

# BRAXTON

## CITIZENS' NEWS

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Braxton County High School students earning awards at the FBLA State Leadership Conference were (L to R) Zoey Moore, Piper Tonkin, Wyatt Dennison, Addison Grindo, Natalie Rose and Kaylee Criner

## Braxton FBLA members qualify for Nationals

By Shirley Shuman

Ten members of the local FBLA organization competed at the State Leadership Conference to earn the right to compete at the National Leadership Conference in Chicago June 28-July 2. Students in three events placed first and those in two events placed fourth. All will compete at the national level.

Sarah Dennison, Braxton's FBLA advisor, explained that some of those who competed had taken online tests before the state conference began. Among those were Wyatt Dennison, who placed first in Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure. Dennison competed in an online procedure for his first place and will now compete at the national leadership conference. Another placing first through online testing, Emily Metheney also earned the right to compete nationally. Her topic was Healthcare Administration.

Earning fourth place and the right to compete

nationally were Piper Tonkin and Zoey Moore. Both qualified through online testing. Tonkin's fourth place came in Intro to FBLA. Moore qualified through an online test on Intro to Business Procedure.

A first-place winner involving in-person competition at the State Leadership Conference is composed of Kaylee

Criner, Addison Grindo, and Natalie Rose. These three won first place in Broadcast Journalism, an event which takes careful planning and timing. Kaylee Criner explained the requirements and the group's preparation.

The seven-minute broadcast had to have a

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This delegation represented the county at the State competition held on the Marshall University campus.

## Rotary announces dates for Spring Blood Screening

The Braxton County Rotary Club, in conjunction with WVU Medicine's Braxton County Memorial Hospital has announced the dates for their Spring Blood Screening. The low-cost testing will again be expanded to more than the typical one-day event. The event will follow much the same format as their past two screenings to comply with COVID restrictions and reduce wait times.

Participants can have a basic panel of 35 popular blood tests for the low price of \$35. In addition, several tests can be added for a very nominal price: TSH (Thyroid) \$10, PSA (Men only) \$20, Seasonal Flu Shot \$18, and Hemoglobin A1c \$15.

All participants will have to pre-register and be assigned a time to have their blood drawn. This results in extremely short wait times. This year the event will take place on the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday prior to Saturday, April 23 as well as the same three days following the Saturday event.

Those who find the weekdays more convenient will have their blood drawn at BCHM's old Community Health Center location between the hours of 7:00 and 10:00 AM. Participants may choose from Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> as well as April 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. The Saturday event will be from 6:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Time slots need to be pre-arranged and are assigned on a first come first serve basis. Participants are reminded that they must complete a registration form to retain the time they select. The weekday events will be held in the building in front of the Hospital's main entrance.

Please follow the signs.

The Saturday event will be held in the former Community Health Center facility in the southern most portion of the BCMH building through the end entrance. Again, please follow the signs.

When patients register, they will be assigned a time and are asked not

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## Memorial honoring fallen DNR Officer approved for Courthouse square

Lieutenant Tim White of the Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division was one of the first to address the Braxton County Commission at their regular meeting last Friday, March 18. Lt. White said that his professional organization would like to erect a memorial to honor Wesley Frame, a Braxton County native, who was killed in the line of duty in 1978. He stated that his Association would pay for the memorial if the County would allow it to become a permanent part of the Courthouse Square. He further reminded the Commissioners that Officer Frame, a Gassaway High School graduate, was shot and killed while investigating a littering complaint in Monroe County where he was stationed at the time. After hearing the request, Larry Clifton made a motion that the Commission work with Lt. White's organization to design and place a memorial on the Courthouse Square in memory of fallen DNR Officer Wesley Frame.

Addi Facemire, Director of BC Drug Testing Service was first to address the Commission. She presented the body with a report of her agency's activities for the month of February. That report revealed that BCDTS had contacted 93 drug screenings during the month and that 2 individuals had successfully completed the terms of home confinement and were released.

John Cobb and Eddie Williams of the Pleasant Hill Waterline Association made a request that the Commission designate \$315,000 of the county's America Recovery Plan (ARP) funding for engineering and design for their waterline extension. Cobb explained to the Commission

that the funds would allow the project to move up in priority for funding for the project that is estimated to cost between, \$3.9 and \$4.6 million.

"This funding will make our waterline extension 'shovel ready' which according to Region VII will put us in a good place for more Federal and State Funding," Cobb said. Commission President Lisa Godwin suggested that the Commission organize a meeting with all the stakeholders to ensure that everyone was on the same page before the Commission further considered the funding request. The delegation agreed that would be a good idea and ask the Commission to proceed with hosting the meeting.

Kenny Summers, EMS Supervisor, spoke to the Commission regarding the purchase of two new ambulances for the county service. He stated that the best price and delivery timeframe came from Global Emergency Services. He detailed that each ambulance with power cot would cost \$200,681 and take 160 days to deliver. After hearing the presentation and asking questions, Larry Clifton made a motion to proceed with the \$401,363.72 purchase to be paid for with ARP funding.

Sheriff Lou DellaMea and Deputy Bryce Scarboro discussed the purchase to new police cruisers which had been topics at two previous meetings. Scarboro outlined that each of the 3 Ford Explorers would cost \$44,409. Larry Clifton made the motion to approve the purchase using ARP funds.

In other action, the Commission approved the short form settlements as submitted by the Fiduciary Supervisor

for the following: Donald N. Bragg, Tammy Lee Burroughs, Darlene Kay Butcher, Roy Lee Hawkins, Leslie Harold Jackson, E. Mae James, Garnet Paintiff, Alexander Sandy. Jack A. Stalnaker, Shirley Swisher, and Howard Wesley White, Sr.

A single application for correction of erroneous assessments was approved for Judy Cogar.

Melvin Gum introduced separate motions to approve two purchase orders. They authorized the purchase of an IBM Wheelwriter from Around the Office.Com at a cost of \$645 for the County Clerk; The Sheriff will purchase uniforms and equipment to send 2 deputies to the training academy at a cost of \$3,075.32.

Following a brief discussion, Larry Clifton made a motion to transfer the ARP Recovery Funds to the county's general fund to account for lost revenue. The action gives the county more flexibility in how the funds are appropriated.

The Commission approved a list of poll workers for the upcoming May Primary Election as submitted by the County Clerk.

Following a discussion, Larry Clifton made a motion to hire Rachel Davis as a full-time custodian. Davis will be paid \$12.00 per hour with full county benefits.

The Commission approved an internal budget revision from the Prosecuting Attorney.

On separate motions by Melvin Gum, County and EMS invoices were authorized for payment and the minutes of the Commission's March 4 meeting were approved.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:49 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Braxton County Commission will be on April 1 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

## LBE students Pie the Principal

Students at Little Birch Elementary earned the opportunity to Pie the Principal in the face. Students were awarded tickets for each day they attended school, completed all assignments, and demonstrated positive behavior

for a drawing at end of the grading period. When the 3rd nine weeks concluded, two names were drawn from each classroom to hit Principal Grace Wine with a pie.

Student Leadership Team members

Maddison Marks, Lydia Gerwig, Allison Marks, and Brenna Hoard completed pie assembly. Near the end of the day, the entire school gathered outside for the festivities. Destani Edgell

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## Braxton County High School 2022 Top Ten



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### Zoey Harrison plans a career in nursing

By Shirley Shuman

Although she feels that "going distant" her junior year had a negative impact on her education, eighth-ranked Zoey Harrison has apparently overcome any problems that distance learning caused her. Harrison, the daughter of Mary Hamilton and Nathan Harrison, is enjoying her senior

year and has definite plans for the future.

Nursing is this young woman's chosen career. She explained why. "I've always been interested in the health care field," she said. "In the experiences I've had in doctor's offices, the nurses have always

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LBE Principal Grace Wine displays her rewards of the Pie the Principal event.





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As I See It

By Ed Given



This and that...

I continue to watch the fallout from the recently concluded Legislative session. Most observers characterize it as some sort of disaster. Except for those in power. I read an article in Mondays’ Charleston Gazette that both sides are quick to criticize and to take credit for what they perceive the good was that came from the session.

I agree that not everything that came out of the session was bad. However, it certainly seems to me like the bad far outweighs the good. In many cases it was the lack of action that was the problem.

On Saturday, Jeanine and Krystal joined a group of friends that were traveling to Pickens for the Maple Syrup Festival on side-by-sides. I opted to stay at home. I promised to smoke ribs for the hungry travelers to enjoy upon their return. I was hard at it mid-afternoon when Allison texted me and said Kathryn was board at a fund-raising event, she and the other kids were participating in. She wanted to come to Poppies’ and watch cartoons. Well, that wasn’t an inconvenience at all, so I picked her up on my way to the store. While I was keeping an eye on the ribs, I ventured into the garage to fix a cabinet drawer that Jeanine had pulled the face off of. I needed some more supplies and additional smoking pellets which necessitated the road trip to the store.

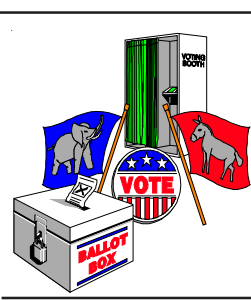
I picked Kathryn up and off we went to Wally World... one of my least favorite places to go. We managed to find almost everything we needed and even ran into a lake friend and caught up on what they had been up to over the winter. Of course, we both decided we were ready for summer as we discussed what it was going to take to get our boats ready for the water.

Even with the visit, my trip was rather short which is exactly how I like it. As we left, Kathryn requested a detour by way of McDonalds which I obliged.

When we arrived home the ribs were ready to be wrapped in foil. After that, I finished up the drawer project and left the glue to dry. Kathryn was good as gold during all this which is usually the case with any of my grandchildren when we have one on one time.

The ribs got great reviews when the weary and somewhat dirty travelers returned.

My buddy Doug came down from Bridgeport and we worked on a boat project on Sunday afternoon. We made good progress and have high hopes the boat we worked on will see water this season. That’s better than the other seven that we have jointly owned it. Even though Sunday’s weather was a bit cooler than Saturday, the boat project has me more in the mood for Summer and returning to the lake. I guess now all I have to do is wait on the lake to return to summer levels. That is assuming the snow is really gone?



Meet the Candidates...

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Gregory is candidate for Board of Education



My name is Kevin Gregory, and I am running for Braxton County Board of Education. I was born and raised near the Braxton/Lewis County line north of Falls Mill, WV. My parents are Nettie and the late Ford Gregory. After attending Burnsville Elementary and Middle School, I graduated from Braxton County High School in

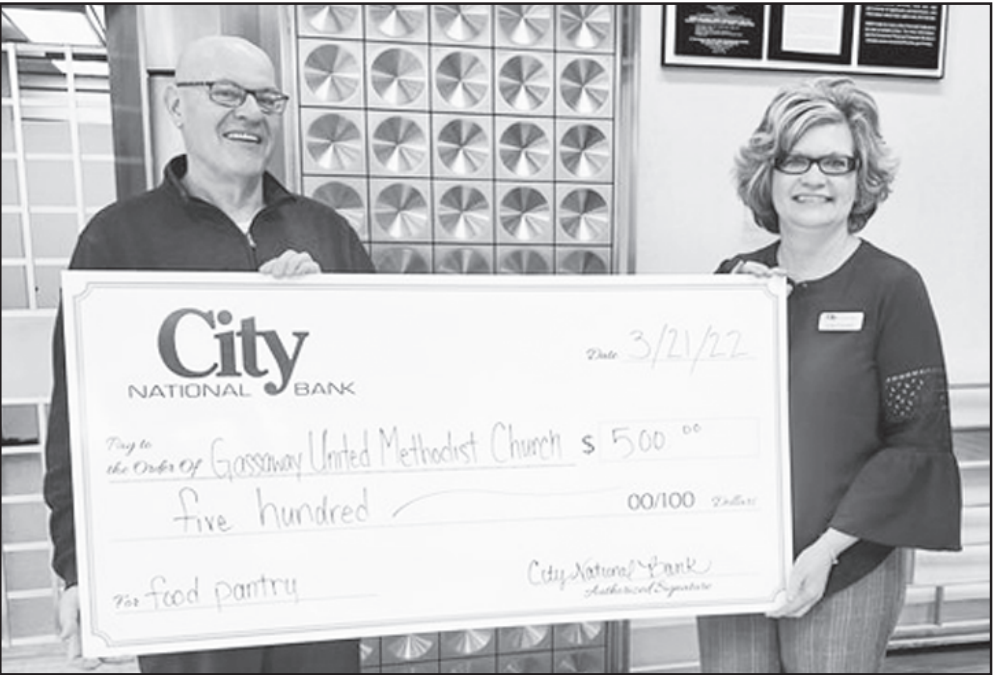
1986. I attended Georgia Military College and graduated in 1988 as a Second Lieutenant, US Army. I completed my B.S. Degree in Criminal Justice in 1990 at Fairmont State University. In November 1990, I began Active Duty at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Serving as a Field Artillery Officer, I attained the rank of Colonel and retired at 29 years on 30 November 2017. I met my wife, Brenda “Gabby” Gregory, in Oklahoma and we were married in 1992. We have two daughters. Melissa graduated from Fort Knox High School in 2017. Adeline graduated from Braxton County High School in 2019. Both now attend Fairmont State University. In

2021, we finished our “forever home in northern Braxton County just a ½ mile from where I grew up. After 14 different homes, we are happy to be established in West Virginia.

