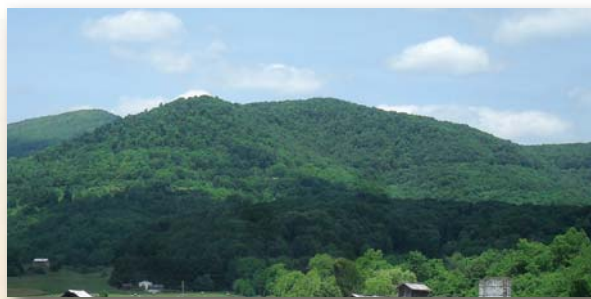




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Providing a forever 'home among the hills'

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

When Mike O'Brien, of Marlinton, met his wife, Vonnie, in the 1970s, he was introduced to the world of draft horses. Vonnie's dad, "Doc" Myers, who owned a pharmacy in Marlinton, had a herd of draft horses on his farm at the edge of town. O'Brien wasn't prepared the first time he was on the farm and Myers had him help lead a horse to a field.

"I asked for the lead, and he had a piece of baler twine, and he said, 'wrap that around him, he won't know the difference,'" Mike recalled, laughing. "I've got tennis shoes on. It's a dirt road and I'm going down this road with this big clogging thing behind me, using a piece of baler twine. I said, 'this is nuts.'"

It was a strange introduction to the horse business, but it didn't deter Mike. When Myers passed away, Mike and Vonnie inherited the farm and seven draft



THREE YEARS AGO, Mike O'Brien, of Marlinton, took in five rescued draft horses through the Gentle Giants Draft Horse Rescue in Mt. Airy, Maryland. Above, Mike receives a greeting from Waldo, who lost his right eye to cancer. The shy Nemo enjoys time alone in the background. S. Stewart photo

horses, which they cared for as the horses aged.

"I believe all but one got hit by lightning, but most of them lived to thirty-five," O'Brien said. "I got down to one horse and he's still up there. I call him Knucklehead, but his name is Fire-

cracker. He was born on the fourth of July, and he's thirty-two."

Not wanting Knucklehead to be alone, Mike went to Vonnie and said it was time to get some more horses. He did some research online and found an organization called

Gentle Giants Draft Horse Rescue in Mt. Airy, Maryland. The couple made a trip to Maryland and went through the long adoption process to bring home several rescue horses.

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We three queens



THE MISS POCAHONTAS Pageant was held Sunday at Pocahontas County High School. The winners are: Little Miss Pocahontas 2022 – Elizabeth Sharp, daughter of Josh and Amber Sharp, of Marlinton. Miss Teen Pocahontas 2022 and Most Photogenic – Berkley Buzzard, daughter of Matt and Jennifer Buzzard, of Marlinton. Miss Pocahontas 2022 – Emma Riffe, daughter of Allen and Melissa Sisler, of Bar-

A new school for 'Yew'

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

Despite being such a rural area, Pocahontas County has a variety of ways to earn an education – five public schools, private school, homeschool, and since the COVID-19 pandemic, virtual learning. Now, there is another option, The Yew School at the Yew Mountain Center in Hillsboro.

Yew Mountain Center director Erica Marks and educator Zack Drennen have developed a private school for middle school students with a curriculum focused on experiential learning, utilizing the outdoors.

"The idea of the school is that it is experiential learning," Marks said. "You get kids outdoors as much as possible. The middle school ages are a really important time in a person's development, and they are capable of doing so much – physically and mentally. I know that some students really learn best by doing."

"By getting them out here in the woods – we have five

hundred acres here – and that makes a really excellent classroom, with a pond and the creeks, the forest and the open spaces," she continued. "I think that there's a lot that we can do to engage them in a different way."

The Yew School will be organized similarly to the old-fashioned one-room school, with grades sixth through eighth in the same classroom, learning together.

"We envision this being a small school and having mixed age groupings," Marks said. "Kind of reminiscent of the one-room schoolhouse model where you end up with older students having more leadership roles with the younger students, and everybody plugging in where they're able."

Marks has wanted to open a school for decades. As a child of two teachers and in product of public schools, Marks is not anti-public school – she has even worked in a few – but said she has dreamed of having an alternative to public schools that involves learning in the outdoors and being more experiential for the stu-

dents.

"I've worked in public schools, but my early career and most of my teaching has been done in independent schools," she said. "It's been really interesting to see the differences and the benefits of having that agility when you're not connected to the bureaucracy you have to navigate when you're part of a larger system."

"I'm looking forward to having that independence and that freedom to just do it differently," she continued. "Part of that is being independent and part of that is having a smaller school size. I'd like it to be accessible and it's not necessarily going to be for any one kind of student other than it's the kind of student who wants to do projects based on outdoor learning."

The school is possible, in large part, due to a grant from the Walton Family Foundation through its program called Innovative Schools. Marks applied and received the grant in 2020, but had it deferred to 2022 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



OUTDOOR EDUCATION IS one of the cornerstones of the newly founded Yew School – a private school led by Yew Mountain Center director Erica Marks and educator Zack Drennen. The school is open to students in grades six through eight and combines core curriculum with time spent outdoors and experiential learning. Photo courtesy of Marlyn McClendon

Since the grant was awarded, Marks and Drennen have been working on the curriculum and finding ways to integrate hands-on and outdoor activities with the lessons that will focus on the four core subjects of math, language arts, science and social studies.

"Just thinking about what lights people up with learn-

ing is when you're doing things and when you can create a learning community that you really feel part of," Marks said. "It's not like a set of rules handed down or a culture that's been handed down, but it's something that you co-create with your peers, with your mentors, with your teachers. If you can be a part of that culture

that you're in, I think you really have a sense of ownership for your education and that's really important. It's not something you have to do, it's something you get to do."

In discussing the curriculum, Marks and Drennen use

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MTC to re-examine sign ordinance

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

The discussion at Marlinton Town Council's meeting Monday evening once again turned to the legality of signs placed on Main Street by the Men's Bible Study Group.

The signs, which were originally installed on the lot for the Christmas season, were larger than what the town's sign ordinance allows — which is 10' x 10' or smaller.

The group applied for a variance to allow the signs to remain, but the variance was voted down at the council meeting in April. The group requested to be on the May meeting agenda, but no one appeared at that meeting to discuss the issue so the dis-

cussion seemed to be over. Until Monday evening.

Although the sign issue was not on the agenda, group spokesman J.L. Clifton addressed council during the public comment portion of the agenda.

Clifton said he wanted to present a compromise for the council to consider. He explained that the larger banners were replaced with 12' x 8' banners, which were now in compliance with the ordinance and asked council to consider allowing the group to use the larger banners twice a year.

"We come into compliance with the banners and then twice a year — two seasons a year — we can use those for Christmas and Easter, for a set amount of time," Clifton said. "If it's

two weeks — whatever you all think the season is — allow us to use those because we have them."

The signs were donated to the group and Clifton said all the group wants to do is spread the message of the signs, which are religious in nature, and include the Ten Commandments.

Mayor Sam Felton said the variance was already voted on and the issue was closed, but Clifton said he was asking for a second variance for consideration.

Clifton reiterated that the new signs put in place last Sunday are in compliance and he is asking for permission to use the larger signs twice a year.

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Crime and law enforcement topics of commission meeting

Tim Walker
AMR Reporter

The Pocahontas County Commission discussed crime and law enforcement issues with County Prosecutor Terri Helmick and Sheriff Jeff Barlow at Tuesday's commission meeting.

This discussion was predicated by a number of citizens complaining at the last commission meeting about issues affecting quality-of-life in Buckeye because of late night drug activity, and the perceived lack of law enforcement response to their complaints about it.

Commission President Walt Helmick began the discussion by stating that while the Sheriff's Office leads the county's response to crime, the commission is also concerned about this situation. He said he will schedule a special session to address the issue in the near future, however at this meeting he wanted to bring the problem to the attention of the pro-

secutor and the sheriff.

Terri Helmick said that one problem is the amount of time it takes a deputy to book, present the arrestee before a Magistrate and deliver prisoners to the Regional Jail, which is 75 miles away. She said it usually involves a minimum of five hours for each arrest, and sometimes a lot more. Terri said that since January 1, there have been 40 felony arrests and 300 misdemeanor arrests in the county, and those numbers do not include numerous juvenile arrests.

