



The Eagle Grapplers captured a very respectable fifth place team finished in the State Wrestling Championship. In addition four of the wrestlers brought home individual honors. See the complete story and photos on Page 11.

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Kenneth Moore with one of the many custom flintlock rifles he has made.

## Servia resident builds custom flintlock rifles

*Kenneth Moore finished his first flintlock in 1984*

By Shirley Shuman

It would definitely be accurate to say that Kenneth Moore has never built two flintlock rifles that were exactly alike. Moore builds flintlock rifles according to the customer's requests and needs. He built his first one in 1984; that one was for himself.

Moore's first experience in building rifles

actually came in 1978-79 when he built percussion rifles from kits. The percussion rifle, Moore explained, "was the predecessor of the flintlock, but it went out of style during the Civil War." A breech-loading rifle, which had a cartridge, followed the percussion rifle, which obviously remained since Moore worked with

them in the late 1970's.

His interest in the flintlock rifle evolved with an adult education class in which former Braxton County High teacher Ed Rayle taught the process of building the rifle. Moore figured it was time to apply what he had learned, so he set out to build his own flintlock rifle. It took him "eight or nine months" to finish it. That first rifle, a .45 caliber, was designed for deer hunting.

Soon Moore, who was operating his own business, began a second rifle, this one for squirrel hunting. For some time after that, he built "about one rifle a year," all for himself. In 1990, he began custom flintlock-building for customers. He was still finishing just one a year. "Making a rifle like that is a labor-intensive job," he explained and added, "I'd judge it takes about 400 hours."

The rifles Moore builds, he said, "come in a lot of grades, from basic to fancy, like those with a lot of inlays in the wood. These designs are made of metal. Also, in these more elaborate rifles, the trigger guard and the butt plate are

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The mastercraftsman works on an inlay for one of the custom rifles he builds in his home workshop.

## Local hospitals appreciative of assistance from National Guard

Recently, West Virginia Governor, Jim Justice, and West Virginia National Guard, Major General Bill Crane, announced hundreds of guard soldiers would be deploying to hospitals across the state. Two of the hospitals receiving Guard members are WVU Medicine Braxton County Memorial Hospital (BCMh), and WVU Medicine Summersville Regional Medical Center (SRMC).

Like most West Virginia hospitals, including other WVU Medicine hospitals, BCMh and SRMC are facing staffing challenges. These challenges are largely due to COVID, but also because it is difficult to recruit and retain healthcare employees. When an illness such as COVID spreads throughout staff in a small facility, it can wreak havoc on an already stressed environment. When work teams delivering are limited, and staffing patient

is already a concern, it becomes difficult to fill shifts when a team member becomes ill or needs time off. The arrival of the National Guard troops has been a relief, as well as a morale boost for both facilities.

Guard members who are deployed to the Braxton and Summersville campuses have been handling a wide range of tasks. Those activities have included screening patients in a small facility, it can wreak havoc on an already stressed environment. When work teams delivering are limited, and staffing patient

meal trays, answering call lights on Med Surg, various Maintenance related tasks, and other duties they can assist with based on training

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## Commission come to the aid of Braxton farmers

A high point of last Friday's regular meeting of the Braxton County Commission was approval of funding for Braxton County Farmers. The action came on the heels of a presentation by Allison Nettles, Project Support Specialist for the Elk Conservation District.

Nettles began by explaining that this was the first time her agency had solicited outside assistance from the Commission. "We live within our means and help the farm communities of our service counties with the monies we are allotted. However, this year the demand has been overwhelming. The applications were over three times greater for our Agriculture Enhancement Program than previous years." She went on to explain that the program assists farmers in purchasing necessary fertilizers and other nutrients to keep their soil at peak production levels.

"Without additional financial help hay crops will diminish, resulting in less beef production and higher costs to the consumers," Nettles added. She also pointed out that any funding the Commission chose to contribute would only go to Braxton County residents. After hearing the presentation and asking questions, Melvin Gum made a motion to allot \$11,561 to the Conservation District to assist

Braxton County farmers in making up the local portion of the shortfall. Nettles thanked the Commission for coming to the aid of the local farm community saying, "You are going to make a lot of people very happy."

April Lloyd, newly hired Administrator for the Braxton County Health Department was first to address the Commission. She told them the Health Department has entered into an agreement with Dr. Kimberly Becker to serve as County Health Officer. Commission President Lisa Godwin thanked Lloyd for the update.

John Hoffman, County OES, 9-1-1, EMS Director presented the Commission with his February activity report. That information revealed that the communications center had received a total of 1,921 calls in February. Of those 571 were of an emergency nature. One hundred ninth were directed to county law enforcement agencies, 92 went to the fire departments while 150 were directed to the EMS.

Gabby Gregory requested that the Commission set aside a day in Braxton County to bring awareness to neighbors helping neighbors. She suggested it be called a Community Service and Kindness Day. Commission President Godwin

stated that the Commission would discuss the request during their work session and place it on the next meeting's agenda for possible action.

Sheriff Lou DellaMea requested that Commission allow him to fill a vacancy in his bailiff staff with Van Carr. He explained that Carr would be paid \$15.00 per hour with no county benefits for the part-time position and he would serve a 90-day probationary period. The request was granted on a motion by Larry Clifton.

EMS Supervisor Kenny Summers was also on hand to discuss the activity report for the county Ambulance Service. After going over the report, he answered questions from the Commission.

Two purchase orders were up for consideration. Both were approved via separate motions. The 9-1-1 office was allowed \$4,000 to purchase a printer/copier/fax from Komax LLC. Motorola Solutions will receive \$800 for training of Brian White on the new CAD system.

Deputy Bryce Scarboro presented new bids for police cruisers for the Sheriff's Department. He proposed to purchase the cruisers from Mid-State Ford in

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## County receives grant through Emergency Food & Shelter National Program

Braxton County has been chosen to receive funds to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county. The source of funding is a federal appropriation from Congress to the Emergency Food & Shelter National Board Program. The National Board selects jurisdictions (cities or counties) for funding, not specific agencies.

The federal department responsible for this program is the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). These are not state/county government or

United Way funds. There are two phases of money available at this time that agencies may apply for. Phase 39 is a total of \$5,116.00 and Phase ARPA-R is a total of \$15,813.00.

The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the U. S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency and consists of representatives from American Red Cross; Catholic Charities, USA; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA; The Jewish Federations of North America, The Salvation

Army; and, United Way Worldwide. The Local Board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds made available under these phases of the program.

Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must: 1) be private voluntary non-profits or units of government, 2) be eligible to receive Federal funds, 3) have an accounting system, 4) practice nondiscrimination, 5) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and 6) if they are a private voluntary organization, have a voluntary board. Qualifying agencies are urged to apply. Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter

Program funds must send letter of interest to Braxton Community Coalition, PO Box 47, Flatwoods, WV 26621 by March 22, 2022.

A Local Board will determine how the funds

## Braxton County High School 2022 Top Ten



### Braxton's #10 plans to join the US Air Force

By Shirley Shuman

Kendra Lunceford, tenth in this year's BCHS graduating class, takes her upcoming enlistment in the Air Force seriously. For example, listing ways she spends her time outside of school, she named weightlifting. However, the weightlifting she does is not just a hobby. It is

part of her preparation for entrance into the military.

The daughter of Josh Lunceford and Kelly Coen explained. "I lift weights to gain weight because my current weight is just enough to qualify for enlistment, and I want to gain weight to enlist."

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## As I See It

By Ed Given



### Some random thoughts...

I continue to watch our state legislature with amazement. I was pleased to see that they abandoned the ideal of relaxing mine safety restrictions. But honestly, why was such a stupid move ever considered in the first place. So much of what I see going on in Charleston indicates that money has the upper hand and safety is the not even considered.

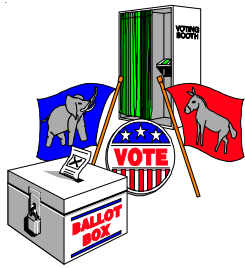
This final week will be the hard one to follow. This is when entire pieces of legislation, that have been sidetracked by the process, are sneaked into other laws that most often have little or nothing to do with the original intent. I am afraid that we will be reverting to the past when it took weeks to determine exactly what was done in the final days of a session.

You would have had your head in the sand not to be amazed at the escalation of gas prices this week. A regular update I get here in the office said the average for a gallon of gasoline in the US is \$4.06, a staggering 45 cents more than a week ago, 62 cents more than a month ago and \$1.30 more than a year ago. The national average has not been this high since July 2008. But then again, we all know that big oil doesn't need much of an excuse.

Yes, I understand the impact of the war between Russia and the Ukraine have on the market. But if we only get 10% of our gas from Russia... and we have the capacity here in the US to make up the difference, why is it such a big deal. Besides, Russia hasn't cut us off yet??? At any rate, one thing you can rest assured of, the price will not come down nearly as fast as it goes up regardless of the world climate.

Jeanine has been recuperating from cataract surgery. I think she likes the fact that she can't do anything. Oh well, she deserves a rest. The only problem is the recuperation is interfering with her time with the grandchildren and great grandson. That's not setting really well. I guess she better get used to it. She is scheduled to have the second eye operated on later this month.

How about the weather? We have had some really nice days recently. It sure puts me in the mood to get ready for the lake. I actually spent Saturday finishing up a couple of long overdue projects. Of course, at this writing the rain has set in, but the smell of spring sure is appealing. In fact, we actually are planning a "work on the boats" day. I hope we can get it in... after all, the long-range forecast is saying snow next weekend.



## Meet the Candidates...

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## Godwin seeks re-election to County Commission



I'm a lifelong resident of Braxton County. I'm a 1988 graduate of Braxton County High School and a graduate of Glenville State College.

I am a member of the Spruce Lick United Methodist Church at Wolf Creek in Sutton and honored to serve as a trustee and its treasurer. I live in Burnsville with my husband Andy Godwin and son AJ. My late parents were Phosa and JoAnn (Crites) Mace. Dad retired from the US Postal Service where he worked as the clerk in Gassaway and was a member of the American Legion Post 33. I have one brother, Dwayne Mace and wife Jennifer of Sutton. My in laws,

Barbara Godwin and the late John Godwin, both retired from the Braxton County School system where they taught at Burnsville. Andy has a sister Carla Dettman and husband Scott of Burnsville and a brother Mark Godwin and wife Cindy of Sutton. Family is a very important part of my life. My late Uncle, Reverend Bill Griffin was a great role model for me growing up. He instilled in me how important it is to treat people equally and be respectful to everyone. Many of you tell the family stories: Bill either married or buried half of Braxton County. He never met a

stranger.

As most of you know, it's hard to raise a teenager in today's society. My son will be graduating from Braxton County High School this year. I want to continue to help Braxton County flourish so AJ and his classmates will want to remain here to raise their future families. I've worked over 32 years at Summit Media radio doing sales and programming. I've helped community businesses and organizations prosper. I volunteered for the Braxton County Fair for over 25 years helping book the entertainment and serving as the treasurer for 10 years.

During my term, the  
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## From our readers

### Put American First...

Dear Editor,  
So, how about this. The Biden administration doesn't want to cut off Russian oil because they say that would affect the supply and cause gas prices to rise.

They didn't seem to be concerned about supply and prices when they cut back on domestic supply right here at home.

Sounds like Russian collusion, no FAKE NEWS Russian collusion.

Let's put America first again and then we won't be helping to finance Russia's war on Ukraine.

We have put our very security in peril by depending on communist countries for things we need. It's time to reverse this trend before it's too late.

We need strong leadership again, no an anti-second amendment, one world order puppet like we have now.

