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## Warrants issued for those who missed Circuit Court hearing

The Honorable Richard A. Facemire recently completed numerous court orders in the Braxton County Circuit Court. Braxton County Prosecuting Attorney Jasmine R.H. Morton represented the state during the court proceedings. Members of the Braxton County Probation Office were also on hand for several of the hearings.

On February 24, Betsy Lynn Cogar failed to appear in court for her arraignment hearing. Her attorney David Karickhoff stated he had not had any contact with the defendant since the indictment. A warrant for her immediate arrest was issued.

Ernest Samuel Weaver, III, and James Denver Criner failed to appear for their hearings on February 11. Arrest warrants were issued for their immediate arrests.

On February 14, Ryan Seth Rollyson appeared in court with his attorney Tyler Cottrill for a sentencing hearing. The defense did not ask for an alternative sentence as he had failed to benefit from it in the past. They did request he be entered into the

"Goals" program at the Western Regional Jail and his sentences to run concurrently. The state stayed silent per the plea agreement. The court found the defendant in need of correctional treatment. On the felony offenses of grand larceny and conspiracy to commit grand larceny, Rollyson was sentenced to two to fifteen years in consecutive sentences.

Adron Harold Claypool and attorney Bernard Mauser came before Judge Facemire for his arraignment hearing. Jury trial for the felony offense of driving while license revoked under the influence, 3<sup>rd</sup> or subsequent offense was set for May 11.

On February 11, the following individuals appeared in court with their attorneys for arraignment hearings: Tanya Marie Conrad, Kasandra Dawn Utt, Spurgeon Glenn Friend, Johnny Lee Kerr, and Stephen Eugene Cutlip. Jury trials for those individuals were scheduled for May 11. Chester C. Marsh,

On February 9, Ginny Mae Canter and her attorney Andrew

Shaffer came before the court for a status hearing. After reviewing the procedural history, Judge Facemire scheduled her jury trial for June 14.

Jason Wayne Claypoole appeared before the court for a plea hearing on the felony charge of attempt to commit burglary with his attorney Andrew Shaffer. The state agreed to dismiss other charges and stay silent at the sentencing hearing.

Samuel Lee Donaldson, Jr. and his attorney Kevin Hughart came to court to enter a guilty plea to the felony offense of strangulation. The state agreed to dismiss remaining charges and stand silent at sentencing.

Sentencing hearings was set for March 16 for those entering pleas after Judge Facemire accept the plea agreements.

On February 8, Charles Edward Shaffer, Jr. and his attorney Bernard Mauser appeared in court for a sentencing hearing on the felony offense of transferring a

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## Sutton Council hears storm drain project report

The Sutton Town Council conducted their regular meeting on February 24. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by council member Steve Facemire as Mayor JD Hoover was absent.

The first individual to speak to the council was Jim Marshall from Region VII Planning and Development Council. The application for the grant to complete Phase II of the storm drain project coming off of Town Hill has been submitted before the March 3 deadline. Plans for the project have been completed and is "shovel ready" once the funding is released. Approxi-

mately 400 feet of 36 inch pipe needs to be installed along with concrete and asphalt repairs and utility work. Estimated costs for the project is \$600,000. Marshall encouraged council members and town residents to contact local legislative representatives supporting the application.

Police Chief Shane Boggs discussed with council members work being completed in the police department. He received the two outfitted cruisers out of Chicago and is getting them ready to be used by the department. On February 20, Chief Boggs assisted the Braxton

County Sheriff's Department with serving warrants in the town and an arrest of individual for possession of methamphetamine. He has also spoke with the Sheriff Lou DellaMea about contracting deputies for patrols in the town. He discussed meetings he has conducted with other municipalities about insurance and retirement options for town officers. He reviewed supplies received including new radios from the West Virginia State Police, uniforms from 511 Tactical for wear testing and the laptop from Walmart at little or no costs to the

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Jeremy Martin of Sutton with his trophy buck that won the Big Buck Photo Contest.

## Sutton man is winner in WV Big Buck Photo Contest

Gov. Jim Justice last week recognized the winners of the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources' first-annual Big Buck Photo Contest during a special event at the State Culture Center.

The Governor announced five adult winners and surprised all youth finalists with a free lifetime hunting and fishing license. Jeremy Martin of Sutton was one of the victors.

"We were completely blown away by the response to our first-ever Big Buck Photo Contest. I absolutely loved looking through all the photos of so many of our state's incredible hunters of all ages," Gov. Justice said. "I couldn't possibly be more proud. You truly love our great outdoors and you're passing that love on for generations to come. It's the same love I have for our state. When I say I've been over just about every inch of woods in this state, I'm not lying. You have a guy, who just happens to be your Governor, that truly shares our love for hunting in our unbelievable state. It



couldn't be any better." At the Governor's request, all youth finalists - not just the top five - will receive a free lifetime hunting and fishing license. Adult winners will be able to select one of the following prizes: Free lifetime West Virginia hunting, trapping and fishing license; Two-night stay in a Cabwaylingo State Forest cabin; \$500 Bass Pro Shops gift card; \$500

Cabela's gift card or Two-night stay in a Seneca State Forest cabin

Finalists were chosen by random drawing from all eligible entries. Winners were selected by a judging committee based on photo composition, size of the buck's antlers, number of antler points, and the description of the hunt.

Gov. Justice has  
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## Carpentry classes finish work for bridge company

### Students will view what they built in actual use

By Shirley Shuman

Sometime during the week of March 7-11, BCHS engineering and building construction students will visit a Rock Forge Bridge in Spencer where they will see how the work they recently finished has been used. For the second year in a row, instructor Robert Lloyd's Carpentry I, II classes have completed an order for concrete panels to be used in construction of bridges in West Virginia. Their latest panels went straight to the Spencer bridge site.

Instructor Lloyd explained that his students "like to do hands-on work instead of book work." He noted that the class usually has projects, both large and

small, on which to work "Once this project rolls around, and the students start learning about what we are about to build, they take pride in their work," he said.

The matter of taking pride in their work on these concrete panels showed in comments made by two of Lloyd's carpentry students. Senior Charles Greenleaf described the process students used to build the forms and how they made certain they were correctly constructed. "When we made the concrete forms, to get them together, we used 2x4's and plywood and nailed them together." Greenleaf explained that, although some of the forms were long and slim and others were

wide and shorter, they both required careful procedure.

"The work takes a lot of hand-eye coordination," he said, "and many had to learn that skill. Many also learned how to cut precisely because if that isn't done right, there will be gaps which will cause trouble

[with the poured concrete.]"

One of Greenleaf's classmates, sophomore Nathan Cutlip, said that he learned precise measuring and improved his hand/eye coordination. Cutlip also emphasized how important it was that their instructor was there as they worked. "If

we messed a cut up, Mr. Lloyd would be there to help you make corrections and explain," he said.

Cutlip continued to give an example of one of his mistakes. "I was putting a piece of plywood on a 14" X 16" long board and I didn't follow the right procedure in nailing. I put the nails in all at once, and it made the structure crooked. Of course, I had to do it over," he said. Both young men are pleased with the results of the class project and with the improvement of their skills.

Instructor Lloyd reinforced what his two students said about learning to produce excellent work. "Making sure these forms are correctly done for the customer was a top priority for our class. I told the class that if you do a poor

job for your customer, it will probably be your last. If you do a great job for a customer, you will always have work."

Lloyd continued to say that he teaches his students that "word of mouth is the best marketing tool you can get." He added, "That being said, they knew what kind of work we needed to complete for Rock Forge in order for them to do their job correctly. [Also,] knowing that the forms they built are being used to build bridges is mind-blowing for most of the students."

Obviously, Robert Lloyd teaches the importance of doing the best work possible in any circumstance. That may be the most valuable lesson of all.



BCHS Building Construction students load their finished product onto a truck for shipment to the job site in Spencer.

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## As I See It

By Ed Given



## From our readers

### Opposed to SB-586...

Members of the House of Delegates,

The WVSACA organization is opposed to SB 586. SB 586 will allow athletics to precede academics and that is not the message we should be sending to our students, parents, and community members. Students have the ability to transfer to a school that meets their academic and athletic needs after their 8<sup>th</sup> grade year. They also have the right to transfer back to their 'home school' without losing athletic eligibility.

Furthermore, if the

student and parent feel that they have a unique situation and seek to transfer, they are able to file an appeal with the WVSSAC. Their Board of Directors will listen to their situation and possibly grant the transfer request with full athletic eligibility.

Finally, transferring schools is always difficult on a student's academics. It is quite rare that schools have the same daily class schedules, course availability, and for each class to have the same pacing or coverage of material.

SB 586 will increase the likelihood of overzealous adults recruiting kids to play sports at a certain school. We must continue to provide as many safeguards as possible to keep adults away from pressuring kids to transfer to schools because of athletics.

We respectfully

ask you to reject SB 586.

The Executive Committee of the WVSACA, Jodi Mote, Ross Robinson, Jamie Tallman, Daran Hays, Wesley Eddy, Charles Maynard, Brad Dingess, John Kelley, Mark Montgomery, Steve Nutter, and Robert Mullett

### Bad legislation...

Dear Editor,

**Bad and Stupid: HB 4260** — to have all legal notices published to a central website instead of local newspapers. We addressed this in detail previously, but it's still being considered, and we'd like to remind the public why it's a bad idea.

**First** and foremost, It is an issue of transparency. Our eagle-

eyed readers have spotted some concerning things in legal ads before because legal ads in newspapers keep government activity in the public eye.

**Second**, the West Virginia Press Association estimates most newspapers receive about 60% of their ad revenue from legal ads. This bill is stupid because last year, the Legislature passed SB 642, which instructs the State Auditor to create a website for legal ads and continue to publish them in newspapers.

That website hasn't even been created yet, but the Legislature is already trying to amend the law to cut newspapers out entirely.

Sincerely,  
John W. Cobb, Jr.  
Ireland, WV

### A thank you...

I want to thank the staff of the Ambulance Service, Fire team and the staff at the Braxton Hospital for the amazing service and care that they give our family during our recent crisis with my husband, Lou.