People have asked why I would want to serve on the board and how my military experiences apply to education. The benefits of military service are multifaceted. 1) The military believes in life-long learning; hence, I have a Master of Business Administration and a Master of Arts in Strategic Studies. 2) As an US Army Officer, I have Commanded at every level from Platoon to Brigade, in and out of combat. Between command assignments, the military ensures their leaders are well-rounded, thus much of my experiences are relevant to

Just look at this!

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



**Gassaway United Methodist Church helps the local community with food insecurity through their Feed the Lambs and the United Christian Food Pantry ministries. Lisa Conant, Assistant Vice President of City National Bank, presents Denver Drake with a check in the amount of \$500 to support their efforts. “City National Bank is humbled to support their efforts in Central West Virginia,” says Conant.**

planning, budgets, and education. As Fort Sill’s Strategic Communications Director, I worked with the Economic Development Planning Commission, the city Mayor, Oklahoma Senator Inhofe, and Representative Coburn as well as many other stakeholders in rebranding and growing the Lawton-Fort Sill area. As a Garrison Commander of Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield near Savannah, GA, my mission required I lead a “city” providing housing, security, education, infrastructure, and training space for 26,000 military members and their families to include the local veteran population. During my tenure as the Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield Commander I served on two Boards of Education representing the military families both on and off base in Liberty County, GA. I also served on the Military Interstate Children’s Compact Commission, (MIC3) which functions to set the conditions for military children to transition into and out of school systems without suffering the effects of the varying academic requirements. I completed my career as Chief of Staff, US Army Cadet Command, Fort Knox, KY where my staff of 400+ was responsible for the coordination and resourcing of all the Army ROTC and JROTC programs around the world. Responsible for the curriculum of both the Juvenile and Adult Learning models and to bring the programs up to date in a world with ever-changing environmental conditions and technological advancements. Most importantly, the ROTC mission is to provide an education and training model that will prepare young officers for leading our nation’s most valuable resources, our sons and daughters, into the next battle.

Both Gabby and I cannot begin to explain how much we gained Please turn to **GREGORY** page 3

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News from our Capitol

by Delegate Brent Boggs

For the first week after the legislative session, I’ve slept a little more soundly at night, but the work continues, as the bills that passed and failed are unwound to assess the repercussions, positive and negative. Meanwhile, the Governor has been center stage in the past several days with actions and reactions.

As for Executive actions, the Governor signed the FY 2023 budget bill (SB 250) late last week, but with a heavy red pencil. In using the power of the Governor having budgetary line-item veto authority, Governor Justice eliminated a line in Sec. 9 of the budget document – the general revenue surplus section – by striking out \$265 million set aside by the House Finance Chairman for his state income tax reduction bill that failed to be taken up by the Senate. While House Bill 4007 passed the House, I could not support the bill, as it simply amounted to a tax break for the wealthy, with virtually no benefit to

the average taxpayer. Simply put, 70% of the tax breaks under HB 4007 would have gone to fewer than 20% of the taxpayers had the bill passed.

That’s why the way the final budget bill was passed has been under substantial scrutiny from both sides of the political aisle and in the press. The criticism validates my concerns over the recent phenomenon of passing a budget before the session ends, and thereby not full knowledge of what finally passed or failed to pass. The lack of transparency is yet another issue, along with the priorities that cannot provide tax relief for the average working family or retiree despite hanging on to over a billion dollars in projected surplus for “back of the budget” items.

It defies logic to say we have a flat \$4.5 billion general revenue budget, but in fact have another billion in budget spending when the surplus revenue rolls in. Lawmakers on both sides of the aisle are noticing as well as the

public.

Also last week, the Minority leaders in the House and Senate held a press conference to call on the Governor to institute a one-month state motor fuel tax “holiday”, thereby cutting gas and diesel prices by over 35 cents per gallon. Governor Justice immediately reacted, referring to the proposal as a political stunt. That was disappointing.

I’m not big on political stunts or grandstanding from either party, because I’ve always felt stunts, posturing and pandering are not part of good government. However, on this issue at this time, I believe a temporary rollback on the fuel tax is warranted. First, the Governor’s own revenue estimates and the budget he signed are projecting a possible \$1 billion revenue surplus. While the motor fuel tax is a fund separate from the general revenue fund, the Legislature has transferred excess general revenue dollars to the road fund multiple times in recent years. Further, a projected \$35 million hit to the road fund could easily be covered out of such a massive projected surplus. The Governor is correct when he states that we have a large, voter approved bond debt from his “Roads to Prosperity” initia-

tive and that the motor fuel tax is what we rely upon to both service the bonds and to build and maintain our roads, bridges and perform highway maintenance. However, I must again refer to having such a large projected surplus to draw from to cover the one-month temporary loss of revenue responsibly and promptly, rendering this argument moot.

A brief, manageable suspension of the state’s portion of the gas tax would be a fair and direct way to put dollars immediately back into the pockets of those that need it most. It would help all motorists and proportionately have more benefit to the low- and middle-income taxpayers, yet everyone would receive a benefit.

One important component would be necessary. The WV Attorney General would need to immediately service notice that there would be prompt and meaningful repercussions on any wholesale distributor or retail fuel entity that attempted

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been nice. I want to give that experience to other people.” Harrison will pursue her nursing degree at Fairmont State University.

Regarding her high school career in which she was actually in the classroom, she has her favorites. One is Allie Suesli’s history class. “I don’t like history, but Mrs. Suesli engages us in many different ways to help us understand the material,” she said. The other of her favorite classes is J.D. Drake’s Civics class.

Harrison said that the Civics class “deals a lot with what is going on in the world today and helps us learn what duties we have as we go into the world.”

Jerry Frame is her favorite teacher. “Mr. Frame is a great teacher,” she said “and is very passionate in his teaching. We have formed a bond over the years, and I couldn’t imagine high school without him. I’ve had him for three years and couldn’t thank him enough for making those years the best.”

In addition to her classes and a Co-op job, Harrison has other interests related to school. She has played volleyball since seventh grade, is secretary of the senior class, a member of HOSA—the health-related organization, and the local chapter of the National Honor Society. Her Co-op position as shift supervisor at Starbucks “takes about 30 hours a week,” she said. Much of her time outside school is spent with friends and family and in crocheting.

Harrison took time to explain why being on distance learning had the biggest impact of anything else on her school career. “With distance learning my junior year, I feel like I lost out being a junior and I missed out on things at school like pep rallies and other events. Distance learning also kept me from learning in a classroom [with other students]. I learn better hands-on instead of from a computer.”

Zoey Harrison appears to have caught up with most of what she missed as a distance learner her junior year. She is definitely enjoying her senior year and is ready for whatever the future holds.



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story covering three topics which they chose from a list. The Braxton students chose the world—focusing on the pandemic, entertainment, and sports. The presentation had to be introduced live and contained interaction among the the three broadcasters.

Criner said that their covering the pandemic included a recorded Facetime interview with a German citizen concerning how regulations had affected people in that country. This section contained two different clips.

Their cover of entertainment involved social media TikTok as creator fund, something introduced only recently. Finally, their sports segment centered on Coach Sterling Beane, especially on his holding the record for the most dual match wrestling wins of any coach in West Virginia.

The group wrote up each story as it would be written for real newscasting, and each of the three group members introduced one section. Criner began with the pandemic, Rose introduced the entertainment section, and Grindo the local sports. Criner used PowerPoint to provide background for each segment as one would see on a real television broadcast.

In addition to those members who placed, Allie White tested in Business Communication, Braylee Robinson, Kaiden Perkins tested in Computer Application, and Emma Rose in Agri Business. Two others who competed but did not attend the State Leadership Conference were Olivia Ramsey and Matthias Garavaglia.

The national conference, Advisor Dennison explained, will include, in addition to new online tests for those going that route and live presentations for the Broadcast Journalism group, an opening ceremony, live presentations by various individuals, and sightseeing. Braxton’s advisor noted that Braxton has won very few national awards but she hopes to see some this time.

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to arrive more than five

minutes before their scheduled appointment. Times will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis, so participants are encouraged to register early. A special portal is available to reserve a time slot at: <https://rotaryscreen.as.me>

Scheduling by mail is still available. Once the application is processed the patient will be advised by telephone exactly what time has been assigned to them. Patients may also call the Citizens’ News office at 304-765-5193 to register and receive a time, or the BCMH Lab at 304-364-1035. Payment can be mailed or paid at the door.

Face covering will be required at all locations. Patients are reminded to fast for at least 12 hours prior to testing for accurate results.

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started the celebration by giving the principal a pie hat. The remaining nine pies were planted directly in Wine’s face by Elaina Edgell, Adium Rose, Violet Williams, Brenna Hoard, Hayden Morrison, Mya Gregory, Bethany George, Marionna George, and Hunter Sartin.

Students learned that attendance, diligence, and good behavior end in sweet rewards.