Walt Helmick remarked that maybe consideration should be given to establishing a temporary or overnight holding facility in the county, since Pocahontas County is the most remote county in the state from its Regional Jail.

The situation was also explained to Sheriff Barlow, who said he will attend any special session set up to discuss these issues.

There was another matter discussed which was not on

the agenda. Commissioner John Rebinski wanted to clarify his past remarks about what would occur if the voters authorize the West Virginia Legislature to abolish the state Personal Property Tax. Rebinski said he had understood that personal property tax would be eliminated on people's vehicles as well as on commercial machinery and inventory, but he has now learned it would not affect the tax on personal vehicles, only on machinery and inventory.

The commission approved signing a contract with Farm the Sun authorizing them to act as a real estate broker to determine if any solar energy companies might be interested in leasing a county owned site at the East Fork Industrial Park. It was acknowledged that it might not be permissible for the commission to lease their land to a private company, but this contract is permissible to determine if there is interest. If

see Crime pg 10

Circuit Court

The following hearings were recently held in Pocahontas County Circuit Court before the Honorable Judges Robert E. Richard and Jennifer P. Dent:

In the case the State vs Jeremy Kincaid, 28, of Marlinton, the court, having denied a defense motion to dismiss the indictment, set the matter for a five-day trial beginning October 17. A special questionnaire will be used for prospective jurors. The clerk was instructed to draw an additional number of jurors for the August 2022 term of court. Kincaid was indicted on one count, murder in the first degree.

A final pre-trial hearing was held May 20 in the case the State vs Terri Bradshaw, 42, of Gandeeville, wherein the defendant asked for a continuance due to health problems. The court denied the motion and Bradshaw was to present the State with her evidence by May 25. The trial was on the docket for June 1. At a status hearing June 1, Bradshaw asked that Judge Robert E. Richardson be recused from the case. Richardson forwarded a letter to the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals for determination of recusal. The matter is stayed until a response is received.

Charles Lowell Brockway, Jr., 33, of Marlinton, appeared by video from the Southern Regional Jail for his extradition hearing. Brockway waived his right to the hearing and will voluntarily return to the Commonwealth of Virginia, Chesterfield County. The defendant's request for bond was denied.

In the case the State vs Carl Kidd, 40, of Bartow, the court granted a defense motion for modification of probation by removing the

defendant from drug court and placing him back on probation with the condition of home incarceration.

Probation was revoked for Bradley C. McDaniels, 44, of Marlinton, as he had three sanctions while on probation. He was remanded to the custody of the West Virginia Department of Corrections to serve his original sentence of not less than one year nor more than five years. He was given 115 days' credit for time served.

A change of plea hearing was held in the case the State vs Journey Robinson, 22, of Marlinton, wherein the defendant waived her right to a speedy trial. A pre-trial conference is set for October 20, with a two-day jury trial scheduled for November 3.

Robinson was indicted on charges of possession with intent to deliver.

Ina B. Pennington, 48, of Marlinton, received a suspended sentence and was placed on probation for three years. She was assessed court costs, but no fine was imposed.

Trent Gutshall, 25, of Monterey, Virginia, pleaded guilty to the felony offense of fleeing from a law enforcement officer with reckless indifference to the safety of other persons. The matter was referred to the probation department and sentencing and disposition is set for August 1. Gutshall remains on current bond.

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Summer safety message

West Virginia Alcohol Beverage Control Administration (WVABCA)
West Virginia Division of Natural Resource (WVDNR)
West Virginia Fire Commission,
Office of the State Fire Marshal

Three statewide agencies are uniting to remind the public of potential hazards that can occur during the summer, as many West Virginians and tourists are more active outdoors.

If you choose to consume alcohol and are legally able to do so, please be aware that the sun and heat may cause a negative physical reaction and have unintended consequences. Some alcohol and mixers may increase dehydration and cause your Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) to reach a higher level leading to impaired judgment, lowered inhibitions, slowed reactions and a loss of coordination. Elevated BAC levels could rapidly affect the body's ability to process the alcohol consumed and could lead to sickness or a life threatening situation, such as heat exhaustion or heat stroke.

Recreational activities on the water pose a greater risk of injury and death when alcohol is consumed. In 2021, there were seven boating incidents, with two fatalities in West Virginia. The WVDNR will be working throughout the summer season to enforce the laws to keep everyone safe, their efforts increase for "Operation Dry Water," a nationwide enforcement cam-

paign designed to heighten awareness will take place over the Fourth of July weekend. According to Capt. Goodson with the WVDNR, last year 67 DNR officers participated in "Operation Dry Water" and 1,478 vessels were contacted. During this three-day campaign, 44 citations were issued, five BUIs were issued, and 168 boating warnings were issued.

As much as pools, lakes and rivers are part of summer, so is true of cookouts and fireworks. According to WV State Fire Marshal's Office public information officer Tim Rock, there were more than 15,600 emergency room (ER) visits in 2020 in the United States (US). Sparklers account for nearly one-fourth of these ER visits. According to the National Fire Protection Association, approximately seven in 10 adults in the U.S. own a grill/smoker. From 2014-2018 there were nearly 19,700 ER visits due to grilling accidents and during this same time frame there were 8,900 fires caused by grilling.

From hiking to biking, camping to climbing, riding an ATV or kayaking, safety first is our message.

"Keeping everyone safe during the summertime is our goal," WVABCA Commissioner Fred Wooton said. "As our agencies have united, I would encourage all West Virginians to join together and look out for one another this summer."

Remember — water and alcohol only mix well in a glass.

Mountain State Spotlight Explains: Why the gun safety bill that Congress might pass won't affect West Virginians

By Ian Karbal,
Mountain State Spotlight

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A bipartisan agreement on gun control legislation has long felt out of reach for U.S. lawmakers. Years of promises followed by inaction have become the norm as America continues to see more deaths from firearms than any other high-income country.

But in the last few weeks, a spate of mass shootings across the country has renewed the conversation. Even in West Virginia, at least three people were killed, including a Nicholas County Sheriff's deputy, and another injured by guns just over the weekend. While no outcome is guaranteed, a group of U.S. senators, including both Democrats and high-profile Republicans, are working to craft legislation that could earn support from both parties.

Regardless of the out-

come, little is likely to change in West Virginia, at least. In 2021, state lawmakers passed a law that would effectively prevent state and local police from enforcing any federal gun law that exceeds those existing in the state.

The 2021 law made specific mention of "red flag" laws, saying they were "anathema to law-abiding West Virginians." Such laws allow law enforcement, or in some cases a person's immediate family, to ask a judge to temporarily take someone's guns if they believe the person might harm themselves or others.

Such laws have emerged as one of the most likely outcomes of congressional negotiations and already exist in 19 states in the country.

Advocates call these kinds of laws one of the best ways to prevent mass shootings, short of comprehensive gun control legislation that would limit access to certain firearms altogether. But opponents believe that they violate the principle of due process and even undermine the Second Amendment itself.

What is a 'red flag' law? Federal and state laws, including in West Virginia, already allow officials to take people's guns away. If someone is involuntarily committed to a psychiatric facility, has committed certain felonies or is subject to a domestic violence restraining order, they're banned from owning firearms.

But researchers have said that a person's behavior, rather than criminal activity or a diagnosable mental illness, is the likeliest indicator that they may commit a mass shooting.

Jeff Daniels, a psychologist and professor at West Virginia University, has studied the behavior of mass killers since shortly after the Columbine High School massacre in 1999, which happened near where he grew up. Since then, Daniels has collaborated in developing detection and best practices, including with the FBI. "A lot of people focus on historical factors for the individual," Daniels said. "Their background, were they abused as a child..."

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This is a Disgusting Article Defending the power of words: Awesome, literally and disgusting.

Many years ago, George Stratton and I were juniors at Vallejo High School in California. The nearby Napa River was a great place to hunt ducks and geese, and bagging a few mallards and redheads (the duck variety, mostly) was our main after-school activity.

We enjoyed the ready-made duck blinds provided by the decommissioned World War II fighting cruisers partially sunk in the mouth of the Napa River after the war.

