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## McNeel named Tourism Person of the Year at CVB Summit

Suzanne Stewart  
Staff Writer

The Pocahontas County Convention and Visitors Bureau has hosted a tourism luncheon for the past several years as part of National Travel and Tourism Week. The program was given a slight facelift this year and on June 8, the CVB hosted the inaugural Tourism Summit at the Pocahontas County Opera House and Discovery Junction.

The event included a tourism by-the-numbers presentation by CVB Executive Director Cara Rose, a report on the Snowshoe Highlands IMBA Ride Center, including plans to go for a Gold designation and updates on the Monday Lick and Mower Basin trails development; and briefs from the Pocahontas County Broadband Council and Housing Task Force.

After all the information was shared and applauded, it was time to celebrate those who have contributed to the tourism industry in Pocahontas County.

CVB Special Projects Grant Manager Linda Adams was recognized for her 25 years – and counting – with the tourism industry.

The 2022 Tourism Person of the Year award was presented to Bill McNeel, Edi-



RUTH TAYLOR, RIGHT, introduces William Price McNeel, Pocahontas County Convention and Visitors Bureau's Tourism Person of the Year for 2022. Pictured, left to right, at last week's Tourism Summit: McNeel, his wife Denise, son James, holding the Blenko vase award, and Taylor. S. Stewart photo

tor Emeritus of *The Pocahontas Times* and founding member of the Pocahontas County Historical Society.

Ruth Taylor, 2014 Tourism Person of the Year, read a letter written by McNeel's son, James, as she introduced him to the audience.

"The honoree was not born in Pocahontas County, though both his mother's family and father's family have long roots, going back to the area's first European settlements," she read. "Father from Hillsboro. Mother from Marlinton. You know – a long distance relationship

back in the day."

McNeel spent his summers in Pocahontas County, lending a helping hand at the family's business – *The Pocahontas Times* newspaper.

He earned his college degree in geology in Ohio and returned to Pocahontas County to teach at Marlinton High School.

"Other than a short stint away in the mid-seventies, he has made the county his home and his own, but not just for his own pleasure or pursuit, but as a documenter, sage and scribe, helping ensure its past and present re-

main preserved for generations to come – including being one of the founding members of the Pocahontas County Historical Society in 1961, and remaining its longest serving member to date."

McNeel and Chisel Sheets spent two years turning the Hunter House on Route 219 into the county museum, and he was the Historical Society's president at the age of 24 when Pearl S. Buck and West Virginia's governor cut the ribbon to celebrate the museum's grand opening.

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## Up in the sky, it's – a bear?



WATOGA STATE PARK is always ready to provide plenty to do and see. This time of year keep your eyes open for deer fawns and bear cubs. Both are plentiful in the park and are often seen.

Two things to always remember. Don't feed the animals and know what to do if you should encounter a bear. Especially a mom with cubs. This photo was taken on a recent visit by Michelle Forga.

For more information about bear safety visit [commerce.wv.gov/what-to-do-if-you-encounter-a-/](http://commerce.wv.gov/what-to-do-if-you-encounter-a-/)

## PMH opens Hillsboro Clinic

Suzanne Stewart  
Staff Writer

Pocahontas Memorial Hospital conducts a community survey every two years to see how it can improve its delivery of healthcare to the county.

Following the most recent survey, PMH responded to a need in the southern part of the county, and held a grand opening of its Hillsboro Clinic June 8.

"It came to our attention that there's not enough healthcare in the southern part of the county, so we wanted to make it more accessible to our patients," said Robin Taylor, director of the outpatient clinic.

Taylor takes the addition right in stride. She will now

oversee the Hillsboro Clinic, the Rural Health Clinic, all primary care for the Genesis Nursing Home, the Snowshoe Clinic and the pulmonary clinic.

The Hillsboro Clinic will be open Mondays and Wednesdays, 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. with J. Copley, PA-C seeing patients.

"We will have a complete referral department to refer patients out, as needed," Taylor said, "and we'll accept walk-ins."

The clinic is located in the former Browning Clinic building on Rt. 219.

"We had a nice turnout," Taylor said. "The community was very welcoming."

For more information on the clinic or to make an appointment, call 304-799-7400.

## Opera House kicks off 2022-2023 season

Suzanne Stewart  
Staff Writer

"The house was a rocking and there was no need for knocking."

All were welcome to come on in to the Pocahontas County Opera House performance series preview party last Friday evening.

As guests enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and bid on items in the silent auction, they were introduced to the list of musicians and shows scheduled for the 2022-2023 performance series.

Opera House director Brynn Kusic enthusiastically presented the schedule, highlighting a few shows that should be categorized as "must sees."

"We have an amazing season coming up," she said. "The main reason we are here tonight is to launch our 2022-2023 performance series, which if you picked up

a rack card, you'll see – it's jam packed. We've got all kinds of offerings. We have a lot of theater, a lot of regional music."

The season kicks off with The Rustic Mechanicals presenting Shakespeare's "Love's Labour's Lost" on the Discovery Junction stage Sunday, July 17. From there, the performances move indoors to the Opera House Stage.

"We are thrilled to be the premier location of the one-woman play about Pearl S. Buck," Kusic said. "Kathy Sawyer, who was the director of Greenbrier Valley Theatre from its inception, will be here, portraying Pearl, so that's pretty amazing."

"We will be bringing Greenbrier Valley Theatre back, but not their normal time. It won't be in August. It will be after Thanksgiving with a "Mountain Home

see Season pg 6



AT FRIDAY NIGHT'S Season Preview Party, the Opera House Foundation paid tribute to foundation member Jud Worth, who passed away last year. Worth worked for the betterment of the community and was a driving force in making the Opera House a success S. Stewart photo

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# BOE denies staff use of personal devices

Suzanne Stewart  
Staff Writer

The Pocahontas County Board of Education held a work session June 7 to discuss the pros and cons of allowing staff to connect their personal cell phones to the school servers which would allow them to use the school's WiFi to make calls and send texts.

During the discussion, director of technology Ruth Bland explained that administration and maintenance staff are the only employees who are currently allowed to use their personal devices and said it would cost a large sum to increase the power of the

server to allow the entire staff to have access.

Bland added that allowing personal devices onto the system would open the system up to malware or ransomware, as had been the case in Wood County several years ago.

The discussion was sparked by requests from teachers who say they would feel safer if they knew they could make a call or text in case of an emergency at the school.

Bland told the board that all teachers have phones and walkie-talkies in their rooms, which they could use to make calls to the office or to 911 if an emergency should arise.

After the hour-long con-

versation, the board voted, 1-4, to not allow staff to use personal devices on the school system server.

The board also discussed the process for filling the seat left vacant by the untimely death of Joe Walker, who was elected to the board in May.

The seat will be advertised and those interested who live in the northern or southern district may apply to fill the position until the fall election.

The board will conduct interviews and appoint someone at its July 5 meeting.

*The miscellaneous and personnel agenda items will be available online at pocahontastimes.com*

# Manchin among senators agreeing on Bipartisan Gun Bill framework

Steven Allen Adams  
The Intelligencer  
Wheeling News-Register

A bipartisan group of lawmakers, including U.S. Senator Joe Manchin, announced a path forward on a modest proposal for a package of gun safety measures meant to curb potential for future mass shootings.

Manchin, D-W.Va., announced in a joint statement Sunday morning that the bipartisan working group, consisting of Democratic and Republican U.S. Senators, have come to an agreement on several items that can be put into a bill and placed before the full Senate for consideration.

"Today, we are announcing a common sense, bipartisan proposal to protect America's children, keep our schools safe, and reduce the

threat of violence across our country," Manchin said in the joint statement. "Families are scared, and it is our duty to come together and get something done that will help restore their sense of safety and security in their communities."

The bipartisan proposal includes new enhanced background checks for gun purchasers between the ages of 18 and 21, utilizing juvenile and mental health records to determine if a purchaser is eligible. The package includes increased penalties for anyone who purchases guns through straw purchases for the purpose of trafficking guns.

States would receive grants to pass red flag laws that prohibit someone who may be a danger to themselves or others from possessing firearms. Certain actions trigger red flag laws,

such as arrests for domestic violence or certain misdemeanor charges, or mental health holds. Family members or police can petition a judge for someone to have their firearms taken away for a period of time under many red flag laws.

The package also included investments in mental health and suicide prevention programs in schools, including crisis and trauma intervention, violence prevention, wrap-around services, and access to telehealth; additional protections for victims of domestic violence, such as including those convicted of domestic violence or under a domestic violence restraining order in the FBI's National Instant Criminal Background Check System; and updating definitions for federally licensed firearms dealers.

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# Bipartisan Senators call for full PILT funding for 2023

U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV), Chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, joined 30 bipartisan colleagues in urging U.S. Senators Patrick Leahy (D-VT), Chairman of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, and Richard Shelby (R-AL), Vice Chairman of the Senate Commit-

tee on Appropriations, to fully fund the Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program for fiscal year (FY) 2023. PILT provides payments to counties with non-taxable federal land within their borders to offset the lost property tax revenue.

PILT funding is critical for communities in West Virginia and across the country

that use these funds for essential services. Throughout the country, PILT provides critical resources to nearly 1,900 counties across 49 states. Last year, 36 West Virginia counties received a total of \$3,515,635 through the PILT program. Counties have used these payments for more than 40 years to fund

see PILT pg 8

# Annual Report Notices mailed to business owners ahead of June 30 deadline

The West Virginia Secretary of State's Office has mailed postcard notices to more than 89,000 businesses registered in the state of West Virginia that have not yet completed their Annual Report filing.

Annual Reports are due by midnight June 30.

Businesses that miss the June 30 deadline will be charged a statutory late fee of \$50 in addition to the \$25 fee required to complete the filing.

Annual Reports are required by law to ensure that businesses keep their registration with the state current with updated information on

their current physical location, officers and agents.

"Our business registration database is a great resource for any consumer looking to verify the legitimacy of a business operating within the state," West Virginia Secretary of State Mac Warner said.

The quick and easy filing process can be completed online at any time by visiting the WV One Stop Business

Portal. Users can file as a guest if they do not wish to create a user account.

Annual Reports can also be filed in person at the Secretary of State's office locations in Charleston, Clarksburg and Martinsburg.

The WV One Stop Business Center in Charleston can be found in the WV Secretary of State's Office on the ground floor of the State Capitol in Suite 157-K.

# Magistrate Court

According to Magistrate Court records, the following individuals had activity in their cases:

In Magistrate Cynthia Broce-Kelley's court:

Jessie Allen Coy, 24, of Dunmore, pleaded guilty May 31 to a charge of failure to wear seatbelt. Coy was assessed \$25.56 in court costs and fines.

Haiden Daniel Gladwell, 20, of Buckeye, pleaded guilty June 2 to a charge of operation without certificate of inspection or failure to produce certificate. Gladwell was assessed \$195.25 in court costs and fines.

Trevor Keegan Hammons, 22, of Marlinton, pleaded guilty June 1 to a charge of operation without certificate of inspection or failure to produce certificate. Hammons was assessed \$195.25 in court costs and fines.

Frank Ellis Lambert, 27, of Durbin, pleaded guilty June 1 to charges of driving while license suspended or revoked and knowingly or intentionally possessing a controlled substance without a valid prescription. Lambert was assessed \$550.50 in court costs and fines.

Phyllis J. McCray, 43, of Durbin, pleaded no contest May 18 to a charge of driving while license suspended or revoked. McCray was assessed \$275.25 in court costs and fines.

