

Preorders for Kelsey Whitney's first novel have begun

By Shirley Shuman

Kelsey Whitney recently finished writing her first novel. In the end, which will be published June 21, is currently in preorder status from the independent publisher. Whitney explained that she spent almost two years writing the book and declared that she found the whole process "fun."

"I thoroughly enjoyed writing," she said, "after I got started. At the time I did begin it, I was a dental hygienist and couldn't work because of the pandemic. I had seen an Instagram post from one of my favorite authors announcing that she planned to host an online writing workshop." Whitney enjoyed the workshop and from there began writing. The author can't actually pinpoint the source of the idea for the novel. "One day I was thinking about a scenario for the book and decided it would be fun to write about. It was," she noted.

After she returned to work, her position demanded six days a week. As a result, she began writing before sun-up on Sunday morning. "This time before church worked for me," she explained.



The title of the book came from a phrase that a prominent character uses frequently. The basic story line evolves after a man discovers a photo of his parents and another couple shortly after his father dies. The picture, taken in the 1980s, triggers the remainder of the plot "which is a retelling of his parents' lives during the 1980s" and is told by two other narrators. Asked to describe the

type of novel she has written, Whitney said, "It's more of a contemporary romance."

Whitney is married to Luke Whitney, a Braxton native. Her mother-in-law, Erica Whitney, worked for the Braxton Citizens' News for some time.

Those interested in pre-ordering *in the end* may do so from the publisher's website: www.dunepressandco.com. The price is \$20.

Board of Ed hear request to transfer Holly Gray Park deed

On February 15, the Braxton County Board of Education held a regular meeting.

The first to speak to board members was Nicholas Barth, attorney from Barth & Thompson Law Offices in Charleston. He discussed the need for the board to approve the transfer of deed in name only of Holly Gray Park from the Braxton County 4-H Club Development Authority to Braxton County Recreational Development Authority. The transfer of deed is just a formality for clarification and to allow applications for grants to be completed for improvements at Holly Gray Park.

Braxton County High School and Frametown Elementary gave their LSIC presentations to board members.

BCHS Principal Dr. Tony Minney and CTE Director Lori Stover-Williams spoke to board members on testing scores, attendance, and discipline. Reading, math and science scores have dropped at the high school level. Improvement strategies for testing and attendance were outlined by Dr. Minney including "Eagle Reboot (ER)." The ER program is an hour long student support session during lunch to help students who are missing work and falling behind in their classes. Since the implementation of the program, there has been a 64% reduction in those failing classes.

CTE Director Stover-Williams discussed the CTE program and the fourteen pathways offered to student. At the end of the school year, the program will have

107 completers. The sixteen dual credit course and the three Advance Placement courses were also discussed. Currently 56 students are enrolled in dual credit classes and 36 students are in AP.

Kaylee Criner, member of the Student Leadership Council, also spoke briefly to board members. She talked about the building of school community and developing outlets for students through course offerings and clubs. The goal is to make the school better with student input.

Next up was Frametown Principal Barbie Rader and Marcy Skeens, kindergarten teacher. They provided an academic data review on reading and math scores from the beginning of the year to current benchmark testing. Scores are improving and more students are getting on grade level or only one grade level behind. They discussed increased parental involvement including PTA, parent-teacher conferences, and after school activities, attendance, and the CIS program. Student engagement, prioritized standards, Title I, interventionist, STEM and STEAM activities are being used to make improvements in the school.

Under regular business, the board approved the following consent agenda items: approval of February 1 meeting minutes; transportation requests; payment of bills; and budget transfers and supplements.

The following professional, service, and ex-

tra-curricular recommendations were approved: employment of Logan Sheppard, substitute teacher, Erin Barnette, instructional tutor, Burnsville, Mark Rose, from custodian at BCMS/board office to bus operator, Pamela Cottrill, from executive secretary/accountant III at Flatwoods to executive secretary-special education/Medicaid/preschool/head start/professional support personnel, and James Huffman, baseball coach, BCMS; leave of absence for Kelly Waggoner, extend unpaid medical leave through remainder of school year; and resignation for Sally Hart, retirement, bus operator, Treva Simons, retirement, custodian, BCHS, and Samantha Davis, substitute aide.

Board members approved to add Patrick O'Malley representing Go-Mart to the Ad-Hoc Facilities Committee; fundraisers; parent volunteers for Davis-Paula Meadows and Bobby Dobbins; and posting professional and service positions for 2022 summer learning.

After a brief discussion with Director of Food Services Dr. Leatha Williams, the board approved the price increases for student second meals, staff meals, and visitor meals. Staff/visitor lunch will increase from \$4.00 to \$4.50 and breakfast from \$3.00 to \$3.50. Second meals for students will go from \$1.25 to \$1.75 for lunch and \$.85 to \$1.35 for breakfast. Extra milk will now cost

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The Eagles Wrestling Team captured their sixth consecutive Regional Championship last weekend in Lewis County. See additional photo on Page 9.

Ten Eagles qualify for State Wrestling Tourney

For the sixth consecutive year, Braxton's wrestling team won the Region 2 wrestling tournament. The Eagles have 14 regional championships overall.

Second in Friday's and Saturday's tournament was Clay. Roane placed third.

In the ten Braxton qualifiers are five regional champs. They include Brayden Helmick at 113, Blayne Jarvis 138, Jackson Davis 160, Colton Moore 195, and Ryder McLaughlin 285. Both

Jarvis and Moore placed in the state tournament last year, Jarvis in fourth and Moore in fifth.

Braxton's runners-up were Bryce Leegan at 182 and Justin Bishop at 220. Third place qualifiers were Antony Currence 126, Logan Bennett 152, and Bryson Spell 170. Bennett placed sixth in last year's states.

Asked to speculate on how well his team will do in the state competition, coach Sterling Beane explained, "It's

hard to predict much about the state tournament because there are so many things that can influence a match. One wrestler may have a really good match which allows him to move on. Also, matchups will always be a big influence."

The tournament, the 75th West Virginia High School State Wrestling tournament is set for March 3, 4, 5 in Huntington. Before the finals, former state champions will be introduced.

Commission holds busy session

With all members present, the Braxton County Commission met in regular session last Friday, February 18. Commission President Lisa Godwin called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

First to address the body was Addie Facemire new director of Braxton County Drug Testing Services. Facemire reported on the activities of her agency for the month of January. She told the Commission that 84 drug screenings had been conducted and that two individuals had completed the requirements of their home confinement and were released.

John Hoffman, OES/9-1-1/EMS Director, joined the meeting by telephone due to recent surgery. He reviewed an activity report for the communication's center. It revealed that Braxton Control had fielded a total of 2,291 calls during the month of January. Of those, 594 were emergency related. One hundred and eighty were transferred to various law enforcement agencies in the county, 114 to local fire departments, and 150 to EMS. Hoffman also detailed recent storm activities in the county.

John Forbush, owner of Braxton Auto & Diesel Repair, was next to address the body. He presented them with an application to be placed on the county wrecker rotation list. Commission President Godwin stated that she would have OES Director Hoffman review the application.

Sheriff Lou DellaMea requested permission to advertising for a part-time court bailiff to fill a vacancy on his staff. The request was granted on a motion by Larry Clifton.

Later in the meeting, the Commission reviewed bids submitted by the Sheriff's Department to purchase two new and one used cruiser for the organization which had been tabled from the previous meeting. Following a review, the request was granted.

The Commission approved the short form settlements for the following as submitted by the Fiduciary Supervisor: Madaline M. Getch, Michael Austin Lane, Alvie Loyd, Nelda R. Mallory, Lillian G. Taylor, and Edith Marie Wyne.

Larry Clifton introduced action to approve two applications for correction of erroneous assessments. There were for Angie Short and Jamey & Tonya McCauley.

Only one purchase order was up for consideration. The County Clerk requested permission to buy a new laser jet printer for her office from Complied Technologies at a cost of \$1,410.27. Melvin Gum's motion led to the approval of the request.

A motion by Larry Clifton granted permission for the county to participate in the County Commissioners Association of West Virginia's statewide County Government Essay Contest. Commissioners will individually join Braxton

Newspaper in providing \$100 each to be used as prize money in the contest. Local winners will compete for statewide prizes.

The Commission reviewed a request by Liberty National Insurance to speak with county employees about their services. The request was granted through a motion introduced by Larry Clifton.

A resolution was adopted that allowed the county to file an application for a Community Development Block Grant on behalf of the Flatwoods Canoe Run PSD for the 3rd phase of the Exchange waterline extension project.

A motion by Melvin Gum authorized the President to sign a memorandum of understanding concerning local government distribution of Opioid Funds by the Attorney General.

The Commission reviewed, prior to approval, a request to reappoint Sheba Kendig to the Braxton County Board of Health.

Following a discussion, a motion by Larry Clifton gave the President permission to rent a building to house surplus county equipment in preparation for an upcoming auction, if a suitable location could be found.

After review, Melvin Gum made a motion to authorize payment of the county and EMS in-

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As I See It

By Ed Given



Legislative interaction...

Before I get to the main topic of this writing, I wanted mention a bit of an anomaly that I discovered while preparing this edition for the printer. Check out the date of this issue... its 2/22/22. I wonder how many years before that happens again? I was absent from the office the better part of two days last week. On Wednesday, I traveled to the West Virginia Press Association offices in Charleston for meetings with the WVPA and WVPA Foundation Boards. The Press Association meeting is in person for the first time in over two years. It was good to see and visit with fellow publishers. We all agreed that we are tired of Zoom meeting, and it was nice to be discussing business face to face.

Well, it was good while it lasted... Shortly after that meeting was over, we convened the Foundation Board meeting, which I chair. While the option for members to join us via Zoom was available for the prior meeting no one took advantage of it. That changed with the Foundation when Don Smith, the Executive Director and I were the only ones in the room with the remainder of the Board joining us electronically. Both methods were productive, and we can only hope the future will bring more person-to-person meetings.

Thursday morning bright and early, I was on my way back to Charleston. This time for the WVPA Legislative Breakfast. Again, this was the first in person event of its kind in three years. Attendance by both our press core and legislators was a little down but being in person at the Culture Center seemed to be a very positive step for everyone.

As it the past, I found the event very enlightening. Those I had breakfast with, and the speakers all provided informative discussion. At my table were Jim McGoldrick of the St. Mary's papers, Perry Nardo of the Wheeling News-Register, Secretary of State Mac Warner and two delegates that I didn't make note of their names.

Probably the highlight of the presentations came in news for the Promise Scholarship. A bill currently working its way through the process would increase the award amount from \$4,750 to \$5,000 and reduce the SAT requirement slightly. Both are very positive moves. The highlight though was a bonus that is currently in the bill that would encourage our youth to stay in state after graduation. A student who receives the Promise Scholarship and finds employment in West Virginia can draw the same amount for four years following graduation. What a great idea! How beneficial would that be for a young person in paying school loans, getting a place to live, or just generally beginning a new phase of their lives? After being very discouraged with the activities of this session, this is certainly a bright spot. Now can I hold my breath for 31 days to see if it passes?

'Anti-racism' acts are smokescreens trying to whitewash history

By John A. Bolt

Within the past several days, three bills have been introduced in the West Virginia Legislature, each of which in its own way is a back-door attempt to whitewash and bury the United States' problematic history of mistreatment of Indigenous, LGBTQIA+, and non-white populations.

These proposed bills (SB498, HB4011 and HB4016) are actually camouflaged efforts by arch-conservatives, led by the Heritage Foundation, to ban discussion of so-called "divisive concepts" or teaching that even suggests that race has played and continues to be a part of this nation's history.

Don't be fooled by language that - on the surface - may appear benign.

The real goal is to block presentation of the full history of this country. Teaching the American Revolution is fine, but not the Tulsa race massacre; teaching about George Washington and Thomas Jefferson are encouraged, just don't talk about them as slave owners - especially about Sally Hemming; Manifest Destiny drove the country's westward expansion, nevermind the indiscriminate theft from and killing of Indigenous people.

The bills carry such misleading titles as the "Anti-Stereotyping Act" (HB4011), "The Anti-Racism, Anti-Sexism, and Prevention of Political-Economic Bias in School Curriculum and Pedagogy Act of 2022" (HB4016) and the "Anti-Racism Act of 2022" (SB498).

The bills take an upside-down approach to reach their goal. Instead of banning "divisive concepts" or "uncomfortable subjects," for example, they purport to ban the *teaching* of racism, of anti-Semitism, or that one race is superior to and/or more moral than another.

