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## It was a BIG day in Cass



EVERY INCH OF flat surface in and near Cass Scenic Railroad State Park was filled with parked cars, as more than a thousand visitors attended the Parade of Steam during the annual Cass Days celebration last Saturday. The crowd watched as five of the locomotive engines steamed up and down the tracks, opening the weekend of crafts, food, music and dancing. High winds caused several tents to fly away from the vendors, but it didn't deter anyone from enjoying the event. *S. Stewart photo*

## West Virginia Ministries comes to Marlinton

Laura Dean Bennett  
Staff Writer

When West Virginia Ministries, Advocacy and Work Camps, located in Summersville, wanted to send a team of volunteers to Marlinton, they contacted the Family Resource Network. The FRN is a clearinghouse for putting together people in need with the individuals or organizations who can help.

"We distributed forms to be filled out and used them to determine which families would best benefit by the

work this team could do," FRN project manager Becky Campbell said.

"I'm so happy for the families who are getting this help."

Project Foreman Buck Edwards, from Buckhannon, comes to this work with an impressive résumé of civic service.

For instance, he's a former Deputy Emergency Manager for Upshur County and the 2016 Gilmer County Citizen of the Year.

In addition to doing "the Lord's work," Edwards is a

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BABYDOG, GOVERNOR JIM Justice and First Lady Cathy Justice welcome guests to the Culture Center Monday for West Virginia Day festivities. *Photo by Steven Allen Adams*

## 'Best Of The Best' Justice praises West Virginians on State's Birthday

Steven Allen Adams  
For *The Intelligencer*

Governor Jim Justice had a message for residents as West Virginia celebrated its 159th birthday Monday: "You're the best of the best." "A lot of those years, and I hate to say it, but people pushed us down. They beat us down," Justice said Monday for the annual West Virginia Day celebration at the Culture Center on the grounds of the State Capitol Complex in Charleston.

"They told a lot of bad jokes about us, to tell you the truth," Justice said. "Some people thought they were funny. Not me. At the end of

the day, you're the best of the best. I say it with tears in my eyes because I mean it."

Justice was joined Monday by First Lady Cathy Justice and Babydog, the Justices' English Bulldog and unofficial mascot. Visitors to the Culture Center were treated to slices of cake, made from a recipe submitted by Scott Depot resident Kim Wymer, the winner of the First Lady's West Virginia Birthday Cake contest.

Attendees were entertained by a rendition of John Denver's "Take Me Home, Country Roads" performed by children from the West Virginia Ambassadors Camp, a summer camp for

eighth grade students sponsored by the Department of Arts, Culture and History.

Wyatt Blankenship of Baileyville performed "My Home Among the Hills" by E.W. James Jr.

"I've said it 10 million times, but really and truly all of our efforts, all that we do, we owe them, don't we," Justice said, referring to the children who performed Monday. "We owe them a chance; we owe them an opportunity. We owe them a state that they will absolutely yearn to come back to like nobody's business. Any and every time they leave, they'll

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## The Amazing Ellie ~ small dog, big talent

Suzanne Stewart  
Staff Writer

A very energetic – and quite adorable – beagle mix, named Ellie, put on a show for a small crowd at the Dunmore Community Center Saturday night. During the show, she demonstrated a variety of tricks – from fetching to jumping to playing piano.

Ellie even showed off a few wizard skills after she received her admittance letter to "Dogwarts Wizardry School."

That's why she's known as the Amazing Ellie.

Ellie and her trainer/owner Donna Dombek, performed at the show as a fundraiser for the Seneca Woodlands Women's Club, of which Dombek's sister, Tammy Hively, is a member.

After Ellie's performance, Dombek explained how Ellie first came into her life and the journey they have been on for the past six years.

Dombek is a certified dog trainer through Animal Behavior College and helped rescue Ellie from a kill shelter in Kentucky. Ellie and her littermates were rescued by Empire Animal Rescue Society [EARS] from Salamanca, New York.

From there, Ellie became a member of the Dombek family and hit the ground



THE AMAZING ELLIE – a beagle mix, therapy and trick dog – performed for a crowd at Dunmore Community Center last Saturday. With the help of her owner/trainer Donna Dombek, right, Ellie entertained the audiences with a multitude of tricks. *S. Stewart photo*

running with her training.

"Ellie has basically been in school since the day I got her," Dombek said. "She started Puppy Stars class immediately upon arrival at our home. She then went through K-9 Good Citizens, which she had to do twice because she failed the first time. She was a little exuberant in greeting strangers. She wanted to jump on them."

During the training, Dombek noticed certain traits in Ellie that made her think she would make a

good therapy dog.

"At age one and a half, we started taking a class to become a certified therapy dog, and by age two she was certified through Therapy Dogs International," Dombek said. "We do a lot of visits in northwestern Pennsylvania and southwestern New York areas. She visits schools, nursing homes and libraries. She loves being with the children and, in fact, we're going to be doing some library visits while we're

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# Putting the ‘SOLE’ in Summer School

Suzanne Stewart  
Staff Writer

The Pocahontas County Schools summer program SOLE – Summer Opportunities for Learning and Engagement – features four weeks of learning and fun with a focus on reading, science and West Virginia history.

Coordinator Cammy Kesterson said she is excited about the program and all the fun activities it has to offer.

“We’ve got the first two weeks already planned out,” she said. “Vada Boback and Amanda Buzzard are going to be the teachers, and Tina Tracy is going to be our aide for those two weeks. They have planned some of the coolest little activities for our kids.

“This time, it’s not as ac-

ademic heavy as it was last year, and these first two weeks are going to be reading heavy and then the two in July are going to be more science heavy,” she added.

The program began this week and is focused on West Virginia, in honor of the state’s birthday, which was Monday. Tuesday through Thursday, the students will learn about a specific aspect of West Virginia and will read books about the state and do crafts geared toward the theme.

The week will include bear day, butterfly day, trout day and flag day.

“They’re going to be learning about what bear paws look like and doing things with kinetic sand, making their own paw prints,” Kesterson said. “Butterfly day, we’re going to be making butterflies out

of toilet paper tubes. They’re going to be little sun catchers with different colors of tissue paper.”

On trout day, the students will take a field trip to the fish hatchery in White Sulphur Springs and on flag day, they will make their own flags with handkerchiefs and fabric pens.

In addition to the crafts, the students will go on treasure hunts, which will lead to their reading time.

“We’re doing destination reading and when we do that, we’re going to have some sort of activity outside. They’re going to have to go on a treasure hunt, and when we find that particular thing, that’s where we’re going to put our towels down, and we’re going to sit there and read a book.”

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**FIRST LADY CATHY Justice** holds up the winning entry in the West Virginia Birthday Cake Contest at the 159th birthday celebration at the Culture Center in Charleston Monday. Scott Depot resident Kim Wymer’s recipe, “Ms. Van’s Blackberry Skillet Cake,” was the winner, and will now be served each year as the state’s official birthday cake.

## West Virginia Birthday Cake winner

First Lady Cathy Justice announced the winner of her West Virginia Birthday Cake Contest during Monday’s celebration of the state’s 159th birthday at the Culture Center.

Kim Wymer, of Scott Depot, was named the grand prize winner and her recipe – “Ms. Van’s Blackberry Skillet Cake” – is now the official birthday cake of West Virginia. It will be served annually on June 20 to commemorate the anniversary of West Virginia’s statehood.

Here’s the recipe, so you can make your own:

### Ms. Van’s Blackberry Skillet Cake

Ingredients:  
1 1/2 sticks butter, separated  
1/2 cup packed brown sugar

1/2 cup chopped walnuts or pecans

12 oz. fresh blackberries, washed and drained

1 1/2 cups + 1 Tbsp. granulated white sugar

2 cups flour

2 1/2 tps. baking powder

1/2 tsp. ground clove

1/2 tsp. nutmeg

1 tsp. cinnamon

2 eggs

2 tps. vanilla

1 cup buttermilk

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350°.

2. Toss blackberries with 1 Tbsp. granulated white sugar.

3. Put 1/2 stick butter in a 10” cast iron skillet and place in the oven until melted. Remove from the oven, add 1/2 cup brown sugar and 1/2 cup walnuts, stir and then add and arrange blackberries in a cast iron

skillet.

4. In a medium bowl combine 2 cups flour, 2 1/2 tps. baking powder, 1/2 tsp. ground clove, 1/2 tsp. nutmeg and 1 tsp. cinnamon then set aside. In a separate bowl, mix 1 stick butter with 1 1/2 cups sugar, then whisk 2 eggs, 2 tps. vanilla and 1 cup buttermilk together and add this to the butter and sugar and mix until combined.

5. Pour wet mixture into dry mixture and mix until smooth – about 2 minutes.

6. Pour into a cast iron skillet on top of the berry mixture.

7. Bake approximately 40 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.

8. Cool in pan for 10 minutes before inverting cake onto serving plate.

## Broadband Council discusses funding opportunities

Tim Walker  
AMR Reporter

During the June Pocahontas County Broadband Council meeting, Region 4 Planning and Development Executive Director John Tuggle said that additional funding opportunities to bring broadband to the county are expected to be opening up. Tuggle said that available Internet service providers who could add broadband here are now at maximum capacity, so they are backing off from doing additional projects. As a result, he said future funding opportunities will probably go directly to the private sector.

Melissa O’Brien told the council that the Reconnect Round 4 grant opportunity will open in late fall or early winter.

Mike Holstine talked about two other new funding

opportunities which are being presented to the state by the Federal National Telecommunications Information Agency (NTIA.)

He said one is called “Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment” or “BEAD” for short. He said that funding is eligible to go to states, and it could provide the service directly to consumers’ properties.

Holstein said the other is the Enabling Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure Program, which was authorized by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, passed by Congress in 2021. This would provide funding to develop the “middle mile” infrastructure, which brings broadband to an area, but not all the way to the consumer. He said this is for “underserved” areas which are defined as areas with fewer than 25 mbs download and 3 mbs upload speeds. He said

there are still a lot of unanswered questions about this funding, such as its ability to reach other unserved areas by crossing through areas that are served by and reserved for other Internet providers.

Holstein said that Ryan Thorn, who is the State Director for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, has said he will be providing an update on the status of the county’s pending Reconnect Round 3 application to the Broadband Council later this month.

Amanda Smarr, with Region 4, said the approved ARC Power Grant is proceeding toward the start of construction, with fieldwork and environmental issues currently being worked on.

It was announced that the county will be publishing an RFP (Request for Proposals)

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## Circuit Court

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

A sentencing hearing was held in the case the State vs Eric Horn, 39, of Marlinton, wherein defense counsel asked for an alternative sentence of probation. Horn spoke on his own behalf. The court found that Horn does not accept his criminal responsibility and sentenced him to not less than five years nor more than 25 years. At the end of his incarceration he will be placed on extended supervised probation for the maximum term allowed by law – 50 years. Horn is to register on the sexual offender program and follow the terms and conditions, one of which is no contact with children other than his own. The defendant will also be responsible for any costs involved in counseling for the victim.

A pre-trial status hearing

was held in the case the State vs Roy Daniel Myers, 47, of Durbin, wherein the defendant waived his right to a speedy trial. Jury trial is set for the next term of court on September 27. Myers was indicted on two felony counts: one, child neglect resulting in serious bodily injury; the other, child neglect creating a substantial risk of death.

An evidentiary hearing on a petition to revoke probation was held in the case the State vs Joshua Long, 42, of

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# Opera House Story Sessions Season Two Video Series

The Pocahontas County Opera House will kick off Season Two videos of the Opera House Story Sessions starting Sunday, July 3, at 7 p.m. with Mike Bing.

These videos will be released online on YouTube, Instagram and Facebook every Sunday in July at 7 p.m.

The season continues with Dave Bing on July 10, Dwight Diller on July 17, Homer Hunter on July 24, and Mary Sue Burns on July 31. Each of these musicians has their own stories and experiences to share. Their lives have been

shaped by the music and culture that surrounds them in their everyday life.

The podcasts, which focus on each musician's interview and the back story, will be released every Monday in August on Allegheny Mountain Radio or wherever you stream podcasts.

Brothers Mike and Dave Bing started traveling to Pocahontas County in the early 1970s for fishing trips along the Williams River with their father. They were introduced to the Hammons Family by buying night-crawlers from Sherman Hammons, who lived close

by. After a few pickin' parties on the Williams, they were hooked on old-time music. Since then, Mike has helped create and curate Allegheny Echoes, a summer workshop that celebrates and teaches the musical culture and traditions born out of these hills and hollers.

Dave Bing is among West Virginia's finest traditional musicians who plays the banjo, fiddle, and guitar. Officials at the West Virginia Folklife center awarded Bing the Traditions Salute Award for embodying West Virginia and Appalachian culture.

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# Hammons Family Fiddle and Banjo Contest and World-Class Jam

For lovers of real Appalachian roots music, West Virginia will debut a brand-new music festival this summer. The Hammons Family Fiddle and Banjo Contest and World-Class Jam will take place Saturday, July 9, as a highlight of the Pioneer Days Festival, July 7 – 10 in Marlinton.

The fiddle and banjo contests, which begin at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 9 at the Discovery Junction outdoor venue in downtown Marlinton, are open to participants of all ages. Registration is FREE and those who register online by July 1 at [tinyurl.com/HammonsFamilyFestival](http://tinyurl.com/HammonsFamilyFestival) will be entered into drawings for T-shirts and prizes. After a panel of distinguished guest judges tallies the scores, award checks of \$500, \$200 and \$100 will be presented to the first, second and third place winners of each contest: fiddle, clawhammer banjo and bluegrass banjo.

Immediately following the contests, at approximately 5 p.m., a FREE concert will kick off at Discovery Junction, as part of the county's Pioneer Days and Bicentennial Celebration.

Scheduled performers include the legendary Bing Brothers featuring Jake



Krack; 1970s and '80s bluegrass greats Richard Hefner and the Black Mountain Bluegrass Boys; and multiple IBMA award-winners Danny Paisley and Southern Grass.

Dedicated to the legendary Hammons Family, whose members influenced generations of West Virginia musicians from the 1800s to the late 1900s, this event is inspired by local musicians and music lovers' reverence for the joy of passing the music down and the gratitude for the regional masters and carriers of the torch, the songs and the stories.

