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Hillsboro Little Library dedicated

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

There are 150,000 Little Free Libraries spread over 100 countries around the world – small buildings filled with free books for children and adults to enjoy. Last Saturday, one more library joined that collection – The Edgar Starks Little Free Library in Hillsboro.

At the dedication, Mary Dawson, a member of the Hillsboro Library Friends, said the little library is a true sign of a strong community. “A Little Free Library really shows that a community cares about the people in it,” she said. “Libraries offer one of the most important freedoms – a search of information. They offer hours and hours of reading pleasure, and this library, I think, is a community center and offers for people to come in.”

The little library will have children’s books – most of which were donated by Jan McNeel – and books for adults.

Constructed by Sarah Moss and Dianne Monroe, and roofed by Dave Fowler



THE EDGAR STARKS Memorial Little Free Library in Hillsboro was dedicated Saturday. The two-story little library was built by Sarah Moss and Dianne Monroe and will be used to supply free books to children and adults. Starks’ family and the builders are pictured above with the library, from left: Hunter Wilfong, John Lee, Bonita Lee, Doris Starks, Lois Wilfong, Monroe, Charles Wilfong and Moss. S. Stewart photo

and Sondra Vaughan, the little library is dedicated to the memory of Edgar Starks, who was a pillar of the Hillsboro community and gave generously of his time and talents.

“There are reminders of his generosity and wood-

working skills all around the community and the area,” Dawson said. “We had no idea that there were so many. Picture frames, tables, chairs, bookcases and even a milking stool were constructed for family members, friends and community groups.”

A display of photos of Starks’ work was set up in the library on a tri-fold frame that he made for his grandson, Hunter Wilfong, to use for social studies fair projects when he was in school.

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Honoring the past on the Levels

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

The history of Hillsboro is on full display during the Little Levels Heritage Fair, and this year was no exception. Traditions were honored through music, contests and displays from years gone by.

Visitors were fully immersed in the past as they toured the McNeel Mill, where Jan McNeel had displays of photos, books and memorabilia from the McNeel family; and the Pearl S. Buck Birthplace, where the life of the Pulitzer and Nobel prizes winning author’s life – from birth to success – is shared in the three-story home where she was born.

At Hillsboro Elementary School, the traditions continued, with crafters selling their wares, and photos from past fairs showed the different ways in which the community has celebrated. Outside the school, traditional tunes by local musicians groups delighted those who gathered under the large tent to catch up with old friends and enjoy the sporadic cool breeze.

In the field, youngsters played old-timey games like tug-of-war and relay races with eggs on spoons. Rodeo star Hannah Burks was set up with practice materials, sharing tricks of the trade with those who wanted to learn roping skills.

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Jesse Milnes Band

It’s Time to Rock – First Friday

Cynthia Sandeno
Contributing Writer

Enjoy live music. Create unique art. Help with a brain tanning demo. Learn to make jewelry. Meet West Virginia Snakes. Enter an Axe Throwing Competition. Grab some fresh popcorn.

Do it all Friday, July 1, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Discovery Junction and downtown Marlinton.

You are invited to join us at Discovery Junction, lo-

cated next to the Opera House, Friday for an evening of fun, friends, music, games and art. This month, we are mixing things up and bringing the unique sound of the Jesse Milnes Band – a four-piece Honky Tonk band with fiddle, drums, bass and guitars to the Discovery Junction Stage. Their sound is classic Country mixed with Old-Time and just a hint of Rock and Roll. You’ll love the close harmonies, Jesse’s unique finger-picking guitar style, and their healthy dose

of old-time fiddling. Band members include Jesse Milnes, Emily Miller, Nate Druckenmiller and Eduardo Canelón. We will also offer an unbelievably unique experience – a brain tanning demonstration. You’ll have a chance to learn about this almost forgotten method of tanning animal skins that uses 100 percent natural materials including animal brain mass.

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Lambert finds calling among the blooms

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

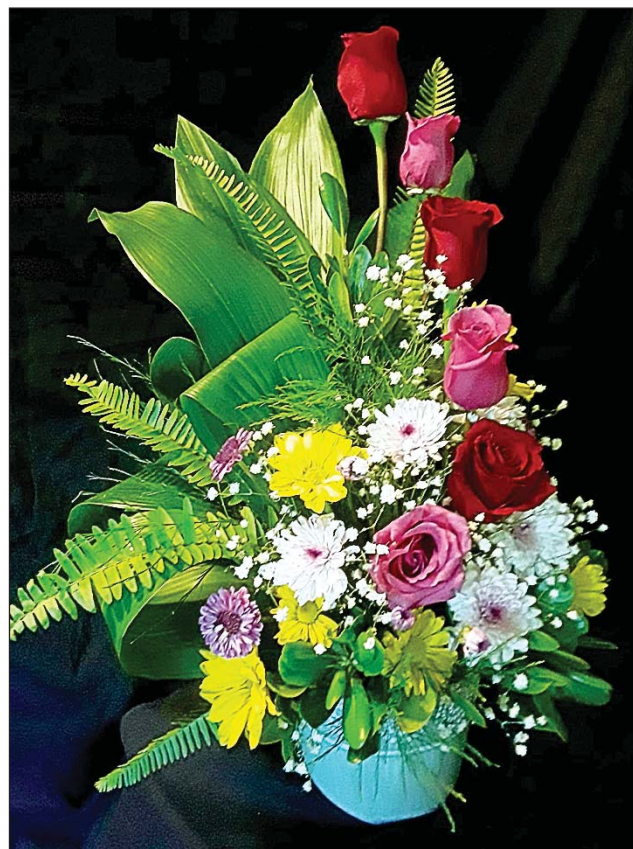
Sometimes things just fall into place. That seems to be the case for Patrick Lambert, of Bartow. He always dreamed of having his own business, but couldn’t quite figure out what kind of business he wanted.

“I’ve had trouble deciding what to open,” he said.

Lambert is a talented person who enjoys arts and crafts, and has a knack for painting and creating original art, but he wasn’t sure that was the right fit for his business.

It took the unfortunate passing of a beloved business owner – Judi Simmons – who had a flower shop in Durbin, for Lambert to realize what he wanted to do.

“My mom was actually a florist for many years, too,” he said. “She started before Judi did. My mom trained Judi. My mom let it go by the wayside years ago, and I thought, ‘you know what?’ Maybe I need to open a flower shop. I know how to do the work and now there’s



PATRICK LAMBERT, OWNER of the flower shop For Every Bouquet’sion, specializes in real and silk flower arrangements, as well as potted plants.

a need for one.” So on February 25, Lambert opened his flower shop called For Ever Bou-

quet’sion. By word of mouth, business quickly see Blooms pg 6

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PMH expansion project set to move forward

Tim Walker
AMR Reporter

At the June 23 meeting the Pocahontas County Commission voted to award the bid for Pocahontas Memorial Hospital's expansion to Paramount Builders of St. Albans. Two bids were received, but the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development, which is funding the \$5.7-million loan for the project, had disqualified the other bidder as being over-priced. The USDA had closely examined and vetted the county's loan application, then approved it in January. The commission is putting its final approval to formally accept the USDA loan on the agenda for a special meeting Tuesday, June 28, at 5 p.m.

Lisa Cutlip, Manager of the Snowshoe Resort Community District (SRCD,) once again asked the commission to provide the SRCD with \$50,000 from the county's \$1.6-million American Rescue Plan funds, or from other county funding sources, to help buy uniforms, law enforcement equipment and a squad car

for the new SRCD Ranger Law Enforcement Department. Commission President Walt Helmick said they are reserving much of their American Rescue Plan funds for possible use in building a courthouse annex, but would consider Cutlip's request in the future. Cutlip said it was necessary to start their own state-recognized local law enforcement agency since they feel they are not receiving timely responses for 911 calls at the Snowshoe Community from other law enforcement departments in the county.

Also relating to the courthouse annex project, during a discussion of received mail items, it was mentioned that the state's Courthouse Improvement Authority is once again accepting applications for grants. The county's last request for a grant from them for this project had been denied, but the commissioners indicated they will re-apply for this new round of grant monies.

Sara Cottingham, representing the Mountaineer Trail Network, told the commission that the Network was inviting Pocahontas County to join 15 other West

Virginia counties as a member. She explained that the Mountaineer Trail Network concentrates on bikes and boat trails in the northern part of the state, and was established by the State Legislature in 2019. It is modeled on the Hatfield McCoy Trail System, but without the ATVs. Cottingham said Pocahontas County was asked to join this Preston County based organization because with its IMBA Ride Center, Pocahontas County is the "gold standard" for mountain biking in West Virginia. She said the advantages for joining include access to regional marketing and advertising; access to resources for trail maintenance; and liability protection for private landowners who allow the trails to pass through their property. The Snowshoe Highlands Ride Center supports the county joining the Mountaineer Trail Network. The commission approved joining, and asked Cara Rose and Evan Cole to represent the county on the Network's Board of Directors.

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PMH expansion project explained

Tim Walker
AMR Reporter

With the Pocahontas County Commission considering approving a USDA loan for Pocahontas Memorial Hospital's Expansion Project, we asked PMH CEO Andrew Bair to talk about what that expansion entails and how it will improve hospital services to the community.

"What we look to do is expand our Rural Health Clinic," Bair said. "The Rural Health Clinic is actually a separate department or clinic within the hospital. A lot of hospitals don't have doctor's offices within the hospital, but PMH does. And, that space is very cramped."

Bair said the clinic needs more rooms for patients, work area for staff and a waiting area.

"The other thing is our waiting areas and our registration areas will be improved," Bair continued. "When we talk about registration, that process will be much more private. That is really important. I think it is important that our community knows that we take their privacy seriously."

