



Joey Browning at his home forge creating works of art "the old-fashioned" way.

## Local blacksmith prefers traditional methods

*Braxton's Joey Browning featured on WCHS's Travel West Virginia*

By Shirley Shuman

After retiring from 37 years of work as an industrial sandblaster and painter, Joey Browning has found something he truly enjoys. Following a time of observation, reading, and other preparation, he decided to become a blacksmith. Browning likes working in his own shop located in the Chapel area to forge several different products, mostly custom-made to fit a buyer's preferences. This blacksmith, recently featured on Travel West Virginia on WCHS, makes everything in the traditional manner. "I don't like working with the press or other quick methods. Working in the traditional manner to create something is more my style," Browning explained. He likes to hand forge whatever

he's working on. "Lots of people want the handmade stuff," he noted. Although he prefers making axes, tomahawks, and hatchets, Browning has made a variety of other things, including tables which have mild steel frames with wood tabletops. He also works to fit each customer's order. "People send me pictures of what they want me to make, and I make it as close to that as I can," he said. The finished product isn't always an exact match to the picture or description the customer has provided, but it's always close enough that the individual is satisfied. Asked about the amount of work he does, Browning explained that "work comes and goes" and added, "I make a lot of stuff where they want

to sell it," he said, and noted that he goes to the Bulltown reenactments where he demonstrates—and sells, different things. Browning became interested in this work after he "watched people making stuff and enjoyed it." His interest was so strong he decided to try it himself, and he went about learning through apprenticeship. "I did 90 hours of work, all hands on, during that time," he said. "Now," he added, "I do classes myself occasionally." His work as a blacksmith came following a thirty-plus job at something else, but it may well be the one meant for him. Joey Browning plans to continue forging objects the old-fashioned way in his shop to his and his customers' satisfaction.

## New Sheriff's cruisers topic of Commission meeting

Buying two new vehicles and a used one for the Sheriff's Department was a topic of last Friday's Braxton County Commission meeting. Bryce Scarbro, Chief Deputy, was on hand to make proposals to the Commission to sell three surplus cruisers and purchase two new Ford Explorers and a used one. Deputy Scarbro explained that his department would like to purchase two new 2022 Ford Explorers from Dana Safety Supply of Norton, VA. He explained that the vehicles are fully equipped as police cruisers and come road ready. The total cost would be \$98,610. The Deputy also outlined the purchase of a used 2014 Ford Explorer cruiser from Asia Motors in Melrose Park, IL at a cost of \$16,595. The vehicles will replace three Ford Crown Victoria police vehicles that were purchased used. The surplus vehicles were identified as 2-2010 models and one

2006. Only one of which is currently drivable. Deputy Scarbro also requested permission to take sealed bids to dispose of the cars. Commission President Lisa Godwin stated that she understood that sealed bids could only be used from items under \$1,000. The President explained that the County was planning an auction in the Spring and the vehicles could be included. It was decided to utilize that method of disposing of surplus equipment since that was some question as to the \$1,000 value for sealed bids. Commissioners questioned if the Sheriff has solicited local bids and/or checked the cost of the vehicles through the State bidding process. The Deputy stated that they had not, primarily due to the fact that the vehicles were configured for cruiser use. Scarbro stated he would get additional bids and information for comparison. The Commission tabled action on the re-

quest pending that additional information. In other action, a motion by Larry Clifton approved the probate appointments for the month of January as presented. Three purchase orders were up for consideration. The Sheriff asked permission to purchase an ID maker system to be utilized with the issuance of Concealed Weapon Permits from IDVilla at cost of \$1,982.82 plus shipping. The remaining two were to American Garage Door for repair and preplacement of panels on doors at the 9-1-1 Center totaling \$3,342.00. All three requests were approved via separate motions. Following a brief discussion, Melvin Gum made a motion to hire Rachel Davis as a temporary part-time custodian at a pay rate of \$10.00 per hour with no county benefits. Larry Clifton introduced action to approve **Please turn to COMMISSION page 3**

## Judge sends Brady to prison, others have day in court

Several Braxton County Circuit Court hearings have recently been completed by the Honorable Judge Richard A. Facemire. The state of West Virginia was represented by Braxton County Prosecuting Attorney Jasmine R.H. Morton. Mike Haley, Tyler Morlan, and Deandre Williams from the Braxton County Probation Office were present for some of the hearings. On January 25, Geneva Jean Brady came before Judge Facemire for a sentencing hearing with her attorney Andrew Chattin. The defense requested some type of alternative sentencing and noted she had been accepted by Recovery Point for treatment. The state remained silent per the plea agreement. The court denied the motion stating she had an extensive criminal history, a serious substance abuse problem, and her past was the best indicator of her future actions. On the felony charge of possession of meth with intent to deliver, Brady was sentenced to one to fifteen years.

On January 26,

Summer Destiny Jenkins and attorney Eric Wildman appeared in court for a plea hearing. Judge Facemire accepted the plea agreement presented by both parties. The defendant entered a guilty plea to the felony offense of possession of methamphetamine with intent to deliver as her part of the agreement. The state agreed to dismiss the remaining charges in the indictment to remain silent at the sentencing hearing set for March 14. Roger Glen Smith and his attorney Kevin Hughart appeared in court for a sentencing hearing on the felony charge of wanton endangerment involving a firearm. An alternative sentence was requested by the defense with state agreeing to the request per the plea agreement. Judge Facemire granted the motion and suspended the five years sentence in lieu of five years of home confinement as a term of probation. Robert Wayne Mitchell appeared before Judge Facemire with his attorney Andrew Chattin for sentencing. The defense moved for an alterna-

tive sentence and the state stayed silent per the plea agreement. The court granted the motion and suspended the sentence of three to ten years in prison for the felony count of fleeing in a vehicle from law enforcement while under the influence. Mitchell was sentenced to probation of five years with home confinement. On January 24, Cory Curtis Talkington and his attorney Jonathan Fittro came before court for a hearing on probation revocation. Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Dara A. Acord represented the state during the proceedings. The defendant admitted to the allegations contained in the petition for probation revocation. After the court revoked probation, the defense requested Talkington be placed back on probation. The court noted the defendant was in need of correctional treatment in a correctional setting and therefore denied the motion. Talkington was sentenced to two to fifteen years on the felony offenses grand larceny and third degree domestic battery.



(Left) Braxton County Circuit Judge Richard A. Facemire administers the oath of office to new Sutton Municipal Judge Rodney Jamison. (Right) Police Officer Shane Boggs takes the oath of office under the direction of Judge Facemire.



## Sutton gets new Police officer, Municipal Judge

The Sutton Town Council met for a regular meeting on Thursday, January 27 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 Mayor JD Hoover and council members Steve Facemire, Catherine Hoover, Robyn Dolan, Marsha Lloyd, Beth Atkins, and Municipal Clerk, Robin Smith. Absent was Recorder Laurel Petolicchio, due to illness. Also present were Shane Boggs, Rodney Jamison, Judge Richard Facemire, Geary White, Laura Cottrill, and John Crum. The council recognized a Moment of Silence for death of Richard Bender's mother and Laurel Petolicchio's husband. A highlight of the meeting was Judge Richard Facemire completed the swearing in of Police Officer Shane Boggs and Municipal Judge Rodney Jamison. Mayor Hoover shared a letter from Senator Joe

Manchin stating that the town's Congressionally Direct Spending request was not selected. He encouraged them to apply again next year. Laura Cottrill stated that the old bridge at the head of town, by Elk Hotel needs upkeep. Also the stairs going up the hill, at the end of the main bridge, need cleaned of ice. Several street lights were identified as not working. Council approved the January 13 regular meeting minutes and the January 11 work session minutes with one correction. At the work session the SCDC projects were reviewed not approved. Robyn Dolan moved and Steve Facemire seconded to pay all bills as presented. Beth Atkins moved and Steve Facemire seconded to accept financial report as presented. The council discussed that some parking meters are not working and some keys are broken. Robyn Dolan reported

on streets that the DOH is responsible for and provided map of one side of town. She will get the second page to council. Beth Atkins reported that Flint Lane is part of a street that is on the town map. Steve Facemire reported that it is being plowed when needed. Catherine Hoover reported that there was a pole leaning at Industrial Circle and there needs to be signs for Industrial Circle and South Parkway. Steve Facemire will check on these. The council discussed US Cellular providing cell phone service for the town and Walmart donating a laptop after February 1. Catherine Hoover moved and Steve Facemire seconded to accept the proposal from Waste Management for removal of tires from the town dump. Motion passed unanimously. **Please turn to SUTTON page 3**





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## As I See It

By Ed Given



### A lot of money...

I have mentioned the commitment of the County to earmark \$1 million dollars of American Rescue Plan funds to expand broadband in the state. That money will leverage three additional million for the county.

I have voiced my skepticism when it comes to large amounts of money falling from the sky. History illustrates that our state doesn't do well giving public monies to private concerns for expansion or development. Apparently, our leaders haven't learned anything by their past experiences. One of the most recent fundings for broadband sent a large sum of money to Frontier. They squandered the money and we got absolutely nothing for it. Were there repercussions from the State? No. Did the State learn from their bad experiences? Again, No.

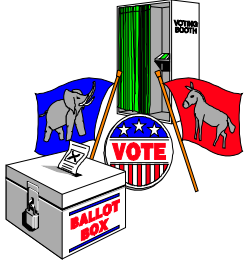
Adding to my skepticism... Frontier is proposed to be a major player in this latest round of expansion/funding. I have been told that checks and balances are in place to guarantee that we don't have a repeat performance. I will wait and see how that works out?

In the way of a little bit of explanation on the \$4 million round of funding... Braxton is part of a multi-county effort to improve broadband capabilities. That group hired an engineer firm to develop plans for the multi-county area which appears to be moving along nicely.

When the opportunity to get additional funding on a 3 to 1 match came along. The Braxton County Development Authority provided a small amount of funding to this engineering firm, which was already working on the matter in our area, to identify rural routes that could be served as additional fiber optic cable and technology is being deployed. Both the Development Authority and the County Commission have reviewed the areas proposed for service. While I'm still concerned that this is a huge amount of money that I can only hope at this point will be properly utilized, the time frame made it imperative that the county commit to the project or loose the opportunity.

