

Ireland Community Re-Dedicates Veterans Memorial

Despite the cold temperatures, community supporters gathered at the Ireland Community Building on Sunday March 13th for the re-dedication of the Ireland Veterans Memorial. Colonel (Retired) Kevin Gregory, who happens to also be the current Ireland Lions Club President, officiated the ceremony. Gregory welcomed the crowd of over 65 members of the community and thanked them for attending the Ireland Veterans Memorial Re-Dedication and the Opening Ceremony of the 40th Irish Spring Festival.

The Irish Spring Festival is sponsored by the Ireland Community Educational Outreach Service (CEOS) Club and is their largest fundraiser each year. The festival's opening ceremony is held on the Sunday before St Patrick's Day. This year the Ireland CEOS Club agreed to share the ceremony with the Ireland Lion's Club for the dedication of the Veterans memorial.

President of Ireland's CEOS Club, Stephanie Singleton, said of the combined ceremonies, "This is such an important day for our community. The Memorial is a tribute to our local veterans and their service and is a reminder of the freedom we enjoy. Today, we feel almost liberated to bring back the Irish Spring



The new Ireland Veterans Memorial is engraved granite slabs.



Arnold McCartney and Charlie Fornash of the Lewis County Honor Guard paid tribute to the monument with a symbolic "Laying of the Wreath", thus officially re-dedicating the Ireland Veterans Memorial Wall.

Festival after cancelling for the last two years due to COVID. For the community of Ireland, this is a most appropriate combination of ceremonies. Speaking for the CEOS Club, we are honored to share the Irish Spring Festival Opening Ceremony with the Lions Club's Veterans Memorial Dedication."

The ceremony began by the raising of five flags in tribute of the United States, the state of West Virginia, those Missing in Action (MIA) and Prisoners of War (POWs), the community's Irish heritage, and the Irish Spring Festival flag. Dwight Senter and Allen Gunter of the Lewis County Honor Guard raised our Nation's colors while the Ireland United Methodist Church youth sang the National Anthem. Matt and Ariel Blackburn raised the West Virginia flag as the crowd joined in singing "Country Roads". A moment of silence was observed as Ron Fisher and Virgil Vance of the Lewis County Honor Guard raised the MIA/POW flag. Jared and Stephanie Singleton raised the Ireland National Colors while all gathered sang "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling". And lastly, reigning Irish Spring Festival King Bob Bleigh and Queen Sharrey Craig raised the Irish Spring Festival flag as the bell

whose selfless service, and dedication to our nation and our way of life, is a small representative group of those who answered our nations call – who did not back down from those challenges."

After commenting on the sacrifices of service and all the missed events of everyday life, Gregory quoted from Teddy Roosevelt's famous "Man in the Arena" speech. He concluded his comments and invited Carly Singleton, daughter of Jared and Stephanie Singleton, to share a reading of the poem "The Best on Earth: A Veteran's Day Tribute" by Joanna Fuchs. The crowd remained in respectful silence as Arnold McCartney and Charlie Fornash of the Lewis County Honor Guard paid tribute to the monument with a symbolic "Laying of the Wreath", thus officially re-dedicating the Ireland Veterans Memorial Wall. The ceremony ended with the playing of the Armed Forces Medley, representing the songs of each branch of military service.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Denton King, was asked why the Ireland Lions Club needed to repair the monument. "In 2004, the Ireland Lions Club funded and built the previous monument to honor the service of local Veterans. Unfortunately, over time and due

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Senior Center Celebrates 50 Years of Nutrition Programs

March 22 marked the official nation-wide 50th anniversary of the Older American Act Nutrition Program. The Braxton County Senior Center joined celebration with a lunch-time program that included a nutritious meal, live music and door prize drawings.

According to Executive Director Mary Chapman the Older American Act has allowed the Braxton County Senior Center to serve Congregate Meals inside, Grab & Go Meals outside, and Home Delivered Meals to eligible seniors. In 2021, Braxton

County Senior Citizens Center averaged serving 259 meals per day, (169 of them were Home Delivered Meals and 90 of them were Grab & Go and Congregate meals combined) which meant over 65,000 warm "home-cooked" meals were served for the year. "We are so excited to celebrate this truly notable milestone. Together we will continue to strive to secure the support needed to ensure we can continue to provide these much-needed services for the next 50 years and beyond," Chapman said.