The expansion will offer the much needed privacy.

"The other thing it does is it will expand Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy," Bair said. "Those will be bigger departments, so they will be able to do some things. There will be an Occupational Therapy kitchen in there, so that if you are having to demonstrate that you can do these things, or practice in a place that is controlled and supervised,

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we can do that, and make sure you are safe in your home environment. The Cardio-Pulmonary or Respiratory Therapy will be expanded, as well. So, where we do our pulmonary function tests and those kinds of things will be bigger. Right now, if you go into that department, it is just a hallway, and the treadmill and those kinds of things just barely fit in there. Additionally, our X-ray Department will be expanded, so we will be able to do mammography here. That's a service that we very rarely get here. I know Betty's Bus come here, I think once a quarter, we can just do those, and people can get their results much quicker. We will be able to do stress tests, and something called Thallium Stress Testing, where you need a nuclear medicine machine, so, we are expanding those services, as well.

"I know that the bid came in and the cost of supplies and all the construction materials really increased since we started looking at this.

So, we fell short of being able to finance the entire project, and we'll be looking for a fundraiser for the rest of the project that could not be funded by the USDA loan that we are asking the County Commission to sign off on."

How many square feet will the expansion add to the hospital?

"The entire project was going to be 11,000 square feet, but the remodeling was going to be a lot more because of Physical Therapy and X-ray departments and those things. Those are all rejiggered as well, so we'll see."

"We had asked for an expanded ER and Intensive Care and an O.R. And, that's just a little more expensive than we can handle through the USDA loan. We are looking for other ways of getting there, because we think that is important for our community.

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McCoy's Market now a Par Mar Store

If you've driven by McCoy's Market in Hillsboro lately, you may have noticed some changes going on. That's because Par Mar Stores has acquired McCoy's Market located at 7797 Seneca Trail.

The Marietta, Ohio-based company operates stores in four states: West Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky and Penn-

sylvania. This will be Par Mar's 189th retail store.

"McCoy's has been a staple in Hillsboro and the surrounding areas," company President Brian Waugh said, "and we will continue to offer the same great service that the McCoy family has for so long. We are making some changes - but nothing too drastic. We plan to add some products and services that are not

currently offered here."

The Par Mar Stores Company was founded in 1967 and, since 2016, the company has been owned by Croton Holding Company of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. For more information contact Par Mar Stores Director of Community Relations Dave Allen at 304-687-4002 or by email at dallen@parmarstores.com

Manchin, Capito announce more than \$3.6 million in PILT payments to West Virginia

U.S. Senators Joe Manchin (D-WV), Chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, and Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) announced Friday \$3,617,997 from the U.S. Department of Interior's Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program to 36 West Virginia counties. These pay-

ments are made annually to counties with non-taxable Federal land within their borders to offset the lost property tax revenue.

"For more than 40 years, PILT payments have helped ensure local governments across the Mountain State have the resources they need to help offset budget shortfalls caused by their inability to collect taxes on Federal

lands," Manchin said. "These critical payments provide our communities with crucial support for essential services, such as law enforcement, education, fire-fighting, road maintenance and public health.

"I am pleased to announce this significant funding, and I look forward to seeing the

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VA AIR Commission is dead

U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV), member of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee (SVAC), announced Monday that the Veterans Affairs (VA) Asset and Infrastructure Review (AIR) Commission will not move forward because it is officially opposed by 12 bipartisan Senators, signifying the end of the AIR Commission. Without the Senate's approval of the Commission and its nominees, no Commission will be established and the process as outlined

by the VA MISSION Act will not move forward. Senator Manchin made the announcement at the Gold Star Families Memorial Monument in Charleston.

The bipartisan Senators released the following statement:

"As Senators, we share a commitment to expanding and strengthening modern VA infrastructure in a way that upholds our obligations to America's Veterans. We believe the recommendations put forth to the AIR Commission are not reflective of that goal, and would

put Veterans in both rural and urban areas at a disadvantage, which is why we are announcing that this process does not have our support and will not move forward. The Commission is not necessary for our continued push to invest in VA health infrastructure, and together we remain dedicated to providing the Department with the resources and tools it needs to continue delivering quality care and earned services to Veterans in 21st century facilities—now and into the future."

COVID-19 Update

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) reports as of June 28, 2022, there are 1,993 active COVID-19 cases statewide. There has been one death reported since the last report.

Current Active Cases Per County: Barbour (8), Berkeley (119), Boone (28), Braxton (16), Brooke (19), Cabell (104), Calhoun (8), Clay (11), Doddridge (6), Fayette (69), Gilmer (5), Grant (14), Greenbrier (59), Hampshire (21), Hancock (26), Hardy (14), Harrison (84), Jackson (18), Jefferson (75), Kanawha (197), Lewis (12), Lincoln (12), Logan (38),

Marion (86), Marshall (29), Mason (26), McDowell (30), Mercer (73), Mineral (30), Mingo (16), Monongalia (110), Monroe (23), Morgan (15), Nicholas (34), Ohio (35), Pendleton (1), Pleasants (5), Pocahontas (5), Preston (23), Putnam (77), Raleigh (90), Randolph (21), Ritchie (8), Roane (30),

Summers (15), Taylor (18), Tucker (9), Tyler (6), Upshur (47), Wayne (29), Webster (4), Wetzel (22), Wirt (3), Wood (86), Wyoming (24). To find the cumulative cases per county, visit coronavirus.wv.gov and look on the Cumulative Summary tab which is sortable by county.

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SUN., JULY 3: Pork barbecue sandwich, baked beans, potato salad and drink
INDEPENDENCE DAY, JULY 4: Grilled hamburger and hot dog, macaroni salad, watermelon and drink
TUES., JULY 5: Chicken tender wrap, French fries and drink
WED., JULY 6: Tuna salad sandwich, apple salad and drink

New cemetery book available

'In Loving Memory'
Edray Road - Cass to Poage Lane, 2022

A new cemetery book, *Edray Road - Cass to Poage Lane*, the tenth book in the *In Loving Memory* series is available for \$12.

Within this updated book are 22 cemeteries and burial sites located along Edray Road from just outside of Cass to Barnett Road (Old Poage Lane) just south of Clover Lick listing the following cemeteries: Geiger, Shinaberry, Stony Lonesome Ranch, Old Grave Yard, McCLOUD, Moore, Stony Bottom, Meeks, William Doyle, Peter Shinaberry, Gardner,

Coyner, Friel, Daugherty, Abraham Shinaberry, Beverage, Walter Allen, Corso, Grimes, Runaway Mountain, Quincy W. Poage and John R. Poage.

The Pocahontas County Genealogy Group continues its quest to find and record old cemeteries before the knowledge of those cemeteries is lost forever.

Our current list of known cemeteries and burials within the county now totals 371. We have inventoried and documented 268 cemeteries, 230 of which have been published in a series of 10 books titled, *In Loving Memory*.

In Loving Memory cemetery books are available for sale at *The Pocahontas*



IN LOVING MEMORY

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Stony Bottom, Clover Lick, Poage Lane Community
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Little Italy Road, Barnett Road (Old Poage Lane)

The tenth in a series of cemetery listings in
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ing Jan Orndorff at rjorndorff mountaincousins@gmail.com



When flags fly at half-staff

The National Headquarters of the American Legion receives numerous questions at this time of year concerning when the flag is to be flown at half-staff.

The days the flag should be flown at half-staff are as follows: Memorial Day in May, Peace Officer Memorial Day in May, Patriot Day in September, National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service in October, and Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day in December.

The flag is to remain at full staff on Armed Forces Day, Flag Day, Independence Day and Labor Day, unless the state governor or the president of the U.S. has issued a half-staff proclamation.

And remember - during parades - to pay proper respect, please rise from your seat, remove your hat and place your hand over your heart when the flag passes by.

Kudos to Hillsboro for an excellent display of flag respect.

Info provided courtesy of Allegheny Post 117 and American Legion.

'The Ballad of Cass' ~ the past comes to life

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

The history of the town of Cass is rich with tales of industry, old-time traditions and just a little bit of mischief. The most important part of the stories is the people who lived them. The hard-working woodhicks, the women raising families and the faithful locals who made the town home.

Their tales are the basis of the play, *The Ballad of Cass*, which will be presented in July.

Cass native Louise Burner and Missy McCollum, of the Old Brick Playhouse in Elkins, have worked together to bring back *The Ballad of Cass* which is based on the writing of W.E. "Tward" Blackhurst and the original Cass play by Nicolette Maleckar.

In addition to writing the play, McCollum is also the director.

To ensure the play was accurate and kept true to the life and times of Cass in the early 1900s, Burner said she shared the work with West Virginia historians who reviewed the vernacular and culture.

"We went to the Arts and Humanities Council and they gave us a grant to have historians read through the play and tell us what should stay and what should be either taken out or changed to make it more accurate," Burner said. "We sent the original play and had them give us their feedback. We also had local historian Bill McNeel do that."

Burner explained that, while most of the characters in the play are based on real people, Maleckar took some liberties in adding to characteristics that may not give an accurate depiction.

"There's a lot of Appalachian culture here, and you can lose that," Burner said. "A lot of the language of the culture. It's not because they were hillbillies. It's because that was their culture."

The original play was performed on an outdoor stage



AN ELEVATED VIEW of the town of Cass, circa 1909-1910. The town was founded in 1902 by the West Virginia Paper and Pulp Company. Photo courtesy of Preserving Pocahontas

in the 1980s, but this time, it will be presented in "promenade" fashion. The players will be located throughout Cass and attendees will walk from location to location to witness history in action.