GREGORY

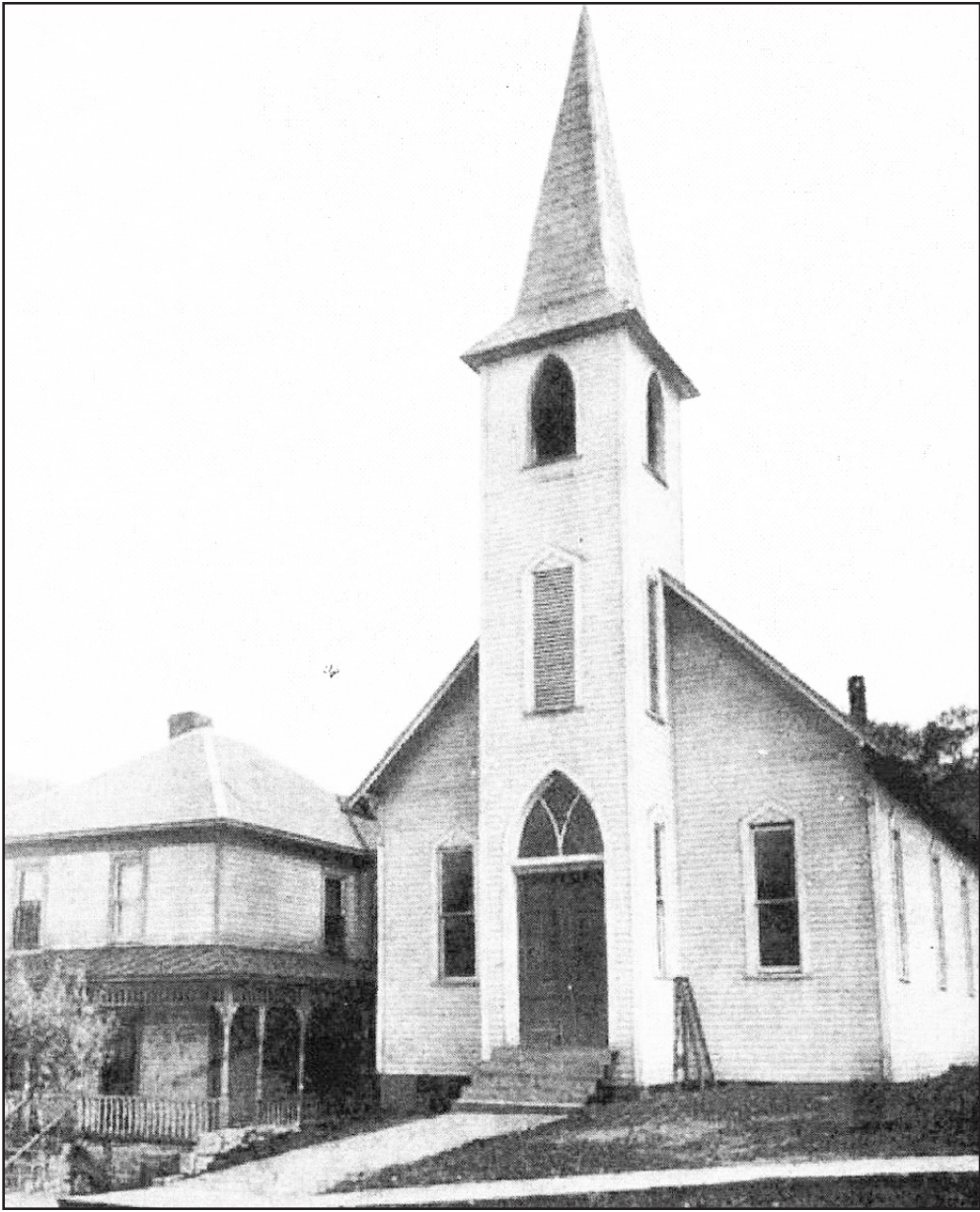
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from our military experiences. From living in Europe, to making life-long bonds with military friends around the world, we were blessed in every circumstance. Attending 13 different schools gave our daughters the ability to adapt to change - finding new friends fast before it was time to move again. Every assignment, every community, every neighbor, every friend, were all extremely beneficial and we are beyond grateful. However, we both understand that while we retired from the military, we are not “retired” and we owe the people of this county, this state, and this nation for the support we received throughout our time in military. There is no better place to serve this county than by serving our children and ensuring we provide the best possible education for their futures. I will approach this position like every other position I have held; review the current policies, assess the strengths and weaknesses of the organization, identify immediate opportunities for improvement, receive input from all the stakeholders, act, and then re-assess our progress. The Superintendent has stated she will not renew her contract for another year, so bringing on a new Superintendent will be a critical starting point.

Key to improving our district is getting input from Parents on policies they support and don’t support. Determining a way forward to improve facilities across the district and verifying our curriculum will set our students up for success. We must focus on offering career and trade courses that prepare students for current and future workforce conditions, in addition to the proper licensing and certification programs which will accelerate their entrance into the job market. For students focused on college, we must ensure they are well prepared for the demands of today’s college curriculum and ever evolving education mod-

Way back when...

Long ago in Braxton County



**Methodist Episcopal Church South... Churches have always been the pillar of their communities. Such was the case with the Burnsville Methodist Episcopal Church South in this early 1900's photo. The church was enlarged in 1916 and unfortunately, destroyed by fire in 1939. The photo is courtesy of Craig A. Smith collection and is featured in a series of historical books**

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

els. If we intend to retain quality educators and faculty, we need to provide quality pay and quality benefits. This must be done with complete transparency to our taxpayers, how and where their dollars are spent and how those dollars are improving the education in Braxton County.

I have directed, led or been a part of change in nearly every organization in which I have served. I am confident in our ability to recover from the impacts of Covid and to build upon our educational goals and objectives.

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to raise prices and thereby take advantage of the fuel tax drop for their own profit. If the AG would ensure compliance, our motorists could see an immediate price reduction at the pump of more than \$0.30 per gallon.

While the Governor rejected this proposal, over twenty states are considering the same proposal, with Maryland’s republican governor taking this action only a few days ago. Other states have or are in the process of doing likewise. With the emergency powers under COVID that he has yet to rescind, I believe he could do this by executive action. Also, legislators will be back for April interim meetings next month to approve the action.

Meanwhile, no word on what will be done with the \$265 million vetoed by the Governor. Let’s hope it’s put to good use to benefit areas and citizens of our state most in need.

Now that the session is concluded until April interim meetings, please contact me at my home office at: 151 Park Street, Gassaway, WV 26624. The phone number is **304-364-**

**8411.** For those with Internet access, my legislative email address is: [Brent.Boggs@WVHouse.gov](mailto:Brent.Boggs@WVHouse.gov)

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

Concession Stand

FOR SALE



The Sutton Volunteer Fire Department, after many successful years, is going out of the concession business. ***Their loss could be your gain?*** They would prefer to see the units go to another civic organization wishing to raise money. The 8X20 **Concession Trailer** is a **1982** that needs some work to be functional again. They also have a **1972 Chevrolet panel/box truck** that serves as a support vehicle. If you are interested in inspecting the vehicles, call **Ed Given, SVFD President (304)644-5192**. Package will be priced upon inspection.

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OBITUARIES

**Minnie Jean Hefner Nottingham**

Minnie Jean Hefner Nottingham, 82, of Strange Creek, WV went to her heavenly home on March 17, 2022 at

Braxton County Memorial Hospital after suffering a massive stroke. She was born May 7, 1939 in Gassaway, WV to the late James Raymond and Margaret Jean Cogar Hefner.

Minnie was a Christian by faith. She was a homemaker in every sense of the word, and was passionate about quilting, canning her own food, baking pies, surrounding her home with beautiful flowers, and most of all, she loved taking care of her family.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by all her siblings, brothers, Harold, Earl Gale, and Michael Hefner; sisters, Louise Coyle, Pearl Lathem, Arlene Harrison, Maxine Nottingham, Dorothy Cogar, and Patsy Miller.

She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Brantie Nottingham; three children, Diana Frame and husband, Teddy, Clinton Nottingham and wife, Jeannie, and Vickie Nottingham all of Strange Creek; five grandchildren; Eric Frame and wife, Michelle of Clay, Casie Boggs and husband, Scott, of Wallback, Terra Nottingham of Strange

Creek, Adam Nottingham of Strange Creek, and Tonya Smith and husband, Robert, of Strange Creek; six great-grandchildren; Gracie Boggs, Jaidyn Boggs, Bryson Smith, Tali Burdette, Cole Frame, and Harley Smith. Also surviving are many nieces & nephews.

Funeral service was 12 Noon, Saturday, March 19, 2022 at Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway with Pastor Freddie Schoolcraft officiating.

Interment was in the Nottingham Mountain Cemetery, Strange Creek.

Visitation was two hours prior to the service at the funeral home.

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

**Randall Sherman Malcomb**

Randall Sherman Malcomb, 64, of Burnsville, WV, passed away on March 15, 2022. He was born on January 24,

1958 in Elkins, WV to parents Sherman Arthur Malcomb and Carol Burroughs Prince.

He was preceded in death by his father and Brother: James Rodney.

Randall was employed for the City of Glenville in the water department. He was always willing to lend a helping hand and had a servant's heart. He loved

his family and enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Randall is survived by his Companion: Diane Malcomb; Mother: Carol Burroughs Prince; Brothers: Arthur Malcomb, Mike Malcomb, and Lloyd King; Sister Rosemary Yeager; Daughters: Deidre Blake, Dena Williamson, and Danielle Bailey; Sons: Randall Graham and Jason Graham; Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren.

The family is abiding by Randall's wishes to be cremated. No services will be held at this time.

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

**James Earney Rollyson**

James Earney Rollyson, 93, of Frametown,



WV, went home to be with the Lord on March 13, 2022 surrounded by family. He was born to loving parents, James Branty and Dortha Rollyson, on January 29, 1929 in Gassaway, WV.

He is survived by his loving wife of 72 ½ years, Frances Hall Rollyson; daughters, Shirlene Sattler of Craigsville, WV, Darlene (Don) Davis of Frametown, WV, Karlene Hughes of Frametown, WV; and son, James "Jamie" (Margaret) Rollyson II of Wilsie,

WV; sisters, Rose Wilson of Wayne, WV, Sue Moore of Orma, WV, Bonnie (Larry) Jones of Frametown, WV; and Mary Jane Carr of Wilsie, WV; sister-in-law, Kay Greathouse of Millstone, WV.

Loving grandchildren, Lisa Frame, James "JR" (Stephanie) Rollyson III, Jolene (fiancé, Armon) Rollyson, Emily Davis, Brianna (Ryan) Myers, Vicki Shuman, Megan Shuman, and Angie Hughes.

Great grandchildren, Amelia (Scott) Menarcheck, Luke Frame, Jackson Rollyson, Nathan Rollyson, and Brinley Myers; and great great grandsons, Clark Menarcheck and Colter Shaver; and many nieces, nephews, extended family members, and many loyal telephone companions.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his in-laws, Kester and Vesta Hall; siblings, Clarence Rollyson, Morrison Rollyson, Donald "Buck" Rollyson and Joann Ritchie; sons-in-law, Harry Hughes and Roger Sattler.

He was retired from oil and gas as a driller. He loved to farm, garden, raise cattle, drive the tractor, talk about old Fords, and talk on the telephone to see "what's the latest?" He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and brother.

Visitation was 10 to 11:30 A.M. Thursday, March 17, 2022 at Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway.

Graveside service was 12:30 P.M. at the Hughes-Rollyson Cemetery, Upper Sleith Road, Frametown with Pastor Rick Price and Chaplain Lynn Keener officiating.

The family would like to extend gratitude to the caring nurses that always made him smile and other staff of WV Caring Hospice that have become a part of the family.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to WV Caring, P.O. Box 760, Arthurdale, WV 26520.

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

**Glen Edward Herron**

Glen Edward Herron, 54, of Sutton passed away on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at UPMC Presbyterian Hospital, Pennsylvania.

He was born June 7, 1967 in Easley, South Carolina to Nancy McAlister Herron and the late Ervin Dillard Herron, Jr.

Glen held a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Alaska Fairbanks. He was a former police officer and honorably served his country in the United States Air Force as Military Police for 13 years. His law enforcement service included various agencies in South Carolina beginning with the North Police Department, Orangeburg Public Safety, Lexington County Sheriff's Department, and the Gaston Police Department.

Glen loved visiting West Virginia and fell in love with the immense beauty of the state and decided to make West Virginia his permanent home. He started his career in West Virginia as a State Investigator for the Department of Highways (DOH). With his driven work ethic he advanced and held the position of the District Seven Assistant Maintenance Engineer.

Glen was always setting a great example of hard work and dedication, and always putting

God first. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. His favorite pastime was fishing, boating and riding the trails. He will be deeply missed.

Left to cherish his memories are his wife, Dawn Darlene "Dee Dee" Anilao-Herron; children, Christopher "Brett" Anilao (Brittany) of Lexington, SC, Carly Ann Herron of Richmond, VA, Shelby Rae Herron of Richmond, VA, Nicholas "Blake" Herron of Sutton and Chandler James "CJ" Herron of Sutton; seven grandchildren; mother, Nancy McAlister Herron; brother, James "Michael" Herron (Odile) of Elloree, SC; and sister, Freda Herron Trupiano also of Elloree, SC; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was Sunday, March 20, 2022 at Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway at 3pm with Pastor Luke Malensek officiating.

Visitation was three hours prior to the service at the funeral home.

Interment with Military Rites was in the Little Kanawha Memorial Gardens, Heaters. Words of comfort and fond memories may be extended to the family at [www.roachfuneralhome.com](http://www.roachfuneralhome.com).

**Richard Leon Payne**

Richard Leon Payne, 69 of Webster Springs passed away on Saturday, March 12, 2022 at Braxton County Memorial Hospital. He was born February 11, 1953 in Braxton County to the late Walter and Opal Johns Payne and was a logger by trade.

