



A large portion of the \$50,000 to \$75,000 cargo was scattered around the crash scene of a Loomis truck.

## Money everywhere: not a penny for the taking...

A Loomis Armored transport vehicle left quite a mess when the driver apparently fell asleep and went between the north and south bridges just north of the I-79 interchange last Monday. In fact, the accident left tons of loose change scattered over a very large area. However, local law enforcement agencies were on hand quickly to ensure that the cargo remained at the scene.

The accident occurred just after 4:00 p.m. when the tractor-trailer truck, left the interstate while traveling south, went between the two bridges and crashed into the railroad grade below. The Burnsville Volunteer Fire Department and Braxton EMS both responded to the scene where the driver, and lone occupant of the

vehicle miraculously escaped serious injury.

According to investigating officer, CPL Cleve Westfall of the Braxton County Sheriff's Department, the large truck was transporting between \$50,000 and \$75,000 in change to Loomis headquarters in Charleston. The coins were in large metal containers in the trailer but the weight and impact the vehicle sustained during the collision caused the container to burst through the container and spill on the surrounding ground.

CPL Westfall, Deputy B. Pickens and members of the Sutton Detachment of the West Virginia State Police remained on scene for over three hours to secure the cash until armed guards from Loomis arrived on scene for clean-up. The money was transferred to another Loomis vehicle for transport.



## Hess, Alley, Stewart and Harris sentenced to prison; others have day in Circuit Court

Numerous court orders were recently completed by the Honorable Richard A. Facemire in the Braxton County Circuit Court. Braxton County Prosecuting Attorney Jasmine R.H. Morton represented the state of West Virginia. Tyler Morlan, Jacob Foster, and Deandre Williams from the Braxton County Probation Office were available for several of the hearings.

Following recent proceedings before Judge Facemire four individuals are headed to prison. Wallace Lee Hess and attorney David Karickhoff appeared in court for a sentencing hearing. The defense moved for some type of alternative sentence and the state stood silent per the plea agreement. The court found Hess in need of correctional treatment and denied the motion. The defendant was sentenced

to one to ten years on the grand larceny charge and five years for escape.

Tyler Brooks Alley came before Judge Facemire for his sentencing hearing on the felony charge of conspiracy. His attorney Betty Gregory requested the sentence to run concurrent with the one he is currently serving. The state remained silent per the plea agreement. The court noted Alley would likely reoffend if granted an alternative sentence and therefor denied the motion. He was sentenced to one to five years in prison.

Harold Stewart and his attorney Kevin Hughart came to court for his sentencing hearing. The defense noted he had gotten married since the case began and has a potential treatment program if granted an alternative sentence. The state remained silent with regard to a recommendation for

sentencing per the plea agreement. The court believed granting an alternative sentence would depreciate the seriousness of the offense and he would likely reoffend. Based on his prior criminal history, sporadic employment history, and his substance abuse problem the motion was denied. Stewart was sentenced to one to five years for the felony offense of sexual abuse in the first degree.

Ryan Wesley Harris appeared in court with his attorney David Karickhoff for a sentencing hearing. The defense moved for an alternative sentence with the state staying silent per the plea agreement. Judge Facemire denied the motion noting his prior criminal record, sporadic work history, and his substance abuse problem. On felony offense of burglary, the defendant was sentenced to one to fifteen years.

On January 10, Richard Cory Barker and his attorney Timothy Gentilozzi came before Judge Facemire for further sentencing as he has completed long-term, in-patient treatment. The defense noted he would be a good candidate for an alternative sentence he has completed treatment and has gotten employment. The state did not object with the placement on probation. The one to five years sentence for delivery of oxycodone was suspended and Barker was placed on five years of probation.

Kelly Lynn Hughes and her attorney Bernard Mauser appeared in court for probation revocation hearing. The defendant admitted to the allegations contained in the petition for revocation. Her probation was therefore revoked by Judge Facemire. The defense requested she be re-admitted to the pro-

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The Braxton County High School Wrestling Team captured their 6th straight Little Kanawha Conference Championship last Saturday at the LKC Tournament in Williamstown with 14 teams vying for the title.

## Eagles win sixth consecutive LKC wrestling championship

*Braxton has 7 individual conference champions*

By Shirley Shuman

Braxton County wrestlers scored 222 points to win their sixth straight conference championship in the LKC tournament Saturday. With 120 points, Tyler Consolidated placed second, and Williamstown was third with 105. Seven Braxton wrestlers took championships in their individual weight classes, and a total 11 Eagles out of 13 placed in the top four in their

weight classes.

At 138, Blayne Jarvis decided his opponent 10-3 for first place. Logan Bennett, 152, and Bryson Spell, 170, both earned first place with pins. Bryce Leegan, 182, finished at first on an 8-2 decision, and Colton Moore 195, pinned his way to the championship. Both Justin Bishop, 220, and Ryder McLaughlin, 285, won first through 3-2 decisions. Bishop's cham-

pionship win came in overtime.

Other Braxton placers included Jackson Davis, Braden Helmick, Anthony Currence, and Andrew Brandt. Davis finished second at 160. Both Helmick, 113, and Currence, 126, placed third, and Andrew Brandt finished fourth at 132.

Eagles' head coach Sterling Beane commented that the Eagles "have been showing steady improvement, and it definitely showed Saturday." Coach Beane added, "We want them to peak at the time of

states. That's when they need to be wrestling their best of the year."

The Eagles' next challenge is the Region 2 tournament Friday and Saturday at Lewis County High School. The 16 teams in the region will begin at noon Friday. Saturday's wrestling begins at 10 a.m. The Eagles have won the last five Region 2 tournaments. The real challenge at the regional is qualifying to wrestle in the upcoming state tournament, Coach Beane pointed out.

## Town of Sutton hears public's suggestions on how to use ARP funds

The February 10 Sutton Town Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor JD Hoover. Present were Mayor Hoover, Recorder Laurel Petolicchio, and council members Steve Facemire, Marsha Lloyd, Beth Atkins, Catherine Hoover and absent was Robyn Dolan. Also present were Municipal Clerk Robin Smith and Police Officer Shane Boggs.

Public citizens attending the council meeting were Jon Crum, Geary White, Kathy Cogar, Kevin Carpenter, Rebecca and Randy Conrad, Lisa Godwin, Tim Hoover, Tim Simmons, Shelly Sutphin, Kevin Westley Carpenter, David White, the Sartin Family-Daniel, Shelby and Liam and Fernando Rodriguez.