"It's neat," Burner said. "It's going to be nicely paced. The characters were real people. Many of the

names have been changed, but some of them have not, which is kind of interesting. Emma Burner, Elmer Burner, Virginia Burner are my relatives. Virginia comes in at one point and Missy included some quotes from her letters that we have over at the [Burner] Homeplace." The promenade will begin

in front of the Cass Company Store and will end at the Cass Community Center,

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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.

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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.

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TRIVIA - a little something to think about

Courtesy of Chuck Cornell

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2. He is the only three-time inductee to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Who is he?
3. This dog has German origins. Its name literally means Badger Dog. Here in America, we have a nickname for it - wiener dog. What breed is it?
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4:30 p.m. - Parasol (umbrella): Parasols judged in three categories: Most Patriotic, Prettiest and Ugliest.

5 p.m. - Bubble Gum Blowing: Contestants will be given a piece of bubble gum to chew and blow a one-inch bubble.

5:30 p.m. - Cracker Eating/Whistle Blowing: Contestants must eat a small pack of crackers and then whistle.

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Oh, beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties Above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.

Oh, beautiful for pilgrim feet,
Whose stern, impassioned stress
A thoroughfare of freedom beat Across the wilderness!
America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law.

Oh, beautiful for heroes proved In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved,
And mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness, And ev'ry gain divine.

Oh, beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam,
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.

Katherine Bates

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

PUBLIC NOTICE
Marlinton Town Office will be closed Monday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. Sanitation pickup for this day will be Tuesday, July 5.

Pocahontas County Landfill and Solid Waste Office will be closed Monday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. The Green Boxes will be open from 1 to 6 p.m. that day.

The Pocahontas Times will be closed Monday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. Early deadline for the July 7 edition is Friday, July 1, at 3 p.m.

Pioneer Days 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.

EVENTS
BFD Bingo at Green Bank, scheduled for Saturday, July 2, has been canceled.

Outdoor Movie with popcorn – Tuesday, July 5, 9 p.m. at Green Bank Library. Bring your own chair or blanket.

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. Music, Liars, parades, car and tractor show, flea market, arts and crafts, food and more.

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

Durbin Days Heritage Festival – Wednesday, July

13, to Saturday, July 16. Carnival, pet show, Rabbit Pong, Greased Pig Contest, music, parades, crafts, food and more.

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

MEETING
Allegheny Post 117 Tuesday, July 5, 6 p.m. at the Arbivale Community Center. All members are encouraged to attend.

PARKS AND REC
Teddy Bear Picnic – Saturday, July 16, 2 to 4 p.m. at Stillwell Park; and Wednesday, July 20, noon to 2 p.m. at Widney Park. Bring your favorite teddy bear and blanket. Fun time with snacks, games and a teddy bear craft.

Princess in the Park – Saturday, July 30, 2 to 4 p.m. at Stillwell Park Gazebo. Ribbon wands, beaded jewelry, face painting, tea party in a magical kingdom. Princess attire encouraged.

Rainbow Run 5k – Saturday, July 23, 9 to 10 a.m. on the Greenbrier River Trail by the Community Wellness Center. A 5k untimed fun run/walk. Volunteers will spray runners in tie-dye spray. Participants wear white to start and end in color.

Canning 101 – Wednesday, July 27, 6 p.m. at the Community Wellness Center. Join Luci Mosesso as she teaches us tips and tricks to canning.

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.

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

a fee.
Circuit Strength Training class, Mondays and Wednesdays 5 to 6 p.m. with Paula Zorn.

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

REUNIONS
Noah and Rebecca Teter Warner – Sunday, July 3, noon to 4 p.m. at the community building in Riverton.

McLaughlin Family – Saturday, July 9, Picnic Shelter on Luster Shrader Road.

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

Rimel Family – Saturday, July 16, 1 p.m. Cochran Creek Church Social Hall. Covered dish. Contact person: Denise, 814-720-5415.

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.

SPECIAL SERVICE
The Luther Arbaul Family will sing at the Frank Church of the Nazarene in Frank Saturday, July 9, at 5 p.m. Refreshments to follow.

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What's Cookin'?

With Sally Cobb

Oatmeal Yummies

2 sticks butter, softened
1 cup brown sugar
1/4 cup white sugar
2 eggs
1 Tbsp. vanilla
1 Tbsp. milk
1/2 cup whole wheat or regular flour
1 tsp. baking soda
1/2 tsp. salt
2 tsp. cinnamon
1/4 tsp. nutmeg
3 cups regular oatmeal
1 to 2 cups chocolate chips
1 cup raisins or raisins
1 cup walnuts
Cream butter and sugar, add eggs, vanilla and milk.

Mix well.

In a separate bowl, mix flour, soda, salt, cinnamon and nutmeg together.

Add dry ingredients by the 1/2 cup to the creamed mixture.

Add oats, chips, raisins or raisins, and walnuts.

Mix well.

Refrigerate 4 hours to 5 days.

Use a 2 oz. scoop to place dough on baking sheet.

Bake at 350° for 12 to 16 minutes.

For questions or to share a recipe, contact Sally at Sallyspocahontaskitchen@gmail.com

Pioneer Days Contact List

Grand Parade: Lauren Bennett, 304-799-7386
Car and Tractor Show: Daniel Scarbro, 304-992-5152.
Flea Market: Tim Schoolcraft, 304-799-4684
Food and Street Vendors: Phillip Cobb, 504-415-0257; or Sally Cobb, 504-943-1888
Arts and Crafts Sales in the Opera House: Felicia Smith, 304-940-2259
Photography and Children's Art Contest: Luci Mosesso, 304-799-4852
Quilt and Needlework: Linda Adams, 304-799-4636

Food and Flower contest: Patty Felton, 304-651-4436
History Contest and Spelling Bee: Denise McNeel, 304-799-4369
Horseshoe Pitching: Patty Felton, 304-651-4436
Fireman's Parade: Marlinton Fire and Rescue, 304-799-4211
Children's Parade: Janice Miller and Jennifer Barlow: 304-799-4854

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Dance Party, 7 - 9 p.m. with DJ. All ages welcome!
Fireworks at 10 p.m.

56th Pioneer Days Updated Music Schedule

THURSDAY, JULY 7 DISCOVERY JUNCTION STAGE Emmalea Deal and the Electric Velvet, 6 - 7:15 p.m. Nathan Seldomridge and The Whistlepig Rodeo 7:30 - 9 p.m.	FRIDAY, JULY 8 CITY NATIONAL BANK STAGE Mudhole Control and Square Dance, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. DISCOVERY JUNCTION STAGE Gilt and Cold Ethyl 8 - 11 p.m.
SATURDAY, JULY 9	
Noon - 6 p.m. - Old-Time and Bluegrass Jams at City National Bank, Richardsons, and Cackling Hens GAZEBO STAGE: Noon - 1 p.m. - Jayce Turley 1 - 2 p.m. - The State Birds (Tessa Dillon) **GRAND PARADE** 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. - Noel Tarr 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. - Vince Farsetta 4:30-5 p.m. Liars Contest • 5 - 6 p.m. Jayce Turley 6 - 7 p.m. Uncle Gary's Porch Pickers DISCOVERY JUNCTION STAGE: 11 a.m. - Noon - Contest Registration Noon to 5 p.m. - Banjo and Fiddle Contests 5 - 6 p.m. - Judges' Jam 6 - 7:30 p.m. - Black Mountain Bluegrass Boys 7:45 - 9:15 p.m. - Bing Brothers, featuring Jake Krack 9:30 - 11 p.m. - Hugh Bryan's Golden Age (Bryan Simpson)	

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Obituaries



Leta Adkins

Leta Frances Sharp Atkins, 62, of Moneta, Virginia, passed away Friday, June 17, 2022, at Forest Health and Rehab.

Born in Virginia April 10, 1960, she was a daughter of the late Henry Arthur Sharp and Evelyn Rhodes Sharp.

Leta's pride and joy was her family and she loved to spend time with them. She also had a love for tigers and the mountains of West Virginia. She enjoyed hosting

yard sales and meeting new people. Leta was a very loving, selfless, simple lady, who will be missed by all who knew her.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Ellis Sharp.

She is survived by her husband, Ronald Dale Atkins; daughter, Trina Beverly; son, Josh Dunbar; granddaughters, Alexis Burnette, Aurora Beverly, Camilla Dunbar and Gwyndolyn Dunbar; great-granddaughters, Claire Burnette and Lucy Burnette; and brother, Dwyane Sharp.

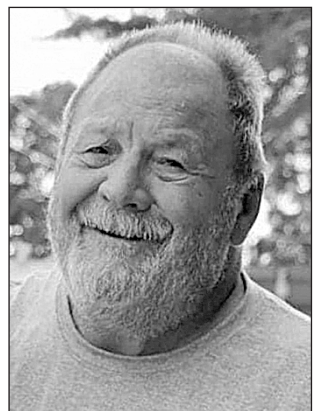
Tharp Funeral Home and Crematory in Bedford, Virginia, is assisting the family.

Online condolences may be shared at tharfuneralhome.com

Penny Drewry

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

She was a daughter of the late Willie and Stella Gibson. A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, July 2, 2022, at 3:30 p.m. at Gibson Cemetery.



George Gladwell

George Daniel Gladwell, 74, of Hillsboro, passed away Tuesday, June 21, 2022, at Greenbrier Valley Medical Center.

Born March 1, 1948, in Marlinton, he was a son of the late Vergil and Mary Hollandsworth Gladwell.

George was a Methodist by faith. He served in the United States National Guard for six years, was a school bus driver, and a member of the Pocahontas Community Club and the Loyal Order of the Moose.

