



West Virginia Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Biologist, Aaron Yeager (left), with Lucas King (right) holding King’s record muskie.

## Local Angler Hauls in State-Record Muskie from Little Kanawha

On Saturday, March 19, Lucas King of Burnsville, West Virginia, caught and released a new state record muskie. He was fishing from the bank of the Little Kanawha River at a WV Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) public access site in the tailwater section of Burnsville Dam in Braxton County. The musky was caught using

63 glide bait. King’s record fish was 55.0625 inches long and weighed 51.00 pounds. The trophy musky eclipsed the previous WV length record of 54.0625 inches caught last year by Chase Gibson and surpassed the current weight record of 49.75 pounds previously held by Anna Marsh.

The record catch was measured by WVDNR fisheries biologist, Aaron Yeager. Anglers who believe they may have caught a state record fish should check the current records in the fishing regulations at [wvdnr.gov](http://wvdnr.gov). Procedures for reporting a record catch also are included in the regulations.

## WVU Extension Service to Host Gardening Workshop

As the temperatures are warming, buds on fruit trees are swelling, daffodils are blooming and gardeners are yearning to get out into their gardens. The cure for this year’s spring fever is “Spring into Gardening” on April 23, from 10:00 a.m. until noon at the Sutton Farmer’s Market. The workshop will provide some basic information on gardening for beginning and experienced gardeners alike. The focus will be an activity to get gardeners thinking about the layout and design of

their garden – whether they plan to grow flowers, vegetables, fruit or other edibles. The program begins at 10:00 a.m. with local Extension Master Gardeners giving a brief introduction to soils, site selection, choosing seeds and transplants, companion planting, insect pests and beneficial insects to control pests. Following the introductory sessions, participants will be provided with items to design a layout of their garden space. This program is planned with both

young and old, and new and experienced gardeners in mind. Seeds and fact sheets about a variety of gardening subjects will be available for participants at no charge. “Spring into Gardening” is sponsored by the Braxton-Clay Master Gardeners, and WVU Extension in Braxton and Clay counties. For more information or to register for the day, call WVU-Braxton County Extension at 304-765-2809 or WVU-Clay County Extension at 304-587-4267.

## Sobriety Checkpoint Planned for April 1

The West Virginia State Police-Sutton Detachment in conjunction with the Commission of Drunk Driving Prevention will be conducting a Sobriety Checkpoint on Friday, April 1, 2022. The purpose of the checkpoint is to prevent and deter impaired driving.

The Sobriety Checkpoint will be located in Braxton County on Rt. 4 near Flatwoods, in front of the Braxton County High School. The Sobriety Checkpoint may be moved to an alternate location if the primary location becomes unsafe due to traffic congestion or if

a hazardous or otherwise unsafe situation arises. The Sobriety Checkpoint will begin at 6:00 pm and conclude at 12:00 am (midnight) on Friday, April 1, 2022. Motorists who wish to avoid the Sobriety Checkpoint may take an alternate route of travel.

## Suspected Car Thief Found Partially Nude at Gun Range

On Tuesday, March 22 just before 8:00 a.m. Trooper N.K. Sayre of the Sutton Detachment of the West Virginia State Police was notified of a breaking and entering incident at Mid-State Chevrolet on Days Drive near the Flatwoods Exit of I-79. Upon his arrival, the officer spoke with Mike Smith Mid-State Service Manager. The representative told Trooper Sayre that someone had broke a garage door window, during the night, entered the service area and stole

three keys belonging to a Kia, Ford and Chevrolet. Subsequently, the Chevrolet key was used to steal a 2021 Chevrolet Equinox from the lot. The vehicle was a customer’s and was experiencing transmission issues. Smith provided the officer a description of the suspect based on surveillance photographs of the individual who broke into the service area. The video evidence revealed that the crime took place at approximately 3:00 a.m. The person appeared to be wearing a

baseball cap and a yellow safety work jacket. The officer’s investigation revealed that the intruder apparently used a rusty brake rotor to break the window allowing them to gain entry. Smith also advised the Trooper that the stolen vehicle was equipped with the “My Chevy” location device. The feature allowed the service manager to determine that the vehicle was currently parked in the 2000 block of Airport Road. Trooper Sayre drove