Shotguns over our shoulders, we would hike a mile

or so through the marshy fields to the riverbank.

We waded out to one particular rusting derelict and climbed the sloping upper deck up to the bow. We could hunker down with our heads just above the gunwales and watch for wildfowl flying by. We didn't have any decoys, but we got pretty good at wing shooting.

One warm evening, we had our limit and decided to head back home when darkness approached. We made our way down to where the deck was just a foot above the water and near the shore's edge.

George handed me his shotgun and sat on the gunwale. He jumped into the shallow water and immediately screamed so loud my hair stood on end.

His legs were stuck in

something I couldn't see in the dim light. He looked up at me with sheer terror in his eyes. I asked him if he was injured, and surprisingly, he replied, "No, but I am stuck in something, and I think it is a dead body. Get me out of here, Springer. Now!"

I lowered myself from the railing into the water a couple of yards upstream from George, hoping to avoid his dreadful plight. The upper half of his body was on shore, and he dug his fingers into the muddy bank, trying desperately to get out.

I crawled down the riverbank until I was alongside George and able to reach his belt. The first couple of tugs did not release him from whatever was holding him fast to the muddy river bottom.

I turned to George and shouted, "Look, buddy, you have to grab as much of the bank as you can and pull when I tug on your belt, ok?" He answered with an anxious "Yes," and I told him that on the count of three to pull with all his might.

This time it worked, and at the very moment his legs broke free, George scrambled up the bank in a mad rush to get away from what ever horrible thing had held

him captive.

At that exact moment, we were enveloped in an overwhelming stench. There were bits of putrid flesh and organs that George had trailed up the bank. He had jumped straight into the bloated stomach of a decomposing cow that was right under the water's surface.

When George realized what had happened, he kicked off his boots, releasing more of the foul detritus. It was too dark to be sure, but it appeared that the contents of the dead cow contained marine life, crabs probably, that scrambled back down to the brackish water of the lower Napa River.

For most of the trek back home, George silently walked barefoot, having abandoned his fouled boots. When we arrived at his driveway, he turned to me and said, "Ken, that is the most disgusting thing that has ever happened to me."

From that point on, whenever I hear the word "disgust," I see and smell that decomposing cow on the banks of the Napa River. Disgust is not a word that I use lightly; it has a power and utility that harkens back to our earliest existence on Earth.

Lately, disgust is often used to describe those we disagree with politically. This trend is eroding the very power of the word. Perhaps, we should reserve certain words in our vocabulary for those occasions when they are most appropriate.

Some words fluctuate in and out of fashion. Other words are diminished by overuse and improper use. "Awesome" is an excellent example of this, considering its nearly complete devaluation in recent years.

I showed a friend a view from Droop Mountain recently, and her initial comment was "awesome." I felt that her reaction was a bit cliché, but overall it was the best application of that par-

ticular word I had heard in quite some time.

For several years now, "awesome" has been used to comment on anything vaguely positive.

"I bought a new Subaru last week," she said to her friend. "Awesome" was the response – but is merely purchasing a new car really awesome?

I am certainly not the word police, but some words should be employed only in extraordinary situations, those for which they were intended. Otherwise, they become weakened, like Superman in the presence of Kryptonite.

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TRIVIA – a little something to think about
Courtesy of Chuck Cornell

1. Hugh O'Brian portrayed this Wild West character in an old TV show, and Kevin Costner portrayed him in a 1994 Biographical Western. Who was he?

2. This company controls 66% of this market worldwide. It is headquartered in Yuba City, California, and the name of the company is Sunsweet. For what specific fruit are they best known?

3. This "Edmund" was the president and chairman of the board of Northwestern Mutual (Life insurance Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin) which heavily invested in iron ore minerals and the iron ore "ships" of the Great Lake Region. What is Edmund's last name?

4. Jean is having a party. Come on over. Burping is encouraged. She is in a business that started in 1948. She is one of 1.9 million direct salespeople who works for this company. Name the company.

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But Daniels believes behavior is a much better way to predict whether someone is likely to carry out an attack.

That's where red flag laws come in. Many of the warning signs Daniels has identified — such as suddenly stockpiling weapons, warning people to avoid their school or place of work at a specific time or suddenly developing an interest in extremist message boards and previous mass shooters — are entirely legal behaviors and may be harmless. But with a red flag law, if law enforcement, a person's family member or a school official can convince a judge that this behavior is out of the ordinary and alarming, it could be used as grounds to temporarily revoke someone's gun rights.

The person would then get a chance, within days or weeks, to argue to a judge that they should get their weapons back.

Why are red flag laws controversial?

Of the 19 states with red flag laws on their books, 14 passed them after a shooter killed 17 people in 2018 at a high school in Parkland, Florida. The laws were passed in a number of Republican-led states, including Florida, and even saw tepid support from the National Rifle Association.

But over time, pro-gun views on the policy have changed.

Some Second Amendment advocates believe that allowing a judge to order the removal of someone's guns without a trial, or even a hearing, violates not only a person's right to bear arms, but their right to due process.

"Creating a system of your neighbor makes a complaint about your sanity and they take your firearms before even a proceeding ... that to me is a violation of your Fourth and Fifth Amendment rights," said Delegate Brandon Steele, R-Raleigh. "It's offensive to me..."

That's why Steele intro-

duced the anti-red flag bill just after the election of President Joe Biden, who advocated for gun control during his campaign. Just before the bill was passed, following another string of mass shootings in Colorado, California and South Carolina, Biden directed his administration to release model red flag laws for states to implement. Steele's bill was amended to reference those specifically, calling them "anathema to law-abiding West Virginians."

What about West Virginia's law?

Basically, West Virginia's law says that no federal court could order a West Virginia police officer to seize anyone's guns, even if a judge permitted it under a federal law. It also bars West Virginia judges from issuing any such order.

While federal law trumps state law, Steele said the bill can stand because it's framed as an "anti-commandeering" law — essentially saying that federal regulators and law enforcement agents can still enforce their laws in West Virginia, they just can't "commandeer" the state's resources by asking state or local police to carry out their orders as they relate to gun control.

Further guidance on the law from state Attorney General Patrick Morrisey's office tells officers in no uncertain terms that they may not carry out arrests or execute search warrants solely because of the violation of gun laws that exist only on the federal level, and that doing so "should result in appropriate disciplinary action."

Morrisey did not respond when asked whether he would amend his guidance for law enforcement if a federal law passed with bipartisan support. He has previously been critical of potential gun control measures passed by executive order, something explicitly noted in West Virginia's law as a reason for its existence.

U.S. senators are also considering a grant program that would reward states that create their own red flag laws, and West Virginia lawmakers could theoretically re-

verse their own law and pass one. However, the broad legislative support for last year's law appears to make such a move unlikely.

Where do West Virginia's senators stand on red flag laws?

Both of West Virginia's senators, Republican Shelley Moore Capito and Democrat Joe Manchin, have indicated they'd be open to support some form of bipartisan gun safety measure, but have been unclear on exactly what that might look like.

"[Senate Majority Leader Charles] Schumer has indicated that he would like to work together with Republicans and Democrats to find a bipartisan path forward," Capito said through a spokesperson. "We'll have to see what comes out of these bipartisan talks on any legislation."

A spokesperson for Manchin said that the senator "is engaged in bipartisan conversations on potential solutions to prevent gun violence, including red flag laws, and will continue working to find a compromise that receives strong support from both sides of the aisle."

Speaking on the Metro News show *Talkline* on Friday, Manchin said he would be open to a number of policies, including a federal red flag law, raising the age limit for gun sales from 18 to 21, and banning certain high-powered semi-automatic weapons and weapon accessories.

Manchin, however, has once again refused to support an elimination of the filibuster, which would allow Democrats to pass gun control legislation without Republican support. He has taken a similar stance when Democratic senators have hoped to use their slim majority to pass voting rights legislation, or codify *Roe v. Wade*.

What's next?

It's still unclear if U.S. senators will be able to reach a bipartisan agreement on red flag laws, or any other gun control measure.

If a federal red flag law were to pass, it would likely face multiple legal challenges from opposing states. While lower courts have

upheld these laws in multiple states and found that they do not violate a person's Second Amendment rights, no case has made it to the U.S. Supreme Court, which would be the ultimate

arbiter were a case to make it that far.