Butch Durand  
Sutton, WV

## Just look at this!

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



**Our office has a change of scenery. Two large trees, that were probably nearly a century old, were removed last week across from our office. Yes, the trees had problems and needed taken down for safety reasons. The differences is truly amazing.**

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## News from our Capitol

by Delegate Brent Boggs

Last Friday, March 4 marked the fifty-third day of the 2022 Legislative session. To date, 2,216 bills have been introduced; the House has introduced 1,483 bills; in the Senate, 733 bills have been introduced. A total of 231 bills have passed the Senate; 216 bills have passed the House. Forty-four bills have passed both houses and completed legislative action. The Governor has signed 25 bills. Signed bills include:

- HB 3220 Restrictions on Taxpayer funded lobbying
- HB 3303 Relating to clarifying the process of filling vacancies on ballots
- HB 4060 Repealing outdated sections of code relating to health

As we begin the final week of the regular session, both houses have amended the Governor's introduced budget. The Senate amended and passed SB 250; the House Finance Committee passed the House version - Committee Substitute for HB 4023 and will be up for passage early this week in the House.

If tradition holds true to

recent practice, the House version will be amended into SB 250 and returned to the Senate for concurrence, whereupon they will refuse to agree, and the differences will be worked out between the two finance chairs before a final vote on the agreed-to budget bill some time late this week. Still, one never knows when a major policy disagreement on the budget, bills held hostage in either house, or some other glitch between the House and Senate derails what has become the usual procedure since 2015. I still prefer the conference committee process where there is more open access and input into changes in the budget prior to a final vote.

The House passed a bill that may have major financial benefits to county government last week with the passage of **House Bill 4497**. The bill includes provision of a separate bill I co-sponsored (HB 4424) in the Select Committee on Prisons and Jails that places a freeze on the per diem amount counties are

charged for housing inmates in the regional jails. It is now in the Senate. If the bill fails to pass, counties will be hit with a substantial per diem increase on July 1. The bill freezes the rate at the current \$48.25 per day for one year.

Even if the freeze passes and is signed by the Governor, the current per diem rate is eating up an ever-increasing percentage of county budgets. A dedicated revenue stream; a better handle on inmate medical expenses as required by the courts; and the need for better compensation for correctional officers and administrative staff are all needed to make the system fiscally stable and fully staffed for the short and long term.

A bill that received substantial debate last week dealt with the number of magistrates in our judicial system. The purpose of the introduced version of **HB 2910** is to set a population threshold for adjusting magistrates, based on the U.S. Census figures every 10 years, but keeping a minimum of two magistrates for each county, regardless of population.

It is undeniable that some of the recent West Virginia population shifts have increased the need for more magistrates in the few growth counties - the eastern panhandle and the

Monongalia County area. Likewise, with the need for having 24/7 access to magistrates in each county, a minimum of two per county is needed to ensure someone is on-call to avoid delays, respond to emergencies, and address the multiple duties assigned to magistrate court by the judicial branch.

However, a proposed amendment last week would have raised the numbers in some counties but would have reduced the number from two to one magistrate in eleven counties, including Gilmer, Calhoun, and Clay counties. Fortunately, the amendment failed, thereby preserving at least two per county. Unfortunately, a second amendment was adopted that could potentially force some magistrates to "float" and cover one or more counties as the Supreme Court would dictate.

The third vote was for passage. To preserve full and timely access to magistrate court in all 55 counties, I voted against the amendments and the bill. Hopefully the Senate will not take up the bill, or they will strip out the portions other than to increase magistrates in the growth counties as the need exists. A better solution would be to continue to use retired "senior status"

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sure my acceptance,” she said. In addition to her weightlifting, Lunceford spends “eight to 10 hours a week” conditioning because she is also striving for an honor ribbon.

Explaining why she will enroll in the Air Force instead of entering college, this young woman gave two reasons. “I chose the military to get college paid for, and I want to travel.”

In addition to all of this activity, Lunceford enjoys spending time with her friends and family and watching her little sister Laytynn. Her activities at the high school include working on the yearbook and membership in HOSTA, the health care organization. In her third year of healthcare classes, she especially enjoys the clinical classes this term and noted that she may pursue the health care route in the military. She is especially interested in aerospace service.

Not surprisingly, Lunceford’s favorite class is health care, and her favorite teacher is Linda Brooks, the health care instructor. “Mrs. Brooks has helped me a lot growing as a person and taught me a lot [in her classes],” she noted.

Happy to be back in school instead of suffering in distance learning, Lunceford explained that she missed taking some college classes during her junior year because of regulation changes. She is taking some college classes this year.

However, what makes the biggest impact on her with returning to school is “being with my friends and being able to meet new people.”

Kendra Lunceford’s dedication to whatever task she undertakes such as preparing for basic training definitely illustrates her attitude: “Whenever I do anything, I don’t do it just to participate; I do it to win.”

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metal, some iron, some other metals.”

He continued to explain that the original rifles had patch boxes that held the balls. “You

have to shoot undersize balls in all deer rifles because you can’t force regular size down the muzzle.”

Currently, Moore owns seven flintlock rifles, including a shotgun which he uses to shoot grouse and turkeys. For the shotgun, the shooter puts the powder in, then adds wadding followed by the shot and fiber card. “This load is built right in the barrel,” he explained.

This flintlock expert still builds about two rifles a year, and the price he charges depends on what the customer wants. The cost for one of his rifles ranges from \$1,200 to \$3,000. Those on which he carves and engraves are the most expensive.

Moore added an interesting note about his rifles. He actually cut the tree the stocks are made of 25 years ago. The wood is sugar maple, and he cured it 20 years in his barn loft. He explained that he chose sugar maple because of the curl it contains. “It makes a prettier stock,” he said. To finish the stock, he stains it with different kinds of stains, then finishes with a coat of sealer.”

Kenneth Moore not only builds and hunts with flintlock rifles. He loves to shoot and said he “got into shooting competitions with these guns and still competes.” Last June he even won a national championship.

He belongs to a national muzzle-loading rifle association which has a 500-acre range in Indiana, “all just for shooting.” This organization holds the national championship competition.

Locally, Moore says the WV muzzle-loading association holds meets, and there are some informal meets “where members get together and see who is the best shooter.” Kenneth Moore loves them all. He’s truly a flintlock fan.

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and qualification. Although efforts have begun to plan for their departure from duties at the facilities, their assistance has been greatly appreciated.

CEO, Louis Roe, says, “I am very appreciative to have the support from the National Guard and our entire team looks forward to working with them.

Their assistance comes as a sigh of relief during one of the most difficult times our country and our medical care community has ever experienced. I am also very appreciative of our healthcare team at both facilities. They have been and continue to be dedicated and committed. They have done a wonderful job caring for our community, and I am thankful for them and all they’ve done through the entire pandemic.”

Both Braxton and Summersville hospitals will have regular evaluations to determine if there is an ongoing need for Guard members, and ensure they are continuing to meet the healthcare needs and provide quality care to the community.

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Summersville who will work with Autotronix to provide additional police equipment at a total cost of \$44,409 each for three vehicles. Melvin Gum made a motion to approve the purchase.

After a brief discussion, a motion by Larry Clifton set April 16 at 10:00 a.m. as the date for a surplus auction for the county. That same motion authorized the rental of a storefront building on Main Street, Sutton that was previously used by the Town of Sutton for their auction to host the event and store the surplus inventory.

The Commission reviewed and accepted a letter of resignation from Connie Given. The position will be posted internally.

The Commission approved a bid from GST of Fairmont for a Cisco Router and 3-year SmartNet renewal at a cost of \$967.70. A separate motion authorized the purchase of a new computer system from the same company for the Commission’s office.

The Commission reviewed a quote of \$2,500 to update the County’s employee handbook and bring it into compliance with state code from Wendy E. Graves an attorney in Charleston.

The Commission reviewed and passed an ordinance authorizing fire departments to charge for reasonable reimbursement rates for equipment, supplies and manpower used in some emergency situations.

A motion by Melvin Gum approved the county and EMS invoices for payment.

Following a review Larry Clifton made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commission’s February 18 meeting and the Board of Equalizations minutes for February.

Being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Braxton County Commission will convene at 9:00 a.m. on March 18.

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County Commission has been dedicated to improving public safety, infrastructure and com-

munity life. In the past 5 years, we’ve carefully budgeted and gone from several months past due on the jail bills to currently paying on time. We are working toward purchasing new Ambulances for our local EMS services and police cruisers for the Sheriff’s department. The Exchange waterline extension project I and II have been completed and now working on phase III. Grants have been submitted for: the Holly Gray Sewer extension that will include Holly Gray Park to Laurel Court Go Mart; the Old Rt. 19 waterline extension; and Broadband expansion. As budgets allow, we continue to support the public libraries, Holly Gray Park, community buildings, and local organizations such as Mid State Archers, Braxton County Fair, Burnsville Freedom Festival, and Landmark Studio for the Arts.

As your Braxton County Commission

Board lifts mask mandate  
*Begins search for new superintendent*

The Braxton County Board of Education conducted their most recent meeting on Tuesday, March 1. Board member Evelyn Post acted as chair of the meeting as Board President DeAnna Whipkey and board member Dolores Wright were only available through TEAMS and not in person. Two major topics highlighted the meeting. The Board has lifted the mask mandate for students and teachers. Superintendent Kathy Hypes announced that she would not request a contact extension resulting in the Board beginning a search for her replacement.

The meeting opened with Mindy Mussano, asking the board to remove the universal mask mandate.

Superintendent Hypes spoke briefly on the recent changes in the guidelines release by the WVDE and the state health department. Face coverings are at the county board discretion and the new guidance does not mention universal masking. She also discussed the changes released by CDC.

The three school nurses, Morgan Dennison, Courtenay Smith, and Stephanie Moore all reported the number of positive covid cases has dropped significantly in the last month in all of the schools. Stephanie Moore also provided board members an update of the number of students vaccinated based on the WV DHHR website. On a motion by Dr. Kenna Seal with a second by DeAnna Whipkey, the board approved to allow masks optional effective immediately and to continue with mitigating efforts including positive students and staff to wear mask if they return for the six to ten day time frame as required by the CDC.

At the end of meeting Superintendent Kathy Hypes read a letter stat-

President, I’ve gained valuable experience and have worked to make Braxton County a better place. I have worked hard to find solutions for the problems that we face and to move Braxton County forward. I’ve been a proven leader during the Covid pandemic. I have attended numerous meetings concerning the allocation of the American Rescue Plan. I will continue to help identify the best solutions to benefit Braxton County residents. I am ready to continue to serve Braxton County honestly, fairly and professionally. Your last day to register to vote is April 19, 2022.

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magistrates to fill vacancies or in areas where short-term caseload increases exist.

Finally, sometimes the hardest and most important work in the Legislature is not what

you get passed, but the bad bills you are able to keep from landing on the Governor’s desk. The list is always long, and as the session draws to a close at midnight this Saturday night, I’ll be watching the bills that pass, and working to delay or kill the proposals that are detrimental to central West Virginia.

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.

tions were approved by the board: employment of 2022 summer teachers for K-12 core instruction, enrichment/activity, and credit recovery as needed, contingent on number of students-Laura Allen, Heather Arnold, Rebecca DeNuzzo, Trisha Gregory, Lindsay Harman, Faith Harper, Kathryn Singleton, Erica Toler, Kelsie Tonkin, Dawn Ward, Sue Ann White, Tina Knight, Jennifer Miller, Alice Smith, Ethan Backus, Melinda Devilleneuve, Anita Lambert, Joshua Porto, Shawn Crow, Sharon Desper, Jami Hefner, Susan Kearns, Patricia Gillespie, and Marinda Locke; Cory Stout, substitute teacher, Lori Ferrel, instructional tutor, Little Birch, Johnna Cable, instructional tutor, Davis, Emily Oates, substitute aide, Robert Mitchell, bus operator, Robert Lloyd, head track coach, BCHS, Lee Given, \$1 assistant softball coach, BCMS, and Cody Dobbins, \$1 assistant baseball coach, BCHS; leave of absence for Patrick Facemire; and resignations for Katrina Dennison, fifth grade teacher, Frametown and Nathan Smarr, athletic director, BCHS.