He was preceded in death by one son, Danny Gladwell; and a great-grandson, Ledger Gladwell.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Sandra Chestnut Gladwell; two daughters, Michelle Gladwell, and companion, Rick Loudermilk, of Hillsboro, and Corey Rose, and companion, Brian Shinaberry, of Marlinton; grandchildren, Kage Gladwell and companion, Autumn Cain, Chasity Bowyer, Devin Rose, Sidney Rose and fiancé, Zack Young, Haiden Gladwell, Shaylen Gladwell, Kyra McLaughlin, Salena Keffer; nine great-grandchildren; and one brother, Gerald Gladwell, of Cross Lanes.

In keeping with George's

wishes the body will be cremated and there will be no service.

Online condolences may be made at Lantzfuneralhome.com



Patricia Jennings

Patricia Jane Watters Jennings, 85, of Durbin, passed away Friday, June 24, 2022, at her home.

Born March 10, 1937, in Charleston, she was a daughter of the late William Q. and Katherine McGreagor Watters.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by

daughters, Deborah Stewart and Linda Wright; and son, Kevin Stewart.

She is survived by her husband, Donald L. Jennings; daughter, Cyndy King; stepson, Donald J. Jennings; and step-daughter, Rebecca Taylor.

Patricia was a 1954 graduate of Charleston High School and retired from the West Virginia State Tax Department.

No funeral arrangements have been made at this time.

Lantz Funeral Home in Buckeye is caring for the family.

Online condolences may be made at Lantzfuneralhome.com

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As summer temperatures rise, you can improve energy efficiency and lower cooling costs throughout the season by following these tips:

- * Set thermostats as high

as comfort will allow. Every degree a customer can increase the temperature in their home will result in using about three percent less energy during the summer.

* Use a programmable or smart thermostat to keep temperatures higher when no one is home and to reduce the temperature before arriving back home.

* During sunny weather, close drapes or blinds on windows facing the sun to prevent direct radiant heating from impacting temperatures inside.

* Check air conditioner and furnace fan filters.

Clogged filters waste energy and money by forcing HVAC systems to work harder than necessary.

* Avoid using heat-producing appliances during the hottest hours of the day. The less heat produced at home, the less work the air conditioner will do.

* For more energy efficiency tips you can use year-round, visit www.firstenergycorp.com/save_energy

If you need help paying your bill, payment arrangements and assistance programs are available. For more information, visit www.firstenergycorp.com/billassist

School Clothing Allowance applications

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR), Bureau for Family Assistance will begin accepting School Clothing Allowance applications Friday, July 1, for eligible children enrolled in West Virginia schools. Each eligible child will receive a \$200 benefit that may be used toward the purchase of appropriate school clothing or piece goods for families who sew clothing for their children.

The following groups will automatically receive School Clothing Allowance benefits for each school-age child in the home by the end of June:

Families with school-age children who currently receive WV WORKS cash assistance

Parents or guardians of children in foster care

Children ages 4-18 who receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, are enrolled in school and whose household income is under

130% of the Federal Poverty Level

Families who received School Clothing Allowance in 2021 and currently have Medicaid coverage should receive a School Clothing Allowance application by U.S. mail in late June.

Others may be eligible for School Clothing Allowance benefits based on the income limits by household size as listed below. Verification of income for July must be submitted with the application.

Income Limits for the School Clothing Allowance Program for 2022:

Number of Persons in Household	Income Limit
1	\$1,396
2	\$1,888
3	\$2,379
4	\$2,871
5	\$3,363
6	\$3,855
7	\$4,347
8	\$4,839
9	\$5,331
10	\$5,823

Families may apply online at www.wvpath.org or request a paper application be mailed by contacting their local DHHR office or by calling 1-877-716-1212. Applications must be received by July 31, 2022.

School Clothing Allowance recipients will receive an Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card in place of the traditional paper voucher. This system change was implemented in 2021 to allow for both online transactions and increased choice of vendors when purchasing school clothing or piece goods. The EBT card will operate like a debit card and can be used at any retailer who accepts EBT cash transactions. Parents or guardians of children in foster care will receive the School Clothing Allowance benefit as a check.

Those needing to update their address may do so at www.wvpath.org or by calling DHHR's Customer Service Center at 1-877-716-1212.

Cemetery Donations

Donations for the upkeep of the following cemeteries may be made to:

Hill Top Cemetery, Cass – Richard Ryder, 707 Chert Lane, Beckley, WV 25801

Beaver Creek Cemetery – Nancy McComb Smithson, 641 Violet Road, Marlinton, WV 24954

Bethel Cemetery on Back Mountain Road, Durbin – Jean Taylor, 13453 Back Mountain Road, Durbin, WV 26264-9012.

Boyer Cemetery Trust – Joan Barkley, 14 Alleghany Mountain View Trail, Arbovale, WV 24915

Bruffey Creek Cemetery – Dennis Vaughan, 4108 Lobelia Road, Hillsboro, WV 24946.

Buckeye Chapel Cemetery – Juanita McNeill, 243 Waugh/Walnut Street, Marlinton, WV 24954.

Cochran Cemetery – Charlotte Alderman, treasurer, 63 Farmhouse Lane, Marlinton, WV 24954.

Dunmore Cemetery – Greg Pritchard, 15249 Browns Creek Road, Dunmore, WV 24934.

Edray Cemetery – Ben Gay, 87 Edray Road, Marlinton, WV 24954.

Emmanuel Cemetery, Bruffey Creek – Dennis Vaughan, 4108 Lobelia Road, Hillsboro, WV 24946

Fairview Cemetery – Barbara Campbell, PO Box 11, Marlinton, WV 24954.

Grogg Cemetery on Pine Grove Road – Joseph and Doris Reed, 26 Lambs Run Road, Arbovale, WV 24915.

Gum Cemetery, Back Mountain Road – Alan Wright, 14640 Back Mountain Road, Durbin, WV 26264

Kee Cemetery – Tink Gum, 713 Spruce Flat Road, Buckeye, WV 24924; or Mike Hollandsworth, 26 Lonesome Hollow Lane, Marlinton, WV 24954.

Huntersville Cemetery – Samuel A. Sheets, 444 Sheets Lane, Marlinton, WV 24954; or Pendleton Community Bank, c/o Huntersville Cemetery Fund, PO Box 87, Marlinton, WV 24954.

Sharp Cemetery on Stamping Creek – Donald

K. Sharp, 2703 Locust Creek Road, Hillsboro, WV 24946

Wanless Cemetery – Margaret Cassell, 4232 Back Mountain Road, Cass, WV 24927.

Wesley Chapel Cemetery on Galford Run Road – Nancy Rexrode, 4949 Wesley Chapel Road, Green Bank, WV 24944.

William Sharp, Jr. Cemetery, Back Mountain Road near Fairview – Tommy D. Sharp, 2744 Brownsburg Road, Marlinton, WV 24954.

Wilmoth Cemetery, Allegheny Mountain, Bartow – George K. Wilmoth, 17778 Harmony Church Road, Hamilton, VA 20158.

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Thank You

I would like to thank every one who sent prayers, condolences, flowers, cards or phoned during the difficult loss of my mother, Lillian Morris. A special thank you to the staff of Pocahontas Center and Lantz Funeral Home for the excellent care Mom received. Thank you.

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"Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: . . ."²

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."³

" . . . despiseth thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and long suffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?"⁴

" . . . Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."⁵

"He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."⁶

"And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time."⁷

"Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near."⁸

" . . . behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation."⁹

"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."¹⁰

¹Psalm 24:8-10; ²Ezekiel 33:11a; ³Romans 6:23; ⁴Romans 2:4; ⁵John 1:19b; ⁶John 3:18; ⁷Revelation 12:10-12; ⁸Isaiah 55:6; ⁹2 Corinthians 6:2; ¹⁰Matthew 11:28

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For those interested in something with higher octane, the lower field had a car show featuring glittery cars and trucks from all eras.

The annual pie-baking contest drew several entries in the two categories – berry/fruit pies and cream pies.

Winners were: Grand prize, first place, Janet Baker; and second place, Connie Rose.

Berry/fruit pies: first place, Connie Rose with her famous strawberry rhubarb pie; second place, Suzanne Stewart with a blueberry rhubarb pie; and third place, Huntersville Traditions Days with a strawberry rhubarb pie.

Cream pies: first place, Janet Baker with a cream cheese apple blondie pie; second place, Dagwood Walker with a peanut butter pie; and third place, Connie Shewsbury with a blueberry cream pie.

On Saturday afternoon, the parade included floats with remembrances of past generations, and farm equipment, which was used on centuries-old farms in the Levels.

Led by the Pocahontas County Veterans Honor Corps, the parade was small, but it had a lot of heart.

Parade results were: Walking and Horse Category – first place, Ramona Hardy. Best Agricultural Equipment – first place, Joe Hollandsworth; second place, Dustin Simmons; and third place, Anderson Ag Services.

Floats: Bicentennial Best in Show – Little Levels School float; first place, Rose Family “Embracing the Past with the Future;” second place, Richard Hill Memorial float; and third place, Kinnison Family float.

The event culminated Sunday with a heritage walking tour, cemetery tours, Vespers at the McNeel Cemetery honoring Lanty McNeel.

The final event of the weekend was burying the Bicentennial Time Capsule for the Little Levels at the McNeel Cemetery.

THE BICENTENNIAL THEME for the Little Levels Heritage Fair was “Early Settlers in the Levels.” Several of the floats and entries in the event’s parade honored the memories of those who settled in the area, farmed and founded the businesses, churches and schools.

From the top photo: The Little Levels One Room School float was selected as the Bicentennial Best in Show. The Rose Family won first place for their “Embracing the Past with the Future,” float showcasing the family’s farming history. The Kinnison Family won third place and showcased the history of the Kinnison Family. The entry included a table which was brought to the Little Levels by their ancestors. S. Stewart photos



Blooms, from page 1

picked up, and the little flower shop has been blooming.