## Local First Responders Attend Specialized Training at Days Inn

On Saturday, March 26, firefighters from all seven county volunteer fire departments, law enforcement officers, and staff from Days Inn attended an in-depth training class at the Days Inn and Conference Center complex. Being one of Braxton County’s largest facilities, there are many unique fire protection features at the Days Inn not nor-

mally found in ordinary dwellings and buildings. The Skidmore Development Company hosted the event. Braxton County Emergency Services Director John Hoffman delivered the instruction. The group learned in detail about the facilities fire sprinkler system, it’s fire standpipe system and other fire safety features. Additionally, firefight-

ers learned how to operate the buildings elevator’s fireman service override system. Everyone was then trained on how to safely remove occupants from an elevator should it get stuck between floors. The elevator training will enable first responders to apply the knowledge to operate elevators in other facilities throughout their fire districts.



Braxton County OES Director John Hoffman provide a detailed classroom presentation of various aspects of large building public safety.



(Left) Hoffman goes over some of the unusual equipment first responders may find in large structures. (Right) His instruction detailed how to override the elevation system at the Days Inn and other buildings utilizing the devices.



Nearly forty Braxton first responders attended the specialized training.



# Legislative Update

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 challenges. 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 seasonable, 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@WV-House.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.

# Braxton County Senior Center April Food Menu

Menu subject to change due to food availability. 2% milk served with each meal.

Tuesday 5 Salmon Patty , Pasta with Peas, Stewed Tomatoes, Cole-slaw, 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

Salad, Garlic Bread, Fruit. Friday 22 Pinto Beans, Cornbread, Spinach, Casserole, Fruit. Monday 25 Hot Dog with Chili, Tater Tots, Coleslaw, 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.

# The Library Cat

By: Joseph J. Mazzella

I have always loved libraries ever since I was a boy. When you would go in the smell of the books promised fresh adventures, new learning, and wonderful imagination in their pages. Over the years I have read more books than I can count and visited the local libraries more times than I can remember. Now with the age of the internet and so many faces in screens instead of books I am concerned places like these will begin to fade away and we will lose all the joy they bring.

I stopped off at the library nearest my home just the other day. It was right off from the local grade school and had been my home away from home since I was young. I opened the door and walked inside. The librarian greeted me warmly and

on the desk next to her sat a beautiful, black cat. The librarian explained that she was the library’s adopted cat and introduced us. Even though I knew I would get a royal sniffing from my dogs when I got home I scratched the cat gently on the head and smiled.

I gave the librarian a book I wanted to donate and then strolled into the back room to look at the books for sale. It was only a few seconds, though, before I had a visitor. The black cat had sauntered back to the room. She stretched. She sharpened her claws for a moment on the furniture. Then she jumped up on the shelf. She meowed and bumped her head up against my hand hoping that I would start petting her again. I smiled and complied. I petted her head, stroked

her fur, and spoke sweetly to her while she rolled on her back and purred at me.

I thought that if only we could let our guard down and love as easily and openly as this cat then this world would be a lot more like Heaven. Maybe we all would be better if we traded in stretching for stress and naps for fighting. Maybe we would all be happier if we let our needs be known and took time out of our day for a little love and affection. I gave my new, furry friend a few more pets then walked out into the day thanking God for this moment of learning and love.

This world is full of wisdom. This world is full of love. God lets us learn it from people, from nature, from books and libraries, and occasionally from friendly cats. May you embrace it all. And may you share all you learn as well.

# Time To Mow Again

By Jeanette Riffle

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.

# 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.

# 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.

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# Obituaries

## Howard C. Lewis

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



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.

## Charles L. Fincham

Charles L. Fincham age 77 of Paris Twp passed



a way peacefully into 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 Alice (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](http://www.jamesfuneralhomeinc.com)

## 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-robertsonfuneral-home.com](http://www.greene-robertsonfuneral-home.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 retired 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 Livelsberger (Terry); six grandchildren, Kristain (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](http://www.roachfuneralhome.com).