I will get my hands on those routes and either present them here in this space or in some other form in the paper. I'm sure not everyone will get affordable broadband service if the project comes to fruition. In fact, I am convinced that there simply is no way that all of the county can have superfast broadband service due to the typography of our area and the remoteness of many households. We have to be content with what is feasible. That has to come through a non-partisan means based on the infrastructure that is available and not the political influence some may or may not have.

I know that nothing was done behind closed doors with relation to the involvement of the Development Authority which I am a part of. There were no public meetings regarding this project for two reasons. The time factor and the fact that if the infrastructure wasn't in place, or going to be through one of the other ongoing projects, for a particular area it just couldn't be served. At any rate, the concept is positive and a giant step forward. I guess we will have to be satisfied with that, for the time being.



## Meet the Candidates...

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### Carpenter is candidate for House of Delegates



Hello, my name is Kevin Carpenter. I am running to represent

the 63rd District of the West Virginia House of Delegates.

I have lived in this area for over fifty years. I am proud of being a Gassaway Elk, a Braxton Eagle and a Glenville State Pioneer. I am also an avid sportsman and I love the outdoors.

We live in one of the most beautiful places on earth. Our district has so much to offer. We have beautiful woods and waters and hardworking people who want nothing more than to raise our

families in a safe place and uplift our communities.

I hear people from outside our state remark on how nice we are and how willing we are to help a stranger.

Unfortunately, our unique ability to make do, our can-do attitude, and our pleasant demeanor have sometimes taught us to settle for less than we need and deserve. Our real needs are often ignored when federal funds are allocated.

I spent nearly 30 years working at the West Virginia State Tax Department. In my last

## Just look at this!

A weekly photo of opinion in Braxton County... sometimes good and sometimes not so good.



**The Braxton County High School Wrestling team is making quite a mark for themselves this season as they continue to be the winningest athletic program in the history of the school. The positive results are obviously a result of Coach Sterling Beane's rigorous training programs. One thing that has aided the athletes recently is a revolutionary patented head harness and training system called the Neck Flex®. The devise is the brainchild of Braxton County native Tom Hunt who developed the product and now has it in use in the sporting world by professional, collegiate and high school athletes as well as regular citizens who want to strengthen their neck muscles to help avoid injury. A former Virginia Wrestling Coach himself, the company owner donated samples of his product to the BCHS Wrestling program. Shown here Hunt presents the products to Assistant Eagle Coach Jamie Given.**

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## News from our Capitol

by Delegate Brent Boggs

Last Friday, February 4 marked the twenty-fourth day of the 2022 Legislative session. To date, 1,761 bills have been introduced; the House has introduced 1,181 bills; in the Senate, 580 bills have been introduced. 48 bills have passed the Senate; 38 bills have passed the House. Four bills have passed both houses. The Governor has approved SB 8 and SB 191. Two bills await action by the Governor.

For the first time in recent years, both the House Speaker and Senate President made the decision to curtail legislative activities including the floor session and committee meetings last Friday, due to the uncertainty of the incoming ice storm. I applaud their decision to err on the side of caution, thereby keeping members and staff off the roadways and enabling them to travel to their respective homes ahead of the inclement weather. While we were spared the brunt of the storm in central West Virginia, the Ohio River

area and eastern mountains were slammed hard. As I write late Sunday afternoon in preparation for meetings to resume on Monday, hundreds of West Virginia residents are still without power as crews work diligently to remove broken trees and rebuild downed lines.

Meanwhile, last Thursday, a Dominion gas line issue caused a major outage in the Gassaway and Summersville area with residents and businesses waking up to cold homes and no natural gas service. I appreciated the Dominion governmental affairs director taking my pre-dawn calls so I could inform constituents that had contacted me. The service was restored quickly by that evening.

Whether it's due to weather or other causes, our utility workers are working around the clock to keep power, gas, and other vital utilities up and running. We owe our appreciation to the utility workers that take care of our citizens, homes, and

businesses.

Among the bills that have passed the House as of February 3 and head to the Senate:

**HB 4257** Require visitation immediately following a procedure in a health care facility.

**HB 4286** Relating to exempting persons employed as attorneys from the civil service system.

**HB 4311** Creating criminal penalties for illegal voting activity.

**HB 4312** Extending the option of electronic absentee ballot transmission to first responders in certain emergency circumstances.

**HB 4324** To update collaborative pharmacy practice agreements

**HB 4333** Relating to the sunset of the Board of Hearing-Aid Dealers and Fitters

**HB 4360** Relating to WV Invests Grant Program community service requirements

One bill that passed and now goes to the Governor is **Senate Bill 4**, which removes the prohibition for nuclear power plants in West Virginia. While I do not believe there is an interest in our State to go down that road at this time, the bill would allow utilities to consider new, safer, and less expensive technologies that may be developed in the future. Any move to

build a facility still would face significant hurdles and final approval from state and federal regulators and the West Virginia Public Service Commission.

On the surface, I have no desire to delve into nuclear power, although our State is already situated in emergency planning areas, based on our proximity from existing nuclear power plants in Pennsylvania and Ohio. Further, the U.S. Navy has been safely powering carriers and submarines with nuclear power for decades. Years from now, if small-scale, safer, and more affordable options are proven to be feasible, we owe it to our citizens to at least have the facts to consider different mixes of where we obtain our electrical power, along with coal, gas, wind, and solar. For now, the safety concerns of existing plant designs, high recovery costs from consumers for construction, and expensive kilowatt-hours generated by a nuclear power facility render them impractical. The bill is now on its way to the Governor for his action.

Finally, WV Supreme Court Justice Evan Jenkins abruptly resigned from the Court last week, effective February 6. It will now be up to a judicial panel to submit names to the Governor.

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the surety bond certification with People Bank. The Commission approved the formulation of a Citizens Participation Plan for the County that will meet mandates for future grant applications.

The Commission approved a checklist of county owned property for renewal of insurance through the WVCORP.

Larry Clifton's motion granted a request from John Hoffman to use the county P-card for registration fees for two dispatchers to attend the WV APCO Conference in Charleston on April 17-21.

It was also Clifton who made a motion to approve the job description for a Security Officer's position for the

Courthouse Annex building.

Following reviews, the County and EMS bills as well as the minutes from the Commission's January 21<sup>st</sup> meeting were approved as presented on separate motions by Melvin Gum.

Being no further business to consider the Commission adjourned at 9:36 a.m. Their next regularly scheduled meeting will be on February 18 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

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Old parking meter parts will be taken to Coffman's Metals.

Steve Facemire will look at the tractor trailer that is left in the town dump.

Council discussed the upstairs bathroom plumbing problem that

has been identified but not fixed yet. It was suggested that they make one unisex bathroom that is handicap accessible and use the other bathroom for storage/cleaning supplies.

Beth Atkins reported on inquiries regarding a Bruno Stair Lift. The stairs have been measured and she is waiting for the quote. Steve Facemire is looking into an elevator that can be installed in the lobby. Beth Atkins moved, Catherine Hoover seconded to advertise for bids for replumbing the entire building, giving priority to in-county licensed plumber then expand the search outside the county if necessary.

The council discussed needing to work on ordinances before changing town fees. Steve Facemire moved and Marsha Lloyd seconded to have a work session to work on ordinances Wednesday, February 2 at 9:00 am.

Beth Atkins moved and Robyn Dolan seconded to have a work session to work on the budget, Thursday, February 17 at 9:00am.

The upcoming Surplus Sale was discussed. Working the sale will be JD Hoover, Beth Atkins, Robyn Dolan, and Catherine Hoover. Beth Atkins will get the key and cash for change.

Steve Facemire moved and Robyn Dolan seconded to approve the list of paid holidays for town employees with the stipulation that the employees must work the day before and after the holiday in order to receive the holiday pay.

Marsha Lloyd moved and Steve Facemire seconded to have another public hearing during our next regular meeting, February 10 to hear public's ideas on how to spend the funds. Advertisement will continue in the county papers with the amount of money the town is to receive. Motion passed unanimously.

Steve Facemire moved and Beth Atkins seconded to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Motion passed unanimously.

# Way back when...

Long ago in Braxton County



**Sutton Volunteer Fire Department... Like Gassaway and Burnsville, the Sutton Volunteer Fire Department has been serving its' community for decades. Here is an early picture of some of the equipment and members who used it... The truck on the left is a 1939 Chevrolet pumper. The one on the right is a 1950's Ford tanker. Members shown (L to R) Ralph Boggs, Jr., George Gray, Brown, Joe Gregory (back) Police Chief Clyde Six (front) "Burb" Adams, Marvin Williams, Paul Kidd, Forrest**

**James and William "Bill" McCartney. 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 went into executive session at 7:40. They returned to regular session at 8:15 pm.

Steve Facemire moved and Robyn Dolan seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm. The next regular town council meeting is scheduled for February 10 at 6:00 pm.

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nor for consideration for filling the vacancy until the 2024 election. There is much speculation as to the reason for the rapid departure, although my interest is in who will be recommended and who will ultimately be appointed by Governor Justice to fill out the unexpired term. I sincerely hope the Governor chooses an individual that is a reason-

able, moderate judge. The extremists of the far-right and far-left are not representative of the majority of West Virginians.

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](mailto: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.

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# OBITUARIES

**Connie Lynn Gill**  
Connie Lynn Gill born on April 3, 1955, in Gassaway, West Virginia to Murl and Meredit (nee Wood) Hall passed away on Saturday, January 29, 2022, at the Cleveland Clinic Medina Hospital at the age of 66.

She was a 1973 graduate of Clay High in West Virginia. Connie worked at Discount Drug Mart in Oberlin for 22 and a half years as a Pharmacy Technician. She really enjoyed her job and the people that she met.

Family gatherings, entertaining, cooking, gardening, traveling, playing the violin, her jewelry and her beloved yellow convertible Mustang brought her much joy. Connie was an exceptional painter. Her goal for her children and grandchildren was for them to receive a good education and to be prepared for their future.