The 911 operator was caring on the phone, the emergency personnel arrived very quickly and were fast in assessing the terrible situation and the hospital staff were amazing in giving my husband the best care possible until he could be moved to Ruby Memorial.

For such a small hospital they provided the needed equipment and yet unlike some larger hospitals, the nursing staff was especially caring. I personally really appreciated the time and care that nurse Jane Boggs spent with me at his bedside helping me process what was going on. Although we lost him, I can honestly say, I know you did everything that was possible to save him. So thank you all for doing what you do. It is most appreciated.

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## Just look at this!

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



The Burnsville Volunteer Fire Department conducted a Soup Fund Raiser on Saturday, February 26. One of the guests at the dinner was Evelyn Post. During her visit, she presented the Department a \$1,000 donation. Shown here BVFD member Anthony Godwin receives the generous donation from Mrs. Post.

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## News from our Capitol

by Delegate Brent Boggs

Last Friday, February 25 marked the forty-fifth day of the 2022 Legislative session. To date, 2,205 bills have been introduced; the House has introduced 1,480 bills; in the Senate, 725 bills have been introduced. 160 bills have passed the Senate; 143 bills have passed the House. Thirty-two bills have passed both houses. The Governor has signed 19 bills.

While this column is a legislative update, I think it fitting and proper to mention the heroism of the brave Ukrainian people and their military personnel as they defend their democracy against the war waged on them by Russian criminal leaders and aggressors. The Ukraine struggle should be a stark reminder to all who love freedom and democracy as to how another evil and deceptive leader began his sinister plans in 1939 with an invasion, setting the stage for WW II in Europe. The last several years of pretending Putin is our friend and that Russia

can be trusted has proven foolish and dangerous.

Last Tuesday and Wednesday were important days for central West Virginia and for higher education in our State. The House passed HB 4264, changing the designation of Glenville State College to Glenville State University. Not only did we pass the bill in the House last Tuesday; the House immediately transmitted the bill to the Senate where they suspended the rules and passed the bill moments later. Hundreds of Glenville State faculty, students, staff, community and county and community leaders, joined President Mark Manchin, the GSC Board of Governors for citations on the House and Senate floor and in the galleries to witness the legislative action.

By the end of the day, the completed bill had been enrolled and ready for the Governor to act. Thank you, House Speaker Hanshaw and Senate President Blair for coordinating and prioritiz-

ing this legislation. Then, last Wednesday morning, a small group of House and Senate members, along with GSU President Mark Manchin and some of his senior administrative staff, met for a bill signing ceremony in the Governor's office, making the legislative and executive action complete. GSC is now officially GSU. I'm proud to have a pen and signed copy of the bill to commemorate the event. As the bill's sponsor, I want to thank my friend, colleague, and fellow Gilmer Co. delegate, Speaker Roger Hanshaw, along with Delegates Steve Westfall, Dave Pethtel, Ed Evans, Ben Queen, John Kelly, and Laura Kimble. The bill passed both the House and Senate unanimously.

This action is more than merely a name change. It designates that Glenville State University has met the rigorous standards and requirements outlined and approved by the WV Higher Education Policy Commission and accreditation bodies that are necessary to attain university status. With the new Registered Nursing program beginning this fall; the ability to begin offering master's degree programs in some pro-

grams with more to come; with a renewed focus on teacher education; and working to improve on-campus, off-campus, and non-traditional student access, GSU is positioned to continue to meet the ever-evolving higher education needs of central West Virginia and well beyond.

Chances are that the vast majority of the readers of this column are former students of teachers, educators and administrators that earned their undergraduate degree at Glenville State. Moreover, with an institution that has the highest per capita rate of its graduates choosing to remain in West Virginia in pursuit of their careers and fields of study, this positive impact will continue to expand. University status is a noteworthy accomplishment, made even more special by coinciding with the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this esteemed institution of learning. Congratulations Glenville State University!

Happy birthday wishes to my wife, Jean, as we celebrated her birthday last week. Appropriate to this week's column, we met on the campus of Glenville State in 1975. I've said it on many occasions

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stolen vehicle. The defense requested an alternative sentence be imposed by the court with the state staying silent per the plea agreement. Judge Facemire noted his previous violations of terms of the bond and his addiction issues he is not a good candidate for alternative sentencing. Shaffer was sentenced to one to five years in prison.

On February 4, James Douglas Key came before Judge Facemire with his attorney Andrew Chattin for a hearing on probation revocation. He admitted to allegations contained in the petition but requested to be readmitted to probation. The court denied the motion and sentenced the defendant to 10 to 25 years in prison on the felony offense of failure to register as a sexual offender-second or subsequent offense.

On January 27, Tiffani Alison Moore and attorney Eric Wildman appeared in court for sentencing after her successful completion of the Anthony Center for Youthful Offenders. A motion for an alternative sentence was made by the defense with the state agreeing. The court granted the motion and suspended the one to five year sentence for the felony offense of possession of methamphetamine with intent to deliver. The defendant is to serve probation for five years.

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shown a steadfast commitment to expanding hunting opportunities across the Mountain State. Since taking office, he's worked with the Division of Natural Resources to increase access to public hunting lands. In just five years, West Virginia has increased state-owned hunting lands by 85,896 acres and now has more than 400,000 acres of state-owned wildlife management areas. The investments are paying major dividends,

with 2021 hunting and fishing license sales reaching their highest levels in more than 20 years.

The Big Buck Photo Contest is one of the many promotions spearheaded by the Governor to increase participation in the sport. The contest, sponsored by the West Virginia Department of Tourism and the WVDNR, invited sportsmen, women, and children to show off their buck harvest last fall. The response was overwhelming with more than 1,600 contest entries in just five weeks.

The other four Adult Division Winners were Jeremy Allen of Given, Connor Boothe, Lindsie, WV, Austin Riggelman, Moorefield, WV and Frank Williams of Fraziers Bottom.

For more information about hunting and fishing in West Virginia, visit WVdnr.gov.

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town. Steve Facemire took the opportunity to publicly recognize Walmart for their contribution in upgrading the town's police department.

Becky Conrad, president of the Sutton Community Development Corporation, provided an update of her organization to the town council. She informed council the SCDC will take a "step back" from all projects except the Sutton Fall Festival. She noted her and the other board members want to work on making the festival successful and therefore will no longer be doing the Farmers Market and the flower pots in town. Conrad stated the board had suggestions they would like to have a discussion with council members to continue with those projects. Council members agreed to meet on March 15 at 6:00 pm to discuss options with the SCDC.

Council member Steve Facemire discussed tire replacement for the culvert cleaner. He also noted the town of Gassaway would like to rent the machine once it is available. He also discussed

the recycling center being closed the past couple of weeks, but is now open and the town will be back on the regular recycling schedule.

Council members discussed the removal of the old trash truck and tires from the dump site. The trailer still needs to be removed.

Steve Facemire discussed the estimate for the replacement of the front doors to the town building. Currently the doors are a security issue and the replacement will include the ramp being upgraded to make the building more handicap accessible. Council members approved the estimate of \$2880 to complete the replacement.

Council member Beth Atkins noted an upcoming meeting at the Sutton Volunteer Fire Department Annex (old Fisher Building) on March 3 at 6:00 pm to discuss the Elk River Trail. The meeting is to discuss business opportunities and tourism on the Elk River.

Council approved the minutes of the February 10 meeting, the payment of bills, and two construction permits on separate motions.

Council went into executive session to discuss personnel matters at 6:35 pm. They reconvened at 7:30 pm. The council then moved to increase the pay of Robin Smith, Executive Secretary by \$2 per hour and to suspend a town employee without pay for failure to perform duties on separate motions.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm. The next regular meeting is set for March 10 at 6:00 pm. Council will conduct a work session on Tuesday, March 1 at 1:00 pm to review ordinances and fees.

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I also want to thank the many people that came around our family during this difficult season of illness and loss. We appreciated the meals, the cards of encouragement, the cleaning, Pastor Eric Thomas for his counsel and care, the amazing ladies at the church that helped with the funeral meal for all the out-of-town guests and the help getting the store ready to open again. What a blessing you all are to our family.

Laurel Petolicchio  
Mountain Laurel Country Store

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over the years... no one can effectively perform public service unless their spouse is engaged and supportive. I have been richly blessed with her unwavering support, active participation and her love of our family, friends and neighbors in Braxton, Gilmer and around the state.

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

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

**Way back when...**

Long ago in Braxton County



**B.T. Canfield & Son...**

A group of unknown youth are shown in the foreground. They are on the Braxton County Courthouse lawn. In the background of this early 1900's photograph one can find the B.T. Canfield & Son Saddles & Harness Shop. The establishment is housed in the building on the left of the photo. It was a popular Sutton area business of the time. 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!

**Hunter Education Course to be taught at Mid-State Archers**

The WV Natural Resources Police will hold a Hunter Education Class in Braxton County at the Mid-State Archers Building on Airport Road in Sutton, WV on Saturday, April 2nd from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and Sunday, April 3rd, 2022 from 1pm to 5pm. Students must attend all hours and both days of the 10 plus hour course and pass a written and hands-on test to be certified.

Class size is limited to 35 students, so pre-registration is required. Walk-ins will only be permitted if space allows. If you would like to register, go to: [www.registered.com](http://www.registered.com) and select West Virginia, Hunter Education, and "Traditional Class" from the menu. Online registration only takes a few minutes to complete.

The Hands-On and Written testing class for those who have completed the online hunter education course, will be held at 5:30pm on Sunday, April 3rd, 2022. Students must bring

their completed online voucher and a photo identification (if applicable) with them to the class. Pre-registration is required at the online address: [www.registered.com](http://www.registered.com) and by selecting West Virginia, Hunter Education, and the "Hands-On and Written Test" class.

In 1994 West Virginia passed legislation requiring any person born on or after January 1, 1975 to present proof of certification from an approved Hunter Education course to a license

agent prior to purchasing a base hunting license.

These courses are open to the public and free of charge. Students must be 10 years of age by the final day in order to receive certification. Lunch is NOT provided so plan accordingly on Saturday.