“It took me about a month to get myself established and get my name out and about to where I started getting some business,” Lambert said. “I have Peggy Stull to thank for a lot of that. She started ordering little things like arrangements [for friends].”

Lambert did all the flowers for the Pocahontas County High School graduation ceremony and has provided arrangements for funerals, weddings, as well as bouquets for special events.

For the time being, Lambert is operating out of his home as he saves money for a shop, and to also help his customers save a little on their purchases. With leftover stock from his mother’s shop and an investment from a cousin, Lambert was able to build his inventory and grow his clientele.

“It was meant for me to do this because things have fallen into place for me and sometimes in strange ways,” he said. “There will be something that I need that I’m like, ‘where am I going to get this?’ and then all of a sudden, there it is for me.”

An example of that kismet happened when Lambert needed a specific container for an arrangement, but he didn’t have time to order it. He went to a thrift shop in Beverly and, lo and behold, there was exactly what he needed.

Although he never anticipated following in his mother’s footsteps – her shop was Susie’s House of Flowers – Lambert feels right at home with his new business.

“I’ve become passionate about it,” he said. “I kind of fell into it – as far as being a florist – but now that I’ve started it, I’ve come to realize I love it.”

For Every Bouquet’sion has a Facebook page and Lambert can be contacted at 304-456-4137 or by email at dewshinepl@gmail.com



MELONDY PHILIPS WILL give a brain tanning demonstration at the First Friday event July 1 at the Discovery Junction in Marlinton.

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Melondy Philips has always been fascinated by the “old ways” of doing things. More than 20 years ago, she started hand dressing deer hides into leather and demonstrating other skills of 1700s living history. On the frontier, you used everything you could from anything you acquired, including the hides and hair of animals. Historically, brain tanning was mainly done by Native Americans who also used smoke as a way of preserving skins. Now, you’ll have a chance to help with this fascinating process – if you want to.

The July 1 event will also be packed full of free opportunities to make and learn about art. Peggy Owens will start the evening with a child-focused demonstration of acrylic painting in a Jackson Pollack style followed by reading from the book, “Action Jackson.” Later in the evening, she will switch over to demonstrating how to make jewelry. Peggy is a member of the Pocahontas County Artisans Coop, and she finds beauty in the random, the imperfect and the unpredictable.

There are plenty of great things to do, including a chance to delve into the watery world of aquatic animals. Most people only think of fish when asked about aquatic animals, but Mallory De-Arujo Miles, AmeriCorps with the USDA

Forest Service, will be there to help you discover other types of animals such as salamanders, turtles and frogs that also need water.

After you visit with Mallory, you can make your way over to Roy Moose to meet live snakes. Roy is a fantastic presenter, and he will offer you a chance to gently touch or even hold some of our West Virginia snakes.

People of all ages can stop by the Marlinton United Methodist Church’s activity booth to create a clothespin dragonfly or a painted fireworks picture. This booth will be set up next to the splash pad and all their activities are free. They will also be selling fresh popcorn and water – if you’re looking for a snack.

The Pocahontas County Libraries will have a couple of fun activities, too. Stop by to make your very own button or complete a scavenger hunt. Bring the completed scavenger hunt back to their booth and you will win a small prize.

There will be a lot happening in the “Kid’s Zone,” an area with hands-on games for the young of heart. Prepare to release your inner lumberjack by entering our outside axe throwing competition. This fun game features lightweight and completely safe foam axes. You’ll also have a chance to play our famous frog launch game that was created by the wonderful ladies of Barefoot Woods, Dianne Monroe and Sarah Moss.

Lastly, we are excited to announce that the following

businesses will be keeping their doors open late and featuring an array of special offers: 4th Avenue Gallery, 4th Avenue Sweet Scoops, Greenbrier Bikes, Alison Pottery and The Cackling Hen.

The Pocahontas County Artisans Co-op will have a new “paint by number” mural set up and everyone is welcome to help paint. This free art opportunity will be set up at the Railroad Depot and all materials will be supplied. You can be a part of creating a community mural that will be enjoyed for years to come. This activity will be available until 7 p.m., but the store will stay open until 8. This free activity does not require any experience or special training – just a willingness to try.

Come on downtown to join us at our First Friday Celebration. You can enjoy local cuisine, shopping, live music, and so much more. Each event is different, but they are all fabulous.

Stroll, shop and shake the night away.



LAST SATURDAY, DURING the Little Levels Heritage Fair in Hillsboro, Hillsboro Library had a special dedication of the Edgar Starks Little Free Library. During the ceremony, the above display was set up in the library to showcase photos of some of the items Starks made for the community. S. Stewart photo

Library, from page 1

Dawson said it is difficult to go anywhere in Hillsboro and not see Starks’ work, or meet with someone who commissioned work from him.

“Edgar certainly was a helping hand and a good neighbor to the school and this library,” she said. “When Hillsboro High School was changed over, they needed something to do with the trophies that had been collected over the years. So Edgar built a trophy case and that trophy case is back in the community room. There’s another one at Hillsboro school.”

The sign above the community room doors at the library, goal posts and fence on the school field and countless other items were made with Starks’ loving hands.

“There’s a long list of

things,” Dawson said. “Edgar must have been busy in his workshop. I’m sure his friends and family appreciate him all over again when they see all these reminders of his contributions to the community, and we’re happy to honor him.”

Dawson recalled that when she met with Edgar’s wife, Doris, at the library to discuss all the items Edgar had made for the community, Ginger Must came in and added that she had bunk beds

that Edgar made.

He truly left a lasting impression.

The Edgar Starks Little Free Library is located in front of the Hillsboro Public Library. It has two-stories of shelves and is bright yellow with red doors and roof. Details adorn the little building, such as flowers growing behind a white picket fence on the sides, as well as a miniature quilt square painting depicting cardinals on the back.




Thank You

The family of Anna Maxine Shinaberry Foe wishes to thank every one for their prayers, condolences, donations, flowers and friendship during this sad occasion.

A special thank you to the staff at Pocahontas Center, Wallace and Wallace Funeral Home (Randy Broyles), Order of the Eastern Star, Rev. David Rittenhouse and Last Run Restaurant.

God Bless each of you.

Lloyd Foe, Lewis Foe and Linda Foe Simmons and their families.



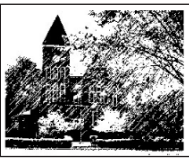
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Ella Sheets – County Belle 1983



MRS. ELLA SHEETS, member of the Green Bank Extension Homemakers Club, is dressed for the Pioneer Day Parade as the Pocahontas County Belle of 1983. (Farm Women/Home Dem Club Collection, Preserving Pocahontas Archives; ID: PHP000573)

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Pocahontas County Bicentennial 1821 - 2021

Footsteps through History

Thursday, July 2, 1897

BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

William Auldridge, Senior, the ancestor and founder of the family relationship of that name in our county, was a native of England. His mother, the late Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson, near Marlinton, lived to be more than one hundred years of age. His step-father, John Johnson, in attempting to go from Marlinton to Nicholas County for seed corn got bewildered in Black Mountain and went nine days without food.

William Auldridge's wife was Mary Cochran, daughter of Thomas Cochran, who settled the lands now owned by parties in the Marvin Chapel neighborhood. Mr. Auldridge built up a home at the Bridger Notch, and it is believed the old barn stood on the spot where one of the Bridger boys died. The place is now owned by William Auldridge, a grandson.

There were six sons and three daughters, Sarah, Elizabeth and Nancy; Thomas, William, John, Samuel, James and Richard.

HOME NEWS

IMMENSE swarms of locusts appeared in the vicinity

of Sunset the last few weeks. Near the schoolhouse, they seemed to prefer the dwarfish white oak, pin oak and chestnut for depositing their eggs. They infested the famous Cleek sugar grove and it presents a desolate appearance, and it looks as if those beautiful trees will become extinct.

THERE is a homemade compass in Pocahontas County, owned by David J. Cochran, on the end of Droop Mountain. He needed a surveyor's compass and being a very ingenious man, made one that does excellent work and which has run a number of lines of surveys. He even made the magnet by tempering a piece of steel to the requisite hardness and charging it by placing it with another magnet.

IN the good old time when a man went a hundred miles from home, he made his will and sadly bade his family farewell. Nowadays a person jumps on his wheel, makes his rounds, and is at home again before he is missed. My business is moving faster than ever. I am selling five dollars where I formerly sold one, because of the low prices I am offering; for instance, Pottend sneths at 39¢; three-prong hay forks

37 1/2¢ for cash. P. G.

ON the lands of Richard Callison, near Locust, is an abandoned silver mine. Some sixty or seventy years ago a man named Salisbury lived on Trump Run, and to his house came a stranger who was known as “the miner.” He prospected awhile and finally sunk a shaft to the depth of 22 feet through solid rock, taking out a great deal of rock with shining specks in it. At the depth of 22 feet, he broke through into a subterranean stream that spouted to the top of the shaft. He closed the aperture and discontinued his work. In the meantime, as the story runs, he had become enamored of Salisbury's wife, and he took Salisbury down in the well and removing the plug tried to drown him by holding him over the stream. Salisbury proved too strong for him, however, and the miner had to leave. Some years after, a stranger came and secured pumps and pumped it dry, but apparently did not accomplish anything. The well still stands filled to the top with water. About its mouth are pieces of specked rock. Within a few hundred yards

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Fifty Years Ago

Jane Price Sharp, Editor

Thursday, June 29, 1972

LITTLE MISS POCAHONTAS

Pamela Sue VanReenen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold VanReenen, of Marlinton, was selected as Little Miss Pocahontas at Hillsboro Friday night.

People's Store

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Pyles, of Seebert, will become the new owners of People's Store and Supply on July 1. Mr. Pyles has worked in the store for eight years, his wife will be bookkeeper; they will make their home on the second floor.