The Hammons Family will host a booth at the event where visitors will have a chance to play some of the

**see Contest pg 16**



## TRIVIA – a little something to think about

*Courtesy of Chuck Cornell*

1. What was the name of Pixar Studio's first computer animated feature film. It was released in 1995.

2. This guy was a glue-dipper at a furniture factory in Mayberry, but on weekends, his home away from home was in the town jail. What was his name?

3. This original member of SNL gave us characters such

as Roseanne Roseannadanna and Baba Wawa. She died of cancer at age 42. Her husband played Young Frankenstein, Willy Wonka, and was the Waco Kid in Blazing Saddles. Name this husband and wife duo.

4. Claude King told us about this specific location, where a man by the name of Clifton Clowers lived. He

had a pretty young daughter whose "tender lips were sweeter than honey." We were warned not to go there. Name the place.

A Pocahontas County Bicentennial Event

## the Ballad of Cass

Written and directed by Missy McCollum, of the Old Brick Playhouse, Elkins, WV. Based on an original play by Nicolette Maleckar, from the writings of Tward Blackhurst about the people who lived in turn-of-the-century Cass.

**Saturday, July 16 and 23**  
2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

**Sunday, July 17 and 24 • 6 p.m.**

The play is presented as a "promenade" – The audience moves in small groups to different locations in Cass for each scene, beginning in front of the Cass Company Store and ending at the Cass Community Center, followed by a lemonade social.

**Tickets \$10 each.**

Limited advance tickets available online at [celebratepocahontas200.com](http://celebratepocahontas200.com)  
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# Community Calendar

## OPERA HOUSE

**Story Sessions** – Season Two Videos, 7 p.m. Sundays on YouTube, Instagram and Facebook 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.

Hansel and Gretel – Mis-soula Theater Company 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

**Pioneer Day badges** are available for sale at *The Pocahontas Times*, City National, Pendleton Community Bank, First Citizens Bank and the Convention and Visitors Center.

**Farmers Markets** – Green Bank, Wednesdays, 3 to 6 p.m. at the BFD Green

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. Hillsboro, Fridays, 3 to 6 p.m. across from McCoy's Market.

**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.

## EVENTS

**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**, 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, music, car and trac-

tor 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 EVENT

**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 Solid Waste Authority** regular meeting at the courthouse 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 29.

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# Poetry Corner

## WE CAN RECOVER

By: Michael Turner

There was once an individual from the 304  
Who got high and drunk just to be found  
Lying on his living room floor.  
He couldn't figure out if  
It was a medical condition  
Or simple drug use  
That was possibly killing him;  
The equivalent of strangulation,  
Using rope configured into a noose.  
He desperately needed help  
So he could quit  
To get his life back  
And start over. AKA  
Living drug-free, 100 percent.  
He had lost not just his kids  
But also his wife.  
His world had become full  
Of loneliness and strife.  
He decided to go to meetings with others  
By doing so, he found people  
Whom he thinks of  
As his sisters and brothers.  
So if you know of someone like me  
Meet us at the Day Report Center  
On Thursdays, and it will help  
And you shall see  
We are soldiers fighting our own battles  
You and I are just like one another.  
We can win this fight;  
We CAN recover!

NA meets at Day Report, 300 A Second Avenue, Marlinton, (ARC building) Thursdays at 1:30 p.m.



# What's Cookin'?

With Sally Cobb

## Ratatouille

2 eggplant, halved and sliced  
2 onions, halved and sliced  
2 yellow squash, sliced  
2 zucchini, sliced  
4 tomatoes, quartered  
2 bell peppers, in strips  
4 cloves of garlic  
2 to 4 Tbsp. olive oil  
1 Tbsp. fresh basil or 1 tsp dried.  
1 to 2 Tbsp. fresh parsley, optional  
Sauté garlic and onions in olive oil until limp.  
Add eggplant, squash and zucchini. Cook 10 to 15 minutes.  
Add tomatoes, peppers, basil and parsley.  
Cover and simmer 20 to 25 minutes.  
Serve as a side, over rice, or top with cheese.

## Hummus

15 oz. can chickpeas or garbanzo beans  
2 cloves garlic  
1/3 cup tahini  
1/3 cup lemon juice  
2 Tbsp. olive oil  
2 Tbsp. bean juice  
2 tsp. soy sauce  
dash of hot sauce  
2 Tbsp. roasted red peppers, optional  
Put all ingredients in blender or food processor and mix until well blended.  
Serve with carrot sticks, celery, apple slices, pita chips or crackers.  
Can also be used as a sandwich spread.  
*For questions or to share a recipe, contact Sally at [Sallyspocahontaskitchen@gmail.com](mailto:Sallyspocahontaskitchen@gmail.com)*



# Senior Legal Aid

Deb Miller, JD Volunteer

Looking at the big mess that was supposed to be his new deck, Barry was upset.

The contractor had been a good salesman but not a good carpenter. Barry could sue that company, but he knew it would be difficult. Many fly-by-night contractors are judgment-proof and hard to find.

The many knowledgeable and conscientious contractors working in West Virginia are appreciated for their skills, but the bad apples are not interested in making your job turn out as expected. They're only interested in taking your money.

Avoiding the hiring of a bad contractor in the first place would have been the best thing for Barry to do. Word of mouth recommendations for recent work is one of the most important aspects of such a project. Barry had been in a hurry and the contractor said all the right things.

As he now knew, if others have had bad experiences, he was likely to, as well. He regretted not asking others at church, social events and even at the grocery store

about good contractors and ones to avoid because this information could have saved him money, mess and heartache.

Also, asking the contractor for references and whether he could see the finished work would have helped. Barry should have taken the time to see for himself what the contractor can do and ask questions. Photos of jobs or pages on a website can be misleading – or even someone else's work.

Barry may have had to wait longer for a top-notch contractor to start work, but it likely would have been right the first time.

Beware that small jobs are often not a priority for busy contractors, making them very fertile ground for bad contractors. Contractors generally make a bigger profit on bigger jobs; the size of the job can make it more difficult to find a quality contractor. For that reason, many unscrupulous contractors focus on small project work that is less popular.

West Virginia's testing of contractors is rigorous. Doing an advance check on whether a contractor is li-

censed in the state by calling 304-558-7890 is smart. An online search for licensed contractors is available at [http://www.wvlabor.com/new\\_searches/contractor\\_search\\_new.cfm](http://www.wvlabor.com/new_searches/contractor_search_new.cfm)

Those handling repair or remodeling jobs as handymen are generally not licensed.

When discussing a job with a contractor, also ask for his or her liability insurance and workers compensation insurance (if they have others working for them) certificates. If they don't have them, ask why. Those coverages are protections against things that go wrong and can protect you, the consumer, from big-money lawsuits on liability issues and hassles.

The contract that is drawn up and signed by both parties is crucial to the success of the project. Barry didn't get one. If just a verbal contract is suggested to speed things up and it is an expensive job, insist on a written contract before any work starts or material is purchased.

Be sure to check over all of the contract terms about the work to be done, especially the preliminary demolition or prep work, and even

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**Pocahontas County Farm Bureau Membership Picnic**  
Come join us for an afternoon of fun and food!  
Open to present and future Farm Bureau members! Bring a friend and encourage them to join. All food will be provided.  
Sunday, June 26  
1:30 p.m.  
Wilfong Farms, Dunmore.  
RSVP to 304-799-4852

**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.

**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.

**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)



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want to come home and that's the way we want it to be."

West Virginia Day marks

the day on June 20, 1863, when the state was admitted into the Union, separating from neighboring Virginia, a member of the Confederate States of America, during the Civil War. The process started with the creation of the Restored Gov-

ernment of Virginia in Wheeling in 1861 and the approval by that government in 1862 for the formation of the new State of West Virginia. The admittance of West Virginia into the Union became official 60 days after President

Abraham Lincoln issued a proclamation accepting the state's application.

The Culture Center also played host Monday to a reunion of Knights of the Golden Horseshoe, winners and participants in the state's annual Golden

Horseshoe Awards for knowledge of West Virginia history. Past participants in the state's History Bowl also took part in a legends tournament.

"Cathy and I are so, so proud, with Babydog, to be able to have the honor to be

able to serve you and to do the right kinds of things," Justice said. "You make us proud every day. You pull the rope absolutely together. We'll all run across this finish line together."

Article provided by West Virginia Press Association

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notary, busy with real estate closings, and he also has a cooking and catering business.

He said that he was glad to get a chance to come to Pocahontas County and that West Virginia Ministries was keen to get a foothold in Marlinton to help the people in Pocahontas County who could use their services.

"I've been doing this for several years now," Edwards said. "It started after the 2016 flood when so many people in Buckhannon wanted to send help to Richwood and the other areas which were so hard hit.

"I opened up a place in Buckhannon for people to bring their donations and in two and a half days, we'd collected \$10,000.

"I worked for the Methodist Conference for about five years. They spent \$5 million doing recovery work after that flood," Edwards explained.

"It's an honor to be able to make a difference in people's lives after they have lost everything.

"West Virginia Ministries asked me to supervise their work crews this summer, and they wanted to send a team into Marlinton.

"So this week, I'm here with a team of volunteers from Indiana who are doing work on three homes. And we hope to be back one of these days to do some more. They're really keen to come back and finish up a few things that we had to leave undone."

"West Virginia is blessed to get these volunteer teams," Edwards said.

"They come a long way to do this work. We've got teams all the way from Maine to Missouri, coming into our state to do work like this."

The teams affiliated with West Virginia Ministries don't just show up and do the work.

"These teams raise money all year long to pay for their lodging, and they pay for part of the materials we use," he explained.

"It's a lot – it's a real sacrifice. They leave their families, give up their vacation time, to come and do this kind of work.

"So I try to make sure that we accomplish enough while we're here, that when they leave, they can honestly say, 'It was really worth it,' Edwards said, smiling.

Each member of the team might have their own personal spin to put on the motivation to do this kind of mission work, but each one will tell you that doing this work brings them more satisfaction than they think they are bringing to the people they're helping.

"We get as much blessing out of this work as the people we're doing it for," Stephanie Mbathi said.

This intrepid group of 13 good neighbors traveled all the way from Noblesville, Indiana – a distance of 450 miles – where they are members of the Mill Church of the Nazarene.

This is a congregation formed about 80 years ago with a special interest in outreach mission projects.

"We're still focused on mission work today," Mbathi said.

One of the "apprentice carpenters," Mbathi took time from her work to stand in the shade in the front yard and talk about the work.

This trip is a family affair for her and her family. She came with her husband, sister, brother and niece.

In addition to building ramps, these crews have done all kinds of small construction jobs – from refurbishing a bathroom to replacing doors and windows.



PICTURED IN FRONT of Patti Keatley's home are some of the good-hearted members from Mill Church of the Nazarene in Noblesville, Indiana. The mission team came to Marlinton to help build ramps and make small home repairs for a few of the families here. Team members raise money all year long for the trip – to pay for lodging and some of the materials they use. They give up vacations and time with their families to do this work. Keatley, standing in back with her son, Greg, said, "These people have been so kind and wonderful." L.D. Bennett photo

More experienced carpenters are matched with apprentices who are learning on the job.

And when they're not traveling to do work away from home, they're working at home.

They've recently done landscaping for their local elementary school and provided gifts for its teachers.

Meanwhile, here in Marlinton, it promised to be a real scorcher, so the team got an early start, resuming work on the ramp project that began the day before at the Jim Lizotte home.

It turned out to be so beautiful when it was finished, they decided to give it a coat of varnish.

Over at the Keatley home, Patti Keatley and her son, Greg, were over-the-moon about the work the team was doing at their home.

"I'm retired now," Ms. Keatley explained. "But I worked at the DHHR for

forty-two years. And I helped people all the time. It was my job.

"Times are rough right now and here I am, needing a little help myself. I've never had to ask for that before," she said, with tears in her eyes.

"These people have been so kind and wonderful," she continued.

The team had been hard at work installing a handicap ramp and replacing several windows.

"I never would have thought I could have had all of this done so quickly and by perfect strangers!" Keatley said.

Her son, Greg, was with the construction crew the whole time.

"He's helping, and I think he's learning a lot," Keatley said, proudly.

Greg agreed.

"Yeah, it's been fun," Greg said. "These guys are so easy to work with."

To get more done in less time, the team split up so some of them could move on to the Tena Bennett home.

Bennett, known to many in the community for her excellent cooking and catering, is trying to make ends meet while raising grandchildren.

The Indians replaced an old, unworkable door with insulated windows for her.

It was an unusually hot and humid day – 92 degrees – but the volunteers were working hard and Bennett, standing outside watching them at the saw, was smiling.

"These people are just wonderful," she said.

"I can't say enough about them. It's enough to restore your faith in people. It really is," she added.

After a hard day of work, the group made itself at home in the comfortable accommodations of Eaden in the Alleghenies in Huntersville.

They were only here for a

week. If they get all their work done in time, they might have part of a day to sightsee a little bit before heading home.

"It's amazing what a few hard-working people can accomplish in a couple of days," Campbell said.

"It's brought a tear to my eye more than once, talking to the recipients of this work, who tell me what a blessing it will be to have a ramp entrance at their home.

"These people who came all this way to help us are just the best. We just appreciate them so much," Campbell added.

Maybe the best comment about this brand of outreach ministry was made by Marlinton resident Peggy Owens.

As she passed one of the work sites and was told what was going on, she said:

"Now that's what Christianity is all about."

Live Music • Arts & Crafts • Food • Parades • Pie Contest • Kids Games • Car Show • Heritage Tours • Old-Fashioned Fun



# 24th Annual Little Levels Heritage Fair

"Early Settlers in the Levels"

June 24 - 26 • Hillsboro, West Virginia

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**FRIDAY, JUNE 24**

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tours of Pearl S. Buck Birthplace  
Adults \$5 Donation. Children younger than age 12 free.