If you have any questions or problems registering online, please contact Sgt. Mike Spangler or Misty at the WV DNR District 3 office at 304-924-6211 Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm.

**Attention Candidates!**

The **Braxton Citizens' News** will again publish a free article designed to acquaint votes with candidates vieing 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.**

They may be submitted via email to: [editor@bcn-news.com](mailto:editor@bcn-news.com) or mailed to: **Citizens' News P.O. Box 516, Sutton, WV 26601.**



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**Dinners by Donation**  
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- New Load: Vinyl Flooring
- New Load: ISO Tapered Insulation 4'X8' - 5" to 2.5" & 2.5" to 3/5"
- New Load: 3/4 inch Plywood
- New Load: House wrap 9'X100' & 9'X150'
- New Load: Poly ISO Insulation 4'X4"
- New Load: Windows, various sizes
- New Load: Sliding Patio doors
- New Load: 11/32" Beadboard siding

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# OBITUARIES

## Helen Louise (Steele) Mathes

Helen Louise (Steele) Mathes, 91, of Cowen, passed away peacefully on Sunday, February 20, 2022 at West Virginia University Extended Care in Summersville.

Born June 7, 1930 in Bolair, she was the daughter of the late Arretus and Mintie (Handschumacher) Steele. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Irvan Mathes; daughter and son-in-law, Debbie (Darrell) O'Brien; infant daughter, Linda Louise Cogar; grandson, David Dewayne Brown; son-in-law, Bill Jarvis; sisters: Margaret, JoAnn, Mary, and Virginia; and her brother, Alva.

Helen enjoyed quilting and crocheting. She was an excellent cook, and hosted Sunday dinner every week for the entire family. She was a member of the Rebekah Lodge #161 in Cowen, and held many positions in the organization throughout her tenure there.

Left to cherish her memory are her children: Cindy (Nathan) Barbe of Summersville, Susan Jarvis of Cowen, and Charlotte (David) Brown of Camden-on-Gauley; grandchildren: Shalimar O'Brien, Travis Miller, Stacey (Josh) Williams, Angela (Gary

Powers, Pam (Kenneth) Martin, and Ronnie Jarvis; sister, Brenda Pritchard of OH; numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends to mourn her passing.

Services were held 2PM, Friday, February 25, 2022 at Adams-Reed Funeral Home, Cowen, with Pastor Jim Varney officiating. Burial followed at Odd Fellows Cemetery, Cowen. Friends joined the family for visitation from 12PM-1PM.

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

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

## David Aaron White

David Aaron White, 73 of Richwood passed away on Sunday, February 13, 2022.

He was born May 1, 1948 in Charleston to the late Harry Wilbur White and Maggie Ellen Jones White Selman. Along with his parents he was also preceded in death by a brother Gaylord White.

David enjoyed music, especially playing the guitar, and his dog, Digger.

He is survived by his son David Eric White; daughter Bobbie White;

brother Kenneth "Butch" Paul White; sister Kathie (Virgle) Lane; six grandchildren; and several other extended family and friends to mourn his passing.

In keeping with David's wishes, no services will be held at this time and cremation has taken place.

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

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

## Shelva Jean Perkins

Shelva Jean Perkins, 81 of Diana passed away Saturday, February 19, 2022.

Shelva was born April 7, 1940 on Fisher Run and was the daughter of the late Stowie Russell and Lula Baker Fisher. Along with her parents she was also preceded in death by her husband Romeo Perkins and also several brothers and sisters.

Shelva was a born again Christian. She enjoyed tending to her flowers, watching the birds, loved her dog and cats and spending time with her family.

Surviving are her two boys; Alan Perkins and his wife Anita, Ivan Perkins; brother, Arnold Fisher; sister, Belva Carpenter; grandchildren, Matthew Perkins, Brandon Perkins and his wife Jessica and a great granddaughter Aubrey Young.

Service was 11:00 AM, Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at Dodd & Reed Funeral Home with Pastor Larry Cochran officiating. Burial followed at Perkins Family Cemetery, Diana. Friends joined the family for visitation 6PM-9PM Monday evening at the funeral home.

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

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

## Crystal Rose Lennox

Crystal Rose Lennox, loving wife, superior mother and grandmother, passed on to become another angel in our heavens at only 44 years old.

Crystal met her husband while working road construction upon working together 24/7 for over twenty years. She then went on to get a supervisor position at the FBI Academy located in Quantico.

Survivors include the love of her life and soulmate who will always be her life partner, Mark with a little intervention of her dachshund, Bogus; Father Harry Dean; Mother Ruth Dean; Sister Michelle Johnson; Son Harry; Daughter Tamera; Step-Daughter Shelby; and multiple grandchildren.

The family received friends from 5 to 7 P.M. on Thursday, January 13, 2022 at Covenant Funeral Services, Fredericksburg. A service was held at 1 P.M. on Friday, January 14, 2022 at the funeral home.

Interment followed in Sunset Memorial Gar-

dens.

## Ronny Dale Long

On February 24, 2022, at 4:17 AM, God sent a beautiful horse to take Ronny Dale Long, age 60, to his heavenly home. There to meet him with open arms was his mother, Joann "Josie" Linville Long; infant sister, Peggy Ann Long; brother & best friend, Ricky Lee Long; grandparents Dewey & Laura Jackson Long and Edgar & Marie Hayes Linville; Aunts & Uncles: Melvin Linville, Lessie & wife Gracie Jackson Long, Dana & wife Arzee McCloy Long, Billie Sue Long Hamil & husband Joseph, Virginia Mullins Long, Billie Jackson, and Carl Linville & wife Dora.

Ronny was born May 14, 1961, in Sutton, WV, the son of Donny Lee Long of Windy Run & the late Joann "Josie" Linville Long. He was a 1980 graduate of Braxton County High School. Ronny will be loved and forever missed by his father, uncles & aunts: Thelma Long Jackson, James Long, Nancy Long Linville, and Golden Long, many loving cousins, the family of the late Orville & Betty Jenkins, the Carder family, and his many friends from the horse show over the past forty-plus years, where he was a faithful volunteer.

Ronny loved to hunt, ride horses and ride four-wheelers. He made canes, benches, and anything made from wood. He loved making wooden animals to give away.

Ronny was so loving and kind. His smile and laugh could melt your heart. He never met a stranger. He would do anything to help anyone. Just a hand shake, pat on the back, or a thank you was payment enough.

Family and friends were received on Sunday, February 27, 2022, at 2 PM for a graveside service with the Reverend Lynn Schiefer officiating at the Tesla Cemetery on Tesla Run Road.

The Greene-Robinson Funeral Home in Sutton, WV feels privileged to support and assist the Long family in honoring Ronny Dale Long. Words of comfort and fond memories can be shared with the family on the funeral home website [greene-robertsonfuneralhome.com](http://greene-robertsonfuneralhome.com)

## Vickie L. Smallwood

Vickie L. Smallwood, 72, of Gassaway went to be with the Lord on Sunday, February 20, 2022.

She was born October 10, 1949 in Washington, DC to the late William Wesley Shirley and Gertrude Garland Hall Shirley.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her loving husband, David Smallwood.

Vickie is survived by her five children, Patricia Talbert, Barbie Lantz and Mary Stevens, and two sons; three siblings, Rodney Shirley and family, Glendora and family and Thelma Gayle and family. She leaves behind numerous grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Vickie loved to fish, play board games, and watch movies. She will be missed by all. Love you Mom.

Funeral service was 12 Noon Saturday, February 26, 2022 at Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway, WV.

Interment was in the

Dunn Cemetery, Canfield.

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](http://www.roachfuneralhome.com).

## William Lloyd Jackson

William Lloyd Jackson, 83, of Flatwoods, passed away from this life and his long-awaited reunion with his daughter, Deborah on January 28, 2022

He was born in Sutton at home on January 6, 1939 to the late Loyd L. and Mary Belle Leeson Jackson.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his daughter, Deborah Ann Jackson; siblings; Jeanette Keith, Emery Frame, Janice Taylor, Katie Paschal, Leon Jackson, Kenneth Jackson, Ialene McNeal, Aldine Stewart, and Jack Frame.

In William's life he drove an 18 wheeler truck and was an equipment supervisor for the state of WV. His true passion was being around his grandchildren. He so enjoyed being father, grandfather and great grandfather. He also liked to be outdoors riding his four wheeler. William was the last remaining sibling in his family.

He is survived by his daughter, Kimberly Pierson and husband, Cliff, of Sutton; grandchildren, Jessica Pierson, Allen Pierson and wife, Kayln, Philip Pierson and wife, April, and Kyle Pierson and wife, Traci. He is also survived by his six great grandchildren, Taylor, Judah, Willow, Ellie, Paisley, and Jackson.

In keeping with William's wishes he was cremated and no services will be held.

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

Arrangements by Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway, WV.

## Carol Estep-Blake

Carol Estep-Blake, age 73, was called home by the Heavenly Father to her celestial home on Tuesday, February 22, 2022. She lived a dedicated Christian life and gave unselfishly to all.

Carol was the daughter of Walter and Rose Burdette Anderson. Carol was born December 8, 1948 on Bufflick, near Clendenin in Kanawha County. Carol was one of four Anderson children. All of her siblings survive her: Richard, Erma and Betty.

Her husband of 24 years, Frank Blake, maintains their home near Gassaway, Braxton County.

Carol is survived by her beloved three sons. They are James, Jr., and wife Melissa of Morgantown, Douglas and wife Michele of Fairmont and Walter and wife Ruth of Frametown.

Carol had seven grandchildren: Adam, Katie, Jacob, Christo-

pher, Caylin, Ethan and Emma and three great grandchildren: Cooper, Adaline and Christian James.

Carol and her sons enjoyed a close relationship throughout their lives and her sons are incredibly proud of their mother and feel blessed that God made her their mother.

Carol's love for her sons was only rivaled by the love she had for her grandchildren. They brought her great joy and she spent time with them whenever possible.