## Merle Elaine Shackleford

Merle Elaine Shackleford, 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 Shackleford, who survives.

Cherishing her memory is her husband Jesse, daughter Judy Cook and husband Travis of Alum Bridge, son Jesse Allen Shackleford and wife Amber of Camden and seven grandchildren Ashley Shackleford, Elainia Shackleford, Alan Shackleford, Jesse Lee Shackleford, Ella Grace Shackleford, Chasity Hicks and Cassie Cook. Also cherishing her memory is her twin brother Burl Keesecker and wife Karen of Glenville, sister Karen Shackleford 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. Shackleford 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. On-line condolences and life stories in memory of Merle may be expressed at [hardmanfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://hardmanfamilyfuneralhome.com).

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

## Mary Ellen Crawford Sergeant

Mary Ellen Crawford Sergeant 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 watch-

ing 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 Sergeant (Debbie).

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

Online condolences may be sent to: [greene-robertsonfuneralhome.com](http://greene-robertsonfuneralhome.com)

## 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 friend 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 at-

tention 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 NWTF 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.

## Norma Darlene "Squeak" Mcle

Norma Darlene "Squeak" Mcle, 52, of Rittman, OH, formerly of Webster Springs passed away on Tuesday,



March 22, 2022 at Wadsworth-Rittman Hospital.

Born June 7, 1969 in Upshur County, she was the daughter of Charles Leonard Mcle and Norma Geraldine (Barbe) Mitchell. Squeak was a homemaker and enjoyed baking and decorating cakes and making candy. She was always spending time with someone different, whether it be her family, friends, or just an acquaintance.

Squeak is survived by her parents: Charles Mcle of Webster Springs and Norma Mitchell of Rittman, OH; children: Preston (Judy) of White Sulphur Springs, Duwayne, Jessica, Donnie, Trisha, Patrick, and Jolessa, all of OH; her granddaughter, Karson; brothers and sisters: Mary of OH, Charles (Lori) of NC, Doran (Amy), David, and Daniel, all of WV; special cousin, Brenda Carpenter of OH; and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her passing.

Services to celebrate her life were held 2pm, Monday, March 28, 2022 at Dodd & Reed Funeral Home, Webster Springs, with Pastor Bennie Cowger officiating. Friends joined the family for visitation 1 hour prior to the service time. Burial followed at Mcle Cemetery, Hodam Creek.

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

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

## Jacob Aster Williams

Jacob Aster Williams, 68 of Webster Springs, passed away on Friday, March 25, 2022 at United Hospital Center in Bridgeport. He was born February 20, 1954 in Webster Springs to the late Raymond Bennett and Lillian Elizabeth Rose Williams and was a carpenter by trade.

Jake enjoyed fishing, gardening, cutting wood, tinkering on small engines including lawn mowers, weed eaters, and tillers, and was always helping people.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his brothers William, Stanley, Pete, Raymond, Bradley, and Clyde Williams.

He is survived by his loving wife Elsie Mae Vanpelt Williams; daughter Lynn Elizabeth Boggs of Erbacon and Daniel Aster (Donna) Williams of Florida; grandchildren Audrei Bender, Alexandria Boggs, Ashley Williams, and Phalon Bennett; great-grandchildren Maria Dixon, Miya Dixon, Parker Boggs, Levi Arbogast, Brody Bender, Claire Bender, Rage Bennett, Ryatt Bennett, and Riker Bennett; brothers Robert, Doug, Paul, and Thomas Williams; and several other extended family and friends to mourn his passing.

Memorial Services for Jake will be held at a later date.

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

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



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*Ryan M. Roach, LIC*

708 Braxton St.  
Gassaway, WV 26624  
304-364-2231



## 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 Restaurant. If you have any questions regarding this meeting, please feel free to email at braxtonlepc@gmail.com

