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Expired registration leads to drug arrests

Deputy A.L. Groves of the Braxton County Sheriff's Department spotted a Chevrolet Suburban with an expired registration just after 5:00 a.m. Sunday, January 23. When the officer stopped



the vehicle, he discovered it was occupied by Anthony Paletti of Flatwoods and Melissa S. Thompson of Gassaway.

During initial questioning Deputy Groves found the driver, Paletti, to be, what he termed in the criminal complaint "extremely nervous." Cpl. C.E. Westfall arrived on scene and witnessed the same activity. Based on the suspicious behavior, the officers requested that Chief S.L. Brown of the Flatwoods Police Department bring his K-9, Breck, to the scene. When Chief

Brown deployed his dog on the vehicle it gave a positive indication on the driver's door.

A search of the vehicle followed and revealed a set of digital scales found in Ms. Thompson's purse. The K-9 also gave a positive indication on Ms. Thompson's person. Questioning by the officers led to Thompson confessing that she had illegal substances in her pants which she voluntarily retrieved.

Upon examination, officers found one bag containing a large amount of a brown powdery sub-

stance believed to be Heroin. A second bag contained a crystal-like substance believed to be methamphetamine. The female told the officers that Paletti had instructed her to put the substances in her pants when officers initiated the traffic stop. Officers also confiscated \$716 in cash from the driver's person.

Both were arrested on two charges of possession of a controlled substance with the intent to deliver and one count of conspiracy. They were arraigned before Braxton County Magistrate David Singleton who set their bond at \$25,000 cash only for each of them. At press-time both were still lodged in the Central Regional Jail in lieu of that bond awaiting further court proceedings.

County 9-1-1 call volume drops slightly in 2021

At last Friday's Braxton County Commission meeting OES/9-1-1 Director John Hoffman presented a report that detailed the number of times individuals called the emergency communications center during the calendar year of 2021. Those numbers reflect a slight decrease in the total number of calls received. Hoffman stated the decline was a reflection of decreased activity due to the COVID pandemic and an 8.5% decrease in the

county's population that was reflected in the latest census.

Braxton Control handled a staggering total of 29,779 during 2021. That equates to an average of 81.5 calls during every 24 hours period.

Of that call volume, 8,707 were 9-1-1 type calls. A break down of those calls reveal 2,791 pertained to the various law enforcement agencies in the county. The seven fire departments in the county received 1,298 calls during the pe-

riod. Two thousand ninety-four of those calls were relayed to the Emergency Ambulance Service. The Office of Emergency Services handled 9 calls.

Though the total number of calls may be down slightly that doesn't translate into less work for the two-person teams of dispatchers that work around the clock. In time of major or multiple emergencies it is not uncommon for the communications center to receive hundreds of calls in a single hour.

Braxton included in FEMS emergency funding

On Tuesday, U.S. Senator Joe Manchin, member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, announced \$2,134,042 from the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has been allocated to counties across West Virginia as part of the Emergency Food and Shelter Program. Braxton County is among the areas receiving the funding.

This funding will be used to provide food and housing to West Virginians experiencing food insecurity

and homelessness. The American Rescue Plan provided \$1,611,995 through FEMA and the remaining \$522,047 was allocated through annual appropriations.

"Every West Virginian should have access to quality, affordable food and a roof over their head at night. Addressing food insecurity and housing instability continues to be one of my top priorities, and I am pleased FEMA is investing more than \$2 million across the state to provide food and housing assistance to West Virginians in need. Three

quarters of this funding is allocated through the American Rescue Plan, which has been a lifeline for many West Virginians currently experiencing homelessness," said Senator Manchin. "I will continue to advocate for funding and resources to support West Virginians experiencing homelessness."

Braxton County will receive \$15,813 in funding through the American Rescue Plan. The county will also receive \$5,116 in additional funding through annual appropriations.

B of E Holds Meeting

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

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

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.

She then 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.

Superintendent 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 look 10+ years out to see if it would be an option long term in the budget. That way it would not be something given to employees then have to be removed in just a few years' time due to the 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 Mollohan, substitute aid, Samantha Davis, preschool supervisory/instructional/transportation aide/ECCAT, Burnsville, and Jamie Given, assistant wrestling 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.

Magistrates Report

Magistrate Beth Smith

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 ar-

rest, 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

January 23: Anthony Paletti of Flatwoods, possession with intent to deliver x2, meth and heroin, conspiracy, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$25,000 cash only; Melissa S. Thompson of Gassaway, possession with intent to deliver x2, meth and heroin, conspiracy, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$25,000 cash only.