Chevy Wade McDaniel, 29, of Moatsville, pleaded no contest June 9 to a charge of operation without certificate of inspection or failure to produce certificate. McDaniel was assessed \$220.25 in court costs and fines.

Ryan A. Moore, 23, of Marlinton, pleaded no contest May 25 to a charge of operation without certificate of inspection or failure to produce certificate. Moore was assessed \$195.25 in court costs and fines.

Sergio Rodriguez, 27, of Durbin, pleaded guilty May 31 to a charge of petit larceny. Rodriguez was sentenced to 11 days' jail and assessed \$475.25 in court costs and fines.

Dillon Lee Shinaberry, 20, of Dunmore, pleaded no contest May 17 to a charge of failure to maintain control. Shinaberry was assessed \$195.25 in court costs and fines.

Stephanie Ann Ames, 48, of Marlinton, pleaded guilty May 17 to a charge of operation without certificate of inspection or failure to produce certificate. Ames was assessed \$195.25 in court costs

and fines.

In Magistrate Jennifer Dunz's court:

Steven Kelley Bennett, 47, of Green Bank, pleaded no contest May 31 to a charge of possession of a controlled substance. Bennett was assessed \$225.25 in court costs and fines.

Dege Sue Campbell, 44, of Marlinton, pleaded guilty May 27 to a charge of failure to wear seatbelt. Campbell was assessed a \$25 fine.

Shannon Cassell, 39, of Durbin, pleaded guilty May 27 to charges of driving without a license and operation of vehicles without evidence of registration. Cassell was assessed \$389.06 in court costs and fines.

Dean M. Chestnut, 68, of Cass, pleaded no contest May 27 to a charge of unlawful methods of hunting. Chestnut was assessed \$195.25 in court costs and fines.

Baker Colton, 18, of Morgantown, pleaded guilty May 24 to charges of speeding and no mufflers. Colton was assessed \$380.50 in court

costs and fines.

Rhonda M. Day, 42, of Marlinton, pleaded guilty June 2 to charges of no vehicle insurance and failure to wear seatbelt. Day was assessed \$400.25 in court costs and fines.

Shelby R. Dickinson, 30, of Durbin, pleaded no contest May 24 to a charge of permitting unauthorized person to drive. Dickinson was

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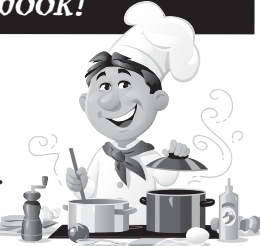
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# Little Levels Heritage Fair set for June 24 – 26

Cash prizes for parade entries – and pies

This year's Little Levels Heritage Fair, June 24-26 in Hillsboro, celebrates the Pocahontas County Bicentennial with its "Early Settlers in the Levels" theme. The fair, now in its 24th year, offers a full schedule of old-fashioned family fun for all to enjoy, including expanded activities for kids, a car show, good food, a book sale, heritage tours, pa-

rades and the annual pie contest. This year, parade organizers have increased the prizes for the Heritage Parade to boost the number of entries. Prizes are as follows: Parade Float – first: \$300; second: \$200; third: \$100; Walking/Horse/Miscellaneous – first: \$50; second: \$30; third: \$20; and Best Agricultural Equipment entry \$75. There is also a Bicentennial Best of Show award of \$125, which will be awarded in addition to the previously mentioned categories. The homemade pie contest

enters its fourth year and has two categories: Fruit/Berry and Cream/Cheesecake/Creative. Prizes for the contest are \$75 for first, \$50 for second and \$25 for third in each category. The overall winner gets a one-of-a-kind pie plate made by Tracey Walker – along with bragging rights for the year.

Hillsboro Library will bring its book sale back to the annual event and will also host a bake sale and serve homemade ice cream.

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# The Ballad of Cass ~ A Bicentennial Event

Written and directed by Missy McCollum, of the Old Brick Playhouse in Elkins

This presentation is about the people who lived in turn-of-the-century Cass, and is based on an original play by Nicolette Maleckar from the writings of Tward Blackhurst.

The play is presented as a "promenade."

The audience will move in small groups to different lo-

cations in Cass for each scene, beginning in front of the Cass Company Store and ending at the Cass Community Center.

Each performance will be followed by a lemonade social.

Please make plans to join us for this special Bicentennial Event.

Saturday, July 16 and 23, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. and Sunday, July 17 and 24, 6 p.m. Tickets \$10 each.

Limited advance tickets available online at celebrate

pocahontas200.com Tickets will also be available at the door.

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

1. This novel, written in 1939, tells us about the Joads, poor tenant farmers during the dust bowl in Oklahoma. They packed up everything and headed to California – the land of work, dignity and a future. Name the novel. Name the author.

2. When you talk about Ferraris, you think about Italy. Talk about Volkswagens, think about Germany. Talk about Kia or Hyundai, and what country comes to mind?

3. Whether you are into classical music or into Rock Me music by Falco, you know Wolfgang Mozart's middle name. What is it?

4. Queen Elizabeth is very fond of a particular breed of dog, and has been since she

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# Children's theatre camp to present 'Hansel and Gretel'

The Pocahontas County Opera House is excited to announce that the Missoula Theater Company will return to Pocahontas County August 1 through August 6.

At the end of the one-week theater camp, children will mount a full performance of *Hansel and Gretel*, complete with music, dance, costumes, scenery and makeup.

Children entering first through eighth grade are encouraged to apply. The cost is \$25 for the first child and \$15 for each sibling. Applications are available at the Community Wellness Center and on the Opera House website [www.pocahontasoperahouse.org](http://www.pocahontasoperahouse.org). Scholarships are available.

"We are thrilled to welcome the Missoula Theater Company back to Pocahontas County," said Charlie MaGhee Hughes, camp director. "We had two great



Missoula Theater Company

years of summer theater wait to take to the stage camps before COVID hit, again." and I know there are a lot of kids out there who can't see Camp pg 9

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Entry forms will be available at McClintic Library.  
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A Pocahontas County Bicentennial Event  
**the Ballad of Cass**  
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June 17 - 19, 2022

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**10:00AM: PARADE OF STEAM**

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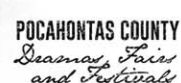
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When times are good or bad.  
One of our greatest blessings,  
The man that we call Dad.

~ByKaren K. Boyer  
From familyfriendpoems.com



## Marlinton Mayor's Corner

By Sam Felton

Like old friends who have stuck together through thick and thin, the Town of Marlinton, located alongside the Greenbrier River, conjures up such a relationship. We have had our times of opposition. But one would not be the same without the other. Throw in the 78-mile Greenbrier River Trail, "Discovery Junction" and the Pocahontas County Opera House, and we make quite a team. Each serves up a variety of community events and musical performances in the heart of downtown Marlinton. Together, recreation opportunities abound, and we seize upon each one of them.

The soon to be hired Recreational Economy Coordinator, coupled with the (DARRE) program, should be another amazing duo. Each will complement our

natural surroundings and expand each to its fullest. With just a little pun intended - If the new REC can deliver on a (DARRE), this team will increase capacity within the Town of Marlinton. Selling what we have will develop recreational activities and build a thriving local economy, based on the many outdoor resources in the county and region.

The Town of Marlinton Recreation Economy Coordinator (REC) VISTA will work toward this vision by serving as a liaison between the Town of Marlinton and multiple community partners to build a sustainable recreation economy by promoting the town as a top-tier recreation destination within the Snowshoe Highlands Area IMBA Ride Center.

Stay tuned. Good things are starting to happen.

## Meals provided for children during the summer

The Pocahontas County Board of Education has announced its sponsorship of the federally funded Summer Food Service Program.

Breakfast and lunch are open to all children, ages 18 years and younger, who would like to participate.

Meals will be served at Marlinton Elementary School, 906 Fifth Avenue in Marlinton.

Meals will be provided from 8:30 to 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to noon weekdays, from now and until July 29, with the exception of July 4, Independence Day.

A nutritious meal is important for children to learn, play and remain active during the summer months. Re-

member, Hunger Doesn't Take a Summer Vacation.

For more information about the Summer Food Service Program, please call the Pocahontas County Board of Education at 304-799-4505.

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(3) EMAIL: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

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## Community Calendar

### OPERA HOUSE

**Story Sessions – Phase Two, 7 p.m.** Sundays on Allegheny Mountain Radio, beginning July 3. Scheduled guests will be: July 3 – Mike Bing; July 10 – Dave Bing; July 17 – Dwight Diller; July 24 – Homer Hunter; and July 31 – Mary Sue Burns. The Story Sessions will also be available on YouTube, Instagram, Facebook.

**Missoula Theater Company, Hansel and Gretel** – August 1 through August 6. Children entering first through eighth grade are encouraged to apply. The cost is \$25 for the first child and \$15 for each sibling. Applications are available at the Community Wellness Center and on the Opera House website [www.pocahontasoperahouse.org](http://www.pocahontasoperahouse.org)

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**Pocahontas County Landfill and the Solid Waste Office** will be closed Monday, June 20, in observance of West Virginia Day.

**The Marlinton Town Office** will be closed Friday, June 17, in observance of

Juneteenth. Trash pickup for this day will be Thursday, June 16.

**The Marlinton Town Office** will be closed Monday, June 20, in observance of West Virginia Day. Trash pickup for this day will be Tuesday, June 21.

**Food Handler's Course** – Thursday, June 23, 1 to 2 p.m. at Durbin Library; and 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Community Wellness Center in Marlinton. Registration required a week in advance. Call 304-799-4154. Cost \$10.

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**Farmers Markets** – Green Bank, Wednesdays, 3 to 6 p.m. at the BFD Bank station. Linwood, Fridays, 3 to 6 p.m. at Linwood Library. Marlinton, Fridays, 3 to 6 p.m. at Discovery Junction on Third Avenue.

**Pocahontas County Landfill** is not accepting any construction/demolition (C&D) waste because there is no space left for C&D. Landfill Phone: 304-799-4199

### Second COVID booster vaccines for people 50 years of age and older,

whose first booster was at least four months ago, are available at the Pocahontas County Health Department. Schedule your appointment by calling 304-799-4154. Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

**Summer hours at Green Boxes sites:** Sundays 1 to 6 p.m. and Wednesdays and Saturdays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Free Day at Pocahontas County Landfill** for residential garbage is the last 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

**Cass Days** – June 17 – 19. A weekend celebration featuring live music, dancing, arts, eats and more.

**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.

**FREE Community Dinner** Thursday, June 23, 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Marlinton Presbyterian Church. Sponsored by local churches and community volunteers.

**Little Levels Heritage Fair** – Friday through Sunday, June 24 - 26. 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.

**The 21st Annual Public Reading of our 1776 Declaration of Independence,** see Calendar pg 9

## What's Cookin'?

The Art of Cooking in Marlinton



### Easy to Make Strawberry Ice Cream

Mary Sebert Myers

2 tsp. strawberry Jell-O powder  
1/2 cup cold water  
1 3/4 cup evaporated milk, scalded  
1/2 cup sugar  
2 tsp. vanilla  
1 1/4 cups whipped cream  
1 cup sweetened mashed strawberries  
Mix Jell-O in cold water, then stir into the hot milk.  
Cool.

Add sugar, vanilla and strawberries, blending very well.

Chill.  
Pour into an ice tray or other shallow metal container for freezing.

Put in freezer. When mixture is slightly thickened, fold in the whipped cream.

Return to the freezer for 1 hour. Then remove and put in a chilled bowl and beat the mixture with an electric

mixer.  
Pour into freezer trays and freeze for 3 to 4 hours.