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

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

	Certificate of evaluation Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
<b>Class I</b>			
Personal Property	<u>\$0</u>	12.50	<u>\$0</u>
Public Utility	<u>\$0</u>		<u>\$0</u>
<b>Total Class</b>	<u>\$0</u>		<u>\$0</u>
<b>Class II</b>			
Real Estate	<u>\$3,837,380</u>	25.00	<u>\$9,593</u>
Personal Property	<u>\$12,018</u>		<u>\$30</u>
<b>Total Class II</b>	<u>\$3,849,398</u>		<u>\$9,623</u>
<b>Class IV</b>			
Real Estate	<u>\$3,949,760</u>	50.00	<u>\$19,749</u>
Personal Property	<u>\$1,887,653</u>		<u>\$9,438</u>
Public Utility	<u>\$7,584,928</u>		<u>\$37,925</u>
<b>Total Class IV</b>	<u>\$13,422,341</u>		<u>\$67,112</u>
<b>Total Value &amp; Projected Revenue</b>	<u>\$17,271,739</u>		<u>\$76,735</u>
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes		<u>5.00%</u>	<u>3,837</u>
Less Tax Discounts			
Use Total Projected Revenue to calculate		<u>2.00%</u>	<u>1,458</u>
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing (If applicable)			<u>0</u>
<b>Total Projected Property Tax Collection</b>			<u>\$71,440</u>
Less Assessor Valuation Fund		<u>2.00%</u>	<u>1,429</u>
(Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)			
<b>Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes</b>			<u>\$70,011</u>

**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

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
RP Fees (Interstate Registration Plan)	70,000
Rents, Royalties, and Concessions	6,000
State Government Grants	1,500
Contributions from other Funds	75,000
Transfers from Rainy Day Fund	20,000
Gaming Income	8,000
Filing Fees	100
Accident Reports	100
Video Lottery (LVL)	300
Miscellaneous Revenues	<u>10,000</u>
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (GENERAL FUND)</b>	<b><u>\$ 438,681</u></b>

## COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUND

## REVENUE SOURCE

Assigned Fund Balance	\$ 250
Coal Severance Tax	<u>1,500</u>
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (COAL SEVERANCE FUND)	<u>\$1,750</u>

### ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES

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

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

Angela Morgan (Original Signed)  
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**

# 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
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (GENERAL FUND)</b>	<b>411,603</b>

## COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUND

## REVENUE SOURCE

Assigned Fund Balance	\$ 9,509
Coal Severance Tax	1,500
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (COAL SEVERANCE FUND)</b>	<b>11,009</b>

### ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES

<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES</u>			
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		
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>411,603</b>		<b>11,009</b>

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# Burnsville United Methodist Church hosts 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...the guards...Peter or John... the Angel at the tomb? How many places have you looked for the allow Jesus to dwell there. Free breakfast will be provided in the basement following the service.

# 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.

We have some items to graders. Linda Brown, BCFB.

## Jackson Cemetery, Little Birch, Donations

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 Dodrill, Shelby Bowyer, and Bernard and Patty Mollohan.

Send your donation to: Patty Mollohan, PO Box 61, Little Birch, WV 26629.

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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:

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

	General Fund	Coal Severance Fund
ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES		
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	12.50	\$0
Public Utility	0		0
Total Class I	\$0		\$0
CLASS II			
Real Estate	\$3,489,150	25.00	\$8,723
Personal Property	115,806		290
Total Class II	3,604,956		\$9,013
CLASS IV			
Real Estate	\$2,256,230	50.00	\$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

## Just Thinking of Spring

Well I'm back again some folks may have mixed feelings about that. I think the weather may be more forgiving from now on to spring.

Less ice and hardly any snow accumulation. The Easter flowers are budding and I noticed yesterday the naked ladys, ghost lillies or what ever you choose to call them are showing above the green grass now growing.

The wild roses are leafing out but I have in past years get snowed on. The bluebirds are here I believe they have been here all winter.

The blackbirds (the snoopy ones) are back. They have the long bills and real short tail feath-ers. The robins are back, the peeps have spoken.

This time of year make you think of ramps, mushrooms, bluegills, don't it?.

By the end of March these things will be getting closer if not here already. Folks things are looking up soon it will be time to plant onions, peas, lettuce.