And even if a red flag law were to pass, WVU researcher Daniels says it's only the first step. Especially in schools, adults have to

make an effort to pay attention and offer support to identify potential shooters in the first place.

Reach reporter Ian Karbal at iankarbal@mountain-state-spotlight.org

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Camp Minnehaha – circa 1960



THIS POSTCARD FROM the 1960s features the “Spacious and Modern Dining Hall” at Camp Minnehaha. The summer camp for boys was located on Rt. 39 in Minnehaha Springs, W.Va. It is operated in the same location today for girls and boys as Camp Twin Creeks. (Courtesy of Mary Dawson; ID: PHP002937)

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Seventy-Five Years Ago

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, June 12, 1947

BEAR KILLED

Woodrow Kershner killed a big bear in the Knobs country, west of Jacox, on Monday of this week. Jasper McMillion's dogs were fighting it. This bear had killed sheep for Welton McMillion the night before.

Hitch Hiking Joe

Oscar Sharp has a regular hitchhiker in his old bear dog Joe. The other day, old Joe was beating his way back home from a bear chase which took him somewhere far into the Black Forest, down Cherry River way. He made it back to Stamping

Creek, and lay down under a tree beside the road not far from the residence of Lanty Hefner. When an east-bound car would pass, old Joe would run out to it. He got no invites to ride. Then Lanty Hefner saw and recognized him as Oscar Sharp's old Joe. He drove his car down by the dog; old Joe ran to the car, and was taken for a ride back home. That was what old Joe was wanting all along.

Canada At Home

From a series of articles by Dr. Maurice Brooks, of WVU.

The finest and wildest mountain region in West Vir-

ginia is the high Cheat country in Randolph and Pocahontas counties. Here the ridges for miles are above 4,000 feet elevation, with peak after peak, rising above 4,500 feet. Because of abundant rainfall, forest fires have done little damage, and the long ranges are clothed in dense forest, a tribute to lumbering methods, which have left young trees to make a new forest. The mountains become higher to the south, until, on the slope of Thorny Flat Mountain at 4,760 feet above the sea, Shavers Fork of Cheat River bubbles from a tiny spring to begin its long journey to the Monongahela, the Ohio, the Mississippi and the Gulf...

4-H FIELD DAY

Fifteen 4-H Clubs met on the athletic field of Greenbank High School for the annual field meet May 24. The

clubs with the highest percentage attendance were: Buckeye Winners; Hillsboro Pep-to-Win; Seneca Go-Getters; and the Edray Producers...

The afternoon program consisted of relays, softball throw and track meet. The enthusiastic events and first, second and third place winners were as follows:

Wheelbarrow Race for boys – Tommy May and Vandon Kershner of Hillsboro Pep-to-Win; Beale and Galford of the Seneca Go-Getters; and Basil Sharp and Walter Sharp of the Marlinton Jolly Pioneers.

Wheelbarrow Race for girls – Margaret McCutcheon and Peggy Sheets of the Greenbank Merry Wiggles; Betty Moore and Joan Lovelace of the Marlinton Livewires; and Mary

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100-Years-Ago in The Pocahontas Times

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, June 8, 1922

ROBERT POOLE

"I will be eighty-three next month," said old Robert Poole, "and having never been complimented, have decided to compliment myself."

"As a boy, I was always picked at. Many of the boys I grew up with got into trouble, and all of them are now dead, but I have never been in jail or accused of an offense warranting arrest."

"As a husband, I was not satisfactory, though I was a better man than my wife's father or any of her brothers. I was not a satisfactory father, though none of my children have amounted to more than I do. I was never a satisfactory farmer, though I not only made a living at that calling but accumulated something, in addition to educating seven children. I knew I was not a good farmer because I rarely picked up a newspaper that did not quote an agricultural college professor who said my methods were old fashioned. I looked up several of these professors and found that none of them amounted to much except as critics."

"My wife worried herself into her grave fifteen years ago, but I still manage to surmount my worries. My three daughters are married, but I keep house as well as they do

with the assistance of a hired housekeeper, whose husband runs the farm.

"Doc Hurlley, who abused me because of my careless way of living, died ten years ago, at the age of sixty-four."

"I have long been a Republican, but do not satisfy the party managers. They grumble because I do not attend the primaries more frequently, and march in more torchlight processions."

"It is occasionally said I am a miser. It is true I save what I do not need for necessities and comforts, but it is a fool who does not."

"I am a Methodist, but the pastor complains every Sunday because I do not do more for the church, though I do a little more than my share."

"I am an Odd Fellow, but the Noble Grand often growls because I do not attend more meetings."

"Still I own four good farms, and have outlived most of those with whom I began life. Of all those who started when I did, none have done better, and a good many worse. Therefore, I feel that I am a pretty good man, because I have done as well as many of my critics, and a good deal better than most of them." – Ed Hawe, Saturday Evening Post.

THE BIG BEAR

Word comes that the big sheep killing bear got some



LAST WEEK'S 100 years ago column mentioned a churn designed and patented by Henry Poage, of Mill Point. Thanks to Patty Tripplett, of Droop, who shared a old photo of the Poage churn.

sheep for the Dunlap Brothers and French Hoover on Big Spring of Elk last week. By his track, he was headed into Cheat Mountain. This is the same bear that killed Withrow McClintic's sheep on Williams River three weeks ago and also for George Edgar on Cranberry two weeks ago.

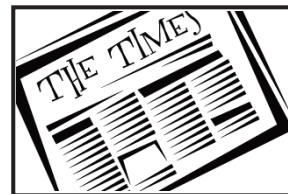
Farmers tell us that he may be expected to be heard from on Back Alleghany or the

head of Tygarts Valley next. This bear is known by the exceptional size of his track and by a missing toe. After this bear had killed a sheep or two in the Linwood neighborhood, a farmer followed his trail a ways and found where he had wallowed in the mud and then rubbed himself on the corner of a bear pen.

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Fifty Years Ago

Jane Price Sharp, Editor

Thursday, June 8, 1972

STANDARDS

By Ralph Beckwith
Wood is our only renewable natural resource. It should be conserved not preserved.

Timber, like people, grows old and must die to make room for the young.

A forest of all old timber would be as a society of all old people.

Timber should be viewed as a crop. When it is mature, it should be harvested.

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NEW IDEA

Hubert Buzzard has made a unique suggestion to Governor Arch Moore and Governor Moore replies that he is transmitting a copy of his letter to his legislative staff for consideration. The idea is for a bill to give military personnel a parcel of state or federally owned land instead of a cash bonus, which had been done in the past for servicemen in World War I and II. Mr. Buzzard feels it would be the proper way to return some land to private ownership, realize taxes for local governments, and improve the morale of military personnel.

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Pocahontas County Bicentennial 1821 - 2021 Footsteps through History

Thursday, June 11, 1897

THE EARTHQUAKE is said to be causing trouble in Giles County. The mountain in which a fissure a mile and a half was made, is issuing fire and smoke and making everyone sick. The people near the mountain have moved away.

ERVINE HOUDYSCHELL in jail has a very severe case of fever, and there are doubts as to his recovery. He took sick within a week after his incarceration and was feeling premonitory symptoms at that time, so it is not the fault of the jail.

THE REPORT that the earthquake knocked a chimney down in Marlinton last week is apt to mislead. It was a lamp chimney on a shelf instead of a chimney on a house, but the earthquake is no respecter of chimneys for all that.

JOSEPH WILSON, one of Marlinton's factotums, was at his work on Powell Hill last Friday afternoon when he encountered and killed a fine specimen of the yellow rattlesnake. It measured four feet and had eight rattles and a button.

NEARLY ALL of the cattle have been sold that will go out of the county next fall. Foreign buyers have been riding the county for the past two months and probably never in the history of the county has so much stock been sold as is now the case. Evidently the buyers expect cattle to advance in price this fall. Wool is about three cents better this year than last. The new administration says have patience and times will be better, but the answer

was that "Patience does not pay debts," and wool and cattle are both sold to those who speculate in patience.

