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Sutton trio face drug charges

On Friday, March 25 local law enforcement officers attempted to serve a search warrant at 34



McEvers



Jones



Stewart

substance and two counts of conspiracy. McEvers is currently lodged in the Central Regional

Camden Avenue in Sutton. Members of the Braxton County Sheriff's Department, Sutton Detachment of the West Virginia State Police and the Mountain Lakes Drug and Violent Crime Task Force were involved in the operation.

Deputies Andrew Groves, Cpl. Cleve Westfall and State Police Sgt. Andy Shingler of the Task Force had conducted controlled drug buys at the residents which resulted in Deputy Groves obtaining warrants for Britney M. McEvers, 33, Robert R. Jones, 31 and James A. Stewart, 63, that were being served along with the search warrant.

During the search of the residence, officers discovered to small bags of a white powdery substance believe to be a combination of fentanyl and methamphetamine, ten Suboxone strips, a container believed to be meth, a bag containing a green leafy substance and two hypodermic needles loaded with what was believed to be illegal drugs.

McEvers was charged on three counts of delivery of a controlled substance (heroin), and three counts of conspiracy. Stewart faces the same charges as McEvers. Jones is charge with two counts of delivery of a controlled

Jail after being arraigned before Braxton County Magistrate Beth Smith. McEvers bond stemming from the controlled drug buys was set at \$75,000, cash only. She was arraigned before Magistrate David Singleton following her Friday arrest where she faces an additional \$75,000 cash only bond.

James Stewart was arraigned before Magistrate Singleton. His bond was also set at \$75,000 cash only.

Jones' bond was set at \$10,000 cash only following his arrest in Gilmer County. All three were still incarcerated in the CRJ at press-time.



This group of BCHS students had a very impressive performance at the Educators Rising Spring Competition and Convention.

Careers in Education students excel in Educators Rising event

By Shirley Shuman

Thirteen BCHS students from Sharon Desper's Careers in Education competed in the Educators Rising Spring Competition and Convention last week. Eleven of those earned trophies. Four earned first place trophies, two received second, and two third. This was Braxton's first participation in this competition.

As their instructor, Desper was extremely pleased with the results of her students' work. She emphasized that her students had

never competed in Educators Rising Spring Competition and said, "So we were a little nervous going in." Continuing to explain one reason for the nervousness, she noted, "We had never seen these events before and had to teach ourselves how to do them."

She expressed her reaction to the results of her students' hard work. "It was shocking and gratifying to have won so many events. Braxton owned that podium."

Earning first place trophies were Erica

Nicholson, Paxton Conley, and Haley Morris in Ethical Dilemma; Jeffrey Evans in Exploring Non-Core Subjects; Emma Hardway and Emma Flinn in Inside Our School and Tyler Garrett in Impromptu Lesson.

Second place trophies went to Sarah Davis in Children's Literature and Kaylee Criner in Job Interview. Hayden Lemon in Lesson Planning and Delivery (Humanities) placed third, and Nicole Bramble placed third in Children's Literature.



This group of BCHS senior welding students got the rare opportunity to tour the Lincoln Electric facility in Cleveland, OH.

Welding seniors tour Ohio sites related to career

By Shirley Shuman

On Monday, March 21, senior welding students from instructor Chris Cunningham's welding classes toured two sites in Ohio to observe various activities related to welding. Their first stop was at Lincoln Electric in Cleveland Ohio. They also stopped at Lakeside Community College where they actually participated in a welding class.

Lincoln Electric, established in 1895, has grown from a small company owned by two brothers to a premier company which offers, among its many facets, a highly regarded welding school. Instructor Cunningham referred to it as "the best welding school in the country" and explained that the mission has only two requirements. Prospective students must be 18 and must pass the company's welding test.

The welding instructor, asked whether he felt the trip was a success, responded with a definite "Yes" and went on to explain one of the main purposes of the trip.

"I wanted their eyes to be opened to the fact that there are plenty of opportunities for them in other areas," he said. Touring Lincoln Electric proved to be a fascinating experience for most of the students

making the trip. Anthony Godwin said the trip was definitely worthwhile "just for the experience we got." He added, "I've never seen such an amazing place [as Lincoln Electric]. Just seeing where I can go with welding, and all that we can do." Godwin was especially interested in the visual welding machine. "They had a visual welding machine, a kind of video game," he noted. Godwin also enjoyed stopping at Lakeland Community College.

Tristan Glover called the stop at Lakeland Community College "the best part of the trip." In addition to listening to a classroom lecture by Braxton native Ryan Eubanks, Glover said they "got to weld with another friend" in the college's welding lab. Regarding the whole

trip, this student said he was most impressed by "how much stuff we've missed out on, like the virtual reality computer so we can see what we're working on."

What impressed Chasen Nottingham most was "watching everything and how they made the welding and then saw it in use." The most valuable part of the trip for Nottingham was visiting Lakeside Community College. "The instructor showed how they weld up there. It was also more hands on, and the instructor was

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Town of Sutton to do away with parking meters

One of the main topics of discussion at the Sutton Town Council's most recent meeting on March 24 resulted in the elimination of parking meters in the downtown area. Councilwoman Beth Atkins updated the council on the status of parking meters in town. Currently there are 60 parking meters throughout town with the possibility of having up to 90 spots available. Council discussed removing the meters and possibly doing some type of art work on the poles. Atkins stated she had spoken with Bill Hopen and he has six sculptures that would fit on the poles along the street in front of his studio. Council discussed different options to get the poles decorated. Jon Crum made the motion to do away with the parking meters in town and develop an artistic design plan for their replacement. Steve Facemire seconded the motion. The council ap-

proved the motion unanimously.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor JD Hoover and the prayer was led by Catherine Hoover.

Mayor Hoover opened the meeting by recognizing Municipal Clerk Robin Smith for her hard work and going above and beyond her job. He also welcomed new council member Jon Crum to the meeting.

Mayor Hoover noted the work on getting the police department back into service was ongoing and progressing well.

Beth Atkins reminded council members of an upcoming webpage training on Monday, March 28 at 4:30 pm.

Council members discussed the bank account balances and getting the books reconciled for all accounts. Clerk Smith informed the council she was able to obtain the missing

with the Department of Highways to addressing the paving issues in the town on state owned roads. The town will soon be requesting bids for the town owned roads paving.

Police Chief Shane Boggs updated council on the work of the police department. He stated they had been very active with targeted enforcement in conjunction with the WVSP and BCSD. With assistance of the BCSD, Officer Jason Boggs was able to make an arrest on an individual who was a fugitive from Kanawha County with an active warrant. Police Chief Boggs stated they had been targeting more on Old Woman's Run Road due to consistent complaints of speeding in that area. He also noted all officers have completed their firearm qualification through the state police.

He discussed municipal court. Most individuals are coming into the office before actually appearing in court to pay fines for citations.

Steve Facemire commended Police Chief Boggs for his response to the stranded Doddridge County students. Their bus had broken down on the highway and he bought them ice cream while they waited for a replacement bus to take them on their trip to Disney. The positive response to the police department in general on social media was also recognized. Police Chief Boggs thanked the council and mayor for their

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Braxton County High School
2022 Top Ten

Faith Byerly plans to enter education field

By Shirley Shuman

Faith Byerly, daughter of Matthew and Sherry Byerly, plans to become an elementary school teacher. To obtain the education for her planned career, the seventh-place senior in this year's graduating class will attend Glenville State College. She explained both decisions.

"I decided to teach in elementary school because I've always liked little kids, and the idea of passing on to them what I know is interesting to me," Byerly said. Her choice of Glenville was made primarily because of its proximity to her home. "Glenville is close

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By Ed Given



Every Acre Counts

By Kevin Gregory

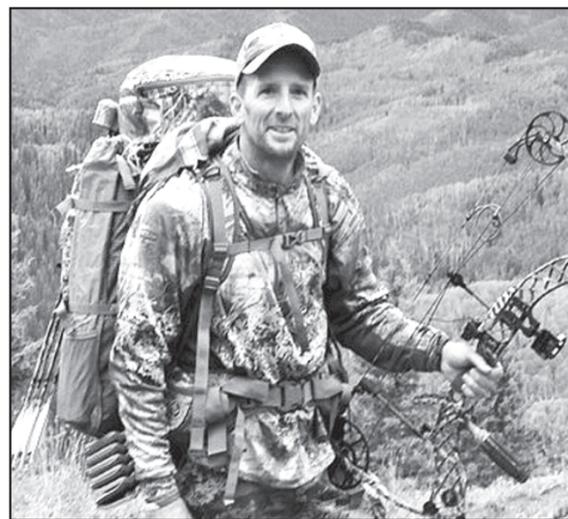
Introduction

We are in the middle of the largest species extinction event in recorded history. Over the last 40 years, we have lost nearly 40% of the earth's species. Why are we losing species at such an alarming rate? There are several major reasons ranging from climate change to loss of habitat to invasive species moving between continents. Species from songbirds to white-tail deer are being affected on an annual basis. Imagine standing in a forest in our county 125 years ago and seeing American Chestnut, White Oak, Red Oak and a Sugar Maple dominated landscape. It is estimated over 35% of the Appalachians were covered by American Chestnut, today they are at the extinction level

due to disease. Once gone, they will never come back.

Many of us can remember hearing Bobwhite Quail calling throughout the springtime or the rapid heartbeat you felt after a Ruffed Grouse flush. Or we remember a warm summer evening setting on the porch listening to the local Eastern Whip-poorwills, or maybe painting your initials on an Eastern Box Turtle to see if it returns to your place next year.

Each of these species has seen major decline over the last 40 years to the point the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources asks for residents to document their eastern box turtles and eastern whippoorwill encounters. They use this data to determine



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where pockets of these species still exist. Additionally, years and years of brush hogging and mowing fields for hay have drastically reduced the Monarch Butterfly population which uses the milkweed species for food and egg laying locations. We cannot stop

our hay production - farmers are a declining population as well - but we can look at how we are using our land in areas that are not hay producing.

Wild turkey populations are declining due
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Just look at this!

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



Last week, the Braxton County Rotary Club delivered 150 "special treats" to WVU's Braxton County Memorial Hospital's staff. It was the Rotary's way of expressing their appreciation for the dedicated group of healthcare professionals and the services they provide the local community. The candy treats which were individually prepared and assembled by Rotarians each contained a special card. That card, titled "You Are Our Rotary Angels" contained this message, "Please enjoy this small token of our appreciation for all you do for our community. Your dedication and hard work, particularly in these trying times, has not gone unnoticed. You are truly Rotary Angels and we sincerely... Thank You for Your Service!" Pictured here are some members of the Braxton County Club and a portion of the treats donated to the entire Hospital staff.

From our readers

Recognition...

Dear Ed,

I read that they are going to put a monument to Wesley Frame in the area of the courthouse.

I think that is all well and good. I approached the County Commission on the behalf of Laura McLaughlin, daughter of Brigadier General Kemp McLaughlin, United States Air Force about placing a monument to him on the courthouse lawns or in the courthouse. The family was going to foot all of the cost. I was told after sending letters to the county commission that if they did that everybody would want some kind of monument on the wall or on the courthouse lawn and the best they could do was allow us to put a memorial in

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Will the axe fall...

The action of our legislature continues to become clearer and I don't like what I am seeing. I read an interesting article last week in the Gazette. The WV Treasurer's office said it had approved 1155 nonpublic school vouchers since the application process opened March 1. Each of those applicants could receive \$4,300. The vouchers shift public education dollars to private and home-schooling by giving money to individual families or private businesses that would have otherwise gone to the public school system. That is almost \$5 million out of our educational system that by all accounts is already cash poor. And that's only the beginning.

I have said before this is a bad move. The middle class is the ones that will suffer the most. Statistically, this is where our leaders for tomorrow come from. Their education is vital to their success and that of our society. This is a terrible move that could very quickly get totally out of hand.

It's not a done deal... there is an ongoing lawsuit that contends the move violates the state constitution. That will have to be resolved before any checks are issued.

Way to go Lady Pioneers...

I watched the climb of the Glenville State University's Lady Pioneer Basketball team to national prominence. They are so deserving of recognition for their hard work. Brent Boggs does a nice job of that in his column this week. He also talks about GSU and its rise in the academic world. It's about time the rest of the state and beyond realize what a gem that Gilmer County institution is.