Yes that dreaded grass mowing will come along with the good things. We as a people will fit right in and do our thing like it or not. I have already started collecting my next win-ters firewood. I may have some left over this spring but I doubt it. There is still time to burn a lot of firewood. Remember the cold rains in may them cold damp rainy days. A wood fire feels pretty good on

these days. When I was a young sprout mom kept a wood box be-hind the wood cooking stove. A cold rainy day in May the wind blowing I could spend the day or a good chunk of the day curled up in that wood box like a tomcat. The warmth of the heat from the stove and the fresh smells from the cooking, the fresh smells of the bak-ing bread. All these things would cause you to have stomach pains most of the time.

The only cure was to get a belly full of that fresh country cooking. I'm glad to be back from some bad weather, slick roads etc.! Hope that I have lit up the light of spring coming for you.

Good luck and soon you can color your Eas-ter eggs.

## Burnsville United Methodist Charge Hosts Two Day Rummage Sale

Spring has arrived and it is time to get ready to rummage!

The Burnsville Unit-ed 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 do-nations from the com-munity to put out for sale.

If you have items you want to give please call to make ar-rangements 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

## Trustees of the Braxton County Cemetery Accept Bids on 2022 Mowing Season

The Trustees of the Braxton County Cem-etery located on Route 15 near Holly Gray Park are accepting bids for the 2022 mowing sea-son.

Please mail bid for mowing and weed eat-ing 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 informa-tion or questions please call 540-392-0169 or 304-765-5965.

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MUNICIPALITY OF SUTTON, WEST VIRGINIA Regular Current Expense Levy FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2022 - JUNE 30, 2023			
	Certification of Valuation Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
CLASS I			
Personal Property	\$0	12.50	0
Public Utility	0		0
Total Class I	\$0		0
CLASS II			
Real Estate	8,779,890	25.00	21,950
Personal Property	52,818		132
Total Class II	8,832,708		22,082
CLASS IV			
Real Estate	\$10,525,780	50.00	52,629
Personal Property	4,809,523		24,048
Public Utitly	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 Ecess 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	0.00	\$0
Public Utility	0		0
Total Class	\$0		\$0
CLASS II			
Real Estate	\$8,779,890	0.00	\$0
Personal Property	52,818		0
Total Class II	\$8,832,708		\$0
CLASS IV			
Real Estate	\$10,525,780	0.00	\$0
Personal Property	4,809,523		0
Public Utility	5,227,627		0
Total Class IV	\$20,562,930		\$0
Total Value & Projected Revenue	\$29,395,638		\$0
Less delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes		5.00%	0
Less Tax Discounts			
(Use Total Projected Revenue to calcuete)		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	0.00	\$0
Public Utility	0		0
Total Class	\$0		\$0
CLASS II			
Real Estate	\$8,779,890	0.00	\$0
Personal Property	52,818		0
Total Class	\$8,832,708		\$0
CLASS IV			
Real Estate	\$10,525,780	0.00	\$0
Personal Property	4,809,523		0
Public Utility	5,227,627		0
Total Class IV	\$20,562,930		0
Total Value & Projected Revenue	\$29,395,638		\$0
Less delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes		5.00%	0
Less Tax Discounts			
(Use Total Projected Revenue to calcuete)		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 herby certify that the foregoing are true copies from the record of the orders made and entered by the council of the said municipality on the 18th day of March, 2021  
Laurel Petolicchio  
Original Signed  
Recorder (Official Title of Recording Officer) 03-22-03-29b

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, 2022at 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			
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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.





Practicing jumping for later, trying to get into garden By Verena Sava

This time I am not writing about gardening, but about farm critters we want to keep out of the garden, mostly sheep and goats. We have limited experience with cows (milked one for a year), raised one single pig (the meat was delicious), worked for many years with draft horses, had rabbits, still keep a flock of chickens. I will concentrate on goats rather than on sheep, which have very limited similarities with each other, and totally different nutritional requirements. We get a lot of questions every year about goats. We have had goats for 45 years, ranging from 8 to 140 animals. My views on the subject are just that, my views, based on years of experience of mistakes and successes.