Ira H. Brill built the original building and opened the store in 1916, adding to the building as the business grew. Before that, he was storekeeper for Campbell Lumber Company, Campbelltown. His wife, Lura

Brill, continued the business after his death in 1931, and their daughter, Lois, has continued since her mother's death two years ago.

STUDENTS

Denver C. Offutt, Jr., completed his requirements for his master's degree in Public Administration at West Virginia University.

Denver is the son of the late Denver Offutt and Margaret Offutt, of Arbovale.

Named as Second Semester honor student in the College of Arts and Sciences at West Virginia University was Henry Scott McNeil, son of Mr. and Mrs. William McNeil, of Marlinton.

Mr. and Mrs. Meade L. Waugh, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, formerly of Marlinton, attended the 321st Commencement exercises at Har-

vard University June 15, where their son, Robert Harlow Waugh, was awarded a Ph. D. in Comparative Literature and Languages.

CLEAN-UP

Workers at Cass stacked junked cars in preparation for the smashing machine due to arrive soon. The Town truck and a State Road end-loader are being used to collect and pile the cars.

Cooperating in the drive to get rid of the accumulation of junked cars in our county are the Town of Durbin, Town of Cass, Bryant Motors, Howard Hevener, Neil Snyder, Murl Chestnut, June Buzzard, Fisher's Garage and Ralph Dunbrack. Any other community, group or individual who will help get 20 or more cars together will be making a big contribution to the beauty of our county and everyone is urged to get busy. The salvage crew was delayed because of rain, but will soon be crushing cars. Don't let this opportunity pass.

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Seventy-Five Years Ago

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, July 2, 1947

Our Army and Navy Boys

Kenneth P. Forren, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Forren, of Seebert, now serving his country in Japan, has been promoted to T-4. He is a radio operator and has passed all his tests.

Elmer C. Arbogast, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Arbogast, of Bartow, was promoted June 1 from private to private first class, while stationed with the famous 1st Cavalry Division's 8th Engineer Squadron at Camp Drake, Tokyo, Japan.

Raymond V. Geiger M 1 c., Mrs. Geiger and sons, Raymond and Gene, have returned to their home in Pensacola, Florida, after a month's leave spent with his

mother and other relatives here. Mr. Geiger spent eight years in the Navy as a Metalsmith 1st Class.

Mill Point News

Our good friend, Miss Anna Wallace, has well recovered from her recent illness and was a guest of Walter Mason at the Marlinton Airport recently. Mr. Mason took Miss Anna for an extensive ride in his plane over the whole of Pocahontas County.

Winters Hefner is taking over the General Store and Post Office here.

R. L. Auldridge is starting off his well earned retirement from the Post Office with extensive alterations and construction on his home.

Mrs. Ota Hefner and son were guests of Miss Anna

Wallace last Sunday.

The good residents along Stamping Creek look forward to the construction of a power line soon.

PERSONAL NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Fenstermaker, Miss Edith L. Hill, Attorney at Law, and Miss Verdie Hill, Registered Pharmacist, of Tipton, Iowa, were here last week. They were touring the East, and stopped off a day or two in the Greenbrier Valley for a short check-up on the Hill, McClung, McNeel, Mathews and other ancestral families. The Misses Hill are great-granddaughters of Richard and Nancy McNeel Hill; their grandparents were Isaac and Jennie Edmiston Hill; their father, Richard Hill, who with his widowed mother, went to Iowa just about a century ago. He was born at the Peek place near Lobelia, now owned by Clifford Hill. Isaac Hill was killed by a falling tree a little more than a century ago.

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100-Years-Ago in The Pocahontas Times

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, June 29, 1922

Next Sunday is the day set apart by the Governor of West Virginia for the people to assemble in the churches and school houses and there, as a committee of the whole country, consider the state of the Union.

It is in the days of reactions, from a period of exaltation and sacrifice. In the days of war, the country stood the test. It was apparent that the country was sound in health, and that the citizens of the United States were ready to stand by their country. And having stood that shock of war, the people returned to the inglorious arts of peace. Then some disturbing signs were observed in a class of loose tongued and irresponsible persons who raised a false clamor against our country. With nothing to lose, they advocate destruction. The plan of civilized life that has brought so much peace, prosperity, happiness and contentment to the people, means nothing to them. They belong to the firebug class that would destroy the work of the industrious just to see the blaze. So much noise has been

made by this handful of discontented cranks that it has been considered proper to call for a show of hands on next Sunday, and the response that has been made to the proclamation shows how faint and weak is the trace of disaffection in this country. To the proposition for a public expression of loyalty to our country, there has not been a doubtful word or hostile gesture...

We are used to the ways of peace. As the wise man defined them: In peace, patriotism really consists only in this - that everyone sweeps before his own door, minds his own business, also learns his own lesson, that it may be well with him in his own house.

WEDDING

Russell Everett Dilley and Miss Lela Elizabeth Gum were married at Elkins Tuesday, June 20, 1922... The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Gum, of Huntersville.

SITLINGTON

Last week we had to make a trip to Richmond, Va., and did not get to beat out the Sitlington news on that account. We had a very nice trip, except for a bunch of Virginia soldiers who were going to camp to tune up their shooting eyes and who had already tuned up their fighting spirit with “Old Virginia Cawn,” and made themselves obnoxious on the train. Nothing occurred to mar the pleasantness of the trip.

Robert Walker and Carl Nottingham wobbled into Sitlington Saturday with a Ford and John Malcom was looking one over. If we get many more cars in Sitlington, we will have to appoint Bill Jones, Traffic Cop, and put him at the corner of Snake Street and Tin Can Avenue.

WEST UNION

Mrs. Clawson Beverage is spending a few days with Mrs. Arnot McNeill at Onoto.

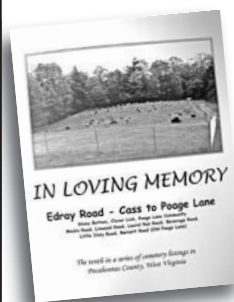
Miss Alice Beverage has returned from Cloverlick, where she had been visiting relatives and friends.

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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 Cris at pearquotes2@gmail.com or Dave at davebethany@hotmail.com

NEW CEMETERY BOOK AVAILABLE



The Pocahontas County Genealogy Group has printed the tenth book in its series of cemetery listings for Pocahontas Co., WV. It lists 22 cemeteries and burial sites along Edray Road from just outside of Cass, to Barnett Road (Old Poage Lane), just south of Clover Lick; including the areas of Stony Bottom, Clover Lick, Poage Lane Community, Meeks Road, Linwood Road, Laurel Run Road, Beverage Road, Little Italy Road and Barnett Road. Books are available for \$12 plus tax at *The Pocahontas Times* office in Marlinton, WV, or by contacting Jan Orndorff (rjorndorff@htcnet.org) or Gail Hyer (mountaincousins@gmail.com).

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COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND volunteers gathered at the Green Bank Observatory pavilion to construct bluebird boxes which have helped the local bluebird and tree swallow populations flourish. The project was founded by Dave Curry, shown below, cutting materials for the boxes. Photos courtesy of GBO



Helping the Bluebirds

Over the past few weeks, Green Bank Observatory, Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area AmeriCorps volunteers and the Deer Creek Defenders 4-H Club in Green Bank held events to clean, build and deploy bird boxes for the local bluebird and tree swallow populations. These boxes were built to replace old boxes initially deployed by Dave Curry, the founder and main proponent of the citizen science program involving these boxes on the Observatory grounds. The boxes that were replaced had either deteriorated by the elements or were knocked down by predators that got a little too greedy.

The lumber used to build these boxes was pre-cut by the GBO Works Area, and the pieces were labeled and drilled to make the boxes simpler to construct. Even the youngest bluebird enthusiasts that came to help had no problems putting the boxes together. As they completed each box they left a little welcome message for the birds or signed their names on the boxes.

Curry helped us improve our design by cutting in little steps, or kerfs, on the inside of the boxes to make it easier for the baby birds to climb up to the entrance hole once they are ready to fly.

After the 20 bird boxes were completed, the GBO provided lunch by grilling up some hot dogs, and once the volunteers had all eaten their fill, Curry gave a presentation on the importance of cavity nesters, like bluebirds, tree swallows and wrens, as well as how building these boxes helps the health of these populations. The presentation ended with a description of citizen science, and how using online data compilation programs like NestWatch (<https://nestwatch.org/>) can help researchers access data on bird populations of a variety of species across the country and track how our songbirds are doing.

On March 24, some OSU students were on site for a separate event at the Science Center, and were looking to volunteer during their visit. These students spent time painting the bird boxes that were previously constructed, and after the painting, they were ready for deployment. An event was organized to deploy and clean bird boxes on April 6 with volunteers from the Observatory, 4-H, and AmeriCorps members. The group was able to de-

ploy all of the boxes that needed to be replaced as well as clean out all of the boxes to prepare them for the birds to move in.

Holden Sharp qualifies to compete in national rodeo

Holden Sharp, Reserve Champion Bull Rider in the West Virginia High School Rodeo Association, earned a position on the National High School rodeo team and will travel with fellow teammates to Gillette, Wyoming July 17 - 23 to compete at the 74th annual National High School Finals Rodeo in the Bull Riding competition.

Featuring more than 1,650 contestants from 44 states, five Canadian Provinces, Australia, Mexico and New Zealand, the NHSFR is the world's largest rodeo.

Results from each day's competitions will be available at NHSRA.com

Sharp, a junior at Pocahontas County High School, is the son Emily Sharp, of Hillsboro, and Kory Sharp, of Hillsboro.