The board also approved the following items on separate motions: fundraisers; parent volunteers for Davis-Karla Conrad, Daisy Thomas, and Leo Thomas; parent volunteers for Little Birch-Beth Snodgrass, Amy Jamison, Donna Harper, and Jerry Rose; permission to post ESY (Extended School Year-Special Education) teacher; and permission to post two part-time positions funded through Step 21 Project: Division of Rehabilitation Service-Transition Program Coordinator and Extended Day Transition Program Specialist.

Superintendent Hypes reviewed the first reading of the new Braxton County Board of Education Policy 3125: Extra-Duty Assignments-Service Personnel. Currently no policy is in place that outlines what is considered extra-duty or extra-curricular and the pay rates for each. The new policy used input from the county’s service personnel and is based on WV Code.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 15 at 6:00 pm. As always, members of the Braxton County community are encouraged to attend regular board meetings.



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Spaghetti Dinner Benefit  
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Proceeds to replace the Central WV Outreach Center Warehouse Roof  
**When: Saturday, March 12, 2022**  
**Where: At the Warehouse**  
**Serving from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm**  
**Menu: Spaghetti, Meat Balls, Garlic Bread, Dessert & Refreshments**  
**Dinners by Donation**  
**Take out available**  
**Warehouse open 9:00 am to 6:00 pm**

New Arrivals:

- New Load: Butcher Block Counter Tops Beech & Acacia
- 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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Attention Candidates:  
*Final week for submissions!*

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. Subissions received after this date will not be published.**

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.**





# OBITUARIES

## Nelva Orlean Squires

Nelva Orlean Squires, 94, of Sutton, WV passed away on March 2, 2022 at Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown, WV. She resided most of her life in Flatwoods, WV. Nelva was born on October 23, 1927 in Sutton, WV to parents Isaac and Alice Frame Gregory. She was preceded in death by her parents; Husband: Richard Harold Squires; Sons: Richard Allen Squires and Roger Leo Squires; Brothers: Hugh, Harley, Albert, Austin and Dana Gregory; Sisters: Retha Spaur, Hatty Gillespie, Mae Harris, Marjorie Bickle, and Evelyn Davis; Son-in-law Brant Butcher.

Nelva was a devout Christian and attended Stone Run United Methodist Church. She enjoyed quilting and was a member of the Onward Homemakers Club. Nelva loved to cook and worked as a substitute cook for the Braxton County Board of Education.

Those left to cherish her memories are Son: Tim Squires (Peggy), Daughter: Linda Butcher; Grandchildren: Connie Squires, Stuart Squires and Lisa Mitchell; Great Granddaughter: Katie Mitchell, Daughter-in-law: Dorothy Squires.

Service were held on Saturday, March 5, 2022, at 1:00 pm at Stockert Funeral Home & Cremation, Flatwoods, WV. Friends called two hours prior to the service from 11:00-1:00 pm. Pastor Ryan Skidmore officiated the service. Interment followed the service at High Knob Cemetery.

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

## Waunita Mae Fisher Brown

Waunita Mae Fisher Brown age 85 of Weston, formerly of Hacker Valley passed away Friday, February 25, 2022. Waunita was born May 15, 1936 on Lower Lick Run and was the daughter of the late Lester and

Fanny Moats Fisher. Along with her parents she was also preceded in death by her loving husband, Clarence Brown; two sisters, Dessie Anderson and Joan Simmons; brother, Buck Fisher; son-in-law Herb Bender; and grandson, James Bender, Sr.

Waunita was a Christian by faith. She enjoyed crafts, flowers, going to church, attending gospel sings and most of all loved spending time with her family.

Surviving are her children; Leonard (Susan) Brown of Cleveland, Betty Bender of Belington, Susan (Leon) McKinney of Craigs-ville, Harvey (Veronica) Brown of Weston, Nelson (Bobbie Jo) Brown of Crawford and Gary (Cyndy) Brown of Cleveland; adopted daughter, Kathy Ellis; 21 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson; sisters, Mable Hamrick and Hazel Fisher; brother, Sonny (Marilyn) Fisher; many nieces, nephews and extended family members who will truly miss her.

Service was 1:00 PM, Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at Dodd and Reed Funeral Home Webster Springs with her son in law, Pastor Leon McKinney officiating. Burial followed at Ware Cemetery, Hacker Valley.

Friends joined the family for visitation 6 -9 PM Monday 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 Brown family.

## 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 was 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)

## John Kline Shaffer “Pap”

John Kline Shaffer “Pap”, 74, was born October 10, 1947 in Wanaeta, Point Mountain, Webster County, WV to the late Harold and Alma Shaffer. John was a man of faith and went to be with his Heavenly Father on February 25, 2022.

In addition to his parents, John was preceded in death by his sisters Betty Tucker and Wanda McCloud.

John is survived by his loving wife of 35 years, Nancy L. Shaffer of Bergoo; his sons, John K. Shaffer Jr. “JJ” and his fiancé Peggy of Tunnelton and Donnie Shaffer and Ashley of Bergoo; step-daughters Tonja and Jerry Hamrick of Bergoo Road in Webster Springs and Missy and George Hartsell of Arthurdale; step-sons, Terry and Kerrie Knotts and Gary and Cathy Knotts, both of Kingwood, and Will and Alesia Lake of PA; special foster sons, Michael, Liam, and Noah McCourt, all of Webster Springs; siblings, Joy and Don Drew, Don and Janet Shaffer, Rachel and Butch Zinn, Alan Shaffer, Steve and Beverly Shaffer, and two others; and many extended family and friends.

John was lovingly known as Pap and Papa John by his 20 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren, with one on the way.

John moved back to Webster County in 2006 where he and Nancy opened Pap’s Sport Shop. For these 16 years he has lovingly served the community of Webster Springs. He had a passion to help the community and often did so by giving graciously and never expected any payment in return. He was truly loved by many customers and friends and they all called him Pap. Pap’s store was much more than a sport shop.

At any given day you could find a gathering of men or women talking about God. Pap loved the Lord and he shared that love freely with any and all that would listen. Pap loved everyone and he had in his heart a special place for Melvin Green of Webster Springs who helped him at the store.

John “Pap” Shaffer will be missed by the community of Webster Springs. Thank you for supporting the store and our family all of these years.

Pap, tell Bill Triplett it’s my birthday! Love, your #1 daughter.

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

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

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

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of John Kline Shaffer Sr., please visit our floral store.

## Carolyn Sue (Hoover) Maul

Carolyn Sue (Hoover) Maul, 65, of Craigsville passed away at a unexpectedly at her home on Friday, February 25, 2022.

Sue was born on April 10, 1956 in Richwood, and raised in Cowen until she was 13. She then moved with her family to Tampa, FL where she resided for 46 years. She returned in 2015 to reunite with her high school sweetheart.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Russell and Kathleen Hoover; grandson, Kristopher Maul; and sister, Debbie Paugh.

She is survived by her husband and sweetheart, Otis “Glen” Maul of Craigsville; the light of her life, her grandson, Dakota “Cody” Bassett; her children: Timothy Sargent (Dee), Theresa Bassett (Adam), Kerstin Delawder, and Terry Maul (Robin); grandchildren: Sarah Tall-erito, Andrue Maul, Kaitlyn Combs, Kaylana Combs, Kameron Maul, Khloey Maul, Renee Good, Tonya Delawder, and Brandi Delawder; siblings and siblings-in-law: Gidget Canada (Teddy), Sherry Lynn, Anna Paugh, Rosemary Balencia, Roger Maul, David Maul, and Douglas Maul; close friends, Jennifer Seabolt and Amy Hamrick (Brett); and many nieces, nephews, and friends who loved her, and whom will miss her dearly.

A memorial service was scheduled for 5PM, Sunday, March 6, 2022, at Adams-Reed Funeral Home, Cowen. Friends joined the family for visitation two hours prior to service time at the Funeral Home.

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 Maul family.

## Charles David Rose Sr.

Charles David Rose Sr., 90, of Birch River passed away on Friday, March 4, 2022 at Webster Nursing Home in Cowen, WV.

He was born December 28, 1931 to the late Lanty Clarence

Rose and Mary Marcel Jackson Rose, in Little Birch, WV. He is also preceded in death by brothers, Ray and Gale Rose, sister, Audrey Thayer

Charles was a Christian by faith attending Rose Hill Methodist Church. He was a former timber man and farmer. Charles enjoyed cards, checkers, farming, wrestling, and was a loving husband and father.

He leaves behind his wife of 61, Ada Irene Rose, sons Charles “Charley” Rose Jr. of Charles-ton, James “Jim” Rose (Cindy) of Sutton, daughter, Priscilla Jamison (Rodney) of Birch River, brothers, Gene Rose and Tom Rose, sisters, Patti, Caron, Sharron, Judy, and Clara Mae, and his cherished dog Lucy

Graveside services were held at 3:00 pm on Sunday March 6, 2022 at Rose Hill Cemetery, Erbacon Road, Birch River, WV with speaker Johnny Long and Pastor Rodney Jamison officiating.

Greene-Robertson Funeral Home, Sutton is honored to be serving the Rose family.

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

## Shirley Ann Miller Flint

Shirley Ann Miller Flint, 75, of Gassaway, passed away at home

surrounded by her family on Saturday, February 26, 2022.

She was born January 28, 1947 in Gassaway to the late Clarence and Daisy Wood Miller.

In addition to her parents she is preceded in death by her grandson, Ethen Tyler Flint; sisters, Emily Woods, Caroline Wilson, and Melida Mick.

Shirley’s family was her pride and joy and she loved them unconditionally. She raised three of her own children while helping her husband run and operate their family owned construction company and several other successful businesses. Shirley was an artist that delved into different mediums of art. Her oil paintings were displayed and sold in art galleries and her crochet work won many awards. She enjoyed planting and harvesting her garden in her backyard. Shirley was a member of Gassaway Baptist Church. Friends became family along the way at Shirley’s house. Her beautiful smile and her love of laughter and fun are sure to be missed. She was a special matriarch who leaves behind a wonderful legacy.

Left to remember her memories are her husband of 57+ years, Roger Flint; sons, Rob Flint and wife, Melinda, Jamie Flint and wife, Katie; daughter, Lori Pritt and husband, Rodney; grandchildren, Montana Hoover and husband, Ethan, Christian Pritt and wife, Beth, Tessa Pritt, Hailey Flint, Raegan Flint, Aubree Flint, Drew Pritt, and Jesse Flint; great-grandchildren, Grai Herron and Lincoln

Arnold; sisters, Kay Thorne and Marilyn Miller; brother, Danny Miller; and several nieces and nephews.

In keeping with her wishes she will be cremated.

Her memorial service was 1 P.M. Thursday, March 3, 2022 at Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway with Reverend Johnny Conrad officiating.

A gathering of family and friends was one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial donations be made to Gassaway Baptist Church, P.O. Box 128, Gassaway, WV 26624.

Shirley’s family would like to thank Eden Maack, Sam Frame, Aubree and Raegan Flint for coming to her home to care for her. Special thanks to WV Caring for their compassionate care.

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

## Elsie Faye Shreves

Elsie Faye Shreves, 82, of Gassaway, formerly of Clarksburg, passed away on Friday, January 28, 2022 at Braxton Health Center, Sutton.

