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# 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

tolled 40 times, by Leonard McCray, in honor of the 40th year of the ISF, thus officially opening the 2022 Irish Spring

Bonnie Blackburn, assisted by her daughter Zoey Blackburn (keeping music sheets in place during the windy weather), and Denton "Buzz" King both provided the guitar accompaniment for the children during the singing. Those children present for the ceremony and members of the United Methodist Church youth group were Mason, Gavin, and Gracie Thorne, Lily Balser, Khloe Mace, Carly Singleton, Izaac and Eli Crislip, Brantlee Craig, and Grady Helmick.

Continuing with his remarks during the ceremony, Gregory said, "Over the last four centuries, our Nation has been challenged, first by its struggle for its own birth, to brothers fighting brothers, multiple world wars, Korea, Vietnam, by Operations Other Than War in Bosnia and Serbia, and over the past 20 years, a Global Battle against terrorism, where we saw our nation's best at their best defending forward. On this wall are engraved over 350 names of veterans representing our community who stood in line for each of these conflicts. Veterans

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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Colonel Kevin Gregory served as Master of Cermonies at the re-dedication.

# Senior Center Celebrates 50 Years of Nutrition Programs March 22 marked the County Senior Citizens memorates the historic under the direction Molly moved to the Braxton population. For 50 years

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 continue to provide these inside, Grab & Go Meals outside, and Home Delivered Meals to eligible seniors. In 2021, Braxton

needed to ensure we can much-needed services for Senior Citizens Center's the next 50 years and be- official Older Americans yond," Chapman said.

official nation-wide 50th Center averaged serving day of March 22, 1972, anniversary of the Older 259 meals per day, (169 when President Richard American Act Nutrition of them were Home De- Nixon signed into law a Program. The Braxton livered Meals and 90 of measure that amended were Grab & Go and Con- the Older American Act gregate meals combined) of 1965 to include a nawhich meant over 65,000 tional nutrition program "home-cooked" for seniors 60 years and meals were served for the older. The Older Ameriyear. "We are so excited can Act Nutrition Proto celebrate this truly no- gram is the only federally table milestone. Together supported program dewe will continue to strive signed to be an antidote to secure the support for both senior hunger and isolation.

> The Braxton County Act Nutrition Program The celebration combegan in the fall of 1976

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

bound elderly.

to bring awareness of 50 years of senior nutrition tion, these critical programs combat foot inseenable of the nation's senior and use nutrition serves.

County Armory on the the Older American Nu 1st of August 1978, where trition Program has been 50 meals were served to a vital lifeline to those seniors daily which in- in need of critical nutricluded 10 of the meals tion and social servicthat were sent to home- es, helped older adults maintain healthy, safe The activities at the and independent lives, Braxton Senior Center undoubtedly improved join the national efforts the lives of those served and their families.

The local celebration success. Across the na- is just one of thousands across the United States that acknowledge the incurity and malnutrition, novative approaches used fight social isolation, to support seniors and to independence, education communities and improve the health so they can understand







# Middle School Sixth-grade **Students Hold Literacy Fair** 40 partnered, were on disthe results of the research.

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 step was a paper based on which illustrated highauthors and books to get research of an assigned aullights of the writers' lives

more people to read those books." A total of 80 proj-

ects-41 individual and an essay developed on

fair. The project involved expected to be written usserious preparation and ing correct grammar and the instructor pointed out mechanics of writing as that it covered many, if well as containing proper not most, of the state's ob- citation of sources. jectives for a sixth grade English class.

play during the two hour That essay, of course, was

Next, each student or pair developed a display

on the author and wrote lish poets such as Samuel rest, bond set at \$3000 cash only and \$3000 cash Continued on Page 2 cash or surety.

#### Magistrate Beth Smith March 14:

March 16: Timothy Mace of Gassaway, con-Chrystal Bartram of Davin, reckless spiracy, warrantless ar-Burns of Heaters, tres- driving, guilty plea, DUI, rest, bond set at \$3000 cash passing asked to leave, dismissed per plea, fine/ warrant issued, bond set court costs assessed and at \$1500 personal recogni- paid; Sheena Marie Drake ME, petit larceny, guilty of Spelter, expired MVI, plea, fine/court costs as-March 15: Sears M. dismissed; Steven Wayne sessed. James of Sutton, no seat- McCumbers of Glenville, belt, fine assessed and no seatbelt, guilty plea, paid; Eric Shawn Duffield fine assessed and paid; of Duck, assault, warrant Jamie Russell Jones of For example, the first board and a PowerPoint issued, bond set at \$5000 Charleston, possess with personal recognizance; intent to deliver x3-meth, Emilie Marie Rhodes of heroin, fentanyl, fleeing thor. Each individual stu- and their works. These Sutton, trespassing, petit from officer, warrantless dent conducted research writers ranged from Eng- larceny, warrantless ar- arrest, bond set at \$50,000

or surety; Melissa Leanne

or surety; James Phillip Singleton of Kennebunk March 17: Xiyu Zhou

of Wallingford, PA, speeding, guilty plea, fine/court costs assessed and paid; Johnie Lee Lattea, Jr. of Sutton, fraudulent use of Continued on Page 2



# Legislative Update

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

Ed Given

Janet Six

Jennifer Lloyd

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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" initiative and

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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 lowand 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 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

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

Now that the session is concluded until April interim meetings, please contact ing 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

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.

## 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

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

Steve made a motion to

approve the minutes and financials, seconded by John motion carried. Under Police Officer Report, Jim said the police de-

partment 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

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 rehire Matt Kesling as police officer, seconded by Kisha, motion carried with 5 yeas & 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

Educational Outreach Service Club. Closing, King said, "In particular, we want to thank the Lewis County Honor Guard, under the command of Bill Cayton, for being at this dedication today, and bringing the highest degree of professionalism and honor to our ceremony."