Carol received enormous joy spending time with her great grandchildren. They in turn loved her deeply clamoring at the door of her every visit. Although short, the time she spent with them had an impact that will last forever.

Carol was a long-time member of the First Southern Baptist Church, Sutton, located on the hill above the Braxton County Senior Citizen Center. She served on several committees and was a prominent provider of the church's hospitality.

Carol's family was forced to move from Bufflick in Kanawha County in 1974. Highway officials bought their farm for right-of-way for Interstate 79. They purchased a farm in Frametown and lived beside the Frametown Volunteer Fire Department.

Carol committed her life to taking care of her father and mother in their later years. Her dedication to them was an incredible tribute to the love of a daughter for her parents. For a short time, her mother was a resident of the Braxton Health Care Center. Carol visited daily even during the Covid lockdown visiting by cell phone, talking through the window regardless of the weather.

There will be a life celebration 1:30 to 3:30 P.M. Saturday, March 5, 2022 at First Southern Baptist Church, Sutton with Pastor Shane Boggs officiating.

Inurnment will be in the Beall's Mill Cemetery, Gassaway, beside her first husband, James Estep, Sr.

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

Arrangements by Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway.

## Billy Joe Utt

Billy Joe Utt, 55, of Sutton, WV passed away at his home on February 23, 2022.

He was born March 5, 1966, the son of, Henry 'Tiny' Utt and the late Hollian Kelley Utt.

Billy loved to work and spent 30 years working for Crites Construction.

Left to cherish his memory is his father, Henry 'Tiny' Utt, son, Ryan Utt (Olivia Hamner) of Buckhannon, daughter, Morgan Utt of Summersville, ex-wife, Meredith Utt James of Summersville, brothers, Henry Utt and Johnny Utt (Cindy) both of Sutton, sisters, Sandy Payne, Karen McCourt, Joyce Goad (Mike) all of Sutton.

Memorial services will be held in his honor Wednesday, March 2, 2022 from 6 - 8 p.m. at Greene-Robertson Funeral Home, Sutton.

Greene-Robertson Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Utt family.

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

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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

## BC Local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting

Please be advised that the regular meeting of the Braxton County 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](mailto:braxtonlepc@gmail.com)

## SHS Reunion Banquet cancelled for 2022

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 correspondence 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.

## Full Board Meeting

The Region VI Workforce Development Board Full Board will meet Thursday, March 10, 2022 at 10:30 am at the Marion County Convention & Visitors Bureau located in Pleasant Vally, WV. For more information about the meeting, contact Maria Larry at 304-368-9530. Region VI is and Equal Opportunity Employer/Program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request for individuals with disabil-

## Meet a Mountaineer Food Bank Food Banker



**Darlene Duffield is announced as Mountaineer Food Banks Food Banker of the week.**

This week the Mountaineer Food Bank is highlighting one of their truck drivers, Darlene Duffield!

Darlene has been employed with Mountaineer Food Bank for three years. The great people she works with, as well as the atmo-

ities. If you have a hearing impairment and need assistance please call WV Relay 7-1-1.

## Gassaway High School Alumni to meet March 3rd

The Gassaway High School Alumni Committee will meet on March 3rd at 10:00 A.M. at the Gassaway Community Building. The committee will discuss the alumni banquet which will be held on July 2, 2022 at the Flatwoods Days Inn. The theme for this year's banquet will be to celebrate the 100 Year Anniversary of GHS. All Gassaway Alumni are encouraged to attend this meeting. All COVID protocols will be followed.

## Davis Elementary hosts Town Hall Meeting

Davis Elementary will host a Town Hall meeting at the school on March 3, 2022. The meeting will begin at 3:30pm in the school cafeteria. The issues to be addressed at the town hall meeting include but are not limited to: Parent Involvement and Community Involvement; the Learning Environment, Student Engagement, Attendance, Supports for At-Risk Students, Curricular Offerings, Resources and the Capacity for School Improvement. We hope to see you there as this is part of our Local School Improvement Council efforts for the 2021-2022 school year at Davis Elementary. Please call 304-364-5291 if you have any questions.

## Jacob Shaver Memorial Cemetery meeting

The annual membership meeting of the Jacob Shaver Memorial Cemetery will help at the cemetery may 28, 2022 at 1:00 P.M. Donations for cemetery maintenance greatly appreciated?

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## Local Wellness Committee virtual meeting

Braxton County Schools is proud to announce that our Local Wellness Committee will be meeting virtually this year. Local School Wellness began when the Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004 required all districts to establish local school wellness policies by School Year 2006-2007 with a goal of promoting student health, preventing childhood obesity, and combating problems associated with poor nutrition and physical inactivity. Braxton County Schools is looking for community members at large that would like to participate in our Local Wellness Committee. If you are interested please contact Kelly Wilmoth the Executive Secretary of Technology and Child Nutrition at 304-765-7101 extension 728. The virtual meeting dates for this year are 2.28.2022, 3.21.2022 and 4.25.2022.

## 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 Virginia 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.

## 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, 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>.

## OBITS

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### Gary Wayne Ratliff

Gary Wayne Ratliff, 63, of Ireland, passed away on February 22, 2022 at J.W. Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown.

Gary was born in Sutton on March 2, 1958, a son of the late Samuel Wade and Mary Arminta Allen Ratliff. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Alan Wade Ratliff. He is survived by



one daughter, Chrystal Skinner and companion, Ronald Pearson, of Jane Lew; two grandchildren: Adrian Skinner and Sydney Pearson; five siblings: Polly Teter of Pigeon Roost, Dorothy Mae Voshell and husband, Jack, of Dover, DE, Charlotte Ann Marple and husband, Junior, of Ireland, Connie Bailey and husband, Jim, of Weston, and Jerry Ratliff and wife, Carmen, of Ireland; special friends: Heather Nuzum and Billy Helmick; and special K-9 friend, Patches.

Gary was a graduate of Braxton County High School, Class of 1976. He was a Jack-of-all-trades. Gary was employed with Robert Tombllyn & Sons Funeral Chapel, Alkire Funeral Home, and Village Hardware for over 20 years. He also worked at Louie Glass Factory and Upshur Monument Company. Gary was a Christian by faith. He was a member of Stonecoal Fishing Club because of his love for fishing and hunting. Gary's other hobbies included tinkering on small engines, taking his grandchildren on four-wheeler rides, and reading westerns.

Family and friends gathered for Visitation at Clutter Funeral Home - Alkire Chapel located at 190 Wildcat Rd. in Ireland from 1-2 p.m. on Sunday, February 27, 2022. Funeral Services began at 2 p.m. in the Alkire Funeral Chapel with Pastor Jeff Ramsey officiating. Interment followed at Little Kanawha Memorial Gardens in Heaters, WV.

We, at Clutter Funeral and Cremation - Alkire Chapel, are honored and privileged to serve the family of Gary Wayne Ratliff. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.ClutterFuneralHome.com](http://www.ClutterFuneralHome.com).

### Mildred Jett

Mildred Jett was born August 17, 1925 in Kanawha County,

W.Va., and died February 20, 2022 at home in Bolair, WV at 96 years of age. She was known to be outspoken in her opinions and beliefs and was a proud supporter of the Democratic Party. She was a miner's wife, a mother of three, grandmother of six, and great grandmother of four. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ivan Jett, her mother, Eva Shaffer, and her father, David Gillie. She had been a resident of Webster County for 75 years. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Bolair since 1958.

Mildred is survived by her children, Susan Pflug, Beverly Harris, and Michael Jett. Her grandchildren include Jana Moore, Brian Harris, Keith Harris, Jason Pflug, Abby Meek, and Cayley Jett. Her great-grandchildren are Emeline McCaleb, Isabelle Pflug, Alexandra Pflug, and Henry Pflug. Mildred had four siblings, two of whom survive her: Norma Kessler and Ellen Samples.

Mildred loved gardening, reading, and cats, especially Baby, a tailless cat who survives her. She took great pleasure in learning she was a descendent of King Henry VIII when her granddaughter, Jana, traced her family tree.

Her ashes will be interred next to her husband, Ivan, at the West Virginia Memorial Gardens in Calvin, WV.

There will be a private burial and family service in the spring because Mildred stated, "I don't want to be buried in the cold."

Memorial donations may be made to Samaritan's Purse Care for Mothers and Babies Program, <https://www.samaritanpurse.org/donation-items/prenatal-and-maternity-care> OR to your local animal shelter.

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

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

## KITTY KORNER:

Affordable, Adoptable, Fixed Feline Friends

This week's edition of Kitty Korner is a bit different. Our organization is on hiatus from intakes and adoptions until March 6. It is a good time to remind our friends about the importance of spay, neuter, and adoption. February is the month when many female cats come into heat, preparing for a spring birth of their young. If you are waiting for a good time to spay your pet, this is it. Do not delay. Soon there will be far more kittens born in this area than there are available homes. This leads to needless suffering and frequent abandonment of these animals.



Recently, Just One Generation assumed into our foster program a young black cat named Precious. She was found pregnant and abandoned at the Rowan Trailer Park in Sutton.

This past week, while in the loving care of a foster home, she delivered her litter of six.



We also received a call this week from a local resident in the northern part of the county that a "very pregnant" cat we call Muffin was dropped off on his doorstep. She delivered five healthy kittens. Unable to provide care for this homeless family, he called Just One Generation to take them in and provide placement assistance.

Another sweet kitten, an all-white male we call Yeti, was found



abandoned and subsequently adopted to an out-of-state home.

It is our greatest hope that in 2022 we will have more adoptions and less need. But that can only happen with a concerted effort from the community to embrace spay and neutering of all domestic pets as well as pursue prosecution for those heartless individuals who abandon them in their time of need.

If you are willing to open your home and heart to a new pet, please contact us by calling Sally Stewart at 304-364-4136 or by messaging us on Facebook at our Just One Generation page.

Listings of available pets can also be seen online at [petfinder.com](http://petfinder.com) by entering a search for CATS at location 26623.

# COMMUNITY CORNER

## GASSAWAY NEWS

BY:  
MELINDA  
FRAME



Hello, Everyone!