The celebration com-

memorates the historic day of March 22, 1972, when President Richard Nixon signed into law a measure that amended the Older American Act of 1965 to include a national nutrition program for seniors 60 years and older. The Older American Act Nutrition Program is the only federally supported program designed to be an antidote for both senior hunger and isolation.

The Braxton County Senior Citizens Center's official Older Americans Act Nutrition Program began in the fall of 1976

under the direction Molly Holland, a registered dietician. In April 1977, the first meals were served in the Southern Baptist Church. This program grew rapidly and soon required a larger and more centrally located space. In addition, the Braxton County Health Department had made an inspection of the facilities at the church and declared that it was out of compliance with restaurant regulations because there was only one restroom. Consequently, the combined Gassaway-Sutton feeding site was

moved to the Braxton County Armory on the 1st of August 1978, where 50 meals were served to seniors daily which included 10 of the meals that were sent to home-bound elderly.

The activities at the Braxton Senior Center join the national efforts to bring awareness of 50 years of senior nutrition success. Across the nation, these critical programs combat food insecurity and malnutrition, fight social isolation, enable independence, and improve the health of the nation's senior

population. For 50 years the Older American Nutrition Program has been a vital lifeline to those in need of critical nutrition and social services, helped older adults maintain healthy, safe and independent lives, undoubtedly improved the lives of those served and their families.

The local celebration is just one of thousands across the United States that acknowledge the innovative approaches used to support seniors and to education communities so they can understand and use nutrition serves.



Middle School Sixth-grade Students Hold Literacy Fair

By Shirley Shuman

From 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday afternoon, the middle school cafeteria was the venue for a literacy fair developed and presented by English teacher James King's sixth grade students. The purpose of the fair, King explained, was "the promotion of famous authors and books to get more people to read those books."

A total of 80 projects—41 individual and

40 partnered, were on display during the two hour fair. The project involved serious preparation and the instructor pointed out that it covered many, if not most, of the state's objectives for a sixth grade English class.

For example, the first step was a paper based on research of an assigned author. Each individual student conducted research on the author and wrote an essay developed on

the results of the research. That essay, of course, was expected to be written using correct grammar and mechanics of writing as well as containing proper citation of sources.

Next, each student or pair developed a display board and a PowerPoint which illustrated highlights of the writers' lives and their works. These writers ranged from English poets such as Samuel

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Braxton Magistrate Report

Magistrate Beth Smith

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

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Obituaries

Minnie Jean Hefner Nottingham

Minnie Jean Hefner Nottingham, 82, of Strange Creek, WV went to her new 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 Wall-back, 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.roachfuneral-home.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.

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.

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 Dilley), 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.

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, Tanner 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 DavisFuneral-HomeWV.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 (Hutton) 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 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, Adelyn, 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, went home to be 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 Woodfield, 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.

Adams-Reed Funeral Home is honored to be serving Faye's family.



Unleash your spring

By: Joseph J. Mazzella

It was a morning in March here in the mountains of my home. The weather forecast had called for another 5 inches of new snow for the weekend. But for the moment March was allowing Mother Nature to unleash a little Spring here. The golden sun was slowly rising over the trees. The temperature was inching up from chilly to warm. In the yard among the brown, dead leaves, a single dandelion had popped its yellow head up and was soaking up the sunshine.