# Literacy... Veterans...

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Taylor Coleridge and John Keats through Her-Melville, Robert Edgar Alan Poe, John Steinbeck, Ernest Hemingway and more to authors such as Roald Dahl, Stephanie Myers, and Rick Riordan. Most students appeared find the writers they researched interesting.

student, Avah Mollohan, and her partner, Natalie Garrett, completed research on Stephen King. Mollohan said that she had never read replace the damaged knew nothing about him the Irish that Jim heard before they began their of our problem and work. She did note, "From stepped up." said King what we learned about with a smile. him, his books sound like really good books."

The most difficult aspect of the paper for the two girls, accordthe "probably the board." phen King.

students because they are a big part of the intended audience.

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to weather, the wall was damaged by plantings and began to lean considerably. It became apparent to us in the spring of 2019 that a complete repair would necessary." continued to explain that the wall consisted of bricks that were carefully dismantled cataloged. However, the repairs stalled when the club was unable to find a source for new engraved bricks to any of King's works and ones. "Thank the luck o'

King was referring to Jim Newlon, a parttime local, that stepped forward and offered a solution to the club and to Mollohan, "was offered to donate granworks-cited page. ite slabs for the memo-The most difficult part of rial in place of bricks. the project, she felt, was Mr. Newlon owns Strata Granite and Marble in She did indicate that they Canton, Ohio and dolearned how to cite sourc- nated the slabs of green es and how to develop a granite to the Ireland Lilong-term project as well ons Club for the project. as quite a bit about Ste- Kiddie Monuments of Weston was approached Instructor King is defi- with the arduous task nitely pleased with the of engraving well over results of this project for 35,000 characters on his sixth-grade students. the slabs and assisted He was also happy with in mounting the granite the turnout of individu- on the wall as well. King als who came to view the expressed his gratitude projects. "We had many to everyone who played parents and younger stu- a part in bringing the dents along with several monument to fruition, students stopping by on including Strata Grantheir way to sports prac- ite and Marble, Kidtices." He was especially die Monument, Bruffey happy to see the younger Trucking (who donated gravel and hauling), the Ireland Lions Club, and the Ireland Community

# Magistrate...

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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** March 12: William

Dale Freeman of Gassaway, assault, destruction of property, warrant issued, bond set at \$1500 personal recognizance. March 14: Levi Paul

Shuman of Gassaway, no proof of insurance, dismissed proof provided; Stanley Corkhill of Gassaway, 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.





Missing you

Your daughter Susan Baker

# **Obituaries** Minnie Jean Hefner

Nottingham



went to Heav-

March tal after suffering a mas- Malcomb family. sive 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 Dorothy Nottingham, Cogar, and Patsy Miller.

She is survived by her husband of 62 years, 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 greatgrandchildren; Gracie Boggs, Jaidyn Boggs, Bryson Smith, Tali Burdette, Cole Frame, and Amelia Harley Smith. Also surviving are many nieces & nephews.

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

the Nottingham Mountain Cemetery, Strange Creek. Visitation was two

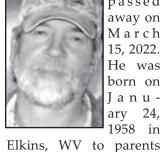
Interment was in

hours prior to the service at the funeral home.

Words of comfort and fond memories may be extended to the family www.roachfuneralhome.com.

#### Randall Sherman Malcomb

Randall Sherman Malcomb, 64, of Burnsville,



March 15, 2022. He was born on Ianu-24, 1958 in

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; Broth-

ers: Arthur Malcomb,

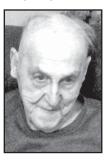
Mike Malcomb, and Lloyd King; Sister Rosemary Yeager; Daughters: ner Nottingham, 82, of Deidre Blake, Dena Williamson, and Danielle Bailey; Sons: Randall Graham and Jason Graham; Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren.

The family is abiding e n l y by Randall's wishes to h o m e be cremated. No services will be held at this time.

Stockert Funeral Braxton Home & Cremation is County Memorial Hospi- honored to serve the

#### **James Earney** Rollyson

James Earney Rollyson, 93, of Frametown, degree in Criminal Jus- and friends to mourn his



round-

born to loving parents, North Police Depart-James Branty and Dortha ment, Orangeburg Public Rollyson, on January 29, Safety, Lexington Coun-1929 in Gassaway, WV.

loving wife of 72 ½ years, Department. Frances Hall Rollyson; daughters, Shirlene Sat- West Virginia and fell in tler of Craigsville, WV, love with the immense Darlene (Don) Davis of beauty of the state and Frametown, WV, Karlene decided to make West Hughes of Frametown, Virginia his permanent WV; and son, James "Ja- home. He started his camie" (Margaret) Rollyson reer in West Virginia as a II of Wilsie, WV; sisters, State Investigator for the Rose Wilson of Wayne, Department of Highways napolis, MD the son of WV, Sue Moore of Orma, (DOH). With his driven the late Leslie Patrick WV, Bonnie (Larry) Jones work ethic he advanced of Frametown, WV; and and held the position of Mary Jane Carr of Wilsie, the District Seven Assis-WV; sister-in-law, Kay tant Maintenance Engi-Greathouse of Millstone, neer.

