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The Regional Champion Braxton County Eagles head to the West Virginia Boys Basketball State Championship in Charleston this Wednesday.

Eagles headed to boys' state basketball tourney

By Shirley Shuman

In last Thursday's regional game, Braxton outscored Moorefield 42-35 to earn a trip to the state tournament. The Eagles' first game of the 2022 tourney will be Wednesday against St. Marys. Game time will be 7:15. This is Braxton's first time for this accomplishment since 2018. That trip, too, was under Coach Josh Lunceford.

Eagles' coach Josh Lunceford commented that the game against Moorefield was low-scoring "because neither team shot very well." Braxton led through most of the game, but Moorefield

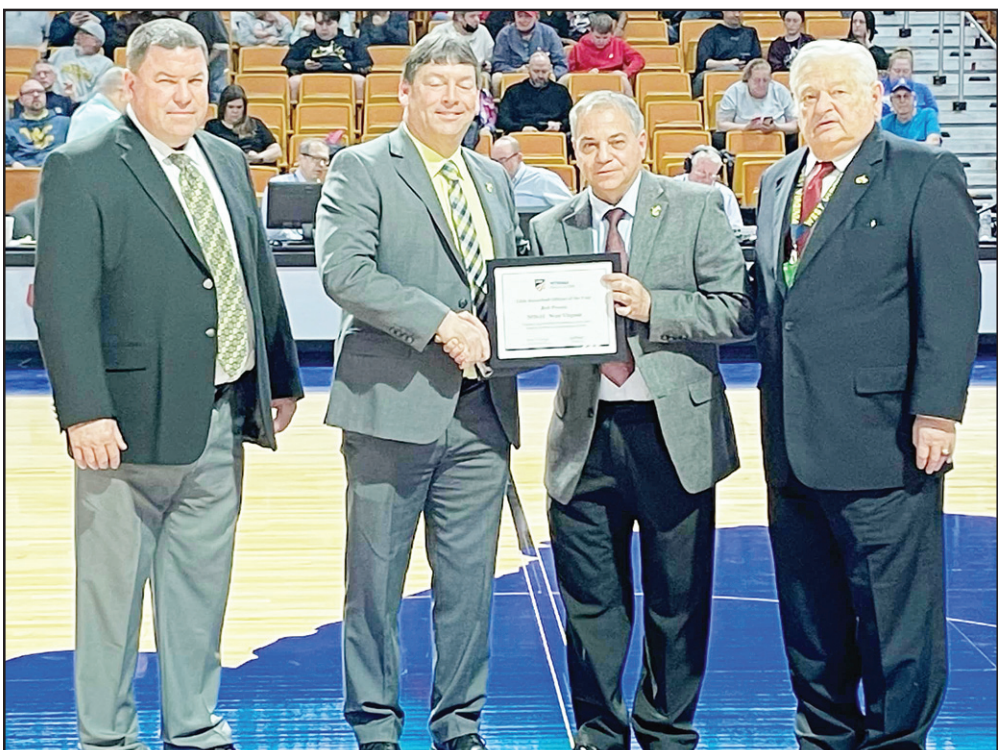
came up to take the lead late in the game. Coach Lunceford explained his team's ability to take the win. "We pressured and forced a bunch of turnovers at the end of the game," he said.

The coach focused on D.J. Coomes' contribution to the win. "D.J. played really well. He had 17 points, and 11 of them came in the fourth quarter. He also played good defense," he said. Coomes had a perfect 11 for 11 performance at the free throw line.

In addition to Coomes' 17 points, Spencer Bosely added 2, Lane Marrow 3, William

Forbush 8, Beau Liston 6, and Mason Abraham 6. "Our whole team played a good game," Coach Lunceford added. "They followed the game plan, played good defense, and rebounded well." The team was 16 for 20 at the line.

Looking forward to Wednesday night's game against St. Mary's, the Eagles' coach described St. Marys as "a really disciplined, well-coached team." He then noted that his team "has been playing a lot better and been following instructions." Coach Lunceford added, "If we play well, we'll be able to compete with them."



Rob Pecora received recognition as the NFHS Girls Basketball Official of 2020-2021 from Greg Reed (center) during the Girls State Tournament. Also shown in the photo is Bernie Dolan (left) and Pat Fragile (right) of the SSAC.

Rob Pecora honored for excellence in basketball officiating

By Shirley Shuman

During halftime at a recent girls' state tournament game, the National Federation of High School Athletics presented Rob Pecora with a plaque naming him NFHS Girls Basketball Official of 2020-2021. Well-known to Braxton Countians for his years of experience in the school system, Pecora has officiated for "28 to 30" years.

The former teacher and coach still officiates both girls' and boys' basketball. His first officiating, he explained, came after he had quit coaching. Still teaching at Flatwoods Elementary School, Pecora made an unusual move as far as officiating was concerned. His first work on the basketball court came in officiating West Virginia conference college games. He explained that he was "one of only a very few basketball officials who were hired for college officiating without ever having experience in working high school games."

Pecora officiated college men's games for the first 12 years, then switched to girls' games for 10 years. For most of that time, he also officiated both boys' and girls' games. Here he explained, "I usually did two or three college games a week, and the rest were high school." Most weeks he worked Monday through Saturday, six games a week. After commenting on the length of some of the trips, he said, "Probably the hardest part of officiating is the traveling." Then he added, "You get used to it."

One of the reasons Pecora enjoys officiating is that he, a former coach, is still involved with athletes. "That's the best part of the job," he said, indicating that the association makes the trips and the late nights worthwhile. He has given up officiating college games, but he currently works "about 60 games a year, four or five a week."

Along with his work as a game official,

Pecora gave much to Braxton County schools. Now retired after 32 years of teaching—all of it in this county, he began at Sutton Middle School, where he was head football coach and assistant basketball coach. When John Carson moved to the high school to coach, Pecora became head basketball coach at SMS. After consolidation, he spent the remainder of his teaching career at Flatwoods Elementary.

Although he is retired, Rob Pecora remains busy. He has had several positions, including manager of the Sutton swimming pool. However, he truly enjoys his current position as bailiff at the Braxton County Court House. "I really enjoy it," he said, "especially since I'm still around people." It also allows him plenty of time to continue his officiating. As a matter of fact, he will officiate in the upcoming WV boys' state basketball tournament.



BCHS students (L to R) Mark Byerly, Wyatt Dennison, and Eliza Keener represented Braxton County in the Regional Math Field Day.

Mark Byerly places 1st in BCHS Math Field Day

By Shirley Shuman

Twenty-three students participated in the 2022 Math Field Day at Braxton County High School Mark Byerly, a sophomore, earned first place in the competition. Administered and scored by science and math instructor Dr. Ethan Backus, this year's event covered two days, Feb. 22 and 24 and was limited to students in grades 9-12. Students who placed in the top 10 will receive trophies at a later Board of Education meeting.

The top 10, beginning with Byerly, included Braxton Bender (10th grade), second place; Eliza Keener (12th grade), third place; Samuel Kennen (12th grade), fourth place; Dalton Hardway (12th grade), fifth place; Bryson Spell (12th grade), sixth place; Heidi Payne (11th grade), seventh place; Madison Fayette, Duffield (11th grade), eighth place; and Wyatt Dennison (10th grade), ninth place, and Dezirae Frazee (11th grade), 10th place.

Byerly, Keener, and Dennison participated in Region 4 Math Field Day held on W V U Tech's campus in Beckley. Dr. Backus explained that these three were the only Braxton placers who chose to compete in the regional event.

Along with Braxton's three students, the competition included students from Dalton Hardway (12th grade), fifth place; Bryson Spell (12th grade), sixth place; Heidi Payne (11th grade), seventh place; Madison Fayette, Duffield (11th grade), eighth place; and Wyatt Dennison (10th grade), ninth place, and Dezirae Frazee (11th grade), 10th place.

Greenbrier, and Nicholas.

Byerly finished fifteenth at the regional competition. As such, he is the fifth alternate for the state math field day.

Sutton Councilwoman Marsha Lloyd resigns

The Sutton Town Council conducted their most recent meeting on March 10.

During the meeting, the council approved to accept the resignation of Marsha Lloyd as council member.

Council unanimously approved Jonathan Crum to fill her position. He will appear before Judge Richard Facemire on Monday, March 14 at 2:30 pm to be sworn in. Jason Boggs will also be sworn in at that time as a town police officer.

Mayor JD Hoover reported that the Municipal Court is now up and running. He also noted the construction of the new secure offices for law enforcement had been completed by S&S

Improvements.

Council members discussed the changes to fees listed in the ordinances. The fees have not been updated since 1989. The new fees are out for public review and comment in the Mayor's office. The new fees will be considered for approved during the March 24 regular meeting. Updating the fees will allow for proper assessment during Municipal Court as court costs set by the state have changed.

Executive Clerk Robin Smith informed council that according to the state auditor's office, the town has to allow credit card payment as an option for fines and court costs. Those fees were added to the new fees out for review.

Steve Facemire up-
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Braxton County High School 2022 Top Ten

Jesse Flint, #9, names interesting classes

By Shirely Shuman

Jesse Flint, son of Jamie and Katie Flint, indicated that he enjoys attending school, but he has found two of his classes really interesting. As his favorite class, he chose Civics. He also greatly appreciated Eagle Experience.

Explaining his reasons for choosing J. D. Drake's Civics class as his favorite, Flint said, "The teacher is good at relating to all of us. The class is also about modern events, what's going on around us." His reasons for liking Eagle Experience, which Chris Locke teaches, is similar. "It's the only class I've had in high school that taught me

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As I See It

By Ed Given



Chaos prevails...

This year's legislative session has concluded and as predicted didn't go really well. I have read several articles after coming to work this morning, but with deadlines looming, I had to cut it short. One thing was common... the final minutes were chaotic to say the least. Brent Boggs' column on this page gives some details, but he agrees that it may be sometime before we actually sort through the material to see exactly what was done.

Also predictable... there is already talk of a special session later in the year much of which will undoubtedly be to fix what was screwed up in the final hours.

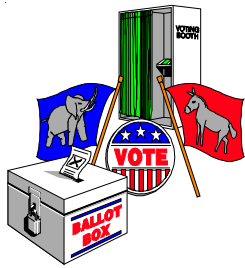
Apparently, it was worse in the Senate than the House but whether they like it or not the leadership of both branches apparently deserving a failing grade in a number of areas.

I read Sunday's Gazette but there was little in the way of hard facts that could be determined and still meet their deadlines for putting out their paper. One article I did find very interesting. A bill that was adopted by the Senate on the second day of the session passed the House on Friday. It will give elected officials a 10% pay hike. I was amazed that nothing was said about the bill, but that is certainly not a new approach regarding such matters. These bills are nearly always kept on the "Q-T" with as little fanfare as possible. Its our taxpayer dollars at work. The lobbying organizations of all these elected officials, Commissioners Association, WV Association of Counties, Clerks Associations etc. all pay dues with taxpayer dollars and this is what the citizens get for their money.

