIRCH MAP 9999 PARCEL 0571 0001
You will take notice that WVTL LLC, the purchaser of tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2020-S-00000061, 17 ACRES OG UPPER MILL RUN UNDER 47-14, located in, BIRCH which was returned delinquent in the name of BEARESE MAURICE K, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Braxton County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 20th day of October, 2020, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2022, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2022 will be as follows:
Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 31, 2022.-\$111.20
Amount of subsequent years taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2022.-\$16.10
Amount paid for Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2021 following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2022.-\$1,140.95
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2022.-\$717.56
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff – cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Lou Dellamea, Sheriff and Treasurer of Braxton County.-\$1,985.81
Cost of Certification of Redemption – cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.-\$35.00
You may redeem at any time before March 31, 2022, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.
Return to: WV State Auditor's Office, County Collections Division, 1900 Kanawha Blvd East, Building 1, Room W-114 Charleston, West Virginia, 25305. Questions please call 1-888-509-6568 option 2 1-25 2-8b

NOTICE TO REDEEM
2020-S-00000062 - Braxton County – WVTL LLC
To: DOROTHY SHOLES FRITZ, JOHN SHOLES, DOROTHY SHOLES FRITZ, OCCUPANT, IRS, ATTN: TECHNICAL SERVICES ADVISORY GROUP MANAGER, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all unknown heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.
DISTRICT BURNSVILLE CORP MAP 4 PARCEL 0142 0001
You will take notice that WVTL LLC, the purchaser of tax lien(s) on the following real estate,

thereon was sold by the sheriff of Braxton County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 20th day of October, 2020, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2022, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2022 will be as follows:
Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 31, 2022.-\$1,107.25
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2022.-\$1,101.25
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2022.-\$258.78
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff – cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Lou Dellamea, Sheriff and Treasurer of Braxton County.-\$2,249.81
Cost of Certification of Redemption – cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.-\$35.00
You may redeem at any time before March 31, 2022, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.
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NOTICE TO REDEEM
2020-S-00000064 - Braxton County – WVTL LLC
To: COASTAL COAL-WEST VIRGINIA LLC, LARRY METZ, ANR COAL-WEST VIRGINIA LLC, LARRY METZ, LARRY METZ, BROOKS RUN MINING COMPANY LLC, IRS, ATTN: TECHNICAL SERVICES ADVISORY GROUP MANAGER, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all unknown heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.
DISTRICT HOLLY MAP 9Q PARCEL 0102 0000
You will take notice that WVTL LLC, the purchaser of tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2020-S-00000064, 1.10 AC WOLF & BUCKEYE 1780, located in HOLLY, which was returned delinquent in the name of COASTAL COAL-WEST VIRGINIA LLC, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Braxton County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 20th day of October, 2020, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2022, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2022 will be as follows:
Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 31, 2022.-\$119.69
Amount of subsequent years taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2022.-\$24.96
Amount paid for Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2021 following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2022.-\$1,173.97
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2022.-\$345.04
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff – cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Lou Dellamea, Sheriff and Treasurer of Braxton County.-\$1,663.66
Cost of Certification of Redemption – cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.-\$35.00
You may redeem at any time before March 31, 2022, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.
Return to: WV State Auditor's Office, County Collections Division, 1900 Kanawha Blvd East, Building 1, Room W-114 Charleston, West Virginia, 25305. Questions please call 1-888-509-6568 option 2 1-25 2-8b

NOTICE TO REDEEM
2020-S-00000070 - Braxton County – WVTL LLC
To: COASTAL COAL-WEST VIRGINIA LLC, COASTAL COAL-WEST VIRGINIA LLC, COASTAL COAL-WEST VIRGINIA LLC, BROOKS RUN MINING COMPANY LLC, IRS, ATTN: TECHNICAL SERVICES ADVISORY GROUP MANAGER, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all unknown heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.
DISTRICT BURNSVILLE CORP MAP 4 PARCEL 0142 0001
You will take notice that WVTL LLC, the purchaser of tax lien(s) on the following real estate,