7 p.m. Firemen's Parade Around Hillsboro, Rt. 219, Lobelia Road and Payne Street.  
Presented by Hillsboro VFD and Rescue Squad

**SATURDAY, JUNE 25**

Activities at Hillsboro Elementary School, unless otherwise noted

7:30 a.m. Sausage Biscuits  
Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Department (until sold out)

9 a.m. - Noon Tours of Historic McNeel Mill, Mill Point

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Tours of Pearl S. Buck Birthplace

10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Arts & Crafts  
Gym/Cafeteria/Grounds

10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Open House at  
Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Department

10 a.m. Music by Viney Mountain Boys

10 a.m. Kids Crafts • Bicycle Decorating

10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Book, Baked Goods and Homemade Ice Cream Sale, Hillsboro Public Library  
Friends of the Library

11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Car Show • Hillsboro Car Club  
Sponsored by the Town of Hillsboro

11 a.m. Music by Juanita Fireball & the Continental Drifters

11 a.m. - Noon Homemade Pie Contest  
Registration, Hillsboro Senior Center

11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Pork Tenderloin Sandwich and Pork and Veggie Bowls (until sold out) Community Club  
Hot Dog Sale  
Little Levels 4-H Club

Noon Field Games

Noon Music by Richard Hefner and the Black Mountain Bluegrass Boys

Noon - 2 p.m. Heritage Parade Registration  
Payne Street

12:30 p.m. Homemade Pie Contest Judging  
Hillsboro Senior Center

1 p.m. Kids Bike and Walking Parade  
Hillsboro Elementary School Drive

1 p.m. Music by Bill Hefner Family Band

1 p.m. Little Library Dedication  
in memory of Edgar Starks

2 p.m. History Alive! presents Pearl S. Buck  
Seating starts at 1:15 p.m. Tours following.

2 p.m. Music by The Porch Pickers

2:30 p.m. Winners of Parade, Pie Contest and Car Show  
Judging Announced  
Under the Tent

3 p.m. Heritage Parade  
Rt. 219, Lobelia Road and Payne Street

3 - 5 p.m. Tours of Historic McNeel Mill, Mill Point

### SUNDAY, JUNE 26

Join local historians for various tours through the Little Levels – from the town of Hillsboro or area cemeteries, these tours will highlight our heritage and history.

2 p.m. Heritage Walking Tour  
Meet at Oak Grove Church, weather permitting

3:30 p.m. Cemetery Tours  
Oak Grove • McClintic • McNeel  
Meet at Oak Grove Church, weather permitting

8:15 p.m. Vespers at McNeel Cemetery  
honoring Lanty McNeel  
(Incliment weather location: Pearl S. Buck Birthplace)

Following: Burial of the Bicentennial Time Capsule for Little Levels  
McNeel Cemetery, weather permitting

**Live Music • Saturday, June 25**

Elementary School: Under the Tent

10 a.m. Viney Mountain Boys

11 a.m. Juanita Fireball and the Continental Drifters

Noon: Richard Hefner and the Black Mountain Bluegrass Boys

1 p.m. Bill Hefner Family Band

2 p.m. The Porch Pickers

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## Obituaries



### Penny Drewry

Penny Drewry (Glenna Jewel Gibson), age 94, of Brownstown, Michigan, passed away Monday, May 2, 2021.

Born at Marlinton, she was a daughter of the late Willie and Stella Gibson.

She was the loving mother of Myer "Bud" (Freda) Gibson, Michael (Roberta) Drewry, Debbie (Bruce) Burnett, Barbara (Doug) Hill, Donna (Kurt) Haller and Bonnie Holm; dearest grandmother of Sherri, Joy, Robert, Lisa, Matthew, Lori, Emily, Katie, John, Darren, James, Angie and Matthew; great-grandmother of Quinn, Cody, Evan, Nathan, Alexandra, Darren, Aidon, Kirsta, Sadie, Michael, Andrew, Elliott, Alexandra, Josiah, Sierra, Brynne; and great-great-grandmother of Ava Bella and Cruz.

Penny is also survived by sisters, Mamie Napier and Carolyn Shafer; and brother, Kenneth Gibson.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a grandson, Kevin; great-grandson, Joshua; and siblings, Crawford Gibson, Goldie Sampson, Gertrude LaBoe, Genevieve Dinkens, Sterl Gibson, Kemp Gibson, Dottie Gay, Collett Gibson and Louise Gibson.

A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, July 2, 2022, at 3:30 p.m. at Gibson Cemetery.



### Violet Kellison

Violet Virginia McCoy Kellison, 82, of Hillsboro, passed away at her home Thursday, June 16, 2022, after a long illness. Her family was by her side, and she was under the care of Mountain Hospice.

Born April 16, 1940, at Esty, she was a daughter of the late George Hedrick McCoy and Minnie Vance Cochran McCoy.

Violet was a 1958 graduate of Renick High School, and retired from Denmar State Hospital, where she had worked as a C.N.A. She attended West View Baptist Church and was a loving wife and mother.

On July 18, 1958, she married Elbert Franklin "Bud" Kellison who preceded her in death November 26, 2016.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Elbert "Buddy" Kellison II; daughter, Patricia Nary; and two brothers, George Hedrick McCoy, Jr. and Edwin McCoy.

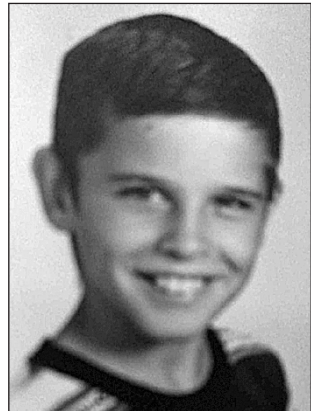
She is survived by a daughter, Carolyn Rose (Thomas), of Murfreesboro, Tennessee; sister, Gladys McMillion, of Pendleton Manor in Franklin; granddaughter, Takayla Salazar (Darien), of Beckley; and several nieces and nephews, including a special nephew, Jimbo Kellison, of Hillsboro.

Funeral service was held Monday, June 20, 2022, at Kimble Funeral Home in Marlinton with Pastor Ron

Kinzel officiating.

Interment was in Oak Grove Cemetery.

Kimble Funeral Home was entrusted with the arrangements, and online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.kimblefuneralhome.com](http://www.kimblefuneralhome.com)



### Larry Matheny

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

Born October 27, 1946, at Green Bank, he was a son of the late Clyde Brown and Mary Hill Matheny.

Larry was a hard-working, self-employed mechanic and heavy equipment operator.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Sandra Kay Thompson Matheny; brother-in-law, Kenneth Barber; and sister-in-law, Linda Matheny.

He is survived by daughters, Rhonda Lynn Oscar, and husband, Billy, of Frost, Angela Sue Shuttlesworth, and husband, Jason Michael, and Lori Alyn Matheny, all of Fairmont; son, Michael Jay Matheny, and wife, Sonya Simpson, of Catawba, North Carolina; grandchildren, Adam Kendall Matheny, Scarlett Amber Warner, David George, Mikala Ponceroff, Cassidy Ponceroff, Nicolai Tanner Ponceroff, Jeremiah Allen Lancaster, Nathaniel Paul Lancaster, Brandon Michael Grimes, Jayven Taylor Matheny, Logan Paul Dewight Simpson and Liam Michael Jr. Matheny; seven great-grandchildren; great-great grandchildren, Jonah Alden Sizemore and Ariella Grace Grimes; siblings, Phyllis Baber, Gary Matheny, Doug Matheny, and wife, Diana, and Sharon Selbe, and husband, Robert; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held Saturday, June 18, 2022, at Wesley Chapel Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Wallace and Wallace Funeral Home in Arbovale was in charge of arrangements, and online condolences may be shared at [WallaceandWallaceFH.com](http://WallaceandWallaceFH.com)



### Lillian Morris

Lillian Loretta Smith Morris, age 91, formerly of Dunmore and Walkertown, North Carolina, passed away Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at Pocahontas Center in Marlinton.

Born March 16, 1931, in King, Putnam County, she was a daughter of the late

James Thomas Smith and Nora Plantz Smith.

She was a Methodist by faith.

Lillian lived most of her life on Tick Ridge in South Charleston. She was a graduate of South Charleston High School where she was a majorette.

She was a retiree of Womble-Carlisle Sandridge and Rice Law Firm in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, where she worked as a microfilmer. She also worked through the years as a switchboard operator at Snowshoe, assembled GE radios, was a time keeper at Martins Aircraft and was the last fire tower observer in Pocahontas County when she worked for the Department of Natural Resources. These were just a few of her jobs and talents.

Lillian enjoyed the outdoors – gardening, painting and watching wildlife. She had a really great sense of humor and would help anyone who needed it. Through the years, she and her husband kept 45 foster children and won an award in the 1970s as the Best Foster Home in the State of Virginia.

She was preceded in death in 1982 by her husband of 36 years, Don Q. Morris. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her brothers, Randall, Raymond, Otis and Leonard Smith and her only sister, Ardith Egan. She was the last living member of her immediate family.

She is survived by her children, Andrew R. Morris of Weston, Patricia A. Batie, of Arizona, Doreen McElwee, of Rocky Mount, Virginia, Deborah Miller, and husband, Robert, of Marlinton, and Rebecca Rabel, and husband, Troy, of Arbovale; grandchildren, Aleisha Broce Arbogast, Jason Broce, Christy Broce, Sarah McElwee Jaeske, Cameron McElwee, Trey Rabel and Andrea Rabel; great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held Thursday, June 16, 2022, at Lantz Funeral Home with Rev. Julian Rittenhouse officiating. Burial was at McElwee Cemetery in Minnehaha Springs.

Online condolences may be made at [Lantzfuneralhome.com](http://Lantzfuneralhome.com)



### Ann Mulheren

On Sunday, June 19, 2022, Ann Yeager Mulheren succumbed to a perfect storm of ailments, ending the 89-year run of a remarkable woman.

She passed peacefully with family at her side (both physically and virtually) at Carilion New River Valley Medical Center in Christiansburg, Virginia.

Ann was deeply loved and adored by her family, treasured by her amazing circle of friends, and greatly admired by the entire community.

Ann was preceded in death by the love of her life, her beloved and adoring husband of 56 1/2 years, Clarence "Mullie" Mulheren, Jr. Theirs was truly a match made in Heaven, the likes of which are quite rare these days! After Mullie passed, through strength of will and character, she managed to carry on and live alone for the next 12 years, until nearly the age of 89 (Ann's son, Patrick, was honored to live with her the

last months of her life).

Ann leaves behind her three grief-stricken children and their spouses, Kelly Mulheren and wife, Linda, of Newport, Virginia, Kim Norton, and husband, Ray, of Norfolk, Virginia, and Patrick Mulheren, of Costa Rica. She was so proud of her three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, Rachel Mulheren (and husband, Gabe, and adorable Mirah and Ezra), John Mulheren (and wife, Courtney, and sweet Ian), and Will Norton (and loving spouse, Harrison). Ann was blessed to have three step-grandchildren (via Linda), Isabel, Meghan and Ryan Beaver. She also leaves behind a brother and sister, whom she loved dearly, Jim Yeager and Susan Yeager Helo (and husband, Paul).

Ann was born in Alderson, in 1933, but she was raised mostly in the bucolic town of Marlinton, where her late parents Henry Arnout Yeager and Helen Moore Friel Yeager instilled in her the sense of service and love of family. Ann met her beloved Mullie while they both attended Concord College/University (Ann served as a member of the Alumni Board for many years). Not long after, Ann had her three babies in fairly rapid succession. After managing to survive until the kids were of school age, Ann then began a long career as an elementary teacher, touching and enriching the lives of hundreds of kids, many of whom would still come up and give her a hug 50 years later.

Upon retirement, Ann and Mullie did a lot of traveling, mostly to go see their kids who were far-flung, from New Hampshire to Costa Rica. They also began giving back to the community in so many ways, with Ann continuing her service after Mullie passed on: devoted service through the church, active in the Relay For Life, traveling to assist areas devastated by hurricanes, teaching adult literacy, serving as a volunteer at the Giles Historical Society, Trail Angel for hikers of the Appalachian Trail (one of whom became her daughter-in-law!), and so much more. Ann and Mullie were greatly admired as members of the Auxiliary Volunteers at the Carilion Giles Memorial Hospital, which Ann later continued after Mullie passed, being awarded Volunteer of the Year in 2013. She proudly continued that work until the age of 87, sadly giving it up due to COVID.

Ann enjoyed many years of active membership in the Red Hat Society and Pearisburg Woman's Club (serving as the Secretary for many

years). She also served on the Board of the Pearisburg Public Library, earning the honor of Library Volunteer of the Year in 2018.

Ann loved (and was loved by) her Pearisburg First United Methodist Church family: singing in the choir, serving on the Benevolence Committee, serving on the Church Board, and participating in countless other church programs.

But Ann's kids are perhaps most proud of the legacy of her being "mom" to the entire neighborhood. She never complained about her home being a revolving door of neighborhood kids constantly coming and going, with Ann always having a cup of Kool-Aid and a cookie – and a smile – for them. As one of those kids said, Ann was a Legend of The Branch (Fort Branch, that is...the Normal Rockwell-esque neighborhood that was almost too good to be true). Ann's kids are proud that so many of the neighborhood kids still call her "mom."

Such a loving, caring, gentle, gracious, and dignified lady there never was! Ann's granddaughter remarked that, even at a very early age, she realized that her "Grannie" was truly special, never being able to find a single fault with her – never saying a bad thing about anyone, always with a quick smile and lovely sense of humor, always caring for others.... Ann was LOVE personified!

Ann's reward for such a rich, full life is to now go be with her beloved Mullie. If you look closely, you might catch a glimpse of them jittersbugging and "cuttin' the rug" from cloud to cloud.

One of the family's traditions when someone was leaving to go back to their homes, etc., was to drive around the block and pass by the house again, where Ann and Mullie (and whoever else might be around) would be waiting out on the driveway donning a goofy outfit or doing a silly skit, to ease the tears of the parting. So let's now all circle the block and put on the goofiest outfits we can to ease the flood of tears for Ann's parting.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial gifts be made to the First United Methodist Church in Pearisburg, Virginia.

An announcement for funeral services will be given shortly. The family is being served by Givens Funeral

Home in Pearisburg Va. 540-921-1650.

