

Lake Lane Crash Fatal for Braxton Woman

A Braxton County woman was fatally injured in a single vehicle accident in the early morning hours of Tuesday, April 5. According to Trooper C.D. Harper of the Sutton Detachment of the West Virginia State Police, Chrystal R. Burns, 39, of Heaters wrecked her 2007 Toyota 4-Runner in the Lake Lane area of northern Braxton County causing fatal injuries to herself and seriously injuring a passenger. Trooper Harper was called to the scene early Tuesday morning when the passenger, who suffered serious injuries, managed to alert help. According to reports, Burns picked up David

W. Wimer of Gassaway at a residence in the Pickles Fork area of Heaters around 11:00 P.M. on April 4. The pair went riding in the rural countryside. According to Trooper Harper's investigation, Burns was in a pasture field prior to climbing and embankment where the vehicle rolled several times coming to rest at the bottom of a steep embankment. Burns was ejected from the wreckage and was later pronounced dead at the scene. Wimer suffered severe trauma to his legs and feet. Wimer told Troopers he was not sure what time the accident occurred or how long he may have

been unconscious. It took the injured man until about 7:00 a.m. to crawl to the top of the hill to summon assistance. Wimer was transported by HealthNet Air Ambulance to a northern West Virginia trauma center for treatment. No additional information regarding his condition was available at press-time. The Flatwoods Community Fire Department, Braxton EMS and the Sutton Volunteer Fire Department all responded to the scene. Burns' body was sent to the West Virginia Medical Examiners' office for an autopsy. Trooper Harper's investigation is continuing.

Exchange Youth One of Two West Virginians Selected For U.S Space Camp

Space Camp is the stuff of childhood legend, and two West Virginia students will have the opportunity to attend this summer thanks to a new scholarship. It's an opportunity 12-year-old scholarship recipient Xander Dennison of Exchange, WV has been looking forward to. The program, hosted at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama gives more than 40,000 students a year, from around the world, unique opportunities to explore science and engineering hands-on. But when rocket center board member, and West Virginia native, Homer Hickam looked around, he noticed something was missing from the camp. "I was very disappointed to see that there were very, very few West Virginia students taking advantage of Space Camp," Hickam said. "I saw less than 100 West Virginia students coming to space camp this past summer." Hickam is best known for his first memoir, "The Rocket Boys," and its subsequent film adaptation "October Sky." As a once-burgeoning rocket engineer from the coal fields of southern West Virginia, he has a unique understanding of the opportunity Space Camp represents to students in the state. "If there had been a Space Camp, and I would have been able to attend it, I can't even even imagine how wonderful that would have been," Hickam said. "Space Camp is a great opportunity not only for the education that you get, but for the people that you meet. It really broadens the horizons of students meeting their peers from around the country and around the world."

Given how close West Virginia is to Huntsville relative to the rest of the country, Hickam was distressed so few

students were taking advantage of the program. With the release of his latest memoir titled "Don't Blow Yourself Up" this past fall, Hickam saw an opportunity to remedy the issue. He partnered for a reading tour with the West Virginia-based and family-owned Adams Hallmark chain of stores. Using proceeds from the sales of the book in Adams Hallmark's seven locations, Hickam and the Adams family set up a scholarship to send West Virginia students to Space Camp. It's a project that Andrea Underwood says perfectly honors the legacy of her father and company founder Mike Adams who passed away in October. "Dad was a coal camp kid," she said. "Dad would be just excited that his legacy is letting other kids who are from West Virginia have this opportunity to expand their horizons and, and go see new things and do things that he never had the opportunity to do." "I'm wanting to go because I've always had an interest in aviation and aerospace ever since I was maybe three and I've tried to keep that dream ever since and this just made that dream even better," he said. Dennison is one of two recipients of the inaugural scholarship, the first exclusively to help West Virginia students

attend Space Camp. "I was reading it, and I saw that it said I gotten the scholarship and honestly I kind of danced because I was always happy and surprised," he said. Dennison's mother, Amber, said the \$1500 scholarship to cover the camp's cost will make a big difference. "It's so hard to give him the opportunities because we just don't have a lot of that stuff around and then the cost that you know accumulates," she said. "So not having to have that stress of worrying about the camp now we can focus on getting him there letting him enjoy camp to his fullest potential." As far as summer camps go, Space Camp is one of the most exciting and coveted experiences. But Hickam hopes it encourages young West Virginians to join the ranks of mountaineers that came before them in the field of aerospace. "West Virginia has a long history of folks from the Mountain State working in the aerospace industry, not only me, but folks like Chuck Yeager," he said. "The first CEO of Space Camp was Ed Buckbee, who was a Shepherdstown, West Virginia native." Hickam and the Adams family hope this scholarship inspires another generation of Mountaineers to reach for the stars.