Lisa Frame, James "JR" (Stephanie) Rollyson III, tion, and always putting on cars. Jolene (fiancé, Armon) Brianna (Ryan) Myers, Vicki Shuman, Me-Hughes. Great grandchildren,

(Scott) Menarcheck, Luke Frame, memories are his wife, Jackson Rollyson, Na- Dawn Darlene "Dee Dee" ley Myers; and great Christopher Noon, Saturday, March great grandsons, Clark Anilao (Brittany) of Lex- aunts and uncles. Menarcheck and Colter ington, SC, Carly Ann Shaver; and many nieces, nephews, extended family members, and many loyal telephone compan-

> In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his in-laws, Kester and Vesta Hall; ron; brother, James "Misiblings, Clarence Rollyson, Morrison Rollyson, Elloree, SC; and sister, Donald "Buck" Rollyson Freda Herron Trupiano and Joann Ritchie; sons- also of Elloree, SC; and in-law, Harry Hughes several nieces and nephand Roger Sattler. He was retired from

> He loved to farm, gar- at Roach Funeral Home, den, raise cattle, drive Gassaway at 3pm with the tractor, talk about old Pastor Luke Malensek of-Fords, and talk on the ficiating. telephone to see "what's the latest?" He was a hours prior to the service loving husband, father, at the funeral home. grandfather, and brother. Visitation was 10 to tary Rites was in the Lit-11:30 A.M. Thursday, tle Kanawha Memorial March 17, 2022 at Roach Gardens, Heaters. Funeral Home, Gas-

12:30 P.M. at the Hughes-Rollyson Cemetery, Upper Sleith Road, Frametown with Pastor Rick

Price and Chaplain Lynn Keener officiating.

family requests memo- logger by trade. rial donations be made to

Arthurdale, WV 26520. Words of comfort and watching NCIS and CSI ginia; and the remainder fond memories may be on television, and play- of her teaching career at

Glen Edward Herron

www.roachfuneralhome.



2022 at

Pennsylvania.

W V , tice from the University w e n t of Alaska Fairbanks. He with the his country in the United date. Lord on States Air Force as Mili-March tary Police for 13 years. may be made to the famservice included various com. agencies in South Caroed by family. He was lina beginning with the Home is honored to be ty Sheriff's Department,

Glen loved visiting

God first. He was a lovtrails. He will be deeply missed.

Left to cherish his "Brett" grandchildren; mother, Nancy McAlister Herchael" Herron (Odile) of

Funeral service was oil and gas as a driller. Sunday, March 20, 2022 Visitation was three

Interment with Mili-

Words of comfort and

www.roachfuneralhome. Richard Leon Payne

### Richard Leon Payne,

The family would like passed away on Saturto extend gratitude to the day, March 12, 2022 at caring nurses that always Braxton County Memomade him smile and rial Hospital. He was ry Johnson, Coalton, WV. other staff of WV Caring born February 11, 1953 Hospice that have be- in Braxton County to come a part of the family. the late Walter and Opal In lieu of flowers, the Johns Payne and was a

WV Caring, P.O. Box 760, the yard watching and Garland counting the planes, School in Buckner, Vir-

Glen Edward Herron, ents, Richard was pre-

Knight. He is survived by his UPMC daughter Tracey Bolling terian Keeley Bolling and Nath-He was born June 7, other Jalene Williams) 1967 in Easley, and Romie (Patricia) Nancy McAlister Payne (companion Brad Herron and the Dilley), Janie Payne, and late Ervin Dillard Her- Shelley Walters; neph-Glen held a bachelor's host of other relatives

Memorial Services to h o m e was a former police offi- celebrate Richard's life be cer and honorably served will be held at a later Online condolences

passing.

13, 2022 His law enforcement ily at www.doddreedfh. Dodd & Reed Funeral

#### Patrick Allen Thayer

Patrick Allen Thayer, He is survived by his and the Gaston Police 32 of Flatwoods passed away on

day,

born

July 30,

1989



and Bonnie Lee Ledman Thayer.

Patrick was working for Meadows Stone and Paving in Gassaway as Glen was always set- a Heavy Equipment Me-Loving grandchildren, ting a great example of chanic. He enjoyed fishhard work and dedica- ing, boating and working

Patrick is survived Rollyson, Emily Davis, ing husband, father, and by his two sons, Tanner grandfather. His favor- Tripp Thayer and Mason ite pastime was fishing, Alexander Thayer; two gan Shuman, and Angie boating and riding the aunts, Shirley Ann Ledman Liberti, Sutton and Linda Michelle Thayer Williams; several cous-

In addition to his parthan Rollyson, and Brin- Anilao-Herron; children, ents, Patrick was preceded in death by several

Davis Funeral Home Herron of Richmond, and Onsite Crematory is VA, Shelby Rae Herron of handling the Cremation Richmond, VA, Nicholas and honored to serve "Blake" Herron of Sutton the Thayer family. Onand Chandler James "CJ" line condolences can be Herron of Sutton; seven made on DavisFuneral-HomeWV.com.

#### Judith Ann (Mayfield) Davis Judith Ann (Mayfield)

Davis died on March 19, 2022.



(15th) in of Fred and Rosenell (Hut-

She was

son) Mayfield of Wolf Summit. Her parents and an infant brother, Fredric Melvin preceded her in death. She graduated from

fond memories may be Bristol High School, Fair-Graveside service was extended to the family at mont State College and West Virginia University. She is survived by her children, Kendra Huggins (Willard Shaver) of Coalton, WV; Kristen 69 of Webster Springs Andrews (Jeff Andrews) The Rock, GA; and Steven Huggins, Houston TX and her husband Lar-Also surviving are six

grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. Judy taught at the Reform School for Boys He enjoyed sitting in in Pruntytown; Mount Elementary

joyed playing piano and 31, 2004; brother Jesse folklore. Her main inter-March Payne; and niece Krista ests aside from teaching until she was married. included sharing her music, investigating local wife, mother, grandmother, sister and aunt. history and writing poet-Presby- of Diana; grandchildren ry. She left two books for H o s - ias Barbe; sister Margaret & Riddles of a Country Sleep.