Sheep and goats have the same gestation (pregnancy) period, 150 days, which can vary 5 days either way, shorter or longer without any impact on the newborn or the mother. Most of the time, kidding or lambing are unproblematic, but of course it is the exception that challenges us. Even if everything is normal, after birth, make sure that the teats of the mother are open. Sometimes, during the dry period, the teat forms a skin over the opening, and this has to be removed after birthing by squeezing a few squirts of milk onto the floor to assure an easy flow of milk for the sucking baby. It is very important that the newborn gets to drink colostrum milk within the first half hour after birth.

The first milk, colostrum, is rich in disease fighting compounds, boosts the immune system, supports the health of the mouth, and inoculates the microbiome with good bacteria. Some goat owners only feed pasteurized colostrum to their kids, because they fear that CAE, an arthritic disease, might be passed on by feeding it raw. The symptoms of this disease are lameness, swollen joints, and reluctance to walk or rise.

We never had this problem. In the past (when we made cheese commercially) we had the state vet inspecting and testing our herd, and even though a few does have tested positive for CAE, there were no symptoms. If a baby goat does not suck within a short time, just give it some time to figure it out, if the weather is warm, 32 degrees and above. Below freezing and going down to zero, we must be watchful. First thing to try is to squirt

some milk into the mouth to entice the baby to suck. When it is very cold the ears turn cold very fast, and the kid gets hypothermia, losing all interest in drinking. We take the kid to the house, immerse it into a warm water bath in the sink, slowly adding more hot water, carefully keeping its head above the water. We check periodically with our index finger the degree of warmth returning to its mouth. Once it is warm and the kid starts sucking on the finger, we feed it a small amount of colostrum in a bottle. Sometimes we try to inject, very slowly, some colostrum with a syringe into its mouth if the kid still does not suck. Make sure to always keep the animals' nose below its eyes, so you don't insert liquid into his lungs instead of its stomach. Once the kid recovers and starts sucking eagerly, return it to its mother. Of course, we dry it with a hair dryer before the return to the barn.

Care of adult goats is easy if they are healthy. Again, we followed a different path from many goat owners. During grazing season, they spend the whole day on pasture which we rotate every 3 or 4 days with the help of temporary, electric fences. At night they are in the barn but also have access to 3 acres of permanent pasture. During winter they get fairly rough hay, free choice, while they are dry, twice a day. We clean out the feeders every morning for our spoiled critters. We use it for bedding, not for us, for the goats. They also get one and a half cups of rolled barley twice a day while dry. We never use goat feed because of all the unnecessary, added ingredients and the excess of molasses.

Goats are browsers, they are in heaven if put on a plot with brush. Most of our pastures are stripped of brush over the many years by the goats. Roughage is the key to goat health. It helps them develop a healthy rumen. As important as roughage are minerals. We feed them free choice a goat salt from Southern States, which contains extra copper. We add in the salt feeder equal mounts of this mineral and kelp. People tend to push the milk production by feeding large amounts of concentrated feed (protein). We did the same at the beginning of our goat adventure and soon learned that the digestive system of the goat is delicate and best suited to brushy material and even bark. When consuming too much grain, the goat gets

acidosis (carbohydrate fermentation that in the rumen turns to acid). They can even die from it. This is why we ended up with our current management. Maybe we get 3 qts or a little more a day as compared to a gallon or gallon and a half, but they are healthy and prosper. Jim Kirk advised us to give them some extra selenium. We use a paste and administer one dose (4 mg) before breeding season, another one in November and a third one before kidding.

We make sure to check the udder while the kids still drink the colostrum. Sometimes they only drink from one side, have only one kid and the other part of the udder tightens up. We milk it out to release the pressure to avoid mastitis. We also have a tube of Probios ready (always in the fridge) to administer to the doe for 3 days, as a probiotic support after kidding. We feed a lactating doe 3 cups of barley while milking, but we don't just up the amount from one and a half cup in one day. We add a little bit every day for about 8 days till we attain the 3 cups. We used to feed organic alfalfa hay to the milkers, but only regular hay to the pregnant does. This was possible because we kept them in different barns. Again, when they started milking we had to slowly convert from regular hay to alfalfa.