Online condolences can be sent to the family at [givensfuneralhome.com](http://givensfuneralhome.com)



### Irene Small

Irene Grace Rexrode was born June 2, 1928, in Frank, to Alma and Elza Rexrode. She was the fourth of five children and was given the nickname "Deannie" early in life.

She passed away Sunday, June 19, 2022, at the age of 94 at Chestnut Grove Assisted Living Facility in Richmond, Virginia, where she had resided for 10 years.

Deannie attended Durbin Grade School and Green Bank High School. In later years she graduated from Morgantown Beauty School and successfully operated beauty salons in Morgantown and Durbin, as well as in Waynesboro and Richmond, Virginia.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by all her siblings, Edwin, Hazel, Dot and Cleo.

She was the much loved mother of four children, Donna Tallman, of Asheville, North Carolina, Linda Beres (Larry), of Tipp City, Ohio, Cathy Crist (Bob), of Richmond, Virginia, and Dana Moyers (Betsy), of Roanoke, Virginia. She was their FUN Maw Maw Deannie to 15 precious grandchildren. She would tell them crazy stories, sing funny songs and cheat them in card games. She was also blessed with 33 great-grandchildren and was waiting for two great-great-grandchildren to be born later this year.

Our Mom was precious to us and was always a real beauty. She loved singing, shopping and playing games – especially Bingo. We are so fortunate to have had her in our lives for so many years. We all look forward to meeting her again for a glorious family reunion.

A family memorial celebration will be held in West Virginia in August.

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## Preserving Pocahontas

B. J. Gudmundsson, Preservation Officer

# WV Flag Presentation at NYSC – circa 1975



PRESENTATION OF THE West Virginia State Flag during Opening Day Ceremony at the National Youth Science Camp held at Camp Pocahontas in Thornwood, W.Va.

The three-week camp was created as a part of West Virginia's centennial celebration in 1963 and was originally intended as a one-time celebration of youth and science hosting two high school graduates, free of charge, from each state and Washington, D.C. In 1964, Neil Armstrong presented at the camp, and gave a lecture to the delegates describing NASA's plans to put a man on the moon. Five years later, just days before he was due to launch on Apollo 11, he sent a telegram to the camp expressing his commendation. From 1963 to 1974, all of the delegates were male, but beginning in 1975, it accepted both male and female delegates. As of 2020, the NYSCamp Program also accepts two delegates to represent Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Mexico, and Trinidad and Tobago. A video of the History of the NYSCamp can be viewed on-line at <https://www.nysf.com/w/programs/nyscamp/nyscamp-history/> (Photograph by William P. McNeel, Pocahontas County Historical Society Collection; ID: PHS004636)

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## Pocahontas County Bicentennial 1821 - 2021

Footsteps through History

Thursday, June 25, 1897

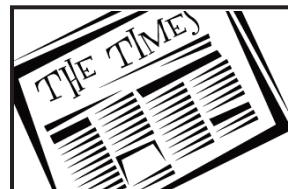
From what Mr. C. P. Jones, of Monterey, Va., said while at court last week in discussing the formation of this county, it received its name accidentally. According to his understanding, this county and Alleghany were formed the same session of the Virginia Legislature. This county has the highest average elevation of any part of the Appalachian range, and it was to have received the name Alleghany, while that county was to have been named after Pocahontas, the Indian squaw, a name which would have been as appropriate for that county as this. As it happened the two infant counties were left to the tender mercies of an enrolling clerk who changed them in the christening and gave to this county the name intended for Alleghany county. The narrator wished it under-

stood that he had not verified the legend... and that if it were discovered that Alleghany and Pocahontas counties were not formed the same year, then this nicely constructed anecdote would fail.

THE trial of Trout Shue for the murder of his wife was set in the Greenbrier court for Wednesday of this week. It is said that the defense has summoned 120 witnesses. Messrs. Preston and Gilmer prosecute and Dr. William P. Rucker defends the prisoner. On the issue of this trial depends the question whether Shue, who is a Droop citizen, will reach his seventh wife, as he has boasted that he would have seven. The passing of the third endangers his neck or is liable to send him to the penitentiary where there is no marrying or giving in marriage.

A GENTLEMAN in the far South, who has traveled over much of the United States from Canada to the Gulf, gives it as his decided opinion that Pocahontas has the best summer climate of any place in the union for its tonic effects upon the nervous system. He predicts that when facilities for reaching this region become convenient and ample that our woods will be filled to repletion with people who have nerves needing bracing up. He speaks of a transient visit to this region as the means of making him feel good for a year, and he was nowhere near the Black Mountain or the nerve-refreshing precincts of Cheat and Gauley. There is reason for thinking that our climate in summer is about the best in the habitable world for the purpose indicated.

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## Fifty Years Ago

Jane Price Sharp, Editor

Thursday, June 22, 1972

Richard Barlow and William McNeel flew to Dallas, Texas, Monday to bring back the new ambulance for the Town of Marlinton.

Friday night of Pioneer Days is reserved especially for some history of the county. Mrs. Ben Morgan is again directing some scenes to deepen our appreciation of our heritage and help us look with faith to the future. We will go back to visit Jacob Marlin and Stephen Sewell, hear Circuit Rider Bishop Asbury, see moving scenes from Pearl Buck's family background, and then a forward look...

Featured as entertainer for the evening at the Pocahontas Historical Museum will be George Daugherty, Charleston attorney. He is widely

known for his ability to make music from a saw as well as being a talented actor...

### Miss Pocahontas Candidates and Their Talent

Barbara Ann Beverage, of Marlinton, Pantomimes. Terri Butcher, of Green Bank. Debbie Crawford, of Marlinton, Reading. Donna Rae Dunbrack, of Marlinton, Skit. Deborah Ann Faulkner, of Marlinton, Piano Solo. Cornell Moore, of Marlinton, Piano Solo. Debra Mullenax, of Arbovale, Piano. Vonnie Myers, of Marlinton, Vocal or Piano. Janice Kay Nelson, of Marlinton, Piano Solo. Lori Rose, of Hillsboro, Vocal Solo. Lois Sharp, of Marlinton, Singing. Roberta Jo Sharp, of Marlinton, Singing, accompanied by guitar. Diana Shifflett, of

Marlinton, Autoharp and Singing. Susie Smith, of Marlinton, Dramatic Reading. Dondi Stemple, of Marlinton, Reading. Barbara Jean Wade, of Hillsboro, Clarinet. Pamela Sue Weaver, of Arbovale, Comedy Skit. Terry Wooddell, of Marlinton, Trumpet Solo.

For the Big Parade, each club or organization is asked to make arrangements to have transportation of some sort for its entry in the Miss Pocahontas contest in the parade.

### Little Miss Pocahontas Candidates

Rebecca Morris, of Dunmore. Shannon Jo Barkley, of Arbovale. Stefanie Dawn Rose, of Buckeye. Carol Leigh Faulkner, of Marlinton. Melinda Yvonne Hively, of Droop. Rhonda Lea Pritt, of Droop. Ronda Lee Maddy, of Marlinton. Kyleen Kay Snyder, of Cass. Tonia Lynn VanReenan, of Marlinton. Cheri Lynn Workman, of Marlinton. Michelle

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## Seventy-Five Years Ago

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, June 26, 1947

### VISITING

The little Misses Currence, (Mary Jarvis, Nancy Ward and Louise) are spending the week with their aunt, Mrs. Henry Snyder, at Sistersville.

Little Carolyn Ann Rimel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dice Rimel spent last weekend with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rimel, at Mt. Grove, Virginia.

### THE FOREST

The call comes to go down to Charleston to sit in a meeting called by Governor Clarence W. Meadows. The matter under consideration is the forest situation in this forested State of West Virginia. We all know something of the problems arising from thoughtless and wasteful use of forest land in our communities, in our state

and in our nation.

Depletion of forest resources is endangering the supply of lumber and pulp, for the present and for the future. The denuding of forest lands brings the loss of soil through erosion, and the too great and too little flow of water in our streams. The choking of streams with mud, which was once good top soil...

Trees mean so much to so many. To the lumberman, the source of livelihood. To the laborer, the source of employment. To the manufacturer, the raw materials for the mills. To the railroads, great items of freight. To the paper factory, the most satisfactory kind of pulp. To the lumber dealer, a stock in trade. To the carpenter and artisan, homes, buildings, furnishings and furniture. And so on down the line, for

timber touches us all in most every trade and most every relation.

To the sportsman, the forest is the home and haven of game animals and game birds. There, too, the streams have steady flow of pure water, where live the game fishes for the angler.

### BEARS

Henry Galford killed a bear in the Spruce Knob country at the head of Tea Creek. This was an old bear, though not an overly large one, being short, chunky and rather poor. Mr. Galford reports two other bears, big ones, as coming off Tea Creek Mountain, toward Little Laurel Creek.

Last Friday, June 13, was a water haul for Oscar and

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## 100-Years-Ago in The Pocahontas Times

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, June 22, 1922

I have heretofore remarked in this presence that our family are great walkers. It is under the old Irish rule that the rich shall ride in chaises, but the poor shall walk. This assertion has had a recent confirmation in the new novel "Covered Wagon," by Emerson Hough. Upwards of thirty years ago, they used to print Emerson Hough's pieces and mine in the same numbers of the Forest and Stream, and we have both been writing ever since, only Emerson is writing for the Saturday Evening Post, and I am writing for the Times...

In that "Covered Wagon," when Jed Wingate married Caleb Price's daughter, who had walked twelve hundred miles to Oregon, an old timer remarked of the bride: "She is a great walker. All the Prices was..."

The cornerstone of the Presbyterian church at Beard

was laid on Wednesday by the Masons.

War on persons who dynamite fish in the streams of the state has been begun by the state game and fish commission. Vigorous efforts are being made to detect persons who resort to wholesale murder of fish in violation of the state laws. Offenders are being prosecuted to the legal limit...

The widespread use of dynamite and other explosives in the streams is attributed to the fact that there are many coal mines in some counties and that dynamite is obtained from the mines.

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. McKeever, of Beard, left here Wednesday morning for Washington, D. C., to visit Arlington cemetery, in which

shrine they have a son buried who lost his life in battle in France. Mrs. McKeever was prevented from attending the burial a few months ago.

Sunday, July 2, is America First Day, and there will be loyalty services in every Sunday school and the ministers will make patriotism the subject of their discourses.

The wool clip of this county is estimated to be worth \$200,000 cash to the wool growers this year.

The marriage of Miss Beulah E. Carder, of Parkersburg, to Mr. Charles C. Clendenin, of Marlinton, occurred at 10 o'clock Friday morning at the Kanawha Presbyterian church, following which, Mr. Clendenin and his bride left for eastern cities. They will be at home in Marlinton after July 1st.

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## Volunteers needed for historical project

We are seeking a few volunteers to commit to working two days in July on the boxcar at the Marlinton Depot. Work will include repair of the metal roof and painting the car. If you are interested in being a part of this project, or if you need more information, please contact Crisppearquotes2@gmail.com or Dave at davebethany@hotmail.com

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# Good Luck in the garden

Laura Dean Bennett  
Staff Writer

Humans have been gardening for thousands of years, and an array of superstitions have sprouted along with the produce.

Gardening folklore tells us what, how and when to plant for a successful harvest. That information, along with these superstitions have been passed down from generation to generation.

Many superstitions were born in “the old country” and brought here by European settlers, while others have been developed right here in the New World.

Some of them – perhaps most of them – sound silly, but as it turns out, some are backed by science.

One of our home-grown Appalachian gardening superstitions tells us to never say “thank you” for the gift of a plant or a cutting. Because if the Devil hears you say “thank you,” he knows you’ve been given something good and he’ll set about ruining it.

And there’s another caution about sharing plants, which warns that the best way to share plants is to “steal” them from each other. That’s why, when sharing plants, some people will turn away, so that the recipient can “steal” them.

For centuries, it’s been common tradition among

gardeners, farmers and those who read almanacs, to plant by the phases of the moon.

Above ground crops should be planted during the waxing moon and below ground crops during the waning moon.

Increasing moonlight – a waxing moon – was believed to encourage growth of leaves and stems, so it was an excellent time to plant crops like tomatoes, winter squash, cucumbers, corn and peppers.

Decreasing moonlight – a waning moon – was believed to encourage the growth of bulbs, tubers and roots, so it was a good time to plant crops like potatoes, carrots, onions, sweet potatoes and flowering bulbs.

One old saw tells us it’s time to plant when you can sit on the soil in your garden without pants on and not get cold.

And there’s a scientific reason behind that.

Many vegetable crops need warm soil – around 60°F – to germinate and grow well.

Before soil thermometers, this method was dependable advice – if a little risky. Who wants to get caught sitting out in the garden without their pants?

Some plants are thought to be lucky, while others are deemed to be unlucky.

Sunflowers in the garden or flowerbed are said to bring happiness and good

fortune.

Growing roses promises romance and love, and basil was believed to bring a healing energy to the home of the gardener.

Foxglove has famously been associated with fairies and witches, with both good and ill characteristics. Having it in one’s garden was lucky, as foxgloves were believed to draw fairies, but cut it, and you bring on the bad luck.

The myths that arose around foxglove may have had something to do with the fact that the plant is extremely toxic – all of its parts – root, stem, leaves and blooms – are poisonous. So much so that handling it requires gloves.

Nevertheless, foxglove is the source of digitalis, an important heart medication, and it is magnificent in a flower bed – always bringing with it a magical quality.

Ladies mantle, or Alchemilla mollis – the little alchemist – the name early “scientists” used for this plant, was thought to have magical properties and was in great demand by alchemists.

The leaves of ladies mantle are perfectly shaped to collect morning dew. In their futile efforts to turn base metal into gold, alchemists included that dew in their secret formulas.

Ladies mantle was also grown by ladies who be-



lieved that washing one’s face with dew would ensure a flawless complexion.

If you find a lady, you will usually find lavender. In addition to its purple flowers and lovely scent, it is supposed to bring you good luck.

Herbs, with their often aromatic and medicinal qualities, have always attracted superstitions.

In the world of herbs, sage is thought to bring very good luck.

If it thrives in your garden, you will be blessed with prosperity.

Fennel is an aromatic herb with many health benefits. The tea is said to settle a stomach and help with digestion.