After all, who could possibly be against teaching those and similar things.

But the Devil, as we all know, is in the details, which in this case come straight from Hades.

How, for example, does one teach about times when this nation discriminated against or took advantage of people of different color, ethnicity, sexual orientation or in any way are different from the dominant, white, heterosexual population? What about times when government policy deliberately and knowingly did the same?

How, indeed, when the laws include such classic chilling effects as allowing any student or employee who objects to sue the individual and the agency, or put a teacher's job in jeopardy.

Not all of our history is roses; there are weeds as well. But we can't ignore the weeds or they will choke out the roses.

Those West Virginians who want the state to draw new people and new business - both of which are crucial to its future - must join to oppose this effort.

Accordingly, a variety of more than 300 organizations and individuals from across the state have come together as the West Virginia Coalition for Truth in History.

As West Virginians and Americans who respect the insight of the writers of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence's promise of equality and liberty to all, we must ensure that we keep aiming to do our best to form a more perfect union. This requires open airing and courage to see where we have fallen short and can do better.

This legislation:

- Is antithetical to the concept of academic freedom and intellectual inquiry.

- Leads to a repeat of the faults of our past and legitimizes them.

- Is an attempt to hide racist events such as the Tulsa or Wilmington massacres, Jim Crow laws, chattel slavery and more.

- Leads to suppression of any sexual orientation other than heterosexual.

- Prohibits discussion of the history of gender inequality and women's rights.

Instead, teachers and other governmental employees and agencies should:

- Be free of fear of reprisal for open discussion.

- Be free to discuss our history and the equality for all people.

- Be able to address gender and sexual orientation discrimination in the workplace.

It is crucial that this bill be rejected or our state will suffer both social and economic consequences for years to come. Our population will continue to evaporate and will our state be ignored by the very entrepreneurs it hopes to entice.

We would be wise to listen to the many people throughout history who have cautioned against ignoring the past, including Sir Winston Churchill, who said, "Those that fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it."

John A. Bolt, of Morgantown, is a member of the WV Coalition for Truth in History.

Attention Candidates!

The **Braxton Citizens' News** will again publish a free article designed to acquaint votes with candidates vying for positions in the upcoming May Primary Election. The **Meet Your Candidate** series is a public service of **Braxton Newspapers**.

Items are provided by the candidates and will be published as space permits free of charge. The paper reserves the right to edit any and all submissions. All submissions will be printed by April 1. Articles may include a picture and must be submitted **no later than March 15**.

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News from our Capitol

by Delegate Brent Boggs

Last Friday, February 18 marked the thirty-eighth day of the 2022 Legislative session. To date, 2,143 bills have been introduced; the House has introduced 1,458 bills; in the Senate, 685 bills have been introduced. 103 bills have passed the Senate; 93 bills have passed the House. Fourteen bills have passed both houses. The Governor has signed 9 bills, with another five bills en route to the Governor's desk.

I want to thank everyone for the prayers and well-wishes from my knee surgery last Wednesday. While I had hoped to postpone the procedure until after the legislative session, it was apparent that putting it off was not going to be an option. I want to thank my orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Chad Lavender, of Marshall University Orthopedics and the physicians and staff at Cabell-Huntington Hospital and all my legislative colleagues that checked on my progress. The recovery is ongoing but I'm looking forward to being back in the Capitol this

week as we enter the critical final three weeks of the session.

In the coming days, there are several important deadlines on the Legislative Calendar, which include:

- Forty-First Day - last day for bills to be introduced in the Senate - Feb. 21

- Forty-seventh Day - last day for House bills to pass out of House Committees - Feb. 27

- Fiftieth Day - last day for bills to pass their house of origin (crossover day) - March 2

- Sixtieth Day - last day of the session, concluding at midnight - March 12

Note: The deadline for House bill introduction was the Thirty-fifth Day - Feb. 15

The budget bill, appropriation bills and bills originating in committees are exempt from the aforementioned deadlines. Also, House and Senate resolutions do not have formal deadlines.

Up to this point, we've seen only a few Senate bills appear on House agendas, but as crossover day ap-

proaches, House committees will soon turn to all Senate bills in the House: with House bills taking precedence in the Senate.

One of the most unstructured and demanding aspects of the legislative process is the procedure when bills come back from the Senate on the VI order of business - Senate messages. Typically, these are messages received as the Senate passes their bills and they are referred in the House to the appropriate committees. It also can be a Senate message on a House bill. For example - a bill passes the House, regardless of margin, and heads to the Senate where it is altered by amendment. It could be as simple as grammar, punctuation, a definition, or it can be a major change that completely alters the intent of the bill. It may be as extreme as to do the exact opposite of the intent of the legislation as it left the House of Delegates. When these messages are received, they typically do not go back to a committee. The majority leader reads the message and explains - to varying degrees of specificity - any changes that were made. Once that explanation is completed and questions or debate ensues on the House floor, it is up to each member to either (a) concur; (b) refuse

to concur; (c) concur with further amendment; (d) other procedural motions. If the vote is to concur, the House then immediately has a roll call vote again on final passage of the bill (as amended by the Senate). The same procedure is followed in the Senate when receiving House messages.

It all sounds confusing and definitely requires your undivided attention. Admittedly, most explanations provided are that the amendments are "technical in nature". That can and should mean grammar, a definition, faulty title, or some minor change. However, you have almost no time to glean the facts for yourself, hurriedly attempt to confirm by your own reading, and then make a split-second decision on voting for or against final passage of a bill. It is an extremely easy way to fumble the ball if you're not on your toes and do your homework by looking ahead - to the extent possible - of what the Senate actually did to a bill and govern your actions accordingly. In the final days of the session, tracking the status of bills of interest is a continuous job.

That's why, for twenty-six years, I've always opted to temper my support or opposi-

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\$50 per carton up from the previous price of \$.35. The price increase will go into effect at the beginning of the upcoming school year. Increases in food costs and changes in the federal child nutrition program have led to the need to increase pricing.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 1 at 6:00 pm. As always, members of the Braxton County community are encouraged to attend regular board meetings. Any parent or concerned community member wishing to speak as a delegate or with public concerns may do so by signing in up to 15 minutes prior to the start of the meeting.



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voices.

The final action was the approval of the minutes of the Commission's February 4 meeting as presented by the County Clerk.

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Braxton County Commission will be on March 4 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

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tion of bills, basing a final decision on what is actually contained in the final version of a bill. And that's definitely not necessarily what may have been introduced or passed the House or Senate in the days or weeks before. Even if you're the

bill's sponsor, once it goes through the committee process, you have no control over what the other 99 Delegates, or 34 Senators will do to the bill. Or, like most bills, it may just die, having never even made it onto a committee agenda.

In the final days of each session, it's good to remember the informal legislative term – "fat possums run at midnight". In other words, in the closing days of the session it's a cautionary reminder for what may be added to or removed from a bill without the knowledge of most members in an attempt to slip something through under the radar.

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.

Letters to the Editor: Our policy...

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

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

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

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

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

Way back when...

Long ago in Braxton County



Juergens & Walker Drug Store...
This 1893 photograph shows the Juergens & Walker Drug Store owned and operated by Alf Walker and E.L. Juergens on Main Street in Sutton. The establishment was a mainstay of the community for decades. The Walker family expanded to Gassaway in later years. That facility still serves the area. 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!

How to start a health and wellness business

Advantage Valley, Inc. announces its upcoming FASTER WV Webinar: How to Start a Health Care or Wellness Business. This free, one hour webinar will showcase various business opportunities in the health care industry, feature the FASTER WV Program, the Nurse Entrepreneur Project of The Future of Nursing WV, and cover multiple financing options. The Zoom webinar will be held Thursday, February 23 at 6 pm, and will include panelists Dr. Laure Marino, DNP, APRN, from the Future of Nursing WV Action Coalition and Robert Dearing from The Center for Rural Health Development, Inc. This is planned as an interactive webinar and will offer up a time for Questions and Answers.

"One example of many health-related business opportunities in this region is Home

Healthcare. Did you know our region has one and half to two times the national average of Registered Nurses, Pharmacists and Psychiatrists? They are excellent candidates to start this type of business," said Advantage Valley Executive Director Terrell Ellis. "Job prospects are strong and this industry is expected to expand by over 12% over the next five years. We encourage anyone interested to tune in and learn about business opportunities and about the myriad resources for start-up assistance in coaching and financing."

Advantage Valley's "FASTER WV" Program ~ **Fostering Advantages for Start Ups & Entrepreneurial Resurgence in WV** is focused on entrepreneurs in Boone, Braxton, Cabell, Clay, Kanawha, Lincoln, Putnam and Wayne Counties. Participants

will learn about the high growth potential of certain types of businesses including Food & Beverage Production; River & Outdoor Recreation/Lodging; Dependent Care; Healthcare; Small Manufacturing; and Construction Trades.

FASTER WV partners include the WV SBDC, BridgeValley CTC, Unlimited Future, Inc., and The Wyoming County Economic Development Authority. Funding for the program is provided by the Appalachian Regional Commission, and The Benedum Foundation, with additional support from the Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation, Unlimited Future, Inc, Truist, and USDA.

To register for the upcoming FASTER WV ZOOM Webinar, please go to <https://advantagevalley.com/faster-wv-initiative> or call Advantage Valley at 304-352-1165.

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Janett Christine Jordan
Janett Christine Jordan of Diana, age 80, passed a way peacefully February 9, 2022 with family by her side.

She was a Christian by faith. Reading her Bible was a daily pleasure and living by its instruction was her rule. She enjoyed singing gospel songs with her Mother and Sister Mary in church and at home. She looked forward to meeting her Heavenly Father and Lord and Savior Jesus with joyful expectation. She also looked forward to the grand family reunion she would have with many loved ones in Heaven.

She enjoyed the outdoors whether it was mowing grass, weed-eating, gardening, bringing in wood or fishing, hunting, taking walks in the woods, or just sitting on the porch enjoying the sunshine. She enjoyed watching birds around her feeders and on the river that flowed by her house.

She was a very talented woman. She played the piano, autoharp, omni-chord, juice-harp, and harmonica. She enjoyed making wood crafts, painting, crocheting, needle work, and diamond art. She loved spending time with family, enjoying the chats in person or by phone. Those moments were the highlight of her life.

She was preceded in death by her husband Bryan Jordan; father James B. Cockerill; mother Cora Earnest-Cockerill-Lipscomb; brothers Ray Cockerill, John Cockerill, William "Bill" Cockerill, and infant brother James Cockerill; sisters, Anna

Jackson and Mary Collins. She is survived by one sister, Molly Katherine "Kate" Wilmoth of Phoenix, AZ and one brother, George Cockerill of Florida; step-children, Jerry (Carol) Jordan of Webster Springs, Cynthia (Joe) Sprouse of Burnsville, and Agnes (Paul) Cogar of Diana. She claimed her sister, Mary's kids - Cindy Rollins, Steve Collins, Rob Collins, Jim Collins, Jeff Collins, and Jannie Fisher - as her own and was a second Mother to them. Janett said, "Jim Jackson was more like a brother than a nephew because they were the same age and grew up together". She is survived by many other nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren too numerous to name but loved and cherished them all. She was a very special lady in the lives of family and friends and will be greatly missed.

Services to celebrate Janett's life were held on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at 1:00 PM at Dodd & Reed Funeral Home with Pastor Edie Bender officiating. Friends joined the family for visitation one hour prior to Service time at the Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests Memorial Contributions be made to the American Lung Association or Breast Cancer Research Foundations.

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

Dodd & Reed Funeral Home is honored to be serving Janett's family.

Carol (Lana) Rapp Carpenter

Carol (Lana) Rapp Carpenter, 79 years old went to be with her Lord February 10th, 2022 at the Braxton County Memorial Hospital.

She had recently moved from Summersville Place to the Braxton Healthcare Cen-

ter in Flatwoods. She was married to the late Frank Carpenter where they resided in Spencer WV until his passing then she moved back to Mudlety before moving to Summersville Place.

She was born in Hookersville, WV, April 29th 1942 to the late, Cecil and Elsie (Murphy) Rapp. She was preceded in death by her brother, Cecil (Bub) Rapp Jr of Craigsville, and her sister, Esta Marie (Rapp) Brown of Sutton.