Brent, being the humble individual he is, didn't mention the important part he has played over the last two decades in preserving this gem. There were numerous attempts to cut or completely eliminate Glenville State. Brent has been their biggest ally. He fought for Glenville with a vengeance when it was warranted. Had it not been for Brent, I seriously doubt Glenville would have survived. GSU is lucky to have Brent on their team!

Parking meters...

You will note in a front-page article that the Town of Sutton is planning on doing away with their parking meters. This is not a new concept nor is it an easy one to make work. We often talked about the move when I was Mayor in Sutton. We even limited the downtown area to 2-hour parking to try to increase available parking for city patrons. The problem was the abuse. People who worked and lived in the downtown area blocked the meters so the intention of creating a convenient place to park for those who visit Sutton for business reasons never really materialized. We made a valid attempt to police the situation with moderate success. I found it amazing to what lengths people would go to circumvent the rules for their own personal gain. Almost all the spots around the courthouse were occupied daily by those who worked there, even though they had designated parking. The people who lived in the apartments were also problematic as they thought they should have parking at their door.

Yes, things have changed, but I will be surprised if the abuse of free parking is one of them...

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News from our Capitol

by Delegate Brent Boggs

Wow! Last Friday night, all West Virginians were Pioneers, as the Glenville State University Lady Pioneer basketball team won the NCAA Division 2 National Championship! What a wonderful and amazing accomplishment, which validates the great talent, hard work and coaching skills and philosophy, led by Head Coach Kim Stephens. Only days before the championship game, Coach Stephens was awarded the honor of being selected as NCAA Women's Basketball Coach of the Year.

The GSU Lady Pioneers accomplishments of the season and NCAA tournament week are even more amazing when you consider the enrollment of GSU compared to the schools they defeated in the NCAA Elite Eight tournament:

Quarterfinals: West Texas A&M (Canyon, TX) 10,000 students
Semifinals: Grand Valley University (Grand Rapids, Michigan) 25,000 students

Finals: Western Washington University (Bellingham, WA) 16,000 students

National champion: Glenville State University 1,600 students

All along the way, the support from students and GSU fans that turned out and traveled to the tournament and tuned-in on radio and TV was nothing short of amazing. I appreciate Coach Stephens giving a shout-out to the fans, recognizing them as the team's "sixth man". Also, several tournament, team and individual records were eclipsed by this Pioneer team throughout the 35-1 season. Making it even more special, 2022 is the 150th anniversary of the school's founding; and Glenville State was granted university status on February 22 by the Legislature during the just completed session.

The team arrived back home late Saturday night, picking up a WV State Police escort at the State line. By the time they arrived at Burnsville, a

sizable crowd gathered, picking up a long and loud convoy of supporters all the way to the Waco Center, where they were met with thunderous cheers, hugs, and lots of keepsake photos.

There is much going on in the world right now. Problems abound, at home and abroad. But this shining moment, earned by the hard work and dedication of the Lady Pioneers is a time for GSU, Glenville, Gilmer County, Glenville State alumni, central West Virginia, and our entire State to celebrate. I have always been proud to be a graduate of Glenville State. I met my wife, Jean, on campus. I've been honored to represent Gilmer County and GSU in the Legislature for over a quarter century, building relationships for a lifetime. I am thrilled that GSU has turned the corner on facilities and academics, strengthening existing programs while offering new programs in areas of need for our State and region. The university is a leader in music and the arts. Good things are happening at GSU that benefit all West Virginians, now and into the future. You don't have to be the biggest to be the best.

As the Governor continues to pour over the avalanche of completed legislation as it's enrolled and

sent to his desk, I'm excited that he signed two bills last week that will enhance the margin for safety and well-being of special needs kids in our schools. First, the Governor signed SB 261, mandating more frequency and intentional review of video from special needs classrooms. The cameras were mandated a few sessions ago by the Legislature. SB 261 requires principals to also turn over the video recordings to investigators and attorneys for students and parents. This law further protects the classroom teachers from false claims of wrongdoing, while providing another layer of protections and safety for kids and their families.

Another bill, HB 4600, makes it a felony for a person in a position of trust to abuse a disabled child verbally or physically. It further makes it a felony penalty to fail to report abuse if it is witnessed. Previously, both offenses were classified as misdemeanor offenses.

West Virginia is blessed with outstanding and dedicated teachers and aids. Those teaching special needs students have chosen a field that is their professional calling. It is extremely rewarding, personally and professionally, but not without chal-

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enough that I can come home every weekend and do some of the stuff I normally do, like go to church," she added.

Byerly's interest in education as a career may have influenced her choice of favorite teacher. "Although I have several 'favorite' teachers, if I have to choose only one, it is Mrs. [Sharon] Desper. I loved her class because she always tried to teach us in ways we'd understand better. Also, she always tried to understand us."

Desper teaches the Careers in Education cluster.

Art is Byerly's favorite class. "It is the most interesting," she noted, "and it has a lot of hands-on stuff. I like that."

She explained she isn't involved in many activities at school because she feels she doesn't have time. "I work at KFC/Taco Bell," she said, "and I'm involved in church." In her free time, Byerly "reads a lot and goes to church." She prefers fantasy and action books.

This young woman's choice of career appears related to her choice of what has made the greatest impact on her education. "The greatest impact has come from my teachers in general, the way teachers present everything to make it easier to learn," she explained her choice. Faith Eberly plans someday to be one of those teachers.

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support on getting the department started again and allowing him to serve the community.

Catherine Hoover thanked the town employees for their work on cleaning up the dump site and getting it reclaimed and cleared.

Council discussed the quotes received on replacing the lighting in the municipal building. Jon Crum questioned the details of the quotes. Council decided to table action until better details could be received from the contractor.

Beth Atkins discussed the need for having an exterminator

coming into the building to check for insects and mice. She made a motion and Steve Facemire seconded it to advertise for estimates from an exterminator to address issues. The council approved the motion.

Becky Conrad spoke to the council on behalf of the Sutton Community Development Corporation. The SCDC will continue to be responsible for the Farmers Market. The market manager will work with town council and the SCDC. She stated they would like to form a committee for the market and asked that a council member sit on that committee. Conrad presented the council with a Memorandum of Understanding for the Farmers Market. It included the SCDC would be responsible to pay the insurance and the market manager. They will assemble the committee and continue with fundraising for the market. The town will be responsible to allow the market to continue at no cost to the SCDS, pay for the porta potty, and keep the property maintained. Council wants to take time to review the MOU and will take action on it at the next meeting.

Conrad informed council the SCDC recommends the flower pots be turned over to Judy's Garden Club and Master Gardeners.

Conrad also discussed the stage at market area. She asked for permission to allow the market manager to work on the stage and get the railings back into place. On a motion by Steve Facemire and second by Beth Atkins, the council agreed to the flower arrangement and work on the stage.

Council discussed the updates to the fee schedule for citations. The updates reflect changes in the state code by legislation. Recorder Laurel Petolicchio made the motion and Steve Facemire seconded to approve the new fee schedule. The motion passed with Jon Crum voting against the changes.

The council briefly discussed the storm drain contract. Council is still waiting to hear from Jim Marshall with Region VII on the status of the funding request. They also discussed looking into other options to get the project

completed. Shane Brown discussed his non-profit program Set Apart. This program provides life skills training to young men ages 18-24. It is an 18 month program to teach these individuals not only life skills but trade skills such as carpentry, electrical, and plumbing. The program works in the community finding projects through churches and businesses to provide the participants hands on learning experiences. He is requesting the support of the council as he works toward finding a location and starting the program.

Council approved the minutes of the March 10 regular meeting, March 15 work session, and March 18 special meeting minutes with corrections on a motion by Steve Facemire and a second by Robin Dolan. The correction was to show the March 18 special meeting as in recess until the April 19 budget special meeting at 1:00 pm.

On motion by Steve Facemire and a second by Jon Crum, the council approved the payment of bills.

The council also approved the appointing Beth Atkins as library trustee on a motion by Steve Facemire and a second by Recorder Laurel Petolicchio.

Council discussed the burned out buildings that were to be used as a city park. On a motion by Catherine Hoover and second by Jon Crum, to turn the property back over to Agatha Tinney as per the original agreement with Craig Smith.

Council went into executive session at 7:48 discuss personnel issues. They reconvened at 8:19 pm. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 14 at 6:00 pm.

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to the loss of poult rearing habitat. Nationwide, the wild turkey population is taking major hits as predator numbers increase and habitat decreases. Whitetail deer stood at their highest level in the 1990s. While the deer numbers today are still in good shape the fact that Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD) and Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) are now prevalent point to new environmental conditions which raise concern. In order for our whitetail to have a chance at fighting off these diseases, our deer and wildlife require a healthy habitat to support them year around.

What is the "so what" of all this bad news? The "so what" is through conservation (hunting, fishing and habitat improvements) we can turn much of this species loss around. Additionally, there are state and federal programs which will help landowners cost share their efforts. You can receive funding for planting pollinator plots, thinning your timber, removing invasive species, etc....

This series of articles will focus on a variety of outdoor activities, programs, practices, and conservation updates to help you become a contributor and not just a consumer of our wildlife habitat. Whether you own 1 or 1000 acres, you can apply habitat solutions and practices even in your backyard to assist our wildlife. So please tune in and see what you can do or how you can help. Many times, all that is required is a to look at your project, timber sale or brush hogging from a

different perspective. Next Issue - **Where to start?** Remember that **Every Acre Counts!**

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the county airport where it would only be seen obviously by pilots.

I would be willing to bet that if the subject was examined, General McLaughlin was probably the highest ranking and most decorated military member ever to come out of Braxton County. He grew up on my farm in Strange Creek. You can Google his record. Four distinguished flying crosses. Lead pilot in the bloodiest air battle in the history of the world, Black Thursday. He bombed Hitler's heavy water plant. He was bombing flying a B-17 on D-Day. He was dropping bombs during the African invasion. He started the first Air National Guard wing in West Virginia. It was at Martinsburg. All that and he wrote the history of the Mighty Eighth Air Force. He crashed landed in a cemetery in Scotland knocking over tombstones and figuring they would be lynched. Instead, the locals came out with scotch whiskey and they all got roaring drunk. He also saw combat in Korea flying P 51 mustangs.

I guess this does not qualify person to have a monument of some sort or plaque in or around the courthouse.

Sincerely yours,
Doug Given MD

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interesting." Braxton's welding instructor and the seniors on the trip all agreed that the experience was definitely worthwhile. Instructor Cunningham, noted that at Lincoln Electric, references to "engineers" and "engineering" were frequent, and he feels certain that

next year's trip will include students in the advanced engineering class.

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enges. I believe the two bills signed by the Governor will better protect the safety and welfare of students, while making certain the bad actors are held accountable for their actions. This will allow our great teachers to be even more appreciated for the jobs they do.

To conclude, the weather has been all over the spectrum recently from winter snow to late-spring temperatures. As the weather begins to become more reasonable, road projects are beginning to ramp up for the construction season. The much-anticipated project of removing the longest remaining

section of the original I-79 concrete at the Burnsville exit is now under way. The temporary inconvenience of the construction will provide better access for all those who use Rt. 5 to Burnsville Lake, Glenville, Gilmer County, and points west.

Now that the session is concluded until April interim meetings, please contact me at my home office at: 151 Park Street, Gassaway, WV 26624. The phone number is **304-364-8411**. For those with Internet access, my legislative email address is: Brent.Boggs@WVHouse.gov

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

Concession Stand FOR SALE



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



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WVU Medicine & **Braxton County Rotary Club's**
BRAXTON COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

BLOOD SCREENING

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April 20, 21, 22 & 27, 28, 29

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OBITUARIES

Charles L. Fincham

Charles L. Fincham age 77 of Paris Twp passed away peacefully in eternal rest on Thursday March 17, 2022 at the Country Club Rehabilitation Campus in Newton Falls. He was born on Sept. 12, 1944 in Braxton Co. WV the son of the late Fred Hall Fincham and Audra Al-

ice (Nicholson) Fincham. Charles graduated from Burnsville High School in the Class of 1964. He married Vicky Lynn Posey on Dec. 22, 1984 and they have enjoyed 37 years of marriage together. He has lived in Paris Twp since 1972, formerly of Ravena, OH. Charles owned and operated Eagle Truck Repair in Edinburg Twp. and worked as a diesel mechanic for many years. Then he worked for East Manufacturing in Randolph for 5 years and retired in 2012. Charles enjoyed mowing his yard,

and playing blue grass music. He is preceded in death by his parents. Charles is survived by: his wife Vicky L. Fincham of Paris Twp, 1 son: Jeffrey & Michelle Fincham of Denver, NC, 1 sister: Carol & Phillip Cook of Weston, WV, and 1 grandson: Riley Fincham of Newton Falls.