She was born in Roane County on July 26, 1939 to the late James Isaiah Martin and Vernie Wagner Martin.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, Arlos Leon Shreves and twin sister, Delcie Lipscomb.

Elsie worked in Harrison County at the Senior Center and at the Bicoounty Nutritional Center as a cook. When she lived in Clarksburg she attended the Upper Room Church, Adamston, but most recently she was a member of the Mid State Church of God, Gassaway. She loved church. In her spare time she did puzzle books and watched gospel programs on TV. She will be missed.

Left to cherish her memories are her sons, Bill Shreves and wife, Jeanette, of Frametown and David Shreves and wife, Vanessa, of Shinnston; grandson, William Lee Shreves of Gassaway; sister in law, Cindy Bender, of Heaters; niece, Becky Sawitski and husband, Gary, of Grafton; and nephews, Daniel Lipscomb and fiancée, Makeiska Harris, of Grafton, Eric Linger of Exchange, and Joshua Linger and wife, Rachel, of Exchange.

In keeping with Elsie’s wishes she was cremated.

Elsie’s memorial service will be 12 Noon Saturday, March 12, 2022 at Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway with Pastor Rodney England officiating.

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

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial donations be made to Mid State Church of God, PO Box 157, Gassaway, WV 26624.

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.

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Braxton County Senior Center March food menu

Attention all Seniors 60 and over! Come join friends for a warm meal Monday - Friday: 11:00 am - 12:30pm. Grab and go meals continue to be available Monday - Friday: 11:00 am - 12:30pm. Menu subject to change due to food availability. 2% milk served with each meal. Tuesday 8 Pork Chop, Scalloped Potatoes, Beets, Dinner Roll, Fruit. Wednesday 9 Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Pease, Dinner Roll, Fruit. Thursday 10, Sloppy Joe, Coleslaw, Tater Tots, Fruit. Friday 11 Pepperoni Roll, Tomato Soup with Cheese, Crackers, Fruit. Monday, 14 Hamburger Steak with Onion, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Spinach Casserole, Dinner Roll, Fruit. Tuesday 15 Tuna Salad on Lettuce, Pasta with Peas, Mixed Vegetables, Fruit. Wednesday 16 Hotdog with Chili, Tater Tots, Coleslaw, Fruit. Thursday 17 Saint Patrick's Day Leprechaun Lasagna, Green Leafy Salad, Golden Garlic Bread, Lucky Lime Jell-O. Friday 18 Chicken Ala King, Rice, Dinner Roll, Fruit. Monday 21 Chicken Alfredo, Broccoli, Garlic Break, Fruit. Tuesday 22 Pork Riblet on Bun, Sweet Potato, Fries. Coleslaw, Fruit. Wednesday 23 Breakfast Bake, Hash Browns, Biscuit, Spiced Apples, Juice. Thursday 24 Spaghetti with Meatballs, Garden Salad, Garlic Bread, Fruit. Friday 25 Pinto Beans, Asparagus, Cornbread, Fruit. Monday 28 Chili, Sweet Potatoes, Crackers, Fruit. Tuesday 29 Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Dinner Roll, Pea Salad, Fruit. Wednesday 30 Pot Roast, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Glazed Carrots, Dinner Roll, Fruit. Thursday 31 Bean Soup, Corn Bread, Stewed Tomatoes, Fruit.

## BC Local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting

Please be advised that the regular meeting of the Braxton Cuntly Local Emergency Planning committee is scheduled on Tuesday, March 8th at 12:00 P.M. at Luzaders 3 Girls Diner Restuarnt. If you have any questions regarding this meeting, please feel free to email at braxton-lepc@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 disabilities. If you have a hearing impairment and need assistance plea, call WV Relay 7-1-1.

## 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?

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

## 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>.

## "The Journey"

It is called "The Journey" of Hope and Restoration, these studies are through the "Living Free" program curriculum. These studies are done in a small group setting that meets each Monday at 6:00 pm. The lesson that we are currently studying is "Coping with Losses of Life". This is a biblically-based study and everyone is welcome to participate. We serve food at 5:30 PM each Monday at 602 Elk Street, Gassaway, WV. We have many areas that we are able to minister to others as well such as the areas of destructive behaviors, harmful emotions, negative attitudes, unhealthy relationships, and substance abuse. To register or if you have questions you can call Pastor Eric Veltre at 304-689-0000.

## Friday night indoor 3D shoot

Friday night Indoor 3D Shoot - 15 animals (shoot twice) - Doors open @ 6PM - Beef Chili and Cornbread available @ 6:30 - Shoot starts @ 7PM till ?. Mid State Archers 2415 Airport Rd. Questions - call Ronald 304.542.4353.

## Indoor Archery at night

Mid-State Archers is now opening on Tuesday nights for indoor target archery from 6-9pm, 2415 Airport Rd. For more information call 304.542.4353.

## SJRC Mobile Outpatient Clinics come to BC

St. Joseph Recovery Center is bringing Substance Abuse and Mental Health Treatment to West Virginia Coun-

ties with our Mobile Outpatient Clinics. The Mobile Clinics will offer the same experienced, professional staff and comprehensive treatment that is available at our main office in Summersville, West Virginia. St. Joseph Recovery Center has a 12 bed Residential Unit and a 12 bed Detox Unit for men and women providing direct access for clients from the Mobile Units to receive a higher level of care if needed. The Mobile Outpatient Clinic will be in Braxton County every Tuesday from 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. located at the Encore A Thrift Store at 229 River Street Gassaway, WV 26624. Services include: Professional Therapy, Medical Evaluation, Medication Management, Medication -Assisted Treatment (Suboxone and Vivitrol), Peer Recovery Support Services, Full-Service Laboratory On Board, Observed and Confirmed UDS, Same Day Appointments as available, Access to All Levels of Care, and Coordination of Care. No referral needed, walk-ins welcomed! For more information please contact P.R.S.S Tabitha Saye at (681)326-6866, Outreach Coordinator Russell Barrett at (304)481-4829, or call the main office at (304)362-0295.

## Sutton Public Library Create to Donate

Don't forget that our Create to Donate drop-in class has restarted! Join us every Thursday from 12:30-2:30pm. All the materials are provided, just show up! No previous experience required.

## Burnsville Public Library Board of Trustees meetings

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# COMMUNITY CORNER



Melinda Francis of West Virginia Department of Education, Office of Child Nutrition, visited Davis Elementary School to present a microgreens tasting.



Davis Elementary Health and PE teacher, Michele Winemiller with Melinda Francis.



Gassaway Mayor Richard Roach with Davis Elementary Principal Mrs. Minney.

## Davis Elementary School participates in microgreens taste testing with WVDoE

Davis Elementary School collaborates with Melinda Francis from the West Virginia Department of Education, Office of Child Nutrition for a microgreens taste testing.

Students had an opportunity to taste test radish and sunflower microgreens. Gassaway Mayor Richard Roach visited the school and partici-

pated in the microgreens taste testing with Davis Elementary Principal Mrs. Minney, and Davis Elementary Health and PE teacher, Michele Winemiller.

## WIC introduces additional flexibilities amid powdered infant formula recall

West Virginia's Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) within the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources' Bureau for Public Health is announcing additional flexibilities for WIC participants following the recent recall of powdered infant formula manufactured at Abbott Nutrition's facility in Sturgis, Michigan.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced an investigation into four complaints of infant illness related to products produced at the Sturgis, Michigan, facility from September 6, 2021 to December 18, 2021. Abbott issued a voluntary recall of powdered infant formula from Similac, Alimentum or EleCare and one lot of Similac PM 60/40.

If a WIC customer purchased baby formula included in the recall with WIC benefits, the product may be returned to the store where it was purchased for an exchange for the same product (not included in the recall), a liquid form of formula, a different size container

or a different brand. Each store establishes their own return policy. WIC participants may contact their local WIC clinic if there are difficulties with store exchange.

An additional waiver granted from the USDA Nutrition Services allows flexibility in addressing the options of available formulas, expanding the brands of baby formula allowed for purchase with WIC benefits without the need for medical documentation. In addition to Similac, WV WIC will offer Enfamil and Gerber products as well as store private labels for a period of time. If a child has a special need for hypoallergenic formula, a medical prescription is still required.

"The West Virginia WIC Program applauds the retailer community's quick response during the pandemic-related nationwide supply chain issues that have been exacerbated by this recall," said Heidi Staats, Director of the Office of Nutrition Services. "Likewise, WIC Nutritionists are strongly discouraging parents from feeding their infants homemade formula while diligently sharing alternatives to

recalled products and techniques for transitioning formula."

Additional information on the infant formula recall is available on the WV WIC website. To find a WIC clinic, visit <https://dhhr.wv.gov/WIC/Pages/Clinic-Search.aspx>.

For more information: FDA Announcement, FDA Advisory, FDA Infant Formula Safety, FDA Salmonella (Salmonellosis), CDC Cronobacter Infection and Infants, Abbott's Press Release, Abbott's Recall Information Site, Abbott's Consumer Hotline: 1-800-986-8540

Frequently Asked Questions WIC provides pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum women, infants, and children up to age 5 with nutritious, supplemental foods. The program also provides nutrition and breastfeeding education and referrals to health and social services. WV WIC builds its public health nutrition services from the backbone of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

The WIC program continues to offer virtual certification and benefit issuance, as well as virtual nutrition services and breastfeeding education.

## In-Person Food Handler Training March 28

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>.

# PAT'S CHAT By: PAT RIDPATH



I pray daily, often it is for my children. As I have said before, I love what Isaiah says in the 49th chapter of his book, verse 29, "I will contend with him who contends with you, and I will save your children." NKJV. Ellen White wrote many letters, books, columns, and articles inspired by God. I had a Methodist pastor tell me that he got many of his sermons from her book, Desire of Ages. Following is something she wrote to a missionary whom she called Colporter Harper. (Colporter is the title given to missionaries who sold books):

God's promises to save our children "From the time of the fall.....every prayer

has been recorded in the record books. Never has one soul's longing been passed by unheeded. Parents have pleaded for the conversion of their children and children have prayed for their parents.....and although the ones prayed for may never be conscious of the fact, a connection was made between heaven and earth and the needy ones were within the circle.

Heaven always responds to the call of a soul. It is pledged to do so and will fulfill the promise, so the prayers which are ascending DAILY are as sure to be answered as the truth is sure that God's throne is eternal.

Angels are rearranging environments, changing circumstances, weaving about disinterested souls a network of influence which

will one day lead to a SURRENDER. God never enforces Himself on a single life, but there is one way to connect a man to heaven in spite of himself and that way is through PRAYER. Those who offered the prayer may be Quiet in death, but the prayers are lodged on heaven's altar and will be answered before the censor is thrown down."

Ellen G. White to Colporter Harper "The last mediatorial work of CHRIST before laying aside His priest's Robe is to present the Prayers of Parents for their children. And I saw a mighty angel set out and thousands of children will remember their training and be brought BACK before probation closes." Review and Herald" 1890. Maranatha

# COUNTY STORIES By: JEANETTE RIFFLE

## Finally, A Warm Sunday

The weather for some reason was worse on weekends the whole winter. It seemed to have set a pattern. I had begun to wonder if that pattern was ever going to break. It was nice and sunny last Sunday, but was only in the 20's when I stuck my head out the back door. My sinus trouble and arthritis won't take cold temperatures anymore. The cold goes right to the bones. Anyway, I was really surprised when I opened the back door this morning and it was so warm. It was also windy. I told Mr. R. that something was blowing up out there. He said that it was supposed to rain. We just got a few light sprinkles and that one went on, so I got ready and went back to Drive- In Church. He goes inside to run the sound system. It was

good to get back as I have been house bound a lot this winter.