Mayor JD Hoover wanted to note that the

town was able to get the last of the Christmas decorations down.

Council member Beth Atkins showed everyone the historic map that Bob Flint donated for the future Sutton Museum.

Westley Carpenter did a presentation from WVU Law. He recommended that the town council contact WVU Law and ask them to do a comprehensive plan which is free of

charge for the town. He suggested getting a committee of around 9 people to serve as a liaison for the town to work with WVU law to come up with plans to spend the American Rescue money that has been allotted to the town of Sutton.

David White suggested the town use the money to fix the ground water problem that comes from Town Hill to Main Street.

Councilmember Beth Atkins suggested the town get a committee together to get that addressed.

Councilmember Steve Facemire said the town has already applied for a grant to get that finished.

Fernando Rodriguez did a presentation asking that the money be used to put 5G internet broadband access in the town of Sutton.

Beth Atkins asked

that the money be spent on our youth and new business development.

Jon Crum did a presentation suggesting that we set up a grant system for those who lost revenue during the pandemic. Such as families who lost wages, or were in need

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# Legislative Update

By Delegate Brent Boggs

Last Friday, February 11 marked the thirty-first day of the 2022 Legislative session. To date, 1,902 bills have been introduced; the House has introduced 1,286 bills; in the Senate, 621 bills have been introduced. 75 bills have passed the Senate; 58 bills have passed the House. Fourteen bills have passed both houses. The Governor has signed 4 bills, with another three bills on his desk for action. Ten other bills are on their way to the Governor's office.

Due to a knee injury that has become progressively worse during the last couple of weeks, I'll be having some outpatient surgery later this week at Cabell-Huntington Hospital. Therefore, I'll be out of the Capitol office for a couple of days late in the week. If all goes as the surgeon anticipates, I hope to be back at the Capitol no later than next Monday, if not sooner. Meanwhile, Laura Collins and other staff members will assist me in monitoring messages and calls.

Now that we've passed the halfway point in the session, the pace is quickening, with days becoming longer at the Capitol. Longer committee meetings and longer floor sessions are a daily occurrence now. The budget is beginning to take shape behind the scenes, although final budget numbers depend on the fiscal notes attached to each bill that passes (or fails) right up until the final night of the session at midnight March 12.

Most attention on the House floor late last week turned on House Bill 4007. As it emerged from the Finance Committee, it is intended to provide a ten percent cut in West Virginia personal income tax rates for taxpayers. However, the part that is unspoken

is the most troubling. This \$265 million permanent tax cut, if enacted, would be paid for by one-time surplus revenue at the end of this fiscal year after June 30. When drilling down a little deeper, you find that over 70% of the benefit of this tax reduction will go to the top 20% of wage earners. Those with the highest incomes will reap immense benefits, while those on the lower and middle end of the scale will likely notice only a few dollars per year. For instance, an annual family income of \$40,000 will only get to keep an extra \$50 dollars per year. That's slightly less than \$4.80 per month.

I'm all for making tax cuts equal, when possible, but in the times we're in now, being fair to everyone is more important than parity. Giving everyone a tax break with a higher percentage or dollar amount geared toward the low and middle-income taxpayers is the way to go at this time. When the top 1% of wage earners get a tax benefit in this bill 44 times larger than the average West Virginia wage earner in this bill, I can't sit by at let it go unnoticed.

When we attempted to amend the bill to provide every tax filer an across-the-board tax deduction of \$7,000, the Finance chairman labeled it as an amendment to "penalize the wealthy". That was one of the bigger exaggerations I've heard this session, but there are still four weeks to go. His lack of concern for the non-wealthy is telling of where the priorities are focused in this bill.

The bill now goes to the Senate, where it's likely to be either changed substantially or never considered. In the event it is amended, it would return to the House of Delegates for further consideration.

## Sutton...

Continued from Page 1 of food or for bonuses for workers who worked through it.

Shelly Sutphin said the money should go to developing the property owned by the town on town hill for the youth.

Council approved the minutes of the January 27 meeting on a motion by council member Steve Facemire. The motion passed with Laurel Petolicchio abstaining due to not being present at that meeting.

The council had some discussion on the bills. Council member Catherine Hoover made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Council member Beth Atkins seconded the motion.

Council member Marsha Lloyd pointed out that in her drive around town she noted that there were a lot of clogged ditches and drains and trash that need cleaned up on the South Side of Town. Town workers will be assigned

to work on that. Council member Catherine Hoover suggested that the town also ask citizens to try to keep drains and ditches in front of their properties clean. It would make it easier if all pitched in with the areas in front of their own properties.

Officer Shane Boggs reported that he has made quite a few traffic stops but has only written a handful of tickets so that residents will get used to a new officer in town and used to following the law again. He stated that he has been helping with traffic flow at the elementary school several days a week and that issue seems to be clearing up. He stated that the Braxton County Sheriff's Department has been very proactive and cooperative. Officer Boggs also reported on the free equipment he had been able to obtain for the town whose value was over \$3000. He also noted that the uniforms he was able to get for free.

Officer Boggs presented the need for newer police

A couple things are worth remembering here. First, a tax cut is not really a cut if the tax burden is just shifted from one group to another, or if another tax is raised down the road to fill the gap. Last year the Governor wanted to eliminate the state income tax but pay for it by raising the consumer sales tax by two percent or more and taxing even more goods and services. That plan failed in the House by a 0-100 vote.

Also, remember that a big budget surplus is guaranteed if you lowball the revenue estimates. To an extent, that's what's happening now. HB 4007 would divert the statutory transfer of one-half of any budget surplus to the Rainy Day Fund into a new fund that would be used to further cut personal income taxes down the road. The problem is that already we're facing a half-billion in bills coming due next year. If there are no funds to fill the gap, then a tax increase (i.e., consumer sales tax increase) would hit the average West Virginia working family far harder than any minuscule personal income tax reduction.

Either way, I'm all for decreasing taxes, but only if it's done fairly and responsibly. In its current form, HB 4007 doesn't pass the test for either.

Now that the session is underway, please contact me at the Capitol office at: Building 1, Room 258-M, 1900 Kanawha Blvd., East, Charleston, WV 25305. The phone number is 304-340-3142. For those with Internet access, my legislative email address is: Brent.Boggs@WVHouse.gov

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

vehicles that have correct equipment. Council member Beth Atkins made the motion to purchase the vehicles and radio equipment. Recorder Laurel Petolicchio seconded the motion.