Sutton Town Council holds work session

The Common Council of the Town of Sutton met for a work session on Tuesday evening, January 11, 2022 in the Council Chambers on the first floor of the Municipal Building. Mayor JD Hoover called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

Present were council members: Marsha Lloyd, Catherine Hoover, Robyn Dolan, Steve Facemire and Beth Atkins. Recorder Laurel Petolicchio was absent due to illness. Also present were Becky and Randy Conrad

The council discussed the SCDC- Sutton Community Development Corporation's plans for the city. Becky Conrad gave a brief history of the SCDC, how it was formed and what they are working on. They request a liaison be ap-

pointed from the council to attend their meetings to promote more cohesion between the two organizations.

They presented a list of projects that they are considering. They wanted the council's input so that they could finalize their projects at their planning meeting on January 20th. The council decided not to go further with the community park on Main Street in the burned out building that Craig Smith donated to the town. All other projects the council was in support of.

The council discussed holding a public auction. It will be called a surplus sale to be held on January 29, 2022 10:00am - 2:00pm, at the old Act II building on the corner of Main St and Haymond Ave. All items in the building will be sold.

A notice will be put in the paper, flyers will be displayed throughout the community and surrounding areas, and notification will be placed on the town webpage. Also town council would like to encourage the community to use the town webpage, www.Suttonwv.com, for notifications and information.

Council members also discussed fixing all the plumbing in the community building using the American Cares Act Funds.

The Town of Sutton has several applicants to interview at the next regular meeting which was briefly discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Burnsville News...

Veteran's Banners: The Town of Burnsville is now accepting sponsors for their Hometown Hero Veteran's Banners which will be hung on the street poles in Burnsville. There are a limited number of poles and will be available on a first come, first serve basis. Deadline for orders is

February 15th. For more information, please contact the Mayor's office at 304-853-2605.

Spaghetti Dinner: The Burnsville Freedom Festival will be hosting a dine-in or carry out Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, February 12th from 3-6pm at the Burnsville Community

Center. Family/kids pictures can also be taken with the Lady and the Tramp backdrop. Menu includes spaghetti, salad, bread, drink & dessert. Price is by donation only. To place a carry out order on the day of the dinner please call Suzanne at 304-402-8853 or Deanna at 304-678-9145.



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Legislative Update

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 the state.

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

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

Obituaries

Kenneth "Kenny" Lee Wine
Kenneth "Kenny" Lee Wine, 77, of Burnsville, WV passed away Friday, January 21, 2022 at Stone Valley Memorial Hospital.



Kenny was born on October, 29, 1944 in Mingo Junction, Ohio. He is preceded in death by his Parents: Howard and Nellie Wine; Brothers: Howard, Paul and Marvin.

Kenny retired from the Department of Highways with 32-years of service. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, cookouts, camping, swimming, and boating. Kenny cherished the time he spent with his wife, children and grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara, whom he was married to for 54 years; Brothers: Ronnie (Lefty), Harold, Donnie (Poncho), and Willie; Sister: Teresa Cutlip, Sheila Dobbins, Barbara Singleton, Brenda Stalnaker, Linda Farley, and Zelma Nicholson; Son: Phillip Wine; Daughters: Peggy Vankirk, Nina Denison and Judy Shackelford all of his children reside in West Virginia. Kenny had 10-Grandchildren; 5-Great Grandchildren and several Nieces and Nephews.

Family received friends for visitation on Wednesday, January 26, 2022 from 11:00-1:00 PM. Funeral service were held at 1:00 PM with Pastor Tim Ramsey officiating. Interment will follow at K of P Cemetery, Burnsville, WV.

Stockert Funeral Home & Cremation is honored to serve the family of Kenny Wine.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Kenneth Lee Wine, please visit our Heartfelt Sympathies Store.

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

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

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

Alidene Perkins Bender
Alidene Perkins Bender, 86, of Flatwoods, WV

passed away Saturday, January 22, 2022 surrounded by her loving family when she gained her angel wings.

She was born March 27, 1935 to parents William Perkins and Laura Jane Tharp Perkins. Alidene is preceded in death by her parents; Husband: Jackson Bender; Brothers: Frankie, Lawrence, James, Garrett and Richard; and Sister: Marie Myers.