Funeral services were at the James Funeral Home in Newton Falls on Wednesday March 23, 2022 at 11:00am with Pastor Jennifer Dorn officiating. Calling hours were at the funeral home on Tuesday March 22, 2022 from 6:00- 8:00pm. He was laid to rest at St. Michael's Cemetery in Newton Falls.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the James Funeral Home, 8 East Broad Street, Newton Falls, OH 44444 (330)872-5440. Family and friends may view his obituary online or to send condolences, please visit us at www.jamesfuneralhomeinc.com

Howard C. Lewis

Howard C. Lewis was reunited with his wife Delena in Heaven on 3/18/2022 at the age of 87.



He was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years Delena Lewis; his parents Otto and Mattie Lewis; 5 brothers and 3 sisters.



Left to cherish his memories are his children: Eddie (Andrea) Lewis, Keith (Tammy) Lewis, Liz (Scott) Paul, Kathleen (Terry) Dudash, Jerry (Tammy) Lewis; 13 grandchildren; 48 great-grandchildren; and his sister Ercel (Sam) Curran.

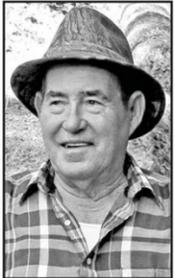
Howard was born in Hyer, West Virginia in 1934. He met his future wife as a child while attending school in Sutton. He joined the army as a young man and went on to work as a machinist in Ohio. He and his wife later moved to Virginia Beach, VA to be near their children and so he could work alongside his sons in construction. Howard found relaxation in the rhythmic stripping of copper while comfortably seated in the glider on the back porch all the while enjoying the beautiful weather. As years progressed, he would

spend so very much of his time with his family and especially with his treasured wife.

A graveside service was held for Howard C. Lewis at Newville Cemetery on Friday, March 25, 2022 at 11am in West Virginia.

Martin Buford Dodrill

Martin Buford Dodrill, 81, of Dille, West Virginia went home to be with the Lord on Monday, March 21, 2022 after an extended illness.



He was born November 13, 1940 on Poplar Creek in Birch River, West Virginia to George Martin Dodrill and Leola Deloris Boggs-Dodrill. He was the ninth of twelve children.

Martin was preceded in death by his mother, father, four sisters, six brothers, first wife, June, and daughter, Sandy Bowers.

Martin was a retired coal miner and a devoted member of Big Union Baptist Church in Dille. He loved his church and family. His desire was that they all knew the Lord.

He is survived by his wife, Hilda, daughter, Sharon Cobb, grandchildren, Shannon (Jeremy) Blake, Danielle Cobb and Dereck Cobb, several great grandchildren, and his brother, Roscoe (Retta) Dodrill.

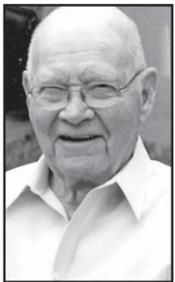
Funeral services were held at 1:00 pm on Saturday, March 26, 2022 at Big Union Baptist Church in Dille with Rev. Danny Richardson and Pastor Peter Shaffer officiating. Burial followed at Walnut Grove Church Cemetery, Strange Creek. Friends called one hour prior to the funeral at the church.

Greene-Robertson Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Dodrill family.

Online condolences may be sent to: www.greene-robertsonfuneralhome.com

Burl Life

Burl Life was born in Frametown, West Virginia on December 26, 1931 and passed away March 20, 2022, in Ohio, at the age of 90 years old.



He was preceded in death by his parents, Reuben Scott and Jessie Melinda Life; one brother and four sisters.

Burl was always setting a good example of hard work and dedication. He loved and often visited his hometown in West Virginia. Burl re-

tired from General Motors after 40 years. He was a handyman in all things from home improvements to fixing cars.

Left to cherish his memories are his wife, Dee, of 65 years of marriage; his three children, Melinda Burgwald (Keith), Rocky Life, and Shirlee Livelysberger (Terry); six grandchildren, Kristian (Katie), Megan, Dane, Sarah, Tyler, Laura (Keith). Burl is also survived by his four great grandchildren; Camden, Kira, Metta, and Wesley; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

We all will miss our husband, Dad, grandpa and great grandpa.

Visitation was 6 to 8 P.M. Friday, March 25, 2022 at Roach Funeral Home Gassaway, WV.

Graveside Service was 11:00 A.M. Saturday, March 26th with Rev. Rich Demastus officiating at Keener-Stout Cemetery, Frametown, WV.

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

Merle Elaine Shackelford

Merle Elaine Shackelford, 69, of Alum Bridge, WV passed away on Thursday, March 24th, 2022 in United Hospital Center of Bridgeport, WV. She was born in Vadis, WV on April 30th, 1952: daughter of the late Lee Keesecker and Evalene (Lowther) Keesecker. On January 4th, 1971, she married Jesse Shackelford, who survives.



Cherishing her memory is her husband Jesse, daughter Judy Cook and husband Travis of Alum Bridge, son Jesse Allen Shackelford and wife Amber of Camden and seven grandchildren Ashley Shackelford, Elainia Shackelford, Alan Shackelford, Jesse Lee Shackelford, Ella Grace Shackelford, Chasity Hicks and Cassie Cook. Also cherishing her memory is her twin brother Burl Keesecker and wife Karen of Glenville, sister Karen Shackelford and husband Wilbert of Linn, brother-in-law Hoy Radcliff of Linn and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, Merle was preceded in death by one sister Wanda Radcliff.

Mrs. Shackelford was a pharmacy tech at Rite Aid in Weston and later as a pharmacy tech at the Burnsville Drug Store. She was a graduate of Lewis County High School with the class of 1971. Merle was a 35 year member of the Midway Volunteer Fire Department of Vadis, WV. Her greatest joy was spending time with her grandchildren.

Family and friends gathered at the Hardman Family Funeral Home of Weston on Monday, March 28th, 2022 from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Funeral services began at 1:30 p.m. from the Hardman Family Funeral Home chapel with Pastor Bill Hunt officiating. Interment followed services in the Hiney Hill Cemetery of Linn, WV. Online condolences and life stories in memory of Merle may be expressed at hardmanfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Hardman Family

Funeral Home of Weston considers it an honor and a privilege to serve the family of Merle Elaine Shackelford.

Mary Ellen Crawford Sergent

Mary Ellen Crawford Sergent was born on January 14, 1934, in Sutton, West Virginia, and answered the Savior's



call quietly and peacefully on March 27, 2022, in Hinton, West Virginia, surrounded by her loved ones.

She spent the early years of her life in Sutton and graduated from Sutton High School in 1952. Her growth and development included joining Sutton Baptist Church, where she actively demonstrated her lifelong devotion to Christ as a Deaconess and Sunday School Teacher.

Mary Ellen was a past Worthy Matron in the Order of Eastern Star Chapter #32, receiving her 50-year pin. She was also a past president of the Braxton County Homemakers Club, a candy striper at Sutton Hospital, and an auxiliary volunteer for Braxton County Hospital.

Her favorite place to be was on her front porch. She considered the rearing of five loving children her greatest accomplishment, each one of them God's special gift to her. She was an avid WVU fan, especially in football and basketball, and enjoyed attending games and watching the Mountaineers win on television. Her enthusiasm was so great that she raised an entire family of WVU fanatics.

Mary Ellen was preceded in death by her husband, Charles "Lindy," adoptive parents, John and Lena Crawford, mother, Pearl Crawford, and son, Charley Sergent (Debbie).

She leaves to cherish her memory: two daughters; Carol Crook, and Mary Jo Carr, two sons; John Jay Sergent, and Rick Sergent, (Cheri), daughter-in-law; Debbie Sergent, grandchildren; Kenneth and Lindy Crook, Josh and Shane Sergent, Jacob Carr, and Bailey DiCarli; great-grandchildren, Ty and Damian Johnson, Rylee Sergent, and Stellan DeCarli; and a host of other family members and friends.

Graveside service will be held 10:00 am, Friday, April 1, 2022 at Sugar Creek Cemetery, Gassaway, WV. Friends may call 6:00 to 8:00 pm, Thursday, March 31, 2022 at Greene-Robertson Funeral Home, Sutton, WV.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Hospice of Southern West Virginia, P.O. Box 1472, Beckley, WV 25802-1472.

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

Online condolences may be sent to: greene-robertsonfuneralhome.com

Norma Darlene "Squeak" McIe

Norma Darlene "Squeak" McIe, 52, of Rittman, OH, formerly of Webster Springs passed away on Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at Wadsworth-Rittman Hospital.



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Getting Close to God

All of us at one time or another has wanted to get closer to someone.

Parents want to get closer to their children

Children want to get closer to parents

Husbands want to get closer to their wives

Wives want to get closer to their husbands

Brothers want to get closer to brothers

Sisters want to get closer to sisters

We do this because we feel a need in our lives to be surrounded by sound people, or we realize that time is quickly pass away.

All of humanity needs and wants to have a solid connection of people in our lives, this is something that I believe that we inherit, sometimes from our parents but more so than that I believe we inherit it from our creator when we become a living soul.

Gen 2:7 7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

KJV Gen 1:26-27

26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Sometimes we want to get closer to people, and we really want to and need to but because our relationships sometimes are strained it is hard to make the connection and maybe we are never able to repair that relationship. In the same way our relationship with

God can become strained, not because God has moved or did something to us that is unfair or what we feel is not right, it is because we have moved away from God

Luke 15:11-13 11 And he said, A certain man had two sons: 12 And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living. 13 And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living.

KJV Isa 59:1-2 59:1 Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: 2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.

God is always willing and ready to start a relationship with us.

John 3:16-17 16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. 17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world: but that the world through him might be saved.

KJV God is always ready and willing to take us back

Eph 4:32 32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

KJV 2 Peter 3:9 9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Luke 15:20-24 20 And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. 21 And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. 22 But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: 23 And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it, and let us eat, and be merry: 24 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

What do we need to do

1. realize whose image we are made after

2. we need to realize how much God loves us

3. we need to appreciate everything that God has done for us

2 Chron 7:14-15 14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. 15 Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer that is made in this place.

Humble, pray, seek and turn

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Richmond Chapel Church Gospel Sing
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 others. Come out for an evening of praise and worship. We are located 6 miles out Chapel rd. from Gassaway, on right and up the hill.

Praise & Worship Service
The Old German Community Church on Chapel Road in Gassaway will be hosting a Praise and Worship Service April 13-15 at 7:00 pm each night. Pastor Rick Hart

Jackson Cemetery, Little Birch
It is time to start mowing and working to upkeep our cemetery. Thanks to those who donated last year: Cecil and E. Lynn Rose, Nancy Friend, Herb and Becky Cogar, Anna Dordrill, Shelby Bowyer, and Bernard and Patty Mollohan. Send your donation to: Patty Mollohan, PO Box 61, Little Birch, WV 26629.

Braxton County Farm Bureau meeting
Please plan to attend the Braxton County Farm Bureau meeting on Monday, April 18, 2022 at 7 PM at the Flatwoods Community Building. We have some items to take care of at this meeting--the most important is choosing the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place WV In Agriculture posters from the Flatwoods Elem. 4th graders. Also remember to bring some canned goods to be given to the Ronald McDonald houses. Looking forward to seeing many more of you in attendance. Linda Brown, BCFB.

BCMA Meeting
There will be a meeting of the Braxton County Ministerial Association on April 11, 2022, 9:00 am at Luzader's 3 Girls Diner in Flatwoods. Any pastor who is interested in getting any information is invited to come to the meeting.

Trustees of the Braxton County Cemetery accept bids on 2022 mowing season
The Trustees of the Braxton County Cemetery located on Route 15 near Holly Gray Park are accepting bids for the 2022 mowing season. Please mail bid for mowing and weed eating services to Braxton County Cemetery, PO Box 342, Flatwoods, WV 26621. Must have your own equipment. All bids must be postmarked by April 20, 2022. For further information or questions please call 540-392-0169 or 304-765-5965.