Morning music filled the air as dozens of different birdsongs were creating a chorus of joy. Fresh buds were showing up on the branches of my Maple

On the Other Side of the Mountain

By Verena Sava

On a cold, wintry day, I decided to look up some ideas about hydroponic gardening on the internet. The creativity of the people trying out this method is mind-boggling. These individuals are so inventive, so resourceful, growing all kinds of crops. There seems to be no limit of what can be grown in a container with water, where the right nutrients had been added. As I perused the various YouTube instructions on hydroponic gardening, I came across a video about wood splitting rather than how not to perform this task. I could not resist the temptation to watch somebody splitting logs. I am somewhat of a macho feminist when it comes to wood splitting. I think that mechanical log splitters are for sissies. Of course if somebody is in business selling firewood, it is justified to speed up the process and lighten the chore, but for home use, it is great physical exercise and each log, cracking apart, comes with a feeling of accomplishment and contentment, of still being able to be self-sufficient. I watched more than one tape on splitting wood and then I had to laugh. All the logs these super strong, burly fellows split, had absolutely no knots in them, no annoying gnarls, just straight, dry, perfect oak pieces. The experts bragged about their powerful strikes and the clean cuts. It made it clear to me that today anybody can broadcast their skills or knowledge, but in order to judge their performance or the validity of their mastery, one has to have some experience oneself in the field. We are so easily misled by all the information thrown at us every day. We have lost the skill of critical thinking to gauge the truthfulness of it.

Some people are hesitant to start a garden. It might have to do with thinking it might be complicated, too time consuming, or doubting one's ability to follow the project through. I would tell a beginning gardener to start small and to select only vegetables that he or she likes, are easy to grow and show returns in a short time period. Most people like lettuce and other greens, as well as tomatoes, beans and sweet corn. If the plan is to start small, corn is out of the question, since it requires a lot of space and the seeding of at least four rows to assure proper pollination. Lettuce is the easiest crop to grow. You can build a frame with boards or 2x6s, about 4' long and 3'

tree. A black, bushy stray cat was laying leisurely in the sunshine after a night of being on the prowl. A few flies and a hornet were flying about as well. And overhead I could even see a majestic eagle riding the wind currents with its wings outstretched.

I breathed in the brisk breeze and smiled. Even in the graveyard behind my home there was a sign of new life. A single bunny rabbit was there and he looked at me for a moment. I looked back and felt a wave of peace and joy within me. Finally he hopped away and I wished him well.

I gazed up at the clearing clouds and bright, beautiful sunshine and thanked God for the day.

wide. A 3' width is ideal for reaching across the bed into the middle. The length depends on your preference.

Once you've picked the location, preferably with good sun exposure, put a layer of cardboard or thick layers of newspaper on the ground to kill the sod, and then put the frame on top of the edges to hold the coating of paper down. Fill the frame with some bought or homemade compost mixed in equal parts with either good dirt or potting soil, and you are set to get started with your salad ingredients. I recommend loose-leaf lettuce, a lettuce mixture, Buttercrunch or Green Ice. These types can be harvested more than once, by leaving some leaves on the plant when picking them, so that it will regrow. Should these greens turn bitter with time, just pull them and reseed. You can stagger the harvest if you put intervals of a week between seeding each row. Let's assume that you don't want to deal with nails and boards, just use hay or straw bales as barriers, or cement blocks or bricks. It is safe to seed lettuce outside around the middle of April.

If you are a tomato lover, chose a variety that matures early, around 60 days from setting the plant out. Most tomatoes require 80 days to maturity. Look for Sungold, a cherry tomato, Fourth of July, with a slightly bigger fruit than a cherry type or ask the vendor for an early maturing variety. Tomatoes don't like cold feet, so plant them outside when the soil has warmed up and all danger of frost has past. The types I mentioned can be put in the ground or set in a container that is the size of at least 5 gallons. Fill the dug hole or the container with compost

plus potting soil or soil mixture that is not too high in nitrogen, with a pH around 6.5, then add a tablespoon of Epsom salt every two or three weeks. Stake the plant and tie it up every so often.

Such a tomato is a wonderful experience for kids. They can get involved in the establishing of the plant, watering it, watching the yellow blooms develop and the formation of green tomatoes. Of course the tasting of the sweet fruit is the culmination.

A pole bean (climbing bean) is also a space saver. Put three or so wooden or rebar stakes in the ground at a one foot distance, then stick three or so pole bean seeds around the poles. Scarlet Runner, Kentucky Won-

It had been a very long Winter and I was looking forward to the coming Spring.