In our county that will result in over \$50,000, taken from the general fund and placed directly into the pockets of elected officials. All of which, can deny responsibility for the action. The Sheriff's basic salary will go to \$55,166 plus the automatic commissions he receives for tax collection. The County and Circuit Clerks will be making \$65,863. The Assessor will go to \$55,166, while the Prosecuting Attorney will be paid \$110,880. Let's not leave out our County Commissioners they will each be making \$43,096 for their part-time work... over a \$4,000 raise. Don't forget, this is on top of a very lucrative benefit package; over 2 weeks of paid holidays, sick time, vacation, retirement etc.

Now I'm not opposed to pay raises in general. We all deserve to make a decent living. I just don't like it being done in a deceiving manner and this is another prime example.

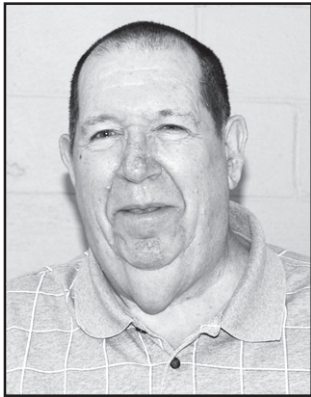
There are provisions that says if the county can't afford the pay raises, they will not go into effect. However, the reality is that will not happen here, particularly with all the COVID money floating around. My concern is the long-term sustainability of the measure. Will these pay raises be a hardship on the county in years to come? Only time will tell...



Meet the Candidates...

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Facemire seeks seat on County Commission



I am Ronald L. (Ron) Facemire. I am a candidate for Braxton County Commission. I was a

Braxton County Commissioner from 2013 thru 2018. After leaving office, I have served on different boards in the county. I am now on the Holly Gray Park Board, The Economic Development Authority Board, the CAEZ Board in Clay representing Braxton County, and the Little Kanawha Parkway Board.

Within the CAEZ and the Economic Development Authority, we have worked to

open the Rail Trails and the Elk River Trail for recreation. Working on the Holly Gray Park Board, we have kept the park open and did improvements even though the past two years with COVID, there has not been much money coming in. We are working to get grants and income to improve the park.

If elected, I will work hard with all of the people in Braxton County to make Braxton a better place to work, live and enjoy. Your vote and support will be greatly appreciated.

From our readers

New internet service available...

Hi Ed,
Maryetta Ables here. I'm wondering if your readers would care to know starlink is available to this area now, I installed today, speed tests running between 160 - 300Mbps.

Maryetta Ables
Sutton, WV

Let's generate energy here...

Dear Editor

Last week, Senator Joe Manchin called on the Biden administration to ban crude oil imports from Russia in a push toward energy independence. In his words:

"The entire world is watching as Vladimir Putin uses energy as a weapon in an attempt to extort and coerce our European allies.... The United States can and must ramp up domestic energy production and increase access to our abundant resources and technologies to both protect our energy independence and support our allies around the globe."

Senator Manchin is exactly right. As geopolitical tensions rise and energy prices continue to climb higher, the world is looking to America for energy leadership and stability. Instead, the administration continues to restrict access to America's oil and natural gas resources, and legal and regulatory uncertainty is weakening U.S. production and endangering our national security. Most pressing, our current offshore leasing program is set to expire on July 1, and the Biden administration is well behind

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Just look at this!

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



Braxton County Middle School Student Council teamed up with the local Moose Club, Lodge #825, to organize a fundraiser for Novalee Bennett to help with expenses due to recent medical treatments. The joint effort raised \$800 to be donated to the Bennett family.

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News from our Capitol

by Delegate Brent Boggs

As I write this Sunday afternoon, the final day – day 60 of the Second Regular Session of the 85th West Virginia Legislature – ended in the early morning hours of Sunday morning, March 13. Although all legislative business ended at midnight, all the other pending business concluded after the time changed at 2 AM, so I'm still somewhat bleary-eyed as I type. The heavy snowstorm on Friday night caused many legislators and staff that commute finding difficult travel conditions on Saturday morning. At one point, a portion of I-79 was closed between Wallback and Amma, due to several severe accidents. With Rt. 4 also blocked for a time from fallen trees, Speaker Hanshaw was caught in the closure.

As was predicted, the House and Senate agreed to a State budget, but not without controversy in the House by members of both parties. For reasons I fail to understand, the final agreed-to version of SB 250 was obscured by a lack of transparency when ques-

tions were raised about the specific changes between the House and Senate versions. For nearly two weeks, I asked for information that was traditionally available to Finance Committee members, only to be provided a verbal list of the changes, which in a 200-plus page document, can be challenging and difficult to accurately brief non-Finance Committee members. Compounding the problem was the "revenue readjustment letter" from the Governor, not made available to members until one day before the session ended.

When members of both parties attempted to ask questions and reconcile differences in the two documents, including how the determination was made on the changes, the questions set off a series of questions being deflected and answering questions with questions. This isn't acceptable. At one point, a legislator not on the Finance Committee simply asked for a side-by-side spreadsheet of the areas of disagreement between the House and

Senate versions and the final figures. One senior majority party leader refused the request and told the member to get a copy of both versions and go through them page by page, line by line and figure out the differences for herself. All this after a 13-hour day, at 10 pm the night before we were to vote on the budget less than 12 hours later.

The process was called out by members of both parties on Saturday morning. We finally did get a somewhat improved explanation of changes on Saturday, with the Speaker acknowledging that there could be some validity in concerns and that changes may need to be adopted in the future. I appreciate his looking at this objectively and I trust he will follow through on a more transparent process.

I hope the budget process gets reformed and returns to the budget conference process. Keeping the budget conferees in Charleston for two or three days of after the session financial reconciliation makes sense. It involves House and Senate finance staff and about a dozen conference committee members holding open meetings and then providing a thorough briefing for all members called back before a final vote. It allows an opportunity for everyone

to clearly understand their yes or no vote. Most important, it can glean more in savings than the current non-public agreement between the two finance chairmen.

Is there a better way or one that is a hybrid of the process of the last few years? Maybe. Whatever the outcome next year and beyond, members and the citizens they represent deserve access to better, more accessible information regarding how spending priorities of government are determined.

My greatest concern with the budget lies with the spiraling uptick in spending. The bottom line of the general revenue budget is relatively flat from last year at about \$4.7 billion, the budget contains spending in the "surplus section" at over \$1 billion. Some of this funding is for valid reasons but a large portion seems to be set aside for unknown reasons. Since a sizable portion of the legislation seems to benefit the eastern panhandle, I'll be watching to see how much is carried back to a handful of counties and the expense of the others that are truly hurting economically. Sadly, an amendment I offered to provide a one-time \$1,000 stipend to state retirees and educators was defeated. Also, vital volunteer fire

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life lessons,” he said. “What I learned in there has stuck with me.”

Flint’s favorite teacher is Jerry Frame. “Mr. Frame always has a good attitude, and when we need help, he gives it to us,” he said.

Among his school activities are baseball and serving as vice president of the senior class. He’s a varsity outfielder for the Eagles’ baseball team. Also, he mentioned the pep rallies they’ve had at school as what he thinks he’ll remember the most. Outside school, Flint enjoys hanging out with friends, hunting and fishing. He added, “I also really enjoy working with Papaw building stuff.” Roger Flint is his grandfather.

Discussing the pandemic and the effect it had on his education, Flint responded, “It had a drastic effect. I’m a very hands-on person. I need to be in the classroom to learn. Distance learning is very difficult for everyone. You just don’t learn very much.”

Jesse Flint hasn’t decided where he will attend college although he’s pretty sure it will be a West Virginia college. He does know, however, that he wants to major in health sciences. “I want to do something in the nursing field,” he said.

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dated council on work done on ditches and drains. Work is still being completed on the culvert cleaner to get it functioning properly.

He also discussed plans for the predicted snow storm. Town employees would be out salting intersections Friday evening and plans were in place for the plowing of streets Saturday.

Council discussed plans for concrete on the sidewalk on N. Fifth Street.

Beth Atkins asked about working on the parking meters. Robin Smith said she had spoken with a person in Weston to see if the ones they have removed recently were the same type. Police Chief Shane Boggs suggested speak-

ing to Gassaway as well. Robin Dolan updated council on her ride along with Justin Meadows from the Department of Highways. Issues with state maintained roads will be able to be completed. Council discussed getting regrind from the DOH to fix issues on town maintained streets.

Chief Boggs introduced the new officer, Jason Boggs, to council members. He provided updates on the police department including the new decals on the cruisers, contract work with the Braxton County Sheriff’s Department, and radios and radars received from the WVSP. The deputy contracted to work in Sutton will be out on patrol Friday night. Chief Boggs also stated one night soon multiple officers from different agencies will be out patrolling the town. He thanked both the BCSD and the WVSP in their assistance and willingness to work with him on getting the police department up and running.

He also discussed the recent Municipal Court hearings. Most individuals showed up for court and paid their fines. Chief Boggs state a couple of individuals did not show and certified letters would be sent out. He noted that any arrestable offense beyond basic traffic citations would be completed through Magistrate Court.

Steve Facemire stated work was being completed on the demolition of the old tractor trailer left in the dump. Once it is complete, the metal will be taken to Coffman’s Metal.

Robin Smith updated the council on the front door replacement. She stated the door was scheduled to be in by the end of the month. Once it is received, the contractor would do the installation.

Mayor Hoover discussed a plan brought to him by Shane Brown for juvenile reform. Brown was unable to attend the meeting but hopefully can make a future meeting to discuss the program.

Recorder Laurel Petolicchio discussed the plans for road closures on June 25 for the WV Bigfoot Festival. On a motion by Steve Facemire, council ap-