She is survived by her nephew, Mike (Kandy) Rapp of Calvin, niece, Pam Rapp Rodebaugh of Charleston and nephew, Bruce (Lynn) Brown of Cary NC. She is also survived by her Brother-in-law, Glenn Brown of Sutton and Sister-in-law, Hilda Rapp of Summersville.

She will be remembered for her quick wit, big heart, fun-loving attitude and her love of ice cream. She will be cremated with a Celebration of Life & Memorial Service at a later date.

The family would like to thank everyone from Braxton Healthcare Center, Community Care of Summersville including Jennifer Cochran, and Jane Sherwood. Also a special thanks to Shelly Little from WV Social Services and to all her friends and neighbors at Summersville Place.

Greene-Robertson Funeral Home is humbly serving Carpenter family.

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

Shirley Ann (Gregory) McCourt

Shirley Ann (Gregory) McCourt, 77, of Webster Springs passed a way peacefully at home surrounded by her family on Tuesday,

February 8, 2022. Born June 16, 1944 in Buckhannon, she was the daughter of the late Denver and Jesse (Eisenhart) Gregory. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Christine Miller; grandson, Jeremy McCourt; and sister, Donna Cool.

Shirley was an amazing homemaker and enjoyed shopping and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. Left to cherish her memory are her husband, Therman McCourt; son, Kevin McCourt of TN; daughter, Michelle Bell and her husband, Jeff of Upperglade; grandchildren: Beth Ann McCourt, Cloe McCourt, Wyatt Hosey, Connor Bell, and Erika Bell; and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her passing.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 7:30PM at Dodd & Reed Funeral Home, Webster Springs, with Pastor Butch Rose officiating. Friends joined the family for fellowship from 6PM-7:30PM prior to the service.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.doddreedfh.com. Dodd & Reed Funeral Home is honored to be serving the McCourt family.

Larry Ronald Messer
Larry Ronald Messer, 81 of Webster Springs passed away peacefully on Friday, February 11, 2022. Larry was born December 28, 1940 in Parcoal and was the son of the late Andrew Jackson and Edith Enix Messer. Along with his parents he was preceded in death by his brothers, Bobbie, Donald, Richard, Eugene and Billie Messer and also a sister Darlene Deel.

Larry was a United States Army veteran. He was a loving husband and a wonderful father; he was a kind and generous man. Larry loved to garden and forage in the woods and loved to fish. He was a meat cutter for many years.

Larry is survived by his loving wife Janet Cole Messer, son, Eric Lee (Stephanie) Messer, stepdaughters, Pat (Joe) Gosh and Sharon (Spencer) Wood; sisters, Sandra (Bud) Hammond and Patricia (Alan) Sutphin; many nieces, nephews and others extended family members.

There will be no services held at this time. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.doddreedfh.com. Dodd & Reed Funeral Home, Webster Springs is honored to be serving the Knight family.

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There will be no services held at this time.

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

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

William Sampson Knight

William Sampson Knight, 87, of Bolair WV, passed away peacefully on Feb 10, 2022 surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on May 9, 1934 in Halstead, Braxton Co WV. He was the son of the late Harley S and Ida Pauline (Stout) Knight.

He is preceded in death by his siblings Mayness Knight (Marie), Dolan Knight (Margaret), Jerry Knight (Rebecca), Glenna Flanigan (Loren), and Sharon Smith (Ernest). Sampson is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Wynonia Knight; 2 children Darlene (Larry) Clifton and Rick (Brenda) Knight; five grandchildren Crystal Knight-McCle, Todd Clifton, Rikki Westfall, Bethany Clifton, and Kendall Clifton; two great grandchildren Ethan Mcle and Rayleigh Westfall; a great grandchild on the way that he could not wait to meet; siblings Darel (Mary Jo) Knight, Ernie (Sandy) Knight, Earl (Kay) Knight, Gary (Drema) Knight, Bertha (Van) Miller, Linda Walter, and Isa Fury; many nieces and nephews; and countless friends.

Sampson was a member of the Elk Valley Chapel where he served as trustee for several years and he loved the Lord. He retired from Burford Coal Company on Point Mountain and valued hard work. He served in the United States Army. He was an avid hunter and beekeeper. On any given day, you could find him in his bee yard just sitting with his bees. He was an amazing wood worker and traveled around the state doing craft shows. More than anything, Sampson loved his family and cherished every moment he got to spend with them.

Services to celebrate Sampson's life were held 1PM, Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at Dodd & Reed Funeral Home, Webster Springs, with Pastor Doy Carpenter officiating. Burial followed at West Virginia Memorial Gardens, Calvin.

Friends joined the family for visitation 6PM-9PM Monday night, at the funeral home. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.doddreedfh.com. Dodd & Reed Funeral Home, Webster Springs is honored to be serving the Knight family.

Phyllis Ann Propst
Phyllis Ann Propst, 73, of Sutton passed away on February 15, 2022 at Ruby Memorial Hospital, Morgantown.

She was born August 6, 1948 in Sutton, the daughter of the late Junior Orville & Mildred Lena Smith Flint. Also preceding her in death was her son, Lonnie Rose.

Phyllis was a IMC Woodworking Supervisor and a homemaker.

She is survived by her son, David Propst (Brittney Boggs) of Exchange; sister, Linda Hoard (Wilbur) of Little Birch; nephew, Harold Hoard; granddaughter, Zoey Propst.

Funeral services were held 1:00 pm, Saturday, February 19, 2022 at Greene-Robertson Funeral Home, Sutton with the Rev Lynn Schiefer officiating. Burial followed at Braxton Memorial Cemetery, Airport Rd, Sutton. Friends called one hour before the service at the funeral home.

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

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

Sally Hatmaker Clark

Sally Ann Clark, 63, of Bunker Hill, WV went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Sunday, January 16, 2022 after a brief illness.

Born November 1, 1958 in Sutton, WV, she was the daughter of the late Benny Joe and Leota Karol (Bright) Hatmaker. She was a 1976 graduate of Braxton County High School and worked many years in the banking industry and later as a credit analyst for Citi Corp.

Sally had a heart for those in need, especially children and the elderly. She volunteered with Kidz Power Pacs for many years, as well as, participating in Walk to End Alzheimer's events. Her favorite role in life was being a grandma. She could be found supporting and cheering on her grandchildren at their school and sporting events.

She is survived by her husband, Bruce Clark; daughter, Melissa Butts; grandchildren, Reese Pennington and Colton Butts; brother, Jeff (Lynn) Hatmaker; sister, Becky (Greg) Morris; nephews, Tristan and Benton Hatmaker; stepdaughter, Mistie Anderson, step-grandson, Christopher White; and Bob Morrison, former spouse and father of her only child. Several aunts, uncles and cousins also survive.

As per her request, she was cremated with no services to be held.

Leta Jean Ratliff

Leta Jean Ratliff, 65, of Orlando, WV passed away Saturday, February 12, 2022 at home surrounded by her loving family. She was born March 18, 1956 to parents Fred and Doris Thayer. Leta was preceded in death by her parents; Husband: Richard (Cody) Ratliff and Brother: Jack Thayer.

Leta enjoyed volunteering at school and reading. She loved her family and cherished spending time with them especially her grand babies. Leta is survived by Sons: Donny Ratliff (Jennifer), Rick Ratliff (Macy) all of Orlando, WV; Grandchildren: Dylan Ratliff, Brayden Ratliff, and Ricky Ratliff; Brothers: Steve and Randy Thayer; Sisters: Regina Hashman and Rosie Thayer; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service were 1 p.m., Thursday, February 17, 2022 at Stockert Funeral Home & Cremation, 378 Flatwoods Corner Road, Flatwoods, WV with Pastor Martin Wine officiating. Friends called two hours prior to the service from 11:00-1:00. Interment was in the Helmick Cemetery.

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

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

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

John William Shaw, Sr

John William Shaw, Sr., 75, of Sutton passed away on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at home surrounded by his family.

He was born October 14, 1946 at home in Sutton to the late Grant W. and Viola Blanch Linger Shaw.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his wife, Lydia Mae Shaw; sisters, Edna Shaw and Patricia Payne; and his brothers, David Duane Shaw and Jerry C. Shaw.

John was a retired steel worker who was a hardworking man that took care of his family. He was a faithful member of Poplar Ridge Community Church. He enjoyed to tinker and work on cars. John liked to ride motorcycles and 4wheelers. He had a big heart and would help anyone. He was a dedicated father and husband.

He is survived by his children, John Shaw Jr. and wife, Rebecca, Owen Shaw and wife, Joanna, and Lisa Clark and husband, Scott, all of Ohio; brothers, Russell Shaw and wife, Phoebe, of Barker Ridge, and Grant Shaw Jr. and wife, Phyllis, of Little Birch; sisters, Virginia Mae Johnson of Shaw Hollow, Emogene Payne of Shaw Hollow, and Elizabeth Utt of Sutton; 10 grandchildren and one great grandson; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was 1 P.M. Sunday, February 20, 2022 at Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway, WV.

Burial followed in the Shaw Family Cemetery, Bug Ridge, Sutton.

Visitation was 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.

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 pre-

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“The Spirit”

In looking at the Godhead we can see there are three persons; God the Father, his son Jesus, and the Spirit (Holy Spirit). Most people don't have any problem recognizing God, who created all things, "In the beginning" (Genesis 1:1), or Christ the Son who was born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23) who became our Savior and Lord (Acts 2:36). However, when we speak of the Spirit, some, if not many ascribe to him only a super influence, a glorified it, (neither male or female) or something better felt than told.

Jesus himself said, "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth is come, he will guide you into all truth:---" (John 16:13) Just as God and Christ are described as a person, so also is the Spirit. When we pick up and read God's word we should realize it is all given and safe guarded to us through the Spirit from Genesis 1:1 through Revelation 22:21.

Most everyone realizes it was through the Spirit that many miracles were done during Christ's earthly ministry and in the early church age but we must also remember the purpose behind those miracles. (John 20:30-31) They were given to instill belief on the part of the hearers of God's word. Now that the Spirit has given us the Bible in written form and we have "all truth" the signs and miracles are no longer needed. I'm not saying the Godhead no longer has that power but only that they can choose not to use it.

The Spirit is again identified as the "one Spirit" in Ephesians 4:4 thus signifying the right one. (I Corinthians 12:4, 11) In John 4:1 we're told not to believe every spirit and shows that lesser spirits as false.

Besides all we've said about the Spirit he is said to be the Comforter Christ would send. (John 14:16-17) Again, the Spirit is said to make intercession when we pray to God and don't quite know how to ask what is needed. (Romans 8:26)

Something that has been said against the Church of Christ is that we "don't have the Spirit" since we don't display a lot of personal feelings openly in our worship service. I hope this will help you see we may understand more about the Spirit than we're given credit for. Please continue to seek all the truth the Spirit will guide you in accepting.

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 Local Emergency Planning committee Meeting

Please be advised that the regular meeting of the Braxton Cuntly Local Emergency Planning committee is scheduled on Tuesday, March 8th at 12:00 P.M. at Luzaders 3 Girls Diner Restuarnt. If you have any questions regarding this meeting, please feel free to email at braxtonlepc@gmail.com

WVU Braxton County Extension hosts fruit tree pruning workshop

WVU Braxton County Extension is hosting a fruit tree pruning workshop in Bursville, WV. Demonstrations will be on pruning apples, pears, peaches and plums; Offers great hands-on experience for participants. Join WVU Braxton County Extension to learn why, when, what and how to prune. Tools needed for pruning; and making basic pruning cuts. Sponsoredby WVU-Braxton County Extension Service and Braxton/Clay Master Gardeners. Call 304-765-2809 or email debbie.friend@mail.wvu.edu to pre-register. In case of bad weather, the workshop will be postponed and we will notify everyone who has pre-registered.

City National Banks accept donations for Just One Generation

City National Bank offices in Flatwoods, Sutton, and Gassaway are accepting donations for Just One Generation Cat Rescue. The items needed to include are foster homes, litter boxes, scoops, water/food bowls, litter, Purina Complete Cat Chow, Purina Nurture Kitten Chow and again, foster homes. Cash donations for veterinary costs and for vaccinations and dewormers also needed. Donations accepted Monday, February 28 thru April 2.

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 con-

tact 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.

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 @ 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. Showbill 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.

Braxton County Senior Center Food Menu

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

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.

Attention SHS Alumni

After much though, talk, and consideration, we have found it necessary to cancel SHS’s Reunion Banquet for this year-2022.