Council member Marsha Lloyd asked about the tractor trailer left at the old dump. Council member Steve Facemire said he has taken care of it.

Council member Beth Atkins presented the quote for a chairlift. The cost to install one for the Auditorium would be \$21,980. Council decided to table this until another time.

Conference Room Phone System was discussed and council decided to not install it at this time.

Discussion took place about reconfiguring the police office so it would comply with State regulations. Council member Beth Atkins made a motion that we accept the bid of S & S Construction to complete the work needed. Recorder Laurel Petolicchio seconded the motion.

Council member Beth Atkins shared the Elk River Trails report from the meeting she had attended.

This park promotion will include not only the trail itself but the connecting trails and any businesses and restaurants that are in the Elk River Water Shed. Sutton Town Council needs to appoint a member to the Elk River Trails Committee. Council member Catherine Hoover made a motion to appoint Council member Beth Atkins to this committee. Council member Steve Facemire seconded the motion. The motion carried.

A special work session was set for February 17,

at 9:00 am to go over the budget and discuss judicial fees and citations. Council member Beth Atkins made a motion to set the meeting. Council member Catherine Hoover seconded the motion.

A special work session was set up to discuss the Ordinances for March 1, 2022 at 9:00 am.

Council member Steve Facemire made a motion that we have a presentation on the Urbanic Trust with Clinton Bischoff at the March 24 meeting. Recorder Laurel Petolicchio seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Council member Steve Facemire made a motion to accept the construction permit at 341 West Main Street to install a commercial hood. Councilmember Catherine Hoover seconded the motion. The

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

## Court...

Continued from Page 1 bation to prove herself to the court and to her children. The state requested she be required to serve 120 days of incarceration before being re-admitted. The court granted the requests and suspended the one to five years sentence for possession of marijuana with intent to deliver. She is to serve 120 days then be admitted to five years of probation.

Garry Lee Duffield appeared before Judge Facemire with his attorney Jonathan Fittro for a motion to reconsider sentence. The defendant had successfully completed a rehabilitation program and had found employment as conditions of his previous sentence. The defense requested he now be placed on probation with the state not objecting. The court suspended his three to ten year sentence for fleeing while under the influence and granted the motion for alternative sentencing. Duffield was to be admitted to five years of probation.

On January 25, Dusty A. Turner, Jr. and his attorney Jonathan Fittro came before the court for a sentencing hearing. The defense requested he be placed in the Anthony Center for Youthful Offenders. The state recommended the same as he is in need of an education and skills, and is very young. The court agreed he was in need of life skills and his GED. His two to ten years sentence for malicious assault was suspended and he is to be assigned to the Anthony Center for at least six months.

On February 8, Donnie Lee Allen appeared in court with his attorney Andrew Shaffer for a plea hearing. The defendant entered a guilty plea to the felony offense of failure to register or provide notice of registration changes. The state agreed to stay silent at sentencing and dismiss remaining charges in the indictment. After accepting the plea agreement, Judge Facemire set the sentencing hearing for April 18.

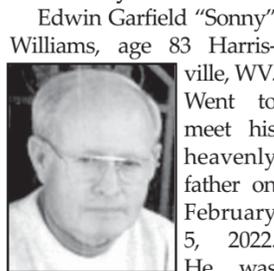
## BC Farm Burea meets February 21st

Braxton County Farm Bureau to meet on Monday, February 21, 2022 at 6 PM at the Flatwoods Community Building, please plan to attend.

All meetings are the 3rd Monday of the Month at the Flatwoods Community Building.

# Obituaries

**Edwin Garfield "Sonny" Williams**



Edwin Garfield "Sonny" Williams, age 83 Harrisville, WV. 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).

**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).

Arrangements by Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway, WV.

**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)

**Texanna Cutlip Casto**

Texanna Cutlip Casto, 83, of Thomasville, NC, formerly of



Webster Springs, passed away on Friday, February 4, 2022 at Atrium Health Pineville in Charlotte, NC. She was born December 30, 1938 in Diana to the late Arlie Edgell and Bethel Mae Hall Cutlip.

She attended Greenwood Baptist Church and enjoyed going to the Senior Citizens Center to visit with her friends, shopping, and eating at the Sunrise Diner in Thomasville. She loved her family and enjoyed working crossword puzzles in the evening with her daughter.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her son Ricky Dean Casto; former husband Wayne Casto; brothers Trenton, Gary, John and Shelby Joe Cutlip; and sisters Carol Clevenger and Lena Lowther.

Texanna is survived by her children Becky Sexton, Rodney (Lisa) Casto, Robert (Chris) Casto, Glenna (Brant) Hall, and Kevin (Lorraine) Casto; brothers Jerry and Sam Cutlip; sisters Frankie Gillis, Ruth Brooks, and Joan Robinson; 14 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, and extended family and friends to mourn her passing.

Funeral Services to celebrate Texanna's life were

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held on Friday, February 11, 2022 at 1:00 PM at Dodd & Reed Funeral Home. Interment followed in Cutlip Cemetery, Jumbo.

Friends joined the family for visitation two hours prior to Service time at the Funeral Home.

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 the Casto family.

### Jerry Richard Bush

Jerry Richard Bush, 79 of Webster Springs passed away February 4, 2022. Jerry was born November 20, 1942 in Bergoo and was the son of the late James and Velma Deel Bush. Along with his parents he was preceded in death by his brother Franklin, Jackie and Jim Bush.

Jerry was one of Jehovah's Witnesses. He was a retired electrician from the coal mines; he was also an avid fisherman and bowler.

Surviving are his children; Joyce "Cansler" Bush and Jeremy Bush and his wife Donna; five grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren; brothers, Donnie Bush and his wife Nina, Robert Bush, Charlie Bush and his wife Cathy and Larry Joe Bush; sisters, Edna Wilson, Joann Meadows and husband Jerry and Dinah Rhodes (Lynall); former wife and mother of his children, Margie Jordan and also many nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

Friends joined the family for visitation 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM, Saturday, February 12, 2022 at Dodd & Reed Funeral Home, Webster Springs.

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

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

### James Keith Hurst

James Keith Hurst, 65, of Camden-on-Gauley passed away peacefully at home on Friday, February 4, 2022.