Circuit Court Holds Hearings

The Honorable Richard A. Facemire recently completed several court orders in the Braxton County Circuit Court. Braxton County Prosecuting Attorney Jasmine R.H. Morton represented the state during the court proceedings. Tyler Morlan and Mike Haley from the Braxton County Probation Office were present for some of the hearings. On March 24, Stephen Eugene Cutlip appeared in court with his attorney David Karickhoff for a plea hearing. Both parties announced to the court a plea agreement had been reached. Cutlip entered a guilty plea to the felony offense of burglary. The state agreed to stand silent at the sentencing hearing and to dismiss other charges in the indictment. Tanya Marie Conrad and her attorney Jonathan Fittro came before Judge Facemire for a plea hearing. A plea agreement had been reached between the state and the defendant. She entered a guilty plea to the felony charge of possession of fentanyl with intent to deliver. The state agreed to dismiss other charges and to remain silent at sentencing. Judge Facemire accepted both plea agreements and set the sentencing hearings for May 5.

Braxton Magistrate Report

Magistrate Beth Smith
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, littering, dismissed per plea, 31 days of

On March 16, Betsy Lynn Cogar and attorney David Karickhoff appeared in for her arraignment. The defendant entered a not guilty plea to the felony offenses of possession of methamphetamine with intent to deliver, possession of fentanyl with intent to deliver, and conspiracy. Jury trial has been set for May 11. Samuel Lee Donaldson, Jr. and his attorney Kevin Hughart came to court for his sentencing hearing. The defendant addressed the court and explained he did not want his attorney to speak as he did not believe his attorney would advocate for his best interest. He went on to say "everyone was trying to make him look bad." The state recommended the sentence to run concurrent with any he is currently serving. The court found Donaldson in need of correctional treatment in a correctional setting based on his likelihood to re-offend, the deliberate nature of the offense, his anti-social attitude, prior criminal history, sporadic employment history, and the violent nature of this offense. On the felony count of strangulation, he was sentenced to one to five years in prison and it was ordered the sentence run consecutively to the one he is

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 register as sex offender

currently serving. On February 15, Dennis Moyer Samples appeared before Judge Facemire with his attorney David Karickhoff for a jury trial. Once the jury selection was complete, witnesses for the state presented evidence to the court. The defense requested a direct verdict by the court as the state had failed to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. The court denied the motion. Samples then testified on his own behalf. The jury then heard the closing arguments from both the state and the defense. The jury returned a guilty verdict on the felony offense of wanton endangerment with a firearm. Sentencing has been set for April 7. On February 14, Kyra Candice Clark and her attorney David Karickhoff appeared in court for a probation revocation hearing. The state was represented by Special Prosecuting Attorney Jim E. Samples. After hearing evidence and testimony of witnesses, the court found the defendant in violation of the terms and conditions of her probation. The court also denied a motion to have Clark readmitted to probation. She was sentenced to one to ten years in the state penitentiary for the felony offense of receiving and transferring a stolen vehicle.

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**
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.

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

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

adapted into a stage production, is a Disney stage musical with music by Alan Menken, lyrics by Howard Ashman and Tim Rice, and a book by Linda Woolverton. Once upon a time, a selfish, mean, and arrogant young prince, and all of his castle's servants, are cursed by a wicked sorceress, who turns the

prince into an ugly beast until he learns to love and be loved in return. The beastly prince meets Belle, a village girl, who attempts to change the prince's behavior. You'll have to make reservations

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Legislative Update

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 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

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.

Theatre...

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to see the show and learn what happens next!

The Landmark Studio production of Disney’s Beauty and the Beast is directed by Becky Conrad, produced by Tim Hoover, with Technical Director/Choreographer Jamie Jarvis, and Musical Director Lydia Gibson.