I hope this finds you well and that you have enjoyed your weeks. It's

looking more and more like spring! I think that is wonderful! I can't wait for the beautiful sights and sounds. Speaking of sounds, at the GoMart at exit 62, the spring peepers are loud and proud. Have you heard them? I don't know that I have ever heard them so loud. Ha!

Birthdays this week are: February 29th-Alice James

March 1st-Jessica Cook, Regina Swecker

March 2nd-Sheri Pirkas, Bridgett Haney

March 3rd-Glenn Bowman, Sean Bodkin, Adrian Lunceford

March 4th-Tom Knight, Ian Stewart, Abraham G Robinson, Vincent Testa, Joyce Floyd

March 5th-Mirabella "Ella" Minnich, Sandra Burchett, Isaac Durnell, David Gregg Lewis, Angie Coombs, Kathy Jo Dennison, Scotty Jones

March 6th-Jadyn Taylor Stewart, Price Beane Jr, Amy Shafer, Jeremy Grubb

March 7th-Holly Marie Harris, Bruce Boggs

Happy Birthday to all of you!!

If you have news, a birthday, an anniversary or a recipe that you would like to share, email me at gassawaynews@gmail.com, message me on Facebook or you may mail it to 233 Walkers Way, Frametown, WV 26623. When mailing, please include contact information.

Please keep the following friends and neighbors in your prayers; Debra Schwab, Joe Agostino, Barb Thompson, Tom Knight, Kathryn Greenleaf, Jeannie Nottingham, Amy Crockett, Johnna Stalnaker, Karen "Bubba" Morris, Donna Ratliff,

Sonja McCune Cooper, David Carr, Nathan Ault, Steve White, Bobby Facemire, Emma Grubb, Jill James, Thelma Hazel, Stan Corkhill, Brenda Rogers, Fawn Miller, Erika McCormick, Denny Tanner, Rusty Walker, Troy Dennison, Amy Shafer, Susan Petted, Bob Carr, and Keith Rose.

Since there is a big debate about creamed tomatoes in our county, I thought I would research the history of the beloved dish. Creamed tomatoes or tomato gravy was born in Appalachia in a region where tomato gardens are plentiful and the fruit is canned and put up for winter. This was usually made when the cook had no milk on hand but a lot of the juicy tomatoes. Folks were poor and many had large families, so gravies were a way to stretch what they had to feed their family. This is a testament to the innovation and steadfastness of Appalachia. With all of that being said, I am not a fan of the dish but it was my mom's absolute favorite! She and my grandma would make this and it was like a treat for them. In almost every restaurant that we have gone into, it is on the menu; especially in small mom and pops.

I am sure most of you have your own recipe or one handed down for generations, but I found this one. Enjoy!

Creamed Tomatoes (for two)

6 Roma tomatoes, or 2 large beefsteak tomatoes, or a mixture blanched and peeled.

1/2 cup whole milk

2 heaping Tablespoons corn starch.

5 Tablespoon warm water

2 Tablespoons sugar

1/8 teaspoon salt pepper to taste.

For fresh tomatoes, you will need to blanch and peel at least 6 Roma tomatoes or 2 large beef-

steak tomatoes. To blanch tomatoes boil enough water to cover tomatoes. Place tomatoes in boiling water for three minutes until skins wrinkle. Remove from heat and place in a sink or bowl of very cold water for about four minutes and slide peels sink tomatoes. Crush tomatoes with your hands into saucepan removing the core if it is white and tough. Simmer over med-high heat until tomatoes soften and turn to a chunky sauce adding 1/2 cup of milk. Stir mixture and heat back to simmer. In a cup or bowl put two heaping tablespoons corn starch and 5 Tablespoons warm water making a very runny paste. Mix until lumps are dissolved and pour slowly into simmering tomato milk mixture. Simmer until thick like gravy. Add two tablespoons sugar and 1/8 tsp salt and pepper to taste.

Prepare biscuits and bake until golden brown. Place biscuit on plate open-faced and top with a dab of real butter and cover with Creamed Tomatoes and enjoy the ripeness of summer all day long.

Sympathy is extended to the families of Billy Joe Utt, Ronny Dale Long, Phyllis Ann Propst, Shirley Ann Miller Flint, Carol Estep-Blake, Vickie L Smallwood, Luverna Jane (Singleton) James, Frederick G Carpenter, John William Shaw Sr, Charles Michael "Mike" Elliott and Charlotte Ann Hyer. Please keep them in your prayers.

"I wandered lonely as a cloud

That floats on high o'er vales and hills,

When all at once I saw a crowd,

A host, of golden daffodils;

Beside the lake, beneath the trees,

Fluttering and dancing in the breeze."

- William Wordsworth, Daffodils

## PAT'S CHAT By: PAT RIDPATH



I am sure some of you have experienced the trauma of taking a loved one to a Nursing Home

when there is no safe way to keep your loved one in their home or yours. My niece has allowed me to use one of many notes she has recorded each day of this journey. A note that is, of course, about a long, tiring, painful, ordeal. There have been some tender moments, some funny incidents, some dramatic episodes. I think she could use her daily journals to create a book or article that many might find interesting and maybe even helpful.

"I picked Aunt Pat up at about 4 pm to head to Holbrook." Earlier, I dropped a car full off at Goodwill. Then Aunt Pat had the wonderful idea to call her neighbor, Dr. Carr, to see if the Parish House could use Mom's wheelchair and three walkers. She told me if I put them out on the porch he would come get them right then. He also took one cane, and the arm supports for Mom's toilet. It's wonderful to have so many big items removed. I have several bags of trash in the kitchen, but I think I can get ALL the trash out using Robin's method of filling up Mom's bin then putting a few in their bin. If I can't get it all next week, I will be able to get it all the week after. MOST of the trash is out. Every now and then I still find a pile of catalogs opened to that one special page amongst other debris, always in a place you wouldn't expect.

"Feeling fully capable of competently driving, I didn't hesitate to pick up Aunt Pat. I've had several adequate nights of sleep in a row and pray for one more tonight for the trip home tomorrow. Aunt Pat said Mom was wondering where everybody was and she said we were both coming over and Mom was satisfied. The visit started out amiable. Mom was sitting at a 45 degree angle. She said she is having some back pain today, but the nurses knew how to get her more comfortable in bed. She says she can wait

until bedtime for her tylenol to help her sleep. She says the nurses bathe her and 'they bathe everything.' Good. Everything needs it. Mom was complaining that some of the nurses acted like they were too busy to help her so she didn't always feel comfortable requesting help, and that she had some difficulty waiting a long time to get help to go to the bathroom. Her roommate reassured her that they are there to wait on her.

"At about 5 pm, a nurse took Mom's blood sugar, 277, gave her a shot in the arm while Mom explored her dinner tray. The nurse commented that Mom's blood sugar was higher earlier, 324, I think she said. Mom has been drinking orange juice all afternoon that Aunt Pat said a friend had brought to her. Mom drank the broth of her vegetable soup, ate one bite of her baked ziti, nibbled the inside of one quarter of her PB&J sandwich, and ate all her chocolate pudding with whipped cream on top. She had criticized the baked ziti to the nurse that delivered her tray, saying she's had it often there. The nurse said, 'I'm sorry, honey.' She didn't have much of an appetite, but no wonder after all that orange juice. On the positive side, with little food in her system, her tylenol should work well tonight.

"At Mom's request I brushed her hair and tried to clip it all up on top. Admittedly, I don't make it look as attractive around her face as Mom is able to accomplish. But she liked the attention and it felt good up off her neck.

"Her roommate was in and out of the room. We talked about Mom's apartment. At one point, Mom complains to herself, 'They are giving all my stuff away.' Later she says, 'I just don't have anything.' I replied, 'You have a lot of people that love you. Some people don't have that.' Mom stopped to think. When her roommate was out of the room, Mom mentioned to me that no one has visited her roommate since Mom has shared a room with her, not even her husband. I whispered in Mom's ear, 'Her husband might be dead' and Mom started yelling

at Aunt Pat. Aunt Pat and I just sit still and keep quiet. Then Mom gets embarrassed and starts crying. Aunt Pat politely excuses herself to go visit a friend who also lives in Holbrook. I sit on the bed behind Mom and tell her it's okay and start rubbing her back. 'It's not okay.' 'Yes, it is. You just don't feel good.' 'But Aunt Pat said...blah blah blah.' 'Why does that make you feel bad?' 'Because she's saying...blah blah blah.' 'No. She's not Mom. You just don't feel good.' The back rub is working. She's relaxing. She leans her head back against me and lets me comfort her. I keep the back rub going, stopping only to let her take another spoonful of pudding. Feathers smoothed, Aunt Pat returns and wants to show me the common room and let me meet her friend. The common room is a nice big space, but they are currently painting/remodeling. I'll have to tell Mom they are doing it just for her. Aunt Pat's friend is sweet and friendly. She didn't think I looked like Mom, but under the mask and shield, I don't look much like myself either.

We return to Mom's room to say our good-byes. On the way out the door, I reminded Mom of the game plan. I'm going to stop by and see her in the morning and then I'm going home. I'll be back on Monday. Mom has been concerned about the weather. Earlier, she tried to tell me I shouldn't go home tomorrow and now she's saying maybe I shouldn't travel on Monday. I tell her it will be okay. She asks if she will get any visitors over the weekend. Aunt Pat says she will. I said she won't get any from her kids, but other people. She said she knew Bruce wouldn't be there this weekend, but one of the next two weekends.

I headed to Walmart after dropping Aunt Pat off at her house. Among other needs for closing down the Florida Street home, I picked up some push pins for her bulletin board. She already had a photo I pinned up on it yesterday of Shirley Ann and her together in younger days, and two cards. She needs more pins...and more cards." Maranatha

## COUNTY STORIES

BY:  
JEANETTE  
RIFLE

### What Happened To The Jays?



Blue Jays visiting the back yard of Jeanette Riffle's seed feeders last Fall.