Alidene loved driving and visiting with friends along the way. She was an avid bird watcher and loved flowers. She enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren.

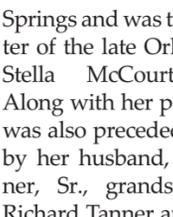
Those left to cherish her memory are Daughters: Debbie Perkins, Gloria Starcher and Pat Keener; Sons: James and Richard Bender; Granddaughters: Shelby Bender, Samantha Bender and Martika Miller.

Family received friends for visitation on Wednesday, January 26, 2022 from 6:00-8:00 PM. Funeral service were held on Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 1:00PM with Pastor Jason Allen officiating. Interment followed the service at Poplar Ridge Cemetery, Sutton, WV.

Stockert Funeral Home & Cremation is honored to serve the family of Alidene Perkins Bender.

Doris Arleen Tanner

Doris Arleen Tanner age 77 of Beaver passed away Friday, January 21, 2022.



Doris was born November 26, 1944 in Webster Springs and was the daughter of the late Orlando and Stella McCourt Green. Along with her parents she was also preceded in death by her husband, Roy Tanner, Sr., grandson, Little Richard Tanner and a great granddaughter, Stella Mae.

Doris was a loving mother and grandmother and was retired from Walmart after many years in the jewelry department. She enjoyed shopping, helicopter rides, crafts such as sketching, painting and building lamps with popsicle sticks.

Surviving are her children; Kathy Green, Regina (Scott) Hensley, Marilyn (James) Brewster, Roy Jr (Gina) Tanner, Richard (Lucinda) Tanner, Leslie (partner Leonard, and her sons, Cody and Colten) Tanner and Glenn Barnett; 12 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Service will be 1:00 PM Thursday, January 27, 2022 at Dodd & Reed Funeral Home, Webster Springs with Pastor Butch Rose officiating. Burial will follow at Big Run Cemetery. Friends may join the family for visitation 6PM - 9PM Wednesday evening at the funeral home.

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

Dodd & Reed Funeral Home, Webster Springs is honored to be serving the Tanner family.

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

Frederick "Fred" Walter Kuhn

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. "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

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Braxton 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

To make a monetary donation, the BCAS PayPal link is: PayPal.me/BC-AnimalShelter.

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.



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LEGAL NOTICES

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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 3J 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 STEERCREEK, 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 1-27 2-10b

JUDY TULLY, JUDY TILLY, JUDITH TULLY, GEORGER 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 ACT 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. -\$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. -\$6,200.08

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 1-27 2-10b

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.

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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.

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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, 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, 71 ACRES OG UPPER MILL RUN UNDER 4T-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.

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NOTICE TO REDEEM
2020-S-00000062 - Braxton County - WVTL LLC

To: DOROTHY SHOLES FRITZ, JOHN SHOLES, DOROTHY SHOLES FRITZ, 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, Certificate of Sale: 2020-S-00000062, .5AC BURNSVILLE, located in BURNSVILLE CORP, which was returned delinquent in the name of FRITZ DOROTHY SHOLES, 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. -\$498.89

Amount of subsequent years taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2022. -\$390.46

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. -\$1,101.25

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 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 & BUCKEY 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.

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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 HOLLY MAP 9T PARCEL 0019 0001

You will take notice that WVTL LLC, the purchaser of tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2020-S-00000070, 9.5AC BIRCH, 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. -\$198.76

Amount of subsequent years taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31,

2022. -\$98.75

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. -\$1,143.47

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. -\$1,699.76

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-00000072 - 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 HOLLY MAP 10Q PARCEL 0024 0003

You will take notice that WVTL LLC, the purchaser of tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2020-S-00000072, 21.96AC WOLF CREEK, 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. -\$291.63

Amount of subsequent years taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2022. -\$186.63

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. -\$1,174.81

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. -\$1,191.85

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-00000073 - 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 HOLLY MAP 10Q PARCEL 0032 0001

You will take notice that WVTL LLC, the purchaser of tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2020-S-00000073, 22.21AC WOLF CREEK 1785B, 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

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All of our adoptable cats and kittens are looking for indoor homes, and are litter box trained, social, have been vaccinated, dewormed, and received topical flea protection.

Spay/neuter/rabies is included with our modest adoption fee of \$35, and older kittens and cats may already be done at the time of placement.

This week we feature two current residents in our program who are currently looking for homes. More adoptable animals can be viewed on petfinder.com by entering a search for CATS at location 26623, or by LINKING our Facebook page.