An enthusiastic great number of young aspiring actors took part in the auditions, both live and virtually, held March 18 & 19, 2022. Volunteers are always needed for the Landmark’s network of support. One may meet the cast members as they are featured on the Landmark Studio’s Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Landmarkstudioforthearts>

The Landmark Studio for the Arts is housed in a building that was formerly an Episcopal Church. The building was purchased in the 1980s by Bill Hoppen

and Olga Gioulis, and they donated the building to “provide a venue for art and cultural events in Sutton that can be enjoyed by all citizens of the county and surrounding areas.” At first, performances took place around the pulpit, until the stage was built. The 1880s building still has much of the original woodwork and beautiful stained-glass windows.

The Landmark Studio for the Arts is managed by an all-volunteer Board of Directors, and the majority of productions are presented by volunteer artistic directors, actors, and a network of supportive service volunteers. The Landmark Studio for the Arts’ stage productions are expensive to produce, the rights and materials usually costing thousands of dollars. Now, more than ever, the Landmark needs your generous support so that these performances can be brought to the stage. In addition to monetary donations, we

need volunteers to assist in the productions, build sets, etc. Donations and volunteers are crucial to the survival of the organization. The support of the businesses and citizens of our community is what keeps the Landmark alive.

The Landmark Studio for the Arts is located at 4th and Main Streets in Sutton. Donations can be mailed to PO BOX 74, Sutton, WV 26601-0074, online at www.landmarkstudio.org or at the donation box inside the Landmark. Call 304-644-7122 for information on upcoming events and reservations. Like our page at <https://www.facebook.com/Landmarkstudioforthearts/>

Performances of Disney’s Beauty and the Beast will be staged on April 28, 29, and 30, 2022; and on May 5 & 6, 2022, at 8 p. m. Doors will open at 7:30 p. m.

Tickets may be purchased online at www.landmarksutton.com



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

Town of Flatwoods Council holds 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.

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



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I will maintain an open door policy

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- 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
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Obituaries

Thomas C. (Tom) Martzall

Thomas C. (Tom) Martzall, 68, of Gassaway, passed to 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

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 Parkers-

burg 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.

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 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 (oldest 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.

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.

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.

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

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.

Jacob Aster Williams

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

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

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

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

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

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.doddreedfh.com.

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

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 proceeded 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.

Dodd & Reed Funeral Home is honored to be serving David's family.



Out Like A Lion



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

By Jeanette Riffle

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.

On the Other Side of the Mountain

By Verena Sava

Some weather observations of the old-timers, like Lanty and Mae, are still valid. We had a warm March, making its entrance like a lamb and the last few days resembled very much a lion, snow and temperatures in the low twenties.

"March grass don't last", was another wisdom gained by carefully studying weather patterns over many years. Now we will see if we get the much predicted Easter snows. By the way the juncos have not left for their migration North yet!

I was reminded that I left out some crucial information on goat health last week. One very important factor is that the feeding troughs and the water buckets of the animals have to be kept clean. The goats or sheep should not be able to walk into a hay feeder. The hay will be soiled, pooped on and become a source of infections. The water bucket is not to be shared with chickens and geese. Again, Jim Kirk pointed out how important cleanliness is. At least for me I concentrate on it mostly in the barn.

Somebody else mentioned the consequences of the Meningeal worm, also known by deer worm or brain worm, which is caused by a parasite. If you have white-tail deer on your property there is a great chance for goats, sheep, llamas and alpacas to get infected by it, mostly in late summer and throughout fall. White-tail deer shed the parasite in their droppings. The parasite then seeks its next host, a snail or a slug.

When one of the grazing species mentioned before ingests the snail or slug residing on top of the grass blades, it gets infested with the meningeal worm which will travel around in the new host's body, eventually reaching the spinal cord or the brain. The symptoms can appear from a short time to up to 3 months after contact with the parasite. It is important to always observe your animals for any changes, and in the case of deer worm, watch for slight disorientation, but mostly for a slight dragging of one or both of the hind feet. Don't waste any time, even the slightest impairment of movement of the back legs calls for immediate action. We use Safeguard 5 times the recommended amount per body weight, 3 days

AA - Recovery Meetings

AA – Recovery Meetings will be held on Tuesdays, 7pm at Spruce Grove Church, 44 Spruce



Bunch of daffodils.

in a row. The dragging of the hind legs indicates that damage has been done to the spinal cord and if we let it progress till the animal can't raise anymore, it is usually too late to save it. We have, over the years, only lost one doe to deer worm, could always save all the other ones, most of them recovered and had shown no lasting impact on their mobility.