We had one blue jay at our backyard seed feeders last fall but it didn't hang around for long. We haven't seen any since. They are beautiful birds but are known as "bullies." I've seen them try to run birds away from the feeders. When we lived in a suburb outside of Dearborn, Michigan, we heard a loud squawking sound of birds one morning and we ran to the kitchen window to see what was going on in the backyard. Several blue jays were chasing a big yellow cat and did a dive bomb at it. They were mad at it for something. It "flew the cat hole" as the saying goes. It ran and disappeared. We think it probably went under our house.

We have one male cardinal and two females coming every day now. A tree climber woodpecker likes to land on the pole and makes it's way up to one of the feeders, that hang from the cross bar. The red wing black birds are coming back, and we finally saw some robins. There was a whole flock of them out front in the field one day. We had a couple warm days and the earth worms were coming to the surface. Robins were pulling them up out of the ground. Robins aren't interested in seed feeders.

It's a good thing that goldfinches are small and not bullies because at times there are about 50 of them on the ground where doves kick the seeds off

feeder trays. Doves are big and would rather eat down on the ground. We have squirrels eating on the ground, too. They get along pretty good with the birds. Hubby put up some shiny flashing about half way up the pole to keep squirrels from going up on the feeders. He gets a kick out of watching a squirrel trying to climb that stuff.

We had a lot of rain this past week and the creek out back was up, muddy, and rolling on, but it didn't come out of it's banks. Trees started uprooting on muddy banks and falling on power lines, though. Our whole house generator kicked on in the wee hours of the morn and woke us up one day. We knew what was wrong. Mon Power was out in no time and stayed right with it. Our power wasn't off too long until it was restored. Then we lost it again with more lines down. We took a drive over in Braxton Co. Saturday and saw where the trouble was. It looked like 4 new poles had been set up. Trees had fallen on electric lines bringing them and the polls down, too. Those Mon Power guys really had their hands full. Until next time, may the Good Lord bless and keep you in his care.

## MAGISTRATE COURT

### R-E-P-O-R-T

#### Magistrate Beth Smith's Court

February 17: Colden Conley of Orlando, fraudulent schemes x14, dismissed, victim does not wish to pursue charges.

February 20: Christina Marie Abel of Flatwoods, possession of controlled substance x2, meth and hydrocodone, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$3000 cash only.

February 22: Ryan Seth Rollyson of Gassaway, failure to appear, preliminary hearing waived, transferred to circuit court.

#### Magistrate David Singleton's Court

February 21: Billy Benjamin Graham of Conway, SC, possession of meth, disorderly conduct, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$3000 cash or surety.

February 22: Mathew Allen Crawford of Sutton, battery on healthcare worker, assault on healthcare worker, warrant issued, bond set at \$1500 personal recognizance;

Su Robert Dempsey of Heaters, driving revoked for DUI, guilty plea, 30 days of home confinement, fine/court costs assessed; Jeremy Wayne Hudson of Charleston, attempt to commit grand larceny, setting fire to land of others, probable cause found at preliminary hearing, transferred to circuit court; Sarah Saunders Taylor of Charleston, speeding, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; Samuel Cleveland Kelly of Birch River, conspiracy, dismissed, grand larceny, dismissed, officer did not appear for court hearing; Christine Marie Able of Flatwoods, shoplifting, guilty plea, fine/court costs assessed; Melissa Sue Thompson of Sutton, possession with intent to deliver x2-meth and heroin, conspiracy, preliminary hearing waived, transferred to circuit court.

February 23: Andrew Thomas Owens of Charleston, DUI with injury, guilty plea, possession of heroin, guilty plea, leaving the scene of

an accident, dismissed per plea, no operators, dismissed per plea, no proof of insurance, dismissed per plea, possession of meth, dismissed per plea, six months of jail with credit for time served of 11 days, fines/court costs assessed.

February 24: Franklin S. Montgomery of Frametown, no proof of insurance, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; Everette Kurtis Meadows of Gassaway, trespassing, destruction of property, warrant issued, bond set at \$1500 cash, surety, or 10% to the court.

February 25: Melonie Rose Shahan of Napier, domestic assault, domestic battery, destruction of property, warrant issued, bond set at \$3000 personal recognizance; Matthew Hamrick of Gassaway, petit larceny x7, warrant issued, bond set at \$3000 cash or surety.

February 28: Robert Lee Minous of Columbus, OH, fugitive from another state, transferred to circuit court.

# LEGAL NOTICES

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March 1, 2022

## NOTICE

Tariff Form No. 8

(Tariff Rule 10.1.a. et seq.)

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES WITH PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE

NOTICE is hereby given that FLATWOODS-CANOE RUN PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT (District), a public utility, has on February 25, 2022, filed with the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA, a tariff containing increased rates, tolls and charges for furnishing sewer service to approximately 1252 customers at Gassaway and Sutton areas and vicinity in Braxton County, West Virginia.

The proposed increased rates and charges will become effective March 27, 2022 unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission and will produce approximately \$224,412 annually in additional revenue, an increase of approximately 17.98%. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

	(\$) INCREASE	(%) INCREASE
Ions average)	\$ 6.47	17.98%
Commercial (14,000 gallons average)	\$ 32.34	17.98%
Public Authority (41,800 gallons average)	\$ 96.56	17.98%
Industrial (44,600 gallons average)	\$ 103.03	17.98%
Landfill (146,700 gallons average)	\$ 338.88	17.98%
Flat Rate (3,500 gallons customers with non-metered water supply)	\$ 8.09	17.98%

The District has no resale customers.

The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. Any increase in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission. (If a hearing is scheduled, notice will be given of the time and place of hearing.)

Anyone desiring to protest or intervene should file a written protest or petition to intervene prior to March 27, 2022. If the Commission suspends the effective date, the Commission may establish a final deadline for intervention. Failure to timely protest or intervene can affect your rights to protest any rate increases or to participate in future proceedings. All protests or requests to intervene should briefly state the reason for the protest or intervention. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission's rules on intervention. All interventions may be mailed and addressed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, 201 Brooks St., Charleston, West Virginia 25323, or may be hand-delivered. Protests may be filed on line through the Commission website (www.psc.state.wv.us) using the "Submit a Comment" link or may be mailed to the Executive Secretary at the same address as above.

A complete copy of this tariff, as well as a representative of the District to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at the following office of the District:

Flatwoods-Canoe Run Public Service District  
406 Main Street  
Sutton, West Virginia 26601

A copy of the tariff is also available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia. 03-01-03-08

## NOTICE OF REDEMPTION

Cert No. 044798 James W Jenkins & Linda K Jenkins

To: BRENT S KNIGHT, TRUSTEE, BRENT S KNIGHT, TRUSTEE-REGULAR MAIL, TAMARA MORRISON, TRUSTEE, TAMARA MORRISON, TRUSTEE-REGULAR MAIL, BENEFICIAL W VA INC, BENEFICIAL W VA INC-SECRETARY OF STATE, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF MINORA ADLINE NICHOLSON FREEMAN, JUNIOR DALE FREEMAN, JUNIOR DALE FREEMAN-REGULAR MAIL, JUNIOR DALE FREEMAN-PERSONAL SERVICE, 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 8R PARCEL 0051 00010000

You will take notice that James W Jenkins & Linda K Jenkins, the purchaser of the following real estate, Certification No. 044798, located in OTTER District, .014AC TWO LICK RUN, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of NICHOLSON MINORA, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of Braxton County at the sale of delinquent taxes on 10/20/2021. James W Jenkins & Linda K Jenkins requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after 4/6/2022, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before 10/10/2017 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to 4/6/2022 \$225.58

Amount of taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to 4/6/2022 \$0.00

Amount paid for Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest to 4/6/2022. \$930.94

Additional Statutory Fees with Interest to 4/6/2022. \$0.00

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the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT GASSAWAY MAP 8 PARCEL 0069 00006002

You will take notice that George Jarrell and Joanna Groves, the purchaser of the following real estate, Certification No. 044877, located in GASSAWAY District, LOTS 18 19 & 20 BLK 11 which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of GEIGER MOTHIE J KEETON CHARLES ETAL (2020), and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of Braxton County at the sale of delinquent taxes on 10/20/2020. George Jarrell and Joanna Groves requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after 4/6/2022, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before 10/10/2017 will be as follows:

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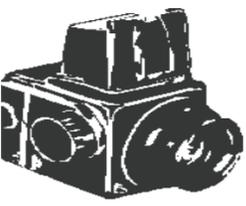
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# A Photographic Look at...

## Carpentry classes finish work for bridge company; students will view what they built in actual use



Robert Lloyd's carpentry class unload the lumber for the concrete panels from Rock Forge Bridge Company



The completed panels are secured on the trailer to be transported the construction site in Spencer.

Students in Lloyd's carpentry class learn hands on how to follow the correct procedure to produce the concrete panels.

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March 1, 2022

## Sweetheart Queens crowned at the 2022 WV Sweetheart Festival Pageant

By Fernando Rodriguez

A weekend of back-to-back beauty pageants at the Landmark Studio for the Arts delighted the packed auditorium with a bountiful ensemble of some of West Virginia's most beautiful women (and men!), all aspiring to be titled and crowned.

Gary Beamer, Master of Pageants, owner of Sweetheart Productions,

and a 27-year veteran of staging Pageants, once again succeeded in delivering another Cecil B. DeMille-like production to the Landmark stage: the 2022 West Virginia Sweetheart Festival Pageant.

The women, dressed in their most elegant attires, walked amidst hearts and flowers in front of the table of Judges, sporting their best smiles, poses, and

moves, all doing their best to impress the Judges. I feel for the judges, especially since this year's contestants probably made their job to choose the Queens more difficult than ever. West Virginia certainly has a large share of beautiful women. Some of the Sweetheart Queens go on to compete in other pageants, such as the WV Teen USA Pageant.

Christa Arthur received the Trorie Atkinson Spirit Award, as well as Most Photogenic, Golden Division, and 2022 WV Sweetheart Festival Ambassador Queen.

Amanda Hawkins was crowned 2022 WV Sweetheart Festival Spirit Queen, as well as 1st Runner Up in the Ms. Division.