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**Tanner
A Cat's Tale**

*"Leaving the security of food and shelter behind, the little black cat set out in the dark of night. She was seen crossing the bridge over the Greenbrier River in Seebert, intent on making her way back up the mountain to the only home she had ever known." Sage of Seebert**

If you do not like cats or even appreciate their sense of independence, read no further. Although undomesticated cats wreak havoc on wildlife, I found a grudging respect for this particular cat that truly beat the odds.

The average lifespan of a domestic cat is 12 to 17 years. The average lifespan of a feral cat is two to three years. There is a reason for this!

This is a true story, with minimal poetic license, about a cat named Tanner.

Seventeen years ago, a black kitten was adopted from the Pocahontas County Animal Shelter for the sole purpose of conducting the duties of a "barn" cat.

Tanner would patrol a lone edifice on a hilltop above Seebert called the helicopter building. The backstory on this structure would in itself rate an article, but we'll save that one for another edition of *The Pocahontas Times* – when we discuss black helicopters and CIA spooks.

Like most uninhabited structures, the helicopter building and surrounding acreage were infested with mice, moles, voles and snakes. All of which were unwanted by the owners. For

a barn cat, though, such a place offers endless sport and food aplenty.

Tanner was definitely up to the task.

She immediately took to the place and decided she would turn this gig into a lifetime career. She would lay her claim to this property as dogs and cats are wont to do. She would be part and parcel of the helicopter building and the great meadow attached to it.

Now, you may be wondering who adopted this cat in the first place?

The delightful older couple is adamant that their names not be used in this article, yet insisted that Tanner is worthy of public acknowledgment.

That's where I come in; documenting a feline life well-lived.

I have known this couple for some years and consider them friends. I would describe them as a couple of "salts," in the nautical sense.

That is, they built a successful boat yard on the coast of North Carolina many decades ago. Additionally, they lived on any number of boats over the years, most of which they built and sailed far and wide. They enjoyed an adventurous life few will ever know.

The only part of their story that raised my eyebrows a bit was that at some point in their life they decided that it was time to leave their sea legs behind and move onto terra firma.

One Seebertonian, who is a walking encyclopedia on the history of the area, claims that their plan was thus: The seafarers would each carry an oar, complete with oar-

lock, over one shoulder and walk inland from the Carolina coast until someone of sufficient curiosity inquired about the strange contraptions resting upon their shoulders.

The sun-worn sailors figured that when they encountered someone who did not know what an oar was, they would be far enough from the sea to permanently drop anchor and begin their new lives as landlubbers.

This significant event took place on the Greenbrier River Trail near the bridge in Seebert. And, true to their word, this is where they live to this very day.

So, in 2005, the captain and his first mate tote the little black cat in a small crate up the steep gravel road to the helicopter building and release Tanner to do what cats do best – kill little furry creatures that scurry about and are generally referred to as vermin.

From 2005 until 2014, Tanner performed her job in an efficient and effective manner. Between the saltwater couple and a gentleman – I'll call the "Sage of Seebert," Tanner had several guardian angels looking out for her welfare.

The couple spent winters in the southern coastal states. During such time, the Sage of Seebert became Tanner's guardian.

He rigged up a rope and pulley to a bucket of cat food that could be pulled up out of the reach of the raccoons, fox and opossums that frequented the area each night.

This fact was established when the Sage set up a game camera focused on the feeding site. Until actually viewing these videos, one would not believe there was so much wildlife hanging out around the helicopter building.

Nor, is it likely that Tanner could escape being savaged by the wildlife.

And, it was not like the cat was up for petting or any other house-cat nonsense. She pretty much avoided humans and possessed the skills to obtain her own



PHOTO OF TANNER: Courtesy of Laura Evans

meals whether someone fed her or not. Tanner was, by all measures, a self-reliant animal.

Some would call her "feral," meaning wild or untamed. Her connections to humans were tenuous at best. Yet, as we shall see, there was a strong attachment to the saltwater couple. One that would later save her life.

Then two women from Texas, weary of sagebrush and Stetsons, bought the helicopter building and the acreage and mountain view that came with it. They replaced the helicopter building with an attractive home where they live from the arrival of the morels in the spring until the fall colors begin to fade.

After selling their property to the Texans, the captain and his first mate rounded up their skittish and self-reliant cat, transporting her down to a small cabin they owned on the river, dubbed the "bunkhouse."

They thought that Tanner could simply change workplaces with a minimal adjustment period. But she liked her home base up on the mountain, the bunkhouse simply would not do.

Being an independent sort, Tanner had her own plans and these did not jive with those of the original caretakers.

Waiting long into the night when she knew the couple was fast asleep, Tanner walked right down Pyles Road and crossed the bridge

into Seebert. Avoiding any unfriendly dogs, she proceeded straight up the steep gravel road that led to her old haunt.

The Texas women would just have to accept her presence. After all, Tanner had squatter's rights under an old West Virginia law known by all cats and several dogs.

And, as it turned out, the new owners took it upon themselves to keep an eye on Tanner and make sure there was always a bowl of food out for her.

Tanner was not averse to feeding on commercial cat food. It was a welcome break from dining on food that came with fur and bones – sustenance that is likely hard on her digestive system. Think you have acid reflux now, imagine tucking into a hair, bone and pepperoni pizza!

When the Texans return home in the fall, the Sage of Seebert promptly resumes his feeding duties. Much like the credo of the postal service; neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays this dedicated man from the swift completion of his appointed feeding schedule.

There has been an uninterrupted concern and care for Tanner throughout her 17 years. But for that entire time, she was quite capable of feeding and caring for herself. Those who knew her would readily admit that.

That is, until June 15, 2022.

The Texans were the first

to notice the gaping wound on Tanner's front right quarter. Additionally, her back was covered in saliva. Clearly, she had been attacked by another animal.

Their first action was to call the original caretakers, who didn't waste a moment in driving up the mountain to check on their old friend.

Before departing their home, the couple thought to bring along the original cat carrier whose only use was 17 years ago when they picked up Tanner from the Pocahontas County Humane Shelter. How improbable that this dusty old crate still had the original blanket in it as well.

Even seriously injured, it took some prodding to get Tanner into the crate. In fact, the key to luring her to step into the enclosure required the nautical couple to sit on overturned five-gallon plastic buckets and alternately "meow" at the injured cat. (That image must surely bring a smile to your face, eh?)

It worked. After about 15 minutes of continuous meowing, Tanner entered the crate and was rushed off to the veterinarian. The area around the wound was shaved, the puncture wound cleaned, and Tanner was released to the care of her old friends.

It is important to note here that Tanner, in all her 17 years of life, had heretofore

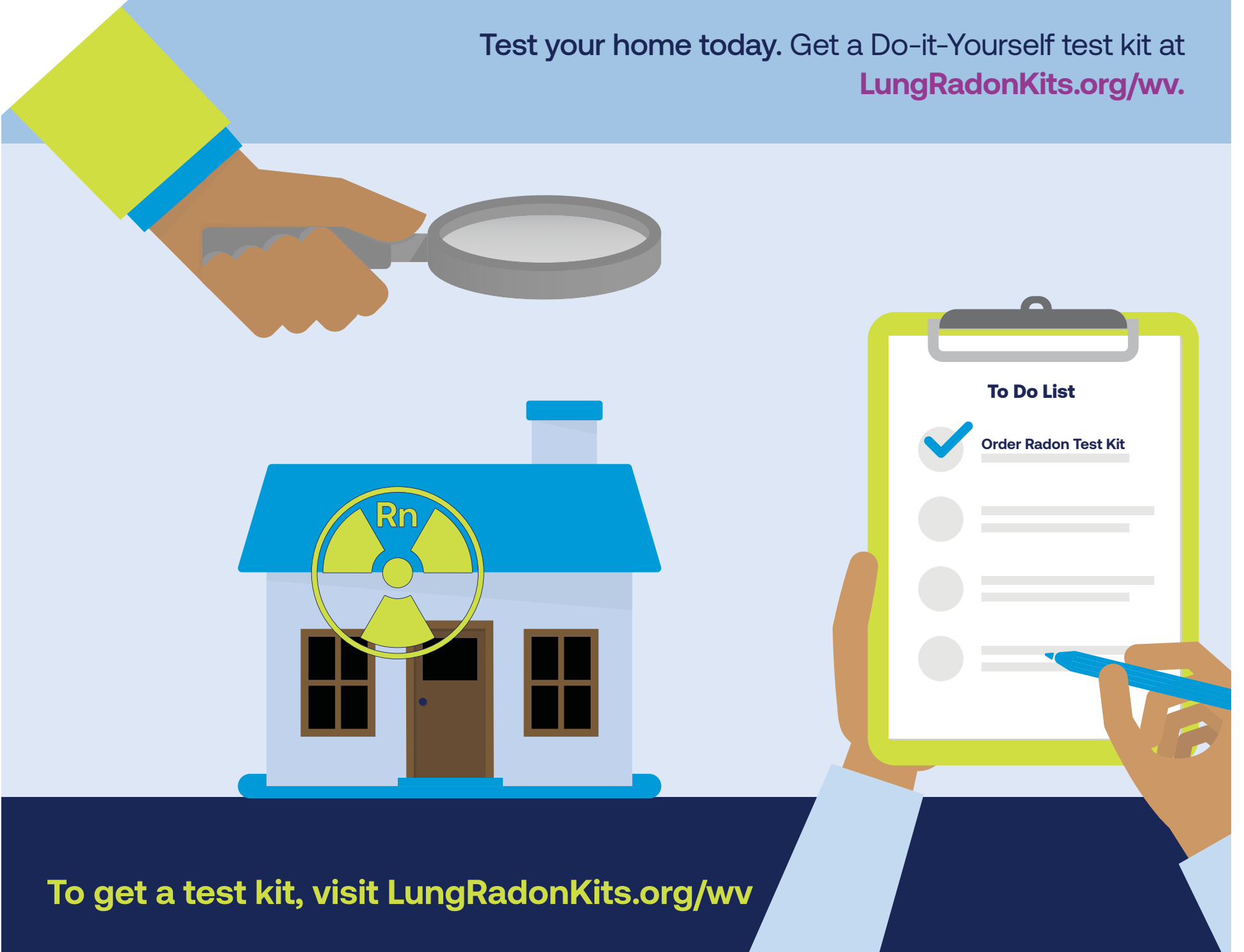
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positive impacts of this investment. As Chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee and a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I will always fight for vital programs like PILT that invest in West Virginia.”