THE SUN, that may be well called the "New York Thunderer," quotes with approval duly qualified some remarks on the liquor habit made by the Rev. Goodchild a week or so since: "Just whisper that a man drinks and his reputation is gone. No store, no church wants a man who drinks. No sensible woman wants him for a husband, no man wants him for an executor. A young man that tipsles might as well be at the bottom of the sea, so far as worldly success goes."

EDUCATION

To the Editor of The Times;

Dear Sir – From an historical point of view, notice that throughout all generations, from the "era" of ancient history down to the present period of time, the "best educated" people lived the happiest lives, were the best citizens, the freest and most independent people of the globe. When we look on the inventions by which man's labors are so easily performed, and ask what has been the means of bringing all this about, we answer – through the faculty of educated men and women. We see that the educated man is, in a general way, the better man in a community – the more reasonable and a better neighbor.

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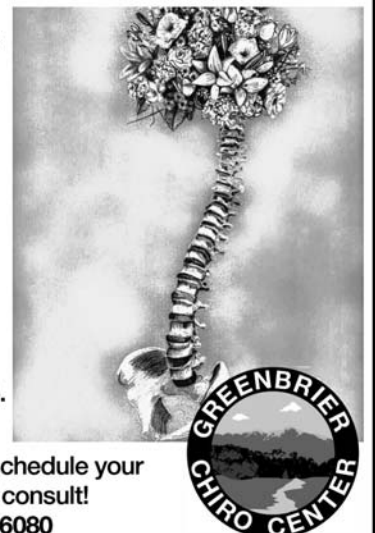
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Pyne named to Berea College Dean's List

Kelly Pyne, of Marlinton, has been named to the Spring 2022 Dean's List at Berea College.

A student is named to the Dean's List who achieves a GPA of 3.4 or higher while passing at least four total credits, a course load equivalent to 16 semester hours.

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"We went up there to get two horses," Mike said. "I picked fifteen and Vonnice said, 'I think you better cut that list down a little.' So I cut it down to five. One horse I picked out died. He got colic, so I said 'pick me out another one.' A week before they came up, they said, would you like another one?' I said, 'that would give me seven, that's what I started with, so sure, bring it.'"

All the horses from Gentle Giants are rescued from kill buyers or are surrendered pets. Most of the time, the horses are in bad shape and have medical conditions.

Joining Firecracker at the O'Brien Farm are Waldo, Sweets, Caroline, Luke, Samwise and Nemo.

Waldo was a pet for two young girls and when they got older and he got bigger, he was surrendered. Last year, Waldo had cancer in his eye and veterinarians Julie Gibson and Peyton Mann gave him a new lease on life by removing his left eye.

"It was something else for that crazy thing," Mike said. "He wouldn't keep a bandage on for nothing. He'd rub

it off and finally after two months in the barnyard and in the barn, he finally healed up. He even got an infection. We had to go through that for a couple weeks, but he looks good now. He's healed up fine."

Waldo is cautious now that he has lost an eye, but he is still rambunctious and very friendly.

Sweets is a Percheron-Appaloosa mix from Texas and is the only remaining girl in the herd.

Samwise is a Clydesdale who likes his privacy and Nemo is a shy Belgian with a deformed left hoof, but with medicine and supplements, he's a happy boy.

Unfortunately, there are times when Mike has to make the tough decision to put the horses down due to their medical issues. Luke, a Belgian, suffered from a neurological disease and when he could no longer gain weight, he had to be put down.

Caroline was a Belgian carriage horse in New York City.

"She got up here and just fell in love with this grass," Mike said. "You know she'd never seen it. All she did was roll around and she eventually twisted her gut and I had to put her down."

The remaining five horses



COOLING OFF IN the barn on a warm day are rescued draft horses, from left: Samwise, Sweets and Marlinton native Firecracker, who was nicknamed Knucklehead by his owner Mike O'Brien. S. Stewart photo

are living their best lives in the vast field and cozy barn on the O'Brien Farm. They have found a safe retirement home where they can enjoy the peace in the mountains of West Virginia.

Mike started his collaboration with Gentle Giants three years ago and said he will continue to take rescued horses as long as he is able to care for them.

It's obvious the horses have a special place in his heart as he visits with them in the barn. Waldo comes forward for nose scratches

and shows off how he rolled in the mud earlier, while the others wait their turn to get a pat or to nip at Mike when he's not looking.

"[Knucklehead] is a character," he said. "If you're not watching and you've got your back to him, he likes to pinch. It's not a bite. He just loves to hear me scream. I'll turn around and he's just standing there watching me. Knucklehead is the last of the originals. He was born here."

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Weather, from page 4

The average high temperature was 69.6 degrees and the average low temperature was 46.5 degrees. The mean of 58.1 was 2.6 degrees

above normal. May was exactly 12 degrees warmer than April.

The highest temperature was 84 degrees on May 20. The lowest temperature was 29 degrees on May 9 and there was a white frost that morning. Also last year re-

corded 29 degrees on May 13.

On May 14 at 11:30 p.m. there was a beautiful lunar eclipse.

There were 10 foggy mornings. Thunder was heard on six different days.

Enjoy the summer months.

PMH, from page 4

Most people are not sure how far they can push themselves and how fast they can return to activities that would have been normal for them prior to the event or surgery that triggered their referral to Cardiac Rehab, and that is why this program is so important. The patient in Cardiac Rehab will have the clinical monitoring and support from rehab staff that will help them to understand safe ranges of exercise during rehab. Throughout the program, they will have the opportunity to ask questions

and find the answers that they need in order to feel confident about how their body is reacting to exercise during rehab sessions and then learn how to relate that same level of intensity to activities outside of the rehab setting.

Another reason to complete a cardiac rehab program is because the body's ability to adapt is exceptional, and the heart performs better when it is challenged to change. Physical activity that elevates heart rate can, over the course of time: cause the heart to generate collateral arteries that act as natural bypasses, reduce resting heart rate and reduce resting

blood pressure. All these changes make the heart healthier by increasing its efficiency.

PMH's Cardiac Rehab program is headed up by Charles Kinnison, a Pocahontas County native and resident of Hillsboro. Kinnison is a 2002 graduate of WVU School of Medicine's Division of Exercise Physiology and has many years of experience in exercise physiology, both with Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehabilitation and with fitness assessments of healthy and at-risk populations.

To learn more about our Cardiac Rehab program please call 304-799-7400 ext. 1054.

Calendar, from page 4

Tuesday of each month. Landfill hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Phone: 304-799-4199.

EVENT

Kite Festival in the Mountains, Saturday, June 11, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Widney Park in Frank. Free event. Free kites while they last. Large show kites, banners, pinwheels, DJ music and more.

Star Party Saturday, June 11, 7:30 p.m. at Widney Park in Frank. Build a star chart. Learn to operate a telescope.

Pocahontas Memorial Hospital Auxiliary 50th Anniversary outdoor celebration noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 14, on the PMH lawn. Light refreshments, memories, and free Auxiliary memberships. Brief remarks at 12:15 p.m.

Old-Time Square Dance Saturday, June 18, at 8 p.m. at Cass Community Center. Music by Juanita Fireball and the Continental Drifters. No experience necessary. Sponsored by Parks and Rec.

Trick Dog Show – featuring Ellie, a certified therapy dog, Saturday, June 18, 6 p.m. at Dunmore Community Center. Fundraiser for Seneca Woodland Women's Club.

The 21st Annual Public Reading of our 1776 Declaration of Independence, Monday, July 4, at noon, in front of the Pocahontas County Courthouse in Marlinton. Free watermelon. Information will be available about how to secure, for ourselves and our posterity, the rights asserted in that document. Event hosted by John Leyzorek, 304-799-7191.

LIBRARY EVENTS

Story Time with the Amazing Ellie, therapy dog and Elite Trick Dog Performer, Tuesday, June 21, 11 a.m. at Green Bank Library; Wednesday, June 22, 11 a.m. at Hillsboro Library; Wednesday, June 22, 1 p.m. at McClintic Library; and Wednesday, June 22, 3 p.m. at Durbin Library.

MEETINGS

Opera House Foundation, Tuesday, June 14, 6 p.m. at the opera house. The public is welcome.

Pocahontas County Diabetes Support Group Tuesday, June 14, at PMH, 6 p.m., on the PMH lawn. Diabetes Bingo, with prizes! For more information, contact Amy Kelley, 304-799-7400 ext. 1032.