As things are: age of our graduates, distance from “home” and the difficulties of travel, plus the many health reasons, it appears to us the SHS’s Reunion Banquets will cease to be! However, we hope that each individual class will continue to have their own reunion.

Since I receive all of the alumni mail, please send your correspon-

dence directly to me at 407 Oak Street, Sutton, WV 26601. We will no longer be using PO Box 22.

Should you desire to talk with to fuss, cuss, complain, discuss, or whatever my phone number remains the same: 304-765-5284.

Our Alumni Building on Airport Road will still be maintained for you to visit.

Thank you for your understanding. God Bless each of SHS’s Alumni. Sincerely, Norma Lee Cutlip, Treasurer, and all officers.

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.

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.

Burnsville Freedom Festival volunteers needed for 2022

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

BCHD Food Handler Course Schedule

The Braxton County Health Department has announced its In-Person Food Handler Training for 2022. The location for all classes will be Braxton County Health Department, 617 Old Turnpike Road, Sutton, (304) 765-2851. Monday, 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.

“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.

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ceded 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.

Her memorial service was held 12 Noon Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway with Reverend Johnny Conrad officiating.

Visitation was 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.

Arrangements by Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway, WV.

Justin Todd Rose

September 24, 1976 to February 8, 2022



Justin was born on September 24, 1976 in Montville, Ohio. to Jimmy Rose and Kaye Rose-Worth. Justin grew up in Huntsburg, Ohio, until moving to Wales, Massachusetts with his mother. Where he met his wife Amy 10 years ago, from there they moved to Hawaii and were married in 2019. While in Hawaii, he continued his love of landscaping and mak-

ing things grow and look beautiful. From there he traveled the country with his wife, and their two cats Misty and Oreo in their motorhome.

Justin was real and voiced what was on his mind, he was honest, loyal, kindhearted, Justin loved his family and friends with his whole heart, especially his wife Amy. If you were loved by Justin, you were a part of his family. Justin was able to reconnect with father and found is faith in the last few years.

Justin loved nature and wildlife photography, Hawaiian sunrises and sunsets, snorkeling, visiting national parks, astrology, gaming with a few of his close friends, and collecting magnetics from his and Amy’s travels. Justin also had a love from a young age of Star-Wars, mudding, and extreme sports.

Justin is predeceased by his baby daughter Alyssa Rose in 2003 and his mother Kaye Rose-Worth in 2018. Justin leaves behind the love of his life, his wife Amy Rose, his father Jimmy Rose of Sutton, West Virginia, his mother in-law Bea, his father in-law’s David and Dean, and his brother in-law Dave all from Massachusetts, his grandmother Aretta Rose-James of Huntsburg, Ohio, lots of aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

A graveside service will be held at Wales #4 Cemetery on Laurel Hill Road in Wales, Massachusetts at a later date to be determined.

Frederick G. Carpenter

Frederick G. Carpenter, 80, left us on February 17, 2022, at Ocala Regional Medical Center.

Fred was born June 28, 1941, in Gassaway, WV to the late Hayward and Jessie Carpenter.

In addition to his parents, Fred was preceded in death by first wife, Shirley Carpenter; brother Lloyd Carpenter; sisters, Nina (Carpenter) Mann, Beverly Jorda; daughter, Jessie Carpenter; and granddaughter Jessica Williams.

He Served in the Air Force and worked at Central Florida Antenna and A1 Key and Lock for 25 years. His personal interests included reading his Bible, spending time with family, and playing cards. His favorite foods were fruitcake, summer sausage, cheese and sweets! He devoted much of his time and energy as a caregiver to family members. His charm and smile brightened rooms as well as people’s lives.

Fred is survived by his ex-wife, Joyce Crowl; brothers, Hayward (Butch) Carpenter, and James Carpenter; sisters, Sandra Howells and Olive Carpenter; seven daughters and their spouses, Glenda and Gerry Carreras, Elizabeth and Thomas Crouch, Sandy La-pole, Julie and Jeremy Marlin, Shawn Crowl, Sherrie Crowl and Joyce Carpenter; a bundle of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He spent his latest years in the company of his family and friends. Fred will be lovingly remembered and missed.

Funeral service will be 2 P.M. Thursday, February 24, 2022 at Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway with Pastor Linn Schiefer officiating.

Interment with military rites will be in the Fairview Cemetery, Chapel.

Visitation will be 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.

Charlotte Ann Hyer

Charlotte Ann Hyer, 79, of Clover, SC, passed



away on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at Atrium Health Pineville, SC. She was born May 28, 1942 in Elkridge, WV to the late Woodrow and Marie Carpenter Jarvis.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her brother, Robert Lee Jarvis; sisters, Shirley Kay Jarvis and Mary Lou Halstead.

She was a baker at Bi-Low Grocery Store for 15 years. She loved to watch dirt track racing and in her spare time she would do word puzzle books.

Charlotte is survived by her husband of 58 years, Ray Hyer; daughters, Cindy Allen (Timmy) and Susie Lusk (Terry); grandchildren, Ronald Scully (Brittany) and Ashley Cross; great grandchildren, Liyah Scully and Addison James; brother, Jim Jarvis; and sister, Linda Robinson.

Funeral service was 2 P.M. Monday, February 21, 2022 at Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway with Pastor Linn Schiefer officiating.

Interment was in the Jarvis Family Cemetery, Strange Creek.

Visitation was one hour prior to service at the funeral home.

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

Charles Michael “Mike” Elliott

Charles Michael “Mike” Elliott, 53, of Sutton passed away on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 after an illness.

He was born September 1, 1968 in Live Oak, Florida to Betty Jo Crews Elliott and the late Charles “Charlie” Ammie Elliott.

In addition to his father he was preceded in death by his son, Michael Anthony Elliott; and brother in law, Dayton Lemon.

Mike worked in the steel industry as a laborer and inspector. He was a huge NASCAR fan and Rusty Wallace was his favorite driver. He was an avid outdoorsman who loved hunting and fishing. His grandchildren were his pride and joy. He will be missed.

In addition to his mother he is survived by his wife, Roberta Lemon Elliott; children, Tiffany, Dottie, and James; five grandchildren; three nephews; and a sister.

A gathering of family and friends will be held from 2 to 4 P.M. on Saturday, February 26, 2022 at Polemic Run Baptist Church. All family and friends are welcome.

Arrangements by Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway.

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

COMMUNITY CORNER

COUNTY STORIES

By: JEANETTE RIFFLE

February Thaw

We had our January thaw in February this year with that warm spring-like day. Everyone was so glad to get rid of that ice. It wasn't safe to walk around out there. People were trying to find cleats for their shoes. Some folks were falling on the ice. Some of my friends were posting pictures on FB , of how thick the ice was at their place. It was really scary looking. I did not venture out. We had that nice day and overnight we were right back into winter. Now, the snow is melted off and we are getting a skiff of snow almost every day but it isn't laying on. Some people are still seeing robins. We haven't seen any here. I am anxious to hear the birds singing. I got into my memories on FB and I found where I

had taken a picture of a robin out front close to the sidewalk, on a warm day in February, and I had written that frogs were hollering over cross the road in the ditch. We haven't heard that yet. People are talking about seed catalogs coming in and they are gardening from their easy chair. We got a seed catalog a while back. I got some lovely roses for Valentine's Day and a nice card. I'm always anxious for pretty hanging planters in the spring for the front porch. We saved some in the garage last fall. I hope they wintered over. When you cut them back to about a couple inches from the dirt, and put them inside where they won't freeze, they will come out of it and start growing again when placed outside where they can get sunshine and rain.

This has to be when spring has sprung and the danger of frost is over. I have had good luck with geraniums like that. This week I cooked a big pot of creamed tomatoes and made some biscuits. We had cottage fries and sausage with that. That is a comfort meal that we grew up on. My grandma on Mom's side, BessieLowe Warner, made them thick and creamy. Duane's aunt, Susie Riffle Perrine, made them the same way. We like our's thick, too. Mom made them thinner out of a quart of home canned tomato juice. I use our frozen chopped tomatoes. Some things you just make from scratch and don't really have a recipe. I will close for now. Until next time, be safe and stay well. Take care and God bless!

Trail town feedback wanted

Downstream Strategies, in partnership with the Sutton Community Development Corporation, Elk River Trails Foundation, and the Braxton County Development Authority, is beginning a comprehensive analysis and feasibility study for economic development opportunities in communities near the Elk River Trail System. The project team

is hosting a public meeting on Thursday, March 3rd at 6pm at the Sutton Volunteer Fire Department Annex to introduce community members and other interested stakeholders to the project and gain a better understanding of community interests. The goal of this project is to identify actions and strategies to ensure that

proposed tourism developments maximize the economic impacts of visitor spending by creating thoughtful connections between communities, their businesses, and the visitors to the Elk River Trail System. Additional meetings will be held in Gassaway, Clay, and Clendenin. Questions? Call Joey James at 304-322-4590

Huffman family note of thanks

We would like to extend a special thank you to everyone who sent flowers, memorial gifts, and cards, brought food and called. For everyone who helped with

caretaking and supported us during Roy's decline in health. A special thanks to Reverend James Griggs with his comforting message. To Ryan and Heather Roach for the

flawless handling of our beloved services. To Jacob O'Dell for the beautiful video memories and photos of Roy. To Gassaway Baptist Church for opening their doors to offer us a beautiful setting for Roy's final service. The Loyd's for opening and closing the grave and the Mason's for the closing service and carrying him to his final resting place. Roy was a loving and caring husband, father, grandfather and friend to many. He was a light shining bright in this world. He was a selfless man who was always ready to reach out and give back. He will be missed by many, but we are so thankful we have his memories embellished in our hearts. Thank you to all who have helped us in this sad and difficult time. Barbara Huffman and Family.

Primitive Craft Show

- Dolls - Bunnies
- Wood Signs

Friday & Saturday
February
25th and 26th
10:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.

Luzaders 3 Girls Diner
Flatwoods West Virginia

We will be there until
crafts are all sold!

WVU Medicine

ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL

Open Nursing Interviews

Monday, February 28th

3pm–7pm

St. Joseph's Hospital
1 Amalia Drive
Buckhannon, WV 26201
Main Lobby

Must apply online prior to event at www.stj.net
Bring resumé with you.

For Any Questions, Contact the Recruiter at
304-473-2112 / angela.heavner@wvumedicine.org
*Watch Facebook in Case of Inclement Weather

Interviewing for the following positions:

- Registered Nurses
- Graduate Nurses
- Nurse Technicians
- Cardiac Monitor Technicians
- Certified Nursing Assistants
- LPNs
- Surgical Technicians

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

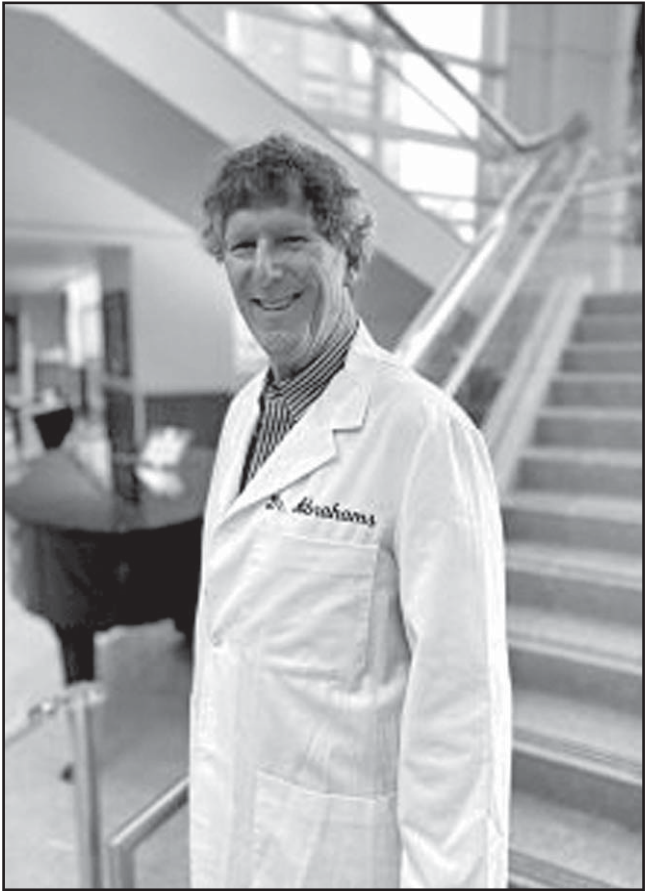
Magistrate Beth Smith's Court February 15: Edwin O'Neal of Frametown, violation of domestic violence order x31, warrant issued, bond set at \$10,000 cash, surety, or 10% to the court; Kenny D. Bush of Burnsville, harassment, warrant issued, bond set at \$2000 cash or surety, violation of domestic violence order, warrant issued, bond set at \$3000 cash or surety. February 16: Amy Lynn Jenkins of Gassaway, forgery dismissed, based on further investigation; Clayton James Carpenter of Creston, expired	MVI, dismissed per officer request. February 17: James Patton Loving, III of Covington, VA, possession of controlled substance, guilty plea, 32 days of jail with credit for time served of two days, remainder suspended and placed on six months unsupervised probation, fine/court costs assessed; Gina M Dagostino of Charleston, no proof of insurance, dismissed proof provided; Peter Timothy Gant of Sutton, speeding, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed and paid.	Singleton's Court February 13: Samantha Brooke Starcher of Wallback, possession of meth with intent to deliver, bringing contraband into jail, conspiracy, warrant issued, bond set at \$15,000 cash only. February 14: Michael S. Byrne of Gassaway, open burning of refuse, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed. February 15: Samantha Brooke Starcher of Wallback, possession of meth with intent to deliver, bringing contraband into jail, conspiracy, preliminary hearing waived, transferred to circuit court.
Magistrate David		

Mon Health Pulmonologist to be at March 3 Health Fair

The Pulmonary Rehabilitation Department at Mon Health Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital is pleased to announce that pulmonologist Roger A. Abrahams, MD, FCCP will be appearing at Pulmonary Rehabilitation Day on Thursday, March 3. He will be making remarks at noon. The educational health fair will be held from 11 AM to 1 PM on the ground floor at Mon Health Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital. "Moving more, breathing better" is the national theme for Pulmonary Rehab month in March - one of the goals for the fair.