Two Day Rummage Sale
Spring has arrived and it is time to get ready to rummage! The Burnsville United Methodist charge will have a huge spring rummage sale April 29 and 30 at the church on the corner with the red roof. We will accept donations from the community to put out for sale. If you have items you want to give please call to make arrangements for drop off at the church. Do not leave bags of stuff at the door. We will also have concessions available on

both days of the sale. We appreciate your support. 304-853-2815

Good Friday Service
As a culmination of the upcoming Holy Week there will be a special Good Friday Service held at the Burnsville United Methodist Church on April 15 at 6:00 pm. In ecumenical coordination with the Burnsville Baptist Church, we are inviting everyone to attend and take part as we reflect upon Jesus' last day upon this earth. We will look at the Lamb of God as he becomes the perfect sacrifice for all the sins of humanity. Good Friday is a day of sorrow mingled with joy. It is a time to grieve over the sin of man and to meditate and rejoice upon God's love in giving His only begotten Son as the Redeeming Savior. Praying that the Holy Spirit will bring to your remembrance this announcement and that you make plans to share and rejoice with us on Good Friday.

Easter Sunrise Service
There will be an Easter Sunrise Service at the Burnsville United Methodist Church at 7:00 am on April 17, 2022. The congregants of the Burnsville Charge invite everyone to attend this celebration of Jesus' resurrection from the grave. There were many participants on that First Easter morning. Who might you identify with? The women...the guards...Peter or John...the Angel at the tomb? How many places have you looked for the Savior only to find out "He Is Not Here?" Take another look at the church. Come to this service with an open heart and allow Jesus to dwell there. Free breakfast will be provided in the basement following the service.

Braxton County Cemetery donations
The Trustees of the Braxton County Cemetery located on route 15 near Holly Gray Park are accepting donations for mowing and upkeep of the cemetery. Please mail donations to Braxton County Cemetery Association, PO Box 342, Flatwoods, WV 26621. Thank you for your support.

Burnsville Public Meeting
The USDA Rural Housing Service has received an application for federal assistance from the Town of Burnsville. The proposed project consists of purchasing a 2021 Daihatsu Hijet HD mini dump truck. This notice is also to inform the public of a public meeting to be held on April 11th at 5:30pm at town hall. The purpose of the meeting is to provide an opportunity to become acquainted with this proposed project and for public comment.

American Legion meeting
American Legion Braxton Post 33 will conduct its next monthly meeting on Monday, April 4. Post 33 will meet at 7 p.m. in the Braxton County Senior Citizens Center. Come and meet with your fellow veterans.

Let your creative juices flow with the ECD Poster Contest.
The Elk Conservation District is holding its Annual Poster Con-

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

Burnsville Lake's Fifth Annual Easter Egg Hunt

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

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

Braxton County Jamboree April Music Schedule

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

Community Dinner

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

Bingo bingo bingo

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

Braxton County Senior Center April Food Menu

Menu subject to change due to food availability. 2% milk served with each meal.
Tuesday 5 Salm-on Patty, Pasta with Peas, Stewed Tomatoes, Coleslaw, Fruit.
Wednesday 6 Stuffed Green Peppers, Au Gratin Potatoes, Dinner Roll, Fruit.
Thursday 7 Chicken Noodle Soup, Spinach Casserole, Crackers, Fruit.
Friday 8 Open Face Turkey Sandwich, Stuffing, Corn, Fruit.
Monday 11 Shepard's Pie, Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Fruit.
Tuesday 12 Pepperoni Roll, Tomato

Soup with Cheddar Cheese, Crackers, Fruit.
Wednesday 13 Easter Dinner: Baked Ham, Sweet Potato, Casserole, Mixed Vegetables, Dinner Roll, Garden Salad, Fruit.
Thursday 14 Cornish Pasta, Peas, Dinner Role, Fruit.
Friday 15 Holiday Center Closed.
Monday 18 Chili, Sweet Potatoes, Cornbread, Fruit.
Tuesday 19 Breakfast Bake, Hash Browns, Biscuit, Spiced Apples, Juice.
Wednesday 20 Baked Fish, Macaroni and Cheese, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Fruit.
Thursday 21 Lasagna, Garden Sal-

ad, Garlic Bread, Fruit.
Friday 22 Pinto Beans, Cornbread, Spinach, Casserole, Fruit.
Monday 25 Hot Dog with Chili, Tater Tots, Cole-slaw, Fruit.
Tuesday 26 Hamburger Steak with Onion Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Spinach, Dinner Roll, Fruit.
Wednesday 27 Chicken Alfredo, Peas, Garlic Bread, Fruit.
Thursday 28 Grand Opening Pot Roast Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Glazed Carrots, Dinner Roll, Fruit.
Friday 29 Creamed Tomatoes, Biscuit, Sausage, Roasted Potatoes, Fruit.

Town of Gassaway mandates 90 day community clean up

The Town of Gassaway will be mandating a 90-day cleanup of our community during March, April, and May 2022.

All property owners, including property owners of rental properties, are expected to cooperate with this manner in order to ful-

fill the regulations and requirements in our ordinances.

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.

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, 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.

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Roy A. Henderson

Roy A. Henderson 68, born April 22, 1953 in West Virginia, passed away March 4, 2022. Roy was a dedicated

family man and retired to all. Married 47 years to Deborah Henderson, father and grandfather to the lights of his life, R. Chris Henderson and Coleman W. Henderson. He was a loving husband, father, brother, grandfather, and uncle.

After graduating from Glenville State College in 1973, he began his career as a procurement man in the timber industry, joining Appalachian Timber Services in 1976, becoming VP of Operations in 2010, and retiring from ATS in 2018.

Roy had a great love for the outdoors, including hunting, fishing, working, walking or just sitting. He worked diligently at instilling his many values and love for great outdoors to his son and grandson. He was a dedicated and tireless worker, accomplishing a great deal during his life. He was a pillar of his community as well as a savvy businessman. Roy had several interests including

serving as a board member for Calhoun Banks, a member of the Glenville Lions Club International and life member of the National Wild Turkey Federation. He was an avid collector of many treasures and tremendously enjoyed the search for his next great find.

He will be greatly missed by his family and many lifelong friends including his special brother Rick, who he considered family. He was predeceased by his parents Billie F. and Mary C. Henderson. His surviving family "tree" includes wife Deborah, son Chris and wife Laura, grandson Coleman, granddaughter Kelsey Decker, sister Brenda H. Brammer (Wesley), brother-in-law Jeff Cavender (Dale), Betty Cavender, Cindi Casto and nephews.

Roy, quite the modest man was not fond of any event that would draw attention to himself, therefore in lieu of services/visitation the family suggests taking a walk in the woods in his memory. Donations may be made to the Mountain Lakes NWTFF Attn: Jake Program, a passion of Roy's that educates and assists youth in various hunting activities. Checks may be mailed to 187 Curry Ridge Road, Napier, WV 26631.

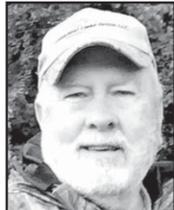
Friends of Burnsville Lake host Annual Easter Egg Hunt

The Friends of Burnsville Lake will be having their Annual Easter Egg Hunt at the downstream area of Burnsville Lake on Saturday, April 16.

Registration is at noon and the hunt will begin at 1:00 p.m. Prize

baskets for each age group. There will be plenty of candy, as well as special guests!

Come out and see us! In case of bad weather, the hunt will be rescheduled on Saturday, March 23.



COMMUNITY CORNER

PAT'S CHAT BY: PAT RIDPATH



This is to officially announce the death of my sister, Mary Ann Bucklew, at Ruby Memorial Hospital, Hospice Unit, on March 19, 2022, (which is the birthdate of her late husband, George M. Bucklew).

Mary Ann moved from her home in Burnsville in 2005 and spent the rest of her life at an apartment on South Florida Street, about two blocks from me. She loved that apartment so much, and eventually got helpers from Central Area Agency for the Aging here in Buckhannon to help her

with light housework and shopping.

Mary Ann was brought into this world on August 26, 1936. Her parents were Harry V. and Allegra Louisa (McNemar) Wiant who preceded her in death; Harry died August 18, 1984, and Allegra died September 29, 1967.

Mary Ann married George M. Bucklew, Jr., on September 8, 1953. They have four children, Bruce (Carol), Timothy, Suzanne Boehmer, and Amy Conway (Bill). They have seven grandchildren, Jessica Boehmer, Ryan Bucklew, Kyle Bucklew, Lindsey Kihlstrom, Kelly Carbia, Ashley Williams, Laura Boehmer. They

have four great-grandchildren, all children of Ashley and Andrew Williams: Crew, Aven, Reeve and Adah Williams.

There will be a Memorial Service for Mary Ann at the Buckhannon Seventh-day Adventist Church at a later date. Her body was donated to West Virginia University. Her ashes will be buried in the K of P Cemetery in Burnsville when they are available. In lieu of flowers please send donations to the Buckhannon Seventh-day Adventist Church, P. O. Box 205, Buckhannon, WV 26201, in her name. Thank you for the many cards and calls. She loved you all. Maranatha

COUNTY STORIES BY: JEANETTE RIFFLE

Time To Mow Again



Mowing season is around the corner.

The grass is getting green and will have to be mowed before long. Our weather is going back and forth from winter to spring but the warmer days are making the grass grow. We have a lot of property here to keep up with. I freeze a bottle of water for hubby to take in his

riding mower and the new black top that he got last summer helps keep the hot sun off him. As the icy water melts he can have refreshing ice water.

We had a good revival at Rosedale Baptist. Good attendance every night. Good preachers and good singers. Our church

has been blessed with a lot of talent. Some of us are still doing the Drive-In Church thing. There is a bad virus going around now called Rhinovirus. It is hard to get rid of and the cough lingers. Maybe one of these days, the viruses will all get out of here.

We were surprised to get up to a covering of snow this morning and it was so cold. It was only 29 degrees at 7:00 am. Back to winter clothes and a warm winter coat. I didn't make it out because it was slick out back and down the ramp. I can't take a chance on falling. Cold temps make my sinus trouble and my arthritis worse. We are suppose to have a warm day coming up this week. I will follow doctor's orders to get up, get dressed up and show up. I ride along to town when we have to go shopping. We got the ham in here for Easter and it is on ice. My parents had their own sugar cured hams and they smoked some of them. I remember seeing smoked ones hanging from hooks at the ceiling, up in the cellar house. Most people had a cellar and a cellar house up over it back then.

There was a table against the wall where they sugar cured meats. A lot of people are going back to raising their own meats. A friend of mine called me today and was telling me of raising rabbits and chickens and they have canned and frozen deer meat. Mom had chickens and rabbits. There weren't any deer around when I was growing up but Dad butchered hogs. My Stewart grandparents had beef hogs, chickens, sheep, and a few turkeys. Mom didn't like the taste of mutton. Dad brought down a mess of it one time and she didn't like it. The beef roast sure was good. He had helped Grandpa Stewart butcher and they gave him a roast. I will wrap this up for this time. Stay safe and take care. Gilmer Co. is doing good. According to the Charleston paper, there are no known cases of Covid 19 right now. Way to go Gilmer. God bless and keep you in his care.

Brown note of gratitude

I would like to take this time to Thank all those who prayed, send cards, phone calls, brought food and just thought of me during my recent emergency surgery and recovery.

I want to thank my family for taking over

all my chores and then some during this time and continuing now. As we get older things happen that we have no control over and our life as we know it has to change.

Thanks again to all of you. Linda Brown

MAGISTRATE COURT

R-E-P-O-R-T

Magistrate David Singleton's Court

March 21: John Charles Barnett of Sutton, trespassing asked to leave, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$1500 personal recognizance; Teresa M. Nichols of Sutton, failure to send child to school, summons issued, bond set at \$300 personal recognizance; Kevin Morrison of Gassaway, failure to send child to school, summons issued, bond set at \$300 personal recognizance; Amanda Ware of Sutton, failure to send child to school, summons issued, bond set at \$300 personal recognizance; Hardy Willis Arner of Gassaway, failure to send child to school, summons issued, bond set at \$300 personal recognizance; Samantha Stewart of Sutton, failure to send child to school, summons issued, bond set at \$300 personal recognizance; Whitney Erin King of Flatwoods, driving suspended, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; Samuel D. Hammon of Flatwoods, expired MVI, dismissed proof provided; Malissa Ann Marsh of Sutton, child abuse creating risk of injury, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$8000 cash or surety; Seleshine Hoffman Kunzel of Lost Creek, driving suspended, no contest plea, no MVI, no contest plea, fines/court costs assessed; Jeremiah Scott Walker of Huntington, contraband

into jail, preliminary hearing waived, transferred to circuit court.