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

DJ: Three year old male. Tuxedo. Neutered. Short-haired. Very gentle and submissive but intimidated around larger male cats.

HANNAH: Three month old female tortoiseshell. Has received all basic medical care including testing for feline leukemia. Spay/rabies vaccine scheduled.



DJ is ready to warm your lap this Valentines Day, give him a chance to steal your heart.



Hannah is ready to be a part of your family, give her a good home

Flatwoods Elementary Town Hall 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.



Braxton County Middle School Wrestlers

Braxton Middle wrestlers place second in Quest in the Nest

Braxton Middle School's wrestling team consists of seven wrestlers, short of a full team. Saturday, that team wrestled in the East Fairmont tournament, Quest in the Nest, and placed second. Knights' coach Tyler Moore noted that the success of his athletes depended upon their pinning their opponents. Basically, that's what they did. The Knights, despite their small number, began by winning their pool and advancing to the championship rounds. In round one of pool matches, Braxton defeated North Marion 30-12 with six Knights collecting pins instead of decisions. In round two, Braxton outwrestled South Morgantown with five Knights winning by pins. In round three of pool play, the

Knights, with six wrestlers pinning their opponents, defeated Gilmer County. In the championship rounds, Braxton faced East Fairmont, host of the tournament, and Mountaineer Mon. In the first round of the championships Mountaineer Mon, whom Coach Morlan described as "a solid team from top to bottom and each match is a fight," defeated Braxton 75-12. He continued to explain that his wrestlers "were able to to go the distance in that match and improve on a couple of the matches." In round two, all seven Braxton wrestlers won by pins to defeat East Fairmont 42-36. "Before the match, we discussed how the only way we could beat East Fairmont was for everyone to get

pins in their matches, and that's exactly what they did," Coach Morlan explained. Going undefeated for the day were Eliah Moore and Dylan Foster. Paxton Smith, Hunter Short, Landon Mays, and Bradyn Morris were 4-1 for the tournament, and Gabriel Hacker finished 3-2. Coach Morlan commented on his wrestlers' accomplishment Saturday. "I am happy with how the boys wrestled," he said. "With two tournaments being cancelled last week and only being able to practice one day this past week, the boys pushed themselves to finish on top" This week, the Knights wrestle at Gilmer Wednesday. They will compete in WSAZ's Tournament Friday and Saturday.

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Pat's Chats

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 for 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

Finding happiness in hard times

By: Jeanette Riffle

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 advise 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 so-

cially 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!

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_0va9aEcMFvgYdGS

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 Facebook page, where growers get updates on the program, share photos, compete in challenges and share advice. The page also hosts regular "Ask the Expert" live streams where followers ask WVU Extension Agriculture and Natural Resources experts for gardening and home preserving advice.

The Grow This email newsletter provides weekly to-do lists based on the WVU Extension Garden Calendar.

On the Other Side of the Mountain

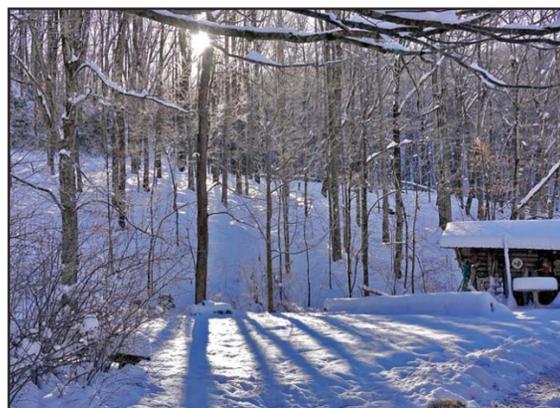
By Verena Sava

My gardening advice is firmly based on organic methods. There is no reason why we can't raise organic vegetables in a home garden. It is more challenging for a commercial grower or an organic farm operation, but people who decide to go this way have an interest in growing healthy food, raising meat and dairy animals without antibiotics and chemicals and giving them access to pasture and outdoor exposure. With raising our food organically, we make a small contribution to a healthier environment. To make changes, we have to start with tiny steps.