NOTICE TO REDEEM
2020-S-00000070 - Braxton County – WVTL LLC
To: COASTAL COAL-WEST VIRGINIA LLC, COASTAL COAL-WEST VIRGINIA LLC, COASTAL COAL-WEST VIRGINIA LLC, BROOKS RUN MINING COMPANY LLC, IRS, ATTN: TECHNICAL SERVICES ADVISORY GROUP MANAGER, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all unknown heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.
DISTRICT BURNSVILLE CORP MAP 4 PARCEL 0142 0001
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Please turn to LEGALS page 12

Find your next adventure at Gerald R. Freeman Campground

Gerald Freeman Campground is nestled in the headwaters of Sutton Lake in central West Virginia. This large campground offers one hundred and fifty-eight campsites. one hundred and thirteen sites have electric hookups and thirty-seven sites have full hookups. Boat ramps and a marina with a snack bar are located on-site. Younger visitors love the campground's playgrounds and basketball courts. Other facilities include hot showers, flushable toilets, water fountains, and two trailer water and dump stations. Gerald R. Freeman Campground Fees: Full-Hook-Up campsites \$40.00 per night Standard Electric campsites \$30.00 per night NON-Electric Campsites \$24.00 Campsites 1-65 Campsites 66-156 Opens: April 15, 2022 Gerald R. Freeman Campground Memorial Day Weekend (May 27th to May 30th) 2022 Opens: May 24, July 4th) 2022 Closes: December 1, 2022 Closes: September 5, 2022 Gerald R. Freeman Campground Memorial Day Weekend (May 27th to May 30th) 2022 • 64 Reservation made as of 01/11/2022 • 43 NON-Electric campsites available • 9 FULL-HOOK-UPS available • 38 Standard Electric campsites available Reservations can be made 180 day in advance for camping. If you would like to make a reservation for Gerald R. Freeman Campground, please call the R1S Customer Service Desk toll-free at 1-877-444-6777 or visit the internet at www.Recreation.gov.



Gerald R. Freeman Campground.
2022 Opens: May 24, July 4th)
2022 Closes: December 1, 2022 Closes: September 5, 2022
Gerald R. Freeman Campground Memorial Day Weekend (May 27th to May 30th)
• 88 Reservation made as of 01/11/2022
• 43 NON-Electric campsites available
• 23 Standard Electric campsites available
• NO FULL-HOOK-UPS
Gerald R. Freeman Campground 4th of July Weekend (July 1st to

Need for blood donors at all-time high February 15th from 1:00-6:00 P.M. at WVU BCMH

Blood supplies are at a critical low, and WVU Medicine is urging eligible donors to find a nearby blood drive. "Blood is a life-saving resource for surgical, trauma, cancer, and other patients," Michael Edmond, M.D., WVU Medicine chief medical officer, said. "It is a resource that can only be obtained by the selfless act of blood donation. Critically low supply levels like we experience now make it challenging to provide care to those who depend on it." According to the American Red Cross, one donation can save up to three lives, and the typical blood transfusion recipient receives three units of blood. You may be eligible to donate blood if you are in good health and feeling well, are at least 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds, and have not donated blood in the last 56 days. "Blood donation only takes a few minutes of your time, but it can make an enormous impact on someone's life," Dr. Edmond said. "I strongly encourage everyone to donate blood if they are able." Find a blood drive near you at Vitalant.org or RedCrossBlood.org.

Braxton Books for Babies continues monthly online book readings

Braxton Books For Babies, a free program that encourages literacy development for children prior to school enrollment (birth to four years of age), offers a registration form on their Facebook page for the first seventy-five families to sign up and participate in fun, educational books and activities. Once families are notified, packets are ready for pickup at the Board of Education Office. Families are instructed to drive through to get their packets. The packets include all their books and activities for the month. The following dates are for February 2022 to April 2022: February theme is Dr. Seuss, Registration is on Tuesday, February 1st, and Packet pick up will February 15th from 10:00 to 11:00 A.M. at



Children learned all about hibernation in January.
the Board of Education Office, Facebook live will be on February 18th at 10:00 A.M. March theme is Eric Carle, Registration is on Tuesday, March 1st, and Packet pick up will be on March 15th from 10:00 to 11:00 A.M. at the Board of Education Office, Facebook live will be on March 18th at 10:00 A.M. April theme is Re-