Full list of funding by county below:
 * Barbour – \$3,114
 * Braxton – \$77,108

* Cabell – \$6,601
 * Fayette – \$107,903
 * Grant – \$47,110
 * Greenbrier – \$317,466
 * Hampshire – \$9,995
 * Hardy – \$151,464
 * Jefferson – \$14,972
 * Kanawha – \$940
 * Lewis – \$60,024
 * Marion – \$656
 * Mason – \$2,271
 * Mercer – \$344
 * Mineral – \$10,342
 * Mingo – \$10,301
 * Monongalia – \$265
 * Monroe – \$61,840
 * Morgan – \$338

* Nicholas – \$109,901
 * Ohio – \$250
 * Pendleton – \$296,370
 * Pleasants – \$132
 * Pocahontas – \$914,685
 * Preston – \$11,540
 * Putnam – \$1,199
 * Raleigh – \$39,424
 * Randolph – \$596,784
 * Summers – \$69,746
 * Taylor – \$6,094
 * Tucker – \$299,199
 * Wayne – \$105,814
 * Webster – \$193,376
 * Wetzel – \$126
 * Wood – \$362
 * Wyoming – \$89,941

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In other actions, the commission:

- issued a resolution to accept the \$51,000 Community Corrections 2022-2023 Grant.
- approved submitting an application for the Community Block Hazardous Mitigation Grant which, if approved, would fund the re-

location of the 911/EMS facility.

- approved a contract with MindEase Solutions to provide therapeutic training for the Day Report Program.
- received an update on the progress of the Broadband Council in bringing better broadband coverage to the county.
- approved all of the banks with branches in the county to be county depositories for the upcoming year.
- approved a small portion

of the Opioid Litigation Settlement.

- approved making an offer for a lot on Droop Mountain for use as a 911 communication tower site.
- approved auctioning off, with a reserve of \$5,000, a county-owned Ford Expedition that is not needed.
- approved the West Virginia County Risk Pool's proposed insurance premiums for the upcoming fiscal year.

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“In our ER, we've got no waiting space there. We found ourselves taking care of critical care patients – ICU patients last year during COVID. We don't have an intensive care, but we were taking care of them anyway, and we need to have the capacity to do that – we recognize that. And, an O.R.

would allow us to do some things that people are having to travel pretty far to get. Just simple things, we are not talking about brain surgery or cardiac surgery, but simple things like a colonoscopy or endoscopy. Eventually, we could probably do some day surgery if we found the right people.”

“We do MRIs right now, once a week, and this is big news. We just started last month, and we are already in

the black with this. It is already a success here. We think people in the community will appreciate being able to get that. Right now, our neighboring communities are struggling with backlogged MRIs, so you have to wait several weeks. Here, we can get you in pretty quick.”

PMH will be adding more services with this expansion, and is also considering further expansions of services in the future.

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never been inside a house, nor had she ever seen a kitty-litter box. Despite this, the wounded cat soon made herself at home, even using the litter box on her own volition.

Tanner has spent her entire life outdoors in the worst weather the mountains could throw at her. Weeks would pass when she would not be seen and was often presumed dead by those who cared to notice.

A friend who has spent many years rescuing dogs from dreadful conditions once told me that it is not un-

usual for an animal in distress, or one that has been abused, to readily accept help from a human.

She said that some even seem to display a kind of gratitude for their rescue.

I believe that there is still much we do not know about our animal friends. They have much to teach us.

Tanner has returned to those who have extended loving hands to her for al-

most two decades. May she be safe and warm in her remaining years. She really beat the odds.

Ken Springer
 Ken1949bongo@gmail.com

The cast of characters:

Sage of Seebert – Mac Gray.

Texans – Margot Marshall and Laura Evans.

Nautical Couple – my lips are sealed.

Tanner – herself.

Cass, from page 3

where guests will enjoy a lemonade social. Refreshments will be provided by Last Run Restaurant.

The play is sponsored by the Pocahontas County Bicentennial, Mountain Rail Adventures, Cass Scenic Railroad State Park, Last

Run Restaurant, The Burner Homeplace, Pocahontas County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Burner-Blackhurst Reunion and Pocahontas County Dramas, Fairs and Festivals.

Performance times: Saturday, July 16, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.; Sunday, July 17, 6 p.m.; Saturday, July 23, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.; and Sunday, July 24, 2 p.m.

Tickets are available on-

line at celebratepocahontas200.com or at the door. There is a limited number of tickets, so it is recommended to get them early.

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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 broad-

cast 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. Call Jim, 304-456-3255, for directions.

Edray United Church – Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m.

Marlinton Church of God, Beard Heights – Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m. Wednesday Night Bible Study 6 p.m.




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BIRDHOUSE AND BIRD FEEDERS - Paint a mini birdhouse and make a bird feeder out of popsicle sticks. Tues., July 5 - Green Bank Library 11 a.m.; Widney Park 2 p.m.

CHALLENGER INTERNATIONAL SOCCER CAMP - July 11-15 at Stillwell Park from 9 a.m. - Noon. Must register online for this camp. Call or email for the registration link.

TEDDY BEAR PICNIC - Bring your favorite teddy bear and blanket and join us for a "beary" fun time with snacks, games, and a teddy bear craft! Sat., July 16 - Stillwell Park 2-4 p.m. Wed., July 20 - Widney Park Noon - 2 p.m.

PRINCESS IN THE PARK - A magical afternoon where the playground will become a fantasy kingdom! Create ribbon wands, beaded jewelry, get manicures and face paintings, and more! Princess attire is highly encouraged! Sat., July 30 Stillwell Park Gazebo, 2 - 4 p.m.

RAINBOW RUN 5K - An untimed fun run/walk. Volunteers will be placed throughout the run ready to spray runners in tie-dye spray! Participants wear white at the starting line and finish the race plastered in color! Sat., July 23 on the Greenbrier River Trail by the Wellness Center. Registration: 9 a.m.; and Race: 10 a.m.

CANNING 101 - Lucy Mosesso teaches us tips and tricks to canning! Wed., July 27, Community Wellness Center, 6 p.m.

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BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Allen Wolfe, of Colmar, Pennsylvania, a daughter, named Melissa Lynn.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Stacy Morton, of Richmond, Virginia, a son, named Stacy Lee. The mother is the former Carolyn Taylor.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kelley, of Green Bank, a son, named Michael Robert.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Gary McClure, of Marlinton, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Oscar, of Buckeye, a daughter, named Debra Kay.

DEATHS

Miss Mollie B. McLaughlin, 70, of Richmond, Virginia, formerly of Dunmore;

a daughter of the late John and Minner Susan McLaughlin. Burial in the Dunmore Cemetery.

Mrs. Carmen Eades Clark, age 82, of Huntington, formerly of Seebert; a daughter of the late John W. and Fannie Bare Eades. Burial in Mountain View Cemetery.

Clyde Harvey Sutton, 80, of Mill Creek, born at Green Bank, a son of the late Sherman Clark and Virginia E. Beverage Sutton. Burial in the Jerusalem Church Cemetery.

Garriet William Myers, 74, of Webster Springs; burial in Walker Memorial Park in Summersville.

Mrs. Margaret Lucille Gibson Elkins, 68, of Myra, Kentucky; born at Slaty Fork, the daughter of the late John D. and Susie Moore Gibson. Burial in the Johnson Memorial Park, Pikesville, Kentucky.

Callison takes the view that the millionaires have come to stay and that the best use we can make of them is to raise beef which they will pay a high price for. These steers are all Pocahontas stock and have about doubled in value in the past twelve months. It took a great deal of grain and careful attention to winter this herd, but they will pay well for their keeping.

WEDDING

MARRIED Wednesday morning at the Manse in West Marlinton, by Rev. Wm. T. Price, Dennis W. Dever, Esq. and Miss Allie McLaughlin, all of Pocahontas county.

The high contracting parties in this auspicious society event are well known young persons. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mrs. Susan McLaughlin, of Elk. The groom is a son of Francis Dever, Esq., and is a prosperous young farmer.

The happy couple left for an extensive bridal tour, which will take in the Nashville exposition, the Northern Lakes as far as Duluth, and several of the chief cities — Chicago, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington.

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Mr. and Mrs. Milburn Sharp were visiting at Clawson Beverage's last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Uriah Beverage were at Marlinton last week to see their daughter, Mrs. Beard, who has been very ill with typhoid fever.

Alex Hefner, of Buckeye, spent Sunday with his daughter, Mrs. W. J. Gilmore.

The Galford brothers have started the big sawmill and are doing a flourishing business.

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FIELD NOTES

A farmer friend said to write something about "snake spit," as it was unusually plentiful this year. So plentiful, in fact, it seemed to be doing damage to plants, particularly to clover. Of course I have seen white frothy spit wads sticking around on plants, but it is humbling to confess ignorance of "snake spit." I didn't know it is coughed up by frog hoppers or spittle insects to nurse their babies in. These are broad, squat hopping creatures whose young live in the masses of white froth, sucking the sap of