### Spinach Casserole

Gladys Waugh

2 pkgs. frozen chopped spinach  
1 envelope dried onion soup mix  
1/2 pt. sour cream  
1/2 cup cracker or bread crumbs  
1/2 cup grated sharp cheese

Cook spinach until melted. Drain well, but do not press.

Mix sour cream with onion soup mix and add to spinach in baking dish.

Top with crumbs and cheese.

Dot with butter.  
May sprinkle with Parmesan cheese, if desired.

Cover and bake 20 minutes at 375°; uncover and bake a few minutes longer until brown.

Serves 6.

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**Oceans of Possibilities**  
Pocahontas County Libraries  
& Visitor Information Centers  
June 21 - July 30  
Options for all ages to participate and win prizes. A prize drawing will be held August 5. Complete the items below to be entered into the drawing.  
**READING CHALLENGES**  
Each branch will have copies of reading challenges for kids, teens, adults and families. NO double entries.  
**EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY**  
Attend library-hosted events or any free events offered by Parks and Rec held at any of our branches. Visit our booth at First Fridays and tell us "Aho, Mateys!"  
**LIBRARY CAPTAIN'S LOG**  
Visit all five library branches in the county. Have your captain's log initialed by the librarian. Keep a log of your favorite thing about each branch.  
**TREASURE BREAK IN BAG**  
Each library branch will have a treasure bag for you to check out and complete at the library. Use a list of provided clues to crack the code and claim the treasure waiting for you inside.  
For complete information, contact any of our branches or visit [pocahontaslibrary.org](http://pocahontaslibrary.org)

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## Healthy Can Taste Good Cooking Class

It is our joy to share with you some of our favorite recipes that we hope will inspire and motivate you to incorporate a more plant food-centered diet into your lifestyle.

### So, Make Yourself A Priority!

Come, join us on June 21 and 28, July 5 and 12, from 6 to 8 p.m., at St. John's Episcopal Church

Ninth Street, Marlinton, across from Marlinton Elementary School. Use ramp entrance on Fifth Avenue (library side). Hosted by Lindie Moore, Sponsored by the Marlinton Seventh-day Adventist Church.

**FREE:** Classes • Prizes • Health Magazines • Vegan Food Samples • Beautifully Illustrated Hard Cover Cookbook

Limited seating. Please register early. Call or text Lindie at 1-304-646-1544.

**McNeel Mill Memory Days**  
June 23 - 25  
~ a Bicentennial Event ~  
The McNeel Mill in Mill Point, at the intersection of Rts. 219 and 39, will be open June 23 - 25, to honor the memory of Lanty F. McNeel. The Mill will be open to close friends and family from noon to 6 p.m. Thursday, June 23; and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, June 24.  
**Open to the public Saturday, June 25, from 9 to 11 a.m. and 3 to 5 p.m.**  
Artifacts available for viewing, include:  
• Deeds • Bibles • Photos • Brochures  
• Newspaper Articles • Local News  
• Artifacts from 1800s • Confederate information  
• 57 Notebooks of family genealogies  
Bring a camera and sit a spell.  
Nothing to buy and nothing to sell.  
Your brain will be overloaded with information.  
You'll never see this history in any other location.

**Little Levels Heritage Fair PARADE ENTRIES AND PIE CONTEST INFO**  
Saturday, June 25

**PARADE CATEGORIES:**

- Bicentennial-Themed Entry - Best of Show: \$125
- Float: First place \$300; Second place \$200; Third place \$100
- Agricultural Equipment: \$75
- Walking/Horse/Miscellaneous: First place - \$50; Second place \$30; Third Place \$20

The Bicentennial award may be given in addition to the other category winners. For example, if the best Bicentennial entry is also a first place walking entry, they would be awarded \$175.

**PIE CONTEST**

**Categories:**

- Fruit Pies: All Fruits and Berries.
- Other Pies: Includes Cream, Cheese Cake and Creative Pies (Pies containing dairy products must be delivered in cooler.)

**Contest Rules:**  
Crust and pie filling must be made from scratch (pastry, crumb or any other homemade crust). No canned fillings or mixes or pre-made crust. All pies must be covered when delivered. List ingredients on one side of a file card with name, address and phone number on back. Pies will be judged based on presentation, texture and taste. Judge's decisions are final. Pies will be identified by number only. You should have your name on any plate you wish to pick up. Pies must be brought to the Hillsboro Senior Citizens' room at the south end of Hillsboro Elementary School between 11 a.m. and noon. Judging begins at 12:30 p.m. and winners announced following the parade. Winners in each of the two categories will be: First/\$75, Second/\$50 and Third/\$25. Best of Show will be selected by a separate team of judges from the first place winners of each of the two categories. The winner will receive a handmade, one-of-a-kind ceramic pie plate created by Tracy Walker.  
For additional information call Ruth Taylor at 304 653-8563 or email [bobandruthataylor@yahoo.com](mailto:bobandruthataylor@yahoo.com)



Where courage dwells  
Annie and Cai

**Annie**  
Niagara Falls has existed for about 10,000 years. Long before the first Europeans set eyes on the famous cataracts. The falls were formed at the end of the Wisconsin Ice Age when the melting of the glaciers sent enormous amounts of water over the Niagara Escarpment, hydraulically carving the falls.

It would be October 24, 1901 before the first person went over Niagara Falls in a barrel and survived. And, remember, it was assumed by most that such a venture was not survivable. Anyone attempting this would be treading into unknown territory – with a gruesome death the likely outcome.

By 1901, Annie Edson Taylor was in dire financial straits. For most of her life and by today's standards, Annie would have been considered middle class. Having had a successful career as a schoolteacher and coming from a family of means, Annie never imagined being penniless and out on the streets.

But, there she was, taking odd jobs wherever she could find them. Her only child had died as an infant, and within a short period of time, her husband died, as well.

The tragedy only grew in scope when she invested the last of her wealth in a risky scheme proposed by her clergyman. She lost all of her money, and if that was not enough, her house burned down.

Desperate, Annie had read an article about Niagara Falls and decided that she would be the first person to go over the falls in a barrel. She imagined that if her feat was successful, she would travel the world telling her incredible story to ward off poverty

in her old age. She did survive her plunge over the falls with only minor injuries. But things did not progress as she had imagined – not even close.

There is one thing about Annie that I have not revealed yet. And this "thing" would determine the outcome of her daring feat that no woman, or man, had hitherto dared to attempt.

Annie turned 63-years-old the day she crawled into that



ANNIE TAYLOR POSES beside the barrel she rode over Niagara Falls in, becoming the first person to do so. *Public Domain*

wooden barrel and allowed the current to sweep her over the falls into the tumultuous water below. (The average life expectancy for a woman in 1900 was a mere 48.3 years.)

When the barrel was rescued and brought to shore, a disheveled old woman stepped out. She was not the hero figure thousands of people came to see. There was a palpable sense of disappointment.

Her manager, immediately sensing this, concocted a

plan that would financially benefit him, but leave Annie out in the cold. He stole her barrel and proceeded to benefit from Annie's stunt.

Afterward, he traveled with an attractive young woman posing beside the barrel as if she was the one who had ridden it over Niagara Falls. After her daring ride, Annie spent what little money she made to hire a detective to find her barrel.

She wrote a memoir and posed beside her recovered barrel, hoping to make enough money that she could live a comfortable life, but by this time, other daredevils had the spotlight. She risked her life doing something people thought was suicidal because she didn't want to be destitute.

Her glory and fortune were stolen from her by a despicable man. She died

ably like Minnie Mouse.

But I was wrong, terribly wrong.

We became friends and met each Sunday at a Chinese restaurant in Columbus, Ohio, for dim sum.\* As the

months passed, I learned that the North Vietnamese had captured and imprisoned Cai in an infamous prison camp in Ca Mau, South Vietnam.

Of course, the communist government preferred to call

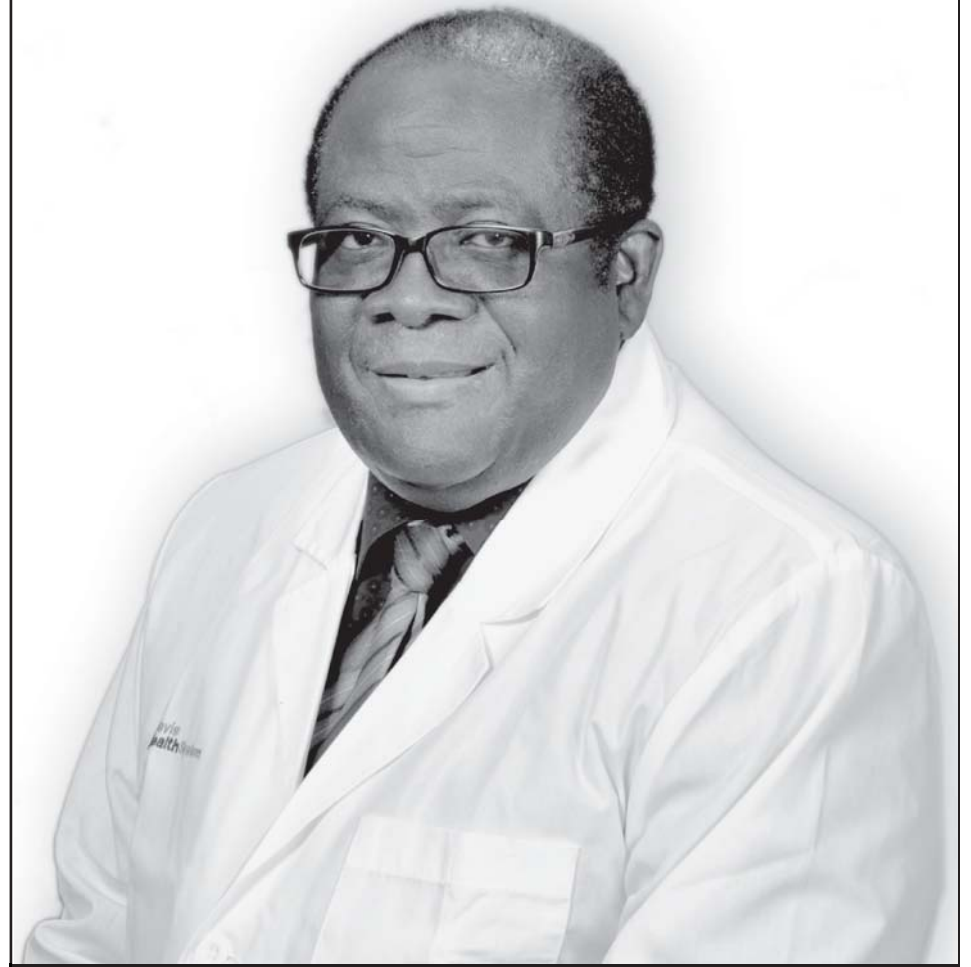
Cai's place of detention a "re-education camp." Please don't imagine a summer camp on a lake with canoes. Physically and psychologically tortured, she walked