PCARSE Wednesday, June 15, noon at Last Run Restaurant in Cass.

Victory Over Stroke Support Group, second Monday of each month, 3 to 4 p.m. at the Community Wellness Center in Marlinton. For more info, contact Katy Pugh at 540-686-0045.

PARKS AND REC

Activities are at the Community Wellness Center unless otherwise noted.

Bike Club: Every Monday in June 5 to 6 p.m.

Acres of Fun: Every Friday in June. Simple games for infants and preschoolers, 10 to 11 a.m. at Stillwell Park.

Running Club: Every Saturday at 4 p.m. For girls, fifth grade and older.

Little Mountain Yoga Saturday mornings 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. June-August at Stillwell Park. \$7 fee.

Hike with your Tyke Thursdays, 10 a.m. There is a fee.

Circuit Strength Training class, Mondays and Wednesdays 5 to 6 p.m.

Zumba Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 5 p.m. Instructor: Kelly Shifflett.

REUNIONS

McMillion Reunion – Sunday, June 12, at the old McMillion church, Friar's Hill in Renick. Lunch at noon. Bring a covered dish.

Friel/Ray Reunion – New date: Sunday, June 19. Kinfolk and friends are invited to gather at the Firehouse in Cass at 1 p.m. Potluck dishes are welcome. For more info, contact Quince Friel, 304-799-6463, or Helen Ray Keegan, 410 - 285-2548.

Marlinton High School Class of 1962, 60th year reunion, Friday and Saturday, July 8 and 9. For more information, contact Bernie Smith, 704-941-5628 or bsmith 2517@windstream.net

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

First Baptist Church-Huntersville, Monday – Friday, June 20 to 24, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Dinner served each evening.

CHURCH NOTICES

Marlinton Presbyterian Church – In-person Worship 10 a.m. You may also attend via conference call: 1-978-990-5269; access code: 4835028.

Arbovale United Methodist – Worship 11:15 a.m. Sundays; Bible Study 6 p.m. Thursdays.

New Hope Lutheran – Minnehaha Springs – Worship 8:45 a.m. or online at

Facebook and YouTube, or by teleconference at 11 a.m. 425-436-6375; access code: 452803.

First Baptist Church – Huntersville – Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday night service 7 p.m.

Seebert United Methodist Church – Sunday School every Sunday 9:20 a.m.; Worship second and fourth Sundays at 10 a.m.

Catholic Mass: St. John, Marlinton – Sunday 9 a.m.; **St. Mark, Bartow** – Sunday 11:30 a.m.

Liberty Presbyterian, Green Bank – In person Worship at 11 a.m. and via zoom.us/j/4527333215.

Dunmore United Methodist Church – In-person Worship 10 a.m. Sunday School – Adult Bible Study via Zoom 8 a.m.

Marlinton First Church of the Nazarene – Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.; Wednesday night Bible Study 7 p.m.

Marlinton United Methodist Church – In-person and parking lot service, 11 a.m.

New Hope Church of the Brethren, Worship Sundays at 9:30 a.m. and Bible Study Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Pine Grove Church of the Brethren, Arbovale – Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m.; Bible Study, Thursday, 7 p.m.

Cochran Creek Baptist Church, Rimel – Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m.

Campbelltown Church, Marlinton – Worship 10 a.m.; Sunday School 11 a.m.

Cook Town Community Church, Rt. 219 – Sunday service 10 a.m.

Grace and Truth Home Fellowship – Pine Grove Road, Arbovale; Sunday 11 a.m.; Tuesday prayer 7 p.m. Call Jim, 304-456-3255, for directions.

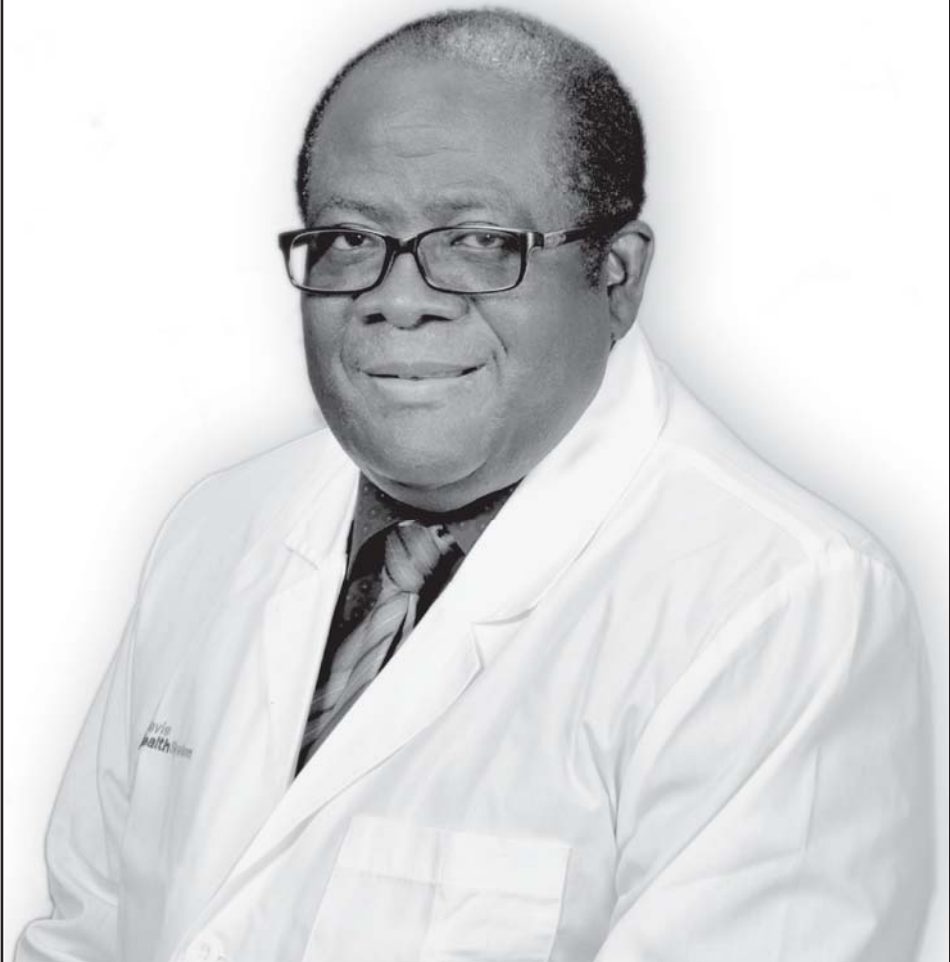
Edray United Church, Seneca Trail, Marlinton – Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m.

Marlinton Church of God, Beard Heights – Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m. Wednesday Night Bible Study 6 p.m. Sunday night service June 12 and 19 at 6 p.m.

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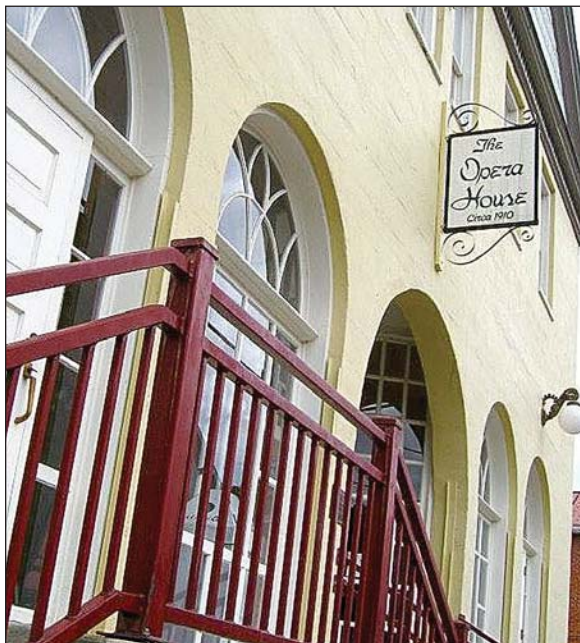
Opera House Season Preview Party ~ Friday, June 10

The Pocahontas Opera House will host its annual Season Preview Party Friday June 10, from 6 to 8 p.m.

The event is open to the public.