There were 56 people present at Rosedale Baptist this morning. Most went inside but some of us chose to tune into 101.9 FM and listen to the service. I put my window down and heard spring peepers and I heard birds singing. We have the woods frogs here in the ditch across the road. The peepers start their chorus later. One of my nephews was here this week and he asked what that noise was over there. We hadn't heard them before either until we moved here. The first time we heard that loud, low pitched croaking, we thought it was a bunch of wild turkeys fighting up on the hill. All we had ever heard was peepers, tree frogs, and

bull frogs. I remember taking our granddaughter over there when she was little, so she could see the frogs and we both were surprised to see how tiny those things are. To make so much noise, we were expecting to find big frogs.

Our new addition at church is coming along quite well. I will get a picture when it is completed. It will give us upstairs bathrooms, more class rooms and the overflow in the basement with church dinners, can go up to the addition. That way we won't be so crowded.

Until next time, everyone continue to be safe and stay well. Gilm-er Co. is doing good. We see in the paper where the number of Covid cases is coming down. Lets keep it that way. Eventually, it will die out.

Take care, God bless, and may the Good Lord keep you in his care.

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

## Magistrate Beth Smith's Court

March 1: Kenny D. Bush of Burnsville, violation of domestic violence protective order x3, warrant issued, bond set at \$5000 cash or surety; Amber N. Dyer of Sutton, driving revoked for DUI-2nd offense, warrant issued, bond set at \$3000 personal recognizance; Cheryl Ann Wine of Burnsville, assault, battery, warrant issued, bond set at \$1800 personal recognizance; Lance Tyler Culverhouse of Flatwoods, DUI, guilty plea, leaving the scene, dismissed per plea, 30 days of jail, suspended and placed on six month unsupervised probation, fine/court costs assessed; Bradley S. Belcher of Gassaway, battery, dismissed, victim does not wish to pursue charge; Fnu Mohibullah, Rockwall, TX, fleeing from officer, dismissed, obstructing an officer x4, dismissed, officer does not want to pursue charges; Melissa Sue Thompson of Gassaway, petit larceny, warrant issued, bond set at \$7500 cash or surety.

## Magistrate David Singleton's Court

February 26: Lamar Edward James of Carolina, trespassing, public intoxication, littering, obstructing an officer, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$3000 cash or surety; Orville Martin Wilson, Jr. of Sutton, harassing communications by cell phone, warrant issued, bond set at \$1500 cash, surety or 10% to the court. March 1: Christina Marie Abel of Flatwoods, possession of meth, guilty plea, possession of hydrocodone, dismissed per plea, unlawful taking of vehicle, dismissed per plea, 90

fine/court costs/resti-tution assessed; Brittany Jo Stalnaker of Roanoke, domestic battery, dismissed, destruction of property, dismissed, victim does not wish to pursue charges.

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March 1: Christina Marie Abel of Flatwoods, possession of meth, guilty plea, possession of hydrocodone, dismissed per plea, unlawful taking of vehicle, dismissed per plea, 90

days of jail with credit for time served of ten days, remainder suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation.

March 2: Wanda Lou Justice of Burnsville, obstructing an officer, disorderly conduct, possession of marijuana, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$1500 cash or surety.

March 3: Dale Lee Cayton of Sutton, strangulation, warrant issued, bond set at \$10,000 cash or surety; Kenneth S. McNeil of Sutton, DUI, guilty plea, 30 days of jail with credit for time served of two days, remainder suspended and placed on seven months, fine/court costs assessed.

March 5: Billie D. Belknap, Jr. of Flatwoods, possession of meth, possession of marijuana, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$2000 cash or surety.

## Engel Chapel Community Church host Revival

There will be a revival at the Engel Chapel Community Church in Gassaway, March 24-26 at 7:00 pm nightly. Thursday night

Dennis Estes will bring the message and the Harper Boys will be singing.

On Friday night,

Markco Pritt will bring the message and the Hanna Family will be singing.

For Saturday night, Jared Harper will be preaching and the Face-mire Family will be the singers.

Everyone is welcome to come out for a night of praise and prayer.



**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
lons 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

**LEGAL NOTICE**

IN THE MATTER OF THE  
CHANGE OF NAME OF Payton  
Louise Webb  
CASE NO. 22-P-8

This notice that we will, on the 18th day of April, 2022 at 1:45 pm, or as soon thereafter as the matter of the Petition may be heard, before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Braxton County, West Virginia, at his office in the Court of said County for the change of name of Payton Louise Webb to the name of Payton Louise Blankenship.

Leslie Marie Blankenship  
Petitioner 3-8 3-15p

**NOTICE**

The Town of Burnsville will be offering for sale by public auction a 2006 Ford F550 V10 Triton truck with a 10ft steel dump bed with 22,227 miles. Also for sale will be an Airflow Stainless Steel 8' Salt/Sand spreader. Equipment will be sold as is and the seller can reject any bids. Equipment can be viewed at 106 Municipal St., Burnsville or call 304-853-2605 for more information. Link will be active for bidding starting 3/21/22 and ending 3/30/22 https://www.govdeals.com/TOB 3-8 3-15b

**TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE**

The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in him by that certain Deed of Trust, dated January 14, 2020, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Braxton County, West Virginia, in Document No. 2020000219, in Book No. 255, at Page 351, Lewis Adrion did convey unto Gregory A. Tucker, Trustee(s), certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; and the beneficiary has elected to appoint Seneca Trustees, Inc., as Substitute Trustee; and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by United Bank to foreclose thereunder, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Braxton County Courthouse in Sutton, West Virginia, on March 31, 2022 at 12:30 PM the following described real estate, together with its improvements, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in 01 - Birch District, Braxton County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows: ...all that certain tract or parcel of real estate, together with any buildings or improvements thereon, rights and rights of way incidental thereto, and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in Birch District, Braxton County, West Virginia, more particularly bounded and described as follows, to-wit: BEGINNING at a stake, a corner in original line on the North side of W. Va. Route No. 4, and on the East side of Mill Creek; thence running with three lines of said tract No. 1, N. 50 W. 30 poles N. 40 E. 14 poles to a beech (called for, now gone) N 45 W. 13 1/3 poles to a stake; thence leaving said original line and running around the hill, S. 27 W. 19 poles to a yellow line on a large rock; thence down the hill, S. 49 E. 3 poles to the center of Mill Creek; thence down said creek S. 16 E. 12 poles S. 68 E. poles and S. 13 E. 6 poles to the head of a culvert and the right of way line of said W. Va. Route No. 4, thence with said road right-of-way line N. 89 E. 6 poles to the place of beginning, and containing two (2) acres, more or less.

Being the same real estate conveyed to Lewis Robert Adrion by James T. Keener and Linda K. Keener, husband and wife, by deed dated November 8, 2019 and to be recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Braxton County, West Virginia, simultaneously with this instrument.

This deed of trust is made subject to the same exceptions, reservations, conditions, restrictions and

**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

Total Amount Payable to Sheriff – cashier check, money order, certified or personal check must be made payable to The Honorable Louis Dellamea, Sheriff of Braxton County.-\$1156.52

You may redeem at any time before 4/6/2022 by paying the above total less any unearned interest. Given under my hand 2/8/2022 G. Russell Rollyson Jr. Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands of Braxton County, State of West Virginia

Please return this letter and payment to the West Virginia State Auditor's Office, County Collections Division, 1900 Kanawha Blvd East, Building 1, Room W-118 Charleston, West Virginia, 25305 Questions please call 1-888-509-6568 3-1 3-15b

**NOTICE OF REDEMPTION**

Cert No. 044877 George Jarrell and Joanna Groves  
To: CHARLES W KEETON, CHARLES W KEETON-REGULAR MAIL, MICHAEL KEETON, MICHAEL KEETON-REGULAR MAIL, SAMUEL T KEETON, SAMUEL T KEETON-REGULAR MAIL, MICHAEL KEETON-SECRETARY OF STATE, SAMUEL T KEETON-SECRETARY OF STATE, REGINA DUFFIELD, REGINA DUFFIELD-REGULAR MAIL, JENNIFER BRITT, JENNIFER BRITT-REGULAR MAIL, JENNIFER BRITT-SECRETARY OF STATE, ESTATE OF JAMES W WHITE,, 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 GASSAWY 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:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to 4/6/2022 \$1747.49

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. \$1270.19

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

Total Amount Payable to Sheriff – cashier check, money order, certified or personal check must be made payable to The Honorable Louis Dellamea, Sheriff of Braxton County.-\$3017.68

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**NOTICE OF REDEMPTION**

Cert No. 044878 George Jarrell and Joanna Groves  
To: CHARLES W KEETON, CHARLES W KEETON-REGULAR MAIL, MICHAEL KEETON, MICHAEL KEETON-REGULAR MAIL, SAMUEL T KEETON, SAMUEL T KEETON-REGULAR MAIL, MICHAEL KEETON-SECRETARY OF STATE, SAMUEL T KEETON-SECRETARY OF STATE, REGINA DUFFIELD, REGINA DUFFIELD-REGULAR MAIL, JENNIFER BRITT, JENNIFER BRITT-REGULAR MAIL, JENNIFER BRITT-SECRETARY OF STATE, ESTATE OF JAMES W WHITE,, 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 GASSAWY MAP 8 PARCEL 0069 00006001

You will take notice that George Jarrell and Joanna Groves, the purchaser of the following real estate, Certification No. 044878, 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:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to 4/6/2022 \$2775.41

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. \$1270.19

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

Total Amount Payable to Sheriff – cashier check, money order, certified or personal check must be made payable to The Honorable Louis Dellamea, Sheriff of Braxton County.-\$4045.60

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**NOTICE OF REDEMPTION**

Cert No. 044879 George Jarrell and Joanna Groves  
To: CHARLES W KEETON, CHARLES W KEETON-REGULAR MAIL, MICHAEL KEETON, MICHAEL KEETON-REGULAR MAIL, SAMUEL T KEETON, SAMUEL T KEETON-REGULAR MAIL, MICHAEL KEETON-SECRETARY OF STATE, SAMUEL T KEETON-SECRETARY OF STATE, REGINA DUFFIELD, REGINA DUFFIELD-REGULAR MAIL, JENNIFER BRITT, JENNIFER BRITT-REGULAR MAIL, JENNIFER BRITT-SECRETARY OF STATE, ESTATE OF JAMES W WHITE,, 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 GASSAWY MAP 8 PARCEL 0070 00000000

You will take notice that George Jarrell and Joanna Groves, the purchaser of the following real estate, Certification No. 044879, located in GASSAWAY District, ALL OF 17 & P/O LOT 16 BLK 11 100X37.5X62X25X38X12.5 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:

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

\$331.89

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. \$1270.19

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

Total Amount Payable to Sheriff – cashier check, money order, certified or personal check must be made payable to The Honorable Louis Dellamea, Sheriff of Braxton County.-\$1602.08

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**NOTICE OF REDEMPTION**

Cert No. 044943 H3 LLC  
To: , RIDLER KUMJA LIFE, RIDLER KUMJA LIFE-REGULAR MAIL, GUY JEAN-PIERRE, GUY JEAN-PIERRE-REGULAR MAIL, SHELIA JEAN-PIERRE, SHELIA JEAN-PIERRE-REGULAR MAIL, GUY RIDDLER, GUY RIDDLER-REGULAR MAIL, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE-REGULAR MAIL, KUMJA RIDLER, GUY JEAN-PIERRE RIDLER, SHELIA RIDLER, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE RE: LIEN 6/711, 6/712 & 9/591 OR HEIRS AT LAW, DEVISEES, CREDITORS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, TRUSTEES, ATTORNEY IN FACT, REPRESENTATIVES, SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS, CO-OWNERS, OCCUPANT, OTHER PARTIES HAVING AN UNDIVIDED INTEREST IN THE DELIQUENT PROPERTY AND OTHER PARTIES THAT MAY HAVE ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all unknown heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT SALT LICK MAP 9999 PARCEL 0125 01600000

You will take notice that H3 LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, Certification No. 044943, located in SALT LICK District, 66AC COG SALT LICK, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of

Please turn to LEGALS page 10



New local  
Drop-off and Pick-up  
Location in Sutton

501 Main Street Sutton, WV

Monday Drop-off & Pick-up

Dry Cleaning

Pants	8.95
Skirt	8.95
Coats/Blazers	8.95
Suit	17.90
Dress	17.90
Blouse/Shirt	8.90
Sweater	9.50
Heavy Coat (Hip Length)	19.75
Heavy Coat (Long)	22.75

Wash & Fold

Shirts	3.55
Pants (Extra Heavy Starch + 1.00)	9.40
Wash and Fold	2.05 Per Pound (10.25 minimum charge)

Laundry

Comforter (Full/Queen)	36.50
Comforter (King)	41.50
Quilt	23.00
(Down Filled + 5.00)	

Extra charge for silks, beads, leather trim, down filled, etc.