She enjoyed meeting South Carolina to Payne; nieces Rebecca new people, teaching Adult Sunday School, also loved.

later date. If you would serving the Payne family. to honor the memory of prise Drive, Gassaway, Tues-WV, 26624.

> Stockert He was family of Judith (Judy) Davis.

### Carolyn "Judy" "Judy"

Carolyn Morton. born October body and the one who

Morton (Elizabeth).

Mark

ton (Jacquelyn). Grandchildren: An-(Alex), Kristin, Paige (Jason), Aman-

(Lisa),

Nick, death by her husband, da (Cameron), Ashleigh. Hannah, Jer-Great grandchildren:

lyn, River, Makena Sisters: Janet (Frank), Cathy (Roger), Joy (John)

Graduate of Clay County High School,

A celebration of life service has been scheduled for Saturday, April flowers, we ask for a donation to be made in her name to Hospice Care of WV. https://www.hospicec-

arewv.org/make-a-dona-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

# went



1936 in Newville, WV.

2022. F a y e may be made at www.

She was a 1954 grad- Home is honored to be extended to the family at ing with his grandbabies. Flatwoods Elementary in uate of Sutton High serving Faye's family.

In addition to his par- Flatwoods, WV. She en- School. She worked at Juergen's Drug Store in 54, of Sutton passed away ceded in death by his organ; teaching children Sutton during her high on Tues- wife, Patty on January old songs and tales of school years and as a C & P telephone operator Faye was a loving

> She would constantly people to enjoy-Rhymes say "I love people" and that she did. She enjoyed (Dolan) Knight; brothers Teacher and Just Roll her class reunions every Carl Payne (significant Over and Go Back To year and spoke often with her classmates on the phone. She enjoyed teaching Sunday School, where she taught many playing the piano/organ youth for 18 years at for services; and spend- the Cottle Church of ew Larry Knight; and a ing time with her family God. She spoke with and her dogs which she several of those "kids" she called them, often The family would like also. Phone calls and to thank Davis Memorial mail made her day. She Hospital, Dr. Davis and worked for 17 years as WV Caring Hospice staff a field deputy for the for their compassionate Nicholas County Assessor's Office collecting tax It is her wish to be information from home cremated. There will be to home. She seized evno service. A celebration ery opportunity to ask of life will be held at a folks if they attended church anywhere? Then like to make a donation she'd tell them she had a good church and would Judith Davis, please send welcome them to attend. donation to Mountaineer She loved her church. Food Bank, 484 Enter- She loved her last pastor, Keith Williams and his sweet wife she called Funeral "Carrie Ann." She con-March Home & Cremation is tinued to call him "My 15, 2022. honored to serve the Pastor" even after she was forced by health to move to Florida.

> > 10,1942, took baked turkey's and gained carrots cakes to families e r who had lost their loved wings ones, or to express her n appreciation to them. March, She continued to send 1 2 t h, cards and love gifts for 2022. the past 2+ years that Daugh- she lived in Florida, to to whomever God put on James C and Eunice her heart back home. Moore of Lizemore, WV. She wrote to several Surviving her husband of young men who are in-61 years, Arthur Wayne carcerated, who gave her much feedback and Preceded in death thanks for never giving by sister Sharon Bilger up on them. Faye's life (Phil) and grandson Billy reflected a lifetime of a Servant's Heart, but she Sons: James Morton didn't want people to Morton make an issue of her sac (Robyn), Matthew Mor- rifices and service. God will now show her the faces of everybody she helped lead to Him. She was preceded in

She was known by

many as the Little Lady

who lived on the bank

and prayed for every-

Jackie Boggs, her daughand son-in-law, Tammy and Rudy Luza-Milo, Drew, Ehlen, Adeder, 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 9th, @ noon, at First Summit Point, WV and Southern Baptist Church Pam Rush of Sebring, 1942 the in Sutton, WV. In lieu of 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.

> be at 12 o'clock on Saturday, March 26th, 2022 at Little Glade Baptist Church, Camden-onwith Pastor Faye O. Boggs, 85, of Gauley, Sebring, FL formerly of Keith Williams, as well Cottle, as church friends and family. Burial will be at WV be Memorial Gardens, Cal-

Funeral services to

celebrate Faye's life will

with her vin. Friends may join Lord on the family for visitation March from 10:30 until time of 15th, service at noon. Online condolences

was born on April 29th, adamsreedfh.com. Adams-Reed Funeral



# LEGAL NOTICES

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**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE** BRAXTON COUNTY SCHOOLS 2022 - 23 SCHOOL CALENDAR Please take notice that Braxton County Schools will hold two (2) public hearings on the 2022 – 2023 School Calendar.

Dates: April 5, 2022 April 19, 2022 Location: Braxton County Board of Education 98 Carter Braxton Drive Sutton WV 26601 Time: 6:00 p.m. 03-15 03-22b

#### 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:

Class I Personal Property Public Utilities Total Class I	Column E Certificate of Valutation Assessed Value for Tax Purposes \$	Current Expense Levy Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied  \$	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied \$- - -
Class II Real Estate Personal Property Total Class II	<u>276,628,410</u> <u>4,545,794</u> <u>281,174,204</u>	38.80	1,073,318 17,638 1,090,956	9.88	273,309 4,491 277,800
Call III Real Estate Personal Property Public Utilities Total Class III	131,423,450 169,882,115 95,926,064 397,231,629	77.60	1,019,846 1,318,285 774,386 3,082,517	19.76	259,693 335,687 189,550 784,930
Class IV Real Estate Personal Property Publict Utilites Total Class IV	26,908,850 12,093,321 21,661,489 60,663,660	77.60	208.813 93.844 168.093 470.750	19.76	53,172 23,896 42,803 119,871
Total Assessed Valuation of Projected Gross Tax Collections	<u>\$739,069,493</u>		<u>\$4,644,223</u>		<u>\$1,182,601</u>
Less Allowance for Uncollectibles, Exonerations, and Delinc Less Allowance for Tax Discounts Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing - See workshee (Subtracted from regular current expense tax levy only)		5.00% 2.00%	(232,211) (88,240)	11%	<u>1,301</u>

(Subtracted from regular current expense tax levy only) Projected Net Taxes to be Collected

Less - Allowance for Assessor's Valuation Fund

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.