March 22: Christina Marie Abel of Flatwoods, breaking & entering, grand larceny, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$10,000 cash only; Christopher Gardner Moffatt of Charleston, expired registration, no contest plea, no proof of insurance, no contest plea, fines/court costs assessed; Melonie Rose Shahan of Flatwoods, destruction of property, guilty plea, domestic battery, dismissed per plea, domestic assault, dismissed per plea, 30 days of jail, suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation, fine/court costs assessed.

March 23: Orville Martin Wilson, Jr. of Sutton, obscene and harassing communication by cell phone, guilty plea, 30 days of jail with credit for time served of two days, remainder suspended and placed on six months unsupervised probation, fine/court costs assessed; Kenny D. Bush of Burnsville, harassment, dismissed per plea, violation of protective order, dismissed per plea; Jaslyn Michelle Frierson of Beckley, no proof of insurance, dismissed proof provided; Robert Allen Hudson of Gassaway, domestic battery, dismissed, domestic assault, dismissed, victim does not wish to pursue charges; Matthew Ben Hamrick of Gassaway, possession of heroin, guilty plea, 90 days with credit for time served

of 34 days, remainder suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation, fine/court costs assessed.

March 24: Alexandria Nichole Cutlip of Frametown, no operators, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; Michael D. Smith of Cohutta, GA, speeding, guilty plea, fine/court costs assessed; Russell Lee Selman of Cowen, driving suspended for general, guilty plea, improper registration, guilty plea, fines/court costs assessed and paid; Joshua Joe Webb of Gassaway, failure to send child to school, summons issued, bond set at \$300 personal recognizance; Chanda M. Canfield of Belington, speeding, guilty plea, fine/court costs assessed and paid.

March 25: James Allen Stewart of Sutton, possession of controlled substance with intent to deliver x3-meth, fentanyl, suboxone, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$75,000 cash only, conspiracy, warrant issued, bond set at \$10,000 cash only; Britney Marion McEvers of Sutton, possession of controlled substance with intent to deliver x3-meth, fentanyl, suboxone, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$75,000 cash only, delivery of heroin x3, conspiracy x3, warrant issued, bond set at \$75,000 cash only; Kelly G. Smallwood of Sutton, domestic battery, warrant issued, bond set at \$1500 personal recognizance.

Flatwoods-Canoe Run PSD has filed with the Public Service Commission of West Virginia public notice

The Flatwoods-Canoe Run PSD has filed with the Public Service Commission of West Virginia (PSC) a tariff containing increased rates, tolls, and charges for furnishing water service to approximately 1,962 customers at Gassaway and Sutton areas and vicinity in Braxton County, WV. The proposed increased rates and charges will become effective April 22, 2022 unless otherwise ordered by the PSC and will produce approximately \$300,251.00 annually in additional billings, an increase of approximately 15.81%. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will increase by approximately 15.82%. The average monthly bill will increase as follows: residential customers by approximately \$6.37; commercial customers by approximately \$27.35; public authority customers by approximately \$63.80; industrial customers by approximately \$4.82; Weyerhaeuser by approximately \$5,302.29; and resale customers by

approximately \$1,283.75.

The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the PSC in its review of this filing. Any increase in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the PSC. If a hearing is scheduled, notice will be given of the time and place of hearing.

Anyone desiring to protest or intervene should file a written protest or petition to intervene prior to April 22, 2022. If the PSC suspends the effective date, it may establish a final deadline for intervention. Failure to timely protest or intervene can affect your rights to protest any rate increases or to participate in future proceedings. All protests or requests to intervene should briefly state the

reason for the protest or intervention. Requests to intervene must comply with the PSC's rules on intervention. All interventions may be mailed and addressed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, 201 Brooks St., Charleston, WV 25323, or may be hand-delivered. Protests may be filed on line through the PSC website (www.psc.state.wv.us) using the "Submit a Comment" link or may be mailed to the Executive Secretary at the same address as above.

A complete copy of this tariff, as well as a representative of the District to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at the District's office at 406 Main Street, Sutton, West Virginia 26601. A copy of the tariff is also available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the PSC at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

DHHR announces application period for Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) announced applications will be accepted for the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) beginning today and will continue until funds are exhausted. This federally funded program assists eligible state residents in paying water or wastewater bills.

Eligibility for LIHWAP benefits is based on income, household size and whether the household is responsible for paying water or wastewater bills. To qualify, the household must meet all program guidelines, which includes an applicant's annual income being at or below 60 per-

cent of the State Median Income. Face-to-face interviews in a local DHHR office are also required.

If a utility vendor provides multiple services, an itemized bill will be required. LIHWAP can only be used for water and sewer payments.

The maximum allowable gross income levels for LIHWAP Fiscal Year 2022 are listed in the chart below.

Household Size
Gross Monthly Income Limit

1 \$2,005, 2 \$2,621, 3 \$3,238, 4 \$3,855, 5 \$4,472, 6 \$5,088, 7 \$5,204, 8 \$5,583, 9 \$6,150, 10 \$6,718, 11 \$7,285, 12 \$7,853.

For each additional person, add \$567.

*Social Security and

Veterans income will be excluded for the current LIHWAP application period.

Households whose income exceeds the maximum amount are not eligible; however, some types of income may be excluded for LIHWAP. The program is limited to the amount of federal funding allocated to West Virginia under the LIHWAP Block Grant.

Those interested in applying for LIHWAP may contact their local DHHR office with questions or to request an interview to determine eligibility. A list of local offices may be found at <http://www.dhhr.wv.gov/bcf/Documents/DHHR.BCF.LocalOffices.pdf> or by calling 304-352-4431.

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LEGAL NOTICES

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Legal Notice
Please be advised that the Yearly Public Meeting of the Braxton County Local Emergency Planning Committee is scheduled on 4/12/22 at 12:00 noon at 3 Girls Dinner Restau-

rant. Please advise us if you plan to attend. If you have any questions regarding this meeting, please feel free to email at braxton-lepc@gmail.com

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

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

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

Note: Copies of all approved excess and/or bond levy orders and certified copies of the canvass of votes must be on file with the State Auditor's Office and the State Department of Education before excess or bond levy rates can be approved.

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

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

Class	Certificate of evaluation 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	\$3,837,380	25.00	\$9,593
Personal Property	\$12,018		\$30
Total Class II	\$3,849,398		\$9,623
Class IV			
Real Estate	\$3,949,760	50.00	\$19,749
Personal Property	\$1,887,653		\$9,438
Public Utility	\$7,584,928		\$37,925
Total Class IV	\$13,422,341		\$67,112
Total Value & Projected Revenue	\$17,271,739		\$76,735
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes	5.00%		3,837
Less Tax Discounts (use Total Projected Revenue to calculate)	2.00%		1,458
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing (If applicable)			0
Total Projected Property Tax Collection			\$71,440
Less Assessor Valuation Fund (Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)	2.00%		1,429
Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes			\$70,011

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2022 - JUNE 30, 2023 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 amounts necessary to be raised by levy of taxes for the current fiscal year, and does determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:

The amount due and the amount that will become due and collectible from every source during the fiscal year INCLUDING THE LEVY OF TAXES, is as follows:

REVENUE SOURCE	Amount
Unassigned Fund Balance	20,000
Property Taxes- Current Expense	70,011
Gas & Oil Severance Tax	970
Excise Tax on Utilities	35,000
Business and Occupation Tax	85,000
Wine & Liquor Tax	400
Animal Control Tax	100
Hotel Occupancy Tax	500
Fines, Fees & Court Costs	35,000
Licenses	300
Building Permit Fees	400
IRP Fees (Interstate Registration Plan)	70,000
Rents, Royalties, and Concessions	6,000
State Government Grants	1,500
Contributions from other Funds	75,000
Transfers from Rainy Day Fund	20,000
Gaming Income	8,000
Filing Fees	100
Accident Reports	100
Video Lottery (LVL)	300
Miscellaneous Revenues	10,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (GENERAL FUND)	\$ 438,681

COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUND

REVENUE SOURCE	Amount
Assigned Fund Balance	\$ 250
Coal Severance Tax	1,500
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (COAL SEVERANCE FUND)	\$ 1,750

ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES

	General Fund	Coal Severance Fund
Mayor's Office	3,300	
City Council	8,400	
Recorder's Office	3,300	
City Clerk's Office	33,758	
Police Judge's Office	30,000	
City Attorney	1,500	
City Auditor	2,500	
Regional Development Authority	453	
Elections	5,000	
City Hall	55,500	
Internal Audit	2,500	
Police Department	75,000	
Fire Department	2,000	500
Fire Hydrants	25,000	
Streets and Highways	173,470	
Street Lights	6,250	
Storm Sewer	5,000	
Visitors Bureau	250	
Fair Associations/Festivals	1,000	500
Community Center	1,000	250
Playgrounds	2,500	
Library	1,000	500
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	\$ 438,681	\$ 1,750

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA COUNTY OF Braxton MUNICIPALITY OF BURNSVILLE

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

Angela Morgan (Original Signed)
Recorder
(Official Title of Recording Officer
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FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2022- JUNE 30, 2023 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:

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 Liquor 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	Amount
Assigned Fund Balance	\$ 9,509
Coal Severance Tax	1,500
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (COAL SEVERANCE FUND)	11,009

ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES

	General Fund	Coal Severance Fund
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 Attorney	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	
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	411,603	11,009

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE is hereby given pursuant to and by virtue of the authority vested in the Substitute Trustee, WV Trustee Services, LLC, by that certain Deed of Trust dated February 10, 2017, executed by Borrower(s), James Brian Ratcliffe, to Marc J. Slotnick, the Trustee of record in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Braxton County, West Virginia, in Book 244, at Page 697. At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of 400 Rock Cliff Ln, Duck, WV 25063. WV Trustee Services, LLC were appointed as Substitute Trustees by APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE dated March 23, 2022, of record in the Clerk's Office. The borrower(s) defaulted under the Note and Deed of Trust and the Substitute Trustees have been instructed to foreclose under the Deed of Trust. Accordingly, the Substitute Trustees will sell the following described property to the highest bidder at the front door of the Courthouse of Braxton County, in Sutton, West Virginia, on the follow-

ing date:
5th day of May, 2022 at 11:30 a.m.
All the following described real estate, together with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate along West Virginia Route 4 and on the waters of the Elk River, Birch District, Braxton County, West Virginia, and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a 5/8" rebar with a red plastic cap stamped "Convey Eng. 7652723", hereinafter referred to as a rebar, set, from which point a plugged gas well bears S 30-28-30 W at 195.08 feet; thence S 81-17-10 W 307.93 feet to a rebar, set; thence N 08-51-50 W 351.75 feet to a rebar, set; thence N 73-27-20 E 128.13 feet to a rebar, set; thence N 36-50-00 E 344.54 feet to a rebar, set; thence N 58-24-40 E 226.14 feet to a rebar, set; thence N 79-40-00 E 313.62 feet to a rebar, set; thence S 26-50-40 E 270.80 feet to a rebar, set; thence S 11-53-00 W 353.72 feet to a rebar, set; thence S 57-35-20 W 379.72 feet to a rebar, set, from which point said plugged gas well bears S 61-12-50 W at 342.09 feet;

thence N 46-40-40 W 108.97 feet to a rebar, set; thence S 59-35-30 W 140.96 feet to the place of beginning, containing 11.88 acres, more or less, as surveyed by G. A. Covey Engineering PLLC, in September 2002, and as shown on a Plat of Partition Survey, titled "Plat of Partition Survey for Brent Nettles", which Plat is of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Braxton County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 533, at Page 804. And being the same property conveyed unto Robert L. Smith and Tonya L. Smith from Raymond C. Payne, Jr., by Deed dated May 16, 2014, of record in the aforementioned Clerk's Office in Deed Book 600, at page 6. There is also granted unto the parties of the second part, their heirs, successors, and assigns, the right to use that certain 30' right of way as shown on the Plat for ingress, egress and regress from West Virginia Route 4 to the property conveyed herein. The parties of the second part shall have the right to grade, maintain, and repair the aforesaid right of way. The

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Live Theatre returns to the Landmark Studio for the Arts' Stage

By Fernando Rodriguez

The Landmark Studio for the Arts is back! After a two-year hiatus, courtesy of safety precautions for the multiple strains of the Corona Virus, the Landmark Youth Theatre Ensemble will be performing, by special permission, Disney's Beauty and the Beast.