He enjoyed sitting in the yard watching and counting the planes, watching NCIS and CSI on television, and playing with his grandbabies.

In addition to his parents, Richard was preceded in death by his wife, Patty on January 31, 2004; brother Jesse Payne; and niece Krista Knight.

He is survived by his daughter Tracey Bolling of Diana; grandchildren Keeley Bolling and Nathias Barbe; sister Margaret (Dolan) Knight; brothers Carl Payne (significant other Jalene Williams) and Romie (Patricia) Payne; nieces Rebecca Payne (companion Brad Dille), Janie Payne, and Shelley Walters; nephew Larry Knight; and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

Memorial Services to celebrate Richard's life will be held at a later date.

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

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

**Patrick Allen Thayer**

Patrick Allen Thayer, 32 of Flatwoods



passed away on Tuesday, March 15, 2022. He was born July 30, 1989 in Annapolis, MD the son of the late Leslie Patrick and Bonnie Lee Ledman Thayer.

Patrick was working for Meadows Stone and Paving in Gassaway as a Heavy Equipment Mechanic. He enjoyed fishing, boating and working on cars.

Patrick is survived by his two sons, Tan-

ner Tripp Thayer and Mason Alexander Thayer; two aunts, Shirley Ann Ledman Liberti, Sutton and Linda Michelle Thayer Williams; several cousins.

In addition to his parents, Patrick was preceded in death by several aunts and uncles.

Davis Funeral Home and Onsite Crematory is handling the Cremation and honored to serve the Thayer family. Online condolences can be made on [DavisFuneralHomeWV.com](http://DavisFuneralHomeWV.com).

**Judith Ann (Mayfield) Davis**

Judith Ann (Mayfield) Davis died on



March 19, 2022. She was born on the Ides of March (15th) in 1942 the daughter of Fred and Rosenell (Hutson) Mayfield of Wolf Summit. Her parents and an infant brother, Fredric Melvin preceded her in death.

She graduated from Bristol High School, Fairmont State College and West Virginia University. She is survived by her children, Kendra Huggins (Willard Shaver) of Coalton, WV; Kristen Andrews (Jeff Andrews) The Rock, GA; and Steven Huggins, Houston TX and her husband Larry Johnson, Coalton, WV. Also surviving are six grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Judy taught at the Reform School for Boys in Pruntytown; Mount Garland Elementary School in Buckner, Virginia; and the remainder of her teaching career at Flatwoods Elementary in Flatwoods, WV. She enjoyed playing piano and organ; teaching children old songs and tales of folklore. Her main interests aside from teaching included sharing her music, investigating local history and writing poetry. She left two books for people to enjoy-Rhymes & Riddles of a Country Teacher and Just Roll Over and Go Back To Sleep.

She enjoyed meeting new people, teaching Adult Sunday School, playing the piano/organ for services; and spending time with her family and her dogs which she also loved.

The family would like to thank Davis Memorial Hospital, Dr. Davis and WV Caring Hospice staff for their compassionate care.

It is her wish to be cremated. There will be no service. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. If you would like to make a donation to honor the memory of Judith Davis, please send donation to Mountaineer Food Bank, 484 Enterprise Drive, Gassaway, WV, 26624.

Stockert Funeral Home & Cremation is honored to serve the family of Judith (Judy) Davis.

**Carolyn "Judy" Morton**

Carolyn "Judy" Morton, born October 10, 1942, gained her



wings on March 12th, 2022. Daughter to James C and Eunice Moore of Lizemore, WV. Surviving her husband of 61 years, Arthur Wayne Please turn to OBITS

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Let your creative juices flow with the ECD Poster Contest.**

The Elk Conservation District is holding its Annual Poster Contest. This years theme is Healthy Soil Healthy Life. The contest is open to Kindergarten through 12th grades. All entries must be turned in to the Elk Conservation District office by April 1, 2022. Entries will be judged in five age categories: K-1st grade, 2nd-3rd grade, 4th -6th grade, 7th-9th grade and 10th-12th grade. Please make sure that each entry has an entry form attached to the back of the poster. For additional rules and information, please contact the Elk Conservation District Facebook page or call (304) 765-2535

**Burnsville Lake’s Fifth Annual Easter Egg Hunt**

Burnsville Lake is hosting its Fifth Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16 at 1:00 P.M. Due to a cancellation in weather, make up date is Saturday, April 23. This free family friendly event will be held at the Burnsville Lake Downstream area.

There will be prizes for each age group and an “eggtravagant” amount of eggs to search for. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Burnsville Lake and the Burnsville Lake, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. For questions and additional information, please contact the Friends of the Burnsville Lake and the Burnsville Lake, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Facebook page.

**Braxton County Jamboree April Music Schedule**

The Braxton County Jamboree has announced its music schedule for April 2022. April 1 Retro Country, April 8 Whiskey River, April 15 Jessica Schoonover Anderson and Rick Tincher and The Birch River Band. April 22 Frank Conn and the Partners, April 29 Buck and Company (Bluegrass) Concessions will be available for purchase. No Alcohol Permitted at any event. The Braxton County Jamboree is Handicap-Accessible. The Braxton County Jamboree is located at 258 Parsons Dr, Gassaway, WV 26624 For more information and to follow the Braxton County Jamboree please visit Facebook or online at <http://braxtoncountyjamboree.com> WebStarts.com/ You may also contact Lena Parsons at (304) 364-5577 or by email at [e-mail--lparsons804@gmail.com](mailto:e-mail--lparsons804@gmail.com)

**Community Dinner**

The Heaters Extension Homemakers Club will host a Community Dinner at the Heaters Community Building on Friday, April 8, 2022 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The menu will consist of Baked Ham, Fried Chicken, Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Scaloped Potatoes, Sweet Potato Casserole, Green Beans, Corn, Peas, Baked Beans, Deviled Eggs, Hot Rolls, a variety of salads, a variety of desserts, and bottled water, regular and diet sodas, and coffee to drink. Prices will be: adults-\$10, children (4-10)-\$6, and children 3 and under eat free. Plan now to join us on this

day for a good meal and good fellowship.

**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.

**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.

**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 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.

**SHS Reunion Banquet cancelled for 2022**

After much though, talk, and consideration, we have found it necessary to cancel SHS’s Reunion Banquet for this year-2022. As things are: age of our graduates, distance from “home” and the difficulties of travel, plus the many health reasons, it appears to us the SHS’s Reunion Banquets will cease to be! However, we hope that each individual class will continue to have their own reunion. Since I receive all of the alumni mail, please send your correspondence directly to me at 407 Oak Street, Sutton, WV 26601. We will no longer be using PO Box 22. Should you desire to talk with to fuss, cuss, complain, discuss, or whatever my phone number remains the same: 304-765-5284. Our Alumni Building on Airport Road will still be maintained for you to visit. Thank you for your understanding. God Bless each of SHS’s Alumni. Sincerely, Norma Lee Cutlip, Treasurer, and all officers.

**Jacob Shaver**

**Memorial Cemetery meeting**

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

**Local Wellness Committee virtual meeting**

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

**Central WV Riding Club 2022 show dates**

The Central WV Riding Club has announced the show dates for 2022. Be sure to write these dates out in your calendar and come out to support the club. 2022 show dates: May 21, June 25, July 16 -Youth Show, July 23, August 27, September 24, and October 8. Trail Ride October 16 @ 1:00 p.m. on Sugar Camp Rd (John & Kathy Given’s) Gassaway. All shows are held at Holly Gray Park and start at 5:00 p.m. Showbill will be posted after the February meeting. Anyone interested in joining or sponsoring a class contact the Central West Virgina Riding Club Facebook page with an address or email address to send it to and which form(s) you need. Membership is \$5 per person and \$10 per family. Sponsorship is \$40 for Silver Sponsor and \$100 for Gold Sponsor.

**Burnsville Freedom Festival volunteers needed for 2022**

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

**BCHD Food Handler Course Schedule**

The Braxton County Health Department has announced its In-Person Food Handler Training for 2022. The location for all classes will be Braxton County Health Department, 617 Old Turnpike Road, Sutton, (304) 765-2851. Monday, Mar 28, 5-6 pm; Monday, Apr 25, 5-6 pm; Monday, May 23, 5-6 pm; Monday, Jun 27, 5-6 pm; Monday, Jul 25 5-6 pm; Monday, Aug 29, 5-6 pm; Monday, Sept 26, 5-6 pm; Monday, Oct, 24 5-6 pm; Monday, Nov 28, 5-6 pm; and Monday, Dec 19, 5-6 pm. Notes: classes will be canceled if there are weather advisories or warnings; class size will be 6 people or less, you must preregister, no walk-ins;

you must wear a mask and we will screen for symptoms; each card will be for 3 years, 1 & 2 year cards are no longer available; county cards will cost \$15; state cards will cost \$25; please bring exact cash or check/money order; nonprofit cards are no charge; if you prefer online training please go here for a county card: <https://www.statefoodsafety.com/food-handler/west-virginia/braxton-county> or here for a state card: <https://www.statefoodsafety.com/food-handler/west-virginia/braxton-county1>.

**“The Journey”**

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

**Friday night indoor 3D shoot**

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

**Indoor Archery at night**

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

**SJRC Mobile Outpatient Clinics come to BC**

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

(304)362-0295.

**Sutton Public Library Create to Donate**

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

**Burnsville Public Library Board of Trustees meetings**

Burnsville Public Library 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.

**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.

**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 samll 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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Morton.

Preceded in death by sister Sharon Bilger (Phil) and grandson Billy Morton (Elizabeth).

Sons: James Morton (Lisa), Mark Morton (Robyn), Matthew Morton (Jacquelyn).

Grandchildren: Andrew (Alex), Kristin, Paige (Jason), Amanda (Cameron), Nick, Ashleigh. Hannah, Jersey.

Great grandchildren: Milo, Drew, Ehlen, Ade-lyn, River, Makena

Sisters: Janet (Frank), Cathy (Roger), Joy (John)

Graduate of Clay County High School, 1960.

A celebration of life service has been scheduled for Saturday, April 9th, @ noon, at First Southern Baptist Church in Sutton, WV. In lieu of flowers, we ask for a donation to be made in her name to Hospice Care of WV. <https://www.hospicecarewv.org/make-a-donation/>

We would like to thank our wonderful neighbors, Dr Alisadi and staff, Dr Gant and staff, hospice staff. Special thanks to Amy Summers and Becky Duffield.

**Faye O. Boggs**

Faye O. Boggs, 85, of Sebring, FL formerly of Cottle, w e n t h o m e t o b e with her Lord on March 15th, 2022. Faye was born on April 29th, 1936 in

Newville, WV.

She was a 1954 graduate of Sutton High School. She worked at Juergen’s Drug Store in Sutton during her high school years and as a C & P telephone operator until she was married.

Faye was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and aunt. She would constantly say “I love people” and that she did. She enjoyed her class reunions every year and spoke often with her classmates on the phone. She enjoyed teaching Sunday School, where she taught many youth for 18 years at the Cottle Church of God. She spoke with several of those “kids” she called them, often also. Phone calls and mail made her day. She worked for 17 years as a field deputy for the Nicholas County Assessor’s Office collecting tax information from home to home. She seized every opportunity to ask folks if they attended church anywhere? Then she’d tell them she had a good church and would welcome them to attend. She loved her church. She loved her last pastor, Keith Williams and his sweet wife she called “Carrie Ann.” She continued to call him “My Pastor” even after she was forced by health to move to Florida.

She was known by many as the Little Lady who lived on the bank and prayed for everybody and the one who took baked turkey’s and carrots cakes to families who had lost their loved ones, or to express her appreciation to them. She continued to send cards and love gifts for the past 2+ years that she lived in Florida, to whomever God put on her heart back home. She wrote to several young men who are incarcerated, who gave her much feedback and thanks for never giving up on them. Faye’s life reflected a lifetime of a Servant’s Heart, but she didn’t want people to make an issue of her sacrifices and service. God will now show her the faces of everybody she helped lead to Him.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jackie Boggs, her daughter and son-in-law, Tammy and Rudy Luzader, her son-in-law, Rick Rush, her parents, Earl and Justine Luzader, and two sisters, Colletta and Bethel. She is survived by two sons, Rick (Connie) Boggs and Jeremiah Boggs of Craigsville. two daughters, Barbara (Mike) Bell of Summit Point, WV and Pam Rush of Sebring, FL. brother, Mark Luzader of Woodsfield, Ohio. three grandchildren, Stephanie Rush Whyte of Virginia, Deidra Boggs Warren of California, and Megan Boggs Furman of Ohio. five great grandchildren and many nieces, nephews, cousins and in-laws.