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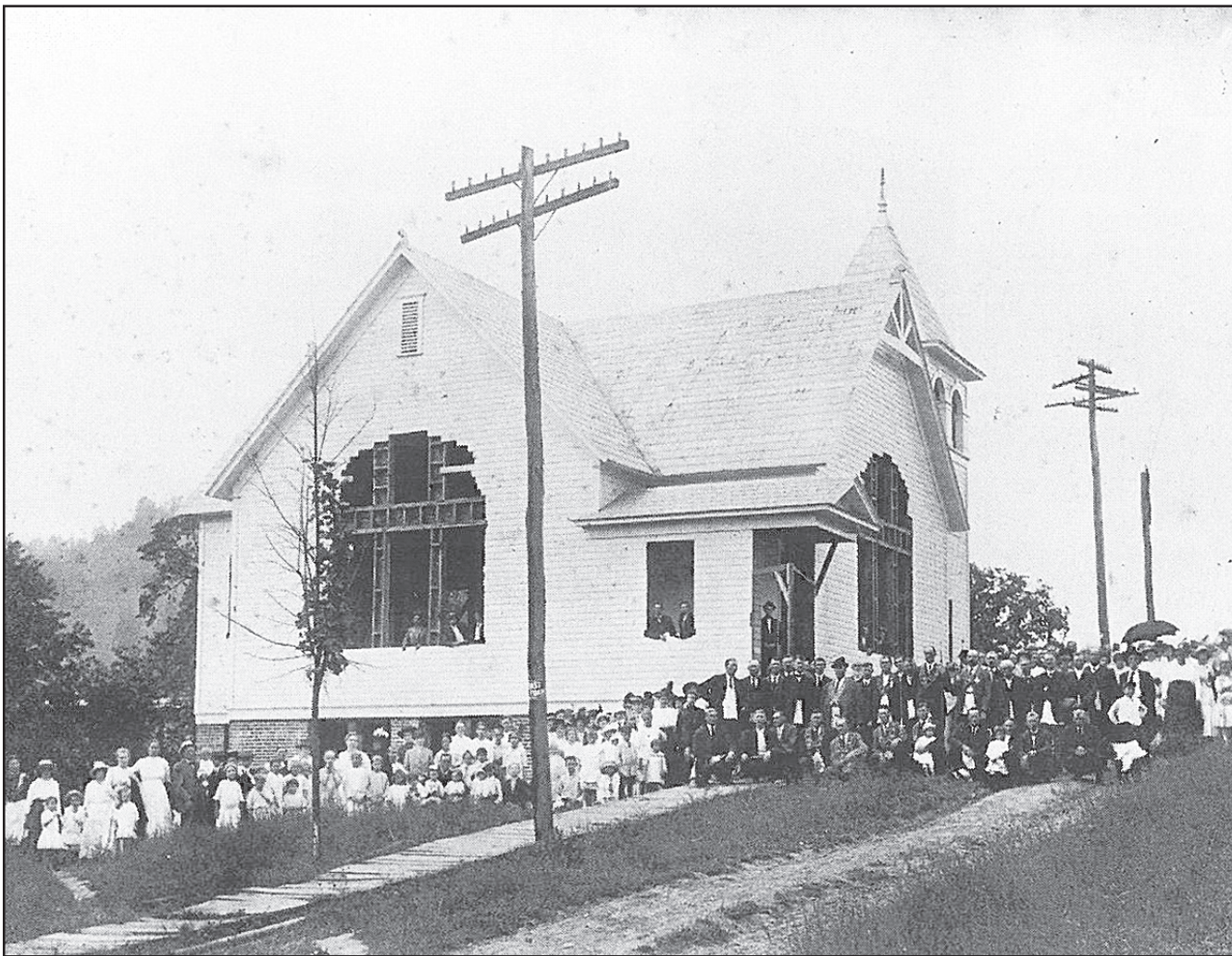
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Burnsville Episcopal Church...
The Masonic Lodge of Burnsville is shown here in this photograph taken between 1911 and 1915 laying the cornerstone of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Burnsville. The first four-year Burnsville High School graduating class held their commencement exercises in this building in 1915. The photo is courtesy of Craig A. Smith collection and is featured

proved to close Main Street from Second Street to Fifth Street allowing for traffic to come off Town Hill and continue onto Third Street to Riverview Drive and the closure of Fourth Street.

The council discussed the Sutton Community Development Corporation and their report at the last meeting of focusing on the Sutton Fall Festival. Beth Atkins stated she felt their intent was not to drop other projects. However, Steve Facemire and Mayor Hoover said it sounded like they would be focusing only on the Fall Festival. The Farmer’s Market and the flower pots were mentioned by the SCDC as projects they would not be working on. Citizens are concerned if they will be in place this year and are willing to step forward to help with these projects if needed, especially since the season is quickly approaching. Council has a work session scheduled with the SCDC on March 15 and hopes for clarification.

Under regular business, council approved the minutes of the February 24 regular meeting, with corrections, and the March 1 work session on separate motions.

The payment of bills was approved by council members. Steven Facemire asked for a better description of items such as “equipment.” Robin Smith stated the line item does not allow for a breakdown, but she does include that information in the memo of the listing. He also requested getting the balance sheet items updated and accurate. It was noted that the REIP truck would not be listed as town property until the grant expires in December 2022. Catherine Hoover asked about the payment to Casto & Harris. She was informed that was for updating the municipal court books. Council members also briefly discussed the budget being submitted to the state for approval.

Council approved the two construction permits submitted on a single motion.

At 7:17 pm, council went into executive session to discuss personnel. They reconvened at 7:38pm. The council ap-

proved the Mayor’s recommendation of the suspension of a town employee.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm. The next regular meeting is March 24 at 6:00 pm.

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schedule and highly unlikely to finalize a new leasing program by this deadline.

The current five-year offshore leasing program, established under the Obama administration, introduced the current guidelines for the federal government to engage in the offshore production of oil and gas. This program has been an essential component as the U.S. expanded its domestic production to become less reliant on foreign competitors.

Following President Biden’s Executive Order directing a pause on this program, the current administration has yet to signal any intentions of establishing a new five-year program. This unprecedented development is set to restrict federal offshore lease sales, presenting a major threat to our domestic energy production.

The administration is fixated on reducing our domestic use of oil and gas in its commitment to reverse the course of climate change. Yet, ironically, the decision to end our current offshore leasing program will only exacerbate these current problems. U.S. production is among the lowest carbon barrels produced in the world, and by shifting our reliance more heavily toward foreign imports, this decision would boost greenhouse gas emissions.

As Senator Manchin

in a series of historical books about Braxton County titled “Looking Back”. The five volumes are filled with old pictures and county history. These books, The History of Braxton County, The History of Bulltown and Craig’s three cookbooks are available for purchase at the Citizens’ News/Democrat-Central Office, 501 Main Street, Sutton, WV. They make great gifts for the history buff in your family!

points out, this is already taking place. Each day, we import more than half a million barrels of crude oil from Russia for our own domestic use. When it comes to international security, it is paramount that President Biden and his administration value the importance of energy independence.

To meet this ambitious objective, states must work alongside the administration to reassert their commitment to domestic production. West Virginia continues to play a pivotal role in domestic energy production, but key regulatory improvements must be made to lead us toward energy independence. Investments in our mineral owners and a modernization to the tax code will make West Virginia more competitive in the global energy race.

By bolstering our natural gas and oil production with renewed support, West Virginia’s leaders can renew the shift back to domestic energy leadership against our recent reliance upon unstable international adversaries. Unfortunately, this important goal will be unachievable if President Biden stands by the status quo that he insti-

tuted.

Sincerely,
Charlie Burd
Charlie Burd is executive director of the Gas and Oil Association of West Virginia, an organization that lobbies for natural gas and oil development. Learn more at GOWV.com

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department funding never received a vote in the Finance Committee. Let’s hope some of these are addressed in a special session planned for later this year.

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

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

Attention Candidates!

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

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OBITUARIES

Shirley Jean Rose
Shirley Jean Rose, 84, of Sutton, passed away Sunday, March 6, 2022 at Braxton Health & Rehabilitation Center, Airport Rd. Sutton. She was born September 7, 1937 in Charleston, WV to the late Henry & Virgie Dye Moore. She was also preceded in death by her



husband, Hazel Rose. Shirley was a homemaker and a Baptist by faith. Her favorite colors were Pink and Red. She enjoyed music and dancing. She was a loving woman and had a cute little giggle according to the nursing home staff. She is survived by her son, Arthur Rose; daughters, Tammy Bosley Marshall, Pam Facemire; step daughter, Jaunita Rose Long. Funeral services were held 11:00 am, Thursday, March 10, 2022 at Greene-Robertson Funeral Home, Sutton with Rev. Linn Schiefer officiating. Burial followed at Jackson Cemetery, Little Birch. Friends called one hour before the service. Online condolences may be sent to: green-robertsonfuneralhome.com

Rhonda Hope (Smith) Goad
Rhonda Hope (Smith) Goad, 69, of Sutton, went home to be with her Lord on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at Glenville Center, Glenville, WV. She was born January 16, 1953 in Ravenna, OH to Oras Harold & Gladys Pricillia Wamsley Smith. Rhonda is preceded in death by her husband, Paul David Goad; brother, Oras Harold "Butch" Smith, Jr. Rhonda was a faithful follower of Jesus. She talked about God to whomever she met and was a light to all who met her. She was a generous giver, to a fault and invested in many different ministries. She was an avid prayer warrior and prayed daily for family and friends. Especially her boys whom she loved dearly. When Rhonda said she was praying for you, it was not cliché, she actually was. She faithfully attended her church, Gassaway Midstate Church of God and was part of their prayer team, women's ministry and enjoyed traveling with her church family to revival meetings. For several years Rhonda enjoyed being part of a stringed instruments group, Strum-Along, who played for nursing homes and other community service venues. Left to cherish her memories are her sons, David James Goad and Donnie Chad Goad (LaVaughna) all of Sutton; brothers, Charlie Smith (Donna) of Ohio, Paul (Shawna) Chilcoat of North Dakota; sisters, Sandy Adams (Wayne) of Michigan, Debi Estes (Jim) of Oregon, Wilma Lormis (Chuck) of Illinois; grandchildren, Cory Morrison, Kayla Morrison fiancé, Derek Rose, Courtney Goad, Issac Goad; great grandchildren, Katurah Hanshaw, Azariah Rose, Shechaniah Rose, Lakyen Rose. Funeral services were held 1:00 pm, Monday, March 14, 2022 at Greene-Robertson Funeral Home, Sutton with Pastor Rodney England and Rev. Wilma Lormis officiating. Burial followed at Bug Ridge Community Cemetery, Bug Ridge Rd. Sutton, WV. Friends called one hour before the funeral at the funeral home. Greene-Robertson Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Goad family. Online condolences may be sent to: green-robertsonfuneralhome.com

Lester C. "Charlie Bill" Singleton
Lester C. "Charlie Bill" Singleton, 94, of Burnsville, WV passed away on March 5, 2022. He was born on May 1, 1927 to parents Samuel and Dolly Ratliff Singleton. He was preceded in death by his parents; Son: Jerry Singleton; Brother: Melvin Singleton; and Companion: Alma Rush and her Sons: Barry and Jerry Rush. Lester served in the ARMY during the Korean war and was a Christian by faith. He retired from General Motors with 30+ years' service. Lester enjoyed gardening, fishing, small game hunting and going to flea markets. He is survived by his Son: Ricky Singleton of West Milford, WV; Brother: Marvin Singleton of Burnsville, WV; two grandchildren and several nieces and nephews; Extended Family: Connie Kniceley of Buckhannon, WV and Peggy Woodruff of Florida and nieces and nephews. Service were held on Friday, March, 11, 2022 at 1:00 pm at Stockert Funeral Home & Cremation, Flatwoods, WV. Friends may call from 11:00-1:00 prior to the service. Pastor Dennis Estes officiated the service. Interment followed at Little Kanawha Memorial Gardens, Heaters, WV. Stockert Funeral Home & Cremation is honored to serve the Singleton family. To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Lester C "Charlie Bill" Singleton, please visit our Heartfelt Sympathies Store.



for Minnich's Florist in Gassaway for 30 years. He also worked at Lloyds Saw Mill as a saw filer for 18 years. He was a 2nd generation member of the Gassaway Volunteer Fire Department for 70 + years where he served in multiple offices. In his younger years, he would often go on fire calls with his father. He was an avid outdoorsman. If you walked by his house it was easy to notice that his yard and landscaping were immaculate. He helped his neighbors often lending a tool or lending his ear. Most importantly he was a family man who loved his wife, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Left to cherish his memories are his wife of 60 years, Barbara Mayes Squires; two daughters, Teresa "Tish" Johnson and husband, Jeff, and Sharon Squires; grandchildren, Maddie Conley and husband, Barry, and Clayton Johnson and wife, Breanna; great grandchildren, Levici, Andersen, and Maris Conley and Cooper Johnson; and sister, Norma Jo Fleisher of Ohio. John's funeral service was 1 P.M. Friday, March 11, 2022 at Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway with Pastor Mark Stump officiating. Visitation was two hours prior to the service at the funeral home. In keeping with John's wishes he will be cremated after his services. Words of comfort and fond memories may be extended to the family at www.roachfuneralhome.com.