Born December 27, 1956 in Richwood, he was the son of the late Herman and Betty (Hinkle) Hurst. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Faye Cox; and his son-in-law, Daryl Morland.

James lived most of his life in Webster County and was a very well-liked man. He enjoyed being on the farm and was a family-man. He loved children, especially his grandchildren.

Left to cherish his memory are his loving wife, Mary (Prater) Hurst; children: James Edward (Shelley) Hurst of Camden-on-Gauley, Loretta Morland of Craigsville, Joanie (Adam) Chapman of Camden-on-Gauley, Frank Andrew (Libby Culver) Hurst of Camden-on-Gauley, and Annie (companion, Leon) Hurst of VA; eleven grandchildren: Kayla, James Matthew, Alexis, Alex, Ashton, Ian, Hayden, Macy, Paidon, Natasha, and Brittany; 2 great-grandchildren: Isabella and Maria; siblings: Genelda (Woody) Hickman, Frank (Linda) Hurst, Joe (Rose) Hurst, Irene (Chuck) Cooper, Frances Hurst, Bill (Libby) Hurst, Dorothy Hurst, Herman (Deloris) Hurst, Lisa Hurst, Mary Jean Hurst, and Hermanetta Brown; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

A gathering of friends and family was held 2pm-4pm, Monday, February 7, 2022 at Adams-Reed Funeral Home, Cowen.

Online condolences may be sent to the funeral home at [www.adamsreedfh.com](http://www.adamsreedfh.com)

Adams-Reed Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Hurst family.

### John W. Bollinger

John W. Bollinger, 74, of LaGrange, Ohio, passed away suddenly Saturday, February 5, 2022. He was born February 14, 1947, in Gassaway, West Virginia and had been a Lorain County resident for over 50 years. He graduated from Ravenswood High School and Hocking Technical College. He also served in the U.S. Army. He was employed by Parson's Dairy, Chemlawn and Invacare. He enjoyed playing golf, hunting, and fishing. Survivors include his wife of 44 years, Patricia (Bligh); daughters Hollie (Christopher) Taylor of Maumee, OH and Monica (Scott) Smith of Eagle River, AK, grandchildren, Benjamin, Nathan and Lauren Taylor and Zachary and Evan Smith. Sister; Maxine Bartholomew of Amherst, OH; brothers, William Lowell (Karen) of Florence, AZ and Robert (Velma) of Morrison, CO and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents Leslie and Ineva Bollinger; brothers Kenton, Eugene and Jack and sister Eileen Brossman. There will be a celebration of life at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to LaGrange Lions Club, 240 Glendale St., LaGrange, OH 44050

### Marvin Roy Davis

Marvin Roy Davis, 65 of Jumbo, left this life on Thursday, February 3, 2022 of a sudden illness. He was born July 31, 1956 in Buckhannon to the late Roy and Bessie "Ginnie" Howell Davis.

Davis is survived by his wife of 42 years, Vicki Postelwait Davis; two grandkids, Katie and Hunter Davis of Hacker Valley; brother, Butch (wife Margie) Davis of Jumbo; sister, Patricia Riffle of Jumbo; his fur-baby, Timmy; and many nieces, nephews, and extended family and friends who will mourn his passing. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Brian Keith Davis; and brothers, Jerry, Perry, Raymond, Robert, and Homer Davis.

He was a coal miner for almost 46 years and was a huge George Jones fan. He was a social butterfly who never knew a stranger. He loved spending time with his grandkids, friends, and family. He would have given anyone the shirt off his back, the last dollar in his wallet, or anything else to be selfless. In the end he always had a sense of humor and was loved by so many. He will always be missed and remembered.

Friends joined the family for visitation on Saturday, February 5, 2022 from 6-9 PM at Dodd & Reed Funeral Home, Webster Springs. Funeral Services to celebrate Marvin's life were held on Sunday, February 6, 2022 at 12:00 noon at Dodd & Reed Funeral Home with Pastor Kenny Pritt officiating. Interment followed in McCoy Cemetery, Webster Springs.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to Rosenbaum Family House - WVU Medicine, PO Box 8228, Morgantown, WV 26506 or online at [www.rosenbaumfamilyhouse.com](http://www.rosenbaumfamilyhouse.com).

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 the Davis family.

### 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.

### Shirley Ann Long

Shirley Ann Long, 71, went home to be with the Lord on February 6, 2022 at Braxton Memorial Hospital, Gassaway, WV.

She was born on May 4, 1950, in Tesla, WV the daughter of the late Clarence Chester & Eva Lucille Berry Marsh. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by, three brothers, David William Marsh, Roy Marsh, Eddie Marsh; sisters, Clara Lee Parsons, Virginia Long, Luella Shew. Shirley was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and was a homemaker. She was a member of Little Birch Community Church, Little Birch.

She is survived by her husband, William Roscoe Long; sons, Bryan Long (Barbara) of Flatwoods, Robert Long (Teresa) of Boiling Springs, SC; daughter, Regina Swecker (Ronald Shaw) of Frametown; brothers, Cam Chester Marsh of Sutton, James Roger Marsh of Gassaway; sisters, Margie Elizabeth Tate of Ohio; grandchildren, Ryan Swecker, Bryan Long II, Gunnar Long, Faith Long; great grandchildren, Heath Jarrell, Natalee Jarrell, Letti Swecker, Axel Kane Swecker.

Upon her request the body has been cremated. A private family burial will be held at a later date.

Greene-Robertson Funeral Home is humbled to serve the Long family.

Online condolences may be sent to: [greene-robertsonfuneralhome.com](http://greene-robertsonfuneralhome.com)

### Clifford Donald Cupp

Clifford Donald Cupp, 77, of Sutton, passed away on Friday, February 4, 2022

at his residence.

He was born July 10, 1944 in Sutton, WV the son of the late, Lenora Hamrick.

He is survived by his daughter, Lynn Cupp of Birch River; sister, Linda Godfrey of Copen; grandchildren, Jalynn Johnson and Keegan Brantley.

Upon request the body will be cremated.

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

Online condolences may be sent to: [greene-robertsonfuneralhome.com](http://greene-robertsonfuneralhome.com)

### Judy Jane Evans

Judy Jane Evans, 73, of Sutton, passed away Thursday, February 10, 2022 at Sistersville Center, Sistersville, WV.