Funeral services to celebrate Faye’s life will be at 12 o’clock on Saturday, March 26th, 2022 at Little Glade Baptist Church, Camden-on-Gauley, with Pastor Keith Williams, as well as church friends and family.

Burial will be at WV Memorial Gardens, Calvin. Friends may join the family for visitation from 10:30 until time of service at noon.

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

Adams-Reed Funeral Home is honored to be serving Faye’s





# COMMUNITY CORNER

COUNTY STORIES

By: JEANETTE RIFFLE

## In Your Easter Bonnet



Easter flowers sent in by Jeanette Riffle.

I was on the phone this past week with a friend and we were discussing how people used to get all dressed up for Easter Sunday. Ladies wore suits or a pretty dress and a new hat and little girls were dressed in a fancy Easter dress, patent leather shoes and frilly white socks that folded over at the ankle. Mom’s folks ordered me new things from the Montgomery Ward catalog. If I needed a new spring jacket, I got that.

I remember a song with the words, “In your Easter bonnet, With all the frills upon it, You’ll be the finest lady in the Easter parade.” Those

days have changed. We can dress casual now or even wear slacks. It is good to have the family get togethers and enjoy good food but we must not forget the real reason why we celebrate Easter. It’s not about the Easter bunny, it’s about the Lamb. We serve a risen Savior and because he lives, so will we. He conquered the grave and rose again. We who have accepted Jesus as God’s son who died on the cross to save us from our sins, and have invited him into our heart as Savior and Lord of our life, will have eternal life. Everyone has to die

sometime but we will go to Heaven to be with Jesus if we are saved.

We have a lot to be thankful for. We have a roof over our head, plenty of clothes, plenty of good food , family, and a church family. My Easter flowers are blooming, now. By Memorial Day weekend, about all my flowers will be in bloom except for the late summer bloomers. Rose of Sharon blooms in July. We have seen more ducks on the creek out back. There are so many different kinds of ducks.

Easter is just a few weeks away. We are looking forward to seeing our son and granddaughter. They plan on driving down. We really aren’t able to make a trip clear to Michigan, anymore. They enjoy coming back to the country.

We are into revival now at Rosedale Baptist. It runs from tonight, March 20th through the 25th. Services start at 7:00 pm. Everyone welcome.

Until next time, please continue to be safe and stay well. God bless and keep you in his care.

## Mon Health SJMH now offering Cardiac TeleMon service

The staff of Mon Health Heart & Vascular Center recently unveiled TeleMon, a new instrument for providing excellent care for patients suffering from cardiac issues at Mon Health Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital in Weston.

The new TeleMon system allows a bedside examination by a cardiologist via the internet when the physician is not physically available. Nurse practitioner Stephanie Barker of the Heart and Vascular Center is with the patient during and facilitates the examination. There are two TeleMon stations available – one at the 66 Hospital Plaza Heart & Vascular office and the other at the Hospital.

Barker explained that she will coordinate an appointment with the physician for the inpatient. During the appointment, the patient and physician will communicate face-to-face during the consultation. The physician can then control a camera to complete the physical assessment. TeleMon also has stethoscope capability to allow the physician to listen to the lungs and heart.

“This addition to the Clinic and Hospital provides another tool for much-needed cardiac care close to home,” said Dr. Sami Aljohani, Cardiologist at the Weston Heart & Vascular office.

Adding to the tools in the fight against heart disease is important for the community. West Virginia ranks first highest in the nation in the prevalence of heart attack (7.5%) and coronary heart disease (8.0%). The state ranks seventh highest in the nation in the prevalence of stroke (4.4%) and the overall cardiovascular disease prevalence is highest in the nation according to the WV Department of Health and Human Resources.

The availability of this procedure along with having the award-winning Mon Health Heart and Vascular Center in North Central WV is essential for the heart health of the community. The Center offers patients the expertise and comfort they deserve, close to home. From diagnostics to surgery, the Mon Health physicians use a comprehensive approach focused on individualized care and exceptional outcomes.

To learn more about the Heart and Vascular Center, visit MonHealth.com/Heart.

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

**Magistrate Beth Smith’s Court**

March 14: Chrystal Burns of Heaters, trespassing asked to leave, warrant issued, bond set at \$1500 personal recognizance.

March 15: Sears M. James of Sutton, no seatbelt, fine assessed and paid; Eric Shawn Duffield of Duck, assault, warrant issued, bond set at \$5000 personal recognizance; Emilie Marie Rhodes of Sutton, trespassing, petit larceny, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$3000 cash or surety.

March 16: Timothy Bartram of Davin, reckless driving, guilty plea, DUI, dismissed per plea, fine/court costs assessed and paid; Sheena Marie Drake of Spelter, expired MVI, dismissed; Steven Wayne McCumbers of Glenville, no seatbelt, guilty plea, fine assessed and paid; Jamie Russell Jones of Charleston, possess with intent to deliver x3-meth, heroin, fentanyl, fleeing from officer, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$50,000 cash only and \$3000 cash or surety; Melissa Leanne Mace of Gassaway, conspiracy, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$3000 cash or surety; James Phillip Singleton of Kennebunk ME, petit larceny, guilty plea, fine/court costs assessed.

March 17: Xiyu Zhou of Wallingford, PA, speeding, guilty plea, fine/court costs assessed and paid; Johnnie Lee Lattea, Jr. of Sutton, fraudulent use of an access device x38, dismissed by prosecution, further investigation is needed, potential direct indictment.

March 18: Mitchell Bennett Dunn of Flatwoods, no seatbelt, no contest plea, fine assessed and paid; Katelynn K. Mace of Sutton, no proof of insurance, dismissed proof provided; Justin Michael West of Sutton, no seatbelt, fine assessed and paid; Dillon Dobbins of Burnsville, no seatbelt, guilty plea, fine assessed; Katie L. Abel of Sutton, no seatbelt, guilty plea, fine assessed and paid; Steven H. Evans of Sutton, driving with expired license, accidents involving damage to vehicle, warrant issued, bond set at \$1000 cash or surety; William Workman of Sutton, domestic assault, warrant issued, bond set at \$5000 cash or surety.

March 20: Rebekah Ann Westfall of Exchange, no proof of insurance, dismissed proof provided; Staci Nicole Gerwig of Frametown, expired registrations, dismissed proof provided; Keisha Lorane Thomas of Reedsville, shoplifting, possession of meth, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$1500 cash or surety.

**Magistrate David Singleton’s Court**

March 12: William Dale Freeman of Gasaway, assault, destruction of property, warrant issued, bond set at \$1500 personal recognizance.

March 14: Levi Paul Shuman of Gasaway, no proof of insurance, dismissed proof provided; Stanley Corkhill of Gasaway, no seatbelt, guilty plea, fine assessed and paid.

March 15: Guiritchy Saint-Gerard of North Baldwin, NY, speeding, driving suspended, not guilty plea; Timothy Edward Wright of Craigsville, no proof of insurance, dismissed proof provided, no registration, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed

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### Four Things That Christians Need To Know

KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING

2 Tim 2:15

15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

GOD’S PEOPLE ARE DESTROYED FOR LACK OF

Hos 4:6

6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

RELIGIOUS CONFUSION AVERTED BY

John 8:32

32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

CHRISTIANS ARE TO

Col 3:16

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

ZEAL COUPLED WITH KNOWLEDGE EQUALS DIRECTION

Isa 1-2

2 Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the LORD hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me.

HERE IS HOW IT IS DONE

2 Tim 2:15

15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth

WE ARE TO GROW

NATURE TEACHES THAT IT IS HEALTHY AND NATURAL, AND IS A MUST

2 Peter 3:18

18 But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

GROWTH IS PROHIBITED BY

1 Peter 2:1-2

2:1 Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings.

WE NEED TO DESIRE

2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

WE NEED TO GET RID OF THE THINGS THAT HINDER OUR GROWTH

THEN LIKE GROWING CHILDREN WE NEED TO START EATING THE MEAT OF GOD’S WORD

Heh 5-12-14

12 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.

13 For ever one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.

14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

WE NEED TO GLOW

Matt 5:16

16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

OUR LIGHT NEEDS TO SHINE CONTINUOUSLY

Phil 2:15

15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world,

LETTING OUR LIGHT SHINE

Eph 5:8

8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:

WE NEED TO KNOW. WE NEED TO GROW. WE NEED TO GLOW AND WE NEED TO GO

Matt 28:18-20

18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Rom 10:13-15

13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

Sponsor: Church of Christ  
742 Elk Street, Gassaway, WV 26624  
(minister) Danny Lambey  
lambey@frontier.com

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In loving memory



May 1932 - March 2007

Missing you  
Your daughter  
Susan Baker



SCHEDULE OR PROPOSED LEVY RATES  
BRAXTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30,2023

The followin is a true copy from the record of orders entered by BRAXTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION on the 15th day of March 2022:

	Column E Certificate of Valuation Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Current Expense Levy		Bond Levy	
		Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
Class I					
Personal Property	\$-	19.40	\$-	1.94	\$-
Public Utilities	=		=		=
Total Class I	=		=		=
Class II					
Real Estate	276,628,410	38.80	1,073,318	9.88	273,309
Personal Property	4,545,794		17,638		4,491
Total Class II	281,174,204		1,090,956		277,800
Call III					
Real Estate	131,423,450	77.60	1,019,846	19.76	259,693
Personal Property	169,882,115		1,318,285		335,687
Public Utilities	95,926,064		774,386		189,550
Total Class III	397,231,629		3,082,517		784,930
Class IV					
Real Estate	26,908,850	77.60	208,813	19.76	53,172
Personal Property	12,093,321		93,844		23,896
Publict Utilites	21,661,489		168,093		42,803
Total Class IV	60,663,660		470,750		119,871
Total Assessed Valuation of Projected Gross Tax Collections	\$739,069,493		\$4,644,223		\$1,182,601
Less Allowance for Uncollectibles, Exonerations, and Delinquences		5.00%	(232,211)	11%	1,301
Less Allowance for Tax Discounts		2.00%	(88,240)		
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing - See worksheet (Subtracted from regular current expense tax levy only)			=		
Net Projected Tax Collections, before allowance for Assessor's Valuation Fund			4,323,772		
Less - Allowance for Assessor's Valuation Fund (Subtracted from regular current expense tax levy only)		2.00%	(86,475)		
Projected Net Taxes to be Collected			\$4,237,297		\$1,181,300

Note: Copies of all approved excess and/or bond levy orders and certified copies of the canvass of votes must be on file with the State Auditor's Office and the State Departement of Educaiton before excess or bond levy rates can be approved.  
SIGNED THIS 15TH DAY OF MARCH, 2022, BY  
KATHY HYPES SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
ORIGINAL SIGNED