But a few hundred years ago, it was used to ward off evil.

Believers hung bundles of fennel over their doorways and filled gaps around

the walls with it to keep evil spirits, witches and demons away.

Talking to plants has long been thought to keep them healthy and make them grow faster.

But herbs prefer rougher language. Some folks believe herbs thrive on curses.

For instance, cursing parsley or basil as you’re planting it is supposed to ensure that it will thrive.

While you’re cursing, you may as well get those hot peppers planted. If you plant them when you’re angry, superstition says you will have a good harvest of very hot peppers.

The caution to plant nothing under a black walnut tree is based on sound scientific principle.

Black walnut trees are toxic to most plants because of the chemical it produces called juglone. Even after a black walnut tree is cut

down, juglone can remain in the soil for a long time.

Speaking of trees, there’s an old saw that says if a fruit tree has been barren for a few years, take an ax out to it early in the spring and threaten to cut it down. It will see the error of its ways and begin to bear abundantly. Maybe not scientific, but perhaps worth trying.

Scarecrows also have a place in garden mythology.

They perform an important job, and should be treated with respect.

The clothes you dress the scarecrow in can be hand-me-downs, but they should be carefully chosen, with the dignity of the scarecrow in mind.

Too bad nothing has been handed down through the generations about magical ways of keeping weeds out of the garden.

Now that really would be good luck.

## Court, from page 2

Hillsboro, wherein the defendant waived his right to the hearing and admitted to the allegations in the petition. He was admitted into the Southeastern Drug Court Program, and the court accepted the recommendation of counsel to extend the defendant’s probation from December 2024 to December 2025. Long will participate in the Greenbrier County program.

In the case the State vs John Christopher Holliday, 32, of Mill Creek, the state

advised the court that, due to new information, the case will not be ready during this term of court. Holliday waived his right to a speedy trial, and the matter is set for a status hearing August 11. Holliday was indicted on two counts, grand larceny.

In a status hearing April 21 in the case the State vs Tyler Bowman, 22, of Lewisburg, the state advised the court that it had received more evidence since the last hearing of more serious allegations from the victim from the same date of the initial charges. The court granted additional time to review the findings. At the June 16 status hearing, the State ad-

vised the court that CYAC (Child and Youth Advocacy Center) had not yet interviewed the victim. In addition, supplemental discovery is not ready. The matter is continued to July 28.

In a change of plea hearing in the case the State vs Eric Castle, 23, of Princeton, the court, in reviewing the presentence investigation report, found that the defendant may have some anger issues and the acceptance of the plea agreement was withheld pending a psychological evaluation, which will be conducted by the Greenbrier County Day Re-

## Council, from page 2

to select legal counsel to represent the county regarding ownership of broadband infrastructure.

## Mayor’s, from page 2

2021 as part of the American Rescue Plan Act. The department designed its guidance to prioritize connecting families and businesses that had poor and inadequate

The closed meeting with Frontier was June 10, and a report on that meeting will be forthcoming.

The Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section on the council’s website has been updated, with additional questions to be added

service – particularly those in rural and remote areas.

From local and regional to state and federal, the efforts and desire to make a difference is evident. The need for Broadband to operate and compete from the family farm to the larger corporations is recognized by all. Now the question: If con-

later. Cara Rose and Sam Felton said the Pocahontas County Broadband Town Hall will be held either September 15 or 22, depending on the availability of Marlinton Municipal Building. Citynet will attend.

necting families and businesses that have inadequate service – particularly in rural and remote areas, is truly the priority of the Treasury, Pocahontas County should now be at the top of the list for substantial improvements to Broadband service.

Sam

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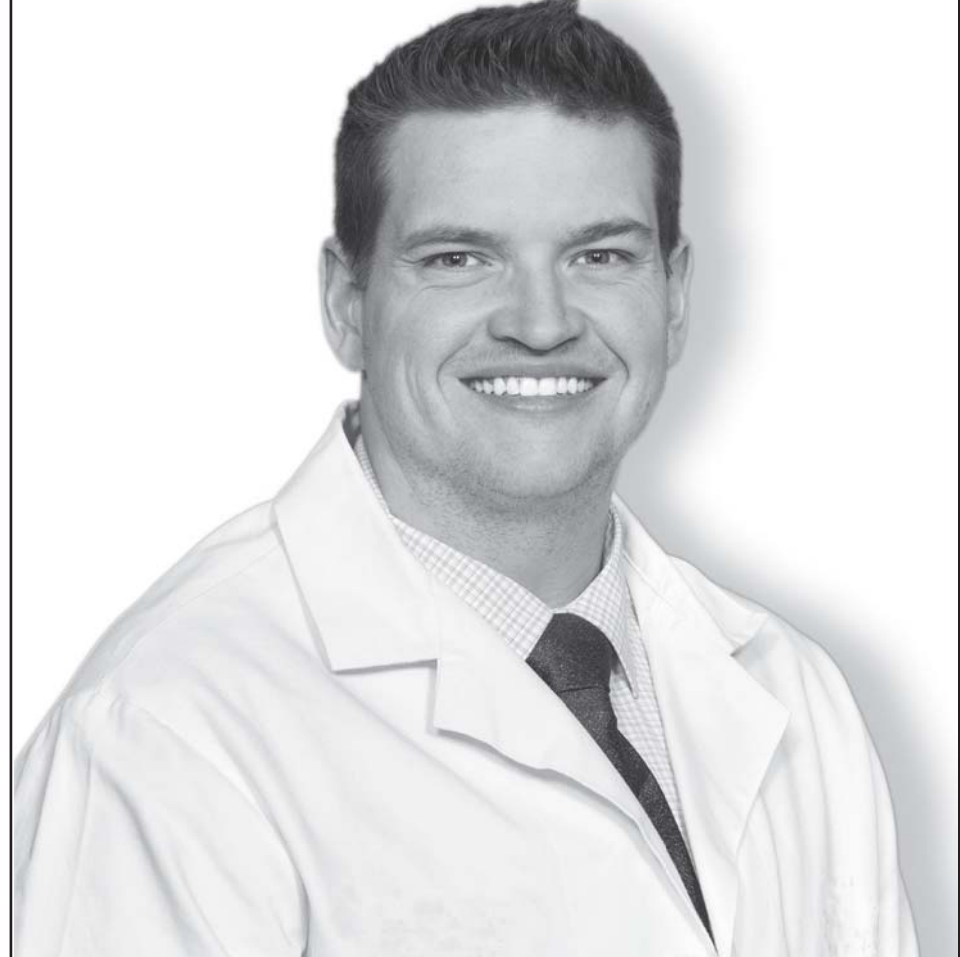


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## Ellie, from page 1

here [in Pocahontas County] this week.”

Ellie has also earned the highest level possible with the American Kennel Club – Elite Performer – as a trick dog. She earned that title at the age of three. She loves participating in dog sports, but doesn’t always compete due to her own preferences.

“We’ve never competed in agility,” Dombek said. “If you’re familiar with that sport, there are particular things – jumps, climbs – stuff they have to do in a par-

ticular order. Ellie loves all the stuff and she does it all, but she decides what order she wants to do it in.”

Dombek, who is an assistant professor at St. Bonaventure University, has also used Ellie in studying the effectiveness of therapy dogs in elementary school settings.

In the spring of 2018, Dombek spent a total of 75 hours in a third grade class with Ellie. After the students acclimated to her being there to observe them, she brought in Ellie. She observed the students’ interactions with Ellie and rated them on the Behavioral Emotional Rating Scale.

“I wanted to see if her presence in the classroom affected anything, so we did a pre- and post-survey,” she said. “The teacher completed it for each of his students and after we did the post survey, the statistical results showed that her presence in the classroom had had an effect on some of those [behavioral factors].”

Dombek shared a story about one particular student in the class who had behavioral issues, but when he came into contact with Ellie, his demeanor changed. When Ellie entered the room, he got down by her side and was very protective of her, telling his fellow

classmates to be gentle with her.

There was another instance where the boy was scheduled to see a dentist who held a clinic at the school. The boy was known

to have problems with the dentist and was a bite risk,

but when Ellie joined him at the clinic, the boy explained to her what the dentist was going to do and when the boy got in the dentist chair,

Ellie jumped up beside him and the boy had no problems at all.

For such a small dog, Ellie has a large heart and immense talent for tricks and therapy.

## SOLE, from page 2

The students will be making their own tie-dyed towels for their reading sessions.

The second week of the program is called Camp Pioneer Days, because it will be the week before the Pioneer Days celebration in Marlinton.

The students will learn about the life of pioneers and the materials they used in their everyday lives.

“The first day, we’re going to talk about light – so we’re going to have a pretend campfire, because when pioneers started out that was the only light they had,” Kesterson explained. “Then they moved to candles and lanterns and then oil lamps and then, finally, the light bulb made its way around. So we’re going to bring those items in for them to see and work with.”

As part of the light lesson, the students will make hand-dipped candles and do tin punch.

The next day will focus on farm life, and the students will learn how wool from sheep is turned into yarn and used to make all kinds of fabrics, including clothing. The craft for that day will be potholders made on a loom.

The third day will be museum day with a trip to the Pocahontas County Museum

and crafting old-fashioned toys, such as corn husk dolls, ball in the cup and felt stuffed animals.

The final day of Camp Pioneer Days will be a craft day to finish up all the work from the week.

After a week’s break, summer school reconvenes July 11, and the next two weeks will focus on science and be environment related. The first week will be Project WET – Water Education Today; and the second week will be Explore Your Environment, both of which will be presented with the assistance of Tracey Valach.

SOLE is a four-day a week program at Marlinton Elementary School, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is open to students in kindergarten through eighth grade.

At this time, Kesterson said the program has kindergarten through fourth grade students registered, but she hopes that more students will consider attending the program.

“There’s no cut-off,” she said. “If we still have some kids who want to come join us, we will make it work somehow. I bought materials for twenty kids, so if it’s more than that, we’ll just have to get creative. We always do.”

Students are not required to attend all four weeks. They are welcome to attend all sessions or just as they are

able.

“They can go to the last camp, the first camp, it’s their choice,” Kesterson said. “I think that’s also something that kind of kept people from attending last year, because they had to make a commitment to it. I think parents felt bad if their kid couldn’t go the whole time. How we have this planned, the days, they flow together, but if you miss a day, it’s not a big deal.”

The school system received a three-year grant for the SOLE Program, and this is the second summer it has been implemented.

Kesterson is the business education teacher at Pocahontas County High School, but said she is excited to work with the younger students with such a fun project.

“It honestly appealed to me because I thought it would be fun to work with kids of different grades,” she said. “It’s interesting to see a different age perspective and how they’re still little sponges and they’re excited to try new things, and learn new things.”

By the end of the camp, Kesterson said she hopes the students walk away with a broader knowledge of this place they call home.

“Hopefully, by the time we’re done, our kids will know all about West Virginia and Pocahontas County,” she said.