Dr. Abraham brings many years of experience to this vital specialty with a large resume of teaching experience, clinical research, and both private practice and work in the Mon Health System.

"Patients in smaller communities like Weston are so kind and appreciative to receive quality care that it makes my job more fulfilling," said Dr. Abraham. "One of my first patients here commented that no one had ever explained their illness or medications to them before like I did. Their gratitude made my trip to Mon Health Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital worth



Roger A. Abrahams, MD, FCCP

it." Dr. Abrahams brings a wealth of experience to Mon Health Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital as he has been serving the community as a Pulmonologist at Mon Health Medical Center for more than 30 years. Dr. Abrahams also is a clinical associate professor of medicine at West Virginia University. As well as information about pulmonary rehab, there will be free

screenings for weight/height/BMI, blood pressure, and pulse ox. There will also be a depression screening, AED training, a Lewis County Heart Display, eye care, and information on tobacco and vaping, nutrition, CORE, the Family Resource Network, and adult fitness. Call 304-269-8099 or 304-517-8612 for more information. Visit MonHealth.com/HealthFair for other upcoming events at Mon Health.

New River CTC Foundation accepting scholarship applications for 2022-23 academic year

The New River Community and Technical College Foundation scholarship application is available online from Feb. 14 – April 4, 2022. Students apply at www.nrctcf.org for scholarship funds to help pay for college tuition, books, and expenses. Scholarships will be awarded during the fall 2022 and spring 2023 semesters. "New River CTC Foundation seeks to increase the number of scholarship recipients each year. The more

scholarships that are awarded, the more students receive much-needed financial assistance to reach their academic and career goals," said New River CTC Executive Director of Institutional Advancement and College Foundation Michael Green. New students, current students, and graduating high school seniors are encouraged to apply. Scholarship awards are based on a variety of criteria including financial need, program of study, academic

merit, and community service. Each year, New River CTC Foundation provides \$125,000 in scholarships for students. "The scholarship application is designed to be user-friendly for students to make the process as simple as possible. Additionally, scholarship information sessions help students with any questions about the scholarship process," Green said. Scholarship information sessions will be held in March to help students navigate the online application as well as provide information about financial aid, letters of recommendation, and scholarship essays. Information sessions will be announced on the College's website and Facebook page.

For more information about scholarships call 304-929-6734 or email foundation@newriver.edu. For information about degree programs at New River CTC, visit www.newriver.edu, email admissions@newriver.edu or call 866-349-3739.

Flatwoods Cemetery 2021 donations

I wish to thank each and everyone who donated to the upkeep of the Flatwoods Cemetery for 2021; as mowing prices continues to go up we must take care of the cemetery. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated; so please remember 2022. Those donating for 2021 were: Nancy B. Fowler, Marlin Hugh Butcher, Keith

Butcher, Brian Dulaney, Ranell Minear, Pierson Butcher, Jr., Carolyn Butcher Barber, Angela Butcher, Keith Wood-dell, Dick Bright, Loran Kniceley, Johnson Family Reunion and Mary McCoy Estate. Thanks again. Any donations can be made to Flatwoods Cemetery and mailed to Linda Brown 1353 Stone Run Road, Flatwoods, WV 26621.



LEGAL NOTICES

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS BRAXTON COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY BRAXTON COUNTY AIRPORT SUTTON, WEST VIRGINIA APRON REHABILITATION (SEAL AND MARK) CONTRACT NO. 1 FAA AIP NO. 3-54-0026-023-2021 JANUARY 2022

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Sealed proposals will be received by the Braxton County Airport Authority, c/o Braxton County Commission, 300 Main Street, Suite 305, Sutton, West Virginia 26601 until 3:30 P.M., March 22, 2022, for the following work:
Contract No. 1 – Apron Rehabilitation (Seal and Mark)
The bid prices shall include the costs for furnishing labor and materials and performing all work set forth in the Advertisement for Bids, Information for Bidders, Form of Proposal, Standard General Conditions of the Construction Contract, Supplemental General Conditions and Detail Specifications and Drawings prepared by Chapman Technical Group. Immediately following the scheduled closing time for the reception of bids, all proposals which have been submitted in accordance with the required provisions will be publicly opened and read aloud. The work to be bid upon is generally described as follows:
Contract No. 1 – Apron Rehabilitation (Seal and Mark)

The scope of the project is to rehabilitate the existing asphalt surface of Runway 2/20, Main Apron, and reconstruct Taxiway A at the Braxton County Airport located near Sutton, West Virginia. The rehabilitation will consist of removing the existing pavement markings to prevent shadowing, cleaning the surface of deleterious material, repairing existing cracks and joints by placing a refined coal tar emulsion surface treatment, and then placing airfield pavement markings. The refined coal tar emulsion surface treatment will be applied in two (2) coats. The rehabilitation of Runway 2/20 will be the Base Bid. The rehabilitation of the Apron will be Additive Alternate No. 1. The reconstruction will consist of removing the existing Taxiway A pavement, placing additional base coarse aggregate, undercut and backfill, 2" of HMA WVDOT Base Course and 2" of HMA WVDOT Surface Course will be placed, and then placing airfield pavement markings. The reconstruction of Taxiway A will be Additive Alternate No. 2. The project will also include mobilization and any other appurtenances required for a complete project detailed by the plans and specifications prepared by Chapman Technical Group.

Construction Time Limits – The Contractor will be required to achieve Substantial Completion within 60 calendar days and final completion and readiness for final payment within 90 calendar days of the effective date of the Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages will be \$750.00 per day for each day after the expiration of the construction time.
Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents may be examined at the following places:
Chapman Technical Group
Braxton County Airport Authority
43 East Main Street
Buckhannon, WV 26201
300 Main Street, Suite 305
Sutton, WV 26601
Chapman Technical Group
Contractors Association of WV
200 Sixth Avenue
2114 Kanawha Boulevard, East St. Albans, WV 25177
Charleston, WV 25311
McGraw-Hill Dodge Reports
Virtual Plan Room: www.dodge.construction.com
Phone: (501)321-5406, Fax: (501)625-3544

One full-size set and one digital set of the Plans and Specifications may be obtained by each Bidder from the office of Chapman Technical Group, 43 East Main Street, Buckhannon, West Virginia, 26201, telephone (304) 472-8914, upon a non-refundable payment of \$175.00. Plans and Specifications may also be ordered from Chapman Technical Group's online plan room at www.chaptech.com.

Online access to procurement and contracting documents will be provided through Chapman Technical Group's Newforma software. Digital/electronic copies will not be available without purchase of at least one full-size set. Each prospective Bidder shall be required to purchase a minimum of one copy of the Bidding Documents and be subsequently included on the Engineer's official bid register. They consist of plans, specifications and a bid submittal packet. The bid submittal packet provides an unbound copy and listing of the items which are to be submitted with the Bid. Bids received from Bidders not included on the official bid register will be declared non-responsive and returned to the Bidder. Bidders are advised that a two-envelope system will be used. Each bid must be submitted in a sealed main envelope containing the Bid Bond, WV Contractor's License, Contractor's Statement of Qualifications, and all other necessary documents as required on the bid opening checklist developed by the Engineer, and a separate sealed envelope inside the main envelope marked "Bid Proposal" containing the completed and signed bid (Form of Proposal). The main envelope will be opened first and if the required documents are included and appear to be in order, the envelope containing the bid will then be opened and publicly read aloud. If the required documents are not included as

part of the bid submittal, the envelope containing the bid will not be opened and the bid will be considered non-responsive and will be returned to the Bidder. A Bidder may not withdraw his/her bid for a period of (90) days after the date set for opening of bids. Bids shall be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond payable to the Braxton County Airport Authority, Sutton, West Virginia, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount of the Base Bid and Additive Alternates. Bidders agree to comply with 49 USC §50101, which provides that Federal funds may not be obligated unless all steel and manufactured goods used in AIP funded projects are produced in the United States, unless the Federal Aviation Administration has issued a waiver for the product; the product is listed as an Excepted Article, Material or Supply in Federal Acquisition Regulation subpart 25.108; or is included in the FAA Nationwide Buy American Waivers Issued list. Bidders must complete and submit the Buy American certification included with the Bidding Documents with their bid. The Owner will reject as nonresponsive any bid or offer that does not include a completed Certificate of Buy American Compliance.

Debarment and Suspension - 2 CFR Part 180 (Subpart C), 2 CFR Part 1200 or DOT Order 4200.5. Trade Restriction - 49 USC § 50104 and 49 CFR Part 30. Lobbying Federal Employees - 31 USC § 1352 – Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment, 2 CFR Part 200-Appendix II(J) and 49 CFR Part 20-Appendix A. Procurement of Recovered Materials - 2 CFR § 200.322, 40 CFR Part 247 and the Solid Waste Disposal Act. Nondiscrimination in Employment Bidders on this work are required to comply with 41 CFR Part 60-4, President's Executive Order Number 11246 and the provisions of Executive Order Number 10925 as included therein. The requirements for Bidders and Contractors under these orders are included in the Federal Contract Provisions contained in the specification manual. Bidders must comply with the minimum rates for wages for laborers and mechanics as determined by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with the provisions of the Davis Bacon Act. All prospective Bidders are encouraged to attend a Pre Bid Conference to be held at the Braxton County Airport, Sutton, West Virginia, at 1:00 P.M., March 7, 2022, for the purpose of discussing the project and touring the site. The Authority has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program in accordance with the requirements of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). As a recipient of funding from the DOT, the Authority signed an assurance to comply with the provisions of 49 CFR Part 26, "Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprise in DOT Programs." This project, due to the amount of federal participation, requires the Contractor to meet a goal for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise participation of 3.0 percent (3.0%). The Contractor will be required to justify the amount of DBE participation which will be utilized or that there was a good faith effort made to allow for DBE participation. It is the policy of the Authority that DBE's, as defined in 49 CFR Part 26, shall have the maximum opportunity to participate in the performance of contracts assisted in whole or part by funds granted by the DOT.

The Owner's award of this contract is conditioned upon Bidder or Offeror satisfying the good faith effort requirements of 49 CFR §26.53. As a condition of bid responsiveness, the Bidder or Offeror must submit the following information with their proposal on the forms provided herein:

- (1) The names and addresses of Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) firms that will participate in the contract;
- (2) A description of the work that each DBE firm will perform;
- (3) The dollar amount of the participation of each DBE firm listed under (1)
- (4) Written statement from Bidder or Offeror that attests their commitment to use the DBE firm(s) listed

under (1) to meet the Owner's project goal;
(5) If Bidder or Offeror cannot meet the advertised project DBE goal; evidence of good faith efforts undertaken by the Bidder or Offeror as described in appendix A to 49 CFR Part 26. The successful Bidder or Offeror must provide written confirmation of participation from each of the DBE firms the Bidder or Offeror lists in their commitment. This Bidder or Offeror must submit the DBE's written confirmation of participation within 5 days after bid opening. The Braxton County Airport Authority, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 USC §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all Bidders or Offerors that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color or national origin in consideration for an award.

The requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 apply to this contract. It is the policy of the Braxton County Airport Authority to practice non-discrimination based on race, color, sex or national origin in the award or performance of this contract. The Owner encourages participation by all firms qualifying under this solicitation regardless of business size or ownership. The Authority is an equal opportunity employer and will require the Contractors to adhere to the provisions of this program.

The Braxton County Airport Authority reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
BRAXTON COUNTY AIRPORT
AUTHORITY
BY: Patrick O'Malley, President
Chapman Technical Group
P.O. Box 229
Buckhannon, West Virginia
26201 2-22 3-1b

NOTICE TO REDEEM

2020-S-00000022 - Braxton County – CHK LLC
To: OCCUPANT, LLOYD ROBERTS, DAVID ROBERTS, RICK ROBERTS, DAVID ROBERTS, 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 SUTTON CORP
MAP 4 PARCEL 0059 0000
You will take notice that CKH LLC, the purchaser of tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2020-S-00000022, SKIDMORE ADD LOT 10 A 73-SX 73-S X 72.5 X 66-S, located in SUTTON CORP, which was returned delinquent in the name of ROBERTS LLOYD R, 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. -\$116.26

Amount of subsequent years taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2022. -\$61.50
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. -\$1,041.35
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2022. -\$272.52

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. -\$1,491.63
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.
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DISTRICT SUTTON CORP
MAP 4 PARCEL 0078 0000
You will take notice that CKH LLC, the purchaser of tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2020-S-00000023, SKIDMORE ADD LOT 10 72.5 X 150, located in SUTTON CORP, which was returned delinquent in the name of ROBERTS LLOYD R, 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. -\$221.41

Amount of subsequent years taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2022. -\$257.85
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. -\$1,041.35

Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2022. -\$272.52
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. -\$1,793.13
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

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NOTICE TO REDEEM

2020-S-00000066 - Braxton County – WVVTI LLC
To: COASTAL COAL-WEST VIRGINIA LLC, COASTAL COAL-WEST VIRGINIA LLC, COASTAL COAL-WEST VIRGINIA LLC, BROOKS RUN MINING COMPANY, 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 HOLLY MAP 9S PARCEL 0044 00003001
You will take notice that WVVTI LLC, the purchaser of tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2020-S-00000066, 1/2 OF 14.37AC CRITES MT, 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. -\$212.19

Amount of subsequent years taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2022. -\$113.38
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. -\$1,195.26

Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2022. -\$258.78
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff – cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Lou Dellamea, Sheriff and Treasurer of Braxton County. -\$1,779.61
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

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NOTICE TO REDEEM

2020-S-00000067 - Braxton County – WVVTI LLC
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DISTRICT HOLLY MAP 9S PARCEL 0045 00003001
You will take notice that WVVTI LLC, the purchaser of tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2020-S-00000067, 71.8AC LITTLE BIRCH RIVER, 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. -\$664.96

Amount of subsequent years taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2022. -\$539.24
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. -\$1,330.15

Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2022. -\$258.78
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff – cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Lou Dellamea, Sheriff and Treasurer of Braxton County. -\$2,793.13
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
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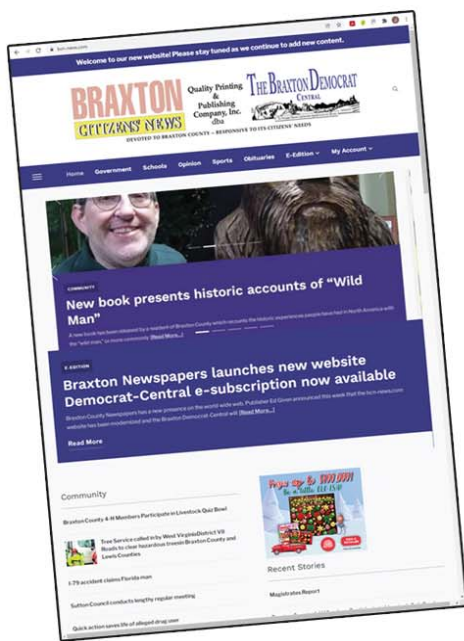
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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

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

Lou Dellamea
Sheriff of Braxton County

Meet a MFB Food Banker

This week we're highlighting our CEO of Mountaineer Food Bank, Chad Morrison! Chad has been in his current position for 6 years but with the food bank 11 years. Chad graduated from West Virginia University with a M.A. in Social Research and a Bachelor's in Cultural Anthropology. He started at the food bank as the Food Resource Coordinator, transitioning to Director of Development. Chad currently serves on the national Feeding America Policy Engagement and Advocacy Committee. He is a 2018 member of Leadership West Virginia. Chad recently self-built a house on his family farm in Sutton, WV with his wife and two daughters.

Chad's passion for fighting food insecurity is evident and we're



CEO of Mountaineer Food Bank, Chad Morrison grateful for his leadership, guidance, and dedication to our mission.

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 on-line 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>.

Dog Stories from the Braxton Tales: County Animal Shelter

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

for lack of basic care. Rocky is affectionate with humans and playful with other dogs. He might be too big/playful for young children because he is young and doesn't realize his size/strength yet. He's not overly energetic and doesn't jump up but he will play. Rocky lived indoors as a puppy and used puppy pads but as he grew in size he was moved outdoors. He does walk well on a leash and has never been in a crate before. Rocky rides well in a vehicle.



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.



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.



Thank you to everyone who has donated to the care of our furry friends at BCAS in the months of January/February: Sandy Singleton-Bragg, Kim West, Doy Clifton, Violet Miller, Sutton Library and all who have donated to Cans for Canines: Valeria Bank, James and Virginia Strother, Kathryn Currence, Leslie Casdorff, Lisa Bly, Ron and May Facemire, Randy White, Joseph and Terri Truman, Donna Booher, Pam Wilburn, James and Alicia Burton, The Town of Gasaway, Barbara Shomo, Beth Simmons. A special thank you to Leah and Brayden Rader for the card below and donations dropped off.



Braxton Books for Babies continues monthly online book readings

Braxton Books For Babies, a free program that encourages literacy development for children prior to school enrollment (birth to four years of age), offers a registration form on their Facebook page for the first seventy-five families to sign up and participate in fun, educational books and activities. Once families are notified, packets are ready for pickup at the Board of Education Office. Families are instructed to drive through to get their packets. The packets include all their books and activities for the month.

The following dates are for March 2022 to April 2022:

February theme is Dr. Seuss, Registration is on Tuesday, February 1st, and Packet pick up will February 15th from 10:00 to 11:00 A.M. at the Board of Education Office, Facebook live will be on February 18th at 10:00 A.M.

March theme is Eric Carle, Registration is on Tuesday, March 1st, and Packet pick up will be on March 15th from



Children learned all about Dr. Seuss in February.

10:00 to 11:00 A.M. at the Board of Education Office, Facebook live will be on April 22nd at 10:00 A.M.

Dates and times are subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control. Please check our Facebook page for updates.

April theme is Recycling, Registration is on Friday, April 1st, and Packet pick up will April 1st from 10:00 to 11:00

KITTY KORNER: Affordable, Adoptable, Fixed Feline Friends

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](https://www.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.

ange and white, shy but warms up quickly.



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.

City's offices in Flatwoods, Sutton, and Gassaway are accepting donations for Just One Generation Cat Rescue.

The items needed include: Foster Homes, Litter Boxes, Scoops, Water/Food Bowls, Litter, Purina Complete Cat Chow, Purina Nuture Kitten Chow, Again.. Foster Homes!

Cash donations for veterinary cost and for vaccinations and dewormers also needed.

Donations accepted Monday, February 28 thru April 2.

Braxton County Jamboree announces March lineup

The Braxton County Jamboree has announced the show dates for March: March 4, Tygart Junction March 11, Sincere Country March 18, Dixie Highway March 25, Frank Conn and The Partners

The last show for February is on Friday, February 25th, Dixie Highway.

Shows are subject to change.

Concessions will be

available for purchase. No Alcohol Permitted at any event.

The Braxton County Jamboree is Handicap-Accessible.

For more information and to follow the Braxton County Jamboree please visit Facebook or online at <http://braxton-countyjamboree.WebStarts.com/>

You may also contact Lena Parsons at (304) 364-5577 or by email at e-mail--lparsons804@gmail.com



Jennifer McCracken FNP-BC

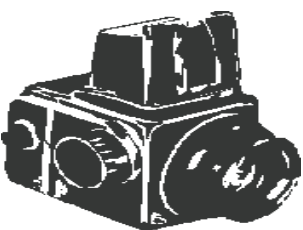
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Visit us at 110 Municipal St. Burnsville, WV 26335 or call for (304) 853-2278 for an appointment

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A Photographic Look at...

Braxton wrestlers win sixth straight regional championship Ten Eagles qualify for state tournament in March



Ryder McLaughlin at 285 qualified as a regional champion for the Eagles wrestling team.



Andrew Brandt won the match against his adversary in the Region 2 wrestling tournament.



Cody Stout placed in fifth at the Region 2 wrestling tournament.



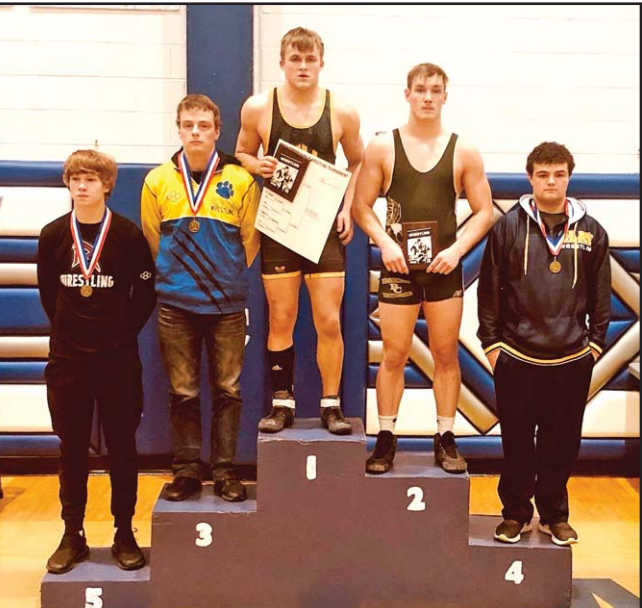
Logan Bennett works hard to bring his opponent down.



Blayne Jarvis at 138 qualified as a regional champion for the Eagles wrestling team.