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MUNICIPALITY OF BURNSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA				FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2022- JUNE 30, 2023	
Regular Current Expense Levy				LEVY ESTIMATE - BUDGET DOCUMENT	
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2022- JUNE 30, 2023				STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA	
				MUNICIPALITY OF SUTTON, WEST VIRGINIA	
	Certificate of evaluation			In accordance with Code§ 11-8-14, as amended, the Council proceeded to make an estimate of the	
	Assessed Value	Levy	Taxes	amounts necessary to be raised by levy of taxes for the current fiscal year, and does determine and esti-	
	for Tax Purposes	Rate/\$100	Levied	mate the several amounts to be as follows:	
Class I				The amount due and the amount that will become due and collectible from every source during the fiscal	
Personal Property	\$0	12.50	\$0	year INCLUDING THE LEVY OF TAXES, is as follows:	
Public Utility	\$0		\$0		
Total Class	\$0		\$0		
Class II				REVENUE SOURCE	
Real Estate	\$3,837,380	25.00	\$9,593	Committed Fund Balance 3,500	
Personal Property	\$12,018		\$30	Unassigned Fund Balance 50,000	
Total Class II	\$3,849,398		\$9,623	Property Taxes - Current Expense 113,953	
Class IV				Gas and Oil Severance Tax 1,500	
Real Estate	\$3,949,760	50.00	\$19,749	Excise Tax on Utilities 58,000	
Personal Property	\$1,887,653		\$9,438	Business and Occupation Tax 55,000	
Public Utility	\$7,584,928		\$37,925	Wine and Liqour Tax 1,000	
Total Class IV	\$13,422,341		\$67,112	Animal Control Tax 150	
Total Value & Projected Revenue	\$17,271,739		\$76,735	Hotel Occupancy Tax 1,500	
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes	5.00%		3,837	Fines, Fees & Court Costs 5,000	
Less Tax Discounts				Parking Violations 700	
(use Total Projected Revenue to calculate	2.00%		1,458	Licenses 2,000	
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing			0	Building Permit Fees 1,000	
(If applicable)				Miscellaneous Permits 200	
Total Projected Property Tax Collection			\$71,440	IRP Fees (Interstate Registration Plan) 35,000	
Less Assessor Valuation Fund	2.00%		1,429	Private Liquor Club Fee 1,000	
(Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)				Parking Meter Revenues 2,000	
Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes			\$70,011	Off Street Parking 2,500	
				Gaming Income 7,000	
				Accident Reports Bingo 200	
				Video Lottery (LVL) 400	
				Miscellaneous Revenues 70,000	
				TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (GENERAL FUND) 411,603	
				COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUND	
				REVENUE SOURCE	
				Assigned Fund Balance \$ 9,509	
				Coal Severance Tax 1,500	
				TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (COAL SEVERANCE FUND) 11,009	

In accordance with Code§ 11-8-14, as amended, the Council proceeded to make an estimate of the

In accordance with Code§ 11-8-14, as amended, the Council proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by levy of taxes for the current fiscal year, and does determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:  
The amount due and the amount that will become due and collectible from every source during the fiscal year INCLUDING THE LEVY OF TAXES, is as follows:

REVENUE SOURCE		
Unassigned Fund Balance	20,000	
Property Taxes- Current Expense	70,011	
Gas & Oil Severance Tax	970	
Excise Tax on Utilities	35,000	
Business and Occupation Tax	85,000	
Wine & Liquor Tax	400	
Animal Control Tax	100	
Hotel Occupancy Tax	500	
Fines, Fees & Court Costs	35,000	
Licenses	300	
Building Permit Fees	400	
IRP Fees (Interstate Registration Plan)	70,000	
Rents, Royalties, and Concessions	6,000	
State Government Grants	1,500	
Contributions from other Funds	75,000	
Transfers from Rainy Day Fund	20,000	
Gaming Income	8,000	
Filing Fees	100	
Accident Reports	100	
Video Lottery (LVL)	300	
Miscellaneous Revenues	10,000	
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (GENERAL FUND)	\$ 438,681	
COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUND		
REVENUE SOURCE		
Assigned Fund Balance	\$ 250	
Coal Severance Tax	1,500	
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (COAL SEVERANCE FUND)	\$ 1,750	
ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES	General Fund	Coal Severance Fund
Mayor's Office	3,300	
City Council	8,400	
Recorder's Office	3,300	
City Clerk's Office	33,758	
Police Judge's Office	30,000	
City Attorney	1,500	
City Auditor	2,500	
Regional Development Authority	453	
Elections	5,000	
City Hall	55,500	
Internal Audit	2,500	
Police Department	75,000	
Fire Department	2,000	500
Fire Hydrants	25,000	
Streets and Highways	173,470	
Street Lights	6,250	
Storm Sewer	5,000	
Visitors Bureau	250	
Fair Associationsf Festivals	1,000	500
Community Center	1,000	250
Playgrounds	2,500	
Library	1,000	500
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	\$ 438,681	\$ 1,750

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
COUNTY OF Braxton  
MUNICIPALITY OF BURNSVILLE  
I, Angela Morgan, Recording Officer of said municipality, do hereby certify that the foregoing are true copies from the record of the orders made and entered by the council of the said municipality on the 14 day of March, 2021.

Angela Morgan (Original Signed)  
Recorder  
(Official Title of Recording Officer  
3-22 3-29



## ROACH FUNERAL HOME

PROUDLY SERVING SINCE 1975

*Our goal is to give the families that we serve, a warm and relaxed home to come to at a difficult time when compassion, sincerity and professionalism are paramount.*

*Ryan M. Roach, LIC*  
*708 Braxton St.*  
*Gassaway, WV 26624*  
*304-364-2231*



# KITTY KORNER:

Affordable, Adoptable, Fixed Feline Friends

Just One Generation cat rescue was formed in 2013 to help address the severe feline overpopulation problem in our area. In the years since, our program has been adapted based, in part, on our available resources and help .

Presently, our priorities are to serve as an emergency placement option for ownerless cats and kittens that are sick, injured, or endangered in their present location.

We also offer spay/neuter assistance for community residents who need help to see that their pets are not contributing to this problem.

We have limited space and funds available, and we are dependent on the support of our community and the willingness of people to open their hearts and homes to our animals.

All of our adoptable cats and kittens are social, have been vaccinated, dewormed, and received topical flea protection. Spay/neuter/rabies is included with

our modest adoption fee , and older kittens and cats may already be done at the time of placement.

This week we feature two special cats recently turned in to Just One Generation that are looking for new homes. More adoptable animals can be viewed on petfinder.com by entering a search for CATS at location 26623, or by LIKING our Facebook page.

Additional details or information can be obtained by calling Sally Stewart at 304-364-4136.

This week, we have several great kittens available, any of which would make a wonderful addition to your family.



**SALEM:** Two and a half year old spayed

female. Also called a “polydactyl” or “Hemingway cat” she has six toes on each front paw. Salem was found pregnant and abandoned by a local family who took her in until her kittens were raised and placed. They would have kept her except that the other cats in the household were not happy and she was the object of their bullying. Very sweet.



**YOSEMITE (“YoYo”):** A senior Maine Coon mix, YoYo was the beloved indoor pet of a local resident for most of his life. When the owner died 6 months ago, he was left homeless, and remained on his own until a Good Samaritan was able to coax him to get close enough to secure him and bring him to us for placement.

# Meet a MFB Food Banker

This week the Mountaineer Food Bank is highlighting Eric Peyatt.

Eric is the Director of Operations at Mountaineer Food Bank. He has been in his current position for almost two years, but previously was a teacher at Nicholas County High School.

Eric graduated from Glenville State College with a BA in Physical and Health Education. He is also a previous board member of the Mid Atlantic Regional Cooperative.

Eric resides in Summersville, WV with his loving wife and son. During his free time, Eric likes to give back to his community by assisting with youth sporting practices/events.

Thank you, Eric, for all you do from all of us at the Mountaineer Food Bank.



Eric Peyatt was announced as Mountaineer Food Bank Food Banker of the week.

# Berry named LBE Teacher of the Month

Mrs. Jennifer Berry has been part of the LBE crew for six years, has served as the 5th grade teacher for three years, and totals 20 years of classroom experience.

She has taught a variety of grade levels, 1st through 8th. Mrs. Berry also serves as a XC coach at BCHS.

She loves teaching and states that “it has been my dream since I was 5 years old.”

Little Birch Elementary students, families, and staff are fortunate to have Mrs. Jennifer Berry as part of the community and are proud to name her as the March Teacher of the Month.



Mrs. Jennifer Berry was chosen as LBE Teacher of the Month for March.

# SPL Annual Peanut Butter Egg sale

It is that time of year! Peanut Butter Egg season! You can place your order with a Friends of the Library member or directly with the library by calling (304) 765-7224. They are \$6 each.

This fundraiser by the Friends of the Library is one of the biggest fundraisers to help cover the library utilities and salaries of our staff. Volunteers work tirelessly for many weeks to prepare these eggs.

For many years, the Friends of the Library have absorbed the rising cost of sup-



Each egg is decorated with a colorful flower on top. plies but this year they made the hard decision to raise the price by \$1 to help cover the additional costs not only for the fundraiser but to help

# 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



**Bella** is a four to five year old female (pink leash) and **Beck**, two to three year old male (yellow leash) were 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 redtick weighing approximately fifty pounds. She is easy going, quiet in her kennel, walks well on a leash and gets along well with other dogs. Dahlia came to our shelter as a stray so we don’t have any history on her but we know she’s a gem.



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

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 no more vouchers available.

# Braxton Books for Babies continues monthly online book readings

Braxton Books For Babies, a free program that encourages literacy development for children prior to school enrollment (birth to four years of age), offers a registration form on their Facebook page for the first seventy-five families to sign up and participate in fun, educational books and activities.

Once families are notified, packets are ready for pickup at the Board of Education Office. Families are instructed to drive through to get their packets.

The packets include all their books and activities for the month.

The following dates are for April 2022 to April 2022:

April theme is Recycling, Registration



Brown Bear, Brown Bear, what do you see? I see babies looking at me! Babies in BBB celebrated Eric Carle for the month of March.

is on Friday, April 1st, and Packet pick up will April 1st from 10:00 to 11:00 A.M. at the Board of Education Office, Facebook live will be on April 22nd at

10:00 A.M. Dates and times are subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control. Please check our Facebook page for updates.





Braxton County's William Forbush (4) and St. Marys' Waylon Moore (13) battle for possession of the ball during the West Virginia boys AA state quarterfinal game between the Braxton County Eagles and the St. Marys Blue Devils at the Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center, Wednesday, March 16, 2022, in Charleston. St. Marys defeated Braxton County 51-41. Photos courtesy of Marcus Constantino/ West Virginia Press Association.



St. Marys' Luke Powell (10) goes up for a shot as Braxton County's William Forbush (4) and Mason Abraham (11) defend during the West Virginia boys AA state quarterfinal game between the Braxton County Eagles and the St. Marys Blue Devils at the Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center, Wednesday, March 16, 2022, in Charleston. St. Marys defeated Braxton County 51-41. Photos courtesy of Marcus Constantino/ West Virginia Press Association.

## St. Marys wins tournament game against Braxton Eagles

Strong St. Marys' defense and poor shooting by Braxton contributed to St. Marys' 51-41 win over the Eagles in the first round of the boys' state basketball tournament last week. Braxton coach Josh Lunceford described the key areas of the game.

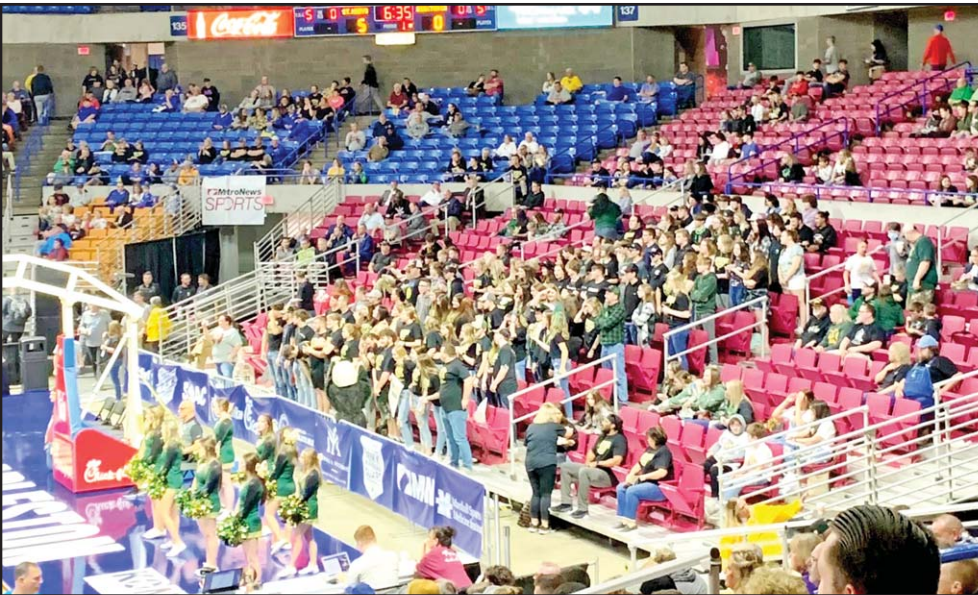
"We had a good game plan, and the boys followed it," Lunceford said. "This may have been one of the more complete games they played, but they just couldn't hit." The coach continued to compliment his players on their strong defensive efforts. "We forced several turnovers on some of their key players and denied their top player his usual game total," he pointed out.