Alan Weese
Tuesday, March 8, 2022, our rebel Angel, Alan Weese, gained his wings. With a grin from ear to ear, Alan took his last mortal breath after a long battle with cancer and ascended to the Heavenly Kingdom. There he was met by his parents, Dennis Randall and Ella Louise McIntyre Weese. Alan was born November 28, 1965 in Gassaway, WV. He is survived by his loving wife, Hope Weese; adopted daughters, Katy and Alicia (Mark); grandchildren, Maria, Randall, Michael, Chasity, Harmony and Alison; siblings, Dennis "PeeWee" (Cherri) Weese, DeeDee (Shane) Dean, Patty (John) Piasecki, Leslie (Kim) Weese; adopted siblings, Rodney, Doug, Jeff, Brad, Donald, Carolyn, and Dale; several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and special friends. Alan had the biggest heart and spent most of his adulthood volunteering his handyman service to anyone who needed a helping hand. 10 years ago he showed up at the door of Encore in Gassaway and was a vital part of the daily operations ever since. Following the generous nature of Alan, the family asks that in lieu of flowers, please

make donations to your local Food Pantry or Hospice. Funeral service was 2 P.M. Sunday, March 13, 2022 at Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway with Pastor David Guntter officiating. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery, Chapel. Visitation was 6 to 8 P.M. Saturday, March 12th at the funeral home. Words of comfort and fond memories may be extended to the family at www.roachfuneralhome.com. Arrangements by Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway.

Norman Lee Hart
Norman Lee Hart, 71, of Frametown, passed away on Friday, March 4, 2022. He was born May 11, 1950 in Braxton County to the late Edward Byrne Hart and Helen Louise Carr Hart. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, James E. Hart; and sister-in-law, Linda K. Engel Hart. Norman was a member of the West Virginia National Guard. He attended Sugar Creek Baptist Church. After earning a four-year degree in education from Glenville State College, he began a long career that became his life's work. Norman taught at Logan Middle School in Logan County for 30 years, where he also coached the girls' basketball team. He was also an assistant coach for the Logan High School baseball team. Most recently, he was a substitute teacher for Braxton County Board of Education. Norman deeply loved and cared for his family and other people in his life. He enjoyed talking to and helping people, especially his students. Sports of all kinds, were his pastime, but he particularly enjoyed hunting, fishing and playing golf with friends and family. Left to remember him are his nephew, Rick Hart, of Chapel; niece, Becki Chaffins and husband, Jeff, of Huntington; great nephew, Ryan Hart and fiancée, Sarah Phipps; great nieces, Kristen Camp and husband, Jason, and Abby Chaffins; and one great grandniece, Hannah Camp. Norman's funeral service will be 11A.M. Monday, March 14, 2022 at Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway with Pastor Rick Hart and Pastor Joe Brown officiating. Interment will follow in the Hall & Hart Memorial Cemetery, Clem. Visitation will be from 6 to 9 P.M. Sunday, March 13, 2022 at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial donations be made to the Norman L. Hart Memorial Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 40, Gassaway, WV 26624. Words of comfort and fond memories may be extended to the family at www.roachfuneralhome.com.



Good Intentions

We all have good intentions in life and it is a great thing to have good intentions, but if we do not act on them then what good are they, and can they help me? The answer is obviously no they cannot help us, it is only when we put them into practice can we expect them to help.

Matt 7:21-8:1

21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have we cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

God says in this passage that it only we put our intentions to work according to what God has told us can we enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.

Examples:

1 Sam 15:1-24

King Saul was told by the Prophet to go and utterly destroy the Amalekites which is what God wanted him to do.

1 Samuel also said unto Saul, The LORD sent me to anoint thee to be king over his people, over Israel: now therefore hearken thou unto the voice of the words of the LORD.

2 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I remember that which Amalek did to Israel, how he laid wait for him in the way, when he came up from Egypt.

3 Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass.

Saul's good intentions

7 And Saul smote the Amalekites from Havilah until thou comest to Shur, that is over against Egypt.

8 And he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive, and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword.

9 But Saul and the people spared Agag, and the best of the sheep, and of the oxen, and of the fatlings, and the lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them: but every thing that was vile and refuse, that they destroyed utterly.

Saul's good intentions was not according to the word of God and because he failed God. God rejected him from being king.

13 And Samuel came to Saul: and Saul said unto him, Blessed be thou of the LORD: I have performed the commandment of the LORD.

14 And Samuel said, What meaneth then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?

19 Wherefore then didst thou not obey the voice of the LORD, but didst fly upon the spoil, and didst evil in the sight of the LORD?

23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.

UZZAH 2 Sam 6:1-10

Uzzah also had good intentions in trying to steady the Ark and he put forth his hand to steady it and immediately he was struck dead by God, Why we ask, it was because God had instructed them not to touch the Ark. It may seem like a small thing to us that Uzzah's intentions was only to keep the Ark from falling, but it was a big thing to God because he instructed them not to touch the ark, Uzzah's life was taken because he did not obey the voice of God. FELIX Acts 24:22-26

Felix also had good intentions but he never put them into practice and we never read where he ever acted on his intentions

24 And after certain days, when Felix came with his wife Drusilla, which was a Jewess. he sent for Paul, and heard him concerning the faith in Christ.

25 And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time, when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee.

The words and as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance and judgment to come are some soul searching words that we need to heed, one day we will stand before God and we will have to account of our life, will it be then that we hear the words, depart from me because we never put our good intentions to practice.

It doesn't matter what I think or what I feel, it only matters if I do what God says according to his word

Matt 7-21-8-1

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(minister) Danny Lambey
lambey@frontier.com

In Loving Memory



Dencil Roy Stout
March 14, 1928 - August 14, 2009
Gone but not forgotten
Your presence we miss.
Your memory we treasure.
Loving you always, forgetting you never.
Sadly missed by wife Lorena
and all of the family

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Bingo bingo bingo
Normantown Food Pantry will host Bingo on April 2 at the Arnoldsburg Community Building. Doors open at 4:30 Early Bird games start at 5:30... 5 games for \$3.00. Regular bingo starts at 6:00, 20 games for \$20.00. Toys , Star Wars, lots of raffles, buy in games ,food and fun, don’t miss it.

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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 Facemire Family will be the singers. Everyone is welcome to come out for a night of praise and prayer.

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Braxton County Farm Bureau to meet
Please mark your calendars for Monday, March 21, 2022 at 7 PM for our regular meeting. Speaker for the evening will be Ryan Hart DVM. Also as we help sponsor the Ronald MacDonald houses please bring some canned goods; we will collect in March and April. Hope to see a full house.

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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 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 Bread, 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.

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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

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.

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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>.

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“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.

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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.

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

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SJRC Mobile Outpatient Clinics come to BC
St. Joseph Recovery Center is bringing Substance Abuse and Mental Health Treatment to West Virginia Counties with our Mobile Out-

patient 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.

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

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Burnsville Public Library Board of Trustees meetings
Burnsville Public Li-

brary Board of Trustees meets the second Monday of each month at 5:00 pm at the library. Meetings are open to the public. During the pandemic, if you would like to attend but don’t feel comfortable attending in person please reach out. We could arrange a way for you to attend virtually.

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Mountaineer Food Bank volunteer opportunities
The Mountaineer Food Bank will have volunteer opportunities every second Saturday of the month. The MFB will take up to ten individuals in two hour increments. Each volunteer station will be sanitized between each time slot and masks will be provided. Please give time if you can! Call the Mountaineer Food Bank a call at 304-364-5518 to get scheduled.

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Celebrate Recovery
Celebrate Recovery helps with all Hurts, Habits, and Hangups. Every Thursday evening, meet at 6:00 PM for light meal and fellowship, large group meetings begin at 7:00 PM with small group meetings immediately following. Meetings held at the Pulse in Gassaway. If you have any questions please call Pastor Doug Smailes.

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Burnsville Community Center event bookings
Are you looking for a place to host an event? If so, the Burnsville Community Center is available for bookings. Reasonable rates with or without kitchen. For more information or to book your event, please call 304-853-2605 Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm.

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Meeting notice

The ‘Courage to Change’ Al-Anon meeting is held weekly from 5 to 6pm on Tuesdays at 506 Main St., in the Sutton Baptist Church, Kidd Annex. All friends, family and loved ones of a problem drinker or addict are welcome. Al-Anon is a mutual support group of people who share their experience in applying the Al-Anon principles to problems related to the effects of a problem drinker (or other addict) in their lives. No matter what relationship you have with an alcoholic, whether they are still drinking or not, all who have been affected by someone else’s drinking or drug addiction can find solutions that lead to serenity in the Al-Anon fellowship.

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Public Service Announcement
Since the outbreak of Covid 19 in the US, both addiction and alcohol use are on the rise. Alcohol sales showed a tremendous increase as on line alcohol sales skyrocketed. While short term alcohol abuse can have its own serious consequences, regular, heavy use of alcohol can result in long term damage to the body. Learn more about alcohol addiction and what can be done by visiting: <https://www.narcononnewliferetreat.org/blog/signs-that-alcohol-use-is-getting-dangerous.html>

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Addiction Screenings
Narconon can help you take steps to help those suffering from alcoholism. Call today for free screenings or referrals. 1-800-431-175

Southern States Braxton
Fence Sale
March 16th - 19th 2022

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| Barb Wire 15.5g. Class 3 1320’ Roll | \$54.99 |
| 12.5g. 4000’ 200kpsi Wire | \$109.99 |
| Welded Wire 2x4x48x100’ | \$99.99 |
| 16’ Cattle panels | \$29.99 |
| In Line Strainer | \$2.19 |
| Agri Link Wire Stretcher | \$49.99 |
| 1P.M. Field Fence 9-39-06 class 3 12.5g. 330’ | \$239.99 |
| P.M. Field Fence 10-47-6 class 3 12.5g. 330’ | \$259.99 |
| Sheep & Goat Field Fence 13-48-4-12.5g. 330’ | \$289.99 |
| S.S. 6 Volt Solar Fence Charger | \$199.99 |
| S.S.12 Volt Solar Fence Charger | \$289.99 |
| Gallagher S20 Solar Fence Charger | \$279.99 |
| S.S. Electric Fence Charger \$150-2 | \$86.99 |
| Black Step In Post | \$2.79 |
| T-Post 6’ | \$5.69 |
| 3x4x7’ Treated Post | \$6.89 |
| 12’ 6 Bar Tube Gate (Red or Black) | \$124.99 |
| Hi Mag Block 40lbs | \$15.99 |
| 3 Compartment Mineral Feeder | \$229.99 |
| Pine Shavings | \$6.99 |
| 2”x27’ Ratchet Strap | \$15.99 |
| Mt. Meadow Past Mix Grass Seed 50lbs | \$199.99 |



12’ 6 Bar Tube Gate



S.S. 6 Volt Solar Fence Charger

While supplies last. Sorry, no rainchecks!

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COMMUNITY CORNER

GASSAWAY NEWS

By: MELINDA FRAME



Hello, Everyone!