2.00%

(86,475)

\$4.237.297

SIGNED THIS 15TH DAY OF MARCH, 2022, BY KATHY HYPES SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Net Projected Tax Collections, before allowance for Assessor's Valuation Fund

ORIGINAL SIGNED

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

MUNICIPALITY OF BURNSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA

	Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
Class I Personal Property Public Utility Total Class	\$0 \$0 \$0	12.50	\$0 \$0 \$0
Class II  Real Estate  Personal Property  Total Class II	\$3.837.380 \$12.018 \$3.849.398	25.00	\$9.593 \$30 \$9.623
Class IV Real Estate Personal Property Public Utility Total Class IV	\$3.949.760 \$1.887.653 \$7.584.928 \$13.422.341	50.00	\$19,749 \$9,438 \$37,925 \$67,112
Total Value & Projected Revenue	\$17,271,739		<u>\$76,735</u>
Less Delinquencies, Exonera Less Tax Discounts	tions & Uncollectable Taxes	<u>5.00%</u>	<u>3,837</u>
(use Total Projected Revenue to calculate Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing		2.00%	<u>1,458</u>
(If applicable)	nent i manoing		<u>0</u>
Total Projected Property Ta Less Assessor Valuation Fun		2.00%	<u>\$71,440</u> 1,429

Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2022 - JUNE 30, 2023

(Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)

**LEVY ESTIMATE - BUDGET DOCUMENT** STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA MUNICIPALITY OF BURNSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA In accordance with Code§ 11-8-14, as amended, the Council proceeded to make an estimate of the

\$70,011

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 for	ollows:
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	<u>10,000</u>
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (GENERAL FUND)	\$ 438,681
COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUND	

REVENUE SOURCE

Assigned Fund Balance		\$ 250	
Coal Severance Tax		<u>1,500</u>	
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (COAL SEVER	ANCE FUND)	<u>\$ 1,750</u>	
· ·	General	Coal Severance	
	Fund	Fund	
ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES			
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 Attomey	1,500		
City Auditor	2,500		
Regional Development Authority	453		
Elections	5,000		
City Hall	55,500		
Intemal 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	<u>1,000</u>	<u>500</u>	
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	<u>\$ 438,681</u>	<u>\$ 1,750</u>	

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) (Official Title of Recording Officer

3-22 3-29

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\$1,181,300

#### LEVY ESTIMATE - BUDGET DOCUMENT STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA MUNICIPALITY OF SUTTON, WEST VIRGINIA 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:

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2022- JUNE 30, 2023

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

Committed Fund Balance	3,500
Unassigned Fund Balance	50,000
Property Taxes - Current Expense	113,953
Gas and Oil Severance Tax	1,500
Excise Tax on Utilities	58,000
Business and Occupation Tax	55,000
Wine and Ligour Tax	1,000
Animal Control Tax	150
Hotel Occupancy Tax	1,500
Fines, Fees & Court Costs	5,000
Parking Violations	700
Licenses	2,000
Building Permit Fees	1,000
Miscellaneous Permits	200
IRP Fees (Interstate Registration Plan)	35,000
Private Liquor Club Fee	1,000
Parking Meter Revenues	2,000
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

	General Fund	Coal Severance Fund
ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES	runu	runu
Mayor's Office	2,250	
City Council	2,513	
Recorder's Office	2,250	
City Clerk's Office	11,040	
Police Judge's Office	4,000	
City Attomey	500	
Regional Development Authority	1.300	
Elections	550	
City Hall	97,047	
Internal Audit	3,000	
Worthless Checks	100	
Other Buildings #2	3,000	
Parking	2,000	
Contingencies	29,700	5,009
Police Department	93,000	5,000
Fire Department	10,000	
Fire Hydrants	1,000	
Streets and Highways	98,953	
Street Lights	14,500	
Signs and Signals	300	
Snow Removal	1,400	
Recycling Center	200	
Parks and Recreation	20,500	
Visitors Bureau	3,000	
Fair Associations/Festivals	2,000	1,000
Library	2,500	
Beautification Programs	5,000	44.555
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	<u>411,603</u>	<u>11,00</u> 9

### Town of Gassaway mandates 90 day community clean up The Town of Gassaway May 2022. expected to cooperate with

will be mandating a 90-day cleanup of our community including property ownduring March, April, and ers of rental properties, are

**Insurance** 

All property owners,

**Coffmans** 

this manner in order to fulfill the regulations and requirements in our ordi-Work will have to be

done by the property owners and some work may be done by the Town of Gassaway with federal funds that have been received, so we are asking the owners to come before the town council on either March 24 or April 28 at 6:00pm at the community building in Gassaway.

These meetings are open for the public to talk about their situations for cleaning up their property in compliance with these ordinances and codes.