Beau Liston, with 10 points, was the only Braxton player in double figures. Other scoring included Lane Morrow with 3, D.J. Coomes 7, William For-

bush 8, Mason Abraham 8, Riley Hunt 1, and Matthias Garavaglia 4.

"It's hard not to be disappointed," Coach Lunceford said. "I ex-

pected to win." Everything is not bad, however, as the coach is looking forward to six returning players, including four starters and two bench players.



Braxton County High School Eagles Section.



Braxton County's Beau Liston (5) goes up for a shot as St. Marys' Grant Barnhart (31) defends during the West Virginia boys AA state quarterfinal game between the Braxton County Eagles and the St. Marys Blue Devils at the Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center, Wednesday, March 16, 2022, in Charleston. St. Marys defeated Braxton County 51-41.



The Eagles fought hard on the court in the game against St. Marys.



The Eagles Fan section cheered for the Eagles throughout the game.



Coach Josh Lunceford prepares his team for a victory over St. Marys.



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Regular Current Expense Levy  
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2022 - JUNE 30, 2023

	Certification of Valuation Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
<b>CLASS I</b>			
Personal Property	\$0	12.50	0
Public Utility	0		0
Total Class I	\$0		0
<b>CLASS II</b>			
Real Estate	8,779,890	25.00	21,950
Personal Property	52,818		132
Total Class II	8,832,708		22,082
<b>CLASS IV</b>			
Real Estate	\$10,525,780	50.00	52,629
Personal Property	4,809,523		24,048
Public Utility	5,227,627		26,138
Total Class IV	20,562,930		102,815
<b>Total Value &amp; Projected Revenue</b>	<b>\$29,395,638</b>		<b>\$124,897</b>
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes	5.00%		6,245
Less Tax Discounts (use Total Projected Revenue to calculate)	2.00%		2,373
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing (If Applicable)			0
<b>Total Projected Property Tax Collection</b>			<b>\$166,279</b>
Less Assessor Valuation Fund (Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)	2.00%		2,326
<b>Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes</b>			<b>\$113,953</b>

MUNICIPALITY OF SUTTON, WEST VIRGINIA  
Ecess Levy/levies  
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2022 - JUNE 30, 2023

	Certification of Valuation Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
<b>CLASS I</b>			
Personal Property	\$0	0.00	\$0
Public Utility	0		0
Total Class	\$0		\$0
<b>CLASS II</b>			
Real Estate	\$8,779,890	0.00	\$0
Personal Property	52,818		0
Total Class II	\$8,832,708		\$0
<b>CLASS IV</b>			
Real Estate	\$10,525,780	0.00	\$0
Personal Property	4,809,523		0
Public Utility	5,227,627		0
Total Class IV	\$20,562,930		\$0
<b>Total Value &amp; Projected Revenue</b>	<b>\$29,395,638</b>		<b>\$0</b>
Less delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes	5.00%		0
Less Tax Discounts (Use Total Projected Revenue to calcuete)	2.00%		0
<b>Net Amount to be Raised by Levy for Budget Purposes</b>			<b>\$0</b>

MUNICIPALITY OF SUTTON, WEST VIRGINIA  
Regular Current Expense Levy  
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2022 - JUNE 30, 2023

	Certification of Valuation Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
<b>CLASS I</b>			
Personal Property	\$0	0.00	\$0
Public Utility	0		0
Total Class	\$0		\$0
<b>CLASS II</b>			
Real Estate	\$8,779,890	0.00	\$0
Personal Property	52,818		0
Total Class	\$8,832,708		\$0
<b>CLASS IV</b>			
Real Estate	\$10,525,780	0.00	\$0
Personal Property	4,809,523		0
Public Utility	5,227,627		0
Total Class IV	\$20,562,930		0
<b>Total Value &amp; Projected Revenue</b>	<b>\$29,395,638</b>		<b>\$0</b>
Less delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes	5.00%		0
Less Tax Discounts (Use Total Projected Revenue to calcuete)	2.00%		0
<b>Net Amount to be Raised by Levy for Budget Purposes</b>			<b>\$0</b>

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
COUNTY OF BRAXTON  
MUNICIPALITY OF SUTTON  
I, Laurel Petolicchio, Recording Officer of said municipality, do herby certify that the foregoing are true  
copies from the record of the orders made and entered by the council of the said municipality on the 18th  
day of March, 2021  
Laurel Petolicchio  
Original Signed  
Recorder (Official Title of Recording Officer)

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The town of Burnsville Town  
Council holds February meeting

The Burnsville Town Council meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by Mayor, Paul Bragg on February 28. Prayer was led by John Verton.

Council Members in Attendance were Becky Jackson, Tom Crutchfield, John Verton, Steve Wine, Kisha Verton, Paul Bragg and Angela Morgan.

Citizen in Attendance was Matt Kesling.

Employees in Attendance were Pam Wine and Jim Ball.

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

Under Police Officer Report, Jim said the police department laptops needed to be upgraded as they were running low on memory.

Under Communications from the Mayor, the following items were discussed: WV State Treasurer, re: Greenbrier Table Games, Table Games & Video Lottery Proceeds; and Quote from Rich’s

Refrigeration for heaters at BPUB.

Tom brought up that the Fraley property that burnt still had not been cleaned up. John said he knew someone who was trying to purchase the property and once that happened they would remove the debris. Pam reported that the town could use an online auction site for property/equipment over \$1,000 but a legal ad would still need to be run announcing date and time of auction. Council, by mutual agreement approved listing the old salt truck on this site after proper notice was given.

John made a motion to enter into Executive session at 6:19pm, seconded by Steve, motion carried. Regular session resumed at 7:20pm. Pam said that with council’s approval, there was a grant that she could apply for through the FDA for the purchase of a new mini truck. The grant amount would be for \$13,970.00 and the town’s responsibility

would be \$11,430.00. John made a motion for her to pursue the application, seconded by Kisha, motion carried. Pam also told council that cold patch was needed for filling pot holes in town with an approximate cost of \$700.00. John made a motion to purchase, seconded by Steve, motion carried. Matt Kesling was summoned to the meeting and John made a motion to enter back into Executive Session at 7:20, seconded by Steve, motion carried. Regular session resumed at 8:01pm. John made a motion to re-hire Matt Kesling as police officer, seconded by Kisha, motion carried with 5 years & 1 abstaining.

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

Tom made a motion to adjourn at 8:12pm, seconded by Steve, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm.

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

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 23, 2003: Private Jessica Lynch of Palestine, Wirt County, was serving as a supply clerk with the Army’s 507th Maintenance Company when she was captured by Iraqi forces after her group was ambushed.

March 24, 1890: Confederate General William Lowther “Mudwall” Jackson died in Louisville.

Jackson, who was born in Clarksburg, joined the Confederate Army as a private. After helping to organize an infantry unit, he was promoted to colonel. He served

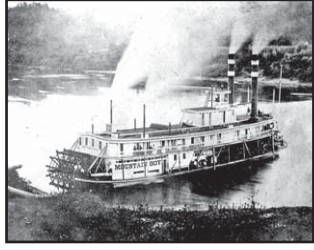
on the staff of his cousin, Gen. Thomas J. “Stonewall” Jackson, and was jokingly nicknamed “Mudwall.”



March 25, 1878: Attorney General Armistead Abraham “Cousin Abe” Lilly was born at Jumping Branch, Summers County. Lilly appealed the Virginia Debt Suit to the U.S. Supreme Court; when settled, it was estimated that Lilly saved the state a large sum of money.

March 26, 1863: The state’s first constitution was overwhelmingly ratified by the voters, by a majority of 28,321 to 572. The constitution was drafted during the state’s first Constitutional

Canal Treaty.



March 28, 1870: State officials, with state records and property, boarded a steamboat called Mountain Boy, one of six steamboats that moved West Virginia’s capital from Wheeling to Charleston.



March 28, 1941: Musician Charlie McCoy was born in Oak Hill. One of the most significant harmonica players in country music, his work can also be heard on rock ‘n’ roll albums. He was the musical director for the television program Hee Haw.



March 29, 1834: Henry Mason Mathews, the fifth governor of West Virginia, was born at Frankford, Greenbrier County. There were strikes and riots during much of his administration, including the national railroad strike of 1877, which began at Martinsburg.

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.



Convention at the federal custom house in Wheeling.

March 26, 1920: Aviator Rose Agnes Rolls Cousins was born. She was the first black woman to become a solo pilot in the Civilian Pilot Training Program at West Virginia State College (now University).

March 27, 1917: Statesman Cyrus Roberts Vance was born in Clarksburg. In 1977, President Carter tapped Vance as his secretary of state. In 1978, Vance was instrumental in the Camp David peace accord between Egypt and Israel and in negotiating the Panama

The Heaters Extension  
Homemakers Club hosts  
Community Dinner April 8

The Heaters Extension Homemakers Club will host a Community Dinner at the Heaters Community Building on Friday, April 8, 2022 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

The menu will consist of Baked Ham, Fried Chicken, Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Scalloped Potatoes, Sweet Potato Casserole, Green Beans, Corn, Peas,

Let your creative juices flow  
with the ECD Poster Contest

The Elk Conservation District is holding its Annual Poster Contest. This years theme is Healthy Soil Healthy Life. The contest is open to Kindergarten through 12th grades.

All entries must be turned in to the Elk Conservation District office by April 1, 2022.

Entries will be judged in five age categories: K-1st

Flatwoods Monster Fest  
Vendor/volunteer sign ups

Flatwoods Monster Fest is hosting vendors and volunteer sign ups.

Baked Beans, Deviled Eggs, Hot Rolls, a variety of salads, a variety of deserts, and bottled water, regular and diet sodas, and coffee to drink.

Prices will be: adults-\$10, children (4-10)-\$6, and children 3 and under eat free.

Plan now to join us on this day for a good meal and good fellowship.

grade, 2nd-3rd grade, 4th -6th grade, 7th-9th grade and 10th-12th grade.

Please make sure that each entry has an entry form attached to the back of the poster.

For additional rules and information, please contact the Elk Conservation District Facebook page or call (304) 765-2535

If interested please call 304-678-7334. Leave a message if no answer.

**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.  
Any questions, contact Robin at 304-765-5581.

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# SPORTS

Reporting Braxton County's sports action

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## Eagles begin 2022 baseball season strong with two wins



The Eagles scored wins over Clay and Elkins last week for a strong start to the season. In the 10-5 win over Clay, Tyler Baldwin



Isaiah Mowery hit a two-run homerun and walked three times against Clay.



Kolton Kniceley catches for the Eagles.

pitched a strong game for Braxton as he struck out nine while walking only three. Baldwin gave up four earned runs on eight hits in seven innings.

Against Clay, the Eagles had a total of 13 hits, with Braydon Helmick leading the hitting. Helmick was four for four and scored three runs. Adam Dobbins, 3 for 5, added two runs, and Isaiah Mowery hit a two-run homerun and walked three times. Pitcher Baldwin drove in two runs in a 2 for 3 performance at the plate.

After being down 1-0 early in the game, the Eagles took the lead and held it. Coach Jamie Lemon, who said he was impressed with his squad's play, pointed out that the team played good defense and committed only two errors.

Playing at Elkins Saturday, the Eagles had to work harder for the 8-6 win. At the end of the third inning, Braxton trailed 6-1. The Eagles scored four in the top of the fourth to cut Elkins' lead to one and went ahead with two runs in the top of the fifth. Braxton made it 8-6 with another run in the sixth.

