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Braxton County

8<sup>th</sup> Grade

How does my county commission make life better for me?

My county commission makes my life better because they support community services. The Braxton County Commission supports our local county park. I have three important reasons why Holly Gray Park holds a special place in my heart.

First, the Braxton County Fair is held at Holly Gray Park. I have attended the Braxton County Fair since I was six weeks old. For 14 years, I have made a lot of memories and friends that I will remember the rest of my life. Without the funding from the county commission, the Braxton County Fair would have a hard time paying their bills.

Second, I have run cross country for the past two years. Holly Gray Park allows us to practice there every day. With a great park to practice at, it gives the team a great chance to compete at cross country meets. Myself and one girl from our Braxton County Middle School team, placed first team all-conference this year. Also, this year Braxton County got to hold their first cross country meet at Holly Gray Park. It was awesome! Our families got to come and watch us race without traveling a long distance. Without the funding from the county commission, Holly Gray Park could not remain open.

Third, I belong to 4-H. A lot of 4-H events are held at Holly Gray Park. 4-H camp is held there each year for one week. Plus, the kids get to show their animals and exhibits during the Braxton County Fair. Kids get to sale livestock at the Fair too.

Other services that my county commission supports are; the fire departments, 911 and EMS centers, county airport, Sutton pool and libraries. The volunteer fire fighters have a huge



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responsibility. My neighbor lost their home and everything, including their pets. But the most important thing was, no one lost their life. I would like to be a volunteer firefighter when I get older. The EMS does a great job treating people and getting them the help they need. Several times my family had to call 911 to come and take my Grandpa to the hospital. The Sutton Pool is a great place to go in the summer. I've been to several birthday parties at the pool plus my Mom had my 6<sup>th</sup> birthday party there. We have 3 libraries in Braxton County. Some of the schools depend on these libraries to take the kids to during school. I went to Burnsville Elementary and we didn't have a big library in our school till I was in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. I enjoyed going to the Burnsville Library every week to pick out a new book to read.

I thank our Braxton County Commissioners for supporting several community services here in Braxton County that makes life better for me!