She was born January 30, 1949 in Sutton, daughter of the late Frank Freeman and Edith Isabel Groves Davis. Also preceding her in death were her husband, Edward Eugene Evans.

Left to cherish her memory is her sons, Paul Standley Evans and Steven Herold Evans; brother, Louis Malone Davis; sister, Anna Lou Marsh; 4 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Upon her request the body will be cremated.

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

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### Tammy Sue Beckett

Tammy Sue Beckett who was born on July 22, 1974 of Camden-on-Gauley, departed this life on February 9, 2022 at the age of 47 after a 10 month long battle of complications from ventriculitis following brain surgery.

She was a life-long resident of Webster County. Tammy was a very dedicated and hard-working wife, mother, secretary, and homemaker. She took great pride in the upkeep and cleanliness of her home. She loved spending what she referred to as "her time" on the tractor cutting grass.

She had a work hard-play hard personality and lived for adventures including sitting by the fire, camping, boating, and weekend getaways with the love of her life, Wayne and their two sons, Hunter and Parker.

Tammy served as secretary at J&S Hydraulics of Flatwoods for the last 20 years where she was always a ray of sunshine as she greeted her work family each day with that beautiful smile.

Tammy leaves behind her husband, Wayne of 28 years and her sons, Hunter and Parker Beckett of Camden-on-Gauley, WV. She is survived by her mother, Marjorie Williams of Camden-on-Gauley; father, Eddie Williams of Craigsville, WV; brothers, Mike (Lillie) Williams of Little Birch and Kevin (Chrissy) Williams of Camden-on-Gauley; sisters, Kimberly (Drew) Groves of Summersville, WV, Judy Massey of Camden-on-Gauley, Lisa Moats of Hacker Valley, Mallory (Samuel) Kelly of Richwood, WV and Brandon (Chelsie) Williams of Camden-on-Gauley.

She is also survived by her father and mother-in-law, Wilbur and Barbara Beckett of Camden-on-Gauley; brother-in-law, Will (Amanda) Beckett of Camden-on-Gauley; cousin, Dexter (Melissa) Beckett of Cowen; and close family friend, Jim (Angie) Frye of

Camden-on-Gauley, WV.

Also left to cherish her memory are a host of nieces and nephews whom she adored and spoiled, Matthew (Tosha) Short of Camden-on-Gauley, Wesley Short and Dakota Short of Camden-on-Gauley, Brittany (Austin) Riffle of Tioga, WV, Spencer and Braxton Williams of Camden-on-Gauley, Alexus Beckett of Camden-on-Gauley, and Claire and Carlie Groves of Summersville, Mackenzie and Owen Kelly of Richwood, and Adilyn and Paisley Williams of Camden-on-Gauley; great twin nephews, Jacob and Levi Short; great niece, Elena Short; and great twin nephews, Maverick and Maddox Riffle of Tioga, who will miss her dearly.

Tammy also leaves behind all of her co-workers at J&S Hydraulics who have become just like family.

Tammy is preceded in death by her sister, Patricia Short formerly of Camden-on-Gauley, WV.

Service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, February 17, 2022 at St. Luke's United Methodist Church Gymnasium, Craigsville, WV with Pastor Jim Varney officiating. Entombment will follow at the Beckett Farm Cemetery, Stroud's Creek. A gathering of family and friends will be held from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at St. Luke's United Methodist Gymnasium.

At the request of the family, please wear your favorite WVU attire in memory of Tammy.

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

Services entrusted to the care of Morris Funeral Home, Cowen.

### Woodrow Carson Hoover

Woodrow Carson Hoover, 84, of Huntsburg, Ohio (formerly of Cleveland, Ohio) passed away Wednesday, February 9, 2022, at Ohman Family Living at Blossom.

He was born June 2, 1937, in Little Birch, Braxton County, West Virginia to the late Ralph B. and Reva Gladys (Robinson) Hoover. Out of 7 children, he was born the largest, weighing over 10 lbs. He attended Summerville High School, then came to Cleveland for work. He married the love of his life, Lois (Arbogast) April 15, 1957, and would recently have celebrated their 65th anniversary.

He worked at G.M. Fisher Body in Euclid, Ohio before retiring in 1984. After retiring from GM, he worked part time as an electrician.

Woodrow was a member of the UAW, Eagles of Chardon, and Huntsburg Snowmobile Club. He enjoyed 4 wheeling and snowmobiling at their cabin in West Virginia. He was a good carpenter; remodeling 2 homes and he also built a barn. He LOVED playing cards, and the outdoors, hunting, fishing, camping, boating and water skiing.

He will be sadly missed by his wife Lois, and 2 daughters, Deborah (Matthew Scott) Motil, and Andrea (John Dale) Alden, along with his grandchildren, Garrick Light, Bo L. Adams, and Brandon Light, and 4 great grandsons, and sisters, Aretta Rose, Avenell Pierson, Elaine (Leon) Dillon, Sharon (Alvin) Roberts, Sheila K (George) Calkins. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Ralph Hoover Jr. and grandsons Steven H. Adams, and David Scott Adams.

Calling hours were Monday, February 14, 2022, from 12-2 PM until the Celebra-

tion of life was held at 2:00 PM at Sly Family Funeral Home 15670 West High Street Middlefield, Ohio 44062. Woodrow was laid to rest at East Claridon Cemetery.

Memorial donations can be sent to: ST Jude Children's Hospital 501 ST. Jude PL. Memphis, TN 38105-9959

### Rosemary Casto

Rosemary Casto, 76, of Sutton, passed away on



Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at C A M C Memorial Hospital, Charleston.

She was born September 20, 1943 in Marion, OH, the daughter of the late Delbert & Rosalyn Shaw. She is also preceded in death by her husband, Charles Casto; brothers, Delbert Shaw, Donald Shaw; sisters, Betty Schraffan, Janet James.

Rosemary was a retired employee of Vital Statistics in Ohio, and a Baptist by faith. She loved her family and dogs and liked to play Bingo.

She is survived by her granddaughter, Stacey Boggs (Stephen) of Sutton; great grandchildren, Stephen Boggs, II, Mya McCallister, Justin West.

Graveside service were held 11:00 am, Saturday, February 12, 2022 at Skidmore Cemetery, Sutton with Rev. Amy Morrow officiating. There was no visitation.

Greene-Robertson Funeral Home is humbled have served the Casto/Boggs families.