Coach Lemon pointed out that the Eagles had only five hits, but they came with runners and therefore produced runs. In addition, Elkins walked seven Braxton runners. The Eagles' coach noted that he was most impressed with the fact that "they never quit," he said. "They just did not give up."

Adam Dobbins started on the mound for the Eagles and went three innings. He struck out four while giving

up seven hits and four earned runs. He walked three. Colton Kniceley finished the game. Kniceley struck out five and allowed only two hits. He walked four.

Braxton is on the road for all three games this week. Last night they played at Herbert Hoover. Tonight's game is at Roane and Thursday they go to South Harrison. The last two are LKC games. The Eagles' next home game is March 29.



Tyler Baldwin pitches for the Eagles in the game against Clay.



Eli Ward up to bat for the Eagles.



Logan Baldwin is ready at second base.

## Braxton County Soccer Club BINGO marked as a success



Sutton Moose Lodge members present the check to the Lindsay Casto of the BCSC.

The Braxton County Soccer Club would like to send a big thank you out to the Sutton Moose Lodge for hosting a bingo event on Saturday, March 19, 2022, and for making a charitable donation to the club.

Our appreciation, also, goes out to all the businesses and donors, who generously contributed to making this Bingo a success, and we would like to thank everyone who

came out to support our club and players. With the proceeds made from the bingo, BCSC will be able to continue offering a local scholarship to a graduating Senior and improving the club.

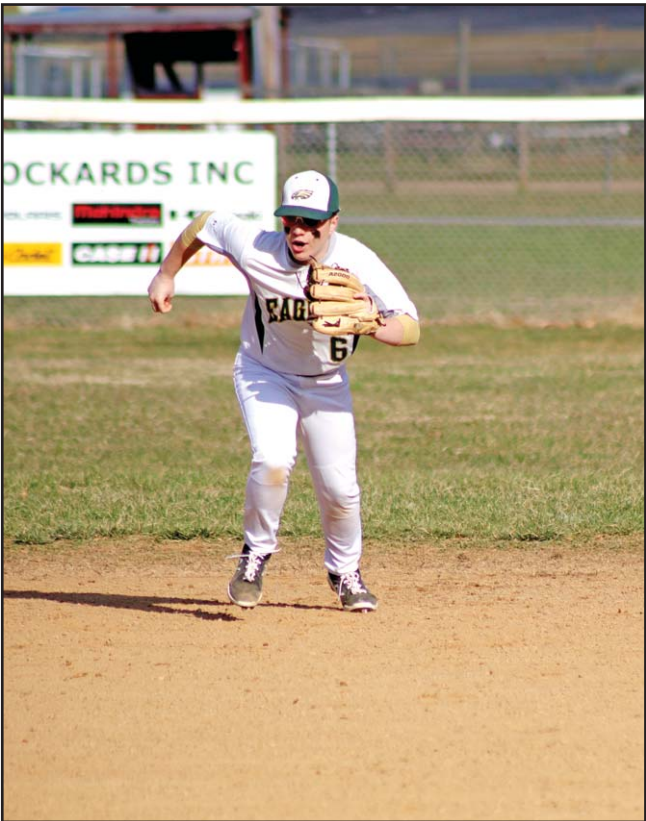
The Sutton Moose Lodge should also be recognized for their continued support of not only the Soccer Club, but many other organizations throughout Braxton County.



Purses and many other donations made by the community were on display at the Sutton Moose Lodge for guests at the Annual Bingo event held on March 19th.



Local businesses around Braxton County play a key role in supporting Braxton County Sports. Proceeds made from the Bingo will help the BCSC continue to offer a local scholarship to a graduating Senior and improving the club.



Adam Dobbins running in from short stop for a grounder.

### BCMS KNIGHTS

Sports are now featured in the

**Braxton Democrat-Central**



# SPORTS

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## Lady Eagles have several upperclassmen this season

Braxton started the season with a win over rival Clay

Braxton's upper classmen contributed their experience to the team's 15-0 shutout of Clay Thursday. Brooklyn Sargent, one of five seniors, pitched a one-hit shutout against the Panthers. She struck out four and walked none. Junior Rylan Prunty had a good night at the plate as she went 4 for 4, and seniors Hayden Luzader and Savannah Bender each had two hits. Senior Chyanne Martin and junior Emmalee Jarvis added one hit each, and Erica Nicholson, a sopho-

more, had one. Both games of a doubleheader at Lewis Saturday went the opposite direction. Lewis won the first game 11-2 and the second 12-4. In game one, Sargent, on the mound, struck out eight and walked only two. Coach Amanda Gum attributed the loss, in part, to mistakes in the field as only five of Lewis's 11 runs were earned. In the second game, pitcher Breanna Baultrippe had one strikeout. Pointing out that the Eagles

"had only two errors in this game, Coach Gum pointed out, "Lewis is just a good, hard-hitting team. They are very solid." The coach continued, "Even though we lost two games to Lewis, we took several positives away from the games. I'm very proud of Lacie Wright and her blocking abilities while catching," she said.

The coach added, "My pitchers, Brooklyn Sargent and Breanna Baultrippe, are getting more consistent. My young players are making plays and playing with great composure. We just need to work on our energy. I feel that my coaching staff and I can get them to where

they need to be to have a great season."

Coach Gum is happy to have her new assistant coach Haley Drake this season. "She brings a lot of knowledge and discipline to the table. She is a tremendous asset," the coach said. She also has another assistant—Kevin Gregory. She said of Gregory, "I appreciate him to the fullest extent. Kevin does all our heavy lifting."

With assistant coach Drake and the help of Gregory, Coach Gum is optimistic about the season which just began. "I feel we will win more games than last year if we can get all the players and parents on the same page," she said



Lacie Wright readys herself for a homerun against the Panthers.



Rylan Prunty went 4 for 4 in the game against the Clay County Panthers.



Brooklyn Sargent pitched a one-hit shutout against the Panthers



Savannah Bender ready at first base .



Kayleigh Mays bats for the Lady Eagles.  
Photos by Janet Six.



Cheyenne Martin prepares for the next play in the opening game of the 2022 season.



Emmaleigh Jarvis retrieves a ground ball in the 15-0 shutout against Clay County.



Hayden Luzader had two hits in the winning game against the Panthers.

## Pierpont Foundation to award more than \$50,000 in scholarships for fall/spring semesters

The Pierpont Foundation will award more than \$50,000 in scholarships to Pierpont Community & Technical College students for fall 2022 and spring 2023.

Students in all programs will be eligible for funds that will be distributed through the college's financial aid department, which will focus on students with the highest financial need.

Endowed scholarship funds include the J.T. Honce Memorial Scholarship; the Paul E. Edwards Physical Therapist Assis-

tant Scholarship; the Southwestern Energy Company Scholars Program; and the Ruth Marie Skaggs Endowed Scholarship.

Students will also receive scholarships from a variety of non-endowed funds, including the Mike Ross Scholarship Fund, which provides scholarships to students enrolled in any Pierpont program who have financial need.

"We want to thank our donors who have shown generosity of both funds and spirit in creating these scholarship opportunities

for our students," said Pierpont Interim President Anthony Hancock. "This support allows our students to achieve an education and secure their future."

Scholarship funds were provided through the Pierpont Foundation, Inc., the nonprofit organization that solicits and administers private donations on behalf of Pierpont Community & Technical College. Nearly \$100,000 in scholarships have been donated or pledged over a three- to five-year period since the Pierpont Foundation began operating independently in

November 2021.

Endowed scholarships are invested, last in perpetuity and can be established with a \$25,000 donation over five years, while non-endowed, named scholarships can be established with a pledge of \$1,000 or more a year for five years. The Pierpont Foundation also accepts one-time scholarship gifts.

To contact the Pierpont Foundation about making a donation, please email Pierpont Foundation Director Julie R. Cryser at [juliecryser@pierpontfoundation.org](mailto:juliecryser@pierpontfoundation.org).



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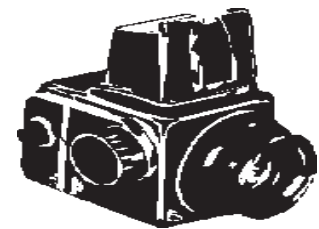
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# A Photographic Look at...

## The 40th Irish Spring Festival was well attended this year



Nettie Gregory of Rabbit Hill Road just off Route 19 South in Braxton County Was made Queen of the 40th Irish Spring Festival Last Friday Night at the Ireland Community Building.



Clara Mae Spray and Bernice Ann Craig working for the 4-H Club Selling Irish Potatoes



Kevin Gregory next to his wife Brenda "Gabby" Gregory and Dottie Shimko holding up one of the two quilts being raffled off at the Pleasant Hill Waterline Association's Fund-Raising Table.



Joel Bruffey of Route 19 South and Junior Mealey of Crawford standing in front of the Newly Referbished Veterans Memorial Wall just dedicated last week.



Missy Conrad in the crib next to Tiffany Fincham and Amara Fincham work the Booth inside the Ireland Community Building for their Mother Beverly Tanner of Burnsville and her business "Crafty Me".



Mason Bragg & Thaddeus Sartin use team work to build their traps.

## Leprechaun Mischief at Little Birch Elementary

Students in Mrs. Duffield's Kindergarten/1st grade class worked diligently to design, craft, and set leprechaun traps for St. Patrick's Day.

Students provided lots of shiny objects to lure a leprechaun into their traps.

The next morning, evidence of leprechaun mischief was easy to find. When students entered the classroom, they found a messy classroom with tiny green footprints and Principal Wine who was tied up in the floor.

The principal reported hearing a crashing sound in the classroom before school started. Upon investigation, she saw a flash of green and then found herself tied up near a leprechaun trap.

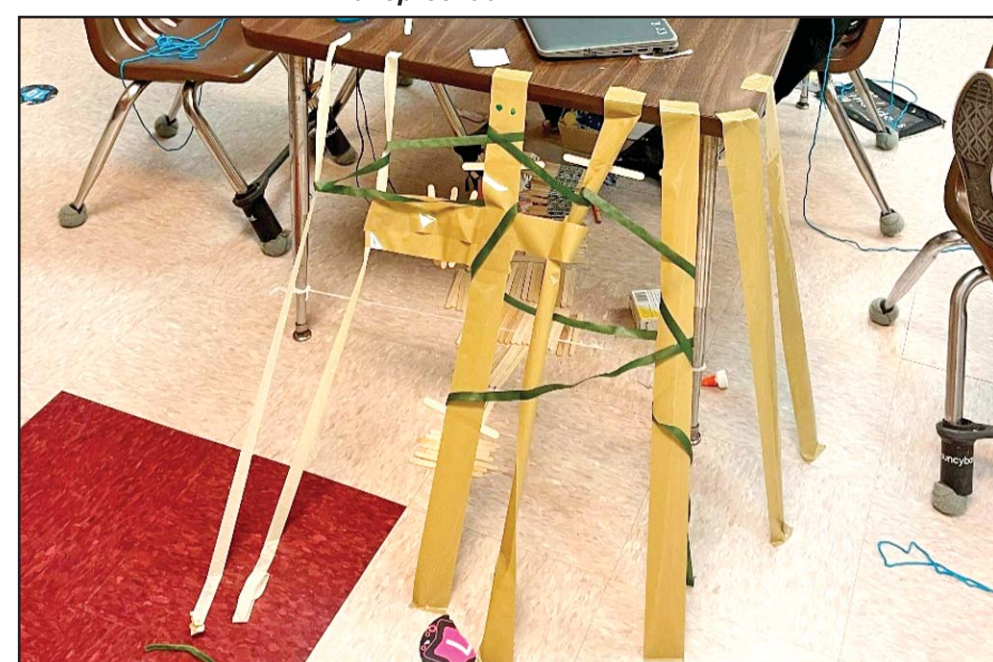
The students quickly came to her rescue, but the leprechaun was nowhere to be found.



Brently Edgell



Leprechaun Mischief. Principal Wine was caught by a leprechaun.



A finished trap set up and ready to catch a Leprechaun.

## City National Bank offices continue to collect donations for J.O.G Cat Rescue



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

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

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

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

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