I never struggle with a milker that kicks. I tie up one hind leg, if needed, both hind legs and I feel relaxed, and the animal knows who is in charge. This restriction does not hurt the doe at all. We clip the hooves twice a year. We check the eyelids of the adults every 2 weeks or so in summer and fall to see if they are a nice pink color. Whitish eyelids indicate a lack of blood, maybe due to parasites, in which case the animal has to be wormed. We use Ivermectin or safeguard. Ivermectin will also kill external parasites, safeguard internal ones, including coccidia. We use these products very sparingly, trying to keep the environment in the barn clean and dry and the pasture rotation helps to keep worm infestation in check.

Only use antibiotics if absolutely necessary, which we have not used

since our goats suffered from dog attacks (deep wounds and infections). Feed good hay, rough while pregnant, second cutting while lactating, give them access to outside and don't feed them baking soda and anything else that counter acts overfeeding. Goats are resilient. Keep it simple!

I end with my perception of how sheep and goats are portrayed in the bible. Goats are often associated with the devil, sheep with us humans. Dealing with sheep every day, I want you to know that our affiliation with them is by no means a compliment!

# Magistrates Report

## 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 Kunkel 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.

Braxton County Commision 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	Estimated Revenues	
Assigned Fund Balance	\$ 1,000	
Coal Severance Tax	19,000	
Total Coal Severance	\$ 20,000	

Braxton County Commision 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	
Circuit 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		
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		
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  
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Individual results for the Knights at the Walton Invitational:			
Girls:			
Event	Athlete	Time/Distance	Place
100 m. dash	Brooklyn Paletti	15.03	3rd
200 m. dash	Jeilyn West	32.1	2nd
400 m.dash	Mackinzie Budner	1 mins, 15.06 secs	2nd
	Zoey Keenan	1 mins.15.62 secs	4th
	Aubree McDonald	1 mins 15.55 secs	5th
800 m.run	Mackinzie Budner	3 mins 1.27 secs	1st
	Leah Payne	3 mins 5.95 secs	4th
	Natalie Garrett	3 mins 9.68 secs.	6th
3200 m.run	Natalie Garrett	14 mins. 17.36 secs	1st
100 m.hurdles	Aubree McDonald	20.16 secs	3rd
	Reece Carpenter	21.55	4th
1600 m. run	Mackinzie Budner	6 mins 44.48 secs	2nd
	Leah Payne	6 mins 51.45 secs	3rd
	Natalie Garrett	37.89	3rd
200 m.hurdles	Brooklyn Paletti,Taylor Jackson,	1 min 05.71 secs	2nd
4 X 100 relay	JeilynWest, Chelsea Payne		
4 X 400 relay	Bianca Grindo, Leah Payne,	No time	2nd
	Reece Carpenter, Zoey Keenah		
4 X 200 relay	Shalen Moore, Alexis Herndon,	2 mins 39.13 secs	4rh
	CierraCrawford, Brynne Davis		
Shuttle hurdle	Rylan Criner, Brooklyn Paletti,	48.28	2nd
relay	Bianca Grindo, Aubree McDonald		
High jump	Rylan Criner	4'4"	2nd
	Jeilyn West	3'10"	4th
Long jump	Brooklyn Paletti	13'4"	3rd
Discus throw	Bianca Grindo	68'1"	1st
	Alexis	52'5"	4th
Shot put	Bianca Grindo	32'2"***	1st
	Shalen Moore	22'5"	5th
	Brynne Davis	22'3"	6h
4X800 relay	Chelsea Payne, Nevaeh Flint	14 mins, 55.98 secs	3rd
	Emily Martin, Jeilyn West		
***Grindo set a new school record for BCMS girls with this shot put.			
Boys:			
Event	Athlete	Time/distance	Place
100 m dash	Owen Lowther	13.3	1st
	Carter Lewis	13.72	5th
299 m. dash	Carter Lewis	27.48	1st
	Jamie Nettles	28.34	3rd
400 m dash	Austin Smrr	3 mins 09.33 secs	5th
800 m. run	Jack Lowther	2 mins 46.97 secs	1at
1600 m. run	Jack Lowther	5 mins 35.67 secs	4th
Shuttle hurdles	Eli McCallister, Jamie Nettles,	46.26	2nd
	Austin Smarr, Brodi Smarr		
4 X 100 relay	Brodi Snarr, Eliah Moore,	57.7	1st
4 X 400 relay	Eli McCallister, Gabe Hacker		
	Jack Lowther, Owen Lowther,	No time kept	2nd
4 X200	Eli McCallister, Austin Smarr		
	Jamie Nettles, Owen Lowther,	1 min 51.07 secs	2nd
	Eliah Moore, Carter Lewis		
High jump	Owen Lowther	5'0"	1st
	Jamie Nettles	4'6"	4TH
	Brodie Smarr	4'4"	6th
Long jump	Austin Smarr	14'6"	6th
Discus throw	Gabe Hacker	84'1"	2nd
	Eliah Moore	79'0"	3rd
Shot put	Eliah Moore	37'6"	1st
	Joel Sigman	29'3"	3rd
	Gabe Hackert	27'5:	6th