Connie was a truly kind and generous soul and she always wanted to make others happy. She is survived by her husband of 17 years, Jerry Gill; children, Meranda Millis, of Spencer, Bryan Gill, of LaGrange, Melissa (Joe) Striker, of Amherst, and Michael (Crystal) Gill, of Logan; grandchildren, Avery (Tiffany) Millis, of El Paso, Texas, Colton Millis, of Willard, Austin Gill, of LaGrange, Abby Millis, of Willard, Gilian Striker, of Amherst, Kylee Gill, of LaGrange, and Marin Striker, of Amherst; great grandson, Beau Millis, of El Paso, Texas; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Connie was preceded in death by her son, Jerry Gill Jr.; parents, Murl and Meredith Hall; and her brother, Larry Hall. The family received friends on Thursday, February 3, 2022, from 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the Dovin and Reber Jones

Funeral & Cremation Center, 1110 Cooper Foster Park Road, Amherst. The family also received friends on Saturday, February 5, 2022, from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at Wilson Smith Funeral Home, 154 Main Street, Clay, West Virginia 25043. Funeral services immediately followed the visitation at 12:00 p.m. in the funeral home followed by interment at Keener White Cemetery. Online condolences maybe sent to the Gill family at [www.carlwilsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carlwilsonfuneralhome.com). Wilson Smith is honored to be serving the Gill family.

**Former Supreme Court Justice Edwin F. Flowers**

Former Supreme Court Justice Edwin F. Flowers died Thursday, January 27, in Morgantown. He was 91.

Chief Justice John Hutchison said, “I am terribly saddened to hear of the passing of one of our own. His exemplary career stands as a monument to his personal dedication to the law, as well as to the citizens of West Virginia. He was a true leader and will be sadly missed. I want to extend my sympathies to his family and to all of his friends and colleagues.”

Justice Tim Armstead said, “Former Justice Flowers has left such a tremendous legacy within our state government and judicial system, as well as our nation’s federal court system. He and his wife Ellie have also done so much to improve and advance his beloved alma mater, West Virginia University. Few West Virginians have had such a positive and lasting impact on our state, and he will be missed by so many. My thoughts are with his wife Ellie and his family through this difficult

time.” Justices Beth Walker and Evan Jenkins said they were sorry to hear of Justice Flowers’ death and sent their sincere condolences to his family. “I knew Ed Flowers as DHHR commissioner, when he was a bankruptcy judge, and, of course, as a Supreme Court Justice,” said Justice William R. Wooton. “He was a friend and a genuinely good man. I extend my deepest sympathies to his family and friends.” Justice Flowers was born April 26, 1930, on the family farm in New Manchester, Hancock County. He received a bachelor’s degree (Phi Beta Kappa) from West Virginia University in 1952 and a law degree from the WVU College of Law in 1954. While attending WVU, he served as president of the student body, president of his Sigma Nu fraternity chapter, and Cadet Colonel of the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps Wing. He was a member of the WVU championship debate team; the WVU Marching Band; and was active in numerous honorary organizations, including Mountain, the highest honor given to WVU students and graduates. He was awarded Most Loyal Faculty & Staff Mountaineer in 1999 and, in 2000, was inducted into the Order of Vandalia, an award for the most loyal servants to West Virginia University. After law school, he was assigned to active duty in the Judge Advocate General’s Corps at Nellis Air Force Base in 1954. The following year, on April 9, 1955, he married Eleanor (Ellie) Ellis, his loving and supporting wife of 66 years. After his military service, he returned to the Northern Panhandle of West Virginia to practice law. In 1969, then-Governor Arch Moore appointed him Commissioner of Welfare for the State of West Virginia. In 1975, Governor Moore appointed him to the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Justice James Marshall Sprouse. Justice Flowers’ term ended December 31, 1976. In 1977, Justice Flowers became United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of West Virginia. From 1983 to 1997, he was Vice President for Institutional Advancement at West Virginia University, a position that embraced the government and public relations of the university and coordinated its communications, publications, alumni relations, and the fundraising efforts of its independent foundation. He was a commissioner of Volunteer West Virginia, the West Virginia Commission for National and Community Service, from 2009 to 2012. In his retirement, Justice Flowers enjoyed writing and publishing books, attending WVU football and basketball games, being actively involved in WVU alumni organizations, studying the Civil War as a member of the Mason-Dixon Civil War Roundtable, and mentoring WVU students, especially his great-nephew Jackson Flowers. He is survived by his wife, Ellie Flowers;

daughters, Ann Flowers and Melissa (Ty) Newberry; grandchildren, Adam (Ashley) Flowers and Kathryn (Sean) Hendricks; and great-grandchildren, Matthew Hendricks and Jack Flowers. Nixon Funeral Home in Newell is in charge of arrangements. Visitation will be from noon to 4 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 21, at the Erickson Alumni Center at West Virginia University in Morgantown. The funeral will be Tuesday, Feb. 22 at the New Manchester Christian Church in New Manchester, WV.

**Elda Jean Belknap**  
Elda Jean Belknap, 91, of Glenville, WV passed away January 29, 2022. She was born on November 22, 1930 in Heaters, WV to parents Grant and Lottie Prince Blake. Elda was preceded in death by her parents; Husband: Farrell “Chick” Belknap; and Brother: Charles Blake.



She was a Christian by faith and attended the First Baptist Church in Glenville, WV. Elda resided in Lubeck, WV for 15 years prior to moving to Glenville, WV. She owned a pet store in Vienna, WV and enjoyed raising parakeets, canaries, hamsters and gold fish. Her other interests were gardening, canning and quilting. Left to cherish her memory are her Brother: George Blake; Sisters: Alice Belknap and Lou Smith; Daughter: Shara Curry (Joel); Granddaughters: Andrea Curry of California and Alicia Miller of Florida; and 5-Great Grandchildren. A grave side service was held on Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at 1:00 PM at the Braxton Memorial Cemetery, Sutton, WV.

**Porter Dale Thomas**  
Porter Dale Thomas, 88, of Clarksburg, passed away on Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at United Hospital Center. He was born March 19, 1933 in Bergoo to the late James E. Thomas, Sr. and Mamie Ellen Turner Thomas. He was a devout Christian who took his religion seriously. He was a gentle, caring man who was loved by everyone he met. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, James E. Thomas, Jr., Max Thomas, and Paul H. Thomas; and sister, Imajean Thomas McCord. Porter is survived by his nephew Stephen P. Thomas; niece Diana Thomas; and several other nieces, nephews, and other extended family and friends to mourn his passing. Graveside services were held on Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 11:00 AM at Miller Cemetery, Webster Springs, with Pastor Butch Rose officiating. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.doddreedfh.com](http://www.doddreedfh.com). Dodd & Reed Funeral Home is honored to be serving Porter’s family.

**Florence E. Walton**  
Florence E. Walton, 91, passed away January 27, 2022 at her home. She was born June 19, 1930 at Bamboo, WV to Buster and Mary Helms. She was an active member of Green Valley Baptist Church for over 50 years. After its closure she returned to her childhood church, Mt. Urim Baptist Church, and was a faithful, active member

until her death. She was a child of the Great Depression and was raised on a farm in Green Valley. The lessons learned during this time guided her throughout her life and were life-lessons she taught her children and grands! We lived by the motto “Waste not, want not” or “somebody might need it”. Mom once shared that she had two dreams in her life – to have a family and be nurse. She accomplished both and they were the purpose for all she did in life. She became an LPN in her 40’s and worked at Sacred Heart Hospital in Richwood, WV until her retirement. Preceding her in death were her parents; her siblings, Eldridge, Ralph and Lonnie Helms and Nellie Edds. Her beloved husband and partner in life, Ottie Junior Walton, passed away in 2003 and a day never passed that she didn’t think of him or talk about him. She is survived by her sister, Lorene and Buck Nottingham; her children, Rhonda and George Tabit, Rick and Robin Walton, Dorcas and Clyde Sparks, Cindy and Rick Barker and Tony and Angela Walton. She has 8 grandchildren: Tiffany, George, John, Justin, Brandon, Zachary, Emily and Rebecca. She has 20 great-grandchildren, 3 great-great grandchildren and one on the way. She has several step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren that she welcomed into her life and loved dearly. Funeral service was held February 2, 2022 at 1 pm at Wallace and Wallace Funeral Chapel in Rainelle, WV. There was visitation for family and friends from 12 pm until time of service. In lieu of flowers, in her memory you may make a donation to Samaritan’s Purse or St Jude’s Childrens Hospital. She supported both with frequent donations. Covid 19 guidelines will be followed and the family requests masks be used. To plant a beautiful memorial tree in memory of Florence Elizabeth Walton, please visit our Tribute Store.

**Edgar Lewis Short**  
Edgar Lewis Short, 86 of Cowen passed away Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at home. He was born August 15, 1935 in Camden on Gauley and was the son of the late Grafton and Callie Williams Short. Along with his parents he was also preceded in death by a son, Allan Short and siblings; Jim Short, Virgie Sill, Virginia “Jenny” Spence and Helen Short. Edgar was a coal miner and had also worked in the woods; he and Wanda attended Arcola Community Church until his health declined. Edgar loved to go bear hunting with his bear dogs, coon hunting, camping, working in the garden or just about anything outdoors. He enjoyed going to his building to “ding”, which meant he was going out to work on his lawnmowers, weed eaters or whatever else he could find to “ding” on. Surviving are his loving wife, Wanda Short; children, Landis (Teresa) Williams,

Bernard Williams, Paul Sill, William (Jeannette) Sill, Treva (Arden) Williams and Kevin (Connie) Short; brother, Delmos (Marie) Short, several grandchildren and great grandchildren and also many nieces, nephews and other extended family members. No services will be held at this time. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.adamsreedfh.com](http://www.adamsreedfh.com) Adams-Reed Funeral Home, Cowen is honored to be serving the Short family.