On line condolences may be sent to: [greene-robertsonfuneralhome.com](http://greene-robertsonfuneralhome.com)

### Jenna E. Smith (nee James)

Jenna E. Smith (nee James), passed away February 5, 2022 in Carmel, IN. She was born July 28, 1935 in Clay, West Virginia.

She was a beloved mother to Teresa Marie Smith, and James Gregory Smith (Rachelle), loving grandmother of James Isaiah Smith, Katrina Diane Smith and Easton Rance Smith and great grandmother to Sebastian Smith, Zoey Todd, Sayla and Samara Smith. She was the daughter of the late William Ransom and Lelah Mamie James; sister of Evelyn Rogers (Orval;dec), the late Mava Parsons (Lewis;dec), Ellen Taylor (Leo;dec), Joseph James (Pebble;dec), Ransom James Jr (Dora;dec), Paul James (Jean;dec), and Polly Kay Moore (James;dec). Jenna was the aunt of many nieces and nephews, and chosen adopted mother of many many more.

Jenna was a member of Sedalia First Baptist Church in Sedalia, Missouri. Home was wherever she was.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, February 19th, 2022 at 2:00 PM at Roach Funeral Home, 708 Braxton St, Gassaway, WV 26624 with Pastor Rick Garavaglia officiating. Graveside ceremony will follow at Sugar Creek Cemetery, Gassaway, WV.

Visitation will be one hour prior to service at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Jenna's memory may be made to the American Heart Association (<https://www.heart.org/>) or the Primary Craniosynostosis - NORD (National Organization for Rare Disorders) (<https://rarediseases.org/rare-diseases/primary-craniosynostosis/>).

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







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One of my best friends in Georgia, Elaine Byrd, forwarded to me the following devotional by Jarrett Fletcher, her granddaughter's husband. I met Elaine in the 60's when we moved into a house across the street from the Byrds. Neither she nor I or our mutual neighbor and friend, Daisy Barnes, lived there very long after we met, but we have remained friends and Daisy and Elaine with her husband, Walter, came to visit me in Burnsville and later even came to Kansas City when we lived there.

Jarrett attended the University of Georgia and later studied at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary so that surely contributes to why this is such a beautiful note he sent to me. I know that most of us have had or are having hard times, so this is my Valentine to you:

"To those of us who are suffering or enduring hardship:

"1. God promises to comfort us in our affliction (2 Cor. 1:3-4). We can ask him on the basis of his Word to comfort us. Then we should pursue chan-

nels of that comfort! Psalm reading, praying (honestly), listening to worship music, asking brothers and sisters to pray for us, etc. God can and will use all these things (and more) to comfort us in our pain.

"2. God promises that he is working in our suffering. This is always a tough one to hear, but it is true. Our pain is never meaningless. God promises to produce endurance, character, and hope in us through our trials (Romans 5:3-4). While there is breath in our lungs, God is still working in us, creating the image of his Son in us, who also suffered in this world.

"3. God promises to ultimately deliver us out of our suffering. "Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all" (Psalm 34:19). Some deliverance may come in this world, some may not. But our pain will not last forever. Though the days and weeks may seem to drag on, one day God will deliver us."4. God promises that eternal glory will far outweigh our suffering here and, in fact, that our suffer-

ing here is preparing us for that glory (Romans 8:18, 2 Cor. 4:17). That doesn't make it less-painful, but it does give us perspective and hope (see #2. above)!

"5. God proves to us that he is not oblivious, powerless, or indifferent to our suffering. Suffering is a part of a sinful and broken world. But God demonstrated his love for us by entering that world in Jesus, who willingly endured the greatest suffering-bearing the judgment for our sins on the cross, that he may reconcile us to God and make all things new. This coming newness includes no suffering. It includes a place where every tear is wiped from our eyes and where there will be 'no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things' will have passed away. (Revelation 21:4).

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4."

(I want to add one more verse: "In all OUR afflictions, He was afflicted." Isaiah 63:9.)

Maranatha

# One ornery puppy

**By: Joseph J. Mazzella**

It was a cold, Winter's day. Even with clear skies and the sun shining down the temperature hadn't gotten above 10 degrees all day long. I listened to the heater kick on and zipped up my sweater. I had finished with all my work and now just wanted to relax and read in my nice, warm bed. I fluffed up a pillow behind my head, turned the television to the music from the 70's channel and opened up my book. I smiled, laid back, and got ready to take it easy. I should have known better.

"SWEETIE, NO!", my son yelled from the living room. Suddenly in flew a four-legged bundle of brown fur. She jumped

on my bed, burrowed behind my pillow and stuck her head on my shoulder. "Sweetie, what have you done now?", I asked. She didn't answer just looked at me guiltily with her ears down, her eyes squinted, and her lower teeth sticking out. I laughed when I saw her this way and petted her head to let her know I forgave her. Already that day she had barfed up bits of her chew bone, tore up the corner of my quilt, and peed in the floor when I was putting on my coat to walk her. I kept petting her while her body relaxed and her resting guilt face slowly turned into a happy pant. Then she licked my cheek and nibbled my ear with her under-bite. I laughed

again and said, "Sweetie, I love you but you are one ornery puppy."

I sometimes wonder what my life would be like without dogs in it. My house sure would be cleaner, the furniture wouldn't be chewed on, the floors wouldn't be scratched, and dog hair wouldn't be all over my clothes. But I would also have a lot less laughter, a lot less love, and a lot less joy in my life. I think I would take a dog's love and a dirty house any day of the week.

Of all the blessings and gifts God gives us in this life, I will always put dogs right at the top of the list. They are our best friends and greatest teachers of love, even the ornery ones.

## Local Wellness Committee virtual meeting

Braxton County Schools is proud to announce that our Local Wellness Committee will be meeting virtually this year.

Local School Wellness began when the Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004 required all districts to establish local school wellness policies

by School Year 2006-2007 with a goal of promoting student health, preventing childhood obesity, and combating problems associated with poor nutrition and physical inactivity.

Braxton County Schools is looking for community members at large that would like to participate in

our Local Wellness Committee.

If you are interested please contact Kelly Wilmoth the Executive Secretary of Technology and Child Nutrition at 304-765-7101 extension 728. The virtual meeting dates for this year are 2.28.2022, 3.21.2022 and 4.25.2022.