see Your pg 8

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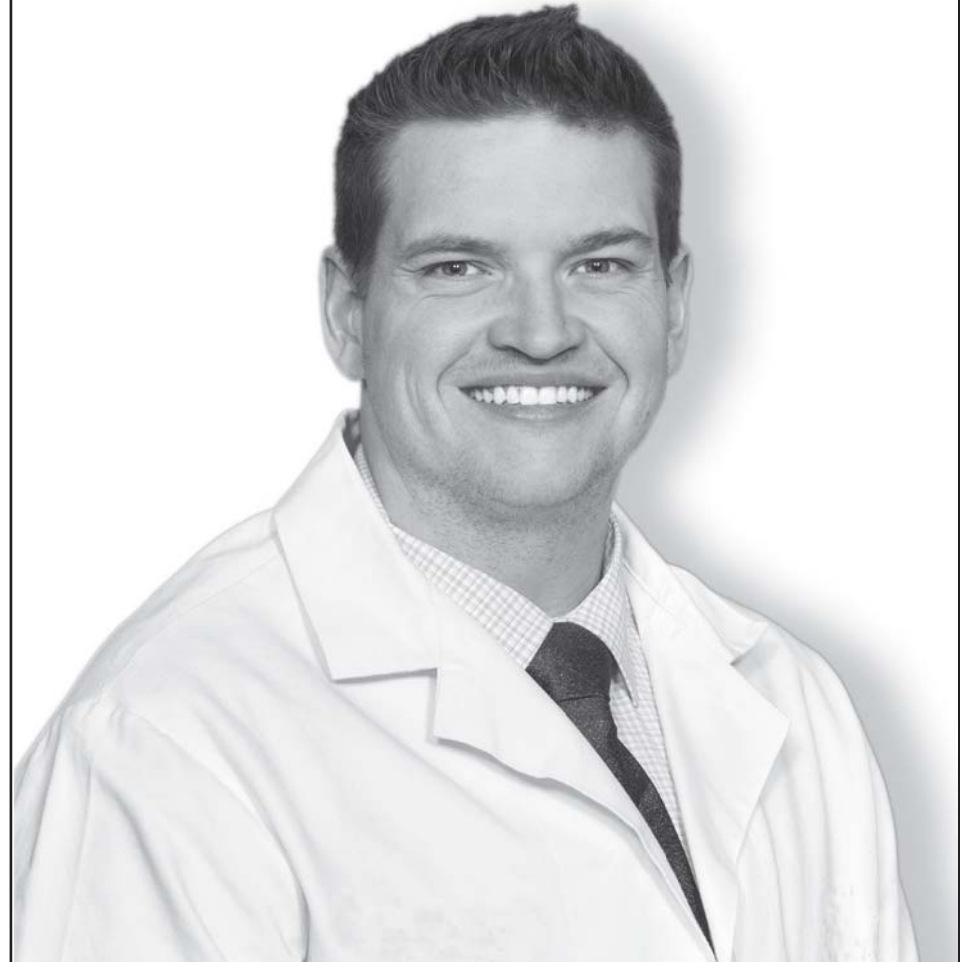
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  - 67 Gumshoes
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## Obituaries



**Violet Costello**  
Violet Genevieve "Genny" Sharp Costello, 89, of Warren, Ohio, passed away Tuesday, June 7, 2022, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Warren, Ohio.

Born January 10, 1933, in Mill Point, she was a daughter of the late Joseph Grant and Golden Violet Wamsley Sharp.

Genny graduated from Hillsboro High School with the class of 1952. She lived most of her adult life in Ohio, raised a family of four children, and retired from H & R Block.

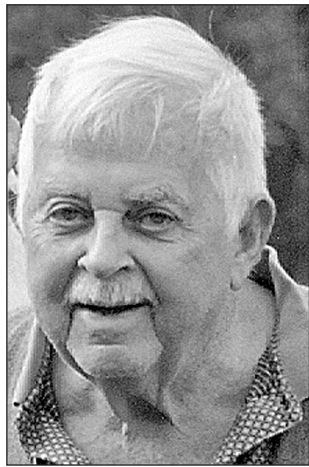
In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, Edgar Triplett; second husband, Eddie Costello; sister, Othenia Poburs; two brothers-in-law, Holly H. McClain and William "Bill" Poburs; and great-nephew, J. Chad Ferris.

Genny is survived by her children, Steve Triplett, and wife, Linda, of Atwater, Ohio, Dave Triplett, and wife, Kathy, of Newton Falls, Ohio, Kevin Triplett, and wife, Carole, of West Farmington, Ohio, and Linda Chapman, and husband, Bruce, of Newton Falls, Ohio; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren and one on the way; two sisters, Nancy McClain, of Hagerstown, Maryland, and Lynn Kershner, and husband, Larry, of Droop Mountain; four brothers, Grant Daniel Sharp, and wife, Dixie, of Buckhannon, Donald Sharp, and wife, Sharon, of Hillsboro, Gene Sharp, and wife, Jean, of Parma, Ohio, and Bobbie Sharp, and wife, Connie, of Creswell, Oregon; numerous nieces and nephews; and great-nieces and great-nephews.

Funeral service will be held at noon Sunday, June

12, 2022, at Peter Rossi and Son Funeral Memorial in Warren, Ohio.

Interment is scheduled for Saturday, July 16, 2022, at 10 a.m. in Sharp Cemetery at Mill Point.



### George Fuller

George Morris Fuller, Sr., 90, of Valley Head, passed away Friday, June 10, 2022, at Lavender Fields Assisted Living in Beverly.

Born March 9, 1932, at Lansdale, Pennsylvania, he was a son of the late John Nelson Fuller and Anna Matilda Weiss Fuller.

Mr. Fuller was a Veteran, having served in the U. S. Coast Guard. He worked for NASA as a Senior Scientist.

In 1952, he married Alberta Mae Dominique Fuller, who was his loving wife for 65 years before she went to be with her Lord August 17, 2018. They lived in Melbourne, Florida, and had a home in Cass and a farm in Mingo. They also owned Moore's Ready Mix in Cass.

Mr. Fuller attended Arbovale United Methodist Church.

He is survived by a daughter, Susan Hassell, of Smithfield, Virginia; three sons, George M. "Scooter" Fuller, Jr. (Virginia), of Valley Head, Thomas Fuller, of Morgantown, and John Fuller, of Richmond, Virginia; 10 grandchildren, Laura, James, Clay, Brady, Travis, Jason, Candace, Elizabeth, Emily and Jacob; and 17 great-grandchildren.

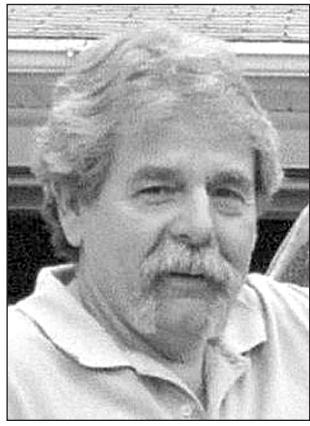
Funeral service was held Monday, June 13, 2022, at Arbovale United Methodist Church with Pastors Amy Paul and David Fuller officiating. Military honors were accorded by the Pocahontas

County Veterans Honor Corps.

Interment was in Mingo Cemetery at Mingo.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.kimblefuneralhome.com](http://www.kimblefuneralhome.com)

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Kimble Funeral Home in Marlinton.



### Douglas Jackson

Douglas L. Jackson, 69, of South Amherst, Ohio, formerly of Marlinton, passed away Wednesday, June 8, 2022, at Welcome Nursing Home in Oberlin, Ohio.

Born July 11, 1952, in Marlinton, he was a son of the late Dennis and Dorothy Rogers Jackson.

He graduated from Elyria High School with the class of 1970.

Doug proudly served in the United States Army during the Vietnam era. He met his wife, Karon, in Frankfurt, Germany, while serving in the Army.

He was employed as a relief man at Ford Motor Company in Lorain, Ohio, and also worked at Snowshoe Ski Resort.

Doug was a member of St. John's United Church of Christ in South Amherst, Ohio. He was a 32nd Degree Mason in Oberlin, Ohio, and a member of the Valley Scottish Rite in West Virginia. He had celebrated 36 years of sobriety and was very active in A. A. Doug loved exploring the genealogy of the Jackson and Rogers families.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Karon "KK" King Jackson; son, Uriah Jackson, of Elyria, Ohio; brothers, Danny (Debra) Jackson, of Vermilion, Ohio, and Donald (Mary) Jackson, of South Amherst, Ohio.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, David Jackson.

The family will hold a Celebration of Life at a later date.

Hempel Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Douglas Jackson.

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### Letcher Landis

Letcher Steryl Landis, 88, of Jacksonville, North Carolina, died Wednesday, June 8, 2022, at his residence.

Born June 9, 1933, at Beard, he was a son of the late Ray Landis and Margie Kidd Landis.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Earl Landis and Curtis Landis.

He is survived by his loving wife, Sadocka Landis, of the home; sons, Curtis E. Landis (Sandi), of Jacksonville, North Carolina, and George Landis, of Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sisters, Alice Waugh, of West Harrison, Indiana, and Charlotte Davis (Junior), of Marlinton; brother, Roy L. Landis (Susie), of Marlinton; sister-in-law, Carolyn Landis, of Sistersville; and numerous extended family members and friends.

A graveside service with military honors was held Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at Coastal Carolina State Veterans Cemetery in Jacksonville, North Carolina.

### Larry Matheny

Larry Allen Matheny, 75, of Green Bank, passed away Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at his home.

Graveside service will be held at noon Saturday, June 18, 2022, at the Wesley Chapel Cemetery in Green Bank.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at the Wesley Chapel Church.

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## Season, from page 2

Christmas." And we'll have our murder mystery dinner theater before that, if all goes well – which I think it will. You might see some folks on the stage during that murder mystery dinner theater that are here in this room this evening.

"If you have not participated in community theater in the past, it is the best way to connect with friends and neighbors and folks that you see in local establishments in a whole other realm," she added. "I accidentally ended up being part of it the year before we had Kathy Mattea. It was a really fun experience, and I have a funny feeling I'm going to be part of it again in October."

As for the musicians, there are several familiar local favorites as well as some newcomers that will bring new flavors to the stage.

"If everything goes well, we're going to be able to bring an entire group, Qwanqwa, over from Ethiopia in November, which would be amazing if that happens," Kusic said. "And during the River Race, we're going to have our first ever Klezmer show, and it's actually the hottest Klezmer band in Brooklyn – Michael Winograd and The Honorable Mentshn."

With Ethiopian and traditional Jewish music, the Opera House will introduce a bit of the world to Pocahontas County. It will also welcome back a familiar face in a new fashion.

"Something that folks should really pay attention to is on October 8, there's a band called Oyo, and it features one of our very own, wonderful Pocahontas County residents of old times, Drew Tanner," Kusic said.

Tanner was director at the Opera House and a reporter at both *The Pocahontas Times* and Allegheny Mountain Radio before moving to Willimastown.

Before presenting a video featuring clips from musical acts in the performance series, Kusic honored the memory of Opera House Foundation member Jud Worth, who was a driving force in making the Opera House a success.

"There's a very important person who is not with us this evening, and I need to mention his name," she said. "Jud Worth, who was a part of the restoration of this place and was an original member of the Opera House Foundation. He is not with us tonight. I hope when you came in, you got to see his photograph because, although he is not with us in physically, he is definitely with us in spirit, and I want you to let Jud Worth live on in this building for as long as we get to have things happen here."

The photograph of Worth was surrounded by flowers, and accompanied by a note that read, "Beloved friend of the Opera House from the beginning. Your love and dedication will always live on, in our hearts and in this place."

See the schedule online at [pocahontasoperahouse.org](http://pocahontasoperahouse.org)

**IN MEMORY OF OUR DAD, RALPH CLAUDE COLEMAN, ON FATHER'S DAY**

You left us with so many precious memories, and your love will continue to be our guide. You will live on through your children, you will always be by our side. It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone, Dad. For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.