Studying the lines while waiting for their turn to audition. Director Becky Conrad keeping an eye on the stage.



Actors auditioning for the cast of Disney's Beauty and the Beast. Director Becky Conrad, Producer Tim Hoover, and Technical Director/Choreographer Jamie Jarvis assess the performances.

mark Studio for the Arts' stage productions are expensive to produce, the rights and materials usually costing thousands of dollars. Now, more than ever, the Landmark needs your generous support so that these performances can be brought to the stage. In addition to monetary donations, we need volunteers to assist in the productions, build sets, etc. Donations and volunteers are crucial to the survival of the organization. The support of the businesses and citizens of our community is what keeps the Landmark alive. The Landmark Studio for the Arts is located at 4th and Main Streets in Sutton. Donations can be mailed to PO BOX 74, Sutton, WV 26601-0074, online at www.landmarkstudio.org or at the donation box inside the Landmark. Call 304-644-7122 for information on upcoming events and reservations. Like our page at <https://www.facebook.com/Landmarkstudioforthearts/>

Performances of Disney's Beauty and the Beast will be staged on April 28, 29, and 30, 2022; and on May 5 & 6, 2022, at 8 p. m. Doors will open at 7:30 p. m. Tickets may be purchased online at www.landmarksutton.com



Judy's Garden Club members with Josh Porto touring the BCHS Greenhouse.

Judy's Garden Club highlights local business and BCHS Greenhouse

A special National Garden Club (NGC) event will be held at the Greenbrier in early May 2023. Garden Club members from across the United States will enjoy being hosted by the National Garden Club and West Virginia Garden clubs. Brenda Moore, WVGC member, will be installed as the President of National Garden Clubs during the convention, which is the reason for choosing WV as the convention location. The desire to highlight WV products and experiences during this national convention led to Brenda Moore's request to feature Fiesta bowls as part of the table centerpieces during one of the luncheons. Pat McPherson, President of Judy's Garden Club, Appalachian District, contacted Jeannie



Pat McPherson and Trish Moore, JGC members, with donated bowls at Everything Fiesta.

Bragg, manager at the Everything Fiesta Store in Flatwoods WV. Following an official written email request from Moore, arrangements were made to have 60 XL bowls available as a charitable donation for the NGC Convention. The bowls have been

gathered and will be delivered by JGC members to Moore at the WVGC Conference in April in plenty of time for them to be transformed into amazing centerpieces. West Virginia Garden Clubs are very appreciative for the generosity of the Fiesta management to provide the bowls promoting one of the many beautiful WV products that will be on display during the 2023 NGC Conference.

Weather issues on March 12, forced Judy's Garden Club to reschedule the Braxton County Highschool greenhouse tour. Unfortunately, some JGC members were not able to attend the new tour date but the ones that did were impressed with the facility and the tour. Josh Porto led the group explaining the features the greenhouse has to offer to the BCHS students and how the public will enjoy the plants grown there. The process of establishing this greenhouse has been an effort involving a variety of folks and will greatly benefit the community.

You're Invited to the 20th Annual Sweetheart Productions St. Jude Celebration

Come celebrate with us at the Old Fisher Building & the Sutton Community Building On Saturday, April 9, 2022 from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

There will be 18 Craft & Vendor Booths, Pageant, the Easter Bunny and much more!

THE STORY BOOTH CHARACTERS

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12:00 PM-2:00PM HUNT BEGINS AT 1:00 PM

March 29, 2022

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

researched interesting.

One student, Avah Mollohan, and her partner, Natalie Garrett, completed research on Stephen King. Mollohan said that she had never read any of King's works and knew nothing about him before they began their work. She did note, "From what we learned about him, his books sound like really good books."

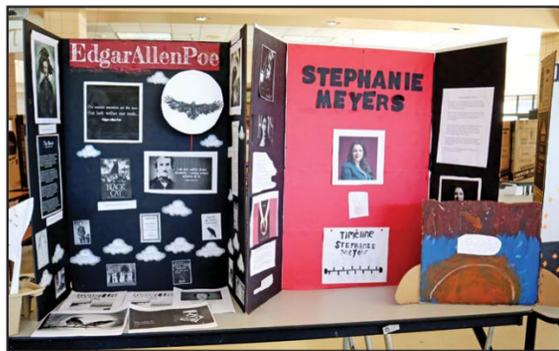
The most difficult aspect of the paper for the two girls, according to Mollohan, "was the works-cited page. The most difficult part of the project, she felt, was "probably the board." She did indicate that

they learned how to cite sources and how to develop a long-term project as well as quite a bit about Stephen King.

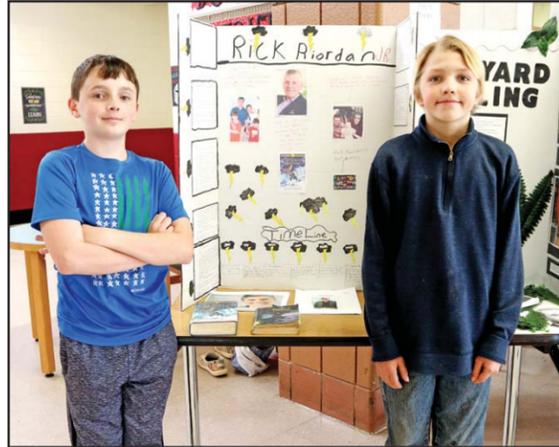
Instructor King is definitely pleased with the results of this project for his sixth-grade students. He was also happy with the turnout of individuals who came to view the projects. "We had many parents and younger students along with several students stopping by on their way to sports practices." He was especially happy to see the younger students because they are a big part of the intended audience.



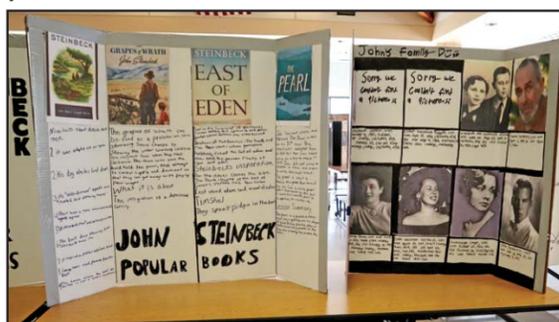
Phebe Shanhan promoted Gary Paulsen to her peers.



Morgan Simons chose J.R.R. Tolkien.



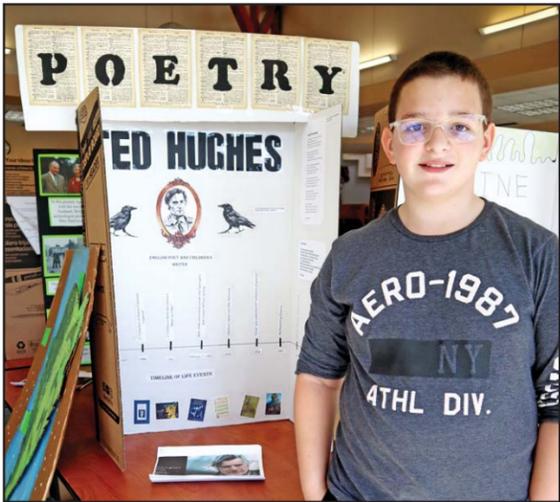
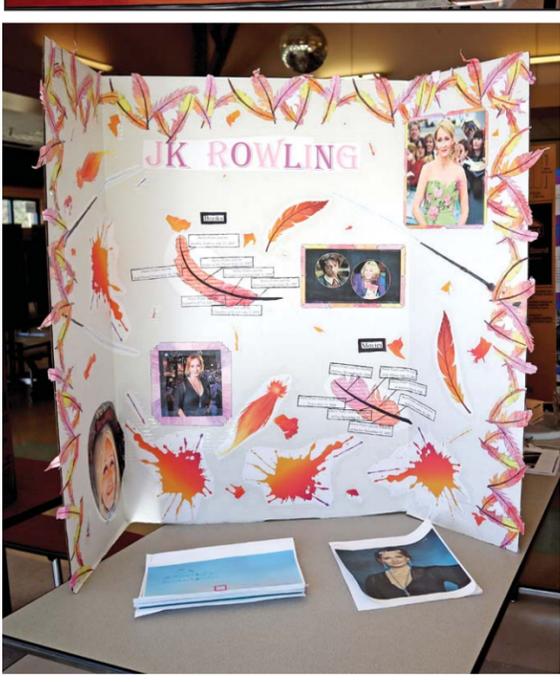
Jamie Spurlock and Brady Dever teamed up to promote Rick Riordan Jr.



Billy Jo Fraley and Liam Harman learned about Herman Melville.



Nevaeh Flint learned about William Shakespeare.



Chase Hamner presented Ted Hughes to his peers.



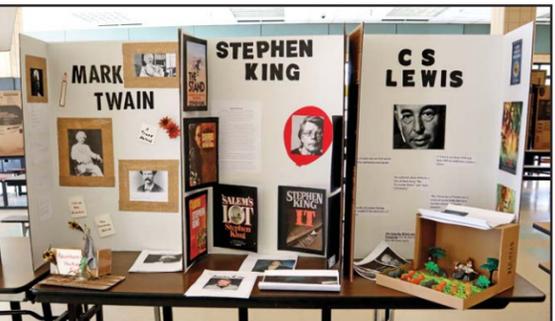
Cassidy G Coyer and Alexander C Dennison promoted Samuel Taylor Coleridge



Evan Burnham chose Mark Twain for his project.



Nevaeh Craft chose John Keats.



Emma Moore presented Suzanne Collins for her literacy fair project.

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FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2022 - JUNE 30, 2023
LEVY ESTIMATE - BUDGET DOCUMENT
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
MUNICIPALITY OF FLATWOODS, 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:
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:

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	0
Public Utility	0	0
Total Class I	\$0	0
CLASS II		
Real Estate	8,779,890	21,950
Personal Property	52,818	132
Total Class II	8,832,708	22,082
CLASS IV		
Real Estate	10,525,780	52,629
Personal Property	4,809,523	24,048
Public Utility	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
CLASS I		
Personal Property	\$0	0
Public Utility	0	0
Total Class	\$0	0
CLASS II		
Real Estate	8,779,890	0
Personal Property	52,818	0
Total Class II	8,832,708	0
CLASS IV		
Real Estate	10,525,780	0
Personal Property	4,809,523	0
Public Utility	5,227,627	0
Total Class IV	20,562,930	0

Total Value & Projected Revenue \$29,395,638 \$0

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 \$0

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	0
Public Utility	0	0
Total Class	\$0	0
CLASS II		
Real Estate	8,779,890	0
Personal Property	52,818	0
Total Class	8,832,708	0
CLASS IV		
Real Estate	10,525,780	0
Personal Property	4,809,523	0
Public Utility	5,227,627	0
Total Class IV	20,562,930	0

Total Value & Projected Revenue \$29,395,638 \$0

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 \$0

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
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
Laurel Petolicchio
Original Signed
Recorder (Official Title of Recording Officer) 03-22-03-29b

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia until May 10, 2022 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project(s):

Call Contract	State Project	Federal Project	Description
004	20200011603	U399-RPM-22 00	HSIP-2022(001)D PAVEMENT MARKINGS 2022 RPM DISTRICTS 1, 2, 6, 7, 9 & 10 COUNTY: Ohio, Wetzel, Brooke, Hancock, Marshall, Barbour, Upshur, Lewis, Clay, Nicholas, Greenbrier, Cabell, Wayne, Lincoln, Logan, Mingo, Boone, Braxton, Gilmer, Fayette, Raleigh

Proposals will be received from prequalified and West Virginia licensed contractors only except that on Federal-Aid Projects a contractor's license is not required at the time of bid, but will be required before work can begin. Registration is required with the Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing, in accordance with Chapter 5A, Article 3, Section 12 of the West Virginia Code. All contractors submitting bids on project(s) must submit with their bid a Proposal Guaranty Bond for \$500.00 or 5% of the total bid, whichever is greater.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. The deferment, delay, postponement and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened will be available on www.bidx.com. The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contracts entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award.