## Town of Flatwoods Council January meeting

The Town of Flatwoods Council met January 18 at the Flatwood Municipal Building 6:00 P.M. Mayor Dale Ball, called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Opening Prayer was led by Councilman Luke Malensek

Members present were Mayor Dale Ball, Treasurer/Recorder Lisa Hamrick, Chief of Police Shawn Brown, and Council Members Jake Hamrick,

Brenda Ball, Keith Long, Luke Malensek, and Dennis Miller.

Citizens present were Lorie J. Brown and Danny Lee Smallwood Jr.

Lisa Hamrick read the minutes from December 21, 2021, meeting. Luke Malensek made the motion to approve the minutes as read. Dennis Miller seconded. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Lisa Hamrick read the Treasurer's Report. Jake Hamrick made the motion to approve the report as read. Keith Long seconded. All were in favor, the motion carried.

A citizen on Depot Street would like for it to be plowed. Department of Highways say they are shorthanded have not been able to plow all

roads.

The condition of Miracle Street was discussed. Lorie and Shawn Brown and Danny Smallwood were recognized for the hard work installing the new flooring.

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

Dennis Miller made a motion to move the meeting time to 6:30 pm. Keith Long seconded. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Brenda Ball made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 p.m. Jake Hamrick seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

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The Lady Knights defense works hard to keep their opponents from scoring.

# Lady Knights lose to Clay and South Harrison, beat Spencer

By Shirley Shuman

After losing two games early last week, the BCMS girls came back to end the week with a win. Clay outscored Braxton 35-27 on Monday. In that game, the Lady Knights led 14-12 at halftime, but Clay outscored them by 10 in the second half for

the win. Bailey Pritt led Braxton with 15 points. Discussing the Lady Knights' 35-34 loss to South Harrison the following night, Coach Matt Pritt explained that his team "had no energy and got down early." Pritt added, "We outscored South Harrison in the second, third and

fourth quarters." He also referred to his team's being out-rebounded as another reason for the loss. Pritt led Braxton's scoring, this time with 13. Thursday's 35-18 win over Spencer came with "good team effort and better rebounding." He added, "We shot the ball better, too."



The Knights defense puts pressure on Spencer County.

# Knights lose close game to South Harrison, beat Spencer

By Shirley Shuman

South Harrison edged the Braxton Knights 45-43 last Tuesday at South Harrison. Knights' coach Randall Brown called the contest "a great game played by both teams." Coach Brown noted, "South Harrison jumped out on us early, but we managed to make a huge run in the third to tie the game up. In the fourth quarter it was a back-to-back scoring battle, but unfortunately we came up short in the end."

The coach continued to explain that his team "had a couple of players bat-

ting injuries and illness and that took a huge toll on us." He also commented that the Knights caused turnovers throughout the game but were not able to capitalize on them. "We played a well-coached team that was able to defend us well," he added.

Aidan Crockett scored 20 points to lead Braxton scoring in the loss.

Playing at Spencer Thursday, the Knights made a complete turnaround with a 68-30 win. Of that game, Coach Brown said that after losing to South Harrison, "the Knights came out

with a fire in them that we hadn't seen all year. We continuously pressured Spencer and were able to cause and capitalize off turnovers." He continued to say that Crockett "stepped up on both sides of the ball and really showed that he could lead this team." He added, Jamie Nettles dominated the rebounding game and played amazing defense underneath the rim." The coach was pleased to see that his squad "played unselfish basketball and really showed what a team is supposed to look like."



Lila Fitzwater brings the ball back to Lady Knights territory.



Brooklyn Paletti passes the ball to one of her teammates.



Bailey Pritt passes the ball to a Lady Knight continuing the play against South Harrison.



Lauren Pritt looks to shoot two for the Lady Knights. Photos courtesy of Janet Six.



Brady Toler sets up the next play for the Knights in the game against Spencer.



Owen Lowther works the ball into the Knights domain.



Aidan Crockett scans the court for an opening



Jamie Nettles shoots for an easy two points for the Knights.



Aubrey Mowery keeps possession of the ball for the Lady Knights looking for an opening.



Kendall Key shoots for three points during the game against South Harrison.

# BC Little League registration 2022

Registration dates and times are set for the 2022 season. Two in person sign up dates are left; Thursday, February 17th from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. and Saturday, February 26th from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Fees are \$35.00 for the first child, \$25 for the second child and \$15 for the third. Forth child or more free.

Your children will need the following items: Original Birth Certificate, three proofs of residency in Braxton County (Utility bills, personal property tax-

es, voters registration, vehicle registration/insurance). Valid driver's license for parent volunteer forms. This is a mandatory per Little League International that all volunteers must submit. If we break this rule we could lose our charter and not play at all. So if anyone wants to volunteer for concessions, coaching, umpire, or anything involving players, we must have a volunteer form.

All players participating will be required to attend practice per our bylaws. It states all play-

ers are required to practice if they want to play in games.

Anyone that is interested in coaching and umpiring please let the Braxton League know.

Tball ages 4-5, Minor Baseball ages 7-10, Major Baseball ages 9-12, Minor Softball ages 6 with one year of Tball, Major Softball ages 9-12, Senior League SB ages 13-18. Baseball children must be playing age by September 1st. Softball children by January 1st.

Any questions can be directed to the Braxton League Facebook page.

Player	Clay	South Harrison	Spencer
Bailey Pritt	15	13	8
Lauren Pritt	7	6	7
Rylan Criner	2	0	2
Kendall Key	2	2	8
Lila Fitzwater	1	9	8
Jade Chapman	0	2	0
Aubrey Mowery	0	0	2
Brooklyn Paletti	0	0	2

Player	South Harrison	Spencer
Aidan Crockett	20	20
Brady Toler	7	10
Jamie Nettles	8	7
Ashton Lunceford	0	9
Stevie Boggs	4	0
Owen Lowther	2	8
Carter Lewis	2	4
Jesiah Lennox	0	3
Brodi Smarr	0	7

# Meet a MFB Food Banker



Cathy Murphy

This week we're highlighting Cathy Murphy!

Cathy has been employed with Mountaineer Food Bank since early 2019 and serves as a Warehouse Team Member. Cathy is a graduate of the National Institute of Technology and has her Associates in Computer Programming.

Cathy is the wife of Mark and mother to 2 sons, Mark Allen, and Jacob. She enjoys reading, gardening, camping, and hiking. Her favorite family pastime is traveling.