Sometimes this world gives us a lot of Winter. We get frozen with fears, snowed under with problems, and darkened with pains. It is in moments like these, though, that God asks us all to unleash our inner Spring and share it with the world. Never be afraid then to share your Spring.

Remember in the end
light always dispels dark-
ness, warmth always
conquers cold, kindness
always overcomes hate,
Love always defeats fear,
and God always brings
new life to us all. May you
have a happy Spring then
every single day of your
life

der and Romano (a flat type bean) all do well. Ask your neighbor for her favorite and maybe she will give you a start for the few plants you intend to grow. They like warm soil, so plant them around the same time as the tomatoes.

These three vegetables as a trial experiment in gardening will either fuel your enthusiasm or kill it; hopefully the initial sentiment will prevail. There is a fourth item missing, a flower. It can be a sunflower, some cosmos or marigolds. Flowers are the colorful accents in the fabric of the overall greenery. They bring visual pleasure and attract insects, good insects. If you decide that it is not worthwhile the effort, there is always the farmer's market where local produce can be found and it keeps the farmer in business.

It is somehow sad to think that we should have the need to watch a video on how to split wood when all it entails is a sharp ax, a sledge hammer, a wedge, but mostly some elbow grease and a good swing. When reading about the proceedings of our legislature at the Capitol, I experience the same feelings as watching some hyped-up guy splitting wood. There is a total void of common sense, reality and ingenuity.

Folks, these are the people we elected, and it is not a stupid YouTube video, but our government in action.

Easter and Mothers Day craft show April 2

Easter and Mother's Day Craft Show held on April 2nd from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at the Flatwoods Community Building.

Easter Bunny Will

Richmond Chapel Church host Gospel Sing April 9

Richmond Chapel Church will be hosting a gospel sing April 9, 2022 at 7pm.

Gospel groups will include Peggy and Roger Tenney, The Harper Boys, Ryan Hart and oth-

Attention Town of 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.



LEGAL NOTICES

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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
CLASS I			
Personal Property	\$0	12.50	0
Public Utility	0		0
Total Class I	\$0		0
CLASS II			
Real Estate	8,779,890	25.00	21,950
Personal Property	52,818		132
Total Class II	8,832,708		22,082
CLASS IV			
Real Estate	\$10,525,780	50.00	52,629
Personal Property	4,809,523		24,048
Public Utily	5,227,627		26,138
Total Class IV	20,562,930		102,815
Total Value & Projected Revenue	\$29,395,638		\$124,897
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
Total Projected Property Tax Collection			\$166,279
Less Assessor Valuation Fund		2.00%	2,326
(Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)			
Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes			\$113,953

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

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

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
<u>CLASS I</u>			
Personal Property	<u>\$0</u>	0.00	<u>\$0</u>
Public Utility	0		0
Total Class i	<u>\$0</u>		<u>\$0</u>
<u>CLASS II</u>			
Real Estate	<u>\$8,779,890</u>	0.00	<u>\$0</u>
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Total Value &			
Projected Revenue	<u>\$29,395,638</u>		<u>\$0</u>
Less delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes	5.00%		0
Less Tax Discounts			
(Use Total Projected Revenue to calculate)	2.00%		0
Net Amount to be Raised by Levy for Budget Purposes			<u>\$0</u>

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COUNTY OF BRAXTON
MUNICIPALITY OF SUTTON

I, Laurel Petolicchio, 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 18th day of March, 2021
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In your Easter bonnet



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.

Just One Generation: Kitty Korner

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 in-

cluded 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 fe-

male. 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.



Y O S E M I T E (“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.

Braxton County Soccer Club thank you



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



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.

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



Boss is a three to four year old fifty pound, male Black and Tan hound. He came to the BCAS as a stray so we don’t have much history on him. Boss showed up at a lady’s house and started stealing her dogs beds and food and made himself right at home. So he became, Boss. This guy gives a stoic look and has a gentle demeanor. He’s got the most adorable ears, shiny coat and sweet personality, he is just so easy to love. We know that he is kid friendly and dog friendly but we aren’t sure he wouldn’t chase a cat. We also know he’s eager to please and walks great on a leash.