Ashley Gates was awarded the Sarah White

Friendship Award.

The chosen Queens and their respective Division were:

Bella Smith, Jr. Teen 2022 WV Sweetheart Festival Queen

Ava Belt, Teen 2022 WV Sweetheart Festival Queen

Kimberly Bennett, Golden 2022 WV Sweetheart Festival Queen

Maika Whaley, Mrs. 2022 WV Sweetheart Festival Queen

Emma Rice, Ms. 2022 WV Sweetheart Festival Queen

Emmalee Estep, 2022 WV Sweetheart Festival Queen

Congratulations to all the Queens, Princesses, Runner Ups, and Award

recipients, and wish all continued success in your endeavors.

Thank you, Gary Beamer and your hard-working network of assistants, for bringing your high-class pageants to the Town of Sutton.

If you wish information about becoming a contestant or helping, visit Gary's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/gary.beamer.10/about>

In addition, visit the WV Association of Fairs & Festivals Pageants Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/WVAFF> and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/818688524927587>



Gary Beamer, of Sweetheart Productions, passes the microphone around to all the visiting Queens from past pageants.



Emmalee Estep, 2022 WV Sweetheart Festival Queen, receives crown from Ally Wodnicki, 2021 WV Sweetheart Festival Queen.



Queens, from left to right: Bella Smith, Jr. Teen 2022 WV Sweetheart Festival Queen; Ava Belt, Teen 2022 WV Sweetheart Festival Queen; Kimberly Bennett, Golden 2022 WV Sweetheart Festival Queen; Maika Whaley, Mrs. 2022 WV Sweetheart Festival Queen; Emma Rice, Ms. 2022 WV Sweetheart Festival Queen; Emmalee Estep, 2022 WV Sweetheart Festival Queen; Amanda Hawkins, 2022 WV Sweetheart Festival Spirit Queen; and Christa Arthur, Trorie Atkinson Spirit Award, Most Photogenic, Golden Division, and 2022 WV Sweetheart Festival Ambassador Queen.



Ava Belt, Teen 2022 WV Sweetheart Festival Queen, receives crown from NinaMae Coberly, 2021 WV Sweetheart Festival Teen Queen.



Kimberly Bennett, Golden 2022 WV Sweetheart Festival Queen, receives crown from Ally Wodnicki, 2021 WV Sweetheart Festival Queen.



Maika Whaley, Mrs. 2022 WV Sweetheart Festival Queen, receives crown from Krystal Walker Rectenwald, 2021 Mrs. WV Sweetheart Festival Queen.



Emma Rice, Ms. 2022 WV Sweetheart Festival Queen, receives crown from Kathi Hill, 2021 Ms. WV Sweetheart Festival Queen.



Bella Smith, Jr. Teen 2022 WV Sweetheart Festival Queen, receives crown from Hazelee Williams, 2021 Jr Miss WV Sweetheart Festival Queen.



## LEGALS

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nical 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. By submitting a bid, Bidders are certifying compliance with the following Federal Contract Provisions: 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

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2020-S-00000022 - Braxton County - CHK LLC  
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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-S X 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.  
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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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2020-S-00000066 - Braxton County - WVTL LLC  
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DISTRICT HOLLY MAP 9S PARCEL 0044 00003001  
You will take notice that WVTL 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. -\$129.26  
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.  
Return to: WV State Auditor's Office, County Collections Division, 105/960 71.8AC LITTLE BIRCH

# Norman and Rosalie Nottingham celebrate 70th Wedding Anniversary

Norman and Rosalie Nottingham are celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary! They were married on March 7th, 1952 at the home of Rosalie's parents in Serbia, and they are currently retired from Nottingham's Store in Duck. They are the parents of two daughters—Lois Milanese (Rocco) of Craigsville and Brenda Wright (Charles) of New Martinsville. They are called Papaw and Mamaw by four grandchildren—Erica Craft (Cory) of Uniontown, PA, Alex Milanese (Alicia) of Craigsville, Jared Wright (Katie) of New Martinsville, and Jennifer Piekarski (Eric) of Paden City. They are proud to be great-grandparents to Anthony, Oakley, Aubrey, Meadow, and Joey. If anyone would like to drop them a note of congratulations, please address it to 1053 Clinic



**Norman and Rosalie Nottingham will celebrate their 70th Anniversary on March 7th**  
Dr., Ivydale, WV 25113. Mom and Dad—we love you!  
Happy 70th anniversary

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DISTRICT HOLLY MAP 9S PARCEL 0045 00003001  
You will take notice that WVTL 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 John B. McCuskey, State Auditor. -\$35.00  
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2020-S-00000069 - Braxton County - WVTL LLC  
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DISTRICT HOLLY MAP 9S PARCEL 0045 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

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  
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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 PARCEL 0012 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-00000120, 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  
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### NOTICE

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

# SPORTS

Reporting Braxton County's sports action

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Braxton County Eagles junior varsity defense agasint Lincoln County Panthers.

## Eagles' junior varsity boys finish their season

By Shirley Shuman

In the last week of the Braxton boys' jv season, both Lincoln and Lewis handed them losses. Coach Robert Lloyd said that, after the last game, he and his players talked about the season. "We all had the same consensus," he said. "We should have lost only three games all year."

"The rest of the games were all decided

anywhere from three points to a seven-point differential," he said. "Those games were the hardest, knowing we did not play our hardest and to our capabilities."

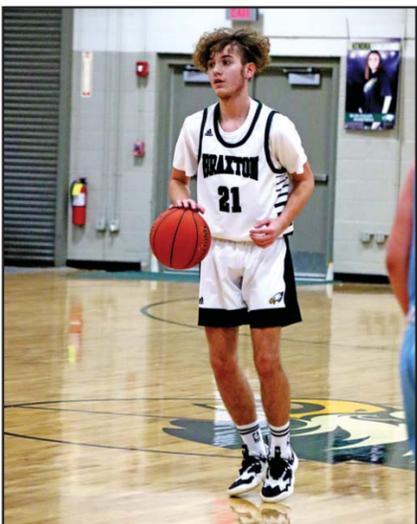
In the first loss of the week, Lincoln out-scored Braxton 42-37 on the Eagles' home court. Riley Hunt led his team with 12 points. The following night, Lewis won 67-62 over Braxton in an away

game. Four Braxton players scored in double figures against Lewis. Landon Stewart led with 14 points. Zach Shaver added 12, and Logan Baldwin and Riley Hunt each put in 10.

Coach Lloyd concluded his comments on the team and their season. "All in all, it was a great season and a privilege to work with this group of individuals," he said.



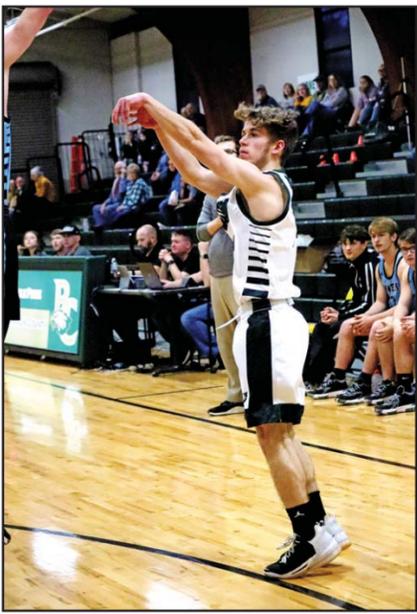
Logan Baldwin works the ball back into Eagle territory.



Zach Shaver scans the court looking to make his next move to continue the play.



Jaxson Short scores two points for the Eagles.



Zander King shoots for three points for the Eagles in the game against Lincoln County.



Ryken Rutherford takes a shot for three points for the Eagles. Photos courtesy of Janet Six.



Landon Stewart works the ball under the net looking to score for the Eagles.

## Braxton girls win first round sectional tournament game

Trinity outscores Lady Eagles to take sectional championship

By Shirley Shuman

Braxton's girls began sectional tournament action with a 52-46 win at South Harrison. Coach Bill Luncford said the Lady Eagles played very well and added, "We're so

much improved from the free throw line, shooting 20 for 32 for 63 percent."

Erica Nicholson led the team with a double-double. Nicholson scored 21 points and pulled down 15

rebounds. Also in double figures for Braxton was Bre Smarr with 15 points.

Thursday night's game for the sectional championship ended with Trinity taking a 73-40 win over Braxton. Coach Luncford commented that Trinity "played a tremendous game with hot shooting. I'd say they shot close to 70 percent from the field." Smarr, the Lady Eagles' only player in double figures put in 14 points.

Braxton still has a good chance for a trip to the state tournament. The Lady Eagles play at Petersburg Thursday. The winner will go to states.

Lady Eagles' individual scoring in last week's games:

Player	South Harrison	Trinity
Erica Nicholson	21	0
Bre Smarr	15	14
Adrian Luncford	8	2
Lainey Hunt	7	5
SkyLynn Abraham	1	8
Teagan Huff	0	3
Paxton Conley	0	2
Heidi Payne	0	6



Thirteen Braxton County Youth Wrestlers placed in the top 8 in there respected weight classes. Not Pictured: Paxton Smith and Hunter Short.



Twenty-three Braxton County Youth Wrestlers competed in the WVYWA State Championships in Charleston, WV placing 12th out of 122 teams.

## Braxton County Youth Wrestlers place 12th at WVYWA State Championships

Braxton County Youth Wrestling (BCYW) took 23 kids to the Charleston Civic Center this past weekend for the WVYWA State Championships. The state tournament hosted 122 different teams throughout the state of West Virginia and even hosted a girls division! Out of the 23 kids that competed, 13 placed in the top 8 in there respected weight classes. Placing 12th as a team out of the 122 teams in attendance.



Paxton Smith and Hunter Short

diah Bennett 8th, Landon Mays 4th, Paxton Smith 4th, Hunter Short 6th, Eliah Moore 1st, Alayna Foster 7th, Aubrey Foster 2nd.

BCYW had 2 that made it to the finals Aubrey Foster girls division 45, and Eliah Moore Middle School Division 190. Eliah Moore took his second consecutive state title and Aubrey Foster finished up her run with a hard fought second place finish.

