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# Braxton native fills unique position in WV State Police

By Shirley Shuman

Tiffani Huffman has, since she first started playing basketball, been a team player. She has also always worked to excel within that team as she has done with the West Virginia State Police. From her first assignment as a WV State Police road trooper to her current job, Huffman has loved being a member of the team.

She enjoys it even more as a helicopter pilot.

The Braxton native is more than just a helicopter pilot, however. She pilots the Bell Jet Ranger, and she's the only WV state female trooper who has achieved that status. While that fact may impress others, it does not especially impress Huffman. What does impress her is flying this particular helicopter although she admits it's a demanding job. "When I'm on duty, I work my shift and go home, but I'm still on duty," she said. "As pilot for the Bell Jet Ranger, I have to be ready to move 24-7. And she loves it.

Her first time piloting the helicopter, she "was in shock," she said. "If you'd told me 10 years ago that's what I'd be doing with my life, I would never have believed it. It just felt surreal."

How did this young woman, the daughter of Tim and Brenda Huffman, get from Braxton County to piloting a helicopter for the WV State Police? She explained the route she took. "Of course, I played basketball for Braxton and then for Glenville State—and I had been playing long before that. My plans through college were to become a basketball coach,



(Above) Trooper Huffman prepares her Bell Jet Ranger helicopter for a mission. (Below) The local pilot is at home in the driver's seat of the State Police chopper.



but I had played basketball too long. I needed a break," she said.

In making a choice for what to do with her life, she looked "for something bigger than [herself]" and she looked toward law enforcement. "I looked toward local law enforcement, but the state police hired me first," she said. That worked. She had a team, and she belonged to something bigger than herself.

After graduating from the state police academy, her first assignment, at age 23, was as a road trooper in Jackson County. She liked that job, she noted, and worked there for seven years. Next came Kanawha County. "Same job, faster pace," she said. During her time in Kanawha, she became a Tactical Flight Officer. "That position involved going up with one pilot at night to assist with various duties," she explained. Then, in 2021, she was "hired on as a pilot," she said. "They taught us tactical flight officers to fly in case something happened to the pilot."

Next came piloting the Bell Jet Ranger. Trooper first class Huffman's current duty is flying this helicopter. She explained that the helicopter itself "isn't really a different helicopter," and added, "It just contains special equipment for police work." This particular assignment is important to Trooper Huffman, partly because she loves the flying. However, that isn't the real importance.

"It's the opportunity to fly the helicopter and be in uniform, to still be part of the State Police," she said. "I'm proud because I've been a part of a team ever since I can remember. Everything I do, I do for that patch on my shoulder; it signifies something bigger than me." Huffman concluded, "I'm happy with what I'm doing; I'm doing what I want to do."

# Commission hears complaint on waterline extension

One of several people appearing before the Braxton County Commission at their regular meeting last Friday was Dale Morrison of Exchange. Mr. Morrison questioned the Commission as to why water was extended to near his community from two different directions but not completed. He told the Commission that over the long period of time that the expansion had been in the works he and his neighbors had been told that the project would be completed only to see the efforts and funding go to other areas.

Commission President Lisa Godwin stated that she had requested that Rodney Pritt Man-

ager of the Flatwoods Canoe Run PSD attend the meeting to give an update. Pritt told the Commission and Mr. Morrison that there had been miscommunications and misunderstanding regarding extending water to the estimated eighteen families involved. Pritt stated that there were two areas served by the system that were 1.7-mile projects which created the confusion. He stated that the information that Morrison's area would not be completed was inaccurate though he could not give a definitive time frame. Pritt stated that the district was looking into additional Abandoned Mine Lands (AML) federal

funding that may be available for the added expansion.

Mary Beth Smith, representing Prosecuting Attorney Jasmine Morton, appeared before the Commission to request the purchasing of two new computer workstations for their office. Smith explained that three stations were needed but forfeiture monies would be utilized to purchase the third. Larry Clifton made a motion to approve the request to purchase the two computers at a cost of \$1,448.52 each.

Evelyn Post appeared before the Commission to request a public hearing concerning the poor service provided by Frontier Communication in

her end of the county. Post explained that there were often outages that last for several days. During that time residents do not have the ability to summon help for emergency services if the need arises due to inadequate cellular service. She requested that the Commission organize a public hearing with the pertinent parties including Frontier and the Public Service Commission to see what could be done. The Commission agreed that the forum would provide a good fact-finding source. Lisa Godwin stated that the Commission's office will work on establishing a time and date for the meeting.

Sheriff DellaMea requested permission to re-hire Keith Long as a part-time as needed bailiff for the court systems. The Sheriff explained that Long had been employed by the county in the same position previously and had performed admirably. He left to pursue other employment which had now allowed him additional time that could be devoted to the county. The Commission approved the request.

Andrew Smith, Executive Director of the Braxton County Convention and Visitor's Bureau, presented the annual report to the Commission of his agency's activities and plans for

the coming year as required by state code. Smith also answered questions for the commission and those attending.

John Hoffman, OES/9-1-1/EMS Director requested permission to hire Donovan F. Tripplett as a full-time EMT/Driver for the ambulance service. He stated that Tripplett would be paid \$13.50 per hour with full county benefits. Hoffman also requested that Erica P. Burnham be hired as a part-time emergency vehicle operator at a rate of \$10 per hour with no county benefits. Hoffman explained that Burnham was in the

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# Federal funding coming to local lake projects

United States Senators Shelley Moore Capito and Joe Manchin both members of the Senate Appropriations Committee, last week announced funding for water resources projects and programs in West Virginia through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). This funding is made possible through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).

Sutton, Burnsville, Stonewall and Summersville Lakes are among the projects selected for funding.

"The Army Corps of Engineers is a significant partner for West Virginia, with our numerous rivers, lakes and streams," Senator Capito said. "This latest round of IIJA funding will help maintain West Virginia's important projects such

as Summersville Lake, support water and wastewater services in central and southern West Virginia, and keep our communities safe from flood hazards. I was proud to advocate for this funding and will continue my work as lead Republican on the EPW Committee to deliver critical water resources infrastructure to our state."

"Every Virginian de-

serves clean water to drink, fresh air to breathe. In order to ensure all West Virginians have access to clean water, it's critical that

Army Corps facilities are maintained and that water infrastructure across the state is maintained and updated. I successfully

fought to include historic investments for water infrastructure and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in the bipartisan Infra-

structure

Locally, Sutton Lake will receive \$249,000 for operation and maintenance activities, Burnsville Lake - \$225,000 for operation and maintenance activities, and Stonewall Jackson Lake - \$350,000 for operation and maintenance activities. In addition, Summersville Lake is allocated \$6,500,000 for operation and maintenance activities.

Elk River, at Elkview, has been allocated \$50,000 to continue the study for a riverbank stabilization project.

## Braxton County High School 2022 Top Ten

### #6 - Beau Liston is three-sport athlete

By Shirley Shuman

Playing three high school sports—golf, basketball, and baseball, leaves little free time for Beau Liston. However, what free time the son of Brooks and Cynthia Liston has, he spends "hanging out with friends and family." Liston does enjoy the academic side of school, and he explained some of what he especially enjoys.

Perhaps because he "enjoys learning about the background of our country," he likes U.S. History and the contents of that particular class. As a result he named it his favorite class in four years of high school. He

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As I See It

By Ed Given



Pretty remarkable...

The topic of this writing is not a new one in many ways. I have often spoke and thought of the many prominent people who have roots in Braxton County. At a Gassaway High School Alumni meeting last week we were discussing our upcoming banquet, which, by the way, is back this year and will be held on July 2. Letters will be in the mail shortly with full details and an article is forthcoming in this paper. This year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of our beloved Gassaway High School. Jered Frame has undertaken producing the program for this special gathering and hopes to chronicle the history of the school.

During the discussion it was mentioned how may GHS graduates went on the make their alma mater proud. That leads me to this week's edition of the Citizens' News. I think it is just great that Tiffani Huffman is the first female State Police helicopter piolet in the state. I remember her aggressive nature on the basketball court and wondering, while taking pictures those many years ago, what was in her future. Obviously, I would have never guessed helicopter pilot, but she was the type of young lady that it really doesn't surprise me.

Tiffani is not the first woman from Braxton County to make a mark for themselves in the West Virginia law enforcement community. Sharon Sumpter from Sutton was the first female State Trooper in the Mountain State. Linda (Jackson) Steen was the first female DNR Law Enforcement Office in West Virginia. These remarkable women are just the beginning of a long list of people who helped shape our state and nation that call or have called Braxton County home.

Many years ago, Skip Johnson authored a ten-part series for our paper about people from our county who achieved national prominence in a number of fields. I am going to try to make time to find that service of articles and reprint some or all of them. I think today's readership would be just as amazed as those who read the stories fresh from Skip's pen.

Jerad and I had a long talk after the GHS Alumni meeting and we both agreed that the biggest obstacle with his history project will probably be condensing the material into a manageable presentation.

We may be one of the smaller counties, but we have produced an extraordinary number of exceptional people. I don't see that stopping and people like Tiffani Huffman give me a reassurance that the future is bright for our youth if they grasp it.

Local angler hauls State-Record Muskie for Little Kanawha



WVDNR fisheries biologist, Aaron Yeager (left), with Lucas King (right) holding King's West Virginia record musky he caught in the Little Kanawha River.

On Saturday, of Burnsville, West Vir- leased a new state March 19, Lucas King ginia, caught and re- record musky. 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. Procedures for reporting a record catch also are included in the regulations.

Just look at this!

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



Braxton County native Jesse Corlis has been commissioned to paint the long-awaited mural at the Gassaway Park. The local artist began work on the mammoth project last weekend. The top photo shows Corlis' beginning of the project and the bottom pictures is the artistic rendering of the finished product. Watch as it develops.

**Letters to the Editor: Our policy...**

We would like to remind readers that we welcome letters to the editor.

We would like to reiterate our policy of not publishing letters that do not contain the author's identification. You must enclose a phone number for verification purposes. The number will not be published.

We reserve the right to edit and/or refuse any letter. We do not accept letters refuting or endorsing candidates for any upcoming election.

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News from our Capitol

by Delegate Brent Boggs

With some key meetings out of the way early last week, Jean and I decided on short notice to take a drive south to visit with Jessica, Greg, and the grandsons in South Carolina, arriving back home Sunday evening. We also spent some quality time with Gavin and to catch up with Collin as he charts his career objectives. It was a nice visit, including seeing Jean's mom and brother, too.

We're thankful to be safely back home. We're looking forward to being in Glenville later this week, including participating in the festivities to honor the Glenville State Lady Pioneers basketball team after their national championship win a few days ago.

Late last week, the Governor concluded action on additional enrolled bills passed by the Legislature during the just-concluded session. He apparently is planning to call us back into session during April interim meetings later this month. Doing so while we're already at the Capitol makes sense from a fiscal responsibility

standpoint if the need for a special session exists.

Last week, the Governor vetoed several bills passed during the session. They include:

SB 573 – Regarding Magistrate Courts. The reason stated was due to a code conflict with HB 4540 that passed during the session.

HB 2300 – regarding inclusion of Family Law Judges into the Judicial Retirement System. There was a code conflict discovered with another bill that passed during the session. This bill will be amended and repassed during the special session to meet the Governor's objections.

Also, Governor Justice vetoed two major bills. House Bill 4020 would split the Department of Health and Human Resources into two separate entities – the Department of Health would have stood separately from the Department of Human Resources. For quite some time, momentum has been building to split the massive state agency into two smaller entities in an effort to meet

the concerns of many citizens and agency workers. The internal differences on this approach within the agency was apparent during budget hearings earlier this year, so his veto does not come as a surprise to me. Concerns over programs, the flow of federal dollars and grant funds was mentioned in the veto message, but those questions were addressed and answered during Finance Committee debate on the bill and on the House floor. Therefore, it remains to be seen if a veto override will be attempted later this month on HB 4020.