Some vets recommend using Ivermectin to prevent the parasite from doing damage. Once the animal displays symptoms, Ivermectin does not help, since it does not cross the blood-brain barrier. Ivermectin can be used as a preventive medication, but the drawback is that if we use a dewormer on a regular basis, other parasites become resistant to it and we face another problem. At this point I want to mention that if we humans use Ivermectin, it will kill worms, lice and fleas, but it has no impact on Covid infections. The newest research is available in the New England Journal of Medicine. Sometimes I wish there was an animal dewormer that would help us expel all our individual craziness, our greed and hate, but it would have to be especially powerful!

Never feed moldy hay or wet and moldy grain to goats and sheep. The mold contains toxins that damage the rumen and lead to listeriosis. The symptoms are circling in one direction, excessive salivation, red tissue around the eyes, sometimes a high fever and paralysis in affected areas.

First of all, don't feed moldy hay, but if your animals have symptoms of listeriosis, treat them immediately with injections of vitamin B1. You need a concentration of 100mg per cc. A goat or sheep weighing around 100 lbs. need to get 5 cc of injectable B1 every 3 hours, for a total of 5 doses. It has to be Vitamin B1 (Thiamine), other B-vitamins don't

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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 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 shel-

ter 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

work. Early cases usually respond within 8 hours. An animal that still has symptoms after 3 days, will usually not fully recover. I read that some vets administer Safeguard (wormer) in conjunction with B1 because the unsteady gait of the animal without any other indications could be deer worm or listeriosis. B1 is crucial to goat health and if the rumen is damaged in any way (other causes than moldy feed), the animal shows signs of great discomfort. Both deer worm and listeriosis are fatal if not treated.

Back to gardening. I wrote about starting bedding plants indoors a ew weeks ago. These tender seedlings should be at the stage of developing their first true leaves. Warmer temperatures tempt us to set them out in the garden, but there is one more extra step before we can do that, it is called hardening-off. These plants have never been exposed to direct sunlight or windy conditions, they are tender and spoiled. On a warm day we can put them outside on a bench, protected from direct sunlight and harsh winds for the first two or three days. If they look sturdy, the next step is to get them exposed to the elements, full sun and wind. I usually set out the brassicas around the third week of April if there are not severe frost warnings predicted.

Brassicas are heavy feeders. After planting them in the soil, I sprinkle 1 tablespoon of blood-meal around the plant, avoiding contact with the stem (2" away).

Seedlings that are meant to be set out in the hoop-house don't need any hardening-off process like the one I described above. They can be directly planted inside the hoop house. The plastic cover of the hoop-house mimics the same conditions where they have been raised indoors. Right now, we are still expecting fairly cold temperatures, too risky to put pepper or tomato plants in the hoop-house. As soon as we will have more stable warmth, I will plant them there, being ready to throw a blanket or tarp over them, should the weather gods want to challenge my over-zealous planting schedule.

All winter long and now going into spring, it would have been hard to predict any weather pattern. It was like riding a roller coaster, from warm to cold, hot to freezing, in short intervals. The culprit is climate change affecting the jet stream that fluctuates constantly, some days keeping up north, then swinging south drawing cold arctic air with it. If I think of my beloved old-timers, Lanty, Mazel, Mae, Mrs. Carter, Roscoe, Goldie, Bessie, Ellis and Edwin, I see them clearly in my mind and I know they were so resourceful, they could deal with any unexpected situation weather related or not.

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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

	General Fund	Coal Severance Fund
<u>ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES</u>		
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	<u>5,000</u>	<u>-</u>
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	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

Town of Gassaway 90 Day Cleanup

The Town of Gassaway will be mandating a 90-day cleanup of our community during March, April, and May 2022. All property owners, including property owners of rental properties, are expected to cooperate with this manner in order to fulfill the regulations and requirements in our ordinances.