We love you, Dad.  
Dorothy, Rick, Kim, Dave, Randall, Monica, Marty, Kimmie, Johanna, Michael, Cameron, Trisha,  
25 grandchildren and great-grandchildren

**Town of Marlinton Fire Hydrant Testing**

Beginning June 27 through July 1, the Town of Marlinton will be testing and servicing the fire hydrant system. The system is directly linked to the drinking water supply. Be further advised that during the testing period, the water is safe, but should be allowed to run until it is clear. Use caution when washing white laundry. It is recommended to wait 24 hours after the testing has been completed in the vicinity of your neighborhood. We apologize for the inconvenience. This must be performed to better protect and serve the people in the community.

## Court, from page 2

assessed \$195.25 in court costs and fines.

Russell Morris Friel, 68, of Marlinton, pleaded guilty May 25 to a charge of failure to wear seatbelt. Friel was assessed a \$25 fine.

Alice Terry Fultz, 48, of Falling Waters, pleaded guilty June 6 to a charge of failure to wear seatbelt. Fultz was assessed \$25.56 in court costs and fines.

Bruce Lovell McCormick, 75, of Cheraw, South Carolina, pleaded guilty May 26 to a charge of trespassing on property other than structure or conveyance. McCormick was assessed \$275.25 in court costs and fines.

James Edgar Moore, 72, of Marlinton, pleaded no contest May 27 to a charge of unlawful method of hunting. Moore was assessed \$195.25 in court costs and fines.

Richard Nicholas, 63, of Erbacon, pleaded no contest May 27 to a charge of failure to present fishing license on demand. Nicholas assessed \$195.25 in court costs and

fines.

Timothy Price, 36, of Marlinton, pleaded no contest June 2 to a charge of failure to wear seatbelt. Price was assessed \$25.56 in court costs and fines.

Timothy Lee Queen, 34, of Bartow, pleaded no contest May 13 to a charge of driving while license revoked for DUI, second offense. Queen was sentenced to six months suspended jail, one year unsupervised probation and assessed \$1,175.25 in court costs and fines.

Jerry M. Rexrode, 64, of Harman, pleaded guilty May 13 to a charge of illegal possession and use of non-game fish, prohibited stream. Rexrode was assessed \$195.25 in court costs and fines.

Trista Nicole Robinson, 28, of Marlinton, pleaded guilty June 6 to a charge of failure to wear seatbelt. Robinson was assessed a \$25 fine.

Simeon C. Sanchez, 25, of Charles Town, pleaded guilty June 8 to charges of driving without a license and failure to wear seatbelts. Sanchez was assessed \$225.20 in

court costs and fines.

Terill L. Taylor, 68, of Hillsboro, pleaded guilty May 12 to a charge of operation without certificate of inspection or failure to produce certificate. Taylor was assessed \$190.25 in court costs and fines.

Dalton Vandevender, 24, of Valley Head, pleaded guilty May 24 to a charge of failure to wear seatbelt. Vandevender was assessed a \$25 fine.

Derek Lee McLaughlin, 43, of Marlinton, pleaded no contest to charge of operation without certificate of inspection or failure to produce certificate and no vehicle insurance. McLaughlin was assessed \$555.50 in court costs and fines.

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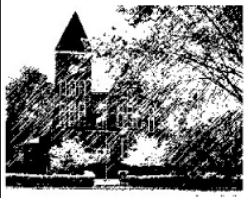
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## Camp Price Baseball Team - 1936



THE CAMP PRICE Baseball Team poses in uniform at the Civilian Conservation Corps Camp at Droop Mountain Battlefield State Park in 1936. (Courtesy of Mike Smith; ID: PHP000090)

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## Seventy-Five Years Ago

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, June 19, 1947

### WILLYUM'S LETTER

Clarksburg Exponent  
Dear Cal;

I got the idea maybe you should change the name of The Pocahontas Times to the Wild Lifer, for on scanning my copy of last week's issue about all I could find was stories about bears and bear hunting and now you've got me clear out of the notion of coming to Pocahontas for a visit this year. I did think some time during the summer I'd drop over and see how you were behaving and also look up Alma and Aubrey Ferguson and tell them what a circumspect life I'd been living, not that they

would believe it, but now you have done gone and spoiled the whole thing — especially I'd planned to take a trip over that new road down Richwood way but when one man sees three bears crossing the road all at the same place, that's no place for a tenderfoot, although it's possible Pocahontas county bears are no more dangerous than some of the drivers over in these parts.

Those bear-hunting brothers, Oscar and Austin Sharp, whom you write about, and their dogs must be kept quite busy bumping off bears. I see in a short time one bear that "lumped off" better than 300 pounds and another one that "lumped off" around 400

pounds, and although I'm not certain of the exact definition of "lumped off," not being an old bear man, I get the idea they were pretty good size bears, and I don't envy the bear hunters in the least. I haven't noticed any late dope from you on the panthers in Pocahontas county, and I am wondering if the bears have chased them out.

It would be a shame with all the other attractions West Virginia has if you were to allow the panthers to vanish. Let's hear less about bears and more about panthers.

WILLYUM

### WEDDING

Miss Mary Margaret McQuain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McQuain, of Elkins, became the bride of William K. Moore, son of Mrs. Margaret Moore, of Marlinton in a church ceremony on Friday evening,

June 6, 1947, at 6 o'clock in the Evangelical United Brethren Church.

The wedding of Madeline Perry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Perry, of Marlinton, and Roy McLaughlin, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Wallace McLaughlin, of Huntersville, was solemnized Monday, June 9, 1947, at 3 p.m. at the home of Rev. John Perry, grandfather of the bride.

Mr. and Mrs. Arlie C. Rexrode, of Arbovale, have announced the June 6, 1947 marriage of their daughter, Katherine Jane, to Mr. Allen Dale Pugh, son of Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Pugh, of Boyer... The groom is a veteran of World War II. He served 42 months with the medical corps and was discharged as Master Sergeant...

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## 100-Years-Ago in The Pocahontas Times

Calvin W. Price, Editor

June 15, 1922

At the June term of the circuit court, the most interesting case put on the stage was the murder trial in which John Brown was convicted of murder in the second degree for shooting and killing Roy Morris.

This county has gone through a long series of murder trials in the last few years, but his clears the docket for the time being. The prosecution has been vigorous and the court diligent. Law and order generally have been in the ascendant and it looks like peace has once more spread its healing wings over our beloved county, but it occurs to us to put a finger to the head as we say this.

Daniel Webster argued that every murder unpunished takes away something from the security of every man's life, but around every murder are many facts and circumstances showing the moving cause, so that a recital of matters that result in murder have a peculiar interest to the student of the human mind, the psychoanalyst.

John Brown came into court. He was very tall and big. He was very black. His features were as impassive as if cut from wood. His face was devoid of expression. He had no money and Judge Sharp assigned F. R. Hill, a famous trial lawyer, to defend him. Prosecutor Edgar

had looked into the case carefully and intimated that it was second degree murder, which opinion the jury afterwards confirmed.

It was a case concerning the colored society exclusively. The colored people were valued helpers of the big company at Cass. They looked rich and prosperous. They were the best dressed persons at court...

At Cass, the colored people live in a street of twelve houses on the east side of the river. There are eight houses on one side of the street and four on the other. April 10th, being payday, some of the men craved action and a poker game was in progress in one of the houses at the north end of the street.

Rube Coles, from off the mountain, was in that game. John Brown seems to have been the host of the party. He is a newcomer from out the deep south. It is the custom, in card games of a certain kind, to tax the accumulation of counters in the center of the table formed by the contribution of the players during the time that the ownership is in question. It is called the rake-off from the jackpot. It is the overhead charge which breaks every patron of the game sooner or later...

John Brown at first took out a nickel, but the game got larger and then he proceeded to take a quarter, on the super tax theory, and Rube protested and argued

that it was contrary to the tenets of poker... But John Brown was not there to be instructed in the game, and he observed bitterly that Spruce Mountain unmentionables were hard and tight, meaning thereby that they refused to pay adequately for their entertainment.

One word brought on another and Rube went outside and selected two pieces of rock, about as big as a dornick which he placed in a convenient way... then immediately went to another house to hide out.

Brown walked the length of the street to the hall of one Douglas and went in the front door. No one was at home and he took down a double barrel shotgun from the wall of one of the rooms and went out the back door and came back and took a stand at the corner of one of the houses.

Then Roy Morris was moved to make a rendezvous with death. He was a friend of Rube Coles. He had courage. He could not bear to think of his buddy hiding out from a strange negro, even if he did have a gun. He called to Rube to come forth, and Rube heard the summons and left the shelter of the home. He had no more than put his foot on the street until he saw John Brown holding a gun on him and he was peppered with small shot. Rube went away from that place on a run. The doctors afterwards picked some one hundred and fifty shot out of his person...

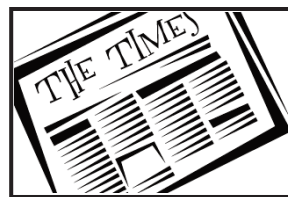
Roy Morris was present and saw his friend shot, and as far as he could have known at the time, fatally

shot. And he must have felt that his unfortunate advice had caused Rube to come forth and face his adversary and be assassinated.

A whole chapter could be written on the evils of free advice. It is not necessary, for Kipling has reduced it to a line: "Unsought advice is cursed of God."

Roy Morris must have decided instantly to avenge the injury to Coles. Morris was a small man and Brown was a big, dangerous man and armed with a double barreled gun... The evidence is conflicting as to whether Morris ever attacked Brown. At the sound of the first shot, the whole population of the quarters must have poured out of doors. Brown seems to have been walking away and Morris was rapidly overhauling him. Then, just as the fatal shot boomed out, there was some conflict in the testimony of the numerous observers. Some think that as Morris all but overtook Brown, that he stumped his toe on an irregularity in the street and stumbled, and in that instant, Brown, without raising his gun from the crook of his elbow turned his face toward Morris and pulled trigger... Morris died from the wound in a few hours...

Brown's plea was self defense, and there was enough in his favor to save him from a conviction of murder in the first degree, but the winged words of his counsel could carry him no further toward safety, for the jury brought in a verdict of second degree murder which carries a penalty of not less than five nor more than 18 years' imprisonment...



## Fifty Years Ago

Jane Price Sharp, Editor

Thursday, June 15, 1972

Killing frost in many parts of the county Sunday morning. James Schaffner, at Seneca State Forest, reported 24 degrees.

### Students

Shirley A. Wilfong, a recent graduate of Pocahontas County High School, has received an honor scholarship from Bridgewater College in recognition of her outstanding scholastic achievement.

Susan Wilda Chappell, of Hillsboro, was among the second semester honor students at West Virginia University's Creative Arts Center.

Thomas Edward Long, of Marlinton, received his Master of Arts degree at Marshall University May 14.

Grace Jane Moore, of Buckeye, received her degree with honors from Marshall University.

Second semester honor students named in West Virginia University's College of Agriculture and Forestry: Ellen Lynn Beard, of Hillsboro; and Thomas E. Michael, of Marlinton.

Elizabeth Ann Graham, of Buckeye, was graduated with "distinction" honors and received the bachelor of arts degree at Centre College of Kentucky June 4.

### Cheerleaders

The new Varsity Cheering Squad for the fall term at P. C. H. S. is diligently at work. They will attend the Nation-

wide Cheerleader Association Clinic at West Virginia Wesleyan College in July.

The squad consists of Cathy Johnson (head), Susie Workman, June Starks, Patty Kerr, Caren Cummins, Dorenda Sharp, Marie McLaughlin and Jeannie Hill.