**Call Garry Coffman today!** 1(800)261-3626 - H (304)649-8702 - C (304)649-5931

For rates and appointments

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

tree. A black, bushy stray It had been a very long cat was laying leisurely Winter and I was looking in the sunshine after a forward to the coming night of being on the Spring. prowl. A few flies and a hornet were flying about gives us a lot of Winter. as well. And overhead I We get frozen with fears, could even see a majestic snowed under with probeagle riding the wind curlems, and darkened with rents with its wings outstretched.

in the graveyard behind with the world. Never be sign of new life. A single Spring. bunny rabbit was there wished him well.

thanked God for the day. life

Sometimes this world pains. It is in moments like these, though, that God I breathed in the brisk asks us all to unleash our breeze and smiled. Even inner Spring and share it

On the Other Side of the Mountain By Verena Sava 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 nutrients had been added. As I perused the various YouTube instructions on hydroponic gardening, I came across a video about wood splitting or rather on how not do permacho feminist when it harvested think that mechanical log splitters are for sissies. Of business selling firewood, it is justified to speed up ing apart, comes with assume that you don't sharp ax, a sledge hama feeling of accomplish- want to deal with nails mer, a wedge, but mostly ment and contentment, and boards, just use hay some elbow grease and a of still being able to be or straw bales as barri- good swing. When readhad to laugh. All the logs these super strong, burly lutely 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

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 ones 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 and the seeding of at least four rows to assure proper pollination. Let-

at us every day. We have

lost the skill of critical

preference.

the location, preferably with good sun exposure, put a layer of cardboard or thick layers of newspaper on the ground to the frame on top of the edges to hold the coating mixed in equal parts with either good dirt or potto get started with your salad ingredients. I recform this task. I could not ommend loose-leaf letresist the temptation to tuce, a lettuce mixture, watch somebody splitting Buttercrunch or Green logs. I am somewhat of a Ice. These types can be more than comes to wood splitting. I once, by leaving some leaves on the plant when picking them, so that it course if somebody is in will regrow. Should these greens turn bitter with time, just pull them and the process and lighten reseed. You can stagger the chore, but for home the harvest if you put inuse, it is great physical ex- tervals of a week between ercise and each log, crack-seeding each row. Let's when all it entails is a self-sufficient. I watched ers, or cement blocks or ing about the proceedings more than one tape on bricks. It is safe to seed splitting wood and then I lettuce outside around the middle of April.

If you are a tomato fellows split, had abso- lover, chose a variety that matures early, around 60 days from setting the plant out. Most tomatoes ity. 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. thinking to gauge the 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 Church will be hosting a tablespoon of Epsom salt every two or three weeks. Stake the plant and tie it up every so often.

wonderful 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 (climbrequires a lot of space ing bean) is also a space saver. Put three or so wooden or rebar stakes in the ground at a one foot tuce is the easiest crop distance, then stick three to grow. You can build or so pole bean seeds a frame with boards or around the poles. Scarlet 2x6s, about 4' long and 3' Runner, Kentucky Won-

my home there was a afraid then to share your Remember in the end and he looked at me for light always dispels darka moment. I looked back ness, warmth always and felt a wave of peace conquers cold, kindness

and joy within me. Final- always overcomes hate, ly he hopped away and I Love always defeats fear, and God always brings I gazed up at the clear- new life to us all. May you ing clouds and bright, have a happy Spring then beautiful sunshine and every single day of your

wide. A 3' width is ideal der and Romano (a flat On a cold, wintry day, for reaching across the type bean) all do well. I decided to look up some bed into the middle. The Ask your neighbor for her ideas about hydroponic length depends on your favorite and maybe she will give you a start for Once you've picked the few plants you intend to grow. They like warm soil, so plant them around the same time as the tomatoes.

These three vegetables kill the sod, and then put as a trial experiment in gardening will either fuel your enthusiasm or kill it, water, where the right of paper down. Fill the hopefully the initial sentiframe with some bought ment will prevail. There or homemade compost is a fourth item missing, a flower. It can be a sunflower, some cosmos or ting soil, and you are set 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 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 ingenu-

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

**Public Utitly** 

Total Class IV

### LEGAL NOTICES

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26,138

102,815

6,245

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

	Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
CLASS I Personal Property Public Utility Total Class I	\$0 Q \$0	12.50	<u>O</u> O O
CLASS II Real Estate Personal Property Total Class II	8.779.890 52.818 8.832.708	25.00	21,950 132 22,082
CLASS IV Real Estate Personal Property	\$10,525,780 4,809,523	50.00	52,629 24,048

Certification of Valuation

5,227,627

20,562,930

Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes

**Total Value & Projected Revenue** \$29,395,638 \$124,897

5.00%

Less Tax Discounts (use Total Projected Revenue to calculate) 2.00% 2,373 Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing (If Applicable) **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

Certification of Valuation

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

	Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
CLASS I Personal Property Public Utility Total Class I	\$0 Q \$0	0.00	\$0 0 \$0
CLASS II Real Estate Personal Property Total Class II	\$8,779,890 52,818 \$8,832,708	0.00	<u>\$0</u> 0 <u>\$0</u>
CLASS IV Real Estate Personal Property Public Utility Total Class IV	\$10.525.780 4.809.523 5.227.627 \$20.562.930	0.00	\$0 0 0 \$0
Total Value & Projected Revenue	<u>\$29,395,638</u>		<u>\$0</u>
Less delinquencies, Exoneral	tions & Uncollectable Taxes	<u>5.00%</u>	<u>0</u>
(Use Total Projected Revenue	e to calcuate)	2.00%	<u>0</u>