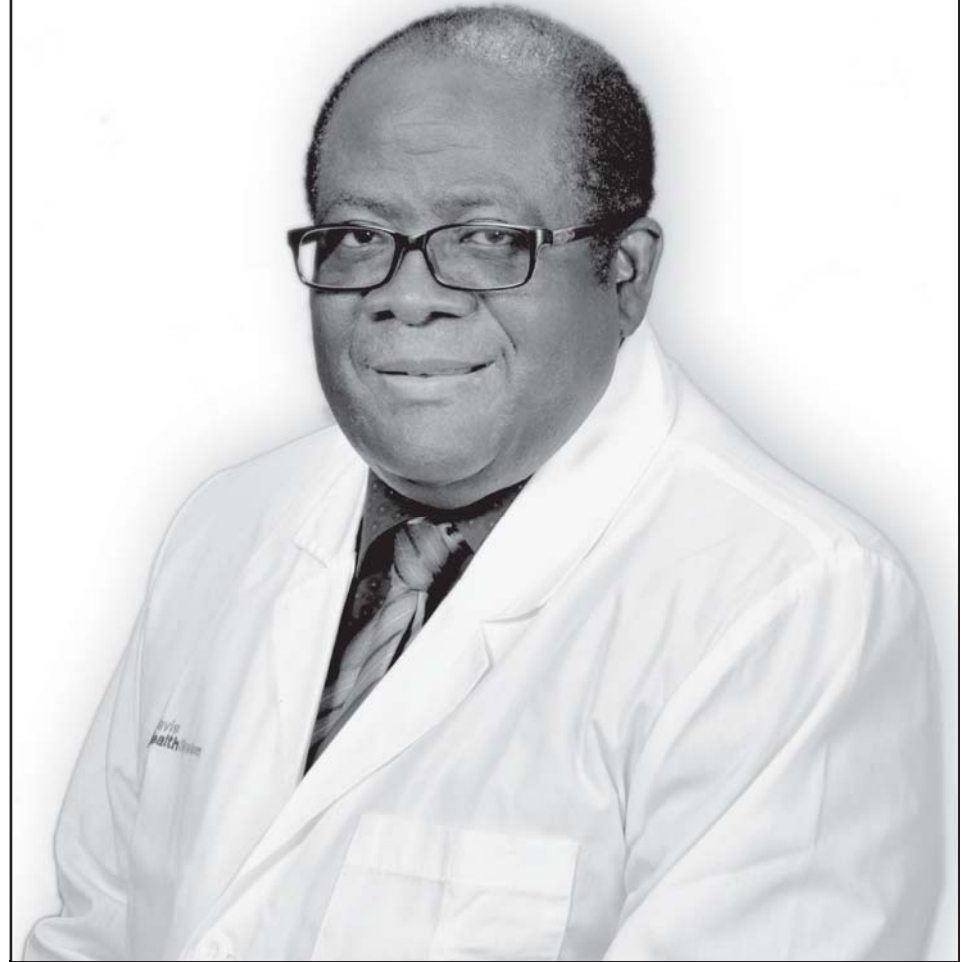
## Super Crossword

COMING-OF-AGE MOVIES

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| <b>ACROSS</b>                         | 55 Puzzles              | 109 Affront, to a hip-hopper             | 12 Pint-size                        | 46 Austrian “a”             | 85 Horse’s gait                             |
| 1 Binary                              | 56 Not abridged         | 110 Java is one                          | 13 Ten squared                      | 48 New Age pianist John     | 86 Mistreatment                             |
| 5 GPS guesses                         | 57 Spares no expense    | 112 Riddle’s answer                      | 14 Transplant, as a                 | 49 In a frenzy              | 87 Nullify                                  |
| 9 White stuff that falls              | 61 Hack off             | 117 Money in the form of coins           | 15 Of yore                          | 50 Stare stupidly           | 88 — Stanley Gardner                        |
| 13 Gum rub-on for toothaches          | 62 Prez after HST       | 118 Author Wiesel                        | 16 Knighted actor Derek             | 51 37th president           | 92 A bit weird                              |
| 19 “One-l lama” poet                  | 63 See 42-Down          | 119 Player of multiple records, of sorts | 17 Of national origins              | 52 Abject fear              | 93 Place to be pampered                     |
| 21 Sported                            | 64 Noteworthy periods   | 120 “Mad” one in Wonderland              | 18 Alain-Fené — (“Gil Blas” author) | 53 Feudal laborers          | 94 Egg-based dish                           |
| 22 Nullify                            | 65 Riddle, part 4       | 121 Star studier’s sci.                  | 20 None at all                      | 57 Former baseball boss Bud | 96 They follow                              |
| 23 Start of a riddle                  | 69 Bakery buy           | 122 Figure skater Lipinski               | 24 Lead-in to lateral               | 58 Brand of pasta sauce     | 97 Subject of a                             |
| 25 Noteworthy periods                 | 70 Luau souvenir        | 123 Leisure tops                         | 28 “Orlando” novelist Virginia      | 59 One of the boxing Ais    | 2016 U.K. referendum                        |
| 26 Crony                              | 71 Prevarication        | <b>DOWN</b>                              | 30 Actress Helgenberger             | 60 Meadow mother            | 98 With 115-Down, she sang “All Alone Am I” |
| 27 Fisher of “Star Wars”              | 73 Flier of myth        | 1 Wall Street index                      | 31 Certain steel girder             | 62 Meadow mother            | 101 Lamp spirit                             |
| 28 U.N. medical agcy. based in Geneva | 74 Bogs, e.g.           | 2 “Yecch!”                               | 32 Taiwan tea                       | 66 Guess qualifier          | 102 Frisky water animal                     |
| 29 Words before roll or tear          | 77 Ice homes            | 3 Gradually accepts                      | 33 Feudal estate                    | 67 Pelty of “Tank Girl”     | 103 Bakery buy                              |
| 30 Hockey glove                       | 79 Tel Avivian, for one | 4 Release upon to attack                 | 34 2010 Super Bowl MVP              | 68 Cookie bar from Mars     | 104 Put up, as a tent                       |
| 32 Riddle, part 2                     | 82 Used to be           | 5 Lieut.’s subordinate                   | 35 French for “stop”                | 69 Lariat                   | 105 “I — think so!”                         |
| 36 “Washboard” muscles                | 83 Riddle, part 5       | 6 Bit of body art, in brief              | 37 Horse, when running              | 71 Pillage                  | 109 Cloning stuff                           |
| 37 Cut of beef                        | 89 Skylit lobbies       | 7 Waste barrel                           | 41 Organic part of soil             | 72 “Uncle!”                 | 111 Make believe                            |
| 38 2001 bankruptcy company            | 90 Put turf on          | 8 Wheat bundle                           | 42 With 63-Across, boomer’s kid     | 75 Collegiate stylish       | 112 Briny deep                              |
| 39 Sushi bed                          | 91 Give a new hue to    | 9 Move as an eddy does                   | 43 Mile High Center architect       | 76 Tilt weapon              | 113 Outmoded TV accessory                   |
| 40 Squalid room                       | 98 Be a sign of         | 10 “Sorry, I’m in a hurry”               | 44 Some Christians                  | 78 44th president           | 114 “I solved it!”                          |
| 42 4.0 is a good one, for short       | 99 Small, as Abner      | 11 “The Orchid Thief” novelist           |                                     | 79 Pocatello’s state        | 115 See 98-Down                             |
| 45 Golden ager                        | 100 End of the riddle   | Susan                                    |                                     | 80 Psyche part              | 116 Soon-to-be grads: Abbr.                 |
| 47 Riddle, part 3                     | 105 Guy producer        |  |                                     | 81 Went first               |   |
| 54 Tom, Dick and Harry, maybe         | 106 Give a new hue to   |  |                                     | 84 Have a link with         |   |
|                                       | 107 Rock producer Brian |  |                                     |                             |   |
|                                       | 108 Hit the sack        |  |                                     |                             |   |

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## Calendar, from page 4

**Allegheny Post 117** will meet on Tuesday, July 5, 6 p.m. at Arbovale Community Center. All members are encouraged to attend.

### 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.

**Tie-Dye Towels**—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.

### REUNIONS

**Noah and Rebecca Teter Warner**—Sunday, July 3, noon to 4 p.m. at the Community Building in Riverton.

**Buzzard/Darnell Families**—Sunday, July 10, 11 a.m. at Stillwell Park.

**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

**Schoolcraft/Auldridge Families**—Saturday, August 6, at the Activities Building

at Watoga State Park, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please bring a dish for our potluck luncheon. Contact: Janice Gurley at jangurley@yahoo.com or Nancy McComb Smithson at nsmithson@frontiernet.net

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**Ecumenical VBS**—Monday through Thursday, July 11 to 14, at Marlinton Presbyterian Church with Marlinton Church of the Nazarene, Marlinton United Methodist Church, St. John Neumann and Trinity Baptist.

### 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 Methodist Church**—Worship at 11 a.m. In-person and parking lot. Service broadcast at 90.3 FM.

**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.

**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.

## Senior, from page 4

ask someone else for help with interpreting what the terms are. Often the homeowner assumes something is going to be done, but the contractor hasn't agreed to that. Better safe than sorry, because as Barry now knows, this is your money that could be wasted needlessly and your costly problem to clean up.

If you are asked to make an advance payment for the materials, that tells you something about the contractor. Many reputable contractors will give you a listing of what's needed and request that you order the materials from the supplier you want. You know what you're getting that way. Others include the materials in the bill as they go because they can buy them on their credit account at the supplier.

Focus on quality materials being used on your job. Don't let low-quality items shorten the life of the repairs or additions. Barry also missed out on doing that. He was mostly concerned about

the low price the contractor had promised and was happy with how quickly they could start the work.

Inspect the work as it is being done or have someone experienced in construction help you with that. Ask questions. Don't take it for granted that everything is being done correctly.

Stick to the plan. If the contractor says, "While I'm here, I could do x, y, and z," that could be an expensive come-on. Don't approve extra jobs until you've seen the quality of the contractor's work and without consulting with someone who is knowledgeable about the necessity for the extras.

When payment is discussed, make it clear that you will not pay the final amount until all of the work is done completely and as agreed upon. Actually, that term should be included in the contract. Don't be pressured into paying early, as Barry was.

If things have not worked out as planned and you can't locate the contractor or he won't come back, you may consider contacting your county prosecutor to make a criminal complaint or filing a consumer fraud complaint with the Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-382-4357.

Also, tough as it was to face these facts, Barry realized that he honestly couldn't afford the costs of employing a good contractor using quality materials at this point in his life. Instead, he was now thinking seriously of finding a smaller place with fewer responsibilities and expenses very soon. He would save money in the process and decrease his worries too.

If you have issues with a contractor or other legal matters and are a West Virginia resident aged 60 or older, feel free to call West Virginia Senior Legal Aid at 800-229-5068 to speak with a staff attorney at no cost.

The Pocahontas Times will be closed Monday, July 4. Deadline for the July 7 edition is Friday, July 1 at 3 p.m.

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# July Events



## Ann Bailey Trail-Workman Cabin Bicentennial Hike ~ July 2

Meet at the Ann Bailey Trail Parking Lot at Watoga State Park Saturday, July 2, at 9 a.m. for the Ann Bailey Trail-Workman Cabin Bicentennial Hike.

The Workman Cabin was built in 1887 by Andrew

Jackson Workman and was occupied by his family until 1912. It is now owned by Watoga State Park and is under restoration. The hike and tour will be led by Ken Springer and Sollie Workman, great-grandson of Andrew Workman.

The moderate hike will take approximately one hour each way, but the full tour will take three to four hours. Pack a lunch and enjoy the holiday weekend learning about this historic site and the pioneer families of the area.

## Nature In Watercolor Workshop ~ July 2 - 3

Yew Mountain Center, 9494 Lobelia Road, Hillsboro

Immerse yourself in a creative, beginner-friendly watercolor workshop with Jes Reger Davis. Free to all participants and supplies will be provided. Two chances to try your hand – Saturday, July 2, at 8 a.m. and Sunday, July 3, at 5 p.m. Limited space available. To reserve your spot, call or text: 304-215-1078 or email jesreger@gmail.com

This project is supported with funding from the WV Department of Arts, Culture



and History, WV Commission on the Arts, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

## Salsa Competition ~ July 2

An event to support Challenged Athletes of West Virginia will take place at Snowshoe Mountain Saturday, July 2, from 1 to 4 p.m. as part of Snowshoe's Independence Day Celebration.

This is not a dance competition, but there will be four bands providing music.

This is a cooking competition. You are invited to compete as a Salsa Chef, or just attend to support a great cause, enjoy free salsa tastings and have some fun.

For more information, call 304-572-6708 or email cwoody@snowshoemountain.com



## 4th of July in Marlinton

Celebrate Independence Day at Discovery Junction, Monday, July 4, from 4 to 8 p.m.

Free Ice Cream and Watermelon. Contests for children ages five to 12 – Parasol, Bubble Gum Blowing, Water Balloon Toss, and Seed Spit-

ting. Live entertainment from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Hot dogs and drinks available for purchase.

## 56th Pioneer Days in Marlinton • July 7 - 9, 2022



Purchase a Pioneer Days Badge, commemorating Pocahontas County's Bicentennial year – for just \$3. Your purchase supports our event's entertainment, pageant scholarships, exhibits and more.



### Thursday, July 7

- 8 a.m. – Dark Flea Market – 3rd Avenue
- 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Museum opens for Tours – Rt 219
- 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Pocahontas Co Arts Council Adult Art Show – McClintic Library
- 1 – 5 p.m. Drop off entries for Food and Flower contest – Wellness Center
- 3 – 5 p.m. Drop off entries for Quilt and Handcrafts contest – Wellness Center
- 6 – 7:30 p.m. Bicentennial celebration reception with cake – Gazebo
- 3 – 7 p.m. Hillbilly Fun bounce houses – Gazebo lot
- 7 – 7:15 p.m. Children and Pet parade: Registration and line up at mini-park shelter; judging at 7:15 p.m.
- 7:30 p.m. Children and Pet parade – Main Street
- 7:45 p.m. Bubbles, Balloons, and Street Fun – Main Street at Tourism office corner
- 6 – 7 p.m. Emmalea Deal - Discovery Stage
- 7:30 – 9 p.m. Nathan Seldomridge Band – Discovery Stage

### Friday, July 8

- 8 a.m. – Dark Flea Market – 3rd Avenue
- 9 a.m. – 7pm Arts and Craft sales – Opera House
- 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Museum and Civil War Camp – Rt 219
- 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Artists at the Depot
- 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. Food, flowers, quilts and handcrafts exhibits open to public – Wellness Center
- 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. Photography and children's Art Show – Wellness Center
- 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Pocahontas Co Arts Council Adult Art Show - McClintic Library
- 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Decorate a cupcake for youth – Wellness Center
- 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. Hillbilly Fun bounce houses – Gazebo lot
- Noon - 2 p.m. Kids Crafts with Kelly - Gazebo Lot
- 2 p.m. Old time spelling bee and WV History contests – Museum
- 6 – 6:45 p.m. Vintage Clothing/Regalia style show for Adults and Youth – Discovery Stage
- 7 p.m. Fireman's parade – main street
- 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Mud Hole Control with caller Eugene and Ellen Radcliffe – City National Bank Lot
- 8 – 11 p.m. Local Rock Mashup – Gilt and Cold Eth71 – Discovery Stage

### Saturday, July 9

- 8 a.m. – Dark Flea Market – 3rd Avenue
- 8:30 a.m. – 9 a.m. Horseshoe Pitching competitions registration begins – Mini-Park
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- 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Arts and Craft sales – Opera House
- 9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Pioneer Days Annual Antique Car Show at Marlinton Elementary Field
- 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Pocahontas Co Arts Council Adult Art Show – McClintic Library
- 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Museum and Civil War Camp – Rt 219
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- 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Photography and Children's Art Show – Wellness Center
- 11 a.m. Hot Dog Eating Contest - 4th Ave. Sweet Scoops
- 11 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. Hillbilly Fun bounce houses – Gazebo lot
- 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Hammons Family Banjo and Fiddle Contest – Discovery Stage
- 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Bluegrass Jam sessions throughout town – Cackling Hens lot, City National Parking Lot
- Noon – 1 p.m. Music - Jayce Turley – Gazebo
- 1 – 2 p.m. Music - Tessa Dillon and Friends – Gazebo
- Noon – 1:30 p.m. Grand Parade registration and Line up – 2nd Avenue in front of Frankford Vet Office. Line up ends at 1:30 p.m. (Horses MUST show paperwork for Coggins)
- Noon - 2 p.m. Kids Crafts with Kelly - Gazebo Lot
- 2 p.m. Grand Parade with Antique Cars leading the parade – 2nd Avenue to Main Street
- 3 – 4 p.m. Music - Noel Tarr – Gazebo
- 4:30 p.m. WVMR Liars Contest - Discovery Junction Stage
- 5 p.m. – 6 p.m. Music – Jayce Turley - Gazebo
- 6 p.m. – 7 p.m. Music – Uncle Gary's Porch Pickers – Gazebo
- 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. Black Mountain Bluegrass – Discovery Stage
- 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. Bing Brothers, featuring Jake Krack – Discovery Stage
- 9 p.m. – 11 p.m. Danny Paisley and the Southern Grass – Discovery Stage

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# 56th Annual Pioneer Days ~ July 7 - 9

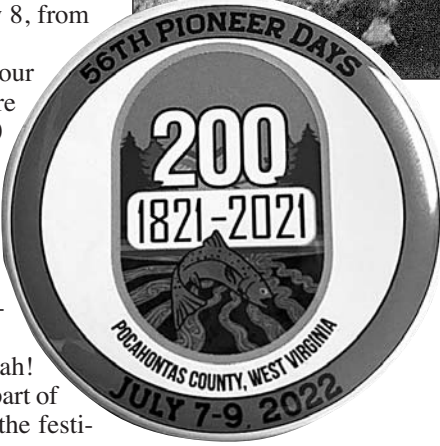
Liars, Old-Time Music and a whole lot more is in store this year during Pioneer Days in downtown Marlinton.