By mulching and adding compost and organic matter every year, we prevent loss of topsoil and add to the soil content. There is no big obstacle to replacing chemical fertilizer with organic compounds. Once you have the results of your soil test, all you have to do is try to fix the shortages of nutrients. Chemical fertilizers come with 3 numbers, like 10-10-10. The first number is always the amount of nitrogen available to the crop, the second one is phosphorous and the last one is potash. Each of these nutrients is available in organic form. There are also organic fertilizers that use the three numbers to indicate their content. With a soil test one can easily determine what is needed and we can use single nutrient fertilizers, like bloodmeal, fishmeal, feather meal to fix a lack of nitrogen. Chemical phosphorous is replaced by bonemeal and rock phosphate while potash is supplied with green sand, kelp meal and wood ashes. Alfalfa meal is also a very balanced organic fertilizer. Alfalfa pellets as a livestock feed might be cheaper and easier to find, they can be ground up. However they are not organic, unless they are labeled as such. For small gardens, adding your banana peels and coffee grounds to your compost increases the potash in the pile. Keep in mind that all chemical fertilizers need water to become available to the plant. Water dissolves the fertilizer, and it is the only way to make it work. In drought conditions it would have no benefit to the crop.

You question why bother with all the different organic amendments if chemical fertilizer will cover all the needs. This is where the small impact on our surroundings comes in place. Chemical fertilizer only needs to dissolve in water, and it is readily available. The parts that are not used by the crops will run off underground and end up in creeks and rivers that carry the excesses eventually to the ocean where it will lead to algae bloom and pollution. Of course, the run-off from one home garden is not the main culprit, but there are many gardens, many huge farms, all operating on the same premises to apply as much fertilizer as possible, maybe even a second or third application, should big rainfalls have carried away the goodies.

Organic fertilizer acts differently. It needs to be broken down by soil microorganisms in order to be available to the plant. They have to essentially decompose before the nutrients become available. This process might take anywhere from 2 to 6 weeks depending on the soil temperature. You can-



Sun over the hill.



Sun behind tree.



Red-bellied Woodpecker

not harm any crops with organic fertilizers because they are slow release and last longer than chemical ones. They are also water insoluble, so there is no contamination to our water sources. They bind soil particles together and give structure to the soil. Healthy soil structure is light and porous, dark in color, has an extremely high capacity to hold water. Crops in such soils can withstand dry periods better. Let me point out that the plant does not make any difference between chemical and organic fertilizers, but when the soil is alive, it does not only provide the three main nutrients, nitrogen, phosphorus and potash but it adds many micro-nutrients to the plant that we desperately need for good health. Never use fresh manure in your garden. It contains harmful bacteria that can be transmitted to us, has some acids harmful to soil dwellers and it robs the soil of nutrients while it decomposes. Compost all animal waste before use.

Even big organic farms operate with preserving water sources, practicing biodiversity instead of monocultures that deplete the soil over the years. They, like the home gardener are concerned about keeping the insect population intact by planting pollinating flowers in strips or patches along main crops. It is all about keeping soil alive, creating a balance in our complex environment.

A Cornell study finds that soil (crop land) disappears 10 x faster in the US than it can naturally be replenished, estimating that we lose 1.7 billion tons of farmland every year. Add to this flooding, deforestation, change of land use and it amounts to 36 billion tons. It is impossible for me to imagine what this really means. Just think that "making" an inch and a half of topsoil would take 1000 years. We

better take care of the soil that feeds us!

Conventional and organic farming will exist side by side. We always hear about the higher cost of organic methods, but nobody ever mentions the damage incurred by pesticides and herbicides which kill insects, microbial life in the soil, fish and the negative impact on human health (cancers). The cause is clear when we suffer damage from an accident, but environmental influences are harder to prove than the effects of an accident. However, looking at farm workers who deal with these chemicals, it is well known that their poor health conditions are closely linked to their jobs.

It has become increasingly harder for us to share knowledge. We insist on our own convictions and values even if we don't conduct any science experiments. We feel threatened and challenged if somebody follows a different path from our own. Everything we undertake is a matter of choice, just like getting vaccinated to protect oneself, one's family and the people we encounter. We go to the dentist when our tooth gets infected. We get an anesthetic to keep us from feeling pain while our mouth has unpleasant encounters with a drill. We visit our primary care provider, if we feel ill and we have confidence in them and the medicines they prescribe. Science is a tool that allows us to live longer, to live healthier, to know about plant and tree growth, about animal health and behavior, about our planet that is just a tiny spot in our galaxy and seeing the picture of Rising Earth, taken by astronaut Bill Anderson onboard of Apollo 8, this blue, magic marble buzzing with life, we should try our best to protect it, even on a minuscule, personal level.