A second major bill – HB 4001 regarding broadband emerged earlier in the session. For 60 days, it was the subject of ongoing controversy in every House Committee. It was readily apparent that many in House and Senate Leadership and many in the Administration were not enthusiastic about HB 4001. In the Governor's veto message, he stated that a broad group of broadband providers and that some provisions regulated by the bill conflicted with federal law. Therefore, he is asking that it be reworked and addressed again in the upcoming special session. I'm not sure if a brief session of a day or two will be sufficient to iron out differences.

Finally, we had an important and productive

meeting last Wednesday in Gassaway with the WV Secretary of Tourism, Chelsea Ruby; new WV Division of Natural Resources Director Brett McMillion; including the WV Deputy Secretary of Commerce, and Region VII Planning regarding a host of issues for Gassaway and central West Virginia, including river access points for the public. As a segment of the Elk River Rail Trail comes closer to completion into Gassaway and eventually will be part of the WV State Park System, the Gassaway Depot has the potential to be a gem that shines again for the public to visit.

It was also good to get some direct information from DNR regarding the concerns over patrolling of the trail which will eventually be done DNR Law Enforcement, Parks maintenance employees and DNR Wildlife personnel in keeping with their various responsibilities. Public safety and the protection of visitors, residents and their adjoining property is very important. The former circumstances with trespassers on unpatrolled and inaccessible abandoned rails was unacceptable and problematic. Soon, emergency, law enforcement and EMT vehicles will also have access, as needed. I am glad this has the potential of providing a

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also chose the teacher of that class, Jerry Frame, as his favorite teacher. “I’ve known him a long time, and he’s taught me a lot in school and about life,” Liston said of Frame, who was also his golf coach.

One question which Liston immediately responded to dealt with what event associated with his high school days has impacted him the most. He answered, “Going to the state high school basketball tournament,” and gave reasons for his response. “It was a good experience,” he said, “a good chance to bond with my teammates and coaches.” He added, “It’s also something that hasn’t happened very often to our school.”

Looking toward is future, Liston knows that he wants to study engineering, although he is still deciding the areas of engineering he’ll enter. “I’m leaning toward mechanical engineering, but I haven’t really made up my mind,” he explained. He said one reason he’s going into engineering is the fact that he’s “always liked math.”

Liston will attend West Virginia University because he is familiar with the school and because both his sisters are in Morgantown.

Beau Liston will be of the graduates who has enjoyed his high school career and what he considers the best part of that time: making friends and the memories he will take with him.

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most recent EMT class and would probably be certified in the near future. Both applicants were approved via separate motions.

The Commission acted on a request made last meeting by Gabby Gregory to establish a Community Kindness Day in Braxton County. A motion by Larry Clifton designated the last Saturday in April as Community Service & Kindness Day in Braxton County.

Toward the end of the meeting, Porter Shellhammer introduced himself as a representative of Mid-State Archers. He thanked the

Commission for their previous support of the organization and informed them that the local organization would be hosting the Mid-Atlantic Archery Tournament in June.

The Commission tabled action on three items on their agenda pending additional information. They included a request from AmeriCorps Seniors for \$1,500 to purchase medical lock boxes for local seniors and veterans; John Forbush’s request to be placed on the County’s Wrecker Rotation; and the County purchase of additional infrastructure.

A motion by Larry Clifton approved a proposed internal budget revision requested by the Sheriff.

The Commission approved the revisions to the County Wrecker Policy stating the changes would add clarity in several area.

Melvin Gum made a motion for the County to pay half of the basic cost of the Braxton County Rotary Club’s Spring Blood Screening for county employees.

Following a review, Melvin Gum made a motion to approve the County and EMS bills for payment.

The final act of business at last Friday’s meeting was the approval of the minutes for the Commission’s March 18 and March 25 meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on April 15 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

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heightened level of security for our residents and visitors to the area.

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

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

GSU to host parade, celebration for National Championship Team

Glenville State University will celebrate the members of the Lady Pioneer Basketball Team and their recent 2022 NCAA Division II National Championship on Wednesday, April 6 with a parade and recognition ceremony.

A meet and greet with the Lady Pioneers will take place from 10:30 a.m. until noon at the Waco Center. The parade, down Main Street in Glenville, will begin at 12:30 p.m. Immediately following the parade, a recognition ceremony for the team members and coaches will take place at the Waco Center. The parade and ceremony are free and open to the public.

“We are immensely proud of what the Lady Pioneers have accomplished by bringing home this National Championship,” said Glenville State University President, Dr. Mark A. Manchin. “I encourage everyone to wear their Pioneer blue and come out to this event as we recognize and celebrate these talented student-athletes and their coaches and support staff. Everyone is welcome – our campus community and the community at large – to join us for refreshments, games, music, and an opportunity to meet the team.”

Fairmont State to hold 153rd Commencement

Fairmont State will honor spring graduates during the University’s 153rd Commencement taking place Friday, April 29 – Sunday, May 1 in the Feaster Center.

The University will hold five separate ceremonies to honor graduates from each college, in addition to a special student athlete ceremony and Fairmont State Alumni Golden Jubilee Celebration for the Class of 1972. Spring Commencement ceremonies will be open to all guests and tickets will not be issued for entry.

“We are grateful and excited for the opportunity to gather in celebration of our Falcon graduates,” said Fairmont State University President, Mirta M. Martin.

Commencement ceremonies will take place as follows:

Friday, April 29: 6 p.m. – Special Student Athlete Ceremony and Golden Jubilee Celebration for the Class of 1972: Noon – College of Education, Health & Human Performance and Regents Bachelor of Arts: 3 p.m. – College of Liberal Arts

Saturday, April 30: 9 a.m. – College of Nursing Commencement and Pinning Ceremony: Noon – College of Education,

Elk River Rail Trail meeting set for April 7th

The Braxton County Development Authority is hosting a community meeting in Gassaway on April 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in the Gassaway Community Building to answer questions about the Elk River Rail Trail. The section from Duck to Gassaway is scheduled to be open in the coming months. Elk River Railroad President Frank Jorgenson and representatives of the WV Department of Natural Resources will be present to answer questions about management, maintenance, and security of the trail system. The rail trail will be part of the WV State Park system and will be managed by the Department of Natural Resources.



Photo Caption: The Glenville State University Lady Pioneers celebrate their 2022 NCAA Division II National Championship on March 25 at the Birmingham CrossPlex in Birmingham, Alabama. | Photo by Jamie Mullins.

NCAA title for Glenville State in any sport and it is also the first NCAA basketball title for any West Virginia school. Stephens, who is a

Glenville State alumna and Parkersburg, West Virginia native, has tallied an impressive 158-21 record leading the Lady Pioneers.

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?*** The 8X20 Concession Trailer is a 1982 that needs work to be functional again. They also have a 1972 Chevrolet panel/box truck that serves as a support vehicle. **Reduced for quick sale. \$2,500 for both.** If you are interested in inspecting the vehicles, call **Ed Given, SVFD President (304)644-5192.**



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French Stephen “Steve” Beane

French Stephen “Steve” Beane of Gassaway WV, passed away April 3, 2022 at Mon General Hospital, Morgantown WV from complications of an extended illness.

Steve was born in Gassaway on January 10, 1950 to the late Price Floyd Beane and Mary Nuzum Beane. He attended Braxton County Schools and graduated from Glenville State College. He taught Art and was an Athletic Trainer at Braxton County High School. After retirement, he was a substitute teacher at Braxton County Middle and High School. Steve was a life-long member and active Elder of the Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Steve’s surviving family include two brothers, John E. (Kathy) Beane MD of Parkersburg WV and Sterling Beane of Gassaway; four nephews, Honorable J.D. (Jill) Beane of Parkersburg WV, David (Carrie Jo) Beane MD of Vienna WV, Michael (Lisa) Beane MD of Vienna WV, and Sterling (Dr. Monica) Beane, Jr. of Wake Forest, NC; one niece, Kathryn (Greg) Zenyuh of Morgantown WV; two great-nephews, Sterling “Price” Beane III of Kona, Hawaii and Nicholas Beane of Vienna WV; one great-niece, Jenna Beane of Vienna WV.

Steve was preceded in death by his parents and sister-in-law, Judy Beane.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Sam Stewart of Braxton County Hospital, Dr. Sugam Vasani, Dr. Lane Mace, and the ICU Staff at United Hospital Center for the excellent care he received.

Visitation will be held Friday, April 8, 2022 from 5-8pm at the Braxton County High School Gymnasium.

The funeral service will be conducted by Rev. James Riggs on Saturday, April 9, 2022 at 11am at the Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church in Gassaway.

Burial will be in the Beall’s Mill Cemetery, Gassaway.

Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway has been entrusted with the funeral details.

In lieu of flowers, it would have been Steve’s wishes for contributions be given to the Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church, PO Box 376, Gassaway, WV 26624 or the Just One Generation Cat Rescue, 4397 Elk River Road, Frametown, WV 26623 or the charity of your choice.

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

David F. Baker

David F. Baker, 75, of Parcoal, Webster Springs, gained the fulfillment of God’s amazing promise to forever reign with Him in paradise. Forever in heaven where he will bask in God’s love through all eternity. This being



the reward that Dave has read about, studied and taught about for so many times over the last several decades. Being diligent in his service to God, he was welcomed into the arms of Jesus on Monday March 28, 2022 at his home in Parcoal, West Virginia.

Dave was the son of the late Loyal T and Lela F Brooks Baker. He was born in Diana on March 14, 1947. He married the love of his life Harriet June Williams Baker on December 19, 1969. They enjoyed 34 years of love before she preceded him in death.

Left to cherish his memory are his daughter Marzella and her husband Jeff Hamrick of Winfield, his grandchildren Caleb Hamrick and Hannah Hamrick both of Winfield, sister-in-law Rosa Mary Baker and nephews Tom Baker and Jason Baker, and many precious friends and neighbors that have been so good to him over the years especially toward the end when he needed them the most. In addition to his parents and wife he was preceded in death by his brother Harrison Baker.

Dave made his career as a mechanic for Cool Motors in Cherry Falls. Although he was very devoted to his work, his greatest time spent was the time he and June shared making memories with their two precious grandchildren, Caleb and Hannah. It seemed there was not enough days in the week or hours in the day to juggle work and the many trips from home to Winfield. Their lives consisted of many, many trips from their home in Parcoal to Winfield for the sole purpose of making memories with the family they both treasured so deeply. On many occasions they made the trip to Charleston only to happily turn around and bring the kids right back “home”. Where perhaps the rules were a little different at Grandpa Dave and Grandma June’s home. One of their greatest memories made were the times they were able to take Caleb and Hannah to church with them at Cherry Falls Chapel, just as they had taken Marzella for many years before.

Dave is a member of Cherry Falls Chapel where he gladly served in the capacity of deacon and teacher, yet always happy to serve and glorify God in any capacity that he could. Although his health did not permit him to be active in the church in the last few months, he stayed firm in his trust and service to God, leaving a testimony and a legacy to all who knew him. Dave delighted in sharing the love of God with all that he could. He spent many hours studying and feeding his soul with the word of the Lord, fully believing and trusting in God’s promises.

At a young age, Dave was drafted into the United States Army, where he served his Country during the Vietnam conflict. He took pride in knowing that His service was time well spent in keeping with the freedoms afforded to the United States of America and was a recipient of a Purple Heart.