Braxton County Animal Shelter thank you note

Max would like to say thank you on behalf of the entire Braxton County Animal Shelter, to everyone who has donated from our Amazon Wishlist and monetarily via PayPal for Betty White's 100th birthday! We are so very blessed with the best followers, adopters and rescues. Without you we wouldn't be able to help these precious pups with vetting needs and finding them amazing homes and rescue placements. Betty would have been incredibly proud of what her birthday meant to shelter and rescue animals all across the country this year! She was a lifelong animal advocate with a special place in her heart for dogs, so we say thank you Betty for being a voice to those who have no voice and most



Caption
of all thank you to our community for continuing to be a friend to our small local animal shelter. #BettyWhiteChallenge
Max came to our shelter in April as a puppy and was returned in early November for chasing chickens. He has spent the last 3 months with us and would love to have a forever home of his own. He is a special boy who is smart, gentle, patient and so kind. He is eager to please his human, treat motivated, walks well on leash and would make a loyal, loving companion. Max is one of the best good boys we have right now. If you'd like to add a heart of gold to your life give us a call to meet him

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Meet a Food Banker

Elk Conservation District hosts Annual plant and tree sale

This week we're highlighting Britnie Anderson!

Britnie joined our team as a Mobile Food Pantry Assistant in 2020 but now serves as our Lead Produce Packer.

She leads a crew in receiving and shipping produce across our service area. Britnie receives various shipments and then packages produce into approximately 4,000 mixed produce boxes to be distributed through our programs.

Britnie enjoys helping others so working at Mountaineer Food Bank is a natural fit.

Thank you, Britnie, for all you do!



Britnie Anderson is named MBF employee of the month

New River CTC announces fall 2021 President's and Dean's List students

Over 220 New River Community and Technical College students were named to the President's and Dean's List for the fall 2021 semester.

President's List students must carry a minimum of 12 semester hours and earn a grade point average (GPA) of 4.0 for the semester, not including foundational courses.

President Dr. Bonny Copenhaver announced that the following students have earned the President's List designation for the fall 2021 semester:

Frametown: Eliska Morgan Brady, Lorien Galadriel Gendreau.

Dean's List students must carry a minimum of 12 semester hours (foundational courses do not count toward the minimum requirement), earn a GPA of 3.25 for the semester or better and fail no courses.

President Copenhaver announced that the following students have earned the Dean's List designation for the fall 2021 semester:

Frametown: Christian Mikal Brown, Christopher H. Hamrick, Katie Hamrick.

Sutton: Nicole Marie Longcoy.

New River CTC offers more than 60 degree and certificate programs. For information on college programs, visit www.newriver.edu, email admissions@newriver.edu or call 1-866-349-3739.

It is time for the Annual Elk CD Plant and Tree sale.

The Elk Conservation District is conducting their annual plant and tree sale of the following items as a service to the residents of Braxton, Clay, Nicholas and Webster counties: Cortland, Crimson Crisp, Golden Delicious, Granny Smith, Honeycrisp, and Yellow Transparent Apple trees; Jubileum Cherry trees; John Boy and Red Haven Peach trees; Potomac and Shenandoah Pear trees; Methley and Victory Plum trees; Arapaho Blackberry plants; Heritage (Red) and Jewel (Black) Raspberry plants; Ozark Beauty Strawberry plants; Blue Ray and Jersey Blueberry plants.

Quantities are limited and will be sold on a first-come first-served basis. Please call the ECD office at 304-765-2535 or email ecd@wvca.us to obtain an order form. Order deadline is March 15, 2022, and pick up will be Wednesday & Thursday, March 30 & 31, 2022 at the locations designated on the order forms. There will be a pick-up location in each county.

Braxton County Soccer Club announces Spring 2022 soccer season registration

BCSC Early Bird Registration ends on January 31st



Spring 2022 soccer season begins on March 14th, sign up today for a Early Bird discount!

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.

Registration cost for U6-U18 (Birth years 2017-2004) players is \$45 per player. After January 31st, Registration cost will increase.

To register, use the "sign up" button at the top of our Facebook page or this link to the BCSC webpage: <http://clubs.bluesombrero.com/braxtoncountysc>

You will be required to upload a copy of the player's birth certificate and a photo of the player at registration.

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Please ask us about the Volunteer discount before you register your players!

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

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