### Wins Trucking Awards

Burns Motor Freight carried away the major share of trophies at the annual West Virginia Motor Truck Association rodeo and safety awards program in Charleston Saturday.

The Marlinton based interstate and intercity carrier received the 1972 grand trophy for its overall safety record.

A Burns driver, Samuel M. Felton, Jr., won third place in the flat bed safe driving category. Thomas Burns, company safety supervisor, received the association's first award for safety effort...

The Pocahontas County carrier hauls lumber, leather and general freight cargo and rolls up about 2.5 million miles of highway travel each year.

Felton participated in the flat bed safe driving competition. His father, Samuel M. Felton, Sr., was entered in the five axle tractor-semi-trailer class. The son outscored his father on the rodeo course...

This year, 52 drivers were entered in the rodeo.

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## Pocahontas County Bicentennial

1821 - 2021

Footsteps through History

June 18, 1897

THE DELINQUENT tax list of Monongalia county shows a total of only 160 names. The list recently published by Mason county reveals 1,700, and brings forth some caustic comments from the Point Pleasant Register. The Hon. George Washington Tippet says, "the vast majority of these dead beats are voters," and strongly advocates a law to compel a man to pay his taxes before allowing him to vote.

### BIOGRAPHIC SKETCHES

Jacob Cassell, ancestor of the numerous relationships of that name, was a native of Pendleton County. In early manhood, he came to Bath, where he married Nancy McLaughlin, a sister of Squire Hugh McLaughlin, late of Marlinton. After living several years in Bath, he bought out Mr. Deaver, on Greenbrier River three miles west of Green Bank, now known as Cassell's Forging.

Here he settled and became a well known citizen of our county, about seventy years ago. His family consisted of two daughters and five sons: William, Jacob, John, Samuel, James, Nancy and Jane...

### A Pioneer of Adventure

JOHN JOHNSON, the ancestor of the Johnson relationship, and the pioneer of West Marlinton, whose log cabin stood near where The Times office now stands, heard that corn had matured in Nicholas. He set out to bring in some of the Nicholas corn for seed and lost his way in Black Mountain and was bewildered for nine days, having nothing to eat most of the time.

In his desperation, he tried a morsel of garter snake but he could not swallow it, and concluded that he would

rather die than eat such "eatings as that."

Upon coming to a house, he was just able to move and scarcely able to talk enough to make the mistress of the place understand what had happened.

She, at once, proceeded to prepare a bountiful meal, thinking a man as hungry as he was would never know when to quit.

In the meantime, the proprietor came in and countermanded all this preparation and directed a little thin mush to be boiled and little skimmed milk be brought from the spring house. He prepared a saucer of mush and milk and gave the famished stranger one spoonful, and then waited for results. In a few minutes there was a violent emetic disturbance and it looked as if he was about to turn inside out. When this subsided, a little more of the mixture was given with more favorable results, and in the course of a few hours the pangs of hunger were somewhat appeased. Nourishment was carefully dosed out for some days, and he finally made the trip, bringing the corn, which planted one of the first crops ever produced in the vicinity of Marlinton.

### ARUSTIC CABINET

IT IS with a good deal of comfort that the ambitious country boy reads of the success of those who were born and raised "far from the madding crowd." President McKinley has a cabinet composed of eight men, of whom six were country born and bred.

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## PILT, from page 2

law enforcement, firefighting, emergency response and other essential county services.

As communities continue to contend with the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic, this funding also supports communities' recovery ef-

orts. In March of this year, Congress appropriated this year's funding for the PILT program. That funding will be disbursed to West Virginia counties at the end of this month. Chairman Manchin and his bipartisan colleagues will continue working toward a long-term solution for PILT that will provide counties and local governments sustained funding and more predictability.

## Manchin, from page 2

"Our plan increases needed mental health resources, improves school safety and support for students, and helps ensure dangerous criminals and those who are adjudicated as mentally ill can't purchase weapons," the bipartisan group said. "Most importantly, our plan saves lives while also protecting the constitutional rights of law-abiding Americans. We look forward to earning broad, bipartisan support and passing our common sense proposal into law."

Speaking last week, U.S. Sen. Shelley Moore Capito, R-W.Va., said she was awaiting the outcome of the bipartisan negotiations before speaking about specific policy ideas. In a new statement Sunday afternoon, Capito said she would review the package and weigh in later.

"I'm encouraged when bipartisan solutions are offered like we are seeing with this group," Capito said. "Now that an agreement has been announced, I will thoroughly analyze these proposals and subsequent legislation once it is finalized so we can move closer to a country where these senseless tragedies do not occur."

In a statement Sunday, President Joe Biden embraced the proposal.

Biden said the framework "does not do everything that I think is needed, but it reflects important steps in the right direction, and would be the most significant gun safety legislation to pass Congress in decades."

Given the bipartisan support, "there are no excuses for delay, and no reason why

it should not quickly move through the Senate and the House," he said.

In addition to Manchin, the bipartisan group includes eight Democrats, 10 Republicans, and one independent. The group includes Chris Murphy, D-Conn.; John Cornyn, R-Texas; Thom Tillis, R-N.C.; Kyrsten Sinema, D-Ariz.; Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn.; Roy Blunt, R-Mo.; Cory Booker, D-N.J.; Richard Burr, R-N.C.; Bill Cassidy, R-La.; Susan Collins, R-Maine; Chris Coons, D-Del.; Lindsey Graham, R-S.C.; Martin Heinrich, D-N.M.; Mark Kelly, D-Ariz.; Angus King, I-Maine; Rob Portman, R-Ohio; Mitt Romney, R-Utah; Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich.; and Pat Toomey, R-Penn.

Any agreement in the Senate would require 60 votes – or 10 Republicans voting with the Democrats – to even be considered, giving this bipartisan agreement a chance at passage in the coming weeks. Both Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., have allowed the bipartisan group all the time it needs to come to an agreement.

It's unclear whether more liberal elements of the Democratic majority in the U.S. House of Representatives will accept the Senate's modest package. Last week, the House passed a broad gun control package along party lines. That bill includes raising the age to purchase semi-automatic rifles from 18 to 21 and outlawing high-capacity magazines among other restrictions.

*The Associated Press contributed to this report.*  
*Article provided by the West Virginia Press Association*

## Your, from page 5

away from the dreadful experience unbroken.

She had worked for the Americans and didn't manage to get out at the end of the war. She finally reached the U.S. in the late 1980s after languishing in a refugee camp in Bangkok for 18 months.

But, beyond that, I knew little more about this diminutive woman.

Several years later, Cai asked me to attend a dinner and dance with her in Washington D.C. It was indeed a gala affair and was one of the few times in my life I allowed myself to be convinced to wear a black-tie ensemble.

There were several hundred people there – a mix of Vietnamese and Americans – including several people from various government agencies. One man from the State Department knew Cai from his days in Vietnam. We hit it off, and at some point in the evening, he invited me out to the veranda for a cigarette and scotch, and I was happy to oblige.

He, we'll call him Dan, asked me what I knew about Cai, and I told him the few facts she had shared. He laughed and said, "Yep, that's Cai, as modest as they come."

Trusting that I would not bring it up to Cai, he told me there was a hell of a lot more to that tiny woman than meets the eye. She had made two successful escapes from the prison over three years.

Both escapes were a success in the sense that Cai made it to the coast, where a boat arrived in the middle of the night to take desperate South Vietnamese people out of the country – for a fee, of course.

On her first escape, she made it to the boat with money provided by her family in Saigon. Nothing is free, especially for the destitute.

There was a 14-year-old girl who arrived just as Cai was about to board the refugee boat. It turns out that the girl had lost her money en route. She couldn't pay

the captain.

Knowing what would happen to this young woman when finally captured, Cai gave the girl her money. She walked back to her torturers and turned herself in.

Her next escape got her on a refugee boat where she paid with gold that her mother had sewn into a raggedy jacket.

The thrill and relief of freedom didn't last long, though. Somewhere in the Gulf of Thailand, Thai pirates attacked the refugee boat. The pirates raped several of the younger women. One of the pirates held a rusty handgun to Cai's head, demanding money and jewelry.

She told him steadily and calmly that she had given it all to the captain. Before walking away from Cai, the pirate pulled the trigger. The gun failed to go off. Undeterred, the brutal man walked to a group of women huddled in the boat's stern.

He began roughly examining the inner thighs of the women, young and old, pinching the flesh any place he saw a fresh scar or stitches. He found what he was looking for on a young mother holding her baby.

The ruthless bastard demanded a knife from a younger pirate. While the baby screamed and the mother held him tight, the toothless pirate slashed away at a scar, finally releasing into his filthy hands' several emeralds and diamonds. The mother remained stoic during the entire incident, holding the child to her chest.

Once the pirates had taken everything of value, they removed the outboard motor from the refugee boat. Then they set Cai and her fellow passengers adrift in the motor-less boat. They drifted for several days with no food

or water, until finally coming ashore on an uninhabited island.

Finally, on the third day, a United Nations ship out searching for "boat people" brought the refugees and crew onboard. They were fed and treated for injuries. After rescuing more refugees, the UN boat took them to a refugee camp in Bangkok to await sponsorship from friendly countries.

After 18 months, a family in Chicago sponsored Cai. As with most Vietnamese, she was not a burden for long. Cai took night classes in computer programming at Harry S. Truman College and worked at whatever job was available during the day.

Six years later, Cai bought a modest home in Columbus, Ohio, and became one of my colleagues.

Dan did not provide all of these details, but over several years Cai told me the whole story. And she did so without shedding a tear. She was, without a doubt, the most courageous human – man or woman – I have ever had the privilege to know.

Some years later, I was

writing Cai's story in a coffee shop in an upscale part of Columbus. Two well-dressed, bejeweled and manicured women sat at a table beside me.

I was writing about Cai's experience with the pirates. I noted the agony, pain and bloodshed of these refugees who had endured so much to get to the point of escaping Vietnam, only to be delivered more suffering by predators of the high seas.

At that moment, I tuned in to what the two women were discussing. One apparently had a garden tub in which the jets weren't working. The other woman tried to console her grieving friend, who then remarked, "I don't know what I will do, Stephanie. They can't fix the tub until next week."

Clearly, we do not all live in the same world!

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## CVB, from page 1

That short stint away from the county was spent in Australia where he met an English Rose – Denise – whom he has been married to for 46 years. The couple returned to Pocahontas County to raise their son, James, on the family land from his mother's side.

Along with being a founding member of the Historical Society, McNeel was also a founding member of the Mountain State Logging and Historical Association.

"[He] remains an in-demand voice for the train and logging history of the region – with two published books and an epic tome stretching out in development for more than forty years of writing and research," Taylor read. "Especially the Chesapeake & Ohio branch that served as the Greenbrier River's driving 'engine' – pun intended – for nearly a century. A true

expert in this particular slice of life, he also helped preserve the Marlinton Depot – not once, but twice.

"His authorship and writing does not end with the history of railroads," she continued. "It covers all facets of history and culture in West Virginia, serving as a guide and inspiration for families and visitors alike. His knowledge and words are voluminous, having written huge swaths of 'The History of Pocahontas County – 1981,' a sequel of sorts to his ancestor William T. Price's 'Historical Sketches of Pocahontas County;' hundreds of visitor placards on local history for displays and exhibits around the county; and thousands of column inches in *The Pocahontas Times* – much of it shaped old-school style via handset type, which he learned in high school – his family's business, at which he was editor for twenty-five years."