Although selfishly, we mourn for the emptiness that remains from his loss, we rejoice in just trying to imagine the reunion as his faith turned to Sight. We

can surely hear Dave crying out, just as The Psalmist David did in Psalm 31:5 “Into thine hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.”. Imagine the singing and rejoicing of the Angels as Dave heard our Master say “Today shalt thou be with me in Paradise” Luke 23:43

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 2, 2022 at 1pm with visitation from 10-1 at Dodd and Reed Funeral Home Webster Springs, WV. Interment with military honors followed in Union Cemetery, Parcoal.

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 David’s family.

Thomas C. (Tom) Martzall

Thomas C. (Tom) Martzall, 68, of Gassaway, passed to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Thursday, March 31, 2022, at the Braxton Health Care and Rehabilitation Center In Flatwoods. “I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.” Romans 8: 18

Tom was born in Ephrata, Pennsylvania, on August 4, 1953, and grew up in Denver, Pennsylvania.

He attended Cocalico High School in Denver, graduating in 1971. He then went to Lock Haven State College (now Lock Haven University) where he graduated in 1975 with a major in Elementary Education and a minor in Special Education.

Tom was then employed by Braxton County Schools in central West Virginia, where he would teach in various schools throughout the county before retiring in 2013 after thirty-eight years of dedicated service. While teaching he completed a master’s degree (+45) in Education from West Virginia University.

He is predeceased by his parents, Clair H. and Evelyn June Texter Martzall. He is survived by two brothers, Barry and wife Deb of Denver, Pennsylvania, and Terry and wife Linda of Birdsboro, Pennsylvania. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews and several cousins.

Tom attended several churches in the local area with the most recent being the Gassaway United Methodist Church. He particularly enjoyed being a part of the choir. He was also involved in many community activities including the United Christian Pantry. He was a member of the West Virginia Retired Teachers Association, Braxton County Retired Teachers Association, and Braxton PALS.

In keeping with Tom’s wishes, his body will be cremated.

“There is no pit so deep that God’s love is not deeper still.” – Corrie Ten Boom

Alvin Ray Nichols

Alvin Ray Nichols, 63, of Birch River, went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, March 30, 2022 at Ruby

Memorial Hospital, Morgantown.

He was born September 24, 1958 in Gassaway, WV the son of the late Aaron Adrain and Anna Marie Hamric Nichols.

Alvin was a quiet, gentle soul comfortable on the back pew, but a faithful follower of God. Always humble and kind. He was a member and deacon of New Hope Baptist Church, Morris Rd. Birch River, WV.

Psalm 62:5-6 My soul, wait in silence for God only, For my hope is from Him. He only is my rock and my salvation, My stronghold; I shall not be shaken.

Alvin was fascinated with big dump trucks and 18-wheelers and spent hours looking through trucker magazines.

He is survived by his brothers, Tony W Nichols of Craigsville, David E Nichols of Birch River; sister, Lisa L Nichols of Birch River.

Funeral services were held 3:00 pm, Sunday, April 3, 2022 at Greene-Robertson Funeral Home, Sutton with Rev. Bob Maylott officiating. Burial followed at Walker Cemetery, Birch River. Friends called one hour before the service at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers please consider a monetary donation to the family for expenses or a donation to New Hope Baptist Church in his memory.

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

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

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 Vampelt 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.

Lennard Michael “Mike” Given

Lennard Michael “Mike” Given, 44, of Oklahoma, formerly of Frametown, WV passed away Wednesday, February 9, 2022.

He was born in Frametown on September

14, 1977 the son of Herman and Ruth Given.

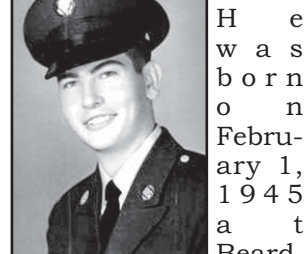
Mike is survived by both his parents. He also leaves behind his brother, Ernie Lee Given; two children, Christen Michael Given and Abigail Grace Given all of Frametown, WV.

Mike was cremated and his services with inurnment will be 11:00 A.M. April 30, 2022 at the James Cemetery, Leatherwood Road, in Frametown with Paul Scott Raynor officiating.

Arrangements by Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway.

Paul Clarence Hankins

Paul Clarence Hankins, 77, of Sutton, WV passed away on April 1, 2022.



He was born on February 1, 1945 at Beard, WV. Paul was preceded in death by parents James “Jim” Hankins and Mary Wilfong; brothers, James “Bill” Hankins and R.T. Hankins; sisters, Ruth Hankins Marshall, Grace Hankins Wickline, Margaret Hankins Talbert, Lottie Hankins Thornton, Edith Hankins Collie and Carolyn Hankins Jones.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife Joyce; stepson, Jake Fairburn and wife Shannon; Sydney, Jacob, Hazel and Finnick Hutchinson; brother, George Hankins; nieces Jennifer and Sissy; nephew Joey and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Paul retired from Hercules Chemical Company and served in the United States ARMY during the Vietnam War. He enjoyed watching western shows on TV, collecting antiques, going to flea markets, 4-wheeling on the farm, playing rummy, and spending many hours on his front porch enjoying a good cup of coffee while visiting with family and friends.

Paul’s wish to be cremated will be honored and a memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 9, 2022 at 1:00 pm to celebrate his life. Pastor John McQuain will be officiating the service. Visitation will be held two hours prior to the service from 11:00-1:00 pm at Stockert Funeral Home & Cremation, Flatwoods, WV.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the American Kidney Fund at <https://secure.kidneyfund.org>.

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

Richard L. Rose

Richard L. Rose, 56, of South Charleston, formerly of Sutton, passed away on Friday, April 1, 2022 at home surrounded by his family.

He was born February 11, 1966 in Sutton to the late Pauline “Polly” E. Albert Rose and Walter C. Rose.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his brother, Robert Shaw; and brother in law, William “Bill Bill” Surwilo. Richard was an

honest hard worker who loved his family. He worked in sales all his life. He could sell condoms to a nun. He enjoyed all things outdoors. He loved his wife. Then his girls came, and he found true love. But he was at his best when he was a Poppy.

Left to cherish his memories are his wife of 33 years, Charlotte Surwilo Rose of South Charleston; two daughters, Kasey Rose of Charleston and Jennifer Rose and fiancé, Josh Page, of Cross Lanes; two grandchildren, Emaleigh Page and Colton Page of Cross Lanes; also like a son, Adam Nelson, and daughter, Wednesday Nelson of Braxton County; and his younger sister, Mary Rose and son, Logan Rose; and many other loved ones.

Special thankyou to Cheryl Bice, Andrea Adkins, Sarah Phoenix, Pete Thompson, and Mike Dupay all of Kanawha Hospice Care.

Richard’s graveside service will be 1 P.M. Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at Braxton Memorial Cemetery, Sutton with Chaplain Pete Thompson officiating. At the graveside service, Richard had requested that those attending to not wear black, but to wear color and to come as you are.

Arrangements by Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway.

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

Doris Ann (Hall) Nocida

Doris Ann (Hall) Nocida of Sistersville, WV



After receiving her angel wings, Doris Ann (Hall) Nocida left her family and friends on March 30, 2022 at the age of 76. She was born July 11, 1945 in Diana, WV; a blessing for her parents, the late Hayward and Edith (Knically) Hall. At the time of her death, she was staying at the Villages of Greystone in Beaver, WV. She had been under their love and care since October 2021.

She graduated from Webster Springs High School with the Class of 1963, graduated with an Associate Degree in Art Science from Glenville State College in 1965 and continued her education to receive her Master’s Degree in Education. She began teaching in 1966 at the Martins Ferry, OH Central Grade School and continued in Lowell and Marietta, Ohio. In 1969 she began teaching at WV Brooklyn Elementary School in New Martinsville until 1975 when she transferred to Hancock County in Chester, WV. She began teaching at the Sistersville Elementary School in 1977 where she taught 3rd grade and remained there until she retired in 2006.

It was clear to her family that she loved her job and was very good at what she was doing. When she came back to Diana during the holidays, she would gather her nieces and nephews and help them create holiday posters for the front door of her brothers’ homes, leaving trails of glitter everywhere. She would *Please turn to*



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Good Friday Service**  
There will be a Good Friday Service at the Engel Chapel Community Church in Gassaway, on April 15th at 7:00 P.M. Rev. Tom Harper, Pastor. Evangelist Dennis Estes will bring the message. Jimmy Howson will be the special singer. Everyone is welcome. Come out expecting a blessing.

**Stained Glass Class**  
The Gassaway Public Library will host a stained glass class on April 4th at 3:00 P.M. The cost is \$30.00. All materials provided. Please call (304)364-8292 to register.

**Baked Steak Dinner**  
The Gassaway Public Library will be hosting a baked steak dinner on Saturday, April 23 at the Braxton County Middle School from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Eat in or carry out. The cost will be \$10.00 each. All proceeds benefit the Gassaway Public Library.

**Memorial for Jimmy Barker**  
There will be a memorial spaghetti dinner held for Jimmy Barker on Sunday, April 10th from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. at the Frametown Fire Department. The menu will consist of Spaghetti, Salad, Bread, Dessert, and a drink. Donations only. All proceeds will go to the Frametown Fire Department.

**Ramp Dinner**  
The Frametown Fire Department will host a ramp dinner on Sunday, May 1st from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. The menu will consist of Ramps, Bacon, Fried Potatoes, Eggs, Brown or White Beans, Cornbread, Dessert, and a drink. The cost will be \$15.00 for adults, kids 5 to 12 will be \$8.00 and children 4 and under are free.

**Braxton Gilmer Christian School 2022-23 Enrollment**  
The Braxton Gilmer Christian School will be holding enrollment on April 22nd and 23rd from 3:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. at the Chapel Community Center. Email braxtongilmerchristianschool@gmail.com. Telephone (304)462-8106. Location Chapel Community Center, 4077 Chapel Road, Gassaway, WV 26624. Grades K – 8. More information may be at the school website is 62117754d7c4f.site123.me. If you are interested in being a teacher, please submit a letter of intent and resume through the school email or by mail to Colin Sprouse 8736 Gassaway Road. Normantown, WV 25267. If you would like to support the school, please send donations to Wilda Gerwig 9892 Gassaway Road Normantown, WV 25267 or to Colin Sprouse 8736 Gassaway Road. Normantown, WV 25267

**CWVRC Shooting Match**  
The Central West Virginia Riding Club will sponsor a shooting match on Saturday, April 9th at 10:00 A.M. at Holly Gray Park in Sutton, WV. Shooting for five hams, five turkeys and ten money rounds. 12 and 16 gauge (No fixed guns) .22 shoot at the end of the match. \$2.00 shot.

**Easter Egg Hunt**

The Bulltown Association will host its Second Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16th at the 3:00 P.M. at the Bulltown Historical Area. There will be four age groups with two prize eggs in each group. Candy bags for all participants.

**AA - Recovery Meetings**  
AA – Recovery Meetings will be held on Tuesdays, 7pm at Spruce Grove Church, 44 Spruce Grove Rd., Frametown, WV 26623. Contact: Ed Rollyson 304-435-9333

**Spring Rummage Sale**  
Let’s get ready to Rumm-aage! The Burnsville United Methodist Charge will be having a spring rummage sale on April 29 and 30. We would welcome donations of new and gently used items. Please call to make arrangements to meet at the church basement for donations. We will also have homemade baked goods and concessions for sell on both days of the sale. Mark your calendars to attend this huge rummage sale and find a treasure at a bargain price. 304-853-2815

**Good Friday Service**  
The Burnsville Baptist and Burnsville Methodist Church will be holding an ecumenical Good Friday service on April 15 beginning at 6:00 pm Rev. Roland Ramsey will bring the message as we reflect upon the events leading up to the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, the sacrificial Lamb of God. We invite everyone to come and share in this worship service at the Methodist Church. Perhaps it will be an opportunity for you to make a personal visit to Calvary.