I hope this finds you well and that you have enjoyed your week. Mother Nature can't make up her mind, can she? Ha! 62 one day and snow the next. Wow! Hopefully this week it will be more spring-like and we can turn down the heaters, put away the snow shovels and get ready to plant beautiful flowers!!!

Birthdays this week are: March 14th-Logan Reese Gunter, Jayne Wood Harris, Chris Shuman, Heidi King

March 15th-Jeffrey Lancaster, Jacob Murphy, Brenda Simmons

March 16th-Brian Wood, Jerry McQuain, Natalee Hope Jarrell, Jay Lawrence

March 17th-Jack VanderClock, Kelly Elizabeth Carmen, Cynthiana Stout

March 18th-Chris Cunningham, Olivia Brady, David Carr

March 19th-Connor Lee Lane, Jason Lockard, Steve Swicki

March 20th-Erica Jane Duffield, Michelle Moore

March 21st-Laura Mae Given, Nathan James, Giuli J Lewis

Happy Birthday to all of you!!!

Please keep the following friends and neighbors in your prayers; Debra Schwab, Joe Agostino, Barb Thompson, Tom Knight, Kathryn Greenlief, Jeannie Nottingham, Amy Crockett, Johnna Stalnaker, Karen "Bubba" Morris, Donna Ratliff, Sonja McCune Cooper, David Carr, Nathan Ault, Steve White, Bobby Facemire, Emma Grubb, Jill James, Thelma Hazel, Stan Corkhill, Brenda Rogers, Fawn Miller, Erika McCormick, Denny Tanner, Rusty Walker, Troy Dennison, Amy Shafer, Susan Petted, Bob Carr, and Keith Rose.

There are a couple of really fun festivals this weekend; the Irish Festival in Ireland and the Maple Syrup Festival in Pickens. Hope that you find time to attend one or both!!!!

This week's recipe is in honor of St Patrick's Day. Enjoy!!!

Irish Potato Soup

1 large onion

3 medium potatoes

2 ounces butter

4 cups chicken stock

use vegetable stock for a vegetarian soup

½ cup cream

salt and pepper to season

parsley to garnish

Peel and dice the onion and potatoes.

Melt the butter in a large saucepan.

Add the onion and cook for one minute coating completely in butter.

Add the potatoes and toss well with the onion and melted butter.

Cover the saucepan and sweat the vegetables for 10 minutes, shaking the pot every few minutes to prevent sticking.

Pour in the stock and simmer the soup for 20 minutes until the potatoes are tender.

Turn off the heat and allow to cool, Purée the soup using a hand held blender or in batches in a blender.

Add the cream and mix well together.

Season with salt and pepper to taste.

Reheat to serve, and garnish with a swirl of cream and parsley.

Sympathy is extended to the families of Rhonda Hope (Smith) Goad, Shirley Jean Rose, Charles David Rose Sr, Lester Singleton, Nelva Squires, John C Squires, Alan Weese, Norman Lee Hart, and Shirley Ann Miller Flint. Please keep them in your prayers.

"May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand."~Irish Blessing

Until next time, take care and God Bless each of you!

By: JEANETTE RIFFLE

County Stories

Is It Summer Or Winter

One day this past week it got up to 70 degrees and that night it went down to 3. A winter storm blew across the country and Saturday we got up to 7 inches of snow and only 10 degrees. By evening we had 8 inches of snow on and deep drifts. Our dog had a ball eating snow and dancing on hind legs to catch snow flakes in his mouth. We put him in by the fire though on real cold nights. He can only come out when the sun warms things up a bit. His favorite food is deer droppings and snow. We feed him good and there is always a pan of fresh water in the garage for him. He prefers mud puddles and snow.

Our son called home from Michigan. They have had real cold weather too, but only 3 inches of snow and it melted off. Gas prices and groceries are getting high up there. It's ridiculous ! I'm glad he and our granddaughter have good jobs so they can afford to drive back and forth from work and buy groceries. Some people are car pooling to save on gas money. I have seen jokes on FB of people posting a picture of a man on a horse and the caption was , " My new car." Go back to the old ways of getting around. We have a picture here of my husband's Riffle grandparents on Bear Fork, using a cow to get around on. They didn't have a horse. When I was growing up there were lots of men traveling the road on horses. It was a way of life. We also had the hobos on foot. Those would stop and ask for something to eat. It was the era of the hobos.

Hubby was telling me about the coal banks for free fuel to use in a pot belly stove. His Grandpa Riffle had a coal bank on the property that he was taking care of for Hunter Bennett on Bear Fork.

A coal bank is where erosion has washed dirt away and coal is exposed. It gives people a place to start digging in an outcropping of coal. Grandpa put the coal on a sled and hauled it back to his cabin. Hehad a coal pile to go to and would round up the coal bucket and a shovel to get it into the little door of the stove. In later years he had to go get Charlie Perrine or someone with a big truck to take him to coal mines up above Glenville, to buy coal. After so many years of digging out of a coal bank, you have to stop or the hill would cave in on you. I hope everyone is well and looking forward to spring as we are. There is a bad virus going around now. That Rhinovirus is like a bad head cold. You can use home remedies and doctor is as you would flu or a cold. It isn't a variant of Covid. Until next time, may the Good Lord bless and keep you in his care.

The Annual Cinderella Project held on Saturday, March 19th

Formal wear donations are needed

Prom season is upon us, and WV Caring's Resale Shops are gearing up for its Annual Cinderella Project. This year it will be held Saturday, March 19 at 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM at all three of WV Caring's Resale Shops; Bellview, Burnsville and Reedsville, WV.

The Cinderella Project is a community outreach program that provides teen women with an affordable way to attend their high school prom. There are new and gently used prom and formal wear, clothing, shoes, accessories that have been donated. Dresses, shoes and handbags are \$5.00 each. with everything you need to make your prom night special. Our prices have remained the same for years.

To ensure there is a full inventory of all sizes and kinds of formal attire, party dresses, shoes and accessories, donations are needed for this annual event.

"Sometimes we have individuals who need a certain size, and we try to accommodate them to make their day special," said, Kim Riley, Manager of Development and Volunteer Services. I've been doing this for a long time, and I want every young person to be able to get the outfit of their dreams without breaking the bank." Donations can be dropped off at the Resale Shops on regular donation days, which are Mondays and Thursdays and the local WV Caring offices through March 18th.

There are a few changes to this year's event. Individuals must be present during the sale from 12 PM to 2PM. Quantities are limited to two dresses per purchase and as always, all sales are final. After the event dresses will remain on sale through April.

Mask requirements will be consistent with state and CDC requirements at this time.

The Resale Shops are open Monday through Friday 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM, and Saturday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. If you have questions, please contact Jennifer McClelland at 304-864-0410, email her at jmccllelland.org or find us on Facebook.

Since 1983, West Virginia Caring, a 501 (c) (3), non-profit advanced illness provider, has been dedicated to improve care for those facing life-limiting illness through direct support of patients and their families while providing advocacy, outreach, education and expertise in grief support to the entire community. WV Caring serves the following twelve counties: Barbour, Braxton, Calhoun, Gilmer, Marion, Monongalia, Preston, Pocahontas, Randolph, Taylor, Tucker and Wetzel. WV Caring is one of a few not for profit, stand-alone hospices serving North Central West Virginia.

Braxton County WIC announces addition flexibilities for WIC

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/ClinicSearch.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.

MAGISTRATE COURT

R-E-P-O-R-T

Magistrate Beth Smith's Court

March 4: Justin Michael West of Sutton, expired registration, dismissed proof provided, no proof of insurance, dismissed proof provided; John Edgar Phillips of Mt. Zion, driving suspended, dismissed, littering, dismissed, due to age of citation.

Magistrate David Singleton's Court

March 7: Robert Anthony Jarvis of Frametown, obstructing an officer, possession of meth, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$3000 cash or surety; Jonathan Tyler Rollyson of Burnsville, speeding x2, no contest plea, fines/court costs assessed.

March 8: Billy Benjamin Graham of Conway, SC, possession of meth, guilty plea, disorderly conduct, dismissed per plea, 90 days of jail with credit for time served of 13 days, to serve 17 days more for total of 30 days served, 60 days suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation, fine/court costs assessed.

March 9: Kristen N. Booher of Rosedale, driving revoked for DUI, guilty plea, 90 days of jail, to serve 30 home confinement, 60 days suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation, fine/court costs assessed; Richard Paul James of Frametown, conspiracy to violate DNR, guilty plea, fine/court costs assessed; Hunter James of Frametown, illegal possession of wildlife, guilty plea, hunting when license revoked, guilty plea, hunting during closed season, guilty plea, guilty plea, fines/court costs assessed.

March 10: Joshua M. Bryant of Birmingham, AL, speeding, guilty plea, fine/court costs assessed; Amber Nicole Dyer of Sutton, driving revoked for DUI, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$3000 cash or surety; Britany Jade Ritter of Gassaway, speeding, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed.

March 11: Jeremiah Scott Walker of Huntington, contraband into jail, warrant issued, bond set at \$10,000 cash only; Logan Huffmaster of Gassaway, no seatbelt, no contest plea, fine assessed and paid; Gevin Troy Mathene of Galliano, LA, driving suspended for general, dismissed; Danielle Blair of Rosedale, no seatbelt, fine assessed and paid.

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LEGAL NOTICES

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March 15, 2022



**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
BRAXTON COUNTY SCHOOLS
2022 – 23 SCHOOL CALENDAR**
Please take notice that Braxton County Schools will hold two (2) public hearings on the 2022 – 2023 School Calendar. Dates: April 5, 2022
April 19, 2022
Location: Braxton County Board of Education
98 Carter Braxton Drive
Sutton WV 26601
Time: 6:00 p.m. 03-15 03-22b

**PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION OF WEST
VIRGINIA CHARLESTON**
CASE NO. 21-0658-E-ENEC
MONONGAHELA POWER COMPANY and THE POTOMAC EDISON COMPANY, public utilities.
Petition to initiate the annual review and update to the ENEC rates currently in effect.
NOTICE OF EVIDENTIARY HEARING

On August 27, 2021, Monongahela Power Company and The Potomac Edison Company (jointly the Companies) filed their 2021 petition to initiate the annual review and update of Expanded Net Energy Cost (ENEC) rates. The Commission entered a final order in this case on December 21, 2021. Since that time, the Companies under-recovery balance for fuel costs has grown to \$87.5 million. The large under-recovery balance must be addressed and customer rates may increase. The Commission set a procedural schedule, including an evidentiary hearing to be held on March 24, 2022. The hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room at the Commission's offices at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia. The Commission may increase the adjustable ENEC surcharge as a result of this hearing in order to avoid a larger increase after December 2022 when the rate would normally be adjusted.

Anyone desiring to protest should file a written protest as soon as possible although protests will be accepted throughout the pendency of this proceeding. All written protests should briefly state the reason for the protest. All protests should state the case name and number and be addressed to Karen Buckley, Acting Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323.