You can’t beat these forehead wrinkles! This sweet boy is **Elvis**, he is a one to two year old male Boxer mix. Evis came to the BCAS as a stray and may have been a man’s dog because he loves our humane officer very much. Elvis is dog friendly and great with kids too.

He loves to be scratched anywhere and kicks his back leg with excitement. He would do well with an active family because he loves to adventure outside but he’s not super high energy. He would also make a wonderful

Netflix and chill companion because he is very affectionate and would love a human bestie to cuddle up to.



Beck is a two to three year old male (yellow leash) who was picked up as a stray in the Bee Run area. He is now available for adoption and searching for their forever homes. Beck is quiet in the shelter and a very sweet dog! He is affectionate and love all the attention he gets. Beck is great on a leash, clean in his kennel, dog friendly and we imagine he 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

Gassaway Public Library news

Gassaway Public Library would like to say thank you once again to the community for their continued support. A special thank you to Beth Simmons for our new coffee maker. Congratulations to Deborah Newhouse who won the box of Valentine Candy donated by Beth Simmons for our Valentine Day drawing.

Gassaway Public Library has exciting events planned for Spring 2022. Our first event is a Stained Glass Class on April 4th beginning at 3pm. The class will be taught by Amanda Wallbrown of Rusty Wire Ranch. Each student will create a stained glass item. All materials will be furnished by the instructor. The price is \$30 per student.

The Sutton Moose Lodge is sponsoring a baked steak dinner to benefit the library on April 23, 2022. The dinner includes baked steak,

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.

Braxton County Animal Shelter has zero vouchers available for March. Watch this column for weekly/monthly updates for April 2022.

mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, a roll, a drink and a dessert. Tickets are \$10.00 each and may be purchased at the library or from any library board member.

We have an ongoing book sale. The books are nice, clean, hard cover books. The sale is: fill a bag for \$1.00. Come by and look for your favorite author before the books are gone.

In addition to a wide selection of books, we have audio books (on disks) and movies on DVDs for checkout. We also make copies and send faxes for a small fee.

At this time, the library has a rocking chair (donated by Barbara Lake) fresh coffee and an assortment of candy bars for sale at \$1.00 each. So come on in, have a hot cup of coffee, a candy bar, sit a spell and relax.

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.

Knights lose to George Washington Middle baseball team



Owen Lowther struck out seven GW batters.



Landon Hart covers third base against George Washington. Photos by Janet Six



Seth Conley prepares for the play.



Remington Huffman catches for the Knights.

George Washington Middle School out-scored the BCMS baseball team 15-3 Monday night. Knights’ coach James Huffman noted that Braxton was in the game until the last inning. GW led 7-3 going into the last inning but a combination of Knights’ errors and GW’s strong hitting allowed GW to score eight runs in the final inning.

Owen Lowther, Braxton’s starting pitcher, struck out seven before Landon Hart came in to relieve him. The two gave up only five earned runs, Coach Huffman pointed out. “We just have to cut out the errors and get more solid hits. That game would’ve easily gone the other way.” The coach concluded with, “I’m proud of the boys, but now we see what we have to work on. It’s a young team with big dreams and we will make it happen.”

Braxton’s hits came from Lowther, Kaleb Wayne, and Kyler White. Lowther, White, and Remi Huffman scored for the Knights.

Braxton was scheduled to play Calhoun Wednesday night.

Lady Knights opened softball season Tuesday night

The BCMS softball team began the season with a 24-2 loss to Clay Tuesday night. Lady Knights’ coach Schannon Dennison attributed the loss to too many walks given up, errors, and poor hitting by her team. First-game jitters also contributed to the loss, Coach Dennison said.

After going up 3-0 Clay scored 19 runs in the second inning. Pitcher Hayden Brown walked 10 and gave up 5 hits in that inning. Braxton’s runs came in the third inning. Both were scored the same way. Maddison Singleton reached first base on a walk and stole her way around the bases and home. Brown did the same. The Knights had no hits against Clay.