**Easter Sunrise Service**  
There will be a Sunrise Service at the Burnsville United Methodist Church on April 17 at 7:00 am. We invite everyone to join us in this special worship service early on Easter morning as we discover again the significance of the Empty Tomb. Experience the joy felt by those women and the disciples when they visited that gravesite only to find “He is not here.” Where are you searching for Jesus? Give the church a try. Breakfast will be served after the service in the basement.

**Newville Cemetery Spring Clean-Up Day**  
On Saturday, April 23, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. the families and friends of loved ones resting at the Newville Cemetery will meet at this special place for Spring clean-up day. We will clear the cemetery of debris in preparation for the mowing season. Any loose flowers or decorations not secured on a grave or monument will be discarded. All interested folks are encouraged to come and visit and help with this annual project. Rain date for this activity will be April 30, 2022. All donations to the Newville Cemetery are greatly appreciated.

**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.

**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.

MAGISTRATE COURT  
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**Magistrate Beth Smith’s Court**  
March 23: Matthew Hamrick of Little Birch, petit larceny x7, dismissed per plea; Kenny D. Bush of Burnsville, violation of protective order, guilty plea, violation of protective order x2, dismissed per plea, 12 months of jail, suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation, fine/court costs assessed; Dale Lee Cayton of Sutton, strangulation, dismissed, state to direct indict.  
March 28: Ashley Nicole Brown of Flatwoods, no proof of insurance, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed; Thomas E. Hess of Clendenin, speeding, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed and paid; James Russell Jones of Sutton, delivery of controlled substance x3-meth, heroin, fentanyl, preliminary hearing waived, transferred to circuit court, fleeing from officer, dismissed; Lamar Edward James of Carolina, trespassing asked to leave, guilty plea, public intoxication, dismissed per plea, obstructing an officer, dismissed per plea, lit-

tering, dismissed per plea, 31 days of jail with credit for time served of 31 days, fine/court costs assessed; Ian P. McWilliams of Lebanon, PA, speeding, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed and paid.  
March 29: Jerry Lynn Cutlip of Sutton, brandishing a deadly weapon, dismissed per plea in circuit court; Melanie Lynn Warner of Walkersville, speeding, no contest plea, driving suspended, no contest plea, fines/court costs assessed and paid.  
March 31: Christina Marie Abel of Flatwoods, escape, warrant issued, bond set at \$10,000 cash only; Misty D. Loudermilk of Summersville, no proof of insurance, dismissed proof provided.  
April 1: Robert Thomas McDowell of Bristol, TN, possession of controlled substance, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$3000 cash or surety; Adam Joseph Long of Sutton, burglary x2, warrant issued, bond set at \$10,000 cash only; James A. Stewart of Sutton, conspiracy, dismissed, prosecution to present to grand jury; Derrick Thomas Young of Ireland, failure to reg-

ister as sex offender x3, dismissed, defendant serving federal sentence; Britney Marion McEvers of Sutton, delivery of heroin x3, conspiracy x3, preliminary hearing waived, transferred to circuit court.  
**Magistrate David Singleton’s Court**  
March 24: Jeremy Ward of Clay, fraudulent schemes, warrant issued, bond set at \$2500 cash or surety.  
March 25: Ristie S. Nicholas of Gassaway, destruction of property, possession of controlled substance x2-heroin, fentanyl, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$4500 cash, surety, or 10% to the court; Robert Ray Jones of Gassaway, delivery of heroin, conspiracy x3, possession with intent to deliver x2, parole violation, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$15,000 cash only.  
March 30: Jordan Scott Staley of Strange Creek, driving suspended, not guilty plea; Christina Marie Abel of Flatwoods, entry of building other than dwelling, grand larceny, preliminary hearing waived, transferred to circuit court.

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also teach them songs and have them perform for their family.  
She was active with the athletic boosters and created posters and anything that would boost the team's spirit and moral to get ready for the football games. She would

also prepare meals and feed the football players. They especially liked her spaghetti and meatballs. She was an avid WVU Fan and would invite her friends to watch and enjoy the games at her home.  
She is survived by her brother Mark (Linda) Hall of Diana and eight nephews and nieces as follows (old-

est to youngest): Kirt (Sheila) Hall, Kent Hall, Kella (John) Hobbs, Jetta (Charles) Walls, Kip Hall, Kyle (Pam) Hall, Mark Jr. (Cindy) Hall, and Judith (Aaron) Clevenger. She will also be missed by her very special fur baby Mitzi Lee and by many great and great-great-nieces and nephews and lots of cousins and friends.

JOIN US THIS  
EASTER

GASSAWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

APR 10	7:00 PM	ADULT CHOIR CANTATA
APR 13	7:00 PM	LAST SUPPER PORTRAYAL
APR 14	7:00 PM	MAUNDY THURSDAY
APR 15	7:00 PM	ADULT CHOIR CANTATA
APR 17	7:30 AM	SUNRISE SERVICE
	8:30 AM	BREAKFAST
	9:30 AM	EASTER WORSHIP
APR 24	7:00 PM	CHILDREN'S MUSICAL





# COMMUNITY CORNER

PAT'S CHAT

BY : PAT RIDPATH



S a b - b a t h School was exciting this week. This second quarter (April, May, and June) is about Genesis, the beginning. If anyone believes in God, and reads the first few chapters of Genesis, I don't think he could be talked into believing in evolution. It tells us that God created everything that first week of 24-hour days and pronounced everything "good"! He spoke all of it (all the animals, birds, fish, vegetation, stars, moon, sun, everything) into existence. This is mentioned in other parts of the Bible. Psalm 33:9 says "He spoke and it was done; He commanded and it stood fast."

But He chose not to SPEAK man into existence, however. He got down on His hands and knees (at least that is how I like to think of it - I wasn't there, so I am not sure He was down on His hands and knees) and molded man out of clay into a shape that was the image of Himself, then He breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living soul. Then he took a rib from Adam and used that as the beginning of Eve. Of course when He spoke everything, creatures, etc., into existence, they were grown-up, perfect specimens. (Sometime I will ask Him if there were "rings" in the trees which we now use to tell us the age of trees.) And even mankind was created already grown, not born as all future people would be. You might say, "That's impossible!" But with God, all things are possible, we are told in Matthew 19:26.

Right there in that beginning, Genesis 1 and 2, you also see that He set aside the seventh day of that creation week as a day to remember as a memorial of the creation and a time to fellowship with Him. He said to "keep" it, or join with Him in recognition of the value and beauty of His creation. He told us to rest from our own works just as He did after creating the world, which He called "very good."(Genesis 1:31)

That was our first week. Next week we will study about the Fall. I hope some of you will decide to come and study with us each Saturday at 10 a.m.



Sheri Sapp, Alma Heckert, Melanie Gerath



Some of the children who attended



Melanie Gerath & John Humphreies receiving certificates from Pastor Daniel Venegas, for week-long attendance to Mountain View Conference Bible Worker Training Program at Valley Vista Center, Adventist campground, Huttonsville, WV.

The young people of our church planned a fun time for Saturday night, the first Saturday night of April. They called it The Crazy Hat/Hair Night. Everyone had a good time with purple hair, crazy hats, board games, bingo, and more. They had pizza and other fun foods to eat. They want to do something like that every month on the first Saturday night. I heard that they are considering

calling May's night, Crazy Tee Shirt night.

Everyone is welcome to come, even if you don't have a crazy tee shirt, and join us on May 1 or any Saturday evening and, of course, you are encouraged to come study with us every Saturday morning at 10, or go online and join us using Zoom meeting 961 2015 7208 (or on Facebook or YouTube). Maranatha

COUNTY STORIES

By: JEANETTE RIFFLE

## Out Like A Lion



Sleet, snow, rain and sunshine were present as March stormed its way into April

March definitely went out like a lion with a mixture of sleet, snow, wind, rain and sunshine all in one day. There were men here taking down old dead trees in the low part of the woods, to the side of us. Thank God no one was up in a tree when that freak storm blew up. We were all glad when it was over. That one had not been in the weather forecast. They were able to finish the job.

Today, April 3rd, we got up to stormy looking clouds and the weather man called for rain by afternoon. We didn't get it but it was very cold and damp. The sun came out by late afternoon. The good hot food sure hit the spot. I've been having a cup of hot chocolate every day after a nap. It doesn't bother

me one bit to stay in and be a home body in weather like this. I get out on the warm sunny days and ride along with hubby when he has to go somewhere.

We don't do the "April Fool" joke but one of my friends said she fools her husband every year with that one. He forgets what day it is. I remember the first time I tried that on our son. He was about 3 or 4 and I told him his shoe was untied. He looked down and said, "No it isn't." When I said, "April Fool" he asked what I meant by saying that. I told him how that worked and told him he could play that joke on his friends. He got mad and said that he wasn't going to do that. He said it was stupid. I had a big laugh and told him to just forget it. It was the

same thing with Santa Claus coming down our chimney.

He sized everything up and called me to the furnace room. He said, "Now Mommy, There's a fire box there under our chimney and there's no way Santa could get down our chimney!" I had to quit telling him things that were tradition and not true, but just for fun.

We have been seeing a whole flock of goldfinches at the backyard seed feeders and as many as 10 squirrels in the yard at one time. One day this week we saw wild turkeys walking down the deer trail across the creek. This time of year Dad looked forward to going to the mountains to dig ramps. Nowadays, people don't have to go that far to get them. Most people have them growing on their property. Some folks are looking forward to a big ramp feed. I see their posts on Facebook. Hubby doesn't like the smell of them, so I don't fix them. I have included a picture of the woods beside us where some old trees had to come down. High winds kept breaking limbs off and making a mess down in there.

Until next time, stay safe and stay well. I hope no more freak storms blow up. God bless and keep you in his care.

GASSAWAY NEWS

By: MELINDA FRAME



Hello, Everyone!

I hope this finds you well and that you have enjoyed the past few weeks! Mother Nature cannot make up her mind on our weather but that is typical for WV this time of year. Ha ha! Rest assured, before long we will be complaining about the heat.

I do apologize for not being here the last few weeks. I went on a much needed vacation last week. I have never been to Pigeon Forge, TN and had always wanted to go. Last week I did!! I had an awesome time and can't wait to go back!

Birthdays this week are: April 4th- Mary Beth King Smith, Brayden Anthony Minnich, Katie Cook, Lee Calvert

April 5th-Joyce Lynn Blanton, Jim McQuain, Josiah Six, Andy Cook, Glen Hickson, Janet Jirles, Shannnda Gay

April 6th-Ewell Ferguson, Cooper Allen Brady, Alexandra Harris

April 7th-Mira Schwab, Laura Roupe

April 8th-Becky Woodward, Susan Bailey, Kay Cowger Simons

April 9th-Johnnie Facemire, Kathryn M Moore

April 10th-John Kenton Bowman, David Clayton Lane, Sandra Duffield

April 11th-Nicholas James, Derrick Kniceley

Happy Birthday to all of you!! Belated Happy Birthday to all of those I missed last week.

If you have news, a birthday, an anniversary or a recipe

that you would like to share, email me at gassawaynews@gmail.com, message me on Facebook or you may mail it to 233 Walkers Way, Frametown, WV 26623. When mailing, please include contact information.