West Virginia Department of Transportation
Division of Highways
Kenneth T. Given
for Gehan M. Elsayed, P.E., Ph.D.
Chief Engineer of Programs and Performance Management
Deputy State Highway Engineer 3-29 4-5b

Assessor's office closed

The Braxton County Assessor's Office will be closed for business the week of April 25th through April 29th 2022. We will open for one hour each of these days from 8:00 – 9:00 A.M.
The limited schedule is due to state required training on the new tax system which will be implemented during July 2022. We will return to our normal schedule Monday, May 2, 2022.
Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

REVENUE SOURCE

Unassigned Fund Balance	10,000
Property Taxes - Current Expense	33,810
Gas & Oil Severance Tax	500
Excise Tax on Utilities	12,000
Business and Occupation Tax	9,000
Wine & Liquor Tax	4
Fines, Fees & Court Costs	2,000
Licenses	450
IRP Fees (Interstate Registration Plan)	33,850
Gaming Income	10,000
Video Lottery (LVL)	600
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (GENERAL FUND)	\$ 112,214

COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUND

REVENUE SOURCE

Assigned Fund Balance	\$ 100
Coal Severance Tax	600
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (COAL SEVERANCE FUND)	\$700

ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES

	General Fund	Coal Severance Fund
Insurance Program (Self Insured)	8,500	-
Mayor's Office	3,700	-
City Council	5,000	-
Treasurer's Office	3,700	-
City Clerk's Office	12,000	-
Police Judge's Office	1,500	-
City Auditor	1,800	-
Custodial	3,000	-
Regional Development Authority	304	-
City Hall	12,000	-
Police Department	46,210	700
Fire Department	5,000	-
Street Lights	4,500	-
Fair Associations/Festivals	5,000	-
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	\$112,214	\$700

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

Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Certificate of Valuation Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
CLASS I		
Personal Property	\$0	0
Public Utility	0	0
Total Class I	\$0	0
CLASS II		
Real Estate	3,489,150	8,723
Personal Property	115,806	290
Total Class II	3,604,956	9,013
CLASS IV		
Real Estate	2,256,230	11,281
Personal Property	639,491	3,197
Public Utility	2,713,152	13,566
Total Class IV	5,608,873	28,044

Total Value & Projected Revenue \$9,213,829 \$37,057
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & uncollectable Taxes 2.00% 1,853
Less Tax Discounts (use Total Projected Revenue to calculate) 2.00% 704
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing (If Applicable) 0

Total Projected Property Tax Collection \$34,500
Less Assessor Valuation Fund 2.00% 690
(Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)

Net amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes \$33,810

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF BRAXTON
MUNICIPALITY OF FLATWOODS

I, Lisa Hamrick, 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 15th day of March, 2022.
Lisa L Hamrick
Original Signed
Recorder/Treasurer (Official Title of Recording Office) 03-29 04-05b

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES WITH PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE
NOTICE is hereby given that FLATWOODS-CANOE RUN PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT ("District"), a public utility, has on March 23, 2022, filed with the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA, a tariff containing increased rates, tolls and charges for furnishing water service to approximately 1,962 customers at Gassaway and Sutton areas and vicinity in Braxton County, West Virginia. The proposed increased rates and charges will become effective April 22, 2022, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission and will produce approximately \$300,251.00 annually in additional revenue, an increase of approximately 15.81%. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

	(%) INCREASE	(%) INCREASE
Residential (2,900 gallons average)	\$ 6.37	15.82%
Commercial (15,100 gallons average)	\$ 27.35	15.82%
Public Authority (43,700 gallons average)	\$ 63.80	15.83%
Industrial (2,000 gallons average)	\$ 4.82	15.82%
Weyerhaeuser (5,180,000 gallons average)	\$ 5,302.29	15.77%
Resale (1,625,000 gallons average)	\$ 1,283.75	15.80%

The District's sole resale customer is Birch River Public Service District. The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. Any increase in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission. (If a hearing is scheduled, notice will be given of the time and place of hearing.) Anyone desiring to protest or intervene should file a written protest or petition to intervene prior to April 22, 2022. If the Commission suspends the effective date, the Commission may establish a final deadline for intervention. Failure to timely protest or intervene can affect your rights to protest any rate increases or to participate in future proceedings. All protests or requests to intervene should briefly state the reason for the protest or intervention. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission's rules on intervention. All interventions may be mailed and addressed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, 201 Brooks St., Charleston, West Virginia 25323, or may be hand-delivered. Protests may be filed on line through the Commission website (www.psc.state.wv.us) using the "Submit a Comment" link or may be mailed to the Executive Secretary at the same address as above. A complete copy of this tariff, as well as a representative of the District to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at the following office of the District:
Flatwoods-Canoe Run Public Service District
406 Main Street
Sutton, West Virginia 26601
A copy of the tariff is also available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia. 03-29 04-05

LEGALS

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maintenance of the right of way shall be the responsibility of the users thereof and the party of the first part shall have no responsibility to help and assist in the maintenance of the right of way. Being the same property conveyed to James Brian Ratcliffe and Melissa Dawn Ratcliffe by the Deed dated May 23, 2017 and recorded in Deed Book 619 at Page 747 in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Braxton County, West Virginia.
TERMS OF SALE:
1) The property will be conveyed in an "AS IS" physical condition by Deed containing no warranty, express or implied, subject to the Internal Revenue Service right of redemption, all property taxes, prior Deeds, liens, reservations, encumbrances, restrictions, rights-of-ways, easements, covenants, conveyances and conditions of record in the Clerk's office or affecting the subject property.
2) The Purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the transfer taxes imposed by the West Virginia Code § 11-22-1.
3) The Beneficiary and/or the Servicer of the Deed of Trust and Note reserve the right to submit a bid for the property at sale.
4) The Trustee reserves the right to continue sale of the subject property from time to time by written or oral proclamation, which continuance shall be in the sole discretion of the Trustee.
5) The Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying

the property to vacate said property, and any personal property and/or belongings remaining at the property after the foreclosure sale will be deemed to constitute ABANDONED PROPERTY AND WILL BE DISPOSED OF ACCORDINGLY.
6) The total purchase price is payable to the Trustee within thirty (30) days of the date of sale, with ten (10%) of the total purchase price payable to the Trustee at sale.
WV Trustee Services, LLC, Substitute Trustee
BY: _____
Dionne Reynolds, Limited Signing Officer
WV Trustee Services, LLC
McGuire Office Center
618 Tenth Street, Suite 108
Huntington, WV 25701
(304) 853-3336
dionne.reynolds@wvtrusteeservices.com
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SPORTS

Reporting Braxton County's sports action

- Youth
- Middle School
- High School

Lady Eagles softball team exhibits definite improvement

The BCHS softball team was 1-2 last week, but the players hit well and almost had a successful comeback in the second game of the week. Braxton lost 12-2 to Roane, almost came

back against Nicholas, and outscored South Harrison 18-10. An unfortunate circumstance may have contributed to Braxton's problems at Roane Tuesday. Coach

Amanda Gum explained that because of a game time mix-up, the Lady Eagles were not allowed to warm up at all. The main highlight of the game, Coach Gum pointed out, was

Kayleigh Mays hitting a double and getting an RBI. Rylan Prunty drove in Braxton's other run. Pitching for the Lady Eagles, Brooklyn Sargent struck out one. In a 7-6 loss to

Nicholas, Braxton's girls found themselves down 7-0 going into the seventh inning. Coach Gum said that her players started to hit and battled back to get close, "but it just wasn't enough." In that game, Lacie Wright and Emmalee Jarvis

each had doubles and drove in one run each. Sargent and Savannah Bender each had one hit. Sargent had two RBIs, Bender one. On the mound for Braxton, Sargent had five strikeouts and issued only one walk.

Looking at the game against Nicholas and the fact that the Lady Eagles started hitting in the seventh and came up with six runs, Coach Gum commented that she and her coaching staff "have had the conversation of jumping on teams early instead of waiting until we're down to start hitting." She added, "It's a work in progress, but I think the girls are starting to gain confidence at the plate."

Braxton's win against South Harrison began as Jarvis started the hitting with a 2-run homer. Coach Gum commented, "When she hit that ball, there was no doubt in my

mind that it was gone." Against South Harrison, all Lady Eagles in the starting lineup had at least one hit. In that game, Braxton went into the bottom of the sixth inning leading 14-2. "At that point," Coach Gum, "[Braxton's] fielding was not the strongest in this inning, and South Harrison and South Harrison strung some hits together to allow them to score eight runs." After that, the coach indicated, her players "buckled down and pulled out the victory." Sargent, pitching for Braxton, struck out nine.

Pleased with her team's progress, Coach Gum said that they "are gaining confidence and positive attitudes with every game." She's hoping, she continued, that "this continues and we hit our peak at the perfect time of the season."

Last night, the Lady Eagles hosted Herbert Hoover. They have a doubleheader against Doddridge tonight and Wednesday they play Greenbrier West. These games are also home games and begin at 5:30 p.m. Thursday they go to Calhoun for a 5 p.m game.



Rylan Prunty is ready for the pitch.



Brooklyn Sargent pitches for the Lady Eagles.



Lacie Wright catches for the Lady Eagles. Photos courtesy of Janet Six.



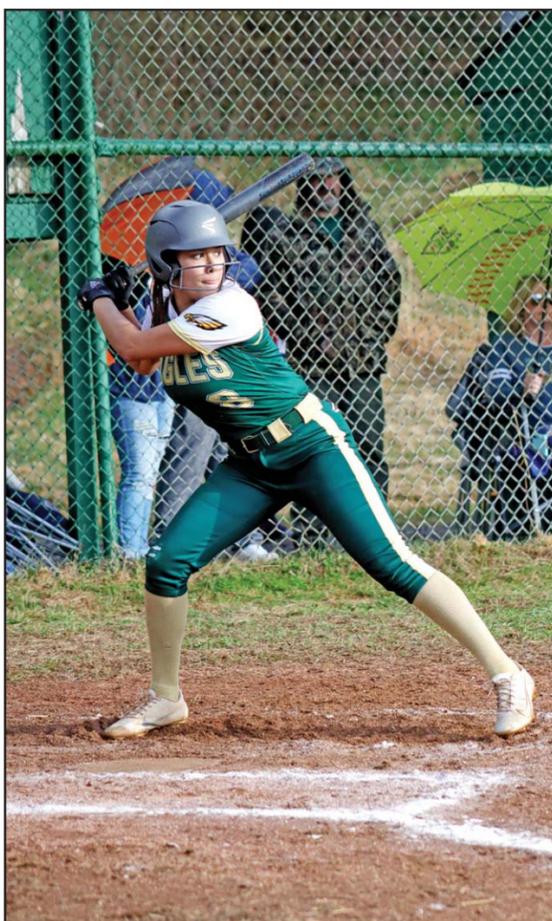
Chyanne Martin looking for the perfect pitch.



Savannah Bender at the ready on first base.



Hayden Luzader takes a swing for the Lady Eagles.



Breann Baultripp waits for the pitch.



Emmaleigh Jarvis prepares for the next play at 3rd.

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FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2022 - JUNE 30, 2023 LEVY ESTIMATE - BUDGET DOCUMENT STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA MUNICIPALITY OF GASSAWAY, 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:

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	
Assigned Fund Balance	8,000
Unassigned Fund Balance	120,000
Property Taxes - Current Expense	114,319
Gas & Oil Severance Tax	1,400
Excise Tax on Utilities	40,000
Business and Occupation Tax	50,000
Animal Control Tax	150
Fines, Fees & Court Costs	300
Licenses	3,000
Franchise Fees	1,500
IRP Fees (Interstate Registration Plan)	50,000
Parking Meter Revenues	1,500
Rents, Royalties, and Concessions	14,000
Gaming Income	8,000
Interest Earned on Investments	40
Video Lottery (LVL)	600
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (GENERAL FUND)	\$ 412,809

COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUND REVENUE SOURCE	
Assigned Fund Balance	\$ 1,500
Coal Severance Tax	2,700
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (COAL SEVERANCE FUND)	\$ 4,200

ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES	General Fund	Coal Severance Fund
Mayor's Office	8,000	-
City Council	5,000	-
Recorder's Office	9,000	-
City Clerk's Office	31,200	-
City Attorney	8,000	-
City Auditor	3,000	-
Contributions to Comms/Authorities	5,000	-
Rehabilitation of Property	20,000	-
Regional Development Authority	1,044	-
Elections	3,000	-
City Hall	100,000	-
Other buildings	17,565	-
Public Works Department	50,000	-
Police Department	80,000	-
Fire Department	12,000	-
Dog Warden/Humane Society	500	-
Fire Hydrants	1,200	-
Streets and Highways	5,000	-
Street Lights	15,000	-
Signs and Signals	300	-
Recycling Center	5,000	-
Parks & Recreation	15,000	4,200
Fair Associations/Festivals	6,000	-
Youth Program	1,000	-
Library	8,000	-
Beautification Programs	3,000	-
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	\$ 412,809	\$ 4,200

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

	Certificate of Valuation Assessed Value For Tax Puposos	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	\$7,949,320	25.00	\$19,873
Personal Property	31,146		78
Total Class II	\$7,980,466		\$19,951
Class IV			
Real Estate	\$10,177,080	50.00	\$50,885
Personal Property	4,756,654		\$23,783
Public Utility	6,135,782		30,679
Total Class IV	\$21,069,516		\$105,347
Total Value & Projected Revenue	\$29,049,982		\$125,298
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes		5.00%	6,265
Less Tax Discounts		2.00%	2,381
(use Total Projected Revenue to calculate)			
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing (if Applicable)			0
Total Projected Property Tax Collection			\$ 116,652
Less Assessor Valuation Fund		2.00%	2,333
(Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)			
Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes			\$ 114,319

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF BRAXTON
MUNICIPALITY OF GASSAWAY

I, Jacob O'Dell, Recording Officer of said municipality, do hereby certify that the foregong are true copies from the record of the orders made and entered by the council of the said municipality on the 22 day of March, 2022.