**Velma “Lynn” Clifton**  
Velma “Lynn” Clifton, 98, of Sutton, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, February 4, 2022 at Braxton Memorial Hospital, Gassaway. She was born December 26, 1923 in Sutton, the daughter of the late John William & Lula Mabel Facemire Woods. Also preceding her in death was her husband, Harry Clifton; son, Gary Clifton; sisters, Lilly “Mae” Facemire, Gladys Johns, Evelee Woods; brother, Lee Facemire. Lynn attended the Southern Baptist Church, Sutton, she loved her family and enjoyed her friends and community. She is survived by her son, Larry Clifton (Dorlis) of Sutton; daughter-in-law, Drema Clifton; grandchildren, Ryan Clifton (Brittany), Michael Clifton; great grandchildren, Grayson, Hayden and Ava . Funeral service were held 1:00 pm, Monday, February 7, 2022 at Greene-Robertson Funeral Home, Sutton with Rev. Shane Boggs officiating. Burial followed at Hoover Cemetery, Bug Ridge Rd. Sutton. Friends called 1 hour before the service at the funeral home. Clifton family would like to thank the nurses and staff at Braxton Memorial Hospital for their excellent care. Greene-Robertson Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Clifton family. Online condolences may be sent to: [greene-robertsonfuneralhome.com](http://greene-robertsonfuneralhome.com)

**Guy Engel, Jr.**  
Guy Engel, Jr., 81 of Gassaway passed Monday, January 31, 2022 at Braxton County Memorial Hospital. He was born September 28, 1940 at Chapel, WV a son of the late Guy Engel Sr. and Orma Fisher Engel. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret “Marge” Ann Engel and brother, Chris Engel. Guy drove the milk truck for the Gerwigs to Summersville. He worked on rigs in the oil fields. Guy hauled pulp wood for Farris and Zampa Brady. He was employed with the State Road from 1969 to 1981. He also drove a coal truck for Lee Facemire at Centralia and had several odds and ends jobs. He was an outdoorsman who enjoyed deer hunting and fishing. On the television he loved watching wrestling and westerns. He enjoyed talking to his



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## Power of a Dream

A grand nephew was born with downs syndrome. The condition has many consequences one of which is premature death. From the time of birth Bailey became a favorite of mine as well as most who experienced his magnetic personality. This week I had a dream about a child like Bailey who was facing all the difficulties others born with this condition faces. He was introduced to a system of communication by someone, that was much like our cell phones but reserved for families dealing with this condition. Locally they could reach or be reached on something identified as a “white line.” This system could not be used by anyone other than a downs family so there was no worry about Spam calls or other nuisance calls for sales talks. Things went well for a time but it was soon realized that only a small number could be reached locally. In talking with others with this condition they learned of a second phase of that system called the “red line.” This would allow reaching other families with this condition within America. As time went on special benefits became available for lodging, consultation, and even medical care at little or no cost. This insured that none of these situations became out of reach due to low income. Just a dream, right? But think for a while. If many children, red, white, black, or yellow could know; whether a downs patient, cancer patient, or another dreaded disease could have access with others in like situations for any benefit that might be realized from it. My hat’s off to St. Jude’s and other institutions set up to assist parents and children at no cost in dealing with life threatening diseases. Isn’t it time many more of us opened our eyes to realize a dream is not out of reach if more of us would take the time to activate our dreams? (I Corinthians 13:1-7)

Free Bible Course: Contact Charles Brady  
2615 Elk River Rd., Frametown, WV 26623  
Sponsor: Church of Christ  
742 Elk Street, Gassaway, WV 26624  
(minister) Danny Lambey



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Braxton County Farm Bureau holds February meeting**  
Braxton County Farm Bureau to meet on Monday, February 21, 2022 at 6 PM at the Flatwoods Commuity Building, please plan to attend. All meetings are the 3rd Monday of the Month at the Flatwoods Community Building.

**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.

**Town of Burnsville Hometown Hero Veteran’s Banners**  
The Town of Burnsville is now accepting sponsors for your 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 on Tuesday, February 15th. For more information, please contact the Mayor’s office at 304-853-2605.

**Sutton Elementary School LSIC Meeting**  
Sutton Elementary School would like to invited LSIC Members, BOE Staff, community members, parents and friends of SES to their LSIC meeting on Thursday, February 10th at 6:00 P.M. at the Sutton Elementary School Cafeteria to collaboratively help make improvements to the culture, success, decision making, problem solving, and goal setting for our school. A like light snack will be provided. Please plan to attend.

**Town of Sutton open meeting**  
The Sutton Town council invites anyone interested to attend an open meeting to discuss the funds that were given to the town of Sutton, approximately \$250,000, 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, February 10th 6:00pm.

**Braxton County Ministerial Association**  
The monthly meeting of the BCMA will be on February 14, 2022 at 9:00 am. The meeting will be at Luzader’s 3 Girls restaurant. All members are urged to attend. If any pastor is interested in information about the BCMA you are invited to join us.

**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.

**Elk Conservation District Annual plant and tree sale**  
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.

**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, 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-county> or here for a state card: <https://www.statefoodsafety.com/food-handler/west-virginia/braxton-county1>.

**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.

**“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.

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neighbors and people in his community.

Guy is survived by his son, Guy Engel III (Donenicia) of Ettrick, VA; daughter, Mary Walker of Frametown; grandchildren, Liz and Matthew Walker and Atalaya and Artorius Engel; great grandson, Blake Leonard.

Funeral service was 2 p.m. Sunday, February 6, 2022 at Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway with Pastor Joe Bob Truman officiating. Interment was in the Engel Family Cemetery, Chapel.

Friends called one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

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

Arrangements by Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway.

**Marjorie Ruth Hall**  
Marjorie Ruth Hall, 86, of Gassaway passed away on Sunday, January 30, 2022 at Braxton County Memorial Hospital.

She was born February 15, 1935 at Riffle, WV to the late Lee L. and Floda Douglas Perkins.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, Ernest Lee “Bud” Hall, Jr.; daughter, Cheryl Hall; great grandsons, Christian Santmyer and Liam Mellert; sister, Pauline Mosherr; and brothers, Dana Perkins, Denver Perkins, Thorton Perkins, Herbert Perkins, and Ernest “Buddy” Perkins.

Marjorie was a homemaker. Her favorite channel on the television was ESPN. She watched college basketball and was a WVU Men’s basketball and football fan. She also enjoyed watching the Pittsburgh Steelers. From her windows in her house she enjoyed watching the deer and birds in her yard. She loved spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was the last remaining sibling in her family.

She is survived by her son, David Hall of Gassaway; daughters, Susan McCloud of St. Albans and Alecia Cline and husband, Andrew, of New Iberia, Louisiana; grandchildren, Andrea Mellert and Shawna (Phillip) Ennis, Zachary Hall and Taylor Hall, and Anna Cline and

Michael, Benjamin and Nicholas Cline; great grandchildren, Amani Ellis, Jacob Santmyer, Aiden Santmyer and Weston Mellert.

In keeping with Marjorie’s wishes she was cremated and a service will be held at a later date.

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

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**Edwin Garfield “Sonny” Williams**  
Edwin Garfield “Sonny” Williams, age 83 H a r - risville, W V . Went to meet his heavenly father on February 5, 2022. He was born on October 26, 1938, a son of the late Claude and Frances Cowan Williams.

Edwin was a 1957 graduate of Cairo High School. He proceeded with a barbering career at Huntington Barber school, worked for the state road for one year and retired from DuPont Washington Works, with 30 years of service.

He spent his entire life serving the lord and was a member and deacon of the Cantwell Church of Christ, Cantwell, WV.

He spent his retirement hunting, fishing and gardening, all of which supported his love for the outdoors.

Edwin was married to the late Letha Patricia Lanham Williams. He is survived by two daughters, Kelly Pletcher, Sutton, WV and Christy Duty, Saint Marys, WV; three grandchildren, Adrian Speed II, Lexi Pletcher and Drake Duty; two brothers, Jerold Williams, Harrisville, WV and Gregory V. Williams, Elkhorn, Wisconsin.

In addition to his Wife and Parents he was preceded in death by a brother Leon B. “Buzz” Williams.

In accordance with Edwin wishes, a private graveside service will be held at the Log Church Cemetery, Cantwell, WV. Arrangement are being handled by the Raiguel Funeral Home, Harrisville, WV.

In lieu of flowers donations may be given to your local Animal Shelter.

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

## BCS 2022 Pre-Registration

Braxton County School announces early registrations for Head Start and Kindergarten age children.

Families of Braxton County students are invited to come out to the Braxton County Board of Education Parking Lot on Thursday, February 24th from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Students must be four years old by July 1, 2022 to enroll in Kindergarten. Students who are three years old by July 1, 2022 and are eligible for Head Start may enroll.

The following information is needed for registration: State Certified Birth Certificate, Immunization Record, Proof of Physical Address, Proof of Income, Medical and/or Insurance Card, Well Check form from Doctors Office, Dental Examination Form from Dentist.

This pre-registration is pick up only. You do not to bring information at this time, just come and pick up your packets for early registration.

For questions or additional information, please contact Christina Bailey at (304)765-5105 Ext. 622 or Connie Lynch at (304)765-5101 Ext. 596.

# Obituary Policy

- Obituaries should be received within 30 days of death.
- The deceased should be a current or former resident of the newspaper’s coverage area (Braxton County and the surrounding areas), or have family members who have lived or are living in this area.
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- Obituaries may be edited to conform to the newspaper standards and deadlines.
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# COMMUNITY CORNER

COUNTY STORIES

By: JEANETTE RIFFLE

## Possum That Didn't Get Away

I think our dog, Ras-cal, learned a lesson about possums. A while back he got after one and it played dead. He walked away and went in the garage for a nap. Later, he checked on it and it was gone. He tried to track it down but to no avail. Hubby saw it get up and leave when the coast was clear and got a laugh out of that when the dog became so confused. He could just imagine what that dog was thinking.

Well, recently on one of the nicer days when we had a thaw, Duane found a dead possum out by the front sidewalk. That dog had laid his trophy there for us to see. Possums are good to have around unless you have chickens. You don't want a possum in the chicken house. They will clean the ticks up off your property, though. We welcome them here but we don't see many anymore. As a matter of fact, we don't see many small critters at all. Coyotes have killed a

lot of them and they will come down out of the hills after small pets. If you let a small dog out to go potty you had better watch it. Our granddaughter heard coyotes on both hillsides here when she was home at Thanksgiving. She heard their high pitched yipe one evening when she was outside.

We have had a very cold spell with snow and ice. It wasn't safe for man or beast to be out there but today we had a thaw. It was only 9 degrees when we got up this morning but by afternoon it had warmed up quite a bit and the things started melting. I sure was thankful to open the back door and see sunshine and a beautiful blue sky. I lit the oven and baked hot rolls to go with our dinner. It smelled like a bakery in here with the yeast bread baking. I keep buttermilk cornbread baked up every week.

My grandma on Mom's side gave me three cast iron skillet

of different sizes for a wedding gift and those are the only skilletts that have held up all these years. I use the medium size one for fried potatoes, biscuits and cornbread. I grew up learning how to cook from scratch from our country foods and I still cook that way. Occasionally, I will try out a new recipe. I find that some of them need to be revised, or as Mom used to say, "I need to doctor it up." I will close for this time. We are all so anxious for spring to get away from the cold temperatures, snow and ice. March winds bring April showers and May flowers. Someone said recently they were anxious for March to come.