Please keep the following friends and neighbors in your prayers; Debra Schwab, Joe Agostino, Barb Thompson, Tom Knight, Kathryn Greenlief, Jeannie Nottingham, Amy Crockett, Johnna Stalnaker, Karen "Bubba" Morris, Donna Ratliff, Sonja McCune Cooper, David Carr, Nathan Ault, Steve White, Bobby Facemire, Emma Grubb, Jill James, Thelma Hazel, Stan Corkhill, Brenda Rogers, Fawn Miller, Erika McCormick, Denny Tanner, Rusty Walker, Troy Dennison, Amy Shafer, Susan Petted, Bob Carr, and Keith Rose.

I have been looking for some "make ahead" recipes. If you have any that you would like to share, please let me know!

This week's recipe is Cherry Pie Bars

1 cup butter softened  
2 cups sugar  
4 eggs  
1 tsp vanilla extract  
¼ tsp almond extract  
3 C all-purpose flour  
1 tsp salt  
2 21oz cherry pie filling  
Glaze  
1 C powdered sugar  
½ tsp vanilla extract  
½ tsp almond extract  
2 T Milk  
Cream together butter and sugar. Add eggs and beat well. Beat in extracts.

In a separate bowl combine flour and salt. Add to the creamed mixture. Mix until combined.

Grease a 15x10x1 pan or 9x13, whichever one you decide to use. Spread 3 cups batter in a 15x10x1 (Also works with 9x13- baking time will at least be 35 minutes. Spread with pie filling. Drop remaining batter on top of pie filling.

Bake at 350 for 30-35 minutes or until toothpick comes clean. Cool on wire rack. Combine glaze ingredients and drizzle over the bars.

If you drive through Gassaway, stop by the park and look at the mural being painted. I have seen it on social media and it is going to be amazing when finished!! I can't wait to see!!!

Sympathy is extended to the families of French Stephen "Trainer" Beane, Richard L Rose, Burl Life, Minnie Jean Hefner Nottingham, Glen Edward Herron, James Earney Rollyson, Thomas Martzell, Alvin Ray Nichols, Gene Richard Nauman Sr, Mary Ellen Sergeant, Martin Buford Dodrill, Paul Hankins, Judith Davis, Randall Malcomb and Lester Singleton. Please keep them in your prayers.

"The sun was warm but the wind was chill. You know how it is with an April day.

When the sun is out and the wind is still, You're one month on in the middle of May.

But if you so much as dare to speak, a cloud come over the sunlit arch, And wind comes off a frozen peak, And you're two months back in the middle of March."

- Robert Frost, Two Tramps in Mud Time, 1926

Until next time, take care and God Bless!!!

- Save the Date -

Spring Cleaning Auction

Braxton County Commission

We're cleaning up and clearing out our warehouse and vehicle lot!

When: Saturday, April 16th 10:00 a.m.

Where: 191 Main Street, Sutton

Sneak Peek: Copiers

- Office Equipment & Furniture

- Police cruisers - Electronics

- Ambulance - Computer Equipment

& much more!

A complete list of items will be available at the County Clerk's Office beginning on April 11, 2022.





# LEGAL NOTICES

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**NOTICE OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF ESTATES**  
TO THE CREDITORS AND BENEFICIARIES OF THE WITHIN NAMED DECEASED PERSONS: I have before me the proposed final settlement of the estates of the following deceased persons, which shall be presented to the County Commission of Braxton County, West Virginia, at the courthouse thereof, in the city of Sutton, on the 15th day of April, 2022 at 9:00 o'clock a.m., which settlements I have either approved or have not approved as indicated below:  
APPROVED: FRANCES JOAN BIAS, DECEASED  
SHARON ELAINE MILLER, DECEASED  
JOHN L. BERRY, DECEASED  
IOLA V. HARRIS, DECEASED  
JEFFREY A. STEELE, DECEASED  
DIANA B. MCALLISTER, DECEASED  
THELMA BEVERAGE, DECEASED  
NOT APPROVED: None  
Any persons having any interest in the estate of such deceased person, may appear before the County Commission at the time and place hereinabove specified and thereupon protect his or her interests as they may appear or else may be forever thereafter barred from asserting such interests.  
Given under my hand this the 4th day of April, 2022  
Tamera L. Facemire  
Fiduciary Supervisor 04-05b

**NOTICE OF FILING OF ESTATES**  
TO THE CREDITORS AND BENEFICIARIES OF THE WITHIN NAMED DECEASED PERSONS: I have before me the estates of the following deceased persons and the accounts of the fiduciaries of their respective estates:  
  
DECEDENT: NELVA O. SQUIRES  
FIDUCIARY: TIMOTHY SQUIRES  
1977 SCOTTS FORK BONNIE ROAD  
EXCHANGE, WV 26619  
DECEDENT: ROSEMARY CASTO  
FIDUCIARY: STEPHEN BOGGS  
193 NORTH BAXTER ST  
SUTTON, WV 26601  
DECEDENT: NORMAN LEE HART  
FIDUCIARY: RICHARD HART  
5225 CHAPEL RD.

GASSAWAY, WV 26624  
DECEDENT: LESTER C. SINGLETON  
FIDUCIARY: RICKY L. SINGLETON  
137 WALNUT ST.  
WEST MILFORD, WV 26451  
DECEDENT: WILLIAM T. SINGLETON  
FIDUCIARY: DANIEL ARNOLD  
2579 GEM RD  
BURNSVILLE, WV 26335  
DECEDENT: JOHN C. SQUIRES  
FIDUCIARY: BARBARA SUE SQUIRES  
207 BIRCH ST.  
GASSAWAY, WV 26624  
DECEDENT: JAMES E. ROLLYSON  
FIDUCIARY: KARLENE HUGHES  
296 UPPER SLEITH RD.  
FRAMETOWN, WV 26623  
DECEDENT: ROSE ANN DENNISON  
FIDUCIARY: GEORGE DENNISON  
2601 OLD WOMANS RUN RD  
SUTTON, WV 26601  
DECEDENT: WALKERIA JOY HUDKINS  
FIDUCIARY: TIMOTHY HUDKINS  
3245 WILSIE RD  
FRAMETOWN, WV 26623  
DECEDENT: JOHN WILLIAM SHAW SR  
FIDUCIARY: LISA CLARK  
5141 NEWTON FALLS RD  
LOT 107 RAVENNA, OH 44266  
DECEDENT: WILLIAM LLOYD JACKSON  
FIDUCIARY: KIMBERLY SUE CURRENCE PIERSON  
7962 HEROLD RD.  
SUTTON, WV 26601  
DECEDENT: JEARL HARRIS  
FIDUCIARY: WILMA BLY  
P O BOX 54 SUTTON, WV 26601  
DECEDENT: ELSIE FAYE SHREVES  
FIDUCIARY: WILLIAM LEON SHREVES  
4588 WILSIE RD  
FRAMETOWN, WV 26623  
DECEDENT: LOUIS RAYMOND PETOLICCHIO  
FIDUCIARY: LAUREL LYNN PETOLICCHIO  
400 4TH ST.  
SUTTON, WV 26601  
ANCILLARY ADMINISTRATION: DECEDENT: JOSEPH A. NICKEL, III  
FIDUCIARY: MARY T. NICKEL  
10204 SALEM WAY  
WACO, TX 76708  
DECEDENT: WANDA B. RATLIFF  
FIDUCIARY: SHEILA R. RIEDEL  
6168 GREENWICH RD.

SEVILLE, OH 44273  
All persons having any claims against the estate(s) of any of the above-named persons whether due or not, are notified to exhibit the same with vouchers thereof, legally verified, to the fiduciary of such deceased persons as shown herein within 60 days from the first publication or on or before the 3rd day of June, 2022, otherwise any or all such Claims may by law be excluded from all benefits of said estate(s). All beneficiaries of said estate(s) may appear either before the above-named fiduciary by the date first above shown or thereafter protect their respective interests.  
Given under my hand this the 4th day of April, 2022  
TAMERA FACEMIRE  
Fiduciary Supervisor 04-05 04-12b

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BRAXTON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA**  
In Re: THE ADOPTION OF M. B., an infant  
Civil Action No. 21-A-27  
Judge Facemire  
In the matter of M. B., an infant and the unknown address of Brian C. Barrett, biological father of M. B.  
Notice of Petition for Adoption  
Notice of Hearing  
To: Brian C. Barrett  
Notice to Brian C. Barrett, whose current address is unknown, that a Petition has been filed and a hearing has been scheduled in the above-referenced matter in the Circuit Court of Braxton County, West Virginia. You have the right to Answer the Petition for Adoption. Said hearing is set for Monday, April 18, 2022, at 9:15 a.m. before the Hon. Richard A. Facemire, Circuit Court Judge, at the Braxton County Courthouse, 300 Main Street, Sutton, West Virginia, at which time any interested parties may appear and take such actions as you deem appropriate. This matter may be rescheduled without any further notice. A copy of Petition may be obtained in Circuit Clerk's Office at the Braxton County Courthouse.

**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 following 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 N 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,

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## The Town of Flatwoods holds March meeting

The Town of Flatwoods Council held their meeting on March 15, at the Flatwood Municipal Building. Mayor Dale Ball called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Opening Prayer was led by Councilman Luke Malensek  
Present were Mayor, Dale Ball, Treasurer/Recorder Lisa Hamrick, Chief of Police Shawn Brown, Council Members Jake Hamrick, Brenda Ball, Luke Malensek, and Dennis Miller and Keith Long by phone.  
Citizens present were Lorie J. Brown, Noah Hamrick II, Jan Frame from Sutton Public Library, Linda

James, and Danny Lee Smallwood Jr.  
Lisa Hamrick read the minutes from February 15, 2022, meeting. Jake Hamrick made the motion to approve the minutes as read. Keith Long seconded. All were in favor, the motion carried.  
Lisa Hamrick read the Treasurer's Report. Luke Malensek made the motion to approve the minutes as read. Jake Hamrick seconded. All were in favor, the motion carried.  
Mayor Dale Ball gave an update on the Flatwoods Volunteer Fire Department Burn Building and membership was growing.  
Lisa Hamrick read the bill list; Luke

Malensek made a motion to approve the bill list as read. Dennis Miller seconded. All were in favor, the motion carried.  
Luke Malensek made a motion to done \$1000 to the Sutton Public Library. Dennis Miller seconded. All were in favor, the motion carried.  
Dennis Miller made a motion to approve the FY2023 Municipal Budget as presented. Jake Hamrick seconded. All were in favor, the motion carried.  
Jake Hamrick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m. Dennis Miller seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

## Little Kanawha Memorial Gardens Cemetery donations for 2021

Don and Peggy Nicholas, Antoni Katiny, Larry and Rebecca Conley, Jared and Moriah Conley, Christina McCourt, Sam and Patty Christian (Robert Skinner family), Sue Gregory, Sallie Blake, McKnight Properties, Hazel Kemp, Kathelene Conrad, Vie Berry, Betty Brown/Don/Mildred/Rusty/Ginger/Sue/Jimmy, Raymond Burrough, John Gross, J.D. Singleton, Rhoda Fisher, Rosemary Ratliff, John Given, Paul and Ray Allen, Anthony Allen, John Carson, Rick Blake, James and Jessica Brown, Carolyn Williams, Judith Carson, Judy McCarthy, Rodney Hickman and Carol Fritz, Virginia Conley/Donna Lloyd, Joyce Farley/Jeanette Hallock, Donnie Ratliff, Ed Conley, Jim Morris, William Ratliff, Roberta Warner, Barry and Alma Rush, Glenn Nicholas, Ronnie Ratliff, Jason Ramsey, Cinda