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

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

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Judy's Garden Club Highlights Local Business and BCHS Greenhouse

A special National Garden Club (NGC) event will be held at the Greenbrier in early May 2023. Garden Club members from across the United States will enjoy being hosted by the National Garden Club and West Virginia Garden clubs. Brenda Moore, WVGC member, will be installed as the President of National Garden Clubs during the convention, which is the reason for choosing WV as the convention location. The desire to highlight WV products and experiences during this national convention led to Brenda Moore's request to feature Fiesta bowls as part of the table centerpieces during one of the luncheons. Pat McPherson, President of Judy's Garden Club, Appalachian District, contacted Jeannie Bragg, manager at the Everything Fiesta Store in Flatwoods WV. Following an official written email request from Moore, arrangements were made to have 60 XL bowls available as a charitable donation for the NGC Convention. The bowls have been gathered and will be delivered by JGC members to Moore at the WVGC Conference in April in plenty of time.

Burnsville Spring Clean Up

The Town of Burnsville will host their Annual Spring Clean Up on April 11th through 14th. This service is for Town of Burnsville residents only. Debris will be picked up curbside daily.

For those wishing to haul their own, dumpsters will be located at the Left Fork Recreational area of the Burnsville



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



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

for them to be transformed into amazing centerpieces. West Virginia Garden Clubs are very appreciative for the generosity of the Fiesta management to provide the bowls promoting one of the many beautiful WV products that will be on display during the 2023 NGC

Dam with an attendance on duty between the hours of 7:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at which time the gate will be closed.

Residential debris only. No business's. Items not accepted are gas/ propane tanks, hazardous waste, paint, chemicals, motor oil or tires.

Conference.

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

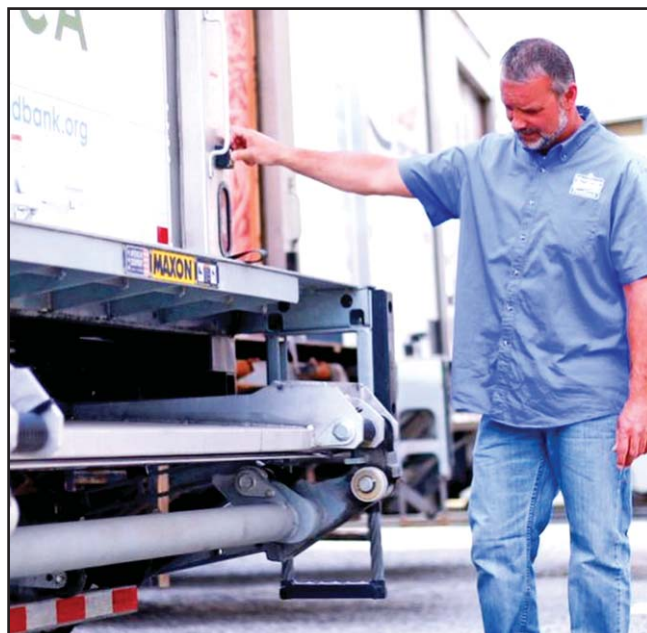
Meet a MFB Food Banker

This week the Mountaineer Food Bank is highlighting one of our drivers, Gary Bettis.

Gary has been employed with Mountaineer Food Bank for over two years. The atmosphere and the people Mountaineer Food Bank serve drives him to work for the food bank.

Gary is a Veteran of the United States Army and enjoys hunting and ATV riding. Gary is also the father of two daughters and enjoys family cookouts and spending time with loved ones.

Thank you, Gary,
for all you do from all of
us at the Mountaineer
Food Bank.



Gary Bettis, truck driver for The Mountaineer Food Bank.

Stories from the Braxton County Animal Shelter

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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 little doll is **Jun**o, she came to the Braxton County Animal Shelter as a stray and she's a little older by the looks of her teeth so we're guessing about seven to eight years old. She was brought in after she got into chasing some chickens so Juno

would need a home without chickens. Juno is still playful and friendly as can be with other dogs, walks great on a leash and is quiet in her kennel. She's curious and never stops sniffing around unless you've got a treat handy because she is super treat motivated. This Tiny girl weighs around fifteen pounds. If you would like to meet her stop by during business hours or give us a call to set up a meet and greet today!

The Braxton County Animal Shelter is in need of bleach donations. To keep our shelter clean and our pups healthy, we sanitize our kennels with bleach and use it quite often. Please visit the link to the BCAS Amazon wishlist if you would like to donate. Thank you for your continued support of our shelter pals!

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