The Liars Contest, a staple of earlier celebrations, was resuscitated a few years ago and WVMR invites you to bring your tall tale to the Discovery Junction Stage Saturday, July 9, at 4:30 p.m. Who will get the bragging rights this year?

Also returning to the schedule is the Vintage Clothing/Regalia style show on the Discovery Junction Stage Friday, July 8, from 6 to 6:45 p.m.

Then kick up your heels at the Square Dance at 7:30 p.m. at the City National Bank lot with Mud Hole Control and callers Eugene and Ellen Radcliffe.

And, hallelujah! Another favorite part of the early days of the festi-



val is returning "on steroids." It's the debut of The Hammons Family Fiddle and Banjo Contest and World-Class Jam! This event will take place Saturday, July 9, beginning at 11 a.m. on the Discovery Junction stage. There will be music all day at various venues around town. A star-studded concert will take place around 5 p.m. at Discovery Junction – and it's all free. All the usual Pioneer Days events are still on the agenda – Children and Pet, Fireman and Grand parades; Art Show, Food and Flower, Quilt and Handcraft contests, Car and Tractor Show, and on and on. See a complete list on page 11.



## Full Buck Moon Hike ~ July 9

The "Buck Moon" hike at Cass Scenic Railroad will begin at the visitors center (to the left of the Company Store facing the store) at 7:30 p.m. The evening walk is about three miles round trip with a slight grade – but mostly flat. Please wear sturdy footwear and seasonal clothing for evening hiking. The hike will be led

by Park Superintendent Marshall Markley. This event is free and open to the public. July's full moon name is known as the Buck Moon according to *The Old Farmer's Almanac* because the ungulate antlers shed in the winter are growing back fast when the Buck Moon rises. Look for the deer roaming the forest in summer months.



## Durbin Days Heritage Festival ~ July 13 - 16

There's always something fun, new and surprising at the annual Durbin Days Heritage Festival.

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Oh, wait, did we mention the Lumberjack Competition, Excavator Challenge and Fireworks?

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The play is presented as a “promenade.” The audience will move in small groups to different locations 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 [celebratepocahontas200.com](http://celebratepocahontas200.com)

Tickets will also be available at the door.



## Mercedes-Benz UCI Mountain Bike World Cup ~ July 29 – 31

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## Events at Yew Mountain Center

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**Saturday, July 16** – Master Naturalist Class – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Amphibians/Reptiles and Names and Classification with Jim Fregonara; and Bird Migration with Doren Burrell.

**Saturday, July 23** – Mushroom Foray – Follow expert mushroom hunters and cultivators as they lead participants in a foray. Dinner to follow.

**Monday – Wednesday, July 25 -27** – Carnegie Kids in the Woods. Children will explore the natural world through games, storytelling, pottery, crafts, nature hikes and more. In collaboration with Carnegie Hall and the Snowshoe Foundation.

For more information and to register visit [yewmountain.org](http://yewmountain.org) or call 304-653-4079.



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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 23, 2022.**  
**Claim Deadline: Monday, August 22, 2022.**

ESTATE NUMBER: 14346  
ESTATE OF: **MARTIN ALLEN 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: 14358  
ESTATE OF: **HARRY REID MITCHELL**  
EXECUTOR: Gregory Mosesso  
1100 10th Avenue  
Marlinton, WV 24954-1336

ESTATE NUMBER: 14367  
ESTATE OF: **JOAN B. BEVERAGE**  
EXECUTRIX: Gail F. Burns  
8025 West Fall Lane  
Clarksburg, WV 26301-8074

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ESTATE OF: **ROBERT KISER CONNOR**  
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ESTATE NUMBER: 14403  
ESTATE OF: **LILLIAN L. MORRIS**  
EXECUTOR: Rebecca Rabel  
564 N Fork Ext. Road  
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Subscribed and sworn to before me on June 16, 2022.  
Melissa L. Bennett  
Clerk of the Pocahontas County Commission  
6/23/2c

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE is hereby given pursuant to and by virtue of the authority vested in the Substitute Trustee, Pill & Pill, PLLC, by that certain Deed of Trust dated April 1, 2021, executed by Borrower(s), Garret M. Sharp, to Old Republic National Title Insurance Company, the Trustee, of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, in Book 396, at Page 247. At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, **this property was reported to have a mailing address of 90 Caribbean Ln, Marlinton, WV 24954.** Pill & Pill, PLLC was ap-

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pointed as Substitute Trustee by an APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE dated April 6, 2022, of record in the Clerk's Office in Book 407, at Page 498. Borrower(s) defaulted under the Note and Deed of Trust and the Substitute Trustees have been instructed to foreclose under the Deed of Trust. Accordingly, the Substitute Trustees **will sell the following described property to the highest bidder at the front door of the Courthouse of Pocahontas County, in Marlinton, West Virginia, on the following date: July 7, 2022 at 12:30 p.m.**

All of that certain tract or parcel of real estate, including the improvements, appurtenances and easements thereunto belonging, lying and being near Campbelltown on the waters of Stony Creek, in the Edray District of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a ten inch Sycamore, at corner to Lot No. 15, located S 74 W 451 feet from the 8 inch steel pipe, which is the SE gate post at the entrance to the property and running S 81-44 W 128.8 feet to a 3/4 inch iron pipe; thence S 72-22 W 112.8 feet to a 3/4 inch iron pipe; thence S 67-56 W 133.4 feet to a 3/4 inch iron pipe; thence N 87-04 W 79 feet to a 3/4 inch iron pipe; thence S 76-28 W 219.9 feet to a 3/4 inch iron pipe; thence N 70-22 W 153.7 feet to a 3/4 inch iron pipe; thence N 72-44 W 137.2 feet to a 3/4 inch iron pipe; thence N 71-56 E 790.44 feet to a 3/4 inch iron pipe; thence S 48-17 E 175.7 feet to a 3/4 inch iron pipe; thence S 21-56 E 50.3 feet to a 3/4 inch iron pipe; thence S 47-16 E 34 feet to the place of beginning and containing 3.3 acres, more or less. And being the same tract or parcel of real estate as acquired by Garret M. Sharp, by the provisions of a Deed of Conveyance from Karen S. Lane, said Deed bearing date the 1st day of April, 2021, and of record at Deed Book 392, Page 179 in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pocahontas County, West Virginia.

**TERMS OF SALE:**

- 1) The property will be conveyed in an "AS IS" physical condition by Deed containing no warranty, express or implied, subject to the Internal Revenue Service right of redemption, all property taxes, prior Deeds, liens, reservations, encumbrances, restrictions, rights-of-way, easements, covenants, conveyances and conditions of record in the Clerk's office or affecting the subject property.
- 2) The Purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the transfer taxes imposed by the West Virginia Code § 11-22-1.
- 3) The Beneficiary and/or the Servicer of the Deed of Trust and Note reserve the right to submit a bid for the property at sale.
- 4) The Trustee reserves the right to continue sale of the subject property from time to time by written or oral proclamation, which continuance shall be in the sole discretion of the Trustee.
- 5) The Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the property to vacate said property, and any personal property and/or belongings remaining at the property after the foreclosure sale will be deemed to constitute ABANDONED PROPERTY AND WILL BE DISPOSED OF ACCORDINGLY.
- 6) The total purchase price is payable to the Trustee within thirty (30) days of the date of sale, with ten (10%) of the total purchase price payable to the Trustee at sale.

Pill & Pill, PLLC, Substitute Trustee  
By: Richard A. Pill, Member  
Pill & Pill, PLLC  
85 Aikens Center  
Edwin Miller Boulevard  
P.O. Box 440  
Martinsburg, WV 25402  
(304) 263-4971  
foreclosures@pillwvllaw.com  
6/23/2c

**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.

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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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**ESTATE AUCTION**  
**Saturday, June 25 • 10 a.m.**

**737 Brush Road, Lewisburg, WV.**

From Lewisburg, go north on 219, turn onto Brush Road at the Elks Golf Course. Follow auction signs, approximately 1.5 miles to the site.



**List of Items to Be Auctioned:**

1998 Cadillac STS 4 Dr. 32 V Northstar with 63,448 miles. Car in excellent condition. X300 John Deere riding mower. Craftsman leaf brush, grinders on wheels, Hobart Welder, four wood/coal burning stoves, car jacks, acetylene torch, chainsaws, two large floor jacks, one wheeled garden tractor, tire changer, risers, hundreds of Craftsman and Snap-On open and box end wrenches, deep well sockets, Snap-On tool boxes, Craftsman tool boxes, universal sockets, die set, parts washer, air wrenches, battery booster, Stanley jump start, John Deere pressure washer, tires, Snapper lawnmower, 6.5 hp air compressor, step ladders, roto-tiner, six weedeaters, horse-drawn plow, barbed wire, wheelbarrow, crosscut saws, one-man saw, old radiator, approx. three ton-truck loads of split firewood, approx. six - seven tons of coal, yard/garden tools, washer/dryer, old National Geographic books, hedge clippers, old Formica topped table, railroad jack, old Maytag wringer washing machine, shop vacuum, washboard, large wooden box, Skil saw, Frigidaire Freezer, chest of drawers, cedar wardrobe, school desk, oak chest of drawers, metal cabinet, nightstand, gun cleaning kits, hospital bed, dresser w/ mirror, 25" flat screen TV, pictures, dining room table with six chairs, Hoover vacuum cleaner, iron skillet, pots and pans, chairs and stools, kerosene lamp, microwave, couch, blankets, gun cases, copy machine, recliner, metal porch glider, table with two chairs, large c-clamp, old car bumper jacks, two tall wooden cabinets, electric lamps, metal bed, old rotary dial phone, window air conditioner, five riding mowers as is, aluminum roofing, potbellied stove, large number of tools, sockets up to 3/4" heavy duty.

**Guns:** Sears Model 200 16-gauge, Topper M48 single barrel 12-gauge, Griffin & Howe Single Barrel 12-gauge, 22 Sport King Pump, 12-Gauge Long Tom single barrel, Daisy 35 B.B. Gun. Much more, too numerous to list.

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**Series, from page 3**

Dwight Diller has been credited in the Library of Congress recordings of The Hammons Family: A Study of a West Virginia Family's Traditions. Diller has taught banjo for over four decades and is considered one of the most prominent exponents of the clawhammer banjo tradition. He has been referred to as the "guardian of traditional West Virginia Music" in a 1997 issue of Sing Out and was chosen as a representative of the Appalachian region at the Smithsonian Folklife Festival in Washington, DC.

Homer Hunter is a well-known bluegrass and gospel musician from Stony Bottom, along the Greenbrier River in Pocahontas County. Hunter is mainly known for organizing the Hunter's Family Reunion held in Stony Bottom each year. He has played with many groups, including the Stony Bottom Boys and the Flat Top Pickers.

Mary Sue Burns, who accompanied her husband, Mike Burns, in season one, will be brought back to share her songs and stories for season two. Mary Sue, who is now a retired teacher from Pocahontas County, has had a long career in old-time music, playing with Juanita

Fireball and the Continental Drifters. Her love for old-time banjo music started in the early 1970s and eventually led her to meet her husband and then to Pocahontas County.

This series will not only archive this history but will make it accessible to a greater audience through multiple media. This project will benefit the public in several ways, including archiving history, showcasing our culture, providing enriching entertainment and promoting more exposure for traditional musicians.

Financial assistance for this series is provided by the Pocahontas County Opera House, The West Virginia

Department of Arts, Culture, and History, The Snowshoe Foundation, and The West Virginia Humanities Council.

For more information about The Pocahontas County Opera House or The Story Sessions, please contact Ryan Krofcheck at 304-552-3446 or via email at ryan@pocahontasoperahouse.org

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**2022 ASSESSMENT**

**July 1, 2022 is the beginning of the new assessment year. This assessment will make up the 2023 taxes (tax ticket).**

**Real Estate** – Real estate is valued by three methods; farmland, managed timberland and market value.

**Farmland** – Farm land value is based on the income it produces. In order to have your land valued as farm, you or someone else, must qualify it as a farm or part of a farm operation. If claimed by someone else, you need to ensure that they have your property listed on their farm application. We must have a completed form signed and on file before we can qualify your real estate as a farm. This form must be completed on a yearly basis and is due no later than September 1, 2022. The West Virginia State Tax Department will not allow us to accept any forms after this date. In an effort to expedite the return of the farm form, we will mail an advance copy to those who qualified last year. If you have any questions or need assistance, please call or stop by the office and someone here will assist you. Failure to meet the September 1, 2022 deadline will cause your property to be valued at market value which is a drastic increase over farm value. If you are a new applicant, please contact us prior to this date. If you purchased new land or rented new farm property, make sure it is added to your farm form. If you have been approved/qualified for the farm rate and plan to timber/log your property, please contact our office. Land that is timbered/logged and is part of a qualified farm, can result in your property being appraised at market value and increasing your taxes on the property. If you contact this office, we can provide information and other options that may save you money.

**Managed Timberland** – The initial contract for Managed Timberland property must be applied for by July 1. Once approved, you must submit an application annually, between March 1st and September 1st every year in order to remain in the program. The Assessor does not approve or deny any Managed Timberland applications. All approvals or denials are done by the WV Division of Forestry. If you have any questions, please call Lana Evans at (304) 558-2788 option 2, or write the WV Division of Forestry, 7 Players Club Dr. Charleston, WV 25311. To ensure your application was received, I recommend you call Lana Evans prior to the deadlines shown above. Applications for this program are available at the WV Division of Forestry website at www.wvforestry.com. Applications can also be obtained here at the Assessor's office.