Donations are encouraged. The Opera House Season Preview parties have become a festive occasion that the community looks forward to every year. This year's entertainment will include video clips of upcoming performers and samples from the Opera House Story Sessions – a video/podcast series that features local musicians. There will be door prizes and a silent auction with some real treasures.

As usual there will be food and drink and the chance to mingle with old friends and new.



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Wild Wednesdays ~ June 15, 22 and 29

Enjoy a different adventure each week from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Yew Mountain Center. Learn outdoor skills, create art, study animals and plants, and play where the wild things are. Children under

five should be accompanied by a responsible adult. Children age 10 and older are welcome to come as Wild Helpers. \$5 suggested donation/child. Please bring a water bottle. We will provide light snacks. RSVP by Tuesday before event. Limited

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June's full moon is known as the Strawberry Moon according to *The Old Farmer's Almanac*. Traditionally called the Pink Moon, it is also called Mead Moon and Honey Moon.

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Friday, 5:30 p.m. Live Music with Ryan Krofcheck. Cakewalk at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Arts and Eats on the Street. Music from 1 to 5 p.m.

Parade of Steam at 10 a.m. – Get an up close look at all of the legendary steam locomotives at Cass.

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Allegheny Echoes ~ June 19 - 24

The highlights of the week for students and instructors alike are the Summer Workshop Concerts, free and open to the public (donations accepted), held on Thursday and Friday evenings in the Pocahontas Opera House in Marlinton.

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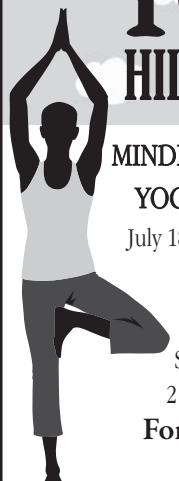
Pickin' and Pedalin' ~ June 17 - 19

This exciting new event is a fresh spin on Snowshoe Mountain Resort's Blues, Brews & BBQ Festival. They're trading in the Blues for some fresh Bluegrass with a lineup featuring Railroad Earth, Mountain Heart, Strung Like A Horse, Stringus Khan, ShelfLife String Band, and more.

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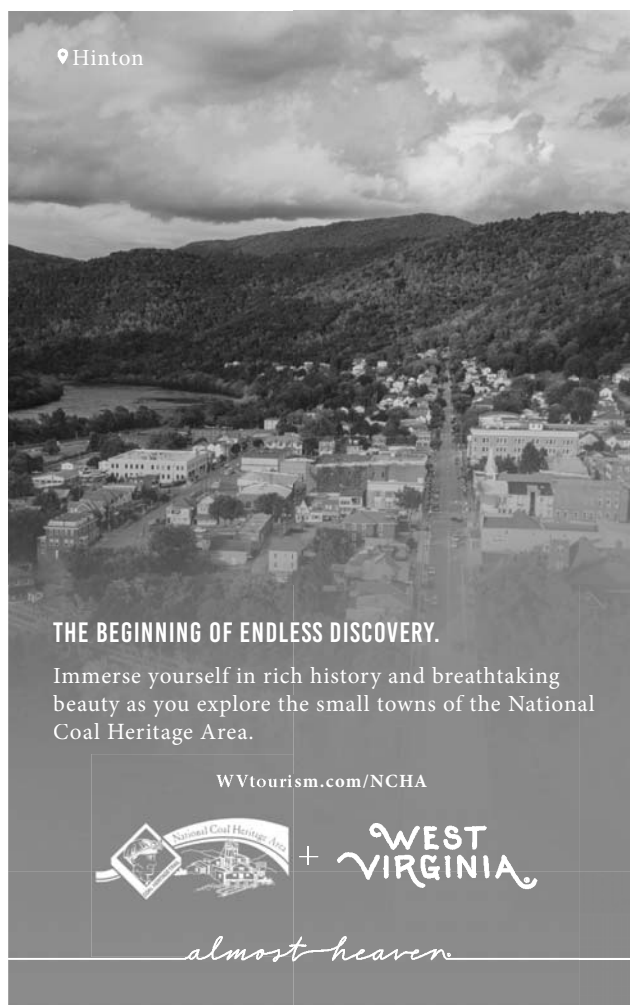


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All except the first can be purchased from Amazon.com. Each book averages 300 - 400 pages and prices range from \$11 - \$15 per volume. If you prefer not to order online, send a note, call or email to: Curtis Sharp, 1340 Teddy Road, Castle Hayne, NC 28429; call 717-589-0514; or email wcurtisharp@gmail.com and he will get it to you.

- John Sharp and Margaret Blain Family History (2015)
- A Morrison Family: History and Descendants of Nathaniel Morrison (2017)
- Michael Arbogast: Vol. I, and child Odessus Adam Arbogast (2018)
- Michael Arbogast: Vol. II, Children David, Mary Elizabeth, Michael and Dorothy (2018)
- Michael Arbogast: Vol. III, Children Henry, Perter, John and George (2018)
- A Family Record of Richard Hill and Nancy McNeel (2020)
- History and Descendants of John Bruffey Slaven and Elizabeth Stuart (2021)
- History and Descendants of William Nottingham and Susannah O'Brian (2021)
- Descendants and History of John Patrick Gillespie and Lilius Symesone Simson (2022)
- The Wanless Family of Pocahontas County, WV: Descendants of Ralph Wanless (b. 1720) and Margaret Wiley Wylam (b. 1720) (2022)



Little Levels Heritage Fair ~ June 24 - 26

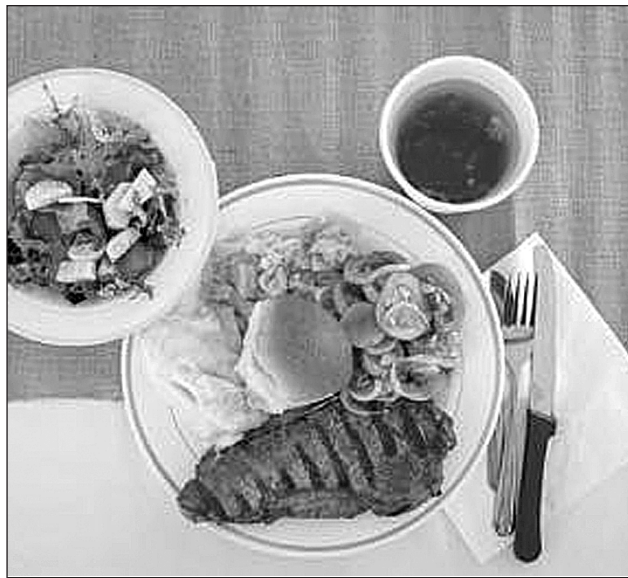
Head to Hillsboro to celebrate the days of old at the 24th annual Little Levels Heritage Fair. This year's theme is "Pocahontas County's Bicentennial: Early Settlers in the Levels." Pie contest, parade, food, arts and crafts, music, car show and more. All events take place in and around Hillsboro Elementary School.

be announced. The Community Club will be selling pork tenderloin sandwiches from 11 a.m. until they're gone. Music – all day –provided by the Viney Mountain Boys; Juanita Fireball and the Continental Drifters; Richard Hefner and the Black Mountain Blugrass Boys; the Bill Hefner Family Band; and The Porch Pickers. Sunday evening, the Vespers at McNeel Cemetery will honor the late Lanty McNeel. Following the Vesper Service, a Bicentennial Time Capsule for Little Levels will be buried at the cemetery.



Pearl S. Buck 'History Alive' ~ June 25

The hour-long event is free and will begin at 2 p.m. at the Pearl S. Buck Birthplace. Missy McCollam of Beverly, will portray the author. Born in Hillsboro, Buck was a literary genius, a social activist and humanitarian. She received a Pulitzer Prize for her 1931 novel "The Good Earth," and was the first woman to ever be awarded the honor. She received the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1938. As an activist, she was deeply concerned about the welfare of children worldwide. Chairs will be available, but visitors are encouraged to bring lawn chairs. This event is sponsored by The Levels Depot in Hillsboro and WV Humanities Council.