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

Certification of Valuation

Net Amount to be Raised by Levy for Budget Purposes

0.1001	for Tax Purposes	Levy Rate/\$100	Levied
CLASS I Personal Property	<u>\$0</u>	0.00	<u>\$0</u>
Public Utility	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u> \$0
Total Class i	<u>\$0</u>		<u>\$0</u>
CLASS II			
Real Estate	\$8,779,890	0.00	\$0
Personal Property	<u>52,818</u>	0.00	0
Total Class II	\$8,832,708		<u>\$0</u> <u>0</u> <u>\$0</u>
CLASS IV			
Real Estate	<u>\$10,525,780</u>	0.00	<u>\$0</u>
Personal Property	<u>4,809,523</u>		\$0 0 0 0
Public Utility	<u>5,227,627</u>		0
Total Class IV	<u>\$20,562,930</u>		0
Total Value &			
Projected Revenue	\$29,395,638		<u>\$0</u>
Less delinquencies, Exonerat		5.00%	0
Less Tax Discounts			_
(Use Total Projected Revenue	to calcuate)	2.00%	<u>0</u> \$0
Net Amount to be Raised by	Levy for Budget Purposes		<u>\$0</u>

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) 03.22-0329b

NO 3D

### Easter and Mothers Day craft show April 2

Easter and Mother's be on location for pic-Day Craft Show held tures by Angie Mcat the Flatwoods Com- 25th. munity Building.

on April 2nd from Neely. Still signing 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. up vendors till March 304-678-7334

Easter Bunny Will for more information.

#### Richmond Chapel Church host Gospel Sing April 9 Richmond Chapel ers.

gospel sing April 9, 2022 ning of praise and worat 7pm. Gospel groups will

include Peggy and Rog-Such a tomato is a er Tenney, The Harper experience Boys, Ryan Hart and oth- the hill.

Come out for an eve-

ship. We are located 6 miles

out Chapel rd. from Gassaway, on right and up

### 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.

## ELK THEATRE

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# In your Easter bonnet



**Ieanette Riffle** 

and we were discussing how people used to get all dressed up for Easter Sunday. Ladies wore a new hat and little girls

be the finest lady in the life. . Everyone has to die stay well. God bless and Easter parade."

I was on the phone this days have changed. We past week with a friend can dress casual now or even wear slacks. It is good to have the family get togethers and enjoy good food but we must looking forward to seesuits or a pretty dress and not forget the real reason why we celebrate were dressed in a fancy Easter. It's not about the Easter dress, patent leath- Easter bunny, it's about aren't able to make a trip er shoes and frilly white the Lamb. We serve a clear to Michigan, anysocks that folded over at risen Savior and because more. They enjoy comthe ankle. Mom's folks he lives, so will we . He ing back to the country. ordered me new things conquered the grave from the Montgomery and rose again. We who now at Rosedale Bap-Ward catalog. If I needed have accepted Jesus as tist. It runs from tonight, a new spring jacket, I got God's son who died on March 20th through the I remember a song our sins, and have in- 7:00 pm. Everyone welwith the words, " In your vited him into our heart come. Easter bonnet, With all as Savior and Lord of the frills upon it, You'll our life, will have eternal continue to be safe and

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 ing our son and granddaughter. They plan on driving down. We really

We are into revival the cross to save us from 25th. Services start at

Until next time, please Those sometime but we will go keep you in his care.

### Just One Generation: Kitty Korner Just One Generation cluded with our modest male. Also called a "poly-

2013 to help address the severe feline overpopulation problem in our area. In the years since, our available resources and help.

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

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animals. All of our adoptable cats and kittens are social, have been vaccinated, dewormed, and received topical flea protection. Spay/neuter/rabies is in- half year old spayed fe- to us for placement.

cat rescue was formed in adoption fee , and older dactyl" or "Hemingway kittens and cats may al- cat" she has six toes on ready be done at the time each front paw. Salem of placement.

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**SALEM:** Two and a

was found pregnant and This week we feature abandoned by a local famprogram has been adapt- two special cats recently ily who took her in until ed based, in part, on our turned in to Just One Gen- her kittens were raised eration that are looking and placed. They would for new homes. More have kept her except that adoptable animals can be the other cats in the houseviewed on petfinder.com hold were not happy and by entering a search for she was the object of their



YOSEMITE ("YoYo"): A senior Maine Coon mix, YoYo was the beloved in-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

### **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

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.

As the 2022 Spring Soccer season kicks off, pick up a copy of the Braxton Democrat-Central and the Braxton Citizens' News for weekly sports article and photographic coverage of this

years teams.

# Stories from the Braxton **County Animal Shelter**

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 pount, male Black and Tan hound. He came to the BCAS as a stray so we don't have door pet of a local resi- much history on him. dent for most of his 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



You can't beat these may have been a man's ly and great with kids too. ner includes baked steak, relax. He loves to be scratched anywhere and kicks his back leg with excitement. He would do well with he loves to adventure outside but he's not super Community Building.

high energy. He would

also make a wonderful

Are you looking to Netflix and chill compan- old male hound who was add a four legged, tail ion because he is very af- found stray at around 6 wagging member to your fectionate and would love months and fostered until family? Rescues from a human bestie to cuddle we had available kennel up to.

**Beck** is a two to three neeeded to crate him year old male (yellow while they weren't home leash) who was picked for over a month now up as a stray in the Bee because he was a great house guest and well be-Run area. He is now available for adoption and haved. Rico also respects searching for their forever a wireless collar. He's an overall great guy! We love homes. Beck is quiet in the shelter and a very sweet him. If you would like to dog! He is affectionate meet Rico stop by during and love all the attention business hours or give us he gets. Beck is great on a a call to set up a meet and leash, clean in his kennel, dog friendly and we imagine he would be gentle with children as well.



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 any history on her but we know she's a gem.



**Rico** is a nine month

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

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

likely mature into big dogs. They have never lived indoors and are learning to walk on a leash with other dogs. Dahlia but they are very smart came to our shelter as a and are learning quickly. stray so we don't have 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

> Braxton County mal Shelter has been given the opportunity to provide five free dog spay surgery vouchers per month, to low-income Braxton County families.

been adopted!