McNeel also wrote countless entries – and corrected

even more – for the West Virginia Encyclopedia as a board member of the West Virginia Humanities Council.

As well as being a historian of his beloved Pocahontas County, McNeel has been a conservationist, much like his grandfather Cal Price, who had a State Forest named for him.

"He has helped preserve the county's beauty as a founding member and long-time board member of the West Virginia Highlands Conservancy and advocate in Charleston and Washington, D.C., to save our most necessary natural assets," Taylor read. "Further, he's been a long proponent for seeing local industry shift from pollution and timber to skiing, biking, hiking and adventure."

McNeel received a standing ovation as he made his way to the podium with Denise and James by his side.

Referring to his grandfa-

ther, Cal Price, McNeel joked that organizations should be cautious when selecting honorees, for they never know what they might learn about their past.

"There are certain things you have to be careful about when you honor someone," he said. "Like my grandfather said when Cal Price State Forest was named for him. Of course, he was an early conservationist and concerned about the protection of our county and area, but on the other hand, he thought eagles were a danger to our farmers, so if you look in my background, you'll probably find something that will disqualify me for this."

All joking aside, McNeel thanked the CVB and all those in attendance, saying he was honored to be named Tourism Person of the Year.

"The thing my grandfather said when he was honored with the naming of the forest – he's 'sinfully proud,'" McNeel said. "I feel very much the same way."

## Fair, from page 3

Heritage tours will take place throughout the weekend at the Pearl S. Buck Birthplace. The McNeel Mill will be open on Saturday. Cemetery tours and walking tours will allow visitors a chance to hear more about the rich history of the area.

The Heritage Fair will miss longtime Heritage Fair "chef" Joe Walker who passed away suddenly in May. Friends of the family

have volunteered to step up and grill his signature pork tenderloin in his honor, and the Heritage Fair committee has voted to make a donation and to collect donations for the Joe Walker Memorial Fund.

As always, the fair will feature live music from local bands, arts and crafts vendors, as well as free activities for children.

The Little Levels Heritage Fair ends Sunday, June 26, with vespers at the McNeel Cemetery and the burying of the Bicentennial Time Capsule.

## Camp, from page 3

*Hansel and Gretel* offers a wide range of parts for children of all ages. In addition to *Hansel and Gretel*, *Granny and the Wildwood Witch*, there is an assortment of crafty cooks, lost campers, rascals, denizens of the deep and a flock of cuddly "wally-birds."

For those who prefer not to perform, assistant directors will help with rehearsals and work backstage.

The camp will be full of activities for everyone. When not rehearsing for the big show, there will be workshops in props, costumes, set design and movement.

The camp will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, August 1, through Friday, August 5. Lunch and snacks will be provided each day.

Performances for the public will be Friday, August 5, at 4 p.m. and Saturday, August 6, at 2 p.m.

Campers are expected to attend the full six hours a day and both performances.

## Calendar, from page 4

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.

**Pioneer Days** – Thursday through Saturday, July 7 – 9. Parades, car and tractor show, flea market, arts and crafts, food and more.

**Durbin Days Heritage Festival Pageant** – Sunday, July 10, 2 p.m. in the PCHS auditorium.

**Durbin Days Heritage Festival** – Wednesday, July 13, to Saturday, July 16. Carnival, pet show, Rabbit Pong, Greased Pig Contest, music, parades, crafts, food and more.

**The Ballad of Cass** – a Bicentennial Event, begins at the Cass Country Store. Performances: Saturday, July 16 and 23, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.; Sunday, July 17 and 24, 6 p.m. Tickets \$10.

**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.

**Our Strange Neighbor, American Eels**, Wednesday, June 23, 1 p.m. at McClintic Library; and 5 p.m. at Green Bank Library. Presented by Seneca Rocks Rangers.

**MEETINGS**  
**Pocahontas County Vietnam Veterans of America** Wednesday, June 22, 7 p.m. at McClintic Library.  
**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 through August at Stillwell Park. \$7 fee.

**Golf Basics** – Friday, June

17, 3 to 6 p.m. at Pocahontas County Country Club. Learn the basics of the game and more. For ages 8 and older. \$20

**Creek Dayz** – Monday, June 20, 10 to 11 a.m. at East Cass Park; and 1 to 2 p.m. at Stillwell Park.

**Tie-Dye Towels** – Tuesday, June 21, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Hillsboro Elementary; and 6 to 6:30 p.m. at Stillwell Park. Thursday, June 23, 11 to 12:30 p.m. at Green Bank Library; and 2 to 3 p.m. at Widney Park. Tuesday, June 28, 11 to 12:30 p.m. at East Cass Park; and 3 to 4:30 p.m. at Linwood Library. \$10. Towels provided.

**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**  
**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 bsmith2517@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** – 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** – Worship at 11 a.m. and via zoom. us/j/4527333215.

**Dunmore United Methodist Church** – 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 Meth-**

**odist Church** – Worship at 11 a.m.

**New Hope Church of the Brethren**, Worship 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** – 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 19 at 6 p.m.

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"I'm 60 years old and I've been a squirrel hunter for the past 55 years. I am not anti-hunting. I am a WV native and I love WV and have always eaten wild game as a healthy choice. The act of chasing sows and cubs with packs of dogs for "sport" or "pleasure" in spring and summer is wrong and needs to stop. Please sign and share this petition."

*Eddie Fletcher*

## Father's Day is Sunday, June 19

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**BIRTHS**  
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kelley, of Arbovale, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shreve, of Buckeye, a daughter, named Susan Jean.  
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Billy Puffenbarger, of Hillsboro, a son, named David Lee.

**DEATHS**  
Willie Ann Boggs, 80, of Brownsburg, a daughter of the late Lewis Wheeler and Charlotte Truss Wheeler. She was a faithful member of the Wilson Chapel and W. S. C.

S. of Brownsburg. Burial in the Brownsburg Cemetery.

Steven Bennett, 86, of Dunmore, a retired farmer. He is survived by two sons, Ralph and Ray. Burial in the Dunmore Cemetery.

Mrs. Virginia Weiford Jones, 51, of Sebring, Ohio; born at Marlinton, a daughter of the late Ernest J. and Pearl Clark Weiford. Burial in Sebring.

Oliver D. Peck, 83, a former resident of Durbin; born in Pendleton County, a son of the late Wellington G. and Rachel Pitzenburger Peck. Burial in Little Arlington Cemetery at Elkins.

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# Energy Express is back Dean's Honor Roll

**Devan Gum**  
 Site supervisor

**E**nergy Express is back for the summer, and we couldn't be more excited.

Staff at our site at Marlinton Elementary School includes a Site Supervisor and four AmeriCorps members, who just recently took part in a training in Morgantown where they were sworn-in to serve their community.

Energy Express is a six-week summer reading program based around weekly themes, which include: "Myself, Family, Community, Friends, Homeplace and Make My World a Better Place."

Our opening day will be Tuesday, June 21, and the program will continue until the last week in July.

The children will participate in reading, writing, art and drama activities every day. We also serve two meals a day – breakfast and lunch. We will be partnering with Family Resource Network this summer to provide snack and packs for children to take home on the weekends.

We couldn't operate this program without volunteers. We are currently recruiting volunteers to read each day with our children. If you are interested or know of a com-



**THIS YEAR'S ENERGY Express staff, front row: Makenna McKenney and site supervisor Devan Gum. Back row: Emma Dean, Jacob Kinnison and Emily Henderson.**

munity organization or church group that would be interested, please contact me, Devan Gum, at Marlinton Elementary School.

Community involvement is critical to the success of Energy Express.

We would like to thank our state and federal sponsors: West Virginia University Extension Service-4-H Youth Development, Volun-

Cedarville University student Sarah Given, of Hillsboro, majoring in Forensic Science, Chemistry, was named to the Dean's Honor Roll for spring 2022. This recognition requires the student to obtain a 3.75 GPA or higher for the semester and carry a minimum of 12 credit hours. Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville University is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist institution with an enrollment of 4,715 undergraduate, graduate and online students in more than 150 areas of study.



**GREEN BANK ELEMENTARY-Middle School's kindergarten class, with teacher Karen Murphy, were the top collectors for the 2021-2022 Pennies for Patients fundraiser. Front row, from left: Garrett Hannah, Hayley Buzzard and Titus Rittenhouse. Second row, from left: Isaiah Thompson, Owen Sattler, Tyler Taylor, Sarah Abbott, Michelle Sharp, Cade Propst. Third row, from left: Aubrey Warner and Murphy.**

# Pennies for Patients

**G**reen Bank Elementary-Middle School participated in the Pennies for Patients program for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

This was the 17th year the school has supported the society as the search for a cure to these diseases continues.

This year, Green Bank raised \$3,038.59 for the most worthy cause. That is the highest total donations ever collected in a year. In the past 17 years, a total of \$27,189.89 has been raised.

The winning class in this year's Pennies for Patients was Karen Murphy's kindergarten class. They raised \$1,679.16. The second place finisher was June Taylor's second grade class with a total of \$463.09. Both classes will receive a party of their choice.

Special thanks go to Tonya Jones and First Citizens Bank of Arbovale for counting all of the change. A thank you goes out to the families and the community, as well, for their support.

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Notice is hereby given that the following estate(s) have been opened for probate in the Pocahontas County Clerk's Office at P. O. Box 209, 900 Tenth Avenue, Suite C, Marlinton, WV 24954-1333. Any person seeking to impeach or establish a will must make a complaint in accordance with the provisions of West Virginia Code 41-5-11 through 13. Any interested person objecting to the qualifications of the personal representative or the venue or jurisdiction of the court, shall file written notice of an objection with the County Commission through the Pocahontas County Clerk's Office at the address listed above within 60 days after the date of the first publication or within 30 days of the service of the notice, whichever is later.

If an objection is not filed timely, the objection is forever barred. Any person interested in filing claims against an estate must file them in accordance with West Virginia Code 44-2 and 44-3A.

Settlement of the estate(s) of the following named decedent(s) will proceed without reference to a fiduciary commissioner unless within 60 days from the first publication of this notice a reference is requested by a party of interest or an unpaid creditor files a claim and good cause is shown to support reference to a fiduciary commissioner.

**First Publication Date: Thursday, June 9, 2022**  
**Claim Deadline: Monday, August 8, 2022**

ESTATE NUMBER: 14346  
ESTATE OF: **MARTIN ALAN CARR**  
ADMINISTRATRIX: Janice Gibson  
14667 Seneca Trail  
Buckeye, WV 24924-9001

ESTATE NUMBER 14348  
ESTATE OF: **CARL OWEN MCCARTY**  
ADMINISTRATRIX: Ellen Louise McCarty  
11672 Frost Road  
Dunmore, WV 24934-9025

ESTATE NUMBER: 14392  
ESTATE OF: **JOHN BULY**  
EXECUTOR: John Steven Buly  
591 Russell Scott Road  
Hillsboro, WV 24946-8572

ESTATE NUMBER: 14397  
ESTATE OF: **IVAN VANREENEN**  
EXECUTRIX: Nanette Beckwith  
P. O. Box 3  
Slaty Fork, WV 26291-0003

ESTATE NUMBER: 14398  
ESTATE OF: **PEGGY SUE CARPENTER**  
ADMINISTRATOR: Joshua Carpenter  
61 Ball Gap Road  
Arden, N. C. 28704-8747

ESTATE NUMBER: 14399

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ESTATE OF: **MARSHALL CLUTTER**  
EXECUTOR: Nathaniel Clutter  
415 Rose Road  
Hillsboro, WV 24946-8748

ESTATE NUMBER: 14389  
ESTATE OF: **BRENDA CAROL DOSS**  
EXECUTRIX: Marvinna C. Irvine  
3979 Brush Country Road  
Marlinton, WV 24954-6649

ESTATE NUMBER: 14400  
APPOINTMENT DATE: JUNE 1, 2022  
ESTATE OF: **DERRICK COURTNEY WILCOX**  
ANCILLARY ADMINISTRATOR: Michael C. Doss  
921 10th Avenue  
Marlinton, WV 24954  
Subscribed and sworn to before me on June 6, 2022.