Ramsey Echard, Michael Bosley/Patricia Nicholas, Clint Freshour, Dave Duffield, Kristy Osbourn, Gary and Debra Dean, William Hoover, Conrad Family, Harold Conrad, Jerry and Susie Allen, Doug Henline, George and Ruth Updike, Hilda Clutter, David and Janice Ratliff, Bobby Conrad, Virginia Parker, James and Betty Markley, Peggy Riffle, Jo Riffle, Denzil/Melvin Claypoole, Georgie and Ann McCoy, Bruce Berry, Johnnie Conrad, William Riffle, Shirley Allen, Lois Kelly, Charles Conrad, Xanna and Torie Bush, Beatrice Ferguson, Wanda Milhoon, Marcia Drake, Hazel Walton, Richard Posey, Bradley and Mary Dennison, Doris Holmes, Nelda Gibson, Mary Hobbs, Raymond Squires, Marvin Singleton, Edward Ratliff, Ray Strader, Barbara Ratliff, Erma Van Nutter, Jeremy Allen, Karen Harper,

Martha Taylor/Winke Brown, Connie Ware, Erle Johnson, Mona Ware, Loretta Murphy, Thomas Ratliff, Ray Blake, Larry Johnson/Judy Davis, Joyce Kincaid, Bertha Ratliff, Shirley (Allen) Skidmore, Wilma Cosner, Norma Nettles, Michael Blake, Marilyn Shields, Howard and Barbara Conley, Gary and Dorthea Allen, Evelyn Shafer/Elaine M. Kerr (in honor of Gilbert and Mildred McHenry), Clara Johnson, Wilda Sears, Ronnie Brown, Helen June Tomaro (Hoot and Betty Allen Family), Bill Blake, Josh Batton, Dena Mitchell, Jeffrey and Elaine Payne, Bradley Shields, Donna Stout, Fonda Teter, Shirley Lloyd, and Larry Wine.  
Thank you for all donations.  
If someone was missed, we are sorry. If you want your name in the paper let us know, 304-853-2752. Trustees

## Fair Housing and Non-Discrimination Notice

This notice is published pursuant to the requirements of 24 CFR Part 8 Nondiscrimination Based on Handicap in Federally Assisted Programs and Activities of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, as published in the Federal Register on June 2, 1988. Section 8.4 prohibits discrimination against qualified individuals because of their handicap status.  
The Town of Gassaway advises the public, employees, and job applicants that it does not discriminate on the basis of handicapped status in admission, or access to, or treatment, or employment, in its programs and activities.  
Also, the Town of Gassaway is taking steps to affirmatively further fair housing, meaning that no person shall be subjected to discrimination (because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin) in the sale, rental, or advertising of dwellings, in the provision of brokerage services, or in the availability of residential real estate-related transactions.  
All inquiries in regards to complying with these issues need to be directed to: Town of Gassaway, PO Box 147, Gassaway, WV 26624.



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The Town of Burnsville advises the public, employees, and job applicants that it does not discriminate on the basis of handicapped status in admission, or access to, or treatment, or employment, in its programs and activities.  
Also, the Town of Burnsville is taking steps to affirmatively further fair housing, meaning that no person shall be subjected to discrimination (because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin) in the sale, rental, or advertising of dwellings, in the provision of brokerage services, or in the availability of residential real estate-related transactions.  
All inquiries in regards to complying with these issues need to be directed to: Town of Burnsville, P.O. Box 305, Burnsville, WV 26335



## Why you should elect RONALD L (RON) FACEMIRE COUNTY COMMISSIONER



I am  
**Ronald L (Ron) Facemire**  
Candidate for  
**Braxton County Commission**

**If elected:**  
**I will maintain an open door policy**

- I will take the time to talk and listen to every citizen and do my best to assist when possible.
- Courtesy to all that I come in contact with.

While I may not be able to fulfill all the requests, I will constantly strive to treat everyone with respect, compassion, and understanding.

- I will work diligently to see Braxton County grow**
- I will push to bring business's into Braxton County.
  - I will work to improve the recreation at Holly Gray Park since it has been closed for two years.
  - I will work with new water projects and other infrastructure projects.
  - I will support the Fire Departments, Libraries, and the School System.

**If elected, I will work to make Braxton County a better place to live and work.**

**Your vote and support on May 10th will be greatly appreciated.**

Paid for by the Candidate, Ronald L (Ron) Facemire



## KITTY KORNER:

Thank you, Gary,  
for all you do from all  
of us at the Mountain-  
eer Food Bank.



**Gary Bettis was announced as MFB Food Banker of the week.**

For a full menu, please visit the Braxton County Senior Center Facebook Page.

More adoptable ani-

A fluffy, light-colored kitten, possibly a Siamese or similar breed, is sitting on a red surface. The kitten has large, expressive eyes and a pink tongue visible as it licks its fur. It is looking towards the right of the frame. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

**Juno:** Long-haired gray female, 7 weeks



**Benjie:** Short-haired buff male, 7 weeks



**Bruno:** Short-haired buff male, 7 weeks



**Biscuit:** Short-haired buff male, 7 weeks

The Gassaway Baptist Church for the delicious meal, Ryan and Heather Roach for the expertise.

For the calls, cards, flowers, and those who stopped by to visit and fellowship on my Birth-

day.

To ending the weekend with a wonderful delicious covered dish dinner along with cake and ice cream held after church at the Heaters United Methodist Church.

I love each and every  
one of you.



# APRIL IS NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH

**Register as an Organ Donor at**  
**[registerme.org/campaign/wv](http://registerme.org/campaign/wv)**



A Registered Heart is a  
*Happy* Heart



Lady Eagles softball team wins two, loses one last week

Following a loss to Doddridge County last week, Braxton's softball team came back to defeat Greenbrier West and Calhoun County later in the week.

In a 14-6 loss to Doddridge County Tuesday, the Eagles fell behind early in the game and failed to make the comeback.. Even in the loss, Braxton came up with 12 hits. However, Dod-

dridge also garnered 12 hits on way to victory.

Doddridge took the lead on a fielder's choice the first inning and breezed on for the win. Braxton pitcher Brooklyn Sargent lured a Calhoun batter into a fielder's choice, but two runs scored on it. The Lady Eagles came up with four runs in the fifth inning. That big inning came on a single

by Emmalee Jarvis, a fielder's choice by Savannah Bender, and a double by Chyann Martin. Doddridge scored 10 runs in the third as six of their hitters came up with RBIs.

On the mound, Sargent gave up 14 runs on 12 hits over five innings. She struck out three and walked one. Braxton's 12 hits included Lacie Wright, Jarvis, Sargent,

and Rylan Prunty with multiple hits. Jarvis and Wright each had three.

Braxton's next game was entirely different as the Eagles defeated Greenbrier West 7-1. The Braxton girls got on the scoreboard in the first inning as Jarvis, on a 2-0 count, singled to drive in a run. Sargent got the win for that game. She pitched seven innings, allowed five hits

and one run. She struck out seven and walked none.

Coach Gum's girls downed Calhoun 21-1mThursday. The first run came in as Jarvis was hit by a pitch and later scored the run. Sargent pitched. She gave up two hits and one run over four innings. Sargent struck out 3 and issued no walks.

The Lady Eagles face four opponents for seven games this week. Yesterday they were supposed to host Midland Trail, and tonight they go to Gilmer for a doubleheader. Webster is to come to Braxton Thursday for another doubleheader, and a third, this one against Ravenswood,is set for Saturday beginning at noon.



Chyanne Martin hits a double in the game against Doddridge County.



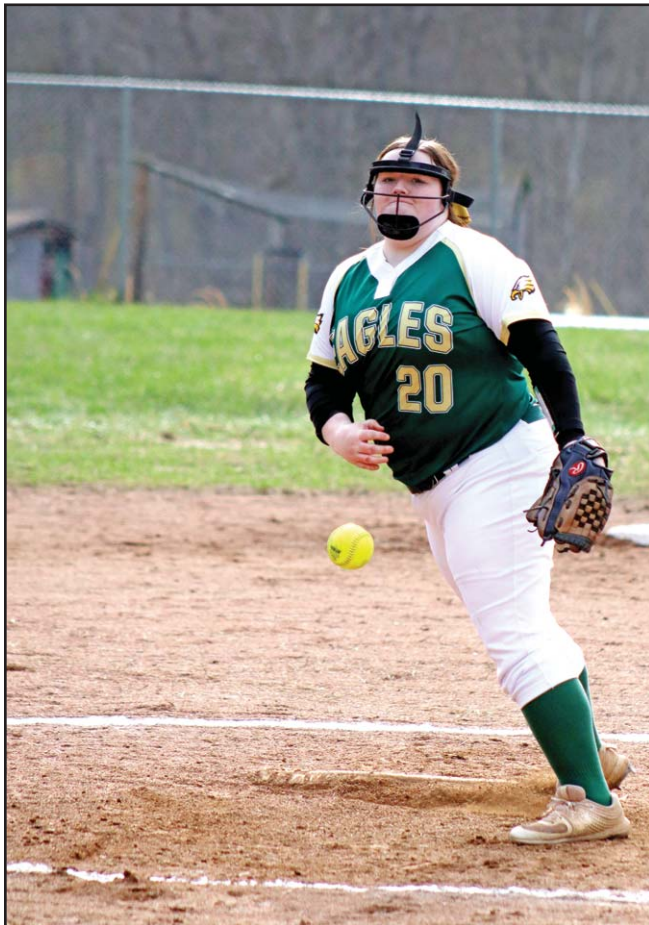
Erica Nicholson in right field prepares to catch the fly ball.



Kayleigh Mays goes hard for the ball.



Breann Baultrippe at bat for the Lady Eagles.



Brooklyn Sargent pitches for the Lady Eagles in the game against Doddridge County.



Savannah Bender in the ready position waits on the play.



Hayden Luzader up to bat for the Lady Eagles. Photos courtesy of Janet Six.



Lacie Wright catches for the Eagles in the game against Doddridge Co.



Emmalee Jarvis sets her sites on the ball ready for the play.





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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:

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
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (GENERAL FUND)</b>	<b>\$ 112,214</b>

COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUND REVENUE SOURCE	
Assigned Fund Balance	\$ 100
Coal Severance Tax	600
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (COAL SEVERANCE FUND)</b>	<b>\$700</b>

	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	-
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$112,214</b>	<b>\$700</b>

## 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

<b>Total Value &amp; Projected Revenue</b>	<b>\$9,213,829</b>		<b>\$37,057</b>
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
<b>Total Projected Property Tax Collection</b>			<b>\$34,500</b>
Less Assessor Valuation Fund		2.00%	690
(Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)			
<b>Net amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes</b>			<b>\$33,810</b>

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

## 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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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 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 AC-

CORDINGLY.  
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  
03-29 04-05- 04-12b

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE  
BRAXTON COUNTY SCHOOLS  
2022 - 23 SCHOOL CALENDAR**  
Please take notice that Braxton County Schools will hold two (2) public hearings on the 2022 - 23 School Calendar.  
Dates: April 5, 2022 April 19, 2022  
Location: Braxton County Board of Education 98 Carter Braxton Drive  
Sutton WV 26601  
Time: 6:00 p.m. 4-5 4-12b

# Dog Tales: Stories from the Braxton County Animal Shelter

Are you looking to add a four legged, tail wagging member to your family? Rescues from the Braxton County Animal Shelter are looking for their final "Furever" homes and are anxious to meet you. There is a reason we call them man's best friend. We can learn so many things from a dog's behavior, personality, demeanor, resiliency, and most importantly, the willingness to provide their family members with unconditional love, loyalty, and companionship down to their very last breath. BCAS is open Monday through Friday from 10-3. There is no charge to surrender a dog, but donations toward their care are appreciated. Adoptions are \$99.00 for male dogs and \$119.00 for female dogs, and include spay/

neuter, rabies vaccination, parvo/distemper vaccination, kennel cough vaccination, flea treatment and deworming. No dog will leave the shelter unfixed and we are very willing to work with reputable 501c3 rescues. Please call the shelter for vet pricing and ask for our adoption/rescue coordinator Megan at (304)765-2200.