The other places are as follows: Chance Davis 4th, Colton Putnam 6th, Jansen Poling 4th, Tucker Foster 5th, Zain Moore 7th, Zane Cool 6th, Zeba-

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Braxton Democrat-Central

# Three cousins meet through ancestry The Elk River Trail committee to hold public meeting March 3rd

We three cousins love family and ancestry so while searching for relatives around the world we found we are cousins so after three or more years of corresponding via internet we finally got to meet and it was mutual recognizing our family relationship. Karen Vyborny from Vieques, Puerto Rico, Julie Hunt, then of Gassaway WV now of Texas and Carolyn Dobbins Patrick of Clem, WV.

It was like we just knew each other all our lives and it made "family" mean even more to each of us. We met at Days Hotel and made plans for visiting some ancestor gravesites and keeping in touch ever since.



Karen Vyborny, Julie Hunt, and Carolyn Dobbins Patrick finally met after three years corresponding via internet.

Family means so much and we are thankful to find more family than we knew we had.

The Elk River Trail committee is a group of individuals and groups who are interested in bringing businesses and tourism to the Elk River watershed area. This includes all of Braxton County. The committee is having a public meeting March 3rd to answer questions, share information and also ask what people want to see happen in the area as it relates to recreational activities and business development. There will be other meetings in Gassaway, Clay and

Clendenin. Everyone in Braxton county is welcome to attend this meeting but especially people from the Burnsville, Flatwoods, Little Birch and Sutton area. Anyone interested in promoting the use of the Elk river or having a business in the areas close to the river or trails is encouraged to come and share your thoughts and opinions. On the Town of Sutton's website, Sutton-wv.com, there is a map that shows the area that will be discussed.

There are layers on the map that show hiking trails, public water access, restaurants and other amenities in the area. More information needs to be added to the map. Plan to attend the meeting to learn more or to give your input as to what is needed along the Elk River. The meeting will be held in the Sutton Fire Department annex (old Fisher building) on Main St. in Sutton on Thursday March 3rd at 6:00 PM. Questions? Call Joey James at 304-322-4590

## Dog Tales: Stories from the Braxton County Animal Shelter

Are you looking to add a four legged, tail wagging member to your family? Rescues from the Braxton County Animal Shelter are looking for their final "Forever" homes and are anxious to meet you. There is a reason we call them man's best friend. We can learn so many things from a dog's behavior, personality, demeanor, resiliency, and most importantly, the willingness to provide their family members with unconditional love, loyalty, and companionship down to their very last breath. BCAS is open Monday through Friday from 10-3. There is no charge to surrender a dog, but donations toward their care are appreciated. Adoptions are \$99.00 for male dogs and \$119.00 for female dogs, and include spay/neuter, rabies vaccination, parvo/distemper vaccination, kennel cough vaccination 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

officer during the last snow storm 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.

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.



How about these hound dog eyes?! This pretty lady **Dahlia**. She is a four year old female reddtick weighing approximately fifty pounds. She is easy going, quiet in her kennel, walks well on a leash and gets along well with other dogs. Dahlia came to our shelter as a stray so we don't have any history on her but we know she's a gem.



This handsome dude is **Rocky**! Rocky is a one year old male mixed breed. He was seized by our humane



**Paisley** and her puppy brother, **Dude**, were brought to the shelter by our humane



**Tango** found his forever home at the time of publication!

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## Glennville State Day at the Legislature sees University Status Bill approved

On Tuesday, February 22, Glennville State College students, staff, and faculty gathered at the West Virginia State Capitol for Glennville State Day at the Legislature. By the time they departed the statehouse, the school had a new designation: Glennville State University.

Representatives were on hand from each academic department, Alumni Relations, and Athletics to share information and answer questions. A special display table featuring historic photographs and artifacts from the institutional archive was also part of the setup.

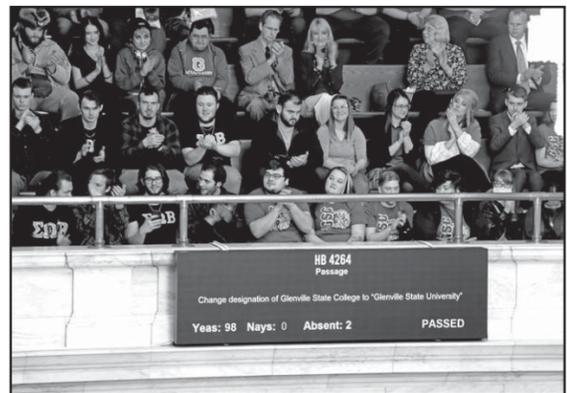
Those assembled from Glennville State visited the House of Delegates and Senate Chambers for special recognitions. During the day's session, Delegates took up House Bill 4264, which changes the designation of the institution from Glennville State College to Glennville State University. The bill, which was on its third reading, passed the House unanimously. The action was met with uproarious applause from the gallery.

The bill was then communicated to the Senate for immediate consideration. It also passed unanimously in that chamber.

"What a great day it is to be a Glennville State University Pioneer," said Glennville State President, Dr. Mark A. Manchin. "The legislative actions taken by our lawmakers today mark a significant milestone in the trajectory of our institution. In the fall our students will be able to enroll in Master's-level courses in education and, by this time next



Glennville State students, faculty, staff, administrators, and lawmakers inside the Senate chamber during Glennville State Day at the Legislature on Tuesday, February 22.



Glennville State students, faculty, and staff applaud the passage of House Bill 4264, which officially changed the designation of the institution from Glennville State College to Glennville State University.

year, we hope to have six graduate courses. That is of course in addition to our existing undergraduate programs."

The first graduate-level program offered at Glennville State will be the Master of Arts in Curriculum and Instruction (MACI). The program will offer advanced education opportunities for teachers and educators who have already earned a bachelor's degree in education and have a teaching license or certificate of instruction. The coursework will be fully online. The MACI program will include 30 semester hours beyond the bachelor's degree. Courses will be offered

every 7.5 weeks in the fall and spring with a total of four terms between fall and spring and one full term in summer.

"I appreciate everyone who came to the Capitol today to celebrate this great occasion with us...I saw so many of our current students, faculty, and staff alongside members of our Board of Governors, Foundation Board, Alumni Council, our generous donors, community members, and of course our elected representatives. To step back and realize that we were all bearing witness to history being made is really quite something," Manchin added.

## Flatwoods-Canoe Run PSD press release

The Flatwoods-Canoe Run PSD has filed with the Public Service Commission of West Virginia (PSC) a tariff containing increased rates, tolls and charges for furnishing sewer service to approximately 1,252 customers at Gassaway and Sutton areas and vicinity in Braxton County, WV. The proposed increased rates and charges will become effective March 27, 2022 unless otherwise ordered by the PSC and will produce approximately \$224,412 annually in additional billings, an increase of approximately 17.98%. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will increase by approximately 17.98%. The average monthly bill will increase as follows: residential customers by approximately \$6.47; commercial customers by approximately \$32.34; public authority customers by approximately \$96.56; industrial customers by approximately \$103.03; landfill customers by approximately \$338.88;

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The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the PSC in its review of this filing. Any increase in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the PSC. If a hearing is scheduled, notice will be given of the time and place of hearing. Anyone desiring to protest or intervene should file a written protest or petition to intervene prior to March 27, 2022. If the PSC suspends the effective date, it may establish a final deadline for intervention. Failure to timely protest or intervene can affect your rights to protest any rate increases or to participate in future proceedings. All protests or requests to intervene should briefly

state the reason for the protest or intervention. Requests to intervene must comply with the PSC's rules on intervention. All interventions may be mailed and addressed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, 201 Brooks St., Charleston, WV 25323, or may be hand-delivered. Protests may be filed on line through the PSC website (www.psc.state.wv.us) using the "Submit a Comment" link or may be mailed to the Executive Secretary at the same address as above.

A complete copy of this tariff, as well as a representative of the District to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at the District's office at 406 Main Street, Sutton, West Virginia 26601. A copy of the tariff is also available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the PSC at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

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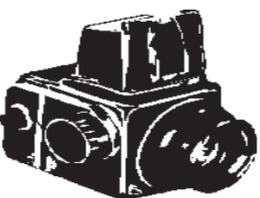
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Reporting Braxton County's sports action

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## A Photographic Look at...

### Braxton County High School Eagles lose 65-53 against Lincoln Panthers on February 22



Beau Liston works the ball under the net for the Eagles.



The Eagles defense work Lincoln County Panthers. Photos courtesy of Janet Six.



Lane Morrow going in for the layup.



DJ Coomes pushes past a Lincoln County Panther.



Mason Abraham pushes the ball in for two points.



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## Seven Braxton County Students graduate from Glenville State College

Seven Braxton County students have received their degrees from Glenville State College, now Glenville State University, as members of the Winter 2021 graduating class.

Richard "Jack" Boyce of Sutton graduated with an Associate in Arts degree in General Studies as a part of Glenville State's Milestone Initiative.

Kourtney Davis of Sutton graduated with an Associate in Arts degree in General Studies as part of Glenville State's Milestone Initiative.

Cody Dobbins of Gassaway graduated with an Associate in Arts degree in General

Studies as part of Glenville State's Milestone Initiative.

Raven Friend of Exchange graduated Summa Cum Laude with an Associate in Arts degree in General Studies as part of Glenville State's Milestone Initiative.

Daniel Hoard of Gassaway graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Natural Resource Management with a major in Forest Technology.

Jessica Smarr of Sutton graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Education degree in Early Education (PreK-K), Elementary Education (K-6), and Multi-categorical Special Education (K-6).

Andrea Vidal of Sutton graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Behavioral Science and a minor in Behavior Disorders.

The Milestone Initiative at Glenville State signifies the important academic accomplishment of students who are working toward a bachelor's degree.

Founded in 1872, Glenville State University is a public liberal arts university located in Glenville, West Virginia. The institution offers a variety of traditional and online degree programs and several NCAA Division II athletic teams. GSU is celebrating 150 years in 2022.

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