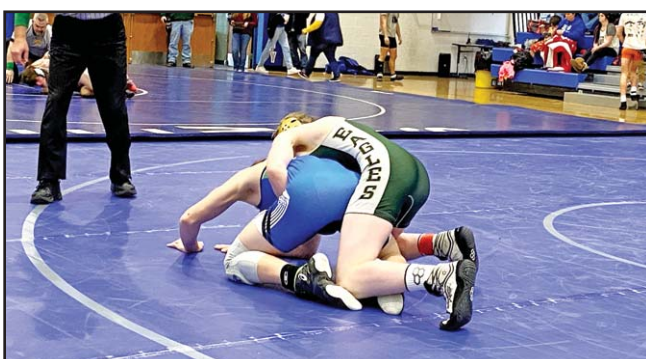
Colton Moore at 195 qualified as a regional champion. Photos courtesy of



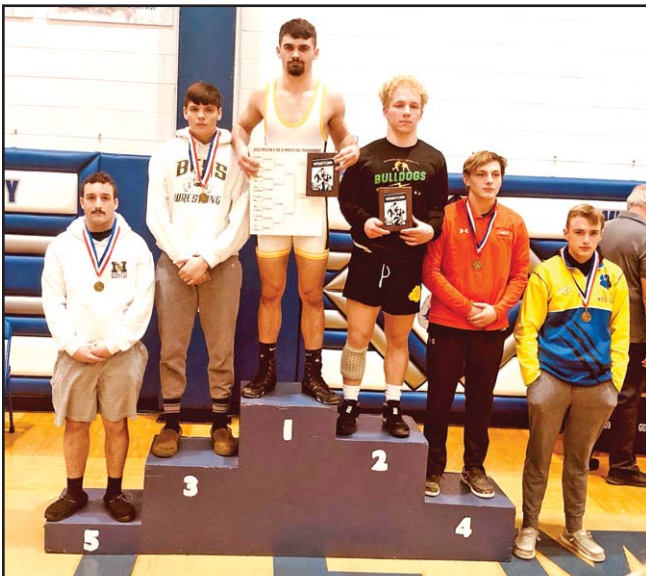
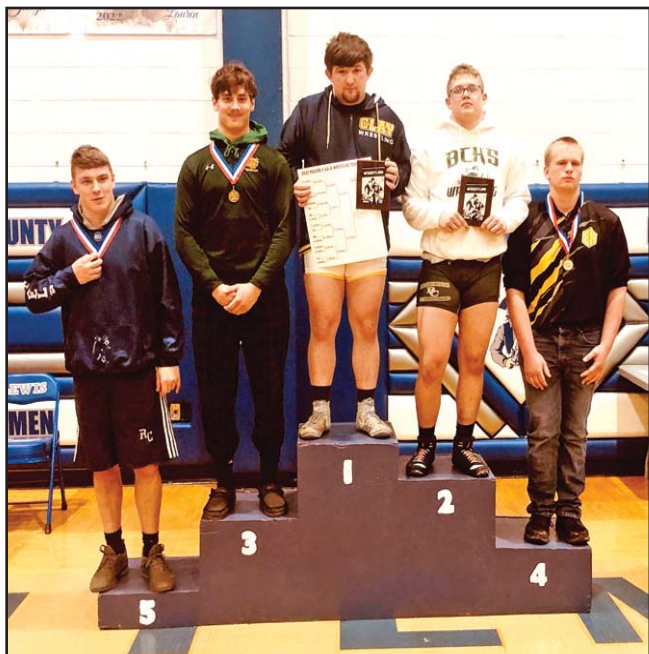
Bryce Leegan works to flip his opponent onto his back during one of his matches.



Braydon Helmick at 113 qualified as a regional champion.



Jackson Davis at 160 qualified as a regional champion.



Anthony Currence placed in second in the Region 2 wrestling tournament.



Justin Bishop took second place for the Eagles wrestling team.



Bryson Spell placed third at the Region 2 wrestling tournament for the Eagles.



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the above total less any unearned interest.
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Questions please call 1-888-509-6568 option 2 2-15 3-1b

NOTICE TO REDEEM
2020-S-00000068 - Braxton County – WVTI LLC
To: COASTAL COAL-WEST VIRGINIA LLC, COASTAL COAL-WEST VIRGINIA LLC, COASTAL COAL-WEST VIRGINIA LLC, COASTAL COAL-WEST VIRGINIA LLC, OCCUPANT, 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 HOLLY
MAP 9S P A R C E L
0045 00003002

You will take notice that WVTI LLC, the purchaser of tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2020-S-00000068, 105/960 71.8AC LITTLE BIRCH RIVER, 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. -\$182.93
Amount of subsequent years taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2022. -\$84.08
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. -\$1,283.57
Amount paid for other statutory

costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2022. -\$215.65
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. -\$1,766.23
Cost of Certification of Redemption – cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor. -\$35.00
You may redeem at any time before March 31, 2022, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.
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2020-S-00000069 - Braxton County – WVTI LLC
To: COASTAL COAL-WEST VIRGINIA LLC, COASTAL COAL-WEST VIRGINIA LLC, COASTAL COAL-WEST VIRGINIA LLC, COASTAL COAL-WEST VIRGINIA LLC, GREEN FLORA HRS, OCCUPANT, 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 HOLLY
MAP 9S P A R C E L 0 0 4 5
00003003

You will take notice that, the purchaser of tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2020-S-00000069, 120/960 71.8AC LITTLE BIRCH, located in HOLLY, which was returned delinquent in the name of COASTAL COAL-WEST VIRGINIA LLC, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Braxton County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 20th day of October, 2020, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2022, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2022 will be as follows: Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 31, 2022. -\$195.58
Amount of subsequent years taxes paid on the property, since the

sale, with interest to March 31, 2022. -\$96.21
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. -\$1,298.82
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2022. -\$258.78
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff – cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Lou Dellamea, Sheriff and Treasurer of Braxton County. -\$1,849.39
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
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NOTICE TO REDEEM
2020-S-00000120 - 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 0 0 1 2
00003002
You will take notice that ROBERT B BOURN, the purchaser of tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2020-S-000000120, WOLF PEN 1/3 OF 90AC, 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. -\$435.31
Amount of subsequent years taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2022. -\$322.07
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. -\$1,425.03
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
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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. -\$3,344.60
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
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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

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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. -\$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.
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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 John B. McCuskey, State Auditor. -\$35.00
You may redeem at any time before March 31, 2022, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.
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DISTRICT HOLLY
MAP 9999 P A R C E L 0600 0003
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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
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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

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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
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Nicholas outscores Lady Eagles in last game of regular season

Nicholas defeated the Lady Eagles 52-34 Wednesday night. Braxton coach Bill Lunceford explained the loss. "We struggled to score and to stop their best player," the coach said.

Scoring for Braxton included Lainey Hunt with 7 points, Heidi Payne and Bre Smarr six points each, Bethany Payne, 5, SkyLynn Abraham 3 and Erica Nicholson 3 each, Tea-

gan Huff 2, and Adrian Lunceford 1.

To begin sectional tournament play, the Lady Eagles will take on South Harrison on the Hawks' home court Tuesday night

Braxton rebounds after loss to Wahama, defeats Nicholas

Playing at home Thursday night, Wahama outscored the Eagles' JV squad 69-49. In that game, three Braxton players scored in double figures. Landon Stewart led with 11 points while Riley Hunt and Jaxton Short each scored 10.

Five Braxton players scored in double figures in the Eagles 92-83 win over Nicho-

las Friday night. Hunt led the scoring with 22 points. Also in double figures were Zach Shaver with 19 points, Stewart with 16, and Logan Baldwin and Ryken Rutherford with 14 each.

Braxton coach Robert Lloyd commented that his team was "out for revenge in the Nicholas game from losing to them at the begin-

ning of the season." He added, "This game was probably the best we have played on offense all year. Every individual was ready to go out there and win. It was a great team win."

Braxton JV has two games next week---Lincoln at home tonight and Lewis away on Wednesday. These two games will finish the junior varsity season.

Eagles lose to Wahama and Nicholas

Thursday's game against Wahama ended with a 92-52 Wahama win. Eagles coach Josh Lunceford attributed the loss to poor playing from his team. "We played terrible," he said. "Long drive there, but no excuse...we just played bad."

The game against Nicholas Friday night was much more competitive. Nicholas won 80-72 in double overtime. Braxton led most of the game, but Coach Lunceford said his time

"lost focus late and let them come back."

He went on to say that the Eagles did have chances to win at the end of regulation and again at the end of the first overtime, but they couldn't get a shot off. He also emphasized his team's problem in free throw shooting, which he said "killed us. We were 23 for 47 from the line."

With 24 points, William Forbush led the Eagles' scoring. Also in double

figures, D.J. Coomes scored 18, and Beau Liston 14. Spencer Bosely added 2, Lane Marrow 8, Mason Abraham 4, Mathias Garavaglia 1, and Lane Martin 1.

Forbush and Coomes represented Braxton in the 3-point shootout at the LKC Night of Champions Saturday night. Beau Liston was the Eagles' Scholar Athlete.

This week Braxton has Lincoln County at home Tuesday and travel to Lewis on Wednesday.

Braxton County Little League announces two additional registration dates for 2022

Registration dates and times are set for the 2022 season.

Two additional dates have been included.

Tuesday, February 22nd from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at Bonozos office in Gassaway and Thursday, February 24th from 4:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. at the Burnsville Public Library 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 taxes, 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 prac-

tice per our bylaws. It states all players 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.

Braxton County Soccer Club announces Spring 2022 soccer season registration

Last week to register for 2022 BCSC Spring Soccer



Spring 2022 soccer season begins on March 14th, sign up today before time runs out!

It is that time of year, again!

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

Registration is for age groups U4 to

U18 (birth year 2004-2018).

Registration cost for U4 players is \$35 per player. Registration cost for U6-U18 players is \$50 per player. (There is a processing fee and service fee added to

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

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

Coaches and Referees

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

Forms have been sent home from school. If you did not receive a form with a coupon code for this season, message the BCSC Facebook page.

Braxton County Soccer Club's Spring 2022 Registration is open until February 28th.

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



Salix Simpson and Jazyln Jarrel enjoyed the softball skills Clinic.



Sofia Gum up to bat the Softball Skills Clinic held at BCMS.

Braxton Little League players learn new skills at softball clinic

Players of Braxton County Little League who were looking to develop new skills were invited out on Sunday, February 20th to the Braxton County Middle School gymnasium for an afternoon of fun learning the ins and outs of softball.

Held by Coach Schannon Dennison, Braxton County Middle School Softball Coach, players brought their shoes, gloves, helmets

and bats eager to get the 2022 season start-

ed.

Photos by Amanda Gum

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Sports are now featured in the Braxton Democrat-Central



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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON
CASE NO. 21-0857-E-CN
MONONGAHELA POWER COMPANY AND THE POTOMAC EDISON COMPANY, public utilities
Petition for the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Environmental Compliance and Modernization, Upgrade, and Improvement Program and related Surcharge for Coal-fired

Boilers at Electric Power Plants.
NOTICE OF FILING AND EVIDENTIARY HEARING
On December 17, 2021, Monongahela Power Company and The Potomac Edison Company (collectively, Companies) requested that the Commission approve an environmental compliance program to meet effluent limitation guidelines (ELG) at Ft. Martin and Harrison power stations, as described in the filing, and implementation of an associated cost recovery

Surcharge to recover costs. Details of the proposed project construction and proposed Surcharge can be found on the Commission's website at <http://www.psc.state.wv.us>. The ELG compliance plan is needed to comply with ELG rules issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and involve water treatment for bottom ash and flue gas desulfurization processes. The proposed plan is needed for those power plants

to operate beyond 2028. The incremental revenue increase due to the Surcharge is estimated to be initially \$6,545,986 in 2024 when the Surcharge begins and is expected to total \$26,154,891 by 2026 when all the installations are complete. The Surcharge is proposed to be reviewed annually by the Commission beginning September 2024. The Surcharge estimated rates for 2024-2026 by rate schedule are shown below:

Table 1							
Rate Schedule	Class	2024 ELG Surcharge		2025 ELG Surcharge		2026 ELG Surcharge	
		\$/kW-kVA	\$/kWh	\$/kW-kVA	\$/kWh	\$/kW-kVA	\$/kWh
A & R	Residential		\$ 0.00051		\$ 0.00149		\$ 0.00204
B & G	General Svc		\$ 0.00052		\$ 0.00151		\$ 0.00209
C & E	General Svc	\$ 0.16		\$ 0.45		\$ 0.63	
CSH	Church & School		\$ 0.00064		\$ 0.00186		\$ 0.00258
D, PH & AGS	Large General Svc	\$ 0.19		\$ 0.54		\$ 0.75	
K & PP	Large Power Svc	\$ 0.111		\$ 0.313		\$ 0.427	
Street Lighting	St Lighting		\$ 0.00021		\$ 0.00059		\$ 0.00081

The average monthly bill impact for the various classes of customers is proposed to be changed as follows:

Total Rate Increase with Proposed Surcharge

	Average Increase Per Customer 2024	Average Increase Per Customer 2025	Average Increase Per Customer 2026
Residential	\$0.51	\$1.49	\$2.04
Commercial	\$1.63	\$4.64	\$6.36
Industrial	\$690.60	\$1977.02	\$2735.08
Streetlighting	\$0.47	\$1.32	\$1.82
Change 2024			
Residential	0.5%	1.4%	2.0%
Commercial	0.5%	1.4%	1.9%
Industrial	0.4%	1.2%	1.7%
Streetlighting	0.1%	0.3%	0.4%
	0.5%	1.3%	1.9%

This matter is scheduled for an evidentiary hearing on June 1, 2022. The hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room at the Public Service Commission Building, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia. Anyone desiring to intervene

should file a written petition to intervene no later than March 14, 2022. All petitions to intervene should briefly state the reason for the request to intervene and comply with the rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. The Commission will

receive public comments until the beginning of the hearing. All written comments and petitions to intervene should state the case name and number and be addressed to Karen Buckley, Acting Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323. Public Com-

ments may also be filed online at <http://www.psc.state.wv.us/scripts/onlinecomments/default.cfm> by clicking the "Formal Case" link. MONONGAHELA POWER COMPANY AND THE POTOMAC EDISON COMPANY 02-22

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that Collins Building & Contracting, Inc., 3406 Corley-Caress Rd, Flatwoods, WV 26621, has submitted an application for RENEWAL of Quarry Article 4 Permit Number Q201710 to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) 47 School Street, Suite 301, Philippi, WV, 26416-1600, in order to remove Sandstone by conducting quarry operations. The operation is discharging into

Little Birch River of Elk River and is located 0.77 miles, SW of Little Birch, 26629 in Otter District of Braxton County, Longitude 80°42'59.0000" and Latitude 38°34'18.0000". Written comments on the Article 4 Quarry Permit Renewal Application shall identify the applicant and application number and will be received by the Permit Supervisor at the DEP address above until March 28, 2022, or thirty (30) days from the date of publication.