Until next time, continue to be safe and stay well. A cousin on the Stewart side called me today and he is sick with that old COVID again. He said it was like a real bad head cold. I think he wishes he had gotten the vaccines. Maybe it would have been a lighter case of that virus.

Take care and God bless!

KITTY KORNER:

Affordable, Adoptable, Fixed Feline Friends

As the holiday approached, we remind you that pets are a lifetime commitment, and not just a present for under the tree on Christmas morning.

Just One Generation recommends that new pets NOT be introduced to a household on or at Christmas morning, but rather several weeks before or after the event.

This gives all the best chance for the pet to adapt to its new environment.

Just One Generation cat rescue was formed in 2013 to help address the severe feline overpopulation problem in our area. All of our adoptable cats and kittens are looking for indoor homes, and are litter box trained, social, have been vaccinated, dewormed, and received topical flea protection.

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

This week we feature

two current residents in our program who are currently looking for homes. Both were found abandoned, and no owner has come forward. More adoptable animals can be viewed on petfinder.com by entering a search for CATS at location 26623, or by LIKING our Facebook page. Additional information can be obtained by calling Sally Stewart at 304-364-4136.



**FANCY:** Fancy is an exceptional cat. She has an all-white body that is as soft as cotton, with unique calico markings on her head and tail. She was found in Sunset Acres in Sutton (near the regional jail). Fancy is one of the most loving cats we have ever taken in. She loves attention and

petting, and has outstanding potential as a companion or family pet. Estimated age 2 years.



**ZEKE:** Zeke had been seen in the neighborhood along Wilsie Rd for about 2 weeks. He was trying hard to get someone to take him in. A local good Samaritan offered help when the temperatures dipped into the teens and brought him to us. He has a beautiful silver tabby coat with a white chest and paws. He is estimated to be less than a year old.

## 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

## Central WV Riding Club 2022 show dates

The Central WV Riding Club has announced the show dates for 2022. Be sure to write these dates out in your calendar and come out to support the club.

2022 show dates:  
May 21, June 25, July 16 -Youth Show, July 23, August 27, September 24, and October 8.

Trail Ride October 16 at 1:00 p.m. on Sugar Camp Rd (John & Kathy Given's) Gassaway

All shows are held at Holly Gray Park and start at 5:00 p.m. Show-bill will be posted after the February meeting. Anyone interested in joining or sponsoring a

class contact the Central West Virgina Riding Club Facebook page with an address or email address to send it to and which form(s) you need. Membership is \$5 per person and \$10 per family. Sponsorship is \$40 for Silver Sponsor and \$100 for Gold Sponsor.

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](http://www.wvencyclopedia.org).

Feb. 9, 1843: Republican Party leader Nathan Goff Jr. was born in Clarksburg. In 1888, Goff lost West Virginia's most controversial gubernatorial election to Aretas Brooks Fleming. Goff's initial 106-vote majority was challenged by Fleming, and both men were sworn in on inauguration day.



Feb. 9, 1900: "Aunt Jennie" Wilson was born near Henlawson. Wilson was a Logan County traditional musician, considered a master of clawhammer-style banjo playing.

Feb. 9, 1950: U.S. Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy's speech to a group of Wheeling Republicans launched the 1950s red scare. McCarthy, a Wisconsin Republican, claimed in his speech to have a list of 205 communists who worked in the U.S. State Department.

Feb. 10, 1904: Jay Legg was shot and killed by his wife, Sarah Ann, in their home in Clay County. The trial, conviction, appeal and acquittal of Sarah Ann led to a popular West Virginia folk ballad, "The Murder of Jay Legg."



Feb. 10, 2010: Frederick Appleton "Fred" Schaus, West Virginia University basketball All-American, coach, and athletic director, died at the age of 84 in Morgantown. Schaus coached at WVU from 1954 to 1960, with a 146-37 record.

Feb. 11, 1903: Artist Grace Martin Taylor was born in Morgantown. In addition to producing an immense body of work in a variety of styles, Taylor enjoyed a lengthy career at the Mason College of Fine Arts and Music in Charleston.

Feb. 11, 1904: Clarence Watson Meadows was born in Beckley. His mother hoped he

would become a Baptist minister, but he ultimately entered politics, becoming the 22nd governor of West Virginia.



Feb. 11, 1911: The Charles Town Opera House opened. The 500-seat theater ushered in an era of entertainment and service lasting more than 30 years.

Feb. 11, 1923: Eight members of the Black Hand were arrested in Harrison County. The Black Hand was the name and symbol of an underworld society of Italian immigrants that sought to extort money from other Italian immigrants.



Feb. 11, 1935: The first houses in the Tygart Valley Homesteads were ready for occupancy. One of three resettlement projects in West Virginia, the homestead was intended to provide a new start for unemployed farmers, miners and timber workers.

Feb. 12, 1867: Barbourville was incorporated by an act of the state legislature. Originally the county seat of Cabell County, it lost that honor after the C&O Railway was completed to Huntington.



Feb. 12, 1899: Karl Dewey Myers was born in Tucker County with severe birth defects. He never attended school, but he educated himself through persistent self-study. He was named the state's first poet laureate in 1927.

Feb. 13, 1800: General John Jay Jackson was born near Parkersburg. He served in the Seminole War as a



member of Gen. Andrew Jackson's staff.

Feb. 13, 1913: Mother Jones was arrested in Charleston after helping union miners on Paint Creek and Cabin Creek.

Feb. 13, 1923: Chuck Yeager was born at Myra, about seven miles from Hamlin. On October 14, 1947, in a Bell X-1 rocket airplane dropped from a B-29 bomber, Yeager broke the sound barrier by flying 700 miles per hour.

Feb. 14, 1866: Grant County was created and named for Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, who later became the nation's 18th president.



Feb. 15, 1898: Musician John Homer "Uncle Homer" Walker was born in Mercer County. Among the last in a tradition of black Appalachian banjo players, he played the five-string banjo in the clawhammer style.

Feb. 15, 1930: Sara Jane Moore was born in Charleston. On Sept. 22, 1975, Moore attempted to assassinate President Gerald Ford in San Francisco.



Feb. 15, 1975: Elizabeth Kee, the state's first female member of Congress, died in Bluefield. Kee was elected to Congress in 1951 after the death of her husband, John. She retired in 1964 and was replaced by her son, James.

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## Mid-State indoor archery Tuesday 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.

## Braxton County Senior Center Food Menu

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

Tuesday 8 Steak and Pepper Strips, Au Gratin Potatoes, Broccoli, Dinner Roll, Fruit. Wednesday 9 Salmon Patty, Pasta with Peas, Stewed Tomatoes, Fruit. Thursday 10 Spaghetti with Meatballs, Garden

Salad, Garlic Bread, Fruit. Friday 11 Pepperoni Roll, Tomato Soup with Cheddar Cheese, Crackers, Fruit. Monday 14 Madly In Love Meatloaf, Mushy Mashed Potatoes, Sweet Peas, Devoted Dinner Roll, Flirty Fruit. Tuesday 15 Chicken Alfredo, Broccoli, Garlic Bread, Fruit. Wednesday 16 Beef Vegetable Soup,

Cornbread, Spinach, Casserole, Fruit. Thursday 17 Open Face Turkey Sandwich, Stuffing, Corn, Fruit. Friday 18 Fish Taco with Baja Sauce, Black Beans, Rice, Fruit. Monday 21 Holiday - Center Closed. Tuesday 22 Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Dinner Roll, Pea Salad, Fruit. Wednesday 23 Pork Riblet on Bun, Sweet Potato Fries, Coleslaw, Fruit. Thursday 24 Lasagna, Garden Salad, Garlic Bread, Fruit. Friday 25 Breakfast Bake, Hash Browns, Biscuit, Spiced Apples, Juice. Monday 28 Chili, Sweet Potatoes, Crackers, Fruit.

## Town of Sutton open meeting

The Sutton Town council invites anyone interested to attend an open meeting to discuss the funds that were given to the town of Sutton, approximately \$250,000, from the American Rescue Plan.





# LEGAL NOTICES

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## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Gilmer County Commission will be accepting bids for the HVAC project at the Gilmer County Courthouse located at 10 Howard Street, Glenville, WV. Bids will be accepted until 9:00 a.m. on February 18, 2022 in the County Commission Room. This project is partially funded by the West Virginia Courthouse Facilities Improvement Authority. The scope of work will consist of providing and installing Daikin HVAC units w/accessories on the first floor of the Gilmer County Courthouse. Bids should include: --Site preparation --Installation --10 Daikin Air Handlers w/disinfection purifier system --mount to the wall --Condensers for multi-zone --Electrical upgrade requirements MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING

A Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting for Bidders will be held on Friday, February 11, 2022 at 10:00 a.m., local time, at the Project Site: Gilmer County Courthouse, 10 Howard St., Glenville, WV 26351. Any contractor wishing to submit a bid must attend the Pre-Bid meeting for their bid to be considered. BIDDER'S QUALIFICATIONS Pursuant to Chapter 21-Article 11 of the "West Virginia Contractor Licensing Act" of 1991, all Contractors doing business in West Virginia must be licensed to perform work in the State; the Contractor's W.V. License Number must be affixed to all submitted construction Bids and fully executed and binding construction Contracts or Agreements. Bidders must be properly licensed under the laws governing their respective trades. Insurance in a form acceptable to Owner will be required of the successful Bidder. This Advertisement for Bids document is issued by the Gilmer County Commission. 2-1 2-8b