MONONGAHELA POWER COMPANY and THE POTOMAC EDISON COMPANY
03-15b

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 Adrien 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 Adrien 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 easements contained in prior deeds of conveyance of record for the above described real estate, insofar as same are presently applicable and have not been released, abandoned or discharged by law or otherwise. At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have an address of: 10372 Elk River Rd, Frametown, WV 26623. The referenced real estate will be conveyed with no covenants of warranty, and subject to all covenants, restrictions, easements, rights of way and reservations which may be a matter of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office or visible upon the ground, all prior liens and encumbrances, including, without limitation, liens for real estate taxes, incinerator, sanitary and sewer charges. The purchasers at the sale shall be responsible for paying the recording costs and also the tax on the privilege of transferring real property (the cost of the tax stamp to be affixed to the deed). The purchasers shall be responsible for payment of all real estate taxes.

The subject property will be sold in "AS IS" condition. The Substitute Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property. TERMS: \$3500.00 in cash and/or certified funds as deposit at the time of sale with the balance due and payable within 30 days of the day of sale.

FEDERAL TAX LIEN: In the event that there are Federal Tax Liens against the property, the United States would have the right to redeem the property within a period of 120 days from the date of such sale or the period allowable for redemption under local law, whichever is longer. Pursuant to the Deed of Trust, the Trustee may postpone the sale by public announcement at the time and place designated or by posting a notice of the same, and act by agent in the execution of the sale. The parties secured by the Deed of Trust reserve the right to purchase the property at such sale.
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Reference File No. 78019
cc: The Braxton Citizen News
March 8, 2022, March 15, 2022
03-08-03-15

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 GASSAWY 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
You may redeem at any time before 4/6/2022 by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

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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 GASSAWY 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 GASSAWY 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
You may redeem at any time before 4/6/2022 by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

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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, KUM JA 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 DELINQUENT 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 RIDLER KUMJA LIFE & GUY JEAN-PIERRE &/OR SHELIA, 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. H3 LLC 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 \$360.50
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. \$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.

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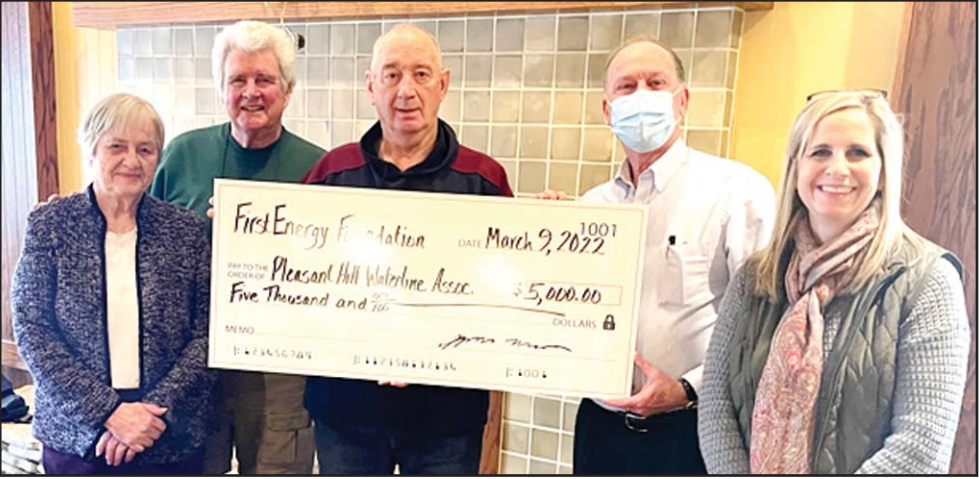
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First Energy Foundation grants the Pleasant Hill Waterline Association \$5,000



Sharon West of Lowther Hollow, John Cobb, Green Hill Road, Eddie Williams Route 19 South, John Norman FirstEnergy, Manager External Affairs, and Brenda (Gabby) Gregory of Rabbit Hill Road at Lunch Wednesday to accept the Grant Check from FirstEnergy Foundation.

Several members of the Pleasant Hill Waterline Association (PHWA) Board met with FirstEnergy representative John Norman on Wednesday, March 9, 2022, to receive a five-thousand-dollar grant on behalf of over 150 families waiting to receive water. The non-profit organization (PHWA) has been working toward a new waterline in Northeastern Braxton County since January of 2018. This waterline will bring potable water to over 156 families on the north end of Braxton County past the Burnsville Lake and Bulltown campgrounds.

Gabby Gregory, Treasurer of PHWA, said of the grant, "This is absolutely an amazing company. The FirstEnergy Foundation is committed to helping the areas in which they operate. This grant is proof of that commitment and goes a long way in support of PHWA's mission to bring water Northeastern Braxton County." Continuing, Gregory added, "If you go to the FirstEnergy website, you will come across a segment titled 'Community Involvement: Bringing Good Energy to Our Communities'. I love that concept!

Helping others does bring good energy to the soul and here you have an energy corporation that is putting their efforts and money into our small community and helping a project that will change lives forever. We are so very grateful to FirstEnergy for this incredible gift."

FirstEnergy's commitment to our community and the relationship that developed with Mr. John Norman began in 2010 during a meeting that was called by Sharon West at a little church (The Fall Run United Methodist Church) to address power outages.

"It is interesting, noted John Cobb, Pleasant Hill Waterline Association President, that John Norman and Sharon West developed a positive working relationship that has also helped our rural community in another way.

Since back in 2010 many area residents were upset with the frequent power outages that were common at that time. It was then that FirstEnergy and Mr. Norman stated that they would improve the service in the area, and they have.

It was just two years after that initial community meeting with FirstEnergy, that our area experienced its first Derecho. That was June 29, and the 2012 Mid-Atlantic and Midwest derecho was one of the deadliest and most destructive

fast-moving severe thunderstorm complexes in North American history.

The progressive derecho tracked across a large section of the Midwestern United States and across the central Appalachians into the mid-Atlantic states on the afternoon and evening of June 29, 2012, and into the early morning of June 30, 2012. It resulted in a total of 22 deaths, millions of power outages across the entire affected region, and a damage total of US \$2.9 billion.

"Our area in Northeastern Braxton and Southern Lewis counties were hit especially hard and everyone's power was out for over 10 days, recalled Mr. Cobb, I lost not only power but a lot of valuable commercial timber."

It was at the meeting last Wednesday with John Norman that we learned that the derecho did have one good effect. That was the first time that FirstEnergy was able to get the WV Public Service Commission to acknowledge that there had to be funds applied to cutting dead trees along powerlines.

"So that's why I invited Sharon West to the meeting, said John Cobb so she and John Norman could chat with each other over lunch and reminisce about the times when we used to experience power outages for two or three days at a time. But not today as FirstEnergy has kept the powerlines free from dead fall for the most part and power outages now last hours instead of days. All thanks to Sharon West and John Norman.

So how did this meeting and the transfer of \$5,000 from the FirstEnergy Foundation come about.

Well about three years ago, there was another meeting it was held between Mr. John Norman and former Braxton County Sheriff, Mr. Eddie Williams. Their discussion of their power company rights-of-way set the wheels in motion for PHWA to apply for a FirstEnergy Foundation grant in the amount of \$5,000.

Working with Andrea Bortoluzzi, Consultant, Community Involvement at FirstEnergy and Mr. John

Norman, the PHWA submitted the application, and it was approved.

The FirstEnergy Foundation is funded solely by FirstEnergy Corporation and provides support to non-profit, tax-exempt organizations in areas served by FirstEnergy's 10 electric operating companies throughout Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, West Virginia, Maryland, and New York. According to FirstEnergy's 2020 Community Impact Report, FirstEnergy Corporation has invested \$100 million in the FirstEnergy Foundation since 2015. The report further explains that \$7 Million was provided to nearly 1,600 organizations.

"Pleasant Hill Waterline Association President, John Cobb, Jr. stated, "We have requested grants from several local companies this year but this \$5,000 from FirstEnergy puts us at \$65,000 total raised since 2018 when we started our work on this waterline extension."

"Interestingly, after the meeting, I learned from Sharon West that she is interested in genealogy and is in fact related to Gabby our Treasurer's Mother-in-Law, Nettie Gregory through Nettie's late husband Ford Gregory. Sharon's brother George Hardman, Jr. was married to Jane Gregory, who was Ford's aunt", continued Cobb. "If I had known that I would have invited Nettie to the meeting as well."

What a small world as Nettie Gregory with her multiple yard sales over the past few years has helped the Pleasant Hill Waterline Association raise over \$11,000 of its funds to date.", finished, Cobb.

The presentation of the grant on last Wednesday was a very exciting moment for PHWA Board Members. For those present and the entire 156 members of the Pleasant Hill Water Association, they know that FirstEnergy doesn't just talk the talk, they walk the walk and are committed to bringing good and reliable energy to Braxton County as well as helping our small community work towards getting potable water to our rural residents.

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.

Residential debris only. No business's. Items not accepted are gas/ propane tanks, hazardous waste, paint, chemicals, motor oil or ties.

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

picked up as strays in the Bee Run area. They are now available for adoption and searching for their forever homes. Both dogs are quiet in the shelter and very sweet dogs! They are affectionate and love all the attention they get. Both are great on a leash, clean in their kennel, dog friendly and we imagine they would be gentle with children as well.



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



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

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



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

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

The items needed to include are foster homes, litter boxes, scoops, water/food

hours or give us a call to set up a meet and greet!



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!

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.



Bella is a four to five year old female (pink leash) and **Beck**, two to three year old male (yellow leash) were

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.

Robbins Nest Daycare celebrates two whole weeks of Dr. Seuss Days in recognition of Read Across America Day



Children in the three and four-year-old class colored and donned headbands to announce if they liked or disliked green eggs and ham.

From Wacky Wednesday to Top Hat Tuesday and Funny Food Friday to Snoozy “Thurzzzday,” it’s been a busy two weeks at the Robbins Nest Daycare as the children and staff celebrated Dr. Seuss Days.

March 2nd has long been recognized as Read Across America Day, launched in 1998 by the National Education Association. This special day honors the birthday of Theodor Geisel, the famous author better known as Dr. Seuss, who wrote and illustrated more than 60 books. With over 600 million copies sold, many of his books are some of the most popular children’s books of all time. Nearly everyone in America can name at least one childhood favorite by Dr. Seuss, and the children at the Robbins Nest Daycare could likely now name nearly a dozen.

“Each day we focused on a different Dr. Seuss book. Our crafts, games, songs, and sometimes even our meals centered on the book for that day,” Director and Owner Debbie Ellyson explained.

In addition, the center hosted spirit days for those two weeks.

“There were just so many fun spirit ideas that we couldn’t contain it to just one

week!” Ellyson said. Spirit week kicked off Feb. 28th with Mixed Up Monday. Kids wore clothes backwards and inside out and made sure nothing matched. Cat in the Hat, the most classic Dr. Seuss book, was read. All of the classes used hand and footprints to create spectacular Cat-in-the-Hat and Things 1 and 2.

Top Hot Tuesday was perfect to focus on Ten Apples Up On Top. Along with songs and games, the kids painted popsicle sticks and create A-shaped apples. March 2nd was Read My Shirt Day. Children wore shirts that others could read and parents sent special Seuss-themed treats for the afternoon reading ABC. March 3rd was a fan favorite, Pajama Day, with a focus on Horton Hears A Who. The older children made elephants while the two-year-olds made Tuttle Tuttle trees. The week culminated with Funny Food Friday. The children tried green eggs and ham and made headbands announcing if they did, in fact, like green eggs and ham, Sam-I-Am.