## Nicholas outscores Lady Knights in softball doubleheader

Lady Knights softball coach Schannon Dennison is working with her players on pitching and speed at the plate. Following 16-1 and 21-6 losses to Nicholas in a doubleheader last week, Dennison thinks she has part of the solution.

Talking about her pitch-

ers, Dennison said, "When I get them to think about their pitches, they do better. They got to pull it together." The coach also feels her players "need to work on bat speed. "When they face quicker pitchers, they need to work on their timing. They also need to

capitalize on opportunities they aren't using," she added. "Bits and pieces of each game are strengths, but they need to put it together."

In the first game against Nicholas, Hayden Brown walked 13. She gave up five hits and struck out two. Bayleigh Given had the Eagles one hit and RBI.

Nicholas used a different pitcher in game two. In that game, Given and Lilly Hines had Braxton's two hits. Given drove in one run and Hines two. Coach Dennison pointed out that two of her batters---Hayden Brown and Maddison Singleton, stole home after stealing second and third. Lauren Pritt started on the mound for the Lady Knights and went one inning in which she gave up one hit and walked 13. Brown came in to relieve her. She struck out two, gave up 1 hit and walked five.

The Lady Knights were scheduled to play South Harrison Tuesday and will play Gilmer Friday night.



Lilly Hines on base awaits an opportunity to score.

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## Both BCMS track teams took first place in Walton meet

The Knights boys and girls track teams both earned first place in their most recent meet, the Walton Invitational held at Roane County High School. The Braxton girls scored 160 points for their first place, and the boys had 125. The girls also won this same meet last season.

The girls' team had four first places, and the boys six. For the girls, Mackinzie Bundner crossed the finish line first in the 800 meter run, and Natalie Garrett won the 3200. Bianca Grindo took first place in both the shot put and the discus throw.

In the boys' competition, Carter Lewis won the 200 meter dash, and Jack Lowther won the 800 meter run. Owen Lowther took first in the 100 meter dash and in the high jump. Eliah Moore finished first in the shot put. Braxton's 4 X 100 meter relay team of Brodi Smarr, Moore, Eli McCallister, and Gabe Hacker also scored a first.

Coach Jennifer Grindo commented on the success of both herteams. "We are very pleased that the girls were able to win this meet for the second year in a row," she said, "also,with the boys' team win and several of its athletes having great showings with multiple top three finishes."

The Knights have no meets until April 5.



BCMS Lady Knights.



BCMS Knights.



BCMS Lady Knights had four first place finishes at Walton.

## Braxton County Soccer Club Opening Day for the Spring Season is April 2nd

Watching our kids try something new is fun! Whether it's an hour of four-year-olds running, giggling, and kicking the ball or trained teens or soon to be teens passing and setting up their attack.

Parents and family members love to watch

this physical and mental growth in their player. We can't help but feel a bit of pride when our player does well, maybe scoring a goal or making a great defensive play.

We are also there to support our player when they are frustrated or saddened about their perfor-

mance.

We teach our players, in those moments, that teamwork and trying your best are more important than the points on the scorebook.

We will continue to watch them grow and continue to sign up each season.



Josh and Aaron Anderson have played for the BCSC from 2015 to 2021.



## 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 bas-

kets 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.

## BC Cemetery donations for groundskeeping

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.