**NOTICE OF FILING OF ESTATES**

TO THE CREDITORS AND BENEFICIARIES OF THE WITHIN NAMED DECEASED PERSONS: I have before me the estates of the following deceased persons and the accounts of the fiduciaries of their respective estates: DECEDENT: LINDA FAYE SINGLETON FIDUCIARY: JAMES A. SINGLETON 75 SINGLETON DRIVER FRAMETOWN, WV 26623 DECEDENT: IVA LEE JACKSON FIDUCIARY: MABLE JEAN VERTON P O BOX 114 LITTLE BIRCH, WV 26629 DECEDENT: DANA C. WILSON FIDUCIARY: RANDY WAYNE WILSON 1968 UPPER LITTLE BIRCH RD SUTTON, WV 26601 DECEDENT: RUTH K. RICCI FIDUCIARY: MARTHA RICCI EHRHARDT 1110 PINEBURY CT BELAIR, MD 21015 DECEDENT: ERIC WAYNE GALLAHER FIDUCIARY: JENNIER PAYNE 150 OTTER LANE GASSAWAY, WV 26624 DECEDENT: EARL WAYNE RUTHERFORD SR FIDUCIARY: BRENDIA DYE 3057 ANDERSON ANTHONY RD NW WARREN, OH 44481 DECEDENT: HENRY LOUIS JACK FIDUCIARY: KAREN L. ABRAHAM 79 BRUSH RUN RD. EXCHANGE, WV 26619 DECEDENT: RICHARD ROSE FIDUCIARY: MARLENE MITCHELL 2197 CUTLIP FOR RD. GASSAWAY, WV 26624 AND JAMES ROSE 1887 CUTLIP FOR RD. GASSAWAY, WV 26624 DECEDENT: JOSHUA ARTHUR HACKER FIDUCIARY: JESSICA HACKER 2718 TRACE RUN RD EXCHANGE, WV 26619 DECEDENT: GEORGE DEWEY KEENER JR FIDUCIARY: PATSY KEENER P O BOX 144 SUTTON, WV 26601 All persons having any claims against the estate(s) of any of the above-named persons whether due or not, are notified to exhibit the same with vouchers thereof, legally verified, to the fiduciary of such deceased persons as shown

herein within 60 days from the first publication or on or before the 1st day of April, 2022, otherwise any or all such Claims may by law be excluded from all benefits of said estate(s). All beneficiaries of said estate(s) may appear either before the above-named fiduciary by the date first above shown or thereafter before the Fiduciary Supervisor by the date last above shown to examine said claims and otherwise protect their respective interests. Given under my hand this the 1st day of February 2022. TAMERA FACEMIRE Fiduciary Supervisor 2-1 2-8

**ORDER OF PUBLICATION IN THE FAMILY COURT OF BRAXTON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA** CIVIL ACTION NO. 22-D-4 IN RE: The Marriage of: MICHELLE LYNN MCCOURT, Petitioner and ROBERT MICHAEL WOLFENBARKER, Respondent THE OBJECT OF THIS SUIT IS TO OBTAIN A DIVORCE. THIS IS A PUBLICATION BY CLASS II LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT. To the Above-Named Respondent: It appearing by affidavit filed in this action that ROBERT MICHAEL WOLFENBARKER is a non-resident of the State of West Virginia or has an unknown address. It is hereby ordered that ROBERT MICHAEL WOLFENBARKER serve upon Braxton County Circuit Clerk's Officer, Circuit Clerk's Office, whose address is 300 Main St., Room 101, Sutton, West Virginia an Answer, including any related counterclaim or defense you may have to the Petition For Divorce filed in this action on or before February 28, 2022. If you fail to Answer the Petition for Divorce, a judgment may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition. A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk's Office. Entered by the Clerk of said Court January 28, 2022. Susan Lemon Clerk of the Court 2-1 2-8b

**NOTICE TO REDEEM** 2020-S-00000002 - Braxton County – SAM SKIDMORE To: LUBE EQUIPMENT INC, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS LLC, CLEVELAND BROTHERS EQUIPMENT CO. INC., ANDERSON EQUIPMENT CO., STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, CORPORATE BILLING INC, RYAN MARSTELLA CROWN HILL EQUIPMENT, RUDD EQUIPMENT CO INC, RISH EQUIPMENT CO, BROOKS RUN MINING CO LLC, COASTAL COAL WEST VIRGINIA LLC, 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 0021 0000 You will take notice that SAM SKIDMORE, the purchaser of tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2020-S-00000002, WOLF CREEK 59.28 AC 1748, 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. -\$1,162.00 Amount of subsequent years taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2022. -\$994.94 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. -\$989.75 Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2022. -\$301.91 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. -\$3,3448.60 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 2-8 2-22b

**NOTICE TO REDEEM** 2020-S-00000008 - Braxton County – RICHARD D MITCHELL To: FLOSSIE HARRIS, JAMES SKIDMORE, ICIE SKIDMORE, JAMES SKIDMORE, ICIE SKIDMORE, PATRICIA PERRY DICKERSON, KATHLEEN McCULLOUGH, RICKY SKIDMORE, 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 OTTER MAP 5K P A R C E L 0012 0000 You will take notice that RICHARD D MITCHELL, the purchaser of tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2020-S-00000008, OBRIEN 33.25 AC, located in OTTER, which was returned delinquent in the name of SKIDMORE JAMES & ICIE, 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. -\$366.34 Amount of subsequent years taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2022. -\$256.05 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. -\$466.16 Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2022. -\$301.91 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. -\$1,390.46 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 2-8 2-22b

**NOTICE TO REDEEM** 2020-S-00000018 - Braxton County – TLC DEVELOPMENT To: MICHAEL G KANTOS, 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 SALT LICK MAP 9C P A R C E L 0017 0000 You will take notice that TLC DEVELOPMENT, the purchaser of tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2020-S-00000018, 22.29AC LITTLE KANAWHA, located in SALT LICK, which was returned delinquent in the name of KANTOS MICHAEL G, 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. -\$283.34 Amount of subsequent years taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2022. -\$179.02

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. -\$743.24 Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2022. -\$43.13 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. -\$1,248.73 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 2-8 2-22b

**NOTICE TO REDEEM** 2020-S-00000031 - Braxton County – ELEMENTAL RESOURCES LLC To: M.B HINKLE, L.E. HINKLE, LUELLA E HINKLE, LOE E HINKLE, LIEWELLA E HINKLE, LUELLA M HINKLE, AUDRIA MARDELL MCQUAIN, PEARL BALLARD HINKLE, PEARL RETA HINKLE, MORTIE J HINKLE, MICKEY D MCQUAIN, BYRON J MCQUAIN, JOHNNY M MCQUAIN, MICKEY DELL MCQUAIN, BYRON J MCQUAIN, JOHNNY MCQUAIN, 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 9999 P A R C E L 0600 0003 You will take notice that ELEMENTAL RESOURCES LLC, the purchaser of tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2020-S-00000031, 83.27AC O&G FLATWOODS RUN, located in HOLLY, which was returned delinquent in the name of HINKLE M B 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. -\$113.38 Amount of subsequent years taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2022. -\$18.09 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. -\$1,003.73 Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2022. -\$289.39 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. -\$1,424.59 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 2-8 2-22b

**NOTICE TO REDEEM** 2020-S-00000032 - Braxton County – ELEMENTAL RESOURCES LLC To: HELEN S. HOLCOMB, HELEN FRANCIS HOLCOMB, JERRY A HOLCOMB, WILLIAM LORY HOLCOMB, JOHN OTTO HOLCOMB, SUE HOLCOMB, DOROTHY HOLCOMB, BEULAH SKIDMORE SECREST, JERRY A HOLCOMB, 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 9999 P A R C E L 0600 0120 You will take notice that ELEMENTAL RESOURCES LLC, the purchaser of tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2020-S-00000032, 1/7 OF 110AC O&G WOLF, located in HOLLY, which was returned delinquent in the name of HOLCOMB HELEN S, 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. -\$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. -\$968.53 Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2022. -\$113.13 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. -\$1,182.46 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 2-8 2-22b

**NOTICE TO REDEEM** 2020-S-00000121 - Braxton County – ROBERT B BOURN To: MARLENE G PRICE C/O KAREN PIERCE, JOHN AKERS, DOROTHY ELLEN AKERS, ALLEN W PRICE, 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 6T P A R C E L 0017 0000 You will take notice that ROBERT B BOURN, the purchaser of tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2020-S-00000121, WOLF PEN 1/3 OF 9AC, located in BIRCH, which was returned delinquent in the name of PRICE MARLENE G, 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. -\$120.87 Amount of subsequent years taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2022. -\$25.67 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. -\$425.13 Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2022. -\$242.52 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. -\$814.19 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 2-8 2-22b

**NOTICE TO REDEEM** 2020-S-00000122 - Braxton County – ROBERT B BOURN To: BROOKS RUN MINING COMPANY LLC, APPLIED INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES INC, ANDERSON EQUIPMENT COMPANY, RISH EQUIPMENT COMPANY C/O RYAN S MARSTELLER ESQ, RUDD EQUIPMENT COMPANY, INC, M-B LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, CLEVELAND BROTHER EQUIPMENT CO INC, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS LLC C/O LEGAL DEPARTMENT, LUBE EQUIPMENT INC, CROWN HILL EQUIPMENT INC C/O RYAN MARSTELLER ESQ, STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, COMPLIANCE DIVISION, AMURE: ACCOUNT #2213-7948, XTREME LABOR SOLUTIONS LLC, CITICORP NORTH AMERICA INC, CORPORATE BILLING INC, 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 OTTER MAP 8P P A R C E L 0037 0000 You will take notice that ROBERT B BOURN, the purchaser of tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2020-S-00000122, 140AC INCL COAL

BUFFALO 1745-1746, located in OTTER, 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. -\$1,220.10 Amount of subsequent years taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2022. -\$1,061.11 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. -\$561.82 Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2022. -\$903.82 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. -\$3,746.85 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. 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 2-8 2-22b

**NOTICE TO REDEEM** 2020-S-00000049 - Braxton County – WVTLI LLC To: RONALD CADLE, ANGELA CADLE, RONALD CADLE, STONEWALL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL C/O BOOTH & MCCARTHY, STONEWALL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL C/O BOOTH & MCCARTHY, RONALD CADLE, ANGELA CADLE, ANGELA CADLE, 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 3L PARCEL 0024 0004 You will take notice that WVTLI LLC, the purchaser of tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2020-S-00000049, .78AC SLEITH, located in BIRCH, which was returned delinquent in the name of CADLE RONALD & OR ANGELA, 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. -\$541.83 Amount of subsequent years taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2022. -\$375.41 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. -\$1,224.91 Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2022. -\$431.30 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. -\$2,573.45 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 2-1 2-15b

**NOTICE TO REDEEM** 2020-S-00000086 - Braxton County – WVTLI LLC To: JAMES WILLIAM WESTFALL, JAMES WILLIAM WESTFALL, KELLY DAWN WESTFALL, KELLY DAWN WESTFALL, STONEWALL JACKSON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL C/O CENTRAL ATLANTIC LEGAL GROUP PLLC, STONEWALL JACKSON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL C/O BOOTH, STRANGE & DANIEL, STONEWALL JACKSON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL C/O CENTRAL ATLANTIC LEGAL GROUP PLLC, STONEWALL JACKSON

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## NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

The second half 2021 Real Estate and Personal Property taxes are now due. Payment must be received on or by March 1, 2022 in order to receive the 2-1.2% discount. Please refer to our statement(s) received last July for the correct amount due. If you did not receive a statement, you may call 765-2838, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or you may write to the Braxton County Sheriff's Department Tax Division, P.O. Box 546, Sutton, WV 26601, for the amount due. Taxes may also be paid online at: [www.wvpropertytaxes.com](http://www.wvpropertytaxes.com)

All taxes that are delinquent after April 30, 2022, will have an additional charge of \$20.00.