Melissa L. Bennett  
Clerk of the Pocahontas County Commission  
6/9/2

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE**

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, MICHAEL C. DOSS, Trustee, by virtue of that certain Deed of Trust executed by Bobby Morrison & Teresa Morrison, and bearing date the 13th day of May, 2005, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book 261, at page 670, the maker, having defaulted in payment of the note secured by said Deed of Trust as provided by the terms thereof, and the beneficial holder of the said note, Citizens Bank of West Virginia, Inc., formerly Citizens National Bank, having declared the whole of the indebtedness thereunder to be due and payable; and having demanded the undersigned in writing to make sale of the real estate described in said Deed of Trust, the undersigned Trustee will offer for sale and sell at public auction to the highest responsible bidder on the 24th day of June, 2022, at 3:00 p.m., at the front steps of the Pocahontas County Courthouse in the Town of Marlinton, Pocahontas County, West Virginia, the premises, being and consisting of the following:

All of those certain lots or parcels of real estate, including the improvements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, including, but not limited to those certain tracts or parcels of real estate situate in the Town of West Marlinton, and shown on the property plat of said Town as Lot Number Five (5), in Block Number Two (2), which said plat is of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 51, at page 234 and 235.

And being the same tracts or parcels of real estate as acquired by Bobby Morrison and Teresa Morrison, by the provisions of a Deed of Conveyance from Curtis G. Dunbrack, said Deed bears date the 13th day of May, 2005, and is of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 295, at page 582.

The above-described real estate shall be sold subject to any claims, liens, assessments, taxes, restrictions, covenants, condi-

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tions, and encumbrances against the same.

The Trustee shall convey title with covenants of Special Warranty. The purchaser shall pay all taxes due and payable against the said property and all taxes hereafter due and assessed against the said property.

**TERMS OF SALE:** Cash in hand on day of sale or prior approved credit.

**CONDITION OF SALE:** Said property shall be sold to the highest responsible bidder, with the right reserved to the said Citizens Bank of West Virginia, to bid at said sale and to continue the said sale by declaration from time to time, as they may choose.

Given unto my hand this the 24th day of May, 2022.  
Michael C. Doss, Trustee  
6/2/3c

**NOTICE**

The 2021-2022 Asbestos Management Plan for Pocahontas County Schools is available for review at each school and the Central Office. The Asbestos Management Plan includes inspections that were conducted by EPA accredited personnel and a management plan established for each building as needed.

Pocahontas County Schools does not have a friable asbestos material within any facility. Friable asbestos is asbestos material that can allow particles of asbestos fibers to become airborne. Thus, our schools are free of this type of asbestos material that may cause a health hazard.

The types of material found within Pocahontas County Schools are in the form of floor tile, transite board and vinyl floor covering. These products are non-friable asbestos materials and can easily be managed through proper planning without creating any health hazards. All buildings which contain these non-friable products will be assessed every six months and inspected on a three year cycle by an accredited inspector.

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact Pocahontas County High School and speak with Darin McKenney, Maintenance Supervisor, at 304-799-6564 extension 5237 or by email at dmckenney@k12.wv.us

6/16/1c

**NOTICE OF VACANCY ON BOARD OF EDUCATION**

The Pocahontas County Board of Education is currently seeking a permanent resident from the northern or southern districts of Pocahontas County to fill the recently vacated seat held by candidate-elect Norman J. Walker.

The term will be effective from July 5, 2022 through the canvassing of the November 08, 2022 general election.

Letters of application must be received no later than noon Monday, June 27, 2022, and applicants must be available for possible interviews Tuesday, July 05, 2022, beginning at 8 a.m.

Eligibility requirements for county board members can be found in WV Code 18-5-1a.

Please submit letters of interest to: Terrence C. Beam, Superintendent of Schools, 404 Old Buckeye Road, Buckeye, WV 24924 or email tbeam@k12.wv.us

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must possess strong interpersonal communication and computer skills as well as be self-motivated. Job duties will include, but not limited to, timely submission of claims, re-billing of third party follow up, contacting insurance companies for payments, refunds, assist and perform duties of cashier/switchboard operator, ensure all billing information is correct on account, answer billing questions and take patient payments, requires good customer services skills. Also responsible for accounts payable and accounting duties such as processing, verifying, and reconciling invoices, paying vendors by scheduling and preparing checks and resolving any discrepancies with purchase orders or payments. Minimum one year accounting, billing and customer service experience preferred. Send resumé along with three professional references to: Katie Brown, HR Director, PMH, 150 Duncan Road, Buckeye, WV 24924 or email to: kbrown@pmhgw.org by 10 a.m. June 17, 2022. EOE. 6/16/1c

**POSITION AVAILABLE**

The Central WV WIC Program has a full-time position open for a **Health and Human Services Aid/Breastfeeding Peer Counselor** who will be based in the Pocahontas County office. This individual will be responsible for counseling new and expectant mothers on the benefits of breastfeeding and helping them overcome any barriers they might encounter as well as capturing anthropometric and hematological levels of our participants. Other duties include but are not limited to: running reports for office monitoring and compliance, clerical work such as phone calls and mailings, some office upkeep such as ensuring handouts and office materials are stocked, fire extinguishers and smoke detectors maintained, etc. Travel is required. Qualifications: Position requires positive past or present breastfeeding experience, good organizational skills, and self-motivation. Send resumé to: Candace Fowler, via email candace.r.fowler@wv.gov by June

27, 2022. EOE. 6/16/2c

**POSITION AVAILABLE**

The Pocahontas County Family Resource Network located in Marlinton is accepting applications for a **Family Support Outreach Liaison**. This is a full-time position with benefits. Evening hours and occasional weekends will be required. This position will assist the Family Center Director in day-to-day operations and work family outreach across Pocahontas County in satellite locations. Knowledge of child development and/or experience working with children is preferred. This position is a mandated reporter regarding child abuse/neglect. Background check and drug screening required. Salary range \$23,000 - \$28,000. For more information contact: Laura Young, Director. Resúmes, by email to pocahontasfrn@outlook.com will be accepted until 4 p.m. Friday, July 1, 2022. 6/16/2c

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## Shelter News

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The shelter is located at 300 1/2 Second Avenue in Marlinton. Phone 304-799-4209.

## History, from page 7

Secretary Sherman had an eminent lawyer and judge for his father, but was thrown on his own resources at the age of fourteen, was a flat boatman for several years and studied law and was admitted to the bar at the age of twenty-one.

Lyman Gage, Secretary of the Treasury, left school at fourteen, and was a night

watchman for several years. General Russel A. Alger was a farm hand.

Secretary of the Navy, John D. Long, was a poor country boy, but had the advantage of a college education, secured partly on means raised by teaching school.

Cornelius N. Bliss, Secretary of the Interior, was a low-salaried clerk for a number of years.

James Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture, is a Scotchman by birth, of poor parent-

age, and the eldest of fourteen children. His home is in the country town of Ames, Iowa, where he is a professor in an agricultural college.

Attorney General Joseph McKenna, of California, and Postmaster General Gary are the two who were raised in plenty and who have never known the pinchings of poverty. The other six have had their own experiences.

Such an administration should be able to feel another's woe.

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### BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Claude W. Bruffey, of Lobelvia, a son, named Ronald Wayne Bruffey.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James Circosta, of Cloverlick, a daughter, named Judy Ann.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John B. Boggs, of Brownsburg, a daughter.

### DEATHS

Miss Mae Miller, age 29, died in the University of Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia, May 31, 1947. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Miller... Funeral at the Lower Buckeye Church. Interment in the family plot in Mountain View Cemetery...

Harold Denzel Hammons, born April 15, 1945, died at his home near Chalybeate, Virginia, Tuesday, June 3, 1947. Funeral service at the home of his aunt, Leona

Roberts, of Beard. His body was laid to rest in the family plot at Mt. Gate Cemetery. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clate Hammons. Besides his parents, he is survived by one brother, Melvin Charles, and one sister, Phyllis Jean...

Thomas Earl Triplett, aged 31, died Wednesday morning, June 11, 1947, from injuries received the day before in an accident at the Maryland Dry Dock in Baltimore, where he was employed. On Saturday his body was brought to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Triplett, at Millpoint. Interment was in Ruckman Cemetery. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Emma Hammonds Triplett and their daughter.

Savannah F. Rogers, of

Alderson, wife of L. B. Rogers, former resident of Buckeye, died Tuesday, June 10, 1947, aged 66 years. On Friday, funeral services were held at Griffith Creek Church. Burial was in the family cemetery. Mrs. Rogers was a daughter of the late John A. and Lucy Beverage, of Buckeye...

Among friends and relatives attending the funeral of Mrs. L. B. Rogers, at Alderson, were Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Rogers, and daughters, Grace, Dot and Phyllis, Mrs. Eva McCarty, Mrs. Wayne Jackson, of Buckeye, Mrs. Neal Beverage, of Marlinton, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Carpenter, of Millpoint, and Jake Jackson, of Renick.

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| <br><b>6382 - Arbovale.</b> 28+ beautiful acres. Small creek, two-to-three acres of level pastureland. The rest is wooded hillside. New survey. Great long range mountain views. - \$89,900 | <br><b>6321 - Cass.</b> Nice and level 0.22 acre lot, just minutes from the Greenbrier River Trail and Cass Scenic Railroad. Great for cabin, tent or camper. In the Quiet Zone. No restrictions. - \$9,900 | <br><b>6193 - Dunmore.</b> 2BR/1BA main cabin and 2BR partial finished second cabin on five semi-private acres in the Quiet Zone. Near Snowshoe and the Greenbrier River Trail. - \$284,000 | <br><b>6230 - Arbovale.</b> 4BR/2BA country farmhouse on 20 level acres. Numerous outbuildings. Pastoral views. Two runs flow through the property. Small pond. Fenced pastureland. - \$250,000 | <br><b>5583 - Buckeye.</b> 2.09 acres in Duncan's Landing, a restricted river community. Out of the flood plain. Common access to the Greenbrier River, boat landing and picnic area. - \$22,000 |
| <br><b>6322 - Snowshoe.</b> Rare find. 13.59 acres with beautiful views, year-round creek and running stream. Cleared building site with well. Perc tested. - \$49,000                      | <br><b>5723 - Edray.</b> 19-unit mobile home park on 13 acres. Includes 15 mobile homes, two cabins and two park models. Great income. Please bring offers. - \$649,900                                     | <br><b>6297 - Snowshoe.</b> 2.30 wooded acres at Sunset Mountain, a protected community. Building site and potential views. - \$6,500                                                       | <br><b>6360 - Point Mountain.</b> 1BR/1BA hunting getaway on one acre. Backs up to acres of Beckwith property. Sold as is. - \$129,900                                                          | <br><b>5696 - Marlinton.</b> Small lot bordering the Greenbrier River Trail. Easy access for hiking or biking. Near the Greenbrier River and Knapps Creek. Town water and sewer. - \$7,500       |

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