This Momma girl is **Jessie**, the dalmation mix mother of our litter of puppies available at the BCAS. She's around one and half years old, loves to go on hikes, having kids to play with, going swimming, and she's super dog friendly. Jessie is a happy-go-lucky girl and would love a big family to give her love to. She walks well on a leash and is quiet in her kennel too.

About 55lbs and such a pretty girl.



If you can give Jessie or one of her puppies a loving fur-ever home, stop by the Braxton County Animal Shelter today!

## THIS WEEK IN WEST VIRGINIA HISTORY

The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia at www.wvencyclopedia.org.

March 30, 1837: The Virginia legislature granted a charter to establish a private academy at West Liberty, north of Wheeling in Ohio County. The first class of 65 students met in the home of the Rev. Nathan Shotwell in 1838. The school is now known as West Liberty State University.



March 30, 1926: Actor, singer and game show host Peter Marshall was born Ralph Pierre Lacock in Wheeling. His career includes Broadway, television and over 5,000 episodes as host of The Hollywood Squares.



March 31, 1919: Governor John Jacob Cornwell signed legislation that created the West Virginia State Police. The governor appointed Jackson Arnold, grand-nephew of Gen. Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson and former executive officer of the 1st West Virginia Infantry, as first superintendent.



April 1, 1884: Nurse Florence Aby Blanchfield was born in Shep-

herdstown. She served in the Army Nurse Corps during World War I, oversaw expansion of the corps from 1,000 to 57,000 during World War II, and became the first woman to hold a permanent commission in the regular army.

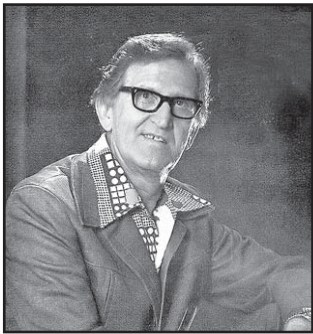
April 1, 1934: A sales tax went into effect in West Virginia for the first time. The tax of 2 percent helped fill the revenue void caused by the drop in property values during the Great Depression.

April 2, 1900: Marlinton was incorporated. The town is generally considered to be the location of the first white settlement in the Greenbrier Valley.

April 3, 1755: Frontier scout and "long hunter" Simon Kenton was born in Fauquier County, Virginia. Upon leaving home, Kenton first traveled north through present West Virginia to Pittsburgh and then explored, hunted, and trapped through much of the Ohio Valley.



April 3, 1908: Samuel Starks died in Charleston. Starks became the first African-American in the United States to serve as a state librarian when he was appointed to the position in 1901 by Governor Albert Blakeslee White.



## 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.



# SPORTS

Reporting Braxton County's sports action

- Youth
- Middle School
- High School

## Eagles score two important conference wins, lose to Fairmont Sr.

Braxton played sound games against both Doddridge and Calhoun last week to put their overall record at 6-2 and their LKC record at 5-0. Fairmont Senior handed the Eagles a loss between the two wins. With Tyler Baldwin as the pitcher, the Eagles defeated Doddridge 11-2 Tuesday. Baldwin, in a complete game, struck out 10 and allowed no earned runs. He gave up only three hits and 3 walks. Braxton's scoring began in the third with a single run. In the top of the fourth, the Eagles added four. Doddridge's runs came on an outfielder error in the fourth. Braxton's big inning came in the top of the seventh as they scored six runs.

"They actually started hitting," Coach Jamie Lemon said, and the Eagles ended the game with 14 hits overall. The Eagles' offense was led by Isaiah Mowery, Logan Baldwin, and Eli Ward. Mowery and Ward both went 2 for 3 at the plate, while Baldwin was 3 for 5. Mowery and Baldwin each drove in two runs each, and Ward accounted for one. Coach Lemon said he saw "great pitching" and the boys "hit the ball well" in that game. Braxton's coach called the 21-3 loss to Fairmont Senior "the worst game I've seen us play." Braxton pitchers struck out only two batters the whole game, and Fairmont had eight runs in the top of the

third inning alone. Kolton Kniceley, the starting pitcher, had a sound start. In the first two innings, he set Fairmont's batters down 1-2-3. Then came three errors on one play which ended with Fairmont's scoring three runs. In his time on the mound, Kniceley gave up four hits and allowed four earned runs along with four unearned runs. He struck out one. Adam Dobbins followed Kniceley. He gave up four hits along with four earned runs and walked three. Isaiah Mowery followed Dobbins, and gave up 8 hits. Fairmont scored 11 unearned runs. This part of the game saw another dropped fly ball in

right field. "We should have been out of that inning down 10-3 and could possibly have gotten some runs," Coach Lemon said, "but the error killed us." He added, "We showed no real effort, only four hits in the entire game." Logan Baldwin pitched in Braxton's 6-1 win over Calhoun Thursday. He allowed six hits and had one unearned run as he struck out seven and walked three. In that game, the Eagles' six runs came on six hits. They scored twice in the first, twice in the second, and again in the sixth---this time on Mowery's home run. Overall scoring included Mowery 2for3 with a homerun and

three RBIs, and Tyler Baldwin 3 for 4. Logan Baldwin was 1 for 4 with two RBIs. Coach Lemon said the Eagles "overall played well" and added, "Logan had a good game, especially as a freshman. He pretty much shut down the

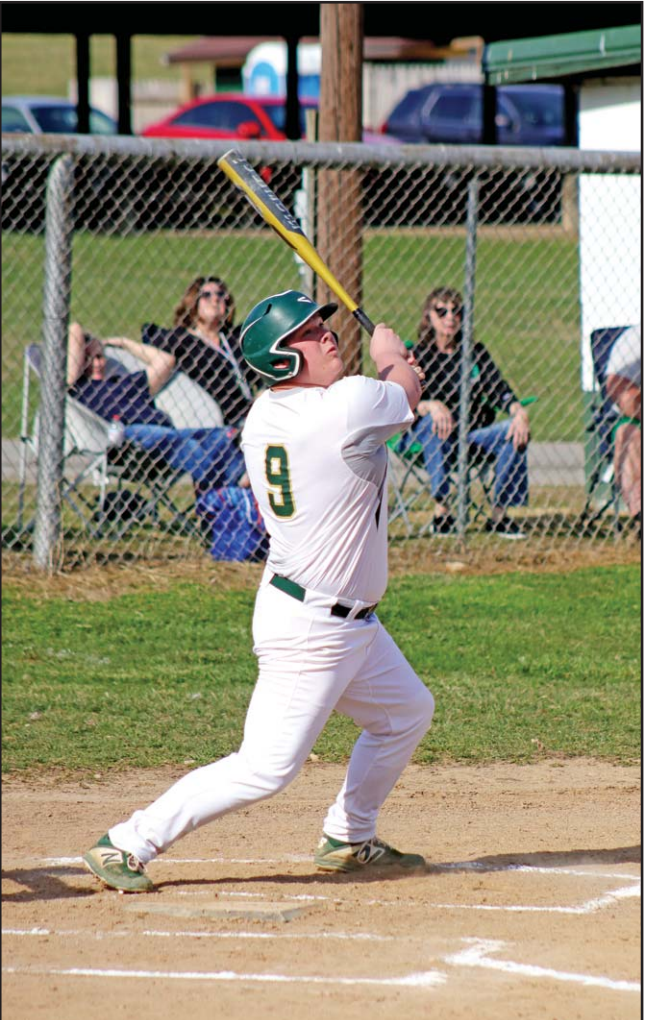
Calhoun team." This week's schedule includes a game against Nicholas Monday and Gilmer Tuesday. There may be a game against Webster Thursday. Braxton travels to Lincoln Saturday for a double-header.



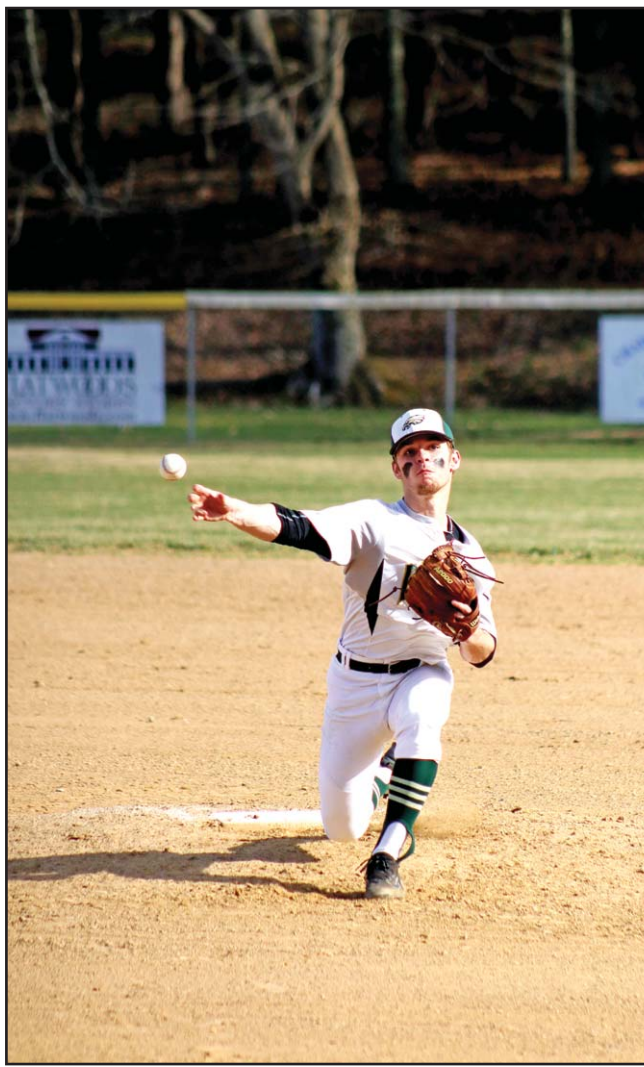
Adam Dobbins up to bat for the Eagles.



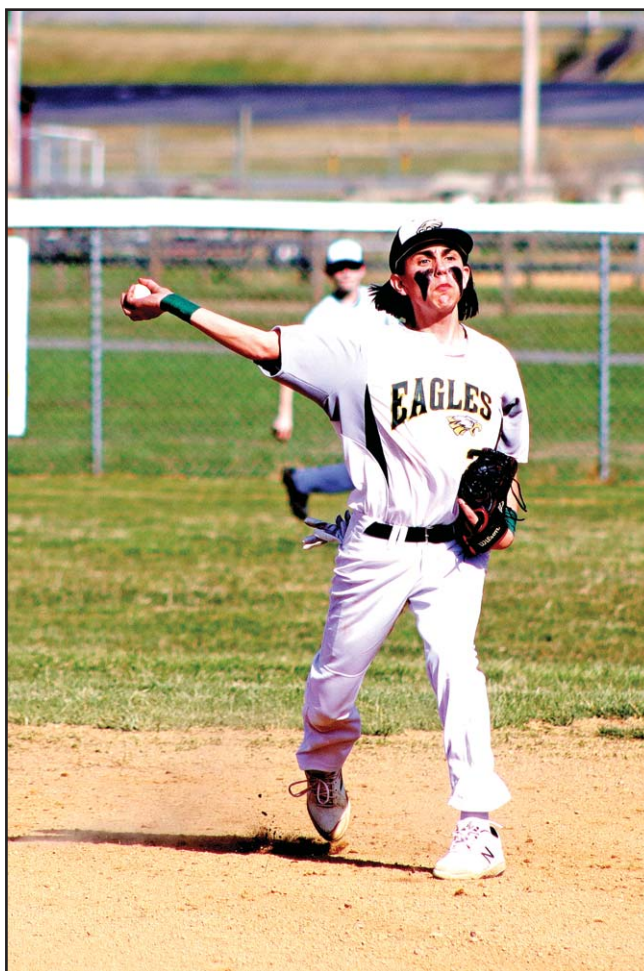
Braydon Helmick waits for the pitch from Fairmont Sr.