Quilts & Comforters



# Little Birch Elementary celebrates i-Ready growth

Little Birch Elementary School is especially proud of their Pirates who work hard to improve in reading in math. Over the past five weeks, the following students have demonstrated growth on i-Ready:

**\*Most improvement Kindergarten/ 1st Grade:** \*Owen Jamison, Maddox Martin, Hayden Morrison, Denzil Shingler , Clayton Utt, Mason Bragg, Jasmine Evans, Lucas Hall, Annie McCourt, \*Thaddeus Sartin, \*Marlee Schrader, Kaiden Sears , Arden Snodgrass,

**2nd Grade/3rd Grade:** Mackenzie Morrison, Averie Rose, \*Michael Stout, Daisy Williams , \*Layla King, \*T.J. Markle, Violet Williams

**4th Grade:** \*Austin Armentrout, Austin Brooks, Aiden Dorse, Marionna George, Brenna Hoard, Brayden Rose, Romey Rose, Sechaniah Rose

**5th Grade:** Gracie Coffman-Dennison, Destani Edgell, Maddison Frame, Lydia Gerwig, Alyssa Goodrich, \*Kyia Hermison, Shyann Jenkins, Jeremiah Morrison, Cole Payne, Colton Putnam.



Kindergarten & 1st Grade photo L to R: Thaddeus Sartin, Maddox Martin, Clayton Utt, Kaiden Sears, Mason Bragg, Owen Jamison, Annie McCourt, and Marlee Schrader (not pictured: Bethany George & Hayden Morrison)



Second Grade photo L to R: James Bragg, Jasmine Sartin, Mackenzie Morrison, Averie Rose, Daisy Williams, and Levi Jamison



Third Grade photo L to R: Layla King, Allison Marks, Annabelle Robinson, Liam Lynch, David Bragg, and Violet Williams (not pictured: Kristopher Mace & Elizabeth Reynolds)



Fourth Grade photo L to R: Addisynn McCombs, Aiden Dorsey, Austin Brooks, and Brenna Hoard (not pictured: Brayden Rose, Romey Rose, & Marionna George)



Fifth Grade photo L to R back row: Cole Salisbury, Maddison Marks, Lydia Gerwig, Colton Putnam, Cole Payne Front row: Wyatt Stackhouse, Ethan Rose, Hunter Sartin (not pictured: Shyann Jenkins & Alyssa Goodrich)

# Judy's Garden Club winter and early spring activities

Even though there were no scheduled meetings for Judy's Garden Club, Appalachian District, during January and February members were involved with behind the scenes paperwork. The focus of this paperwork was the Native Plant Garden near the Sutton Dam. Several of JGC members are also members of the Braxton/Clay Master Gardener group where the Native Plant Garden was suggested for the Extension Master Gardener Demonstration Garden Award. Six of these dual membership gardeners compiled information and photos to complete and submit to the Master Gardener application. News on the award will be shared at a future date. The Native Plant Garden has been an ongoing project with the Sutton Corps of Engineers since early 2020. It is composed of native plants/pollinators, identifying markers and a meandering rock path throughout. The garden was established as a site to draw visitors to the area and demonstrate the importance of native plants/pollinators during their garden visit.

The Native Plant Garden was also the recipient of the NGC Plant America Grant in early 2021. JGC submitted the award application and was awarded \$1,000 to enhance the features at the garden! The grant monies have been spent on placing identifying plant markers and ordering native plants to accompany the original plants donated to the garden. The final grant purchases were decided by a JGC Committee. The purchases involve providing educational features promoting the impor-



Marker created by Judy's Garden Club member, Tina Hopkins. View it at one of the garden projects.

tance of native plants/pollinators as habitats and food sources for local insects and songbirds. It will be exciting to experience the portable banner highlighting pollinator information, the white-board and brochures which will add to visitors' understanding of pollinators during demonstrations and talks hosted by Judy's Garden Club. The Native Plant Garden provides the perfect backdrop for these educational talks or self-exploration by the public when visiting the area perhaps prior to entering a nearby trailhead when hiking.

One of JGC annual events is the distribution of pine tree seedlings to the fourth grade students of Braxton County which will take place in late March with members volunteering to discuss proper planting procedures and the seedlings' importance to the environment with the students.

Several Judy's Garden Club members are planning to attend the WVGC Conference at Canaan in early April where a business meeting, workshop sessions and Awards presentation will be held.

May 7 will be the local flower swap where JGC member and Braxton/Clay Master Gardener, Marian Agostino, will present a delightful program on "Hydrangeas".

The next meeting of JGC will be Saturday, March 12, at the Braxton Highschool Greenhouse as the members are anxious to view the newest addition to the Agriculture program! At the meeting, members will be discussing spring projects at the Sutton Dam, GR Freeman Campground, Sutton garden spots, and upcoming events. Information is available at the Sutton Library about Judy's Garden Club or by calling 304-765-7873 with questions.



Friends of the SPL gear up for their annual peanut butter egg sale.

# Sutton Public Library prepares for Annual peanut butter egg sale

Spring is coming and the Friends of the Sutton Public Library are preparing for their annual peanut butter egg sale. This is a yearly fundraiser which pays for the utilities at the library and also supports programming. This dedicated group spends hundreds of hours making 1/2 pound, chocolate covered, decorated peanut butter eggs for Easter. The group has been making these eggs for over 20 years, but have finally come to a point they have avoided for as long as possible.

The time has come to raise the price to \$6 per egg, a decision which did not come easily. The price of ingredients rose substantially this year and the group did not want to sacrifice quality to keep the price the same. The goal of making and selling 1,500 eggs has not changed since it takes that many to meet the demand in the community. The making process will start on March 14th and some eggs will be ready to sell on March 18th. So don't delay, you may call the library at 304-765-7224

now to place your orders or order through any of the Friends of the Library members. The peanut butter eggs will stay fresh for at least two months and do not need to be refrigerated.

Also, if you would like to donate money for the ingredients, any amount is appreciated. Donations may be left at the library or sent in the mail to Sutton Public Library, 500 Main Street, Sutton, WV 26601. Please mark your donation for peanut butter eggs. Your support for this annual program is greatly appreciated.

# City National Bank offices collect donations for Just One Generation Cat Rescue

City National Bank offices in Flatwoods, Sutton, and Gassaway are accepting donations for Just One Generation Cat Rescue

The items needed to include are foster homes, litter boxes, scoops, water/food bowls, litter, Purina Complete Cat Chow, Purina Nurture Kitten Chow and again, foster homes.

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



Donations for Just One Generation will be accepted at CNB locations until April 2nd.



### LBE students celebrate Read Across America Day

Read Across America Day was established in 1998 by the National Education Association to foster a love of reading among children. The day also coincides with the birthday of children's author Dr. Seuss. In honor of Read Across America Day, students at LBE celebrated all week by reading to Principal Wine and participating in spirit week activities sponsored by school counselor Brandon Hines.

"Listening to the students read was the highlight of each day. I had forgotten how funny most children's books are and looked forward students introducing me to new authors, titles, and characters during our read aloud time. Several students brought chapter books that they had been reading, so they practiced summary skills to catch me up before reading the next chapter. It was wonderful to laugh with students as they read about at the antics presented in their books. I hope students will continue visit the office to read on a frequent basis." Said Principal Wine

Students at LBE are continually encouraged to read. Principal Wine

awards positive Dojo points to students who make time to read to the principal or complete a one-pager assignment that is similar to a book report. Students also earn Pizza Hut pizza certificates for meeting the class reading goal each month.

LBE Read Across America Day Readers:

Allison Marks read Mrs. Dole is Out of Control.

Liam Lynch read Diary of a Wimpy Kid Wrecking Ball.

Layla King read Miss Mary is Scary.

Nevaeh Tinnel read What's That Mittens?.

Levi Jamison read Dog Man Grime and Punishment.

Gabe McCourt read Captain Underpants and the Attack of the Talking Toilets.

Daisy Williams read Silly Pig.

Brayden Rose read Hercules and the Golden Apples.

Bentley Reynolds read The Magic School Bus Rides the Wind.

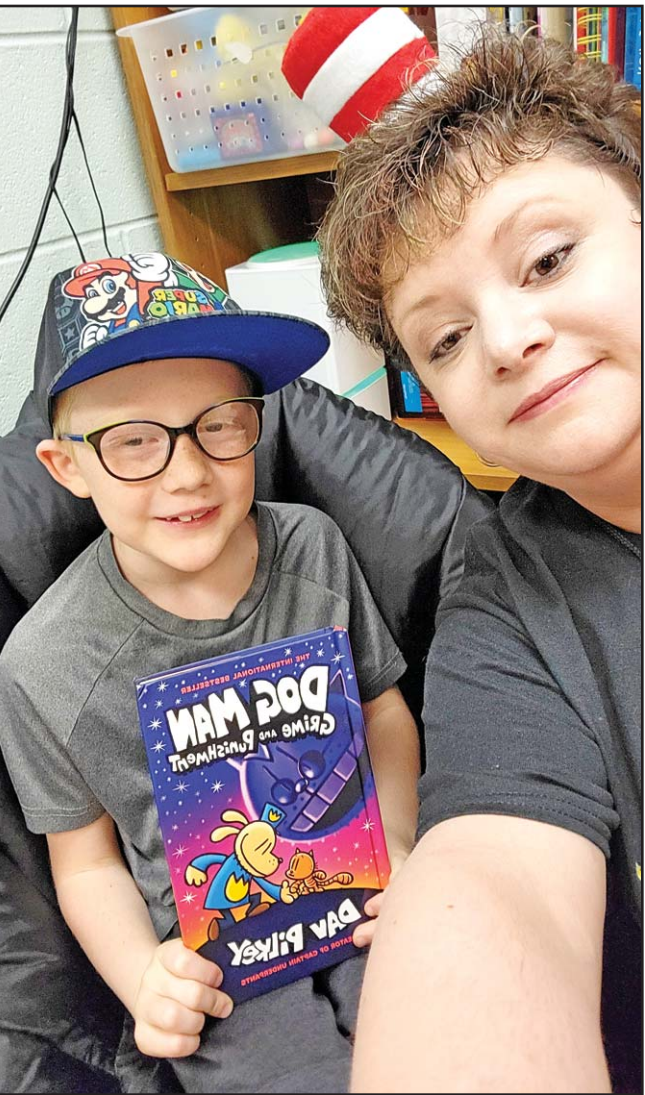
Maddison Marks read The Mouse and the Motorcycle.