Braxton’s team is made up of 13 players, including five returnees. Lauren Pritt is the only returning three-year player. Other returnees are Rion Given, Hayden Brown, Bayleah Orr, and Azailea Godfrey—all seventh graders.

Coach Dennison feels that one of her team’s strengths is speed. “We have five speedsters,” she said, “led by Pritt and Jaden Foster. We will be stealing. We’ll be aggressive on the base paths.”

The coach also spoke of the leadership on the team. Lauren [Pritt] and Rion Given, our co-captains, will definitely be good leaders, the coach said. “They both have amazing leadership skills.

Braxton played both Wednesday and Thursday evenings.



Hayden Brown pitches for the Lady Knights.



Jaden Foster in the ready position at first base.



Jessilyn Fisher at shortstop getting an out at first base. Photos by Janet Six



Azailea Godfrey gets low preparing for a ground ball.

BCMS track teams do well in first meet of season

Girls finish second; boys’ team places third



Joel Sigman in Shot.



Rylan Criner performing in High Jump.

Competing in the Walton Tiger Invitational last Saturday, the Knights’ girls’ track team placed

second and the boys’ team third. Coach Jennifer Grindo said, “The athletes really represented

their school well despite this being the first time on a track due to the lack of a county facility.”

The two teams had six first-place finishes. For the girls, Addison Lloyd placed first in the 1600 meter run. Eliah Moore led the boys’ team as he placed first in four events. Individually, Moore finished first in the shot put and the discus and he ran with two relay teams which also placed first.

Owen Lowther added another first place for the Braxton boys, this one in the high jump.

Along with Moore, Gabe Hacker, Eli McCallister, and Brodi Smarr ran the 4X100 relay which took first. Carter Lewis, Lowther, Moore, and Jamie Lewis finished first in the 4X200 relay.

Coach Grindo said that she and assistant coach Leah Herndon “were both very pleased with the outcome of the meet.” She added that they “are moving some runners around to different events for [their next] meet and working out some of different relay teams to try to improve the overall scores for both teams.”

Knights’ individual results for the Walton Tiger Invitational Meet		
Girls		
Event	Athlete	Place
400 meter dash	Zoey Keenan	Second
800 meter run	Addison Lloyd	Second
	Natalie Garrett	Fifth
	Adison Lloyd	First
1600 meter run	Natalie Garrett	Fourth
3200 meter run	Aubree McDonald	Fourth
100 meter hurdles	Reece Carpenter	Sixth
	Natalie Garrett	Fourth
200 meter hurdles	Chelsea Payne, Cierra Crawford, Nevaeh Flint, Taylor Jackson	Fifth
4X 100 relay	Shalen Moore, Cierra Crawford, Brynne Davis, Alexis Herndon	Fifth
4 X 200 relay	Zoey Keenan, Adison Lloyd, Leah Payne, Reece Carpenter	Second
4 X 400 relay	Cierra Crawford, Emily Martin, Zoey More, Chelsea Payne	Fifth
4 X 800 relay	Aubree McDonald, Rylan Driner, Brynne Davis, Neveah Flint	Second
4 X 60 shuttle hurdle	Rylan Criner	Second
High jump	Adison Lloyd	Second
Long jump	Brynne Davis	Sixth
Shot put		Third
Boys		
Event	Athlete	Place
100 meter dash	Owen Lowther	Fourth
200 meter dash	Carter Lewis	Third
	Jamie Nettles	Fourth
	Jack Lowther	Sixth
1600 meter run	Gabe Hacker, Eliah Moore, Eli McCallister, Brodi Smarr	First
4X 100 relay	Carter Lewis, Owen Lowther, Eliah Moore, Jamie Nettles	First
4 X 200 relay	Jack Lowther, Eli McCallister, Owen Lowther, Austin Smarr	Second
4X 400 relay	Eli McCallister, Austin Smarr, Brodi Smarr, Austin Smarr	Fifth
4 X 60 shuttle hurdle relay	Owen Lowther	First
High jump	Eliah Moore	First
Shot put	Joel Sigman	Third
	Gabe Hacker	Sixth
	Eliah Moore	First
	Joel Sigman	Fourth
Discus throw		