Cathy loves helping people, and this is what drives her to work for Mountaineer Food Bank.

Thank you, Cathy, for all you do

## DHHR extends application period for Low Income Energy Assistance Program

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) has extended the application period for the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) until Friday, March 18, 2022, or until funds are exhausted. The federally funded program assists eligible state residents in paying home heating bills.

Eligibility for LIEAP benefits is based on income, household size and whether the household is responsible for paying its heating bill. To qualify, households must meet all program guidelines, which includes an applicant's annual income being at or below 60 percent of the state median income. In situations where

a heating emergency exists, applicants must contact a DHHR worker for case evaluation. The maximum allowable gross income levels for LIEAP Fiscal Year 2022 are listed below:

Household Size	Gross Monthly Income Limit
2	\$2,005 - \$2,621
3	\$3,238 - \$3,855
4	\$4,472 - \$5,088
5	\$5,204 - \$5,583
6	\$6,150 - \$6,718

For each additional person, add \$567. Households whose income exceeds the maximum amount are not eligible; however, some types of income may be excluded for LIEAP. Social Security and Veterans income will be excluded for the cur-

rent LIEAP application period.

Applications are available online at [www.wv-path.org](http://www.wv-path.org) and may also be obtained at local DHHR offices, Community Action Agencies, or senior centers operated by an Area Agency on Aging.

Completed applications should be delivered or mailed to the DHHR office located in the applicant's county of residence. A list of local offices may be found at <https://dhhr.wv.gov/bcf/Pages/MapList.aspx> or by calling 304-352-4431. Mailing the application to any other office or to a utility company may delay the receipt by DHHR and prohibit processing the application.

## Just One Generation Cat Rescue Kitty Korner adoptable cats

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 a few residents in our program who are currently looking for homes. More adoptable animals can be viewed on [petfinder.com](http://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.



**Shiloh:** Female, spayed, 2.5 years old, gray and white tabby, very affectionate.



**Grover:** Male, 3.5 month old gray and white. Loves laying by the fireplace and playing with the other kittens.



**Butterscotch:** Female, 7 months old, Orange and white, shy but warms up quickly.

## Burnsville Town Council holds January meeting

The Burnsville Town Council held a meeting on January 24. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by Mayor, Paul Bragg and Prayer was led by John Verton.

Council members in attendance were Becky Jackson, Tom Crutchfield, John Verton, Paul Bragg, Kisha Verton and Angela Morgan. Steve Wine was absent. Citizens attending the meeting were Matt and

Megan Kesling and Rusty Chuning as well as Police Chief Jim Ball.

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

Under Communications from the Mayor, the following items were discussed: Job application from Rusty Chuning; Job application from Trevor Meier; and WV State Treasurer, re: Table Games, Greenbrier Games, Coal Severance & Wine, Liquor Private Club Tax.

John made a motion to approve the Hiring and Employment Policy supplement for the police department, seconded by Becky, motion carried.

John made a motion to correct the minutes of December 13th to reflect Jerry McPherson from the BPUB

attended the meeting, not Jerry McCauley, seconded by Kisha, motion carried.

By mutual consent, Spring Clean-up has been scheduled for April 11th-14th.

John made a motion to disburse the budgeted funds for the BVFD & the Freedom Festival, seconded by Becky, motion carried.

John made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:36pm, seconded by Kisha, motion carried. Regular session resumed at 9:06pm.

Tom made a motion to pay bills as submitted, seconded by Kisha, motion carried.

Tom made a motion to adjourn at 9:11pm.

The next regular meeting is on February 14th, 2022.

## Kanawha Alumni Association meeting

The Kanawha Alumni Association will meet on Sunday, February 20th at 1:30 p.m. at the Burnsville Community Building.

Social distancing will be observed and masks are recommended.

Members can join telephonically if they prefer; contact an officer for accommodations

## Love Spring Time Paint Night

The Burnsville Freedom Festival will be hosting "Love Spring Time" Paint Night at the Burnsville Community Center on March 11th at 6pm with

instructor Quincy Potasnik. Cost is \$35. This is a fundraising event for the 2022 Freedom Festival. For more information, please call 304-853-2605.

# Walk the ice trapping

By: Jeanette Riffle

My husband remembers a winter when the ice was so thick on Steer Creek at Shock, that you were safe to walk on it. His buddy, Floyd Mace, was trapping for muskrats to sell the hides and he walked the creek on ice, clear from his place to the Shock log cabin. He lived with his mother, Stella Mace, across the swinging bridge on Rosedale Rd., which was about two miles up the road from where our place at Shock is now. He was a big, heavy-set man, but he didn't break through the ice. That is the only winter Duane remembers of ice being that thick all the way up the creek. This conversation came about when I wrote about my brothers coming off Chestnut Lick Hill on a sled and onto the iced over creek that ran under the bridge.

Floyd taught Duane a lot about the outdoors. He took him trapping, hunting and fishing. He taught him how to shoot a gun and Uncle

Ralph noticed that he was getting pretty good at that. My Dad and one of his brothers taught us kids how to shoot a gun. The foxes were getting rabies and we had that scare to watch out for. They ran the hill behind our house barking and sometimes came right down to the house. They were almost as thick as coyotes are today. Dad told us that if we saw a fox, to not wait to see if it was foaming at the mouth. Go ahead and shoot it. Two of my brothers and I went after the milk cow every evening and we had to watch out for foxes. I don't remember seeing one but one of my brothers said he had to club one in latter years when he was alone out in the pasture field. I think I had already left home and was married at that time because I can't remember that happening. I heard of another incident where a fox was brave enough to come right in on the front porch. Dad was there and he shot it. There

is a fox den on the hill across from us and we have seen a pretty red fox. There was a gray fox up in the apple tree last fall. I didn't know they could climb trees until that happened.

It was very cold when we got up this morning and it has spit snow off and on, all day long. 53 brave souls made it out to Rosedale Baptist Church this morning. What a drastic change in weather overnight. We went from sunny spring like temperatures back to winter, again. It goes right to the bones and makes arthritis hurt worse. Some folks are seeing robins. They will wish they had overcoats, and if the frogs start hollering in the ditch across the road as soon as they did last year, they will be peeping through glass. I got a nice valentine and some red roses two days early.

Happy Valentine's Day, everyone. Until next time, stay safe and stay well. Take care and God bless!

## Braxton County Health Department In-Person Food Handler Course

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>.

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