Annabelle Robinson read Bad Kitty Meets the Baby.

Averie Rose read Follow Me, Mittens.



Front Row L to R: Nevaeh Tinnel, Allison Marks, Annabelle Robinson, Gabe McCourt, Bentley Reynolds, & Levi Jamison Back Row L to R - Maddison Marks, Averie Rose, Dr. Wine, Layla King, & Liam Lynch



Levi Jamison read Dog Man Grime and Punishment with Dr. Wine.



Staci Lynch, Layla King, & Dr. Wine read Miss Mary is Scary during Read Across America Day.



Maddison Marks read The Mouse and the Motorcycle with Dr. Wine.



Daisy Williams read Silly Pig to Dr. Wine during Read Across America Day.



Nevaeh Tinnel read What's That Mittens for Read Across America Day.



Gabe McCourt read Captain Underpants and the Attack of the Talking Toilets with Dr. Wine.

### Little Birch hosts 2022 Spring Flower Swap

Little Birch Elementary School will host their Annual Spring Flower Swap on May 7th from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. at Little Birch Elementary.

Three rules to follow while attending the event are 1. Bring at least one plant or as many as you want. 2. Do not exchange money. 3. Do not start exchanging plans until 9:00 A.M.

New for this year there will be a 10:00 A.M. class on Hydrangeas presented by Marian Agostino, Master Gardener of Clay County and Braxton County, also a member of Judy's Garden Club.

For questions and additional information, please contact Sue at (304) 678-9670 or Barb at (304) 765-2049.



## Fairmont State University to host Spring Maroon & White Visitation Day

Fairmont State University will host future Falcons on campus during Maroon & White Day on Saturday, April 9. The spring visitation day provides the opportunity for both traditional and non-traditional prospective students and their families to explore the University's offerings.

"We support our students throughout their entire college journey, from their first visit to graduation and beyond," said Fairmont State University President, Mirta M. Martin. "We are thrilled to continue hosting future Falcons, their friends and their families on campus at our Maroon & White visitation day to provide answers to the big questions they may have about going to college, like how to pay for school and what to major in. They'll also get inside information firsthand from the people who know best and work tirelessly to ensure

their success – our dedicated teacher-mentors and our caring staff."

Maroon & White Day will kick off with an opening session at 10 a.m. From there, students will be divided into six groups according to their areas of interest or major. Academic showcases from the University's five colleges will be hosted by faculty throughout the day, while staff will provide informational sessions on topics including financial aid, housing, student services, among others. Students will also tour different areas of campus including classrooms, laboratories and residence halls.

"We encourage all students interested in attending Fairmont State to join us for Maroon & White Day on April 9," said Fairmont State University Vice President for Student Success, Ken Fettig. "This event affords us the opportunity to pro-

vide prospective students a glimpse into life on campus as a Falcon, while meeting one-on-one with our caring teacher-mentors and knowledgeable staff."

To register or learn more, visit [www.fairmontstate.edu/MWVisitation](http://www.fairmontstate.edu/MWVisitation). For those unable to attend on April 9, other visitation options are available at [www.fairmontstate.edu/visit](http://www.fairmontstate.edu/visit).

Fairmont State University's cozy, tree-filled hilltop campus is located in Fairmont, along the state's growing high technology corridor. Fairmont State is a comprehensive, student-centered, state-supported institution offering 41 degree programs and over 90 programs of study in the arts and sciences, engineering and technology, teacher education, nursing and business administration. The institution is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association.

## Jeff James to Present at Glenville State University Little Kanawha reading series event

As part of the ongoing Little Kanawha Reading Series, Glenville State University will play host to Jeff James as he kicks off the series with the first event of the Spring 2022 semester.

James will give a literary reading on Wednesday, March 23 at 6:00 p.m. at Glenville State University's Robert F. Kidd Library.

The event is free and open to the public. Seating is limited at the event and masks are encouraged, but not required. The event may also be viewed via live stream on GSU's YouTube channel on

March 23.

A native of Glenville, West Virginia, James holds a Master of Science degree from West Virginia University in Labor Relations. His lifelong interest in diversity, inclusion, and innovation led him to co-found Create West Virginia, a nonprofit initiative to advance innovative economic opportunities in his home state. His father, John James, is a Professor Emeritus at Glenville State.

James authored a book in 2020 titled, Giving Up Whiteness: One Man's Journey. In the book, he leads

readers on an intimate, humble, and disorienting investigation of what it means to be white in 21st century America.

The Little Kanawha Reading Series is a collaboration between the GSU Departments of Language and Literature and Social Science and the Robert F. Kidd Library. Its purpose is to provide a showcase for a diversity of literary forms and voices in order to acknowledge and enrich the cultural heritage of Appalachia and the communities around the Little Kanawha River.

## Four-Star ratings from CMS Nursing Home Compare program in February update

Five American Medical Facilities Management (AMFM) centers have received a Five-Star Rating from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Nursing Home Compare program for February 2022. Four-Star ratings were awarded to six additional AMFM centers.

A Five-Star rating is the highest rating possible a skilled nursing facility (SNF) can receive. The ratings are calculated from a facility's state survey results, quality measures and staffing levels. A star rating is provided for each of these sources. Then these ratings are combined to calculate

an overall rating.

The following have received a Five-Star Rating: Webster Nursing & Rehabilitation Center

E. A. Hawse Nursing & Rehabilitation Center

McDowell Nursing & Rehabilitation Center

Clay Health Care Center

Bridgeport Health Care Center

Lincoln, Wayne, Fayette, Summers Nursing & Rehabilitation Centers (N&RC), and Hillcrest and Greenbrier Health Care Centers (HCC) received a Four-Star rating. Cameron, Clarksburg and Wyoming N&RCs, and Cabell and Taylor HCCs

received a Three-Star Rating.

AMFM operates 19 skilled nursing and rehabilitation centers throughout West Virginia. The care centers are located in Braxton, Boone, Cabell, Clay, Fayette, Hardy, Harrison (Clarksburg & Bridgeport), Greenbrier, Lincoln, Mason, Marshall, McDowell, Mercer, Summers, Taylor, Wayne, Webster, and Wyoming counties.

AMFM's mission is "to exemplify excellence in quality care to our customers by providing an environment that enhances personal growth, individuality, dignity and respect."

## THIS WEEK IN WEST VIRGINIA HISTORY

The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia at [www.wvencyclopedia.org](http://www.wvencyclopedia.org).

March 11, 1847: Boone County was formed from parts of Logan, Kanawha, and Cabell counties and named for Daniel Boone.

March 11, 1848: Putnam County was formed from portions of Kanawha, Mason, and Cabell. The new county was named in honor of Gen. Israel Putnam, who commanded the Continental Army at Bunker Hill.

March 11, 1856: Roane County was created from parts of Kanawha, Jackson, and Gilmer counties. The new county was named for Judge Spencer Roane, a son-in-law of Patrick Henry.

March 9, 1832: George Robert Latham was born. At the onset of the Civil War, Latham turned his Grafton law office into a recruiting station, and he led the first Union troops in north-central West Virginia.

March 12, 1850: Wheeling Hospital was chartered. During the Civil War, the institution was used as a general military hospital. The Sisters of Saint Joseph were hired as army nurses, treating wounded Union and Confederate soldiers side by side.

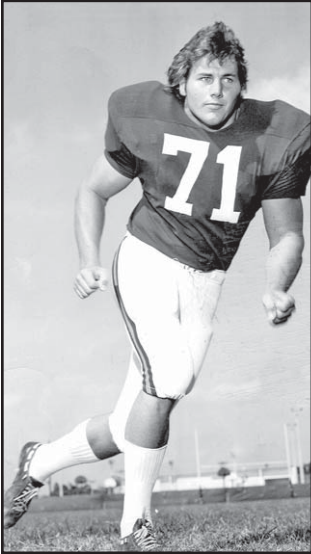
March 13, 2002: Herbalist and folk doctor Catfish Gray died in Huntington. Gray was known for his vast knowledge of traditional plant lore and for

the 34th state to ratify the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which guaranteed the right of women to vote.

March 14, 1931: Noting the interest in the annual reunion of Carnifex Ferry battle veterans, the legislature created the Carnifex Ferry Battlefield Park Commission.



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March 9, 1953: Football player Dennis Harrah was born in South Charleston. Harrah played in 168 games and one Super Bowl before retiring from the NFL.

March 10, 1920: West Virginia became



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## LEGALS

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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. \$1172.99 Additional Statutory Fees with Interest to 4/6/2022. \$0.00 Total Amount Payable to Sheriff – cashier check, money order, certified or personal check must be made payable to The Honorable Louis Dellamea, Sheriff of Braxton County. -\$1533.49 You may redeem at any time before 4/6/2022 by paying the above total less any unearned interest. Given under my hand 2/8/2022. G. Russell Rollyson Jr. Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands of Braxton County, State of West Virginia Please return this letter and payment to the West Virginia State Auditor's Office, County Collections Division, 1900 Kanawha Blvd East, Building 1, Room W-118 Charleston, West Virginia, 25305 Questions please call 1-888-509-6568 3-1 3-15b

**NOTICE**  
The Town of Sutton is taking bids for a Licensed Electrician. Contact Robin at City Hall 304-765-5581. The Town of Sutton has the right to refuse any and all bids. All bids must be submitted by Friday, March 11, 2022. 03-01-03-08

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# SPORTS

Reporting Braxton County's sports action

- Youth
- Middle School
- High School

## Braxton Eagles beat Clay, lose to South Harrison

*Clay victory marks Coach Josh Lunceford's 100th career win*

Playing at Clay Thursday night, Braxton outscored the Panthers 51-41, and Coach Josh Lunceford picked up his 100th win.

After explaining that Braxton won every quarter in that game, Coach Lunceford said, "This was the best executed game plan the kids had all year. They took good shots, smart shots." The coach went on to comment that the Eagles were 15 of 21 from the free throw line and had only 10 turnovers.

In the win over Clay, four Braxton players scored in double figures. William Forbush and Mason Abraham each put in 15 points. D.J. Coombs added 14, and Beau Liston 10.

Lane Morrow scored 3, and Matthias Garavaglia 2.

In spite of Braxton's strong comeback effort in the sectional championship game at South Harrison, the Hawks won 67-61. Coach Lunceford, explaining that his team's goal was to try to keep the score low, said that Braxton was down 15-9 at the end of the first quarter and trailed by 9 at half-time.

In the third quarter, Braxton came out flat and scored only 6 points. "Our game plan got blown up," Coach Lunceford noted. "Two minutes into the game, we had to put William Forbush on the bench because of fouls. By the end of the third

quarter, Braxton was down 22, and we were down by as much as 25 at one time in the fourth. Then something clicked."

The Eagles scored 33 points in the fourth quarter, outscoring the Hawks 33-17. That included three 3's from Morrow and two by Forbush. but time ran out before Braxton could close the gap.

Against South Harrison, Coomes led with 20 points, Forbush scored 17, and Morrow 15. Liston, Abraham, and Garavaglia each added 3.

Braxton travels to Moorefield Thursday to try to earn a trip to the state tournament. Moorefield won by 2 over Frankfort in double overtime. Of the upcoming game, Coach Lunceford said simply, "It's a winnable game."

## Lady Eagles lose to Petersburg in regional championship game

*Braxton's only senior leads team's scoring in her last game*

Petersburg won the regional championship with a 69-44 win over Braxton last week. Lady Eagles' coach Bill Lunceford said that his girls "played a great game but had one bad quarter and Petersburg had one really good quarter." He went on to discuss his team during the season. "These young ladies battled all season and improved every night," he said.