Braxton County Animal Shelter has zero vouchers available for March. Watch this column for weekly/monthly up-

### Gassaway Public Library news

continued support. A spe- purchased at the library cial thank you to Beth Sim- or from any library board mons for our new coffee member. maker. Congratulations to Day drawing.

brary has exciting events gone. 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 forehead wrinkles! This Ranch. Each student will sweet boy is **Elvis**, he is a create a stained glass item. one to two year old male All materials will be fur-

Boxer mix. Evis came to nished by the instructor. the BCAS as a stray and The price is \$30 per student. dog because he loves is sponsoring a baked steak at \$1.00 each. So come on our humane officer very dinner to benefit the library in, have a hot cup of coffee,

dates for April 2022. Gassaway Public Li- mashed potatoes, gravy, brary would like to say green beans, a roll, a drink thank you once again to and a dessert. Tickets are the community for their \$10.00 each and may be

We have an ongo-Deborah Newhouse who ing book sale. The books won the box of Valentine are nice, clean, hard cover Candy donated by Beth books. The sale is: fill a bag Simmons for our Valentine for \$1.00. Come by and look for your favorite au-Gassaway Public Li- thor before the books are

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

At this time, the library has a rocking chair (donated by Barbara Lake) fresh coffee and an assort-The Sutton Moose Lodge ment of candy bars for sale much. Elvis is dog friend- on April 23, 2022. The din- a candy bar, sit a spell and

# Bingo bingo bingo

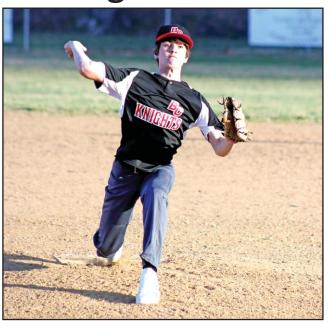
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Doors open at 4:30

April 2 at the Arnoldsburg 6:00, 20 games for \$20.00. Toys, Star Wars, lots of

raffles, buy in games, food Early Bird games start 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

Washington Middle School outscored 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.



Seth Conley prepares for the play.



Remington Huffman catches for the Knights.

### Knights' individual results for the Walton Tiger Invitational Meet

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Event
400 meter dash
800 meter run

1600 meter run 3200 meter run 100 meter hurdles

200 meter hurdles 4X 100 relay

4 X 200 relay

4 X 400 relay

4 X 800 relay

4 X 60 shuttle hurdle

High jump Long jump Shot put

#### **Boys** Event 100 meter dash

200 meter dash 1600 meter run

4X 100 relay 4 X 200 relay

4X 400 relay

4 X 60 shuttle hurdle relay

High jump Shot put

Discus throw

Athlete Place Zoey Keenan Second Addison Lloyd Second Natalie Garrett Fifth Adison Lloyd First Natalie Garrett Fourth Aubree McDonald Fourth Reece Carpenter Sixth Fourth Natalie Garrett Chelsea Payne, Cierra Crawford, Nevaeh Flint, Fifth Taylor Jackson Shalen Moore, Cierra Crawford, Brynne Davis, Alexis Herndon Fifth Zoey Keenan, Adison Lloyd, Leah Payne, Reece Carpenter Second Cierra Crawford, Emily Martin, Zoey More,

Rylan Driner, Brynne Davis, Neveah Flint Rylan Criner Adison Lloyd Brynne Davis

Athlete Owen Lowther Carter Lewis Jamie Nettles Jack Lowther Gabe Hacker, Eliah Moore, Eli McCallister, Brodi Smarr Carter Lewis, Owen Lowther, Eliah Moore, Jamie Nettles Jack Lowther, Eli McCallister, Owen Lowther, Austin Smarr Eli McCallister, Austin

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Fourth

# 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.

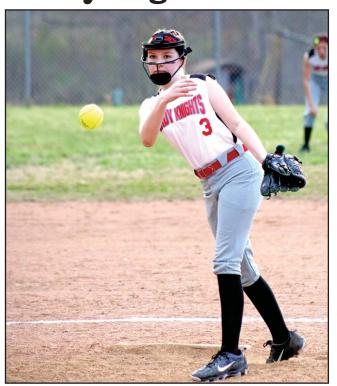
After going up 3-0 Clay scored 19 runs in the second inning. Pitcher Hayden Brown walked 10 and gave up 5 hits in that inning. Braxton's runs came in the third inning. Both were scored the same way. Maddison Singleton reached first base on a walk and stole her way around the bases same. The Knights had 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

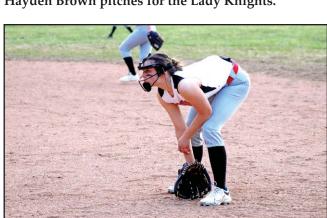
that one of her team's strengths is speed. "We have five speedsters," she said, "led by Pritt and Jaden Foster. We will be stealing. We'll be aggressive on the base paths." The coach also spoke

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

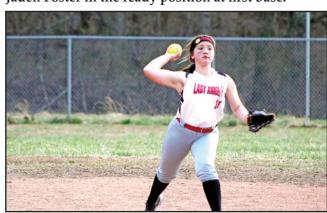
evenings.



and home. Brown did the Hayden Brown pitches for the Lady Knights.



Jaden Foster in the ready position at first base.



Wednesday and Thursday 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



Rylan Criner performing in High Jump. Competing in the Wal-second and the boys' ton Tiger Invitational last team third. Coach Jenni- teams to try to improve

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 Saturday, the Knights' fer Grindo said, "The ath-the overall scores for girls' track team placed letes really represented both teams."