**Market Value** – Market Value of real estate is the value your property would expect to bring, if sold.

**Homestead Exemption** – If you are 65 years of age or permanently and totally disabled and have been a resident of West Virginia for two full calendar years, you can qualify. This exemption will give you \$20,000 assessed value exemption on your real estate. This exemption will save you at least \$135.00 or as much as \$185.00 for those who live within corporations. In order to receive this exemption, you must complete the application not later than December 1, 2022. This exemption once approved, will remain in effect. To qualify for disability exemption, you must provide proof of disability in addition to completing the application. This office has the application and will assistance you in completing the required form.

**Personal Property** – The assessment of personal property, will be the same as last year. Vehicles will be assessed at 60% of NADA loan value. The value is based on vehicle identification numbers. Big trucks with non-apportioned license are to be reported on your assessment form. Trucks with apportioned license plates will still be reported to the Public Service Commission. All other property will be assessed at 60% of market value. We charge a \$25.00 fee on all supplemental tax tickets. These supplemental tax tickets are charges made because of incorrect information or lack thereof. To avoid the additional charge, please help us make sure you are assessed correctly. This can be done by contacting our office if you have not already been contacted by the Assessor, or a Deputy Assessor.

**Dogs** – State law requires that a tax be collected on all dogs in the county, which are at least six months old on July 1, or within ten days of the dog becoming six months of age during the assessment year. The dog tax is \$3.00 per dog for those who reside outside of corporations. If you reside within the corporations of Marlinton, Hillsboro or Durbin the dog tax is \$6.00 per dog.

**Sheep & Goats** – There is also a \$1.00 per head assessment on all sheep and goats of breeding age. This assessment is to be collected by the Assessor or deputies and submitted to the Department of Agriculture for the Coyote Control Program.

If you have any questions, need assistance or just feel more comfortable in person, please call or stop by our office. We are here to assist you. We want your assessment to be as easy and as convenient as possible for you to complete. The assessor and/or the deputy assessors, will attempt to contact everyone at their residence, please understand that this is not always possible.

We appreciate your support and cooperation in ensuring we have a fair and accurate assessment of our county.

If you have any questions, or need assistance, please call or stop by our office.

Johnny A. Pritt  
Pocahontas County Assessor  
6/23/2c

**ESTATE AUCTION**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 25 • 9:30 a.m.**

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**POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

**POSITION AVAILABLE** - Pocahontas Memorial Hospital is seeking a full-time Dietary Aide/Cook position available. Candidate must possess good interpersonal communication skills as well as be self-motivated. Entry level knowledge; basic employment skills; High School diploma or GED equivalent required. One year previous quantity cooking experience preferred. Submit your résumé with three professional references to: Katie Brown, HR via email kbrown@pmhwv.org. Applications will be accepted until 10 a.m. on June 29, 2022. EOE. 6/23/1c

**POSITION AVAILABLE** - Pocahontas Memorial Hospital is seeking a full-time Behavioral Health Technician. Job responsibilities include: transportation of patients to and from appointments, basic patient care-vitals, assist with transfers etc., clerical duties, computer data entry/registration of patients. Candidate must possess strong interpersonal communication skills as well as be self-motivated. CNA certification preferred, clean driving record and valid driver's license required. Send résumé along with three professional references to: Katie Brown, HR Director via email kbrown@pmhwv.org by 10 a.m. on June 29, 2022. EOE. 6/23/1c

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Thompson, of Dumfries, Virginia, a daughter, named Stephanie Lee.  
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Duane D. Helton, of Denver,

Colorado, a son, named Bradley Dean.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Dempsey Beverage, of Marlinton, a son.

### DEATHS

Jonah Roy Sparks, 83, a son of the late Samuel Adam and Emma Griffith Sparks and a World War I veteran. Burial in Mountain View Cemetery.

John Opie Bennett, 85, of Arbovale, a farmer and member of the Church of the Brethren. Burial in the Boyer Cemetery.

Betty Zane Oliver, 33, of Dunmore, daughter of Percy Preston and Helen Geraldine Galford Oliver. Burial in Dunmore Cemetery.

Price Williams, 67, of Mill Gap, Virginia. Burial in the

Hightown Cemetery.

Fred Ray Roberts, 69, of Beard, a son of the late Harvey and Sarah Baldwin Roberts, and a retired woodsman. Burial in Sharp Cemetery.

William L. "Jack" Painter, 55, of Valley Head, a son of Mrs. Maude Shelton Painter and the late Samuel O. Painter, and a veteran of World War II.

Mrs. Carmen Eades Clark, of Huntington, formerly of Seebert; burial in Mountain View Cemetery.

John Steven Bennett, 86, of Dunmore, a son of the late Marcelles Bennett and Sophia Wetzel Bennett, and a veteran of World War I. Burial in the Dunmore Cemetery.

Harry and Cabel Beverage, and Rev. W. C. Nell. Officers and teachers present were Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Sharp, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hively, Mrs. Letcher Herold, E. C. Beverage and Watkin Henkel.

### WILLIAM H. BAXTER

William H. Baxter, an aged and respected citizen of Edray, suffered a compound fracture of the leg last Friday evening, which resulted in his death the next day at the Marlinton Hospital. The leg was amputated in an effort to save his life.

Mr. Baxter had been plowing corn at the old Baxter Homestead on Elk Moun-

tain. About six o'clock he was unhitching his horse from the plow. The horse is supposed to have kicked at a turkey nearby, striking Mr. Baxter on the leg with force as to break the thigh bone to bits for half its length, ... Dr. N. R. Price was called and as the injury was recognized as a serious one, he was brought to the hospital... He seemed to rally pretty well from the operation. The next day he sank rapidly and expired. He had suffered from heart and kidney affection which contributed to his decease, his age was 72 years and 10 months... His body was laid to rest in the Edray graveyard.

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### THE MIGHTY HAAG SHOW

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### TOWN WATER SUPPLY

This water works is a question that raises its hydrant head every day. The town water is impregnated with minerals to such an extent as to render it unfit for many purposes. The railroad company, for instance, will not use it in their boilers, but offer to pay \$500 per year if Knapps Creek water is used...

For the next council meeting, there will be two ways of changing the water supply to be considered. One, a water wheel at Knapps Creek with power to fill the tanks and save the cost of pumping which with the filtration plant is estimated to cost \$12,000.

The other is to bring Knapps Creek water by gravity to a filter at the present pumping station there to be pumped with the present equipment at an estimated cost of \$6,000.

### KNAPPS CREEK

We are having plenty of rain in this section.

Farmers are done shearing sheep.

The young people's class of the Westminster Sunday School gave a marshmallow toast on the church lawn last Saturday evening. The class entertained the officers and teachers of the Sunday School. The members of the class present were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dever, Misses Genevieve Moore, Veva and Glenna Gibson, Glenn Murdock, Icie Kelley, Messrs. Roscoe Beverage, Raymond and Richard Gibson, Leo Dever, Andrew Moore,

## Contest, from page 3

family's own treasured vintage instruments, and to learn more of its extraordinary legacy.

As a very special and unique aspect of the festival, multiple jam sessions are scheduled throughout the day of the event at various locations in downtown Marlinton. Visitors are

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## History, from page 7

THE Prince of Wales is the Masonic Grand Master of England and, on June 14th, he presided at a meeting where ten thousand masons were assembled in gorgeous regalia. This was one of the most notable functions that has ever occurred in the history of masonry since the dedication of Solomon's temple.

THE Queen of England is almost totally blind. The cause is cataracts.

OIL prospectors on Elk River above Charleston are putting down wells in the hope of striking oil.

STAUNTON will reach the 150th anniversary of its formation July 15th of this year.

LAST Saturday, June 19,

a very remarkable marriage was arranged for at Ligonier, Indiana. The parties are James Saxton, aged 84, and Mrs. Mary Twinkle, aged 80 years.

They were engaged and would have been married, but Mr. Saxton went into the army and was lost sight of; and finally it was believed he had been killed and buried with the unknown dead. In the meantime, Saxton buried three wives, and Mrs. Twinkle has mourned the decease of four husbands. It has been about two months since they found out each other's whereabouts, and have concluded it to be better late than never.

ON Saturday the 13th, immense suffering and some destruction of life was occasioned in various parts of India by earthquake shocks. The heat was 126 degrees in the shade at certain points. Much misery was caused among many of the poorer Europeans,

Eurasians and natives over the extensive area that was affected.

### BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

AMONG the persons settling in what is now Pocahontas County early in the century, John Sharp, Senior, a native of Ireland, is richly deserving of more than a passing notice. He is the ancestor of the families of that name that constitute such a marked proportion of the Frost community, and have been identified with that vicinity for the past 95 years. Previous to the Revolution he came in with the tide of Scotch-Irish immigration that spread over Pennsylvania and New Jersey and thence moved South, and finally located in Rockingham County, Virginia.

His wife was Margaret Blaine, whose parents resided in west Rockingham in the vicinity of Rawley Springs...

After a residence of sev-

eral years in Rockingham County, Mr. Sharp came to Pocahontas in order to secure land for the use of his large and industrious family, and he succeeded well, and saw them well fixed in life all around him. He reached Frost in 1802, and settled on the place now occupied by Abram Sharp, Esq. There were six sons and as many daughters. The daughters were Margaret, Anna, Isabella, Elizabeth, Rosa and Polly...

In reference to the six sons that were of this family, and the brothers of the six sisters whose history is so briefly traced, we learn the following particulars from Mrs. Elizabeth Sharp, the aged relict of the late John Sharp, a grandson of the pioneer John Sharp. This venerable lady has a remarkable history; left alone during the war, she supported her young and numerous family, paid off mortgages on the land, and came through the great trouble out of debt.

The pioneer's sons were John, Robert, Daniel, James, William and Joseph.

### KNAPPS CREEK

News is scarce, but if you want to hear the latest, ask M. F. Herold.

John C. Cleek goes to Green Bank occasionally for his health.

The social at William Cleek's was a success and was enjoyed by all who attended it. Some of the boys got home in time for breakfast.

Corn is very short this year, because McKinley was elected.

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## Dean's List

Tessa Cameron Kiner was named to the Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 Dean's List of Pierpont Community and Technical College.

Students selected for this

recognition must be enrolled full-time, completing at least 12 graded credit hours and have attained a semester grade point average of 3.40 or better.

Tessa is the daughter of J. R. and Cammie Kiner, of Marlinton, and was a 2021 graduate of Pocahontas County High School.

## Shelter News

Anyone ready to add a four-footed, feline bundle of love to their family, is urged to come to the animal shelter and check out the cats.



**TWO YEAR OLD Patch** is a gray and white male. He's not sure about people yet, but he shows signs of coming around to be petted. Patch would make an excellent barn cat.

**THERE'S BLUE, RIGHT,** a handsome gray, probably a year and a half old. Blue's very friendly and will make a purr-fect pet.



**ELLIE, LEFT, IS** an affectionate and beautiful five-year old female. She's a shimmering gray and white, with a big personality and a loud purr. She's spayed, and ready to go home with you and your family.



**BINKY IS A** young male – about a year old – who can't wait to be someone's best friend. He's all black with a few white hairs on his chest. He just wants to love and be loved.



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Austin Sharp, so far as bears were concerned. Their dogs divided up on two bears and got neither. A big bear has been coming over the mountain to kill sheep for Melvin Wooddell on the head of Stony Creek. He came back time and again, and the Sharp twins put their dogs on this trail, but in trailing him up, the dogs came up on the fresh tracks of another sheep killer, and the pack divided. They soon had two bears going, but not enough dogs after either one to stop and hold a bear until the hunters came up.

The big bear went across Black Mountain into the Sugar Creek country; the other headed into the Cranberry country.

The big bear which has been killing sheep steadily on Stony Creek and Day's Run, kills his sheep and eats it up.

The smaller bear has been killing for Jess Moore. He is an especially destructive brute, as he kills a ewe, bites her udder off, and then goes for another.

### WEDDINGS

Miss Annie Laurie Arbuckle and Mr. Sheldon E. Haynes, son of Mrs. Edward M. Haynes, of White Sulphur Springs, were married Saturday, June 21, 1947, at the Clifton Presbyterian Church in Maxwelton... The bride is a daughter of Mrs. Julian Davis Arbuckle, of Maxwelton, and the late Dr. Arbuckle...

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Lanty Phillips and Miss Christina Blanchard, of Cass, were united in marriage June 7, 1947, by Rev. H. Blackhurst at Cass.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Williams, of Marlinton, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Grace Virginia Williams, to Mr. Warren D. Sharpenberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Sharpenberg, of Morgantown... The wedding ceremony will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, August 26, 1947, at the Marlinton Presbyterian Church...

### BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James Nelson, of Huntersville, a daughter, named Dawn Elaine.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hannah, of Marlinton, a son, named Ralph Edsel.

### DEATHS

Mrs. Matilda Moran Aldridge, 78, died at her home in Buckeye Thursday afternoon, June 19, 1947... Saturday afternoon, the funeral was held from the Buckeye Church... Her body was laid to rest in the Buckeye Cemetery on Bucks Run... The deceased was a daughter of the late John C. and Mary Ann LaRue Moran...

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Reed, aged 81, wife of Homer Reed, died at her home in Marlinton, Thursday, June 19, 1947... On Sunday afternoon, the funeral was conducted from the Smith's Funeral Chapel. Interment was made in the family plot in Mountain

View Cemetery. Mrs. Madge Weiford Mayse, 44, of Cadiz, Ohio, wife of William M. Mayse; born in Hillsboro, a daughter of R. Poe and Maude Perkins Weiford... Her body was laid to rest in the Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Thomas Earl Triplett, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Triplett, of Millpoint, was accidentally killed in the ship yard in Baltimore, Maryland, June 12, 1947, aged 31 years, five months and six days. He was united in marriage to Miss Emma Hammonds, who, with their son, Larry survives. He is also survived by 11 brothers and sisters, Clay, Buryl, Mrs. Sybil Fowler, Kelly, Herman, Edgar, Dorothy, General, Ray, Ruby and Grace... Interment was in the Ruckman Cemetery.

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