Isaiah Mowery knocks one to right field.



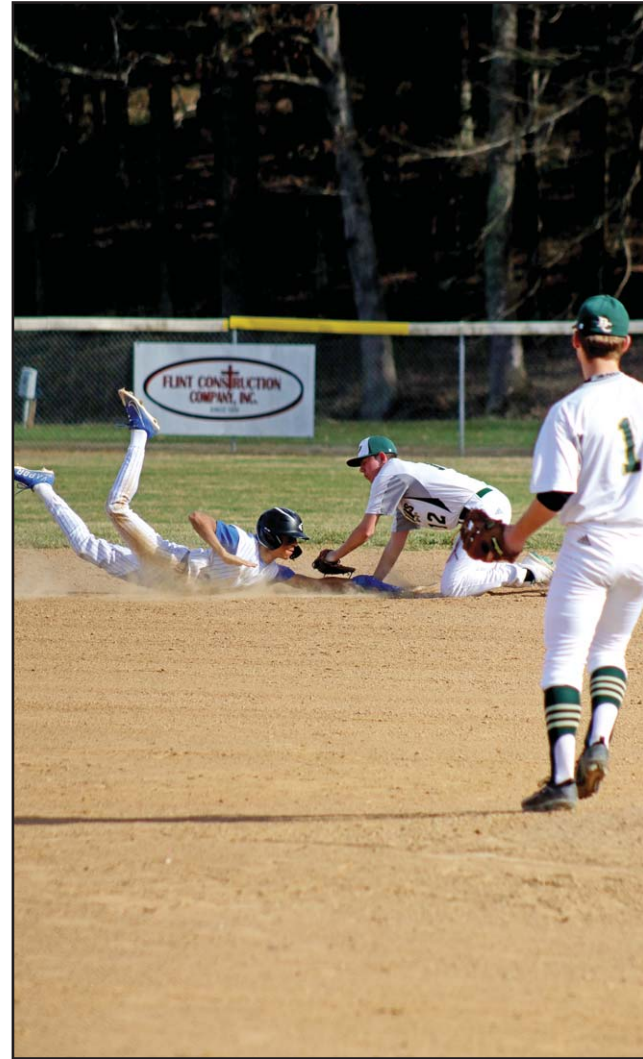
Kolton Kniceley the starting pitcher for the Eagles, had a sound start in the game against Fairmont Sr.



Logan Baldwin at short stop throws to first base for an out. Photos courtesy of Janet Six.



Eli Ward prepares for the next play.



Tyler Baldwin gets a Fairmont Sr. player out.

## Heaters 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.



Photo courtesy of the Sutton Lake, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Facebook Page.

## Sutton Lake Clean Up

The Corps of Engineers and West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection will be hosting the Lake clean up clean up at Sutton Lake Saturday, April 9, 2022.

The cleanup will begin at 9:00 A.M. and end at 11:00 A.M.

Participants will meet at the Downstream

shelter below Sutton Lake Dam.

Gloves, water, and trash bags will be provided.

Please Sign up if you are interested in participating in this event.

For more information, Call 304-765-2816 or e-mail Logan.r.white@usace.army.mil

## BCMS KNIGHTS

Sports are now featured in the

**Braxton Democrat-Central**

A stylized illustration of a knight in full armor riding a white horse. The knight is holding a sword and a shield. The horse is galloping to the right.



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 Puposes	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 foregoing 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) 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

ALL LEGAL ADS ARE DUE BY BCN DEADLINE ON THURSDAY AT 4:00 P.M.  
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MAIL: 501 MAIN STREET SUTTON, WV 26601  
ONLINE: WWW.BCN-NEWS.COM

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON**  
CASE NO. 21-0857-E-CN  
MONONGAHELA POWER COMPANY and THE POTOMAC EDISON COMPANY, public utilities  
Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Internal Modification at Coal Fired Generating Plants Necessary to Comply with Federal Environmental Regulations and Surcharge.  
AMENDED NOTICE OF FILING AND EVIDENTIARY HEARING  
On December 17, 2021, Monongahela Power Com-

pany and The Potomac Edison Company (collectively, Companies) requested that the Commission approve an environmental compliance program to meet effluent limitation guidelines (ELG) at Ft. Martin and Harrison power stations, as described in the filing, and implementation of an associated cost recovery Surcharge to recover costs. Details of the proposed project construction and proposed Surcharge can be found on the Commission's website at http://www.psc.state.wv.us.  
The ELG compliance plan is needed to comply with ELG rules issued by the United States Environmental Protec-

tion Agency and involve water treatment for bottom ash and flue gas desulfurization processes. The proposed plan is needed for those power plants to operate beyond 2028. The incremental revenue increase due to the Surcharge is estimated to be initially \$6,545,986 in 2024 when the Surcharge begins and is expected to total \$26,154,891 by 2026 when all the installations are complete. The Surcharge is proposed to be reviewed annually by the Commission beginning September 2024. The Surcharge estimated rates for 2024-2026 by rate schedule are shown below:

		Table			
Rate Schedule	Class	2024 ELG Surcharge	2025 ELG Surcharge	2026 ELK	
		\$/kW-kVA	\$/kW-kVA	\$/kW-kVA	\$/kW
A&R	Residential		\$0.00051	\$0.00149	\$0.00204
B&G	General Svc		\$0.00052	\$0.00151	\$0.00209
C&E	General Svc	\$0.16	\$0.45	\$0.63	
CSH	Church & School		\$0.00064	\$0.00186	\$0.00258
D, PH & AGS	Large General Svc	\$0.19	\$0.54	\$0.75	
K & pp	Large Power Svc	\$0.111	\$0.313	\$0.427	
Street Lighting	St Lighting	\$0.00021	\$0.00059	\$0.00081	

The average monthly bill impact for the various classes of customers is proposed to be changed as follows:

Total Rate Increase with Proposed Surcharge		Average Increase Per Customer 2024	Average Increase Per Customer 2025	Average Increase Per Customer 2026
Residential		\$0.51	\$1.49	\$2.04
Commercial		\$1.63	\$4.64	\$6.36
Industrial		\$690.60	\$1977.02	\$2735.08
Streetlighting		\$0.47	\$1.32	\$1.82
Change 2024				
Residential		0.5%	1.4%	2.0%
Commercial		0.5%	1.4%	1.9%
Industrial		0.4%	1.2%	1.7%
Streetlighting		0.1%	0.3%	0.4%
Total Company		0.5%	1.3%	1.9%
Average				

This matter is scheduled for an evidentiary hearing on August 10, 2022. The hearing was previously scheduled for June 1, 2022. The hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room at the Public Service Commission Building, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia. Anyone desiring to intervene should file a written petition to intervene no later than July 5, 2022. All petitions to intervene should briefly state the reason for the request to intervene and comply with the rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. The Commission will receive public comments until the beginning of the hearing. All written comments and petitions to intervene should state the case name and number and be addressed to Karen Buckley, Acting Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323. Public Comments may also be filed online at http://www.psc.state.wv.us/scripts/onlinecomments/default.cfm by clicking the "Formal Case" link.  
MONONGAHELA POWER COMPANY and THE POTOMAC EDISON COMPANY 04-05b

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		General Fund	Coal Severance Tax Fund
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES			
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
County Commission		\$ 229,088	\$
County Clerk		280,485	
Ci rcuit 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 25thDAY OF MARCH 2022.  
Sue Ann Rutherford  
Original Signed 03-29 04-05



From The

**BRAXTON**

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**BURNSVILLE TRAILER PARK:** Trailer lots for rent only, NO trailers for rent! Background check required. Trash & sewer included. Absolutely NO pets! Call (304)853-9103 today. tf

**FOR RENT:** Single family 2 BR mobile home in Frametown. Nonsmoking unit. Absolutely no pets, firm. \$600 per month & \$650 security deposit, plus utilities. References required. No illegal activities. Now taking applications. Dalmatian Trailer Park & Properties, LLC. 304-765-50711. 3-22 4-12b



**HELP WANTED**

**HELP WANTED:** Dock Hand. Assist with dock maintenance, boat rentals, cleaning, weed-eating, etc. Staff shirt provided, employee discounts, great atmosphere! Must be at least 17 years old and available on weekends and holidays. Students encouraged to apply. Call 304-765-5433. 03-29 04-05b




**???? MISC.**

**NO TRESPASSING** on our property on Road Run in Sutton, West Virginia. Michael A. Westfall (Tony) and John Henry Westfall, JR. (Tarzen). Legal action will be taken for trespassers without written consent by owner. 3-29 4-19p

**YARD SALE:** Multi Family Yard Sale April 7,8,9 from 9-5. Servia Exit 46, turn right, ½ mile blue house on left. 04-05p

**SPRING YARD SALE:** Saturday, April 9th at the Flatwoods Community Building. Name brand clothes—all sizes, towels, sheets, comforters, kitchen ware, nick nacks, home décor, toys, shoes, purses, baskets, bunnies and more. Please come.



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# SPORTS

Reporting Braxton County's sports action

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## Eagles compete in track meet at Tyler Consolidated

The BCHS track team competed Friday in what Coach Ralph Lloyd termed “not the best conditions for having a meet.” The coach mentioned “snow, ice balls, and fierce wind.” He continued to talk about his team, saying that his athletes “get better and better..” Here the coach emphasized, “We only get better when we have great competition on the track.”

At Tyler Consolidated, 10 of Braxton’s girls placed. Once again, Laura Cain led the girls’ team, this time with three finishes within the top 10.

Braxton’s next meet is at Nicholas Wednesday. Friday they travel to St. Marys.

Braxton's individual results at the Tyler Consolidated Meet:			
Event	Athlete	Time/Distance	Place
400 m. dash	Bethany Payne	1:06	4th
800 m. run	Laura Cain	2:51	5th
1600 m. run	Laura Cain	6:06	4th
3200 m. run	Laura Cain	12:48	2nd
	Heidi Payne	14:13	6th
100 m.hurdles	Nicole Bramble	20.43	6th
4X 100 relay	Lindsay Tetrick		
	Alisa Louk		
	Kasey Armentrout		
	Anna Wyne	14:06	5th



Nichole Bramble on the hurdles for the Lady Eagles.



Laura Cain on long jump for the Lady Eagles.



Russell Bramble on 100 M for the Eagles.



Zoey McQuain coming up to steal the ball.

## Braxton County Soccer Club U12 Maniacs play first game of 2022 Season

Saturday the 2nd 1:00 P.M. to play a team from Nicholas County. The nerves were strong when they ventured into the unknown and started wondering if they're ready or not.



Jack Hughes getting ready to make a cross to Liam Harman.

Once on the field, the game came to action and the Maniacs played as they have been trained to do.

It was a tight game throughout, and the ending score was 5-5.

The team tied for their first game of the season and coaches Lindsey Casto and Libby McQuain congratulated the players and are now prepping them for the next game that will be against Webster Co.



Blake Pritt heading in to take a shot.



The Maniacs trying to recover the ball.

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