Lainey Hunt, Braxton's only senior, scored 17 points to lead her team in the loss to Petersburg. She was also 7 for 9 from the free throw line. Coach Bill Lunceford discussed Hunt's role with the Lady Eagles' team this season. "She has led us on and off the court all season," he said. "Coach Smarr and I couldn't be more proud of her."

Other scoring for Braxton included

Adrian Lunceford with 8 points, Erica Nicholson 8, Bre Smarr 5, Paxton Conley 2, Heidi Payne 2, and Laura Cain 2.

The Braxton coach also looked toward the future for the Lady Eagles. "[Since] Lainey is our only senior, we will be returning everyone and looking for a good group of ladies moving up from the middle school," he said. "We have summer workouts and a summer league in place for the girls to continue to work in the off season."



Josh Grant, WVDE Physical Fitness Coordinator surprised each classroom at SES where students enjoyed a quick exercise.



Students follow along to an exercise video by Josh Grant during PE class.

## WVDE Physical Fitness Coordinator visits Sutton Elementary School

Josh Grant, WVDE Physical Fitness Coordinator visited Sutton Elementary School.

Grant made a surprise visit to each classroom while students were completing a brain break activity.

The students were so excited to see him and loved taking a few minutes out of their day to exercise with Mr. Grant.

### BCMS KNIGHTS

**Sports are now featured in the**

**Braxton Democrat-Central**



Senior Colton Moore finished in second place at the state tournament.



Sophomore Blayne Jarvis took third place home at 138.



Junior Jackson Davis placed in fifth in the State Wrestling Tournament.



Junior Bryce Leegan finished the tournament in fifth place at 182.

## Braxton has four placers in state wrestling tournament

*Colton Moore, 195, leads Eagles with second place finish*

For the third consecutive season, Braxton's wrestling team has placed in the top five among AA teams

in the state wrestling tournament. This year the Eagles placed fifth. Point Pleasant, by a wide margin, was first,

followed by Fairmont Senior, Independence, Herbert Hoover, and Braxton.

Four Braxton wrestlers placed in the tournament. Senior Colton Moore finished second after losing to Sissonville's Tate Britton. This year is the third time Moore placed at states. As a sophomore and again as a junior, he finished fifth.

Blayne Jarvis, a sophomore, finished third at 138. Last year Jarvis placed fourth. Braxton's other two placers were juniors Jackson Davis and Bryce Leegan. Both finished in fifth place. Davis wrestles at 160 and Leegan at 182.

## Braxton County Soccer Club host Annual Spring Bingo

The Braxton County Soccer Club is hosting their Annual Spring Bingo on Saturday, March 12th at 12:00 P.M. at the Sutton Moose Lodge.

Ticket packets of twenty bingo games will be sold at the door for \$20.00 per packet.

Prizes will include: food and support the Coach, Dooney and Bourke, Fossil, and

Born handbags. Craft Baskets, Sports Baskets, Oil Changes and detailing certificates, Massage and beauty gift certificates and more!

Food and refreshments will be available for purchase. Come out and play bingo, eat some

and support the Braxton County Soccer Club.



# Meet a MFB Food Banker

This week the Mountaineer Food Bank is highlighting Dave Reynolds!

Dave is passionate about the work he does serving with Mountaineer Food Bank and what the organization stands for.

Dave serves as a truck driver and is humbled with the opportunity to see firsthand the difference his work makes in the lives of others.

When Dave isn't behind the wheel of a truck, you can find him hunting, four-wheeling, riding his motorcycle or going to church.

Dave is married to his wife Marilyn and is the father of two sons.

Thank you, Dave, for all you do!



Dave Reynolds was chosen as MFB's Food Banker of the week.

## KITTY KORNER: Affordable, Adoptable, Fixed Feline Friends

It happens. In a community with increasing numbers of senior citizens, it is inevitable that some of those caring for pets in their home will face declining health and a need to rehome those pets that have provided love and companionship for them.

This week, Just One Generation would like to feature three two year old cats that are in that situation.

All three have been spayed/neutered, but due to declining health of their caregiver, they need to be rehomed. These cats were born as two litters that arrived in close proximity back in 2020.

They have been indoor/outdoor, but are used to the quiet life. At this time, they are shy around those unfamiliar

to them. But we know that with some time, patience, and love, that they can adapt to a new environment.

These cats are available at no charge to good homes. Anyone interested can contact the owner directly by calling Danny at 304-644-8322.



**Sparks:** Short-haired black male. Neutered.

**Andy:** Medium-haired orange and white



male. Neutered.



**Angel:** Medium-haired gray female. Spayed.

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



**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.



How about these hound dog eyes?! This pretty lady **Dahlia**. She is a four year old female redtick 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.



These 3 handsome dudes are **Sam, Joe and Pete** who are littermates looking for brand new homes. Their momma is a German Shepherd and we can't be sure about the daddy so they are listed as German Shepherd mixes. They are five months old (born July 13th) and will likely mature into big dogs. They have never lived indoors and are learning

to walk on a leash but they are very smart and are learning quickly. These guys love to romp and play with each other and would do well with puppy siblings. They especially love a good tug of war with a rope and some belly scratches. Update: Sam (lightest brindle) has been adopted!



**Rico** is a nine month old male hound who was found stray at around 6 months and fostered until we had available kennel space to bring him into the shelter. He was staying in a home with three other dogs so we know he is dog friendly, playful and sweet with other dogs. He knows sit and no. He loves to ride in the car and play ball! While being fostered he has become completely house trained. He is crate trained and did well in a crate but they hadn't needed to crate him while they weren't home for over a month now because he was a great house guest and well behaved. Rico also respects a wireless collar. He's an overall great

guy! We love him. If you would like to meet Rico stop by during business hours or give us a call to set up a meet and greet!

Braxton County Animal Shelter has been given the opportunity to provide five free dog spay surgery vouchers per month, to low-income Braxton County families. These vouchers may be obtained by completing a Spay Assistance Application, which can be picked up and submitted at the animal shelter during business hours. Vouchers will be good for 30 days. BCAS reserves the right to deny financial assistance for any reason. These free spay surgeries must be scheduled by the voucher recipient at Central WV Animal Hospital. This program has been fully sponsored by our rescue partner Awesome Paws Rescue of Buffalo, NY. This rescue has been an amazing asset to Braxton County for nearly five years, by pulling hundreds of dogs from our county and finding them amazing new forever homes. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts to the folks at Awesome Paws! Spaying female dogs is important because: It helps to reduce pet overpopulation, It can reduce aggression issues, It can reduce the chances of roaming dogs, It can lower the risk of cancer, It can increase lifespan three to five years. Update as of Monday, March 7th the Braxton County Animal Shelter has three vouchers available.

## Town on Burnsville holds February meeting

The Burnsville Town Council held their regular meeting on February 14. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by Recorder, Angela Morgan. Prayer was led by John Verton.

Council members in attendance were Becky Jackson, Tom Crutchfield, John Verton, Steve Wine, Kisha Verton and Angela Morgan. Mayor Paul Bragg was absent. Town employee Pam Wine was also present.

Steve made a motion to approve the minutes and financials, seconded by John motion carried. Steve made a motion to approve the minutes from the work session on January 31, 2022, seconded by John, motion carried. Steve made a motion to approve the minutes from the special meeting on February 7th, seconded by John, motion carried.

Under Communications from the Mayor, the following items were discussed: WV State Auditor, re: 2022-23 budget; WV State Auditor, re: IRP/Public Utility; Braxton Co. Sheriff, re: Property Tax Distribution; and Employment application from Abigail Buheimer.

Discussion was held on getting security cam-

eras for town hall and John said that he would get quotes.

John made a motion to enter into Executive session at 6:20pm, seconded by Steve, motion carried. Regular session resumed at 7:02pm. An interview with the applicant will be set for Monday, February 21st @ 5:00pm for position of police officer. John said that he would like to have decals put on the town vehicles and asked Pam to get quotes. BPUB provided a quote to replace the heaters at the utility in the amount of \$6360.00. After review, council would like them to provide additional quotes.

John made a motion to approve Resolution #4 authorizing payment to E.L. Robinson in the amount of \$18,500 for the sewer rehabilitation project, seconded by Becky, motion carried. Kisha made a motion to sell the Jeep to Tom for \$500.00, seconded by John, motion carried.

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

John made a motion to adjourn at 7:48pm.

The next regular meeting is on February 28th, 2022.

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## Town of Burnsville hosts Annual Spring Clean Up

The Town of Burnsville will host their Annual Spring Clean Up on April 11th through 14th. This service is for Town of Burnsville residents only. Debris will be picked up curbside daily.

For those wishing to haul their own, dumpsters will be located at the Left Fork Recreation-

al area of the Burnsville Dam with an attendance on duty between the hours of 7:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at which time the gate will be closed.

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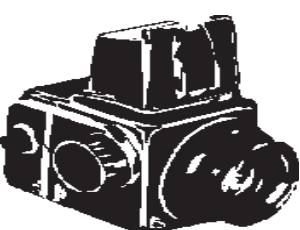
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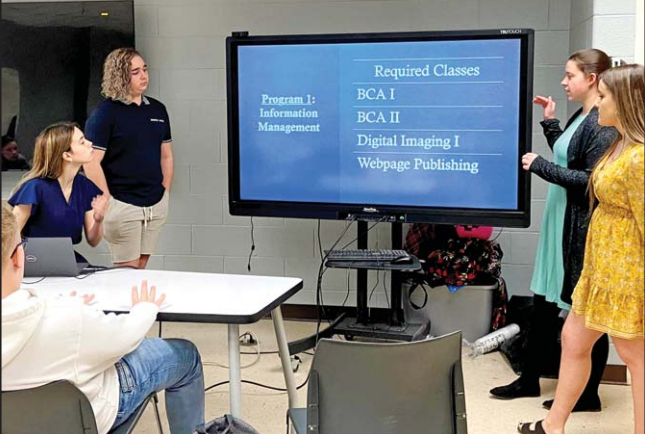
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# A Photographic Look at...

## Recent happenings at Braxton County High School



Eagle Engineering students have been building carnival game prototypes as a culminating project. Students presented their game to a panel of judges who will determine which game goes on to final construction.



Students from Eagle Press (Mrs. Dennison's Simulated Workplace) joined 8th grade students in Career Exploration to talk about the Business Cluster at BCHS. Students learned about FBLA, Photoshop, HTML coding and played some hands-on business games.



Pep Rally Day! In support of National FFA week, winter sports, and wrestlers going to states... BCHS celebrated by introducing athletes, playing games, cheering, and even had pig calling and pie eating contests. The Senior class took home the coveted spirit stick!



Mr. Porto's animal production class has started their unit on animal reproduction. The class participated in a class wide pig uterus dissection. They learned about the internal and external parts, this is the first step before they proceed further into the unit.



CTE student leaders were invited to sit down and have lunch with business leaders and district employees in order to give their perspective on the Portriat of a Graduate project. Thank you to our students and Mr. Greene for taking part and helping to make our future brighter.



Students took the pledge to "Spread the Word to the End the Word" today at BCHS. A campaign to "Disable the Label" filled the halls as the Exceptional Eagles spread the message that the "R" word not only hurts, but is also unacceptable.



"Anything but a backpack day" as part of the FFA spirit week.



Soaring Eagles - Josh Carter, Sydney Lanagan, Avery Harper, and Makaylee Currence. Rising Eagles - Ava Gerwig, Wyatt Pitcock, Gabe Sigman, and Tristan Glover. Perfect Attendance - Allison Katiny. CTE Employee - Ellen Collins. Excellent Eagle Educator- MacKenzie Helmick.



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