*Lou Dellamea*  
*Sheriff of Braxton County*





Grade level winners front row: Liam Harman, Natalie Garrett, Ira Ransbottom, Leah Rader, Emma Jane Liston. Back row: Quynn Lemon, Savana Singleton, Brynne Davis, James Johnson, Joel Sigman.

# Braxton County Schools hosts 2022 Spelling Bee

The Braxton County Spelling Bee was held on January 31, 2022 at Days Inn and Suites, and was well attended by parents and community. The top two spellers in both 4th and 5th grades from each elementary school as well as the top twelve spellers in each of 6th through 8th grades competed for top speller. Grade level rounds were held first to determine the top two spellers from each grade. These winners went on to compete in the championship round.

4th Grade winners were: 1st Place Leah Rader from Davis Elementary and 2nd Place Emma Jane Liston from Sutton Elementary.

5th Grade winners were: 1st Place Quynn Lemon from Flatwoods Elementary and 2nd Place Ira Ransbottom from Sutton Elementary.

6th Grade winners were: 1st Place Natalie Garrett and Liam Harman both from Braxton County Middle School.

7th Grade winners were: 1st Place Brynne Davis and 2nd Place Savana Singleton both from Braxton County



Winners: 3rd Place Savana Singleton, 1st Place Joel Sigman, 2nd Place James Johnson.

8th Grade winners were: 1st Place James Johnson and 2nd Place Joel Sigman both from Braxton County Middle School

County Champion: 3rd Place Savana Singleton, 2nd Place James Singleton, and 1st Place Joel Sigman.

Joel won in the 7th round with the championship word of "listener".

Joel and James will

have the option to represent Braxton County in the Daily Mail Regional Spelling Bee in March.

A big thank you to all that helped make the event happen, students who worked hard, exhibited great sportsmanship and competed, parents who supported and cheered on spellers, staff and volunteers to run the bee, BCMS Engineering students for designing and manufacturing awards.

# Dog Stories from the Braxton Tales: County Animal Shelter

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



**Paisley** and her puppy brother, **Dude**, were brought to the shelter by our humane officer due to a second or subsequent animal cruelty offense in which the owner was prohibited to own, possess or reside with animals. Paisley is a sweet eight month old female retriever mix. She is learning to walk on a leash, she knows sit and she is house trained. This girl loves all people and dogs, but

we can't be sure about cats. Paisley is a gentle soul looking for a fun forever home to learn and grow in.



**Dude** is a six month old male chi-x and he just wants a warm lap to cuddle up on. He's a very affectionate little guy who loves to give chin kisses too! Dude is kid and dog friendly. We aren't sure how he would do with cats or if he is completely house trained.

The Braxton County Animal Shelter would like to remind you to be the person your dog thinks you are!

## BPL Library Board of Trustees meetings time change note

Burnsville Public Library Board of Trustees meets the second Monday of each month at the new time of 5:00 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.

# MAGISTRATE COURT R-E-P-O-R-T

## Magistrate Beth Smith's Court

January 31: Nathan Dwayne Smallwood of Linden, VA, possession of controlled substance, guilty plea, 90 days of jail with credit for time served of six days, remainder suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation, fine/court costs assessed; Megan Marie Payne of Exchange, compulsory education offense, dismissed, child is in grandmother's custody; Joshua Paul Young of Exchange, fleeing from officer, dismissed, investigating officer is no longer available to testify; Michael B. Glenn of Bruceton Mills, prohibited person in possession of a firearm, dismissed, defendant to be federally indicted; David Wayne Spencer of Birch River, overweight vehicle, guilty plea, fine/court costs assessed and paid.

February 1: Marquis Linell Williams of Sutton, forgery of a public record x19, warrant issued, bond set at \$20,000 cash only.

February 3: Quentin Losh of Sutton, cruelty to animals, no contest plea, fine/court costs

assessed; Katlyn Garvin of Sutton, cruelty to animals, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; Caleb D. Long of Sutton, shooting or discharging a firearm within 500 feet of a dwelling, guilty plea, fine/court costs assessed; Bridgette Jayne Bender of Frametown, possession with intent to deliver x2-meth and fentanyl, conspiracy, preliminary hearing waived, transferred to circuit court.

## Magistrate David Singleton's Court

January 27: Tamika L. Moore of Groveland, FL, speeding, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed and paid.

January 28: Daniel J. Corum of Arlington, VA, speeding, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed and paid.

January 30: Jesse Alan Jordan of Sutton, false information, no proof of insurance, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$2500 cash, surety, or 10% to the court; Logan Thomas Tighe of Elkins, possession of controlled substance x2-marijuana and suboxone, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$2000 cash or surety.

January 31: Anthony M. Paletti of Flatwoods, possession with intent to deliver x2-meth and heroine, conspiracy, preliminary hearing waived, transferred to circuit court; Robbie Franklin Lamp of Grantsville, bringing contraband into regional jail, dismissed, state does not wish to pursue charges; Robert L. Evans of Eglon, overweight vehicle, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed and paid.

February 1: Lamar Edward James of Carolina, burglary, preliminary hearing waived, transferred to circuit court; Steven J. Dorsey of Sutton, no proof of insurance, dismissed proof provided.

February 2: Angel Talbert of Gassaway, cruelty to animals, dismissed, officer will issue new citation with more accurate charge; Ayla Rebecca Simons of Gassaway, misdemeanor violation of protective order, guilty plea, 90 days of jail with credit for time served of three days, remainder suspended and placed on seven months of unsupervised probation, fine/court costs assessed.

# Meet a MFB Food Banker

This week we're highlighting Cara Holmes! Cara serves as a Program Coordinator.

Cara originally started out as one of our Mobile Food Pantry Assistants in 2020 before moving into the Program Coordinator role in August of 2021.

She now helps manage our RX Program, Housing Drop Program, and the Veterans Table Program.

Cara enjoys spending her free time with her husband and loving her three dogs.

Thank you, Cara, for all you do at Mountaineer Food Bank!



Cara Holmes.

# Braxton County students named to Glenville State College Honor Rolls

The names of Braxton County students who attained the Glenville State College President's and Provost's Honor Rolls for the Fall 2021 semester have been announced.

Seth Arnold, Kassidy Heavner, and Lainey Hunt, all of Burnsville, Heather Moore of Duck, Emily Metheny of Exchange, Cassie Hyre of Gassaway, Jacob Long of Heaters, Emily Toler of Little Birch, Beau Liston of Napier, and Richard "Jack" Boyce, Kourtney Davis, Lexi Pletcher, and Stephanie

Stewart, all of Sutton, have been named to the Glenville State College President's Honor Roll. To be named to the President's Honor Roll, students must have a 4.0 grade point average and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours.

Olivia Ramsey of Burnsville, Brittany Boggs and Raven Friend, both of Exchange, Ellen Collins of Flatwoods, Jackson Davis, Hailey Lunceford, James McChesney, Emily Nesselrotte, and Jaycee Wood, all of Fra-

metown, Jesse Flint and Daniel Hoard, both of Gassaway, Abigail Long, Andrew Pritt, and Ethan Veltre, all of Heaters, and Madison Duffield, Joseph Johnson, Daizy King, Natalie Rhodes, Madeline Tusing, and Chloe Walker, all of Sutton have been named to the Glenville State College Provost's Honor Roll. To be named to the Provost's Honor Roll, students must have grade point averages between 3.5 and 3.9 and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours.

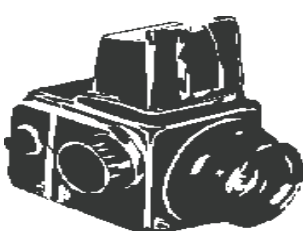
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### A Photographic Look at...

## BC Youth Basketball League tournament



Braxton County Youth Basketball League hosted their season tournament this weekend. The 5th/6th Championship Game Winners were the Sutton Blue Devils. Runner ups were the Gassaway Elks. 3rd/4th Championship Game Winners were the Gassaway Dragons. Runner ups were the Burnsville Bruins 1.



Trail Blazers third and fourth grade.



Runner ups Bruins 1 third and fourth grade.



Spartans third and fourth grade.



Renegades third and fourth grade.



Tigers third and fourth grade.



Warriors third and fourth grade.



Lakers fifth and sixth grade.



Championship winners Dragons third and fourth grade.



Championship winners Blue Devils fifth and sixth grade.



Runner ups Elks fifth and sixth grade



Razorbacks fifth and sixth grade.



Firehawks fifth and sixth grade.



Falcons fifth and sixth grade.



Bruins 2 third and fourth grade.