Farm-to-Table Dinner – Saturday, June 25

Wilfong Farms in Dunmore will host a Farm-to-Table Dinner, prepared by Blue Roof Catering, Saturday, June 25, beginning at 5:30 p.m. The meal will feature a choice of NY Strip or Lamb Loin

Chops, with fresh garden salad, vegetables, roll and desserts. The cost is \$40 per plate. A child's dinner of Spaghetti is offered at \$10. Take-out available. RSVP at 304-456-4652 or wilfongfarms@yahoo.com

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

- 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tours of Pearl S. Buck Birthplace Adults \$5 Donation. Children younger than age 12 free.
- 7 p.m. Firemen's Parade Around Hillsboro, Rt. 219, Lobelia Road and Payne Street. Presented by Hillsboro VFD and Rescue Squad

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

Activities at Hillsboro Elementary School, unless otherwise noted

- 7:30 a.m. Sausage Biscuits Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Department (until sold out)
- 9 a.m. - Noon Tours of Historic McNeel Mill, Mill Point
- 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Tours of Pearl S. Buck Birthplace
- 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Arts & Crafts Gym/Cafeteria/Grounds
- 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Open House at Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Department
- 10 a.m. Music by Viney Mountain Boys
- 10 a.m. Kids Crafts • Bicycle Decorating
- 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Book, Baked Goods and Homemade Ice Cream Sale, Hillsboro Public Library Friends of the Library
- 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Car Show • Hillsboro Car Club Sponsored by the Town of Hillsboro
- 11 a.m. Music by Juanita Fireball & the Continental Drifters
- 11 a.m. - Noon Homemade Pie Contest Registration, Hillsboro Senior Center
- 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Pork Tenderloin Sandwich and Pork and Veggie Bowls (until sold out) Community Club Hot Dog Sale Little Levels 4-H Club
- Noon Field Games

- Noon Music by Richard Hefner and the Black Mountain Bluegrass Boys
- Noon - 2 p.m. Heritage Parade Registration Payne Street
- 12:30 p.m. Homemade Pie Contest Judging Hillsboro Senior Center
- 1 p.m. Kids Bike and Walking Parade Hillsboro Elementary School Drive
- 1 p.m. Music by Bill Hefner Family Band
- 1 p.m. Little Library Dedication in memory of Edgar Starks
- 2 p.m. History Alive! presents Pearl S. Buck Seating starts at 1:15 p.m. Tours following.
- 2 p.m. Music by The Porch Pickers
- 2:30 p.m. Winners of Parade, Pie Contest and Car Show Judging Announced Under the Tent
- 3 p.m. Heritage Parade Rt. 219, Lobelia Road and Payne Street
- 3 - 5 p.m. Tours of Historic McNeel Mill, Mill Point

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

- Join local historians for various tours through the Little Levels – from the town of Hillsboro or area cemeteries, these tours will highlight our heritage and history.
- 2 p.m. Heritage Walking Tour Meet at Oak Grove Church, weather permitting
- 3:30 p.m. Cemetery Tours Oak Grove • McClintic • McNeel Meet at Oak Grove Church, weather permitting
- 8:15 p.m. Vespers at McNeel Cemetery honoring Lanty McNeel (Inclement weather location: Pearl S. Buck Birthplace)
- Following: Burial of the Bicentennial Time Capsule for Little Levels McNeel Cemetery, weather permitting

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BIRTHS
 Born to Mr. and Mrs. Kessler Pritt, of Hillsboro, a son, named John Randall.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hammons, of Marlinton, a son, named Trampas Edward.

DEATHS
 Mrs. Bonnie Peterson, 81,

of Huntersville, a daughter of the late George and Julia Arwood. Burial in Mountain View Cemetery.

Willie Ann Boggs, 80, of Brownsburg; burial in the Brownsburg Cemetery.

Clebert W. (Skatter) Shearer, 17, of Marlinton, was killed early Saturday morning in a logging accident on Williams River. He was a son of Junior and Rella Shearer. Burial in the Edray Cemetery.

Mrs. Neta Rachael McCoy

McMillion, 82, of Beard, a daughter of the late McKinney Nixon and Mary Susan Mann McCoy. Burial in the Oak Grove Cemetery at Hillsboro.

Terry Pat Bennett, 21, of Garden City, Michigan, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bennett. Burial in the Arbovale Cemetery.

Seebert Franklin Wilfong, 76, of Marlinton, a son of the late Noah and Nancy Sharp Wilfong. Burial in the Wilfong Cemetery.

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that employing first-class teachers in our public schools is a necessity, and that an increase in salary is a needful step in this direction...

LOVE'S ROMANCE

The happy termination of an interrupted romance is about to transpire in Summers County. Last Saturday at Hinton, County Clerk Ayer issued a marriage license to James W. Fortune, 76 years old, and Adalaide Mc-

Cormick, 56 years old. Fortune is a bachelor and Miss McCormick, a maiden. They were lovers in 1860 and quarreled. Fortune joined the Confederate army and went South and was not heard of for many years.

Recently Miss McCormick heard from her former lover, and upon his revisiting his old home, they met, revived the friendship of earlier days, and the wedding, which is about to take place, is the happy result. — Ronceverte News.

WEDDINGS

Married at the residence of Jacob S. Moore, Esq., on

Upper Elk, George Tyler, of Edray, and Miss Linnie Moore, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob S. Moore.

John Payne and Miss Nora Kinnison, near Academy, were married May 9, by Rev. Dills.

On June 2, 1897, in the quiet little village of Green Bank, two young people began the journey of life together. The happy persons were Mr. Leslie O. Beard and Miss Ruby M. Ralston. They were married at the home of the bride's father, Mr. J. H. Ralston, in the presence of a few relatives.

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Jarvis Currence and Sybil Lea Davis of the Marlinton Jolly Pioneers.

Egg Throw for boys — Curtis and Carl McNeill of the Buckeye Winners; Billy Johnson and Walter Sharp of the Marlinton Jolly Pioneers; and members of the Draft Arrowheads and the Edray Producers tied for third.

Egg Throw for girls — Kathleen Ryder and Jolene Kerr of the Greenbank Merry Wiggles; Jean Rose and Joan Rose of the Hillsboro Pep-to-Win; and Patty Shafer and Patty Wooddell of the Edray Producers.

Peanut Relay for boys — Tommy Shaw of the Edray Producers; Leon Ryder of the Greenbank Merry Wiggles; and Basil Sharp of the Jolly Pioneers.

Peanut Relay for girls — Gilda Gay, Marlinton Livewires; Juanita Howard, Buckeye Winners; and Jolene Kerr, Greenbank Merry Wiggles.

50-Yard Dash for girls — Thelma Totten, Hillsboro Progressors; Sugar Kellison, Hillsboro Pep-to-Win; and

Joan Lovelace, Marlinton Livewires.

Softball Throw for boys — Nicholas McNeill, Buckeye Winners; Craig Sharp, Draft Arrowheads; Hymon McMillion, Hillsboro Progressors.

Softball Throw for girls — Eleanor Gibson, Seneca Getters; Carolyn Kellison, Buckeye Winners; and Pennybacker, Greenbank Merry Wiggles...

Following the events of the day, the scores for each club were totaled and the Greenbank Merry Wiggles took first place, receiving a plaque, which becomes permanent property of the club, since the Merry Wiggles have now won it three consecutive years. The Hillsboro Pep-to-Win Club placed second, and received two banners, one with the 4-H Club Motto and the other with the 4-H Pledge, to use in the club meeting room.

The Marlinton Livewires placed third in the County Field Day, and received an American Flag and a Green and White 4-H Flag to be used in their meeting room.

Two hundred and seventy-five persons were in attendance for this annual event.

WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Robertson, of Marlinton, announce the marriage of their daughter, Nell Bly, of Washington, D. C. to Technical Sergeant James H. Davis, of Nicholls, Georgia.

BIRTH

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Fertig, of Dunmore, a baby girl, named Anetia Joy.

DEATHS

Robert Lee LaRue, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny LaRue, of Hillsboro. Funeral service was held at the Methodist Church at Hillsboro...

Mrs. Sarah Rebecca McFerrin Knapp, aged 66 years, wife of Clayton Campbell Knapp, of Lexington, Virginia, died May 25, 1947, at her home. She was a sister of A. H. McFerrin, of Marlinton, and Mrs. Joe McNeel, of Millpoint.



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