Jacob O'dell Original Signed
Recorder (Official Title of Recording Officer)

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KITTY KORNER:

Affordable, Adoptable, Fixed Feline Friends

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



SALEM: Two and a half year old spayed

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



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 Commission Levy Estimate (Budget) 2022 - 2023 Fiscal Year

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

County of: Braxton, West Virginia

In accordance with WV Code §11-8-10, as amended, the Braxton County Commission proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by a levy of taxes for the current year, and doth determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:

General Fund	Estimated Revenues
Fund Balance	\$ 1,100,000
Property Taxes Current year	3,123,369
Prior Year Taxes	135,325
Tax Penalties, Interest & Publication Fees	63,700
Dog Taxes	4,000
Property Transfer Tax	80,000
Gas and Oil Severance Tax	20,000
Wine & Liquor Tax	50,000
Hotel Occupancy Tax	100,000
Building Permits	100
Federal Grants I Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes	70,000
State Grants	10,000
Sheriff's Service of Process	35,600
County Clerk's Earnings	40,000
Circuit Clerk's Earnings	10,000
Prosecuting Attorney's Earnings	300
Accident Reports	250
Clerk Deed Fees	1,000
Rents & Concessions	25,810
Special Patrol/Security Systems	86,600
IRP Fees (Interstate Registration Plan)	100,000
Fines, Fees & Court Costs	200
Regional Jail Operations Partial Reimbursement	20,000
Miscellaneous Revenue	100
Sheriff's Commission	15,000
Gaming Income	25,000
Video Lottery	8,000
Refunds/Reimbursements (External Sources)	743,200
General School Reimbursements	65,000
Magistrate Court Reimbursements	7,000
Total Estimated General Fund Revenues	\$5,939,554

Coal Severance Tax Assigned Fund Balance	Estimated Revenues
Coal Severance Tax	\$ 1,000
Total Coal Severance	\$ 20,000

Braxton County Commission Levy Estimate (Budget) 2022 - 2023 Fiscal Year

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	General Fund	Coal Severance Tax Fund
GENERAL GOVERNMENT		
County Commission	\$ 229,088	\$
County Clerk	280,485	
County Clerk	260,085	
Sheriff- Treasurer	236,766	
Prosecuting Attorney	371,680	
Assessor	182,086	
Statewide Computer Network	33,000	
Fiduciary Supervisor	30,750	
Agricultural Agent	24,000	
Elections - County Clerk	88,350	
Courthouse	1,726,601	1,000
Regional Development Authority	14,314	
State Grants	10,000	
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	3,487,205	1,000

PUBLIC SAFETY	General Fund	Coal Severance Tax Fund
Sheriff- Law Enforcement	631,000	
Sheriff- Service of Process	35,600	
Regional Jail	600,000	
Police Special Duty	86,600	
Emergency Services	70,849	
Fire Department	17,500	19,000
Ambulance Authority	743,200	
Dog Warden/Humane Society	164,600	
Watershed Project	3,000	
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	2,352,349	19,000

CULTURE AND RECREATION	General Fund	Coal Severance Tax Fund
Parks & Recreation	20,000	
Community Center	10,000	
Visitor's Bureau	50,000	
Hotel/Motel Promotion of Tourism	20,000	
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	100,000	
Total Expenditures	\$ 5,939,554	\$ 20,000

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA COUNTY OF BRAXTON

I, Sue A. Rutherford, CLERK OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF SAID COUNTY, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING ARE TRUE COPIES FROM THE RECORD OF ORDERS MADE AND ENTERED BY SAID COMMISSION ON THE 25th DAY OF MARCH 2022.

Sue Ann Rutherford

Original Signed

03-29 04-05

Burnsville Community Educational Outreach Service Club meeting

The Burnsville Community Educational Outreach Service Club met March 9, 2022 at the Mayor's Office in Burnsville with Diane Hosey Hostess. The meeting was called to order by President Betty Carson with roll call and flag pledge by all.

For meditations Margie Crislip read two poems entitled "If You Love Me" and "Signs of The Times".

Secretary and Treasurer Shirley Kelley read the minutes from the February meeting and

reported on the worth of the club. Both were approved as read.

There were no committee reports but some friends were reported sick. There was no Business to take care of so Beverley Monroe gave a brief history of the CEOS. We have changed the name over the years and have gone from seven clubs in the county down to two. We would welcome some new members --- if you have a couple hours on the 2nd Wednesday of the month spend them with us!

Betty Carson presented the lesson this month on "Danske Dandridge: The Poet Who Wrote of West Virginia". She published garden writings, poetry and books. Her love of West Virginia, deep appreciation for her farm and gardens, and awareness of unique human existence were wavering.

Those present and not mentioned above are Pat Drake, Jeannette Dean and Bobbie Bragg.

The next meeting will be April 13th, 10am at the Burnsville Mayor's Office.

- Save the Date -

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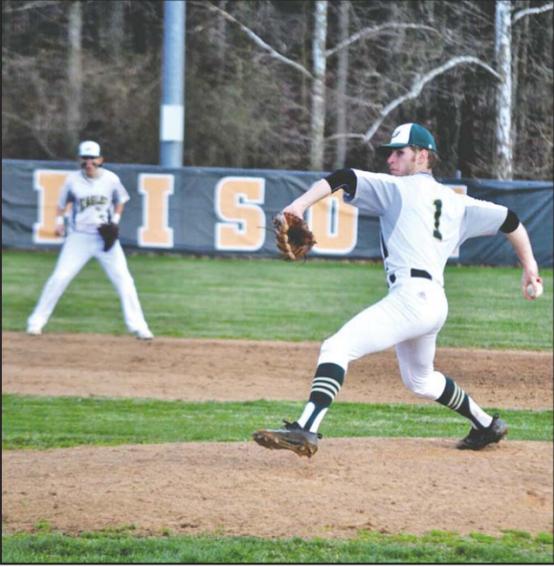
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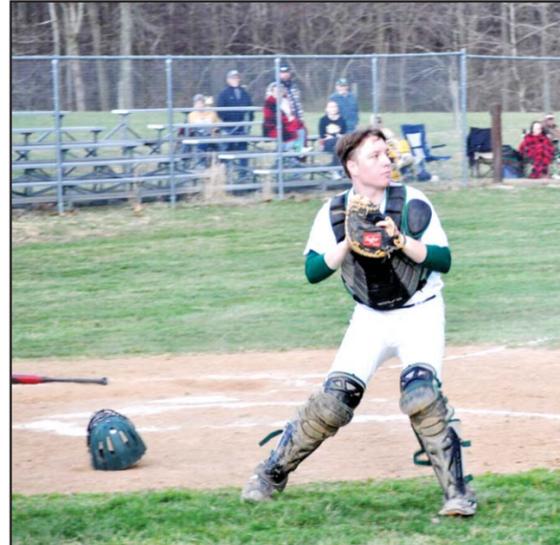
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Kolton Kniceley delivers a pitch.



Isaiah Mowery keeps a close eye on a foul ball. Photos by Greg Carey/WV MetroNews.com



Catcher Adam Dobbins throws down to first base to complete the strikeout.

BCHS Eagles' baseball team raises season record to 4-1

The Eagles lost their first game last week to Herbert Hoover but beat both Roane and South Harrison later in the week.

On Monday Herbert Hoover outscored Braxton 20-12. The Eagles went up 4-0 in the top of the first, but, Coach Jamie Lemon pointed out, "made too many mistakes to win. Isaiah Mowery started on the mound for Braxton. He struck out one and walked eight. Logan Baldwin went in as the reliever and finished the game. Baldwin gave up seven runs while

walking five. He struck out five.

The three leading hitters for the Eagles in the Hoover game were Adam Dobbins, Braydon Helmick, and Logan Baldwin. Dobbins was 2 for 2 with one RBI. Helmick, 2 for 3, drove in two runs, and Baldwin, 2 for 5, had 5 RBIs. Baldwin's hits included a bases-clearing double.

Braxton defeated Roane 8-2 Tuesday evening. Tyler Baldwin pitched what Coach Lemon termed "a great game" as he struck out two and gave up

only one earned run. The Eagles' coach was especially happy with two other elements of the win over Roane—the fact that the team committed only one error and that they had 13 hits.

That game was tied 2-2 going into the seventh inning. Coach Lemon explained that Roane's top pitcher had held the Eagles up to that point but with a pitching change, Braxton started hitting and scored six runs in the top of the seventh. "They played well in that game," the

coach said. "In addition to strong hitting, the Eagles played great defense."

Tyler Baldwin led the hitting against Roane with a 3-5 performance at the plate and two RBIs. Dobbins was 2 for 4 with one RBI, and Colton Kniceley 2 for 4 with two RBIs.

With Kolton Kniceley on the mound, Braxton defeated South Harrison 9-5 Thursday. Coach Lemon pointed out that the Eagles were up 9-2 in the bottom of the seventh. South Harrison had runners

on first and second with two outs. "Then Kniceley threw the only bad pitch he threw in the game. He threw a curve ball in the middle of the plate, and the batter slammed it," he explained. Kniceley pitched the complete game with ten strikeouts and gave up only four earned runs.

Leading hitters against South Harrison included Kniceley who was 2 for 3 with an RBI. Logan Baldwin, 2 for 4, drove in one run and Beau Liston, 1 for 3, accounted for another. Mowery, 2 for 3, had

an RBI.

Coach Lemon summarized the team's performance in the last few games. "We're playing pretty decent," he said. "We're hitting the ball well but just hitting in streaks. The pitching has been excellent."

Tonight the Eagles are scheduled to play Doddridge at home and tomorrow night they host Fairmont Senior. They travel to Calhoun Thursday and to Robert C. Byrd Friday. Saturday they have a home game against Philip Barbour at 1 p.m.

Braxton County Soccer Club opening day for the Spring Season is April 2nd

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Grady and Kaylee Casto have played for the BCSC from 2016 to 2021



Girls place in several events as BCBS track team competes at Buckhannon Upshur for first meet of the season

Coach Robert Lloyd said that he felt the track teams' competition at Buckhannon Upshur last Tuesday "gives us a great starting point." In that meet, Braxton girls placed in

six different events. Bethany Payne placed in three events while Laura Cain and Heidi Payne each placed in two.

Payne finished fourth in the 200 meter dash and second

in the 400 meter dash. In the high jump she placed third. Heidi Payne was fifth in the high jump and also in the 3200 meter run. Laura Cain finished third in the 3200 and also in the

1600. Emily Garrett placed sixth in the 300 meter hurdles.

For the boys, the 4 X 100 meter relay team of Russell Bramble, Jeremy Kelly, Mason O'Dell and Travis Putnam placed sixth.

Braxton results in the Buckhannon Upshur meet:

Event	Athlete	Time/distance	Place
200 m.dash	Bethany Payne	28.51	4th
400 meter dash	Bethany Payne	1 min, 4 secs	2nd
High jump	Bethany Payne	4'10"	3rd
	Heidi Payne	4'8"	5th
1600 m.run	Laura Cain	5 min, 58 secs	3rd
3200 m.run	Laura Cain	13 mins, 25 secs	3rd
	Heidi Payne	13 mins, 36 secs	5th
300 m.hurdles	Emily Garrett	58.8	6th



Zoey and Zack McQuain have played for the BCSC from 2018 to 2021.