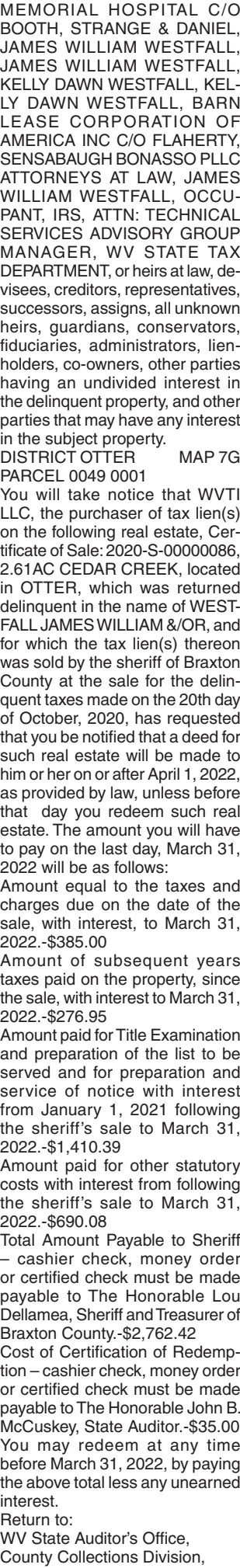




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latitude 38° 36' 10" (Coordinates from USGS Topographic Map). Surface of the area associated herewith is owned by: Wolfpen Knob Development Company LLC, 1000 Consol Energy Drive, Suite 100, Canonsburg, PA 15317. Surface of the area within 100 feet 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 (d/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 the 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:  
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Permit Number: O105291  
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Questions please call 1-888-509-6568 option 2      2-1 2-15b

2020-S-00000088 - Braxton County – WVTL LLC  
To: MARY WILLIAMS, HERBERT WILLIAMS, MARY WILLIAMS, J. BURTON HUNTER III, TRUSTEE, PROGRESSIVE BANK, N.A. BUCKHANNON, PROGRESSIVE BANK, N.A. – BUCKHANNON, 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 OTTER MAP  
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You will take notice that WVTL LLC, the purchaser of tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2020-S-00000088, 58AC S S ELK 3320, located in OTTER, which was returned delinquent in the name of WIL- LIAMS (MARY L, 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. –\$287.88  
Amount of subsequent years taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2022. –\$192.96  
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. –\$1,246.20  
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. –\$2,072.08  
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 2-1 2-15b

2020-S-00000091 - Braxton County - WV01 L91  
To: BROOKS RUN MINING CO LLC, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS LLC C/O STEPTOE & JOHNSON PLLC, BROOKS RUN MINING CO LLC, LUBBER EQUIPMENT INC C/O BAILES, CRAIG, YON & SELLARDS PLLC, RYAN MARSTELLAR CROWN HILL EQUIPMENT, STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA STATE TAX DEPARTMENT COMPLIANCE DIVISION, AMU, XTREME LABOR SOLUTIONS LLC C/O KAY CASTO & CHANEY PLLC, XTREME LABOR SOLUTIONS, LLC C/O LORETTA WALKER SITES, BROOKS RUN MINING CO LLC, 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.  
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You will take notice that WV01 L91 LLC, the purchaser of tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2020-S-00000091, 1.03 AC TRACT A LITTLE BIRCH RIVER, located in OTTER, which was returned delinquent in the name of BROOKS RUN MINING CO 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, 2021, 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, 2021 will be as follows:  
Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 31, 2022.-\$488.46  
Amount of subsequent years' taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2022.-\$372.14  
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.-\$1,428.16  
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2022.-\$474.43  
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.-\$2,763.19  
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable John B

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PARCEL 0001 9910  
You will take notice that WVTI 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,

DISTRICT BIRCH MAP  
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County - WVTV LLC  
To: DOROTHY SHOES FRITZ,  
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# SPORTS

Reporting Braxton County's sports action

- Youth
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## Lady Eagles defeat Nicholas after losing to Webster and Roane



Heidi Payne dribbles the ball back into Lady Eagle territory as Nicholas County defenders trail behind.

Braxton girls' coach Bill Lunceford saw a definite turn-around in his team's play last week. The Lady Eagles started the week with a loss to Webster Wednesday. Thursday the coach saw some improvement, but the Lady Eagles lost to Roane that night. Friday night the positive

changes really started to show as Braxton outscored Nicholas. Tuesday's 66-12 loss to Webster, Coach Lunceford said, was "one of our worst performances of the year.." Thursday, in an away game at Roane, came another loss, 47-29, but the changes started to be apparent.



Erica Nicholson works to keep the ball in Lady Eagle possession as they work to put points on the board.

After explaining that he had made some change for the Roane game, the coach added that the Lady Eagles "dug a 19-0 hole in the first quarter but then settled in and played pretty well the rest of the game." Braxton did win the three remaining quarters, but Coach Lunceford noted, "It was too much of a deficit to overcome."

Here the Braxton coach noted that Laura Cain "stood in and took three charges in the first quarter," and he feels that "has really changed the attitude of the entire team."

Friday night, in a home game, Braxton

won 38-34 over Nicholas. "It was one of our best performances of the year," the coach said. He acknowledged that the team "still made a lot of mistakes," but said he thought it was a great team performance. He was especially pleased, he noted, that "the girls were really playing together and cheering for each other."

Last night the Lady Eagles played Gilmer at home, and tonight they play Clay in another home game. They play either Wirt or Wahama for their LKC placement game.

**Photos courtesy of Janet Six**



Above: Brooklyn Godfrey fights to keep play moving looking for a basket for the Lady Eagles. Below: Adrian Lunceford shoots for three points.



Lady Eagles' individual scoring in last week's games:			
Player	Webster	Roane	Nicholas
Lainey Hunt	6	9	6
Erica Nicholson	2	4	7
Heidi Payne	2	7	8
Laura Cain	2	0	0
Bre Smarr	0	4	5
Paxton Conley	0	3	0
Brooklyn Godfrey	0	2	3
Adrian Lunceford	0	0	4
Bethany Payne	0	0	3
Teagan Huff	0	0	2



Eagles Wrestling took second place at the Larry Snuffer Slam.

## Braxton places second in the Larry Snuffer Slam

The Eagles' wrestling team finished second in the Larry Snuffer Slam hosted by Shady Spring High School last Saturday. Johnson Central, KY, won the tournament and Independence finished third. Four of Braxton's wrestlers earned championships with no losses.

At 138, Blayne Jarvis finished 4-0 for first place. Logan Bennett, also 4-0, earned the

championship at 152. At 182, Bryce Leegan took first place with a 3-0 finish, and Colton Moore did the same at 195.

Braxton head coach Sterling Beane commented that the team did fairly well at the tournament. He said he thinks the team is improving each week.

The wrestling season is winding down. This week, Braxton travels to William-

stown for the Little Kanawha Conference tournament. There are 15 schools in the conference although Coach Beane was not sure that all 15 have wrestling teams. "The LKC tournament will be pretty competitive," the coach said, "but we should have several wrestlers seeded, some fairly high."

Regional competition is set for February 18-19.

Braxton wrestlers' performances at the Larry Snuffer Slam:		
Weight class	Wrestler	Saturday's record
106	Cody Stout	2 wins, 2 losses
113	Braydon Helmick	2 wins, 1 loss
126	Anthony Currence	1 win, 2 losses
132	Andrew Brandt	2 wins, 1 loss
138	Blayne Jarvis	4wins, 0 losses
145	Andrew McCallister	2 wins, 3 losses
152	Logan Bennett	4 wins, 0 losses
160	Jackson Davis	2 wins, 2 losses
170	Bryson Spell	1 win, 3 losses
182	Bryce Leegan	3 wins, 0 losses
195	Colton Moore	3 wins, 0 losses
220	Justin Bishop	2 wins, 2 losses
285	Ryder McLaughlin	3 wins, 1 loss
Junior varsity:		
152	Brett Bender	2 wins, 3 losses
160	Ethan Campbell	2 wins, 2 losses

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### February Schedule

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FEB 11 | BOYS VS. ROANE

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# SPORTS

Reporting Braxton County's sports action

- Youth
- Middle School
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## Eagles come back to defeat Ritchie in close game last week

With 1.7 seconds left on the clock, Beau Liston scored to break a tie and give Braxton a 70-68 win over Ritchie in the Eagles' only game last week. That was the second game-saving shot in the last seconds of the game.

Just seconds before Liston's shot for the win, William Forbush swished a three for the tie. Then followed a jump ball, the last-second shot, and Braxton's win. Liston's successful shot made his eleventh straight shot without a miss in the last two games.

Braxton coach Josh Lunceford explained that Ritchie had a 12-point lead

with four minutes left in the game. The Eagles' defense came on strong and they managed to close the gap. Coach Lunceford said that the team "should have pressed the whole game."

Three Braxton players scored in double figures in the game. Forbush, with 26 points, led the team. D.J. Coomes added 13, and Liston 12.

This week Braxton has three games on the schedule. Last night, they traveled to South Harrison. Wednesday they play Webster at the Armory and Friday they have another home game, this one against Roane.



Beau Liston scans the court before making his next move to continue the play.



DJ Coomes scores two points for the Eagles in the game against Ritchie County. Photos courtesy of Janet Six.

Braxton's individual scoring against Ritchie:	
Spencer Bosely	5
Lane Marrow	2
D.J. Coomes	13
William Forbush	26
Beau Liston	12
Mason Abraham	8
Matthew Garavaglia	4



The Eagles defense fought hard for their win against Ritchie County in the last four minutes of the game.



Mason Abraham pushing the Eagles offense under the basket.

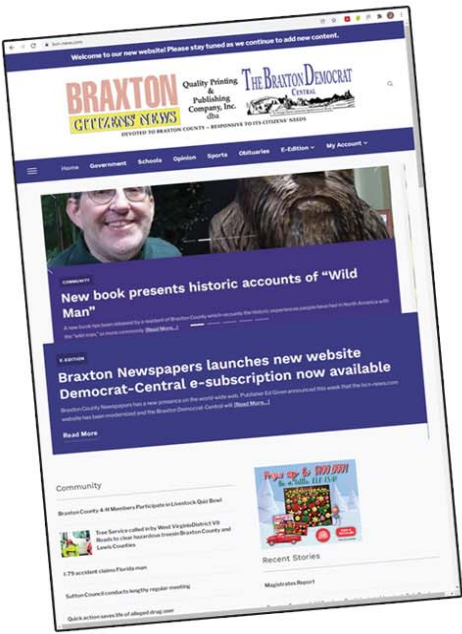
## Eagles junior varsity team wins only game played last week

The BCHS jv team outscored Ritchie County's junior varsity 41-29 last week. Coach Robert Lloyd explained that the teams played only two quarters because Ritchie showed up late. He said, "Even though this was only two quarters, it was a great team win. The

coach named Landon Stewart with 10 points and Zach Shaver with 7 as the leading scorers.

This week, the junior varsity played South Harrison in an away game last night. Wednesday they host Webster and Friday they play Roane in another home game.

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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.- \$3,192.32

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The Town of Sutton will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, February 24, 2022, at 5:00 PM** in the Sutton Town Hall. The Town is considering the submission of an application to the West Virginia Development Office for \$600,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds for the second phase of the Sutton Storm Sewer Project.

The project will consist of extending the first phase of the storm sewer collection system from Main Street up North Hill Road approximately 400-feet and will greatly aid in the management of storm flooding in that immediate area.

The purpose of this hearing is to allow interested citizens an opportunity to comment and express their views on the proposed application. Written comments will be received by the Town of Sutton, PO Box 366, Sutton, WV 26601, until February 23, 2022, for those unable to attend.

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