A copy of the application will be available for review in the DEP Regional Office located at the address above is available at: http://apps.dep.wv.gov/WebApp/_dep/Search/ePermitting/ePermittingApplicationSearchPage.cfm. The above link can be accessed from a computer at all West Virginia public libraries. DEP Telephone Number: 304-457-3219 Permit Number: Q201710 02-22

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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

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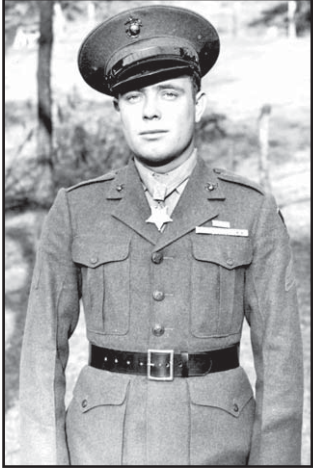
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The Braxton County Commission will be accepting applications for two (2) part time Court Monitoring Security positions. Job description and applications can be picked up at the County Clerk's Office on the first floor of

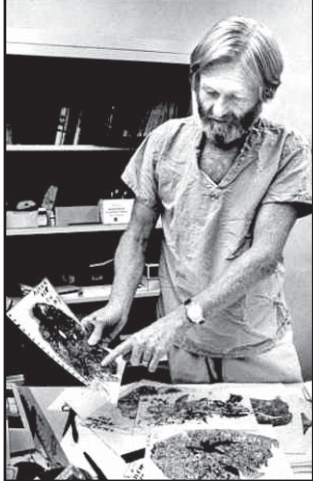
the Court House. Applications will be accepted until the jobs are filled. Applications can be mailed or hand delivered to the Braxton County Clerk, P.O. Box 486, 300 Main Street, Sutton, WV 26601. Marked PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL. EOE. 2-22 3-1

THIS WEEK IN WEST VIRGINIA HISTORY

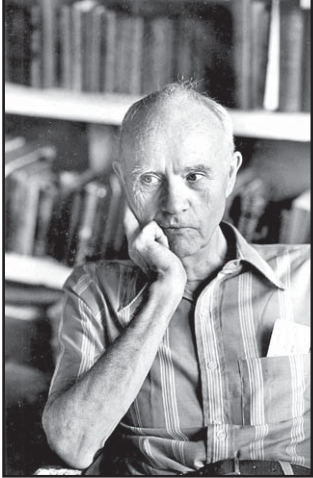
The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia at www.wvencyclopedia.org. Feb. 23, 1905: The first USS West Virginia was commissioned. The armored cruiser was renamed the USS Huntington in 1916 to allow the transfer of the original name to a newly authorized battleship.



Feb. 23, 1945: Fairmont native "Woody" Williams distinguished himself during the Battle of Iwo Jima by neutralizing seven concrete pillboxes. This act of heroism earned Williams the Medal of Honor. Feb. 24, 1918: Judge Kenneth Keller "K. K." Hall was born at Greenview, Boone County. Hall spent 47 years on the state and federal benches.



Feb. 24, 1928: Doctor Donald L. Rasmussen was born in Colorado. After coming to work at Miners Memorial Hospital in Beckley, he became a driving force in the passage of state and federal black lung legislation. Feb. 25, 1903: An armed posse ambushed striking miners in their homes in the village of Stanaford near Beckley. Six miners were killed; Federal Judge B. F. Keller exonerated the posse.



Feb. 25, 1911: Newspaperman Jim Comstock was born in Richwood. In 1957, he founded the West Virginia Hillbilly, a weekly newspaper that circulated both inside and outside the state. Feb. 26, 1869: The legislature approved a bill moving the state capital to Charleston.

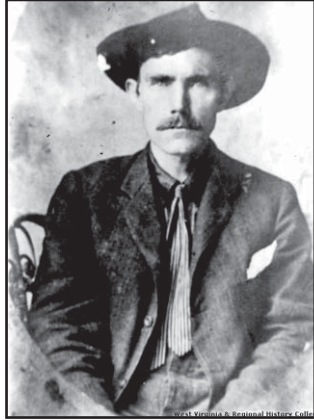


Feb. 26, 1972: One of the country's worst mining-related disasters occurred on this date on Buffalo Creek in Logan County. A coal waste dam collapsed, sending 132 million gallons of water, coal refuse and silt into the valley. In the end, 125 people, including entire families, were killed, and 1,000 people were injured.

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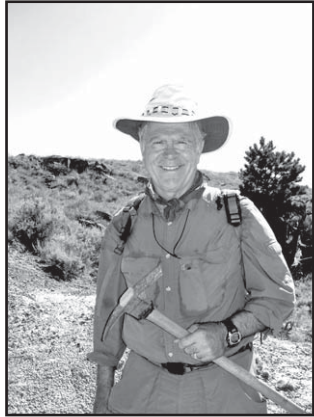
Feb. 27, 1867: Marshall College was established as a normal school for the training of teachers. The first term began June 15, 1868, with 25 students enrolled in three departments. Feb. 27, 1871: The West Virginia Legislature approved an act incorporating the city of Huntington.



Feb. 28, 1875: Musician Edwin "Edden" Hammons was born in Pocahontas County. A subsistence farmer and hunter, he is remembered as one of the finest traditional fiddle players to come from West Virginia.



Feb. 28, 1909: Athlete John Zontini was born. Nicknamed the "Sheik of Seth" for his outstanding football career at Sherman High School, he still holds a state high school rushing record and a Marshall University rushing record. March 1, 1870: The legislature passed an act to create a branch normal school at West Liberty. For the next 61 years, the school was a teacher preparatory institution.



March 1, 1898: Homer Adams Holt was born in Lewisburg. He became West Virginia's 20th governor. e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia is a project of the West Virginia Humanities Council. For more information, contact the West Virginia Humanities Council, 1310 Kanawha Blvd. E., Charleston, WV 25301; (304) 346-8500; or visit e-WV at www.wvencyclopedia.org.

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Students dressed up as 100 years old in celebration of 100 days of school.

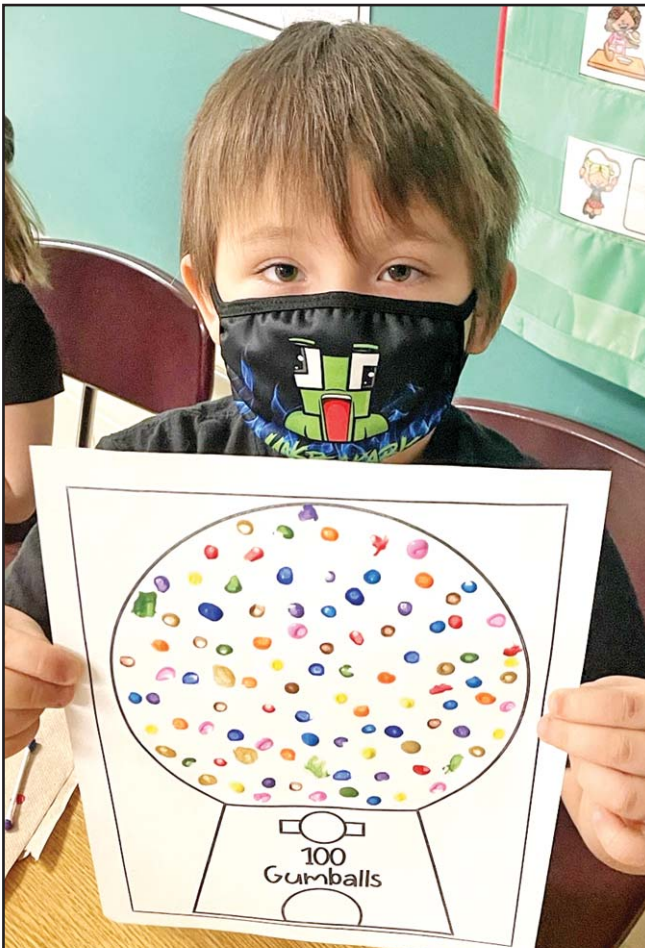
Flatwoods Elementary Falcons celebrate 100 days of school

The 100th day of school is an exciting time in the elementary classroom! This day signifies the 100th day of class in the school year. Acknowledging the 100th day is a great way for elementary school teachers to celebrate math concepts that can be taught using the number 100.

First grade students in Mrs. Strong's class celebrated the 100th day of school by putting 100 links in groups of ten, making a book about being 100 years old, building with 100 legos, counting how many licks it will take to eat a sucker (more or less than 100?), working together to stack 100 cups, and painting 100 gum balls to fill up a gum ball machine.

Students and staff celebrated the day in many other way as well including dressing up as if they were 100 years old.

This yearly celebra-



Students finger painted 100 gumballs of assorted colors.

tion is a day all schools await since the first day of school.



Mrs. Strong's first grade students linked together 100 links in groups of ten.

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 Trever 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, mo-

tion 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.

BCS 2022 Pre-Registration held on February 24th

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 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.

The Town of Flatwoods Council conducts February meeting

The Town of Flatwoods Council conducted their most recent meeting on February 15 at the Flatwoods Municipal Building. Mayor Dale Ball called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Opening Prayer was led by Councilman Luke Malensek

Present were Mayor, Dale Ball, Chief of Police Shawn Brown, and Council members Brenda Ball, Luke Malensek, and Dennis Miller. Keith Long joined by phone

Citizens present

were Lorie J. Brown and Danny Lee Smallwood Jr.

Lorie Brown read the minutes from January 18, 2022 meeting. Luke Malensek made the motion to approve the minutes as read. Dennis Miller seconded. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Lorie Brown read the Treasurer's Report. Dennis Miller made the motion to approve the treasurer's report as read. Keith Long seconded. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Lorie informed

council that the fiscal year 2019 and fiscal year 2020 audits were complete and were available to be reviewed upon request.

Lorie Brown read the bill list; Luke Malensek made a motion to approve the bill list as read. Dennis Miller seconded. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Luke Malensek made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m. Dennis Miller seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

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

1 - \$2,005, 2 - \$2,621, 3 - \$3,238, 4 - \$3,855, 5 - \$4,472, 6 - \$5,088, 7 - \$5,204, 8 - \$5,583, 9 - \$6,150, 10 - \$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 current LIEAP application period.

Applications are available online at

www.wvpath.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.

Burnsville Freedom Festival event volunteers needed

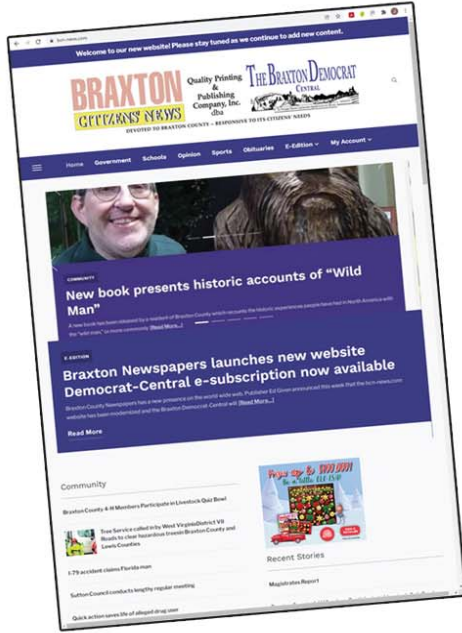
Due to the growth of the Burnsville Freedom Festival, there is a need for more volunteers to help plan, fund raise and help during the event.

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