The second week started with Red and Blue Monday. Kids wore their favorite of the two colors while listening to One

Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish. They graphed the colors of their goldfish crackers and used their handprints to create fish bowls. March 8th children and staff dressed up as what they want to be when they grow up or wore their favorite college jersey as they focused on Oh, the Places You’ll Go, a graduation gift classic. They painted hot air balloons and put photos of themselves in their balloon baskets. Fox in Socks and The Foot Book were the center of March 9th. The kids wore their craziest socks and created fox puppets. The also designed socks for their puppets.

March 10th was

Bring Your (Stuffed) Pet to Daycare Day. The little ones held their stuffed pets on their laps while staff read What Pet Should I Get. Special furry visitors stopped by, including Reuben, a black Labrador in therapy dog training, and a few kittens. The children chose which pet they preferred, then created their own dog or cat from paper plates.

Dr. Seuss Days ended March 11th as children and staff dressed as a Seuss character. From Cindy Lou Who to the littlest Grinch, the center was full of lively costumes as they watch How the Grinch Stole Christmas.



The infant room participated in the week’s activities too. Thing 1 and Thing 2 were adorable!



Miss Tammy Rose poses as a cook with a few preschoolers on Career/College Day.



They were a little skeptical at first, but nearly all loved their green eggs and ham, Sam-I-Am.



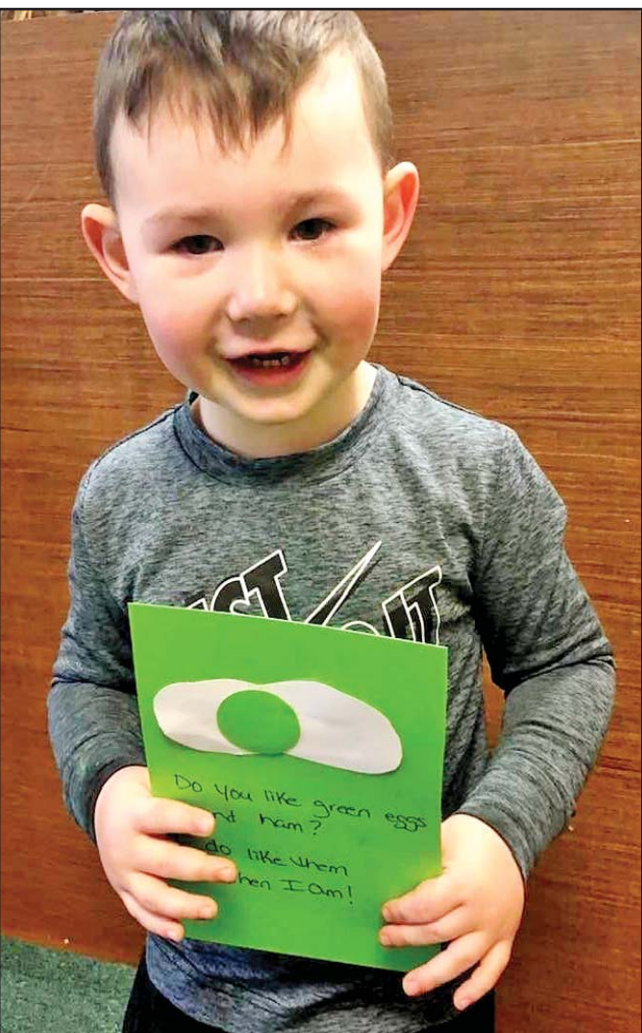
Natalee Morris, age 3, and two-year-old teacher, Miss Becky Heater, pose as Cindy Lou Who and Thing 1.



The two-year-olds use photos and tissue paper to create hot air balloons after listening to All the Places We Will Go.



The infant and toddler room bulletin boards proudly display the center’s littlest handprints.



Two-year-old Cohen Meier shows off his craft.

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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.



male. Neutered.



Angel: Medium-haired gray female. Spayed.

Braxton County students urged to use scholarship searches to find student aid

Braxton County students looking for money to help pay for technical training or college classes should take advantage of free online scholarship searches, according to KHEAA. With those resources, many students can find help to fund their education.

A good place to start is a national database provided by the U.S. Department of Labor at careeronestop.com. The link to the Scholarship Finder is under the Toolkit tab.

If you do use online searches, make sure you read the terms of use. Also, some sites will require you to opt out of receiving future promotional emails from colleges and their advertisers.

KHEAA is a public, non-profit agency established in 1966 to improve students' access to college. It provides information about financial aid and financial literacy at no cost to students and parents. KHEAA also helps colleges manage their student loan default rates and verify information submitted on the FAFSA. For more information about those services, visit www.kheaa.com.

In addition, KHEAA disburses private Advantage Education Loans on behalf of its sister agency, KHESLC. For more information, visit www.advantageeducation-loan.com.

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.

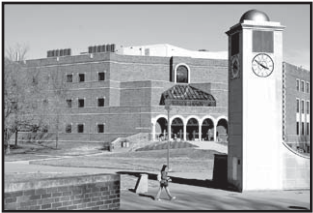
March 16, 1906: Country musician Buddy Starcher was born Oby Edgar Starcher near Ripley. In 1946, Starcher cut his first recordings on Four Star, including his best-known composition, "I'll Still Write Your Name in the Sand," which became a hit in 1949.



March 17, 1858: William Edwin Chilton was born in Coalsmouth, now St. Albans. A lawyer, U.S. Senator and businessman, Chilton expanded Charleston's electric streetcar system and became publisher and editor of the Charleston Gazette.



March 17, 1891:




March 18, 1820: William Stevenson was born in Warren, Pennsylvania, but he later moved to Wood County in western Virginia. In 1868, he was elected the third governor of West Virginia.

March 18, 1922: Athlete Frank "Gunner" Gatski was born in Farmington. Gatski played 11 years for the Browns (1946-56) and one for Detroit (1957). He played in 10 championship games, eight on the winning side.

March 19, 1925: Basketball teams from 11 of West Virginia's 24 African-American high schools took the court at West Virginia State College (now University) in Institute for the first West Virginia Athletic Union (WVAU) state basketball tournament. Lincoln High School of Wheeling defeated Kimball, 25-24, in the final game to win the championship.

March 19, 1992: Four miners were killed at the Blacks-ville No. 1 Mine in Monongalia County while the mine was being sealed. Drain-age pipes were being welded together, and a spark fell into the shaft, igniting methane gas.




March 20, 1897: Musician Frank Hutchison was born in Raleigh County. With a slide guitar sound akin to the bottleneck style, he helped to instill a blues strain in modern country music, and was influential among coalfield musicians.

March 20, 1936: Recurring storms led to major flooding on the Ohio River. At Parkersburg, the river reached 48 feet, 10 feet above flood stage.



March 21, 2018: Sculptor Frank Gaylord died. Born 1925 in Clarksburg, his best-known work is "The Column," a platoon of 19 larger-than-life, stainless steel soldiers comprising the central element of the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington.



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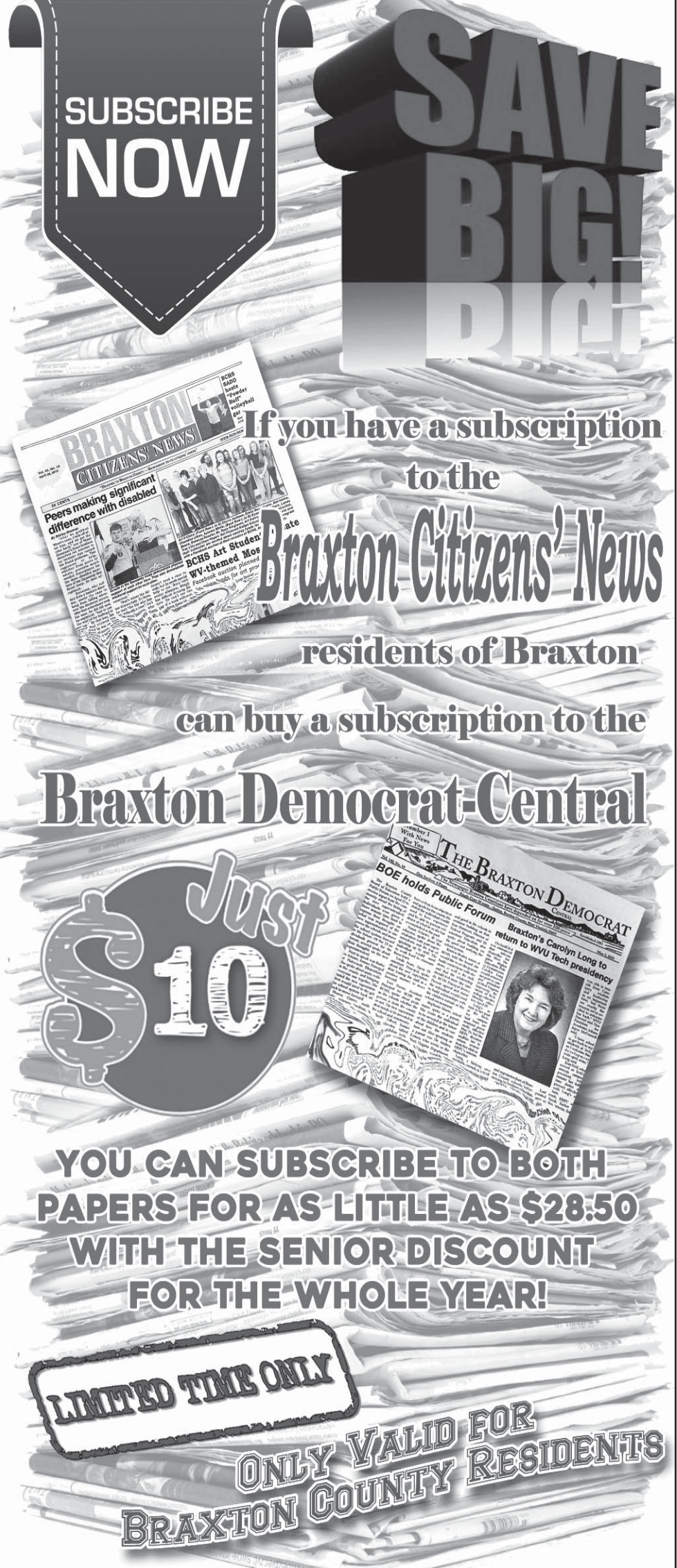
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The Bursville Freedom Festival has some phenomenal bands and other events already lined up for this year and we need your help.

Please call 304-853-2605 or private message the Freedom Festival Facebook page for more details.

Attention Sutton Residents

The Town of Sutton is updating ordinances and fees. The public is invited to review and comment on the new fees which can viewed in the Mayor's office, Monday thru Friday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Approval of new fees will take place at the March 24 regular meeting.

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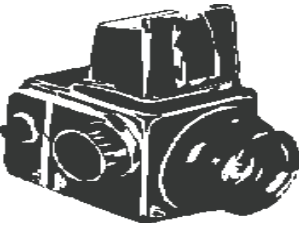
March 22, 1922: Physician Mildred Mitchell-Bateman was born in Georgia. She became the first black woman in West Virginia to hold a high-level state administrative position when, in 1962, Governor William Wallace Barron appointed her as the director of the Department of Mental Health.

e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia is a project of the West Virginia Humanities Council. For more information, contact the West Virginia Humanities Council, 1310 Kanawha Blvd. E., Charleston, WV 25301; (304) 346-8500; or visit e-WV at www.wvencyclopedia.org.

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A Photographic Look at...

Eagles headed to boys' state basketball tournament



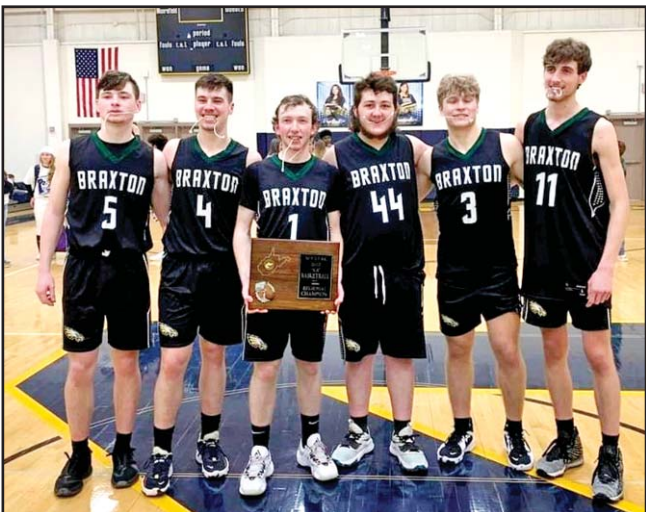
Josh Lunceford raises the net after the victory.



Josh Lunceford receives the regional plaque for the Eagles.



Josh Lunceford, Brooks Liston, Robert Lloyd, Josh Skidmore show off the regional plaque



Braxton County Senior Eagles.



The Eagles celebrate on the court after winning the Regional tournament.



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The Braxton County Eagles baseball team prepares for upcoming season.

Eagles baseball team opens Thursday with home game

In his second year at the helm of the BCHS basebase ball, Coach Jamie Lemon seems relatively optimistic about the upcoming season. Coach Lemon has eight returning players around which to build the team, and five of those are seniors with plenty of experience.

Senior returnees include catcher Kolton Kniceley, outfielder Tyler Stalnaker, shortstop Adam Dobbins, third baseman Isaiah Mowery, outfielder Beau Liston, along with junior second baseman Tyler Baldwin. Other returnees are sophomore Eli Ward at first and sophomore Braydon Helmick in the outfield.

his pitching staff “pretty strong, especially the top four.” Those four are Tyler Baldwin, Dobbins, Mowery, and Kniceley, all of whom saw some success last season. Also set to see action on the mound are Liston, Logan Baldwin, and Ward.

Asked to name strengths he sees in this year’s squad, Coach Lemon said that the team “is pretty solid defensively, especially up the middle and at catcher.” He went on to say that his returning players hit pretty well in last Friday’s scrimmage although he still questions the hitting overall. “I am confident in the older boys, though,” he added.

Right now the weakness with which he is

most concerned is the outfield defense especially since he lost last year’s strong outfield players to graduation. “We have some question marks about positions in the outfield,” Lemon said. Another weakness which he faces early in the season is that his younger boys need to see new pitchers. He indicated, however, that he’s not overly concerned about that because that will come naturally as the season progresses.

“Overall,” the Braxton coach summarized, “I think we’ll have a pretty good season.”

The Eagles are scheduled to play a doubleheader at Elkins Saturday and have three games coming up next week.

BCSC Annual Spring Bingo rescheduled for March 19th

Due to inclement weather, the Braxton County Soccer Club Bingo at the Sutton Moose Club has been rescheduled for March 19, 2022 at noon.

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

Prizes will include: 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 food and support the BCSC.



Bingo lovers have a second chance due to a weather cancellation to support the BCSC on March 19th.

Meet a MFB Food Banker

This week, the Mountaineer Food Bank is highlighting Emmitt Wayne.

Emmitt is a member of the Mountaineer Food Bank warehouse team and has been with Mountaineer Food Bank since October of 2020.

A graduate of Glenville State College, Emmitt holds a B.S in Natural Resource Management: Environmental Science with a Business Minor.

In his free time, Emmitt enjoys riding horses, writing songs and spending time with his family and friends.

Thank you, Emmitt, for all you do from all of here at the Mountaineer Food Bank



Emmitt Wayne is MFB's Food Banker of the week.

Sutton Public Library continues Cans For Canines BCAS fundraiser

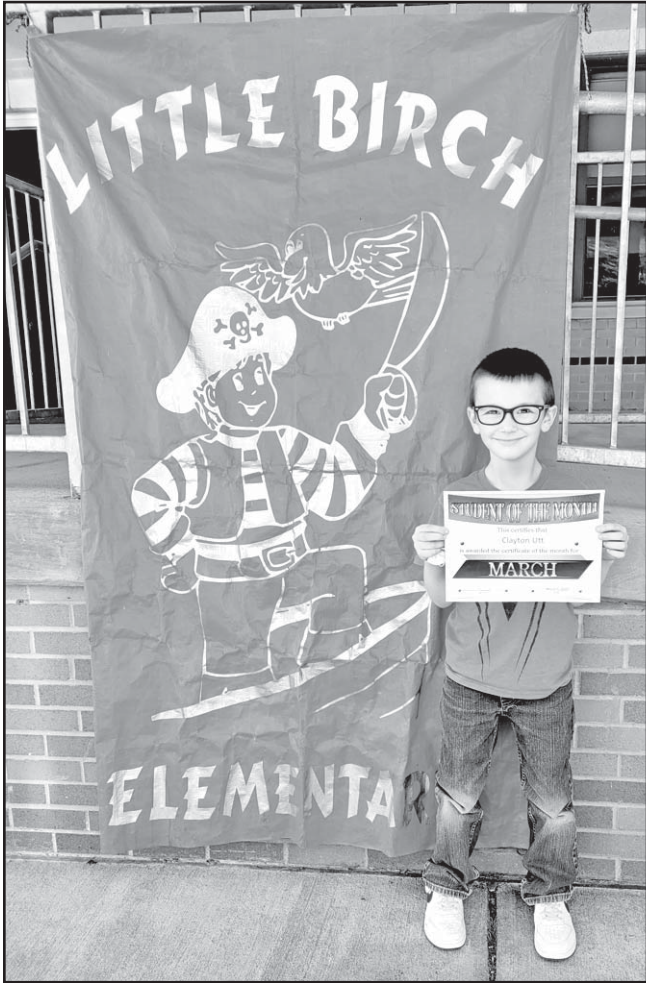
Sutton Public Library would like to thank everyone for the continued support of our community project, Cans for Canines. This project has been

in operation for eight months now with over \$800 dollars raised for the Braxton County Animal Shelter. This ongoing program encourages everyone to

start saving and donating aluminum cans to the Sutton Public Library who will then deliver them to the recycling center. All funds are donated directly to the Braxton County Animal Shelter. Shelter staff has said that the funds have been a great help to pay for immunization supplies. If you are an individual or a company and would like to help support this wonder cause with a few cans a week or a truck load, just bring them by the library and leave them in the specially marked bins or large boxes on the parking ramp. The library does not have to be open for you to leave your donated cans.

The Sutton 4-H Club that meets monthly at the library will begin collecting cans to support this program and will provide additional help in sorting the cans to make sure we have just aluminum cans. We cannot take aluminum foil or steel soup cans. Those items are not accepted at the recycle location at this time.

The library is also looking for sponsors to match the money earned by one load or for the whole month. If you want to get involved in this worthwhile, environmentally friendly program, call the library at 304-765-7224. The next time you start to throw away a can, think about the animals at the shelter that could benefit from that can.



Clayton Utt is LBE's Student of the month.

Clayton Utt announced as LBE Student of the Month

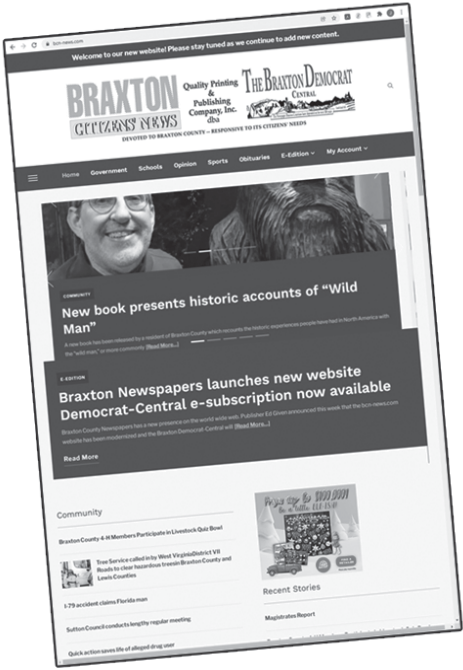
Little Birch Elementary School Principal Grace Wine is pleased to announce the school’s Student of the Month.

Clayton Utt has been selected for his outstanding progress on i-Ready. He had the greatest gains on the mid-year assessment

across all grade levels! Mrs. Duffield describes Clayton as a pleasant boy who always tries his best and is very helpful in class.

“Congratulations, Clayton. We’re proud of your hard work, outstanding attitude, and helpfulness,” says Principal Wine.

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Sutton and Frametown Elementary Schools take part in Wellness Wednesday Live with Josh Grant, WVDE Physical Education Coordinator.

Braxton County students participate in Wellness Wednesday Live with WVDE Physical Education Coordinator Mr. Josh Grant



Josh Grant, WVDE Physical Fitness Coordinator made a surprise visit to each classroom at Sutton and Frametown Elementary Schools.

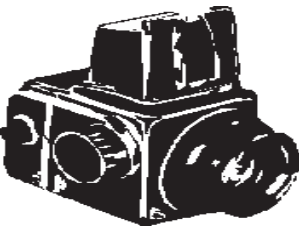
It's time for Wellness Wednesday! WVDE Physical Education Coordinator Mr. Josh Grant hosted a Wellness Wednesdays Live at Sutton Elementary School and Frametown Elementary School in Braxton County.

Thank you physical education teachers

Everett Wine and principal Cox for organizing a great day with the amazing Sutton Elementary teachers and students who enjoyed being active during their school day.

Thank you to Frametown physical education teacher Lauri Spencer for the invite into her 3rd-5th grade physical education classes to participate with them in the Face-Off video. We

Students were excited to participate in exercises with Josh Grant for Wellness Wednesday Live. are so grateful for our schools' commitment to student wellness. Mr. Grant encourages students in Grades 3 and to participate in the Fit + Active Schools Face-Off Challenge and hopes to see everyone in Charleston this May. #WellnessWednesday #WVED Learn more about the Face-Off Challenge at youtu.be/JK1R-29Wdlu8



A Photographic Look at...

Braxton County High School students visit ongoing bridge construction Site



Mr. Lloyd's building construction students and Mr. Crow's engineering students got to take part in an amazing opportunity as they took a field trip to an active bridge construction site. Students were able to see concepts learned in the classroom first hand on the site. BCHS would like to thank Rock Forge Bridge company for making this opportunity possible and Eric Gregory for putting it all together. Community connections such as this, truly make a difference in our students. Photos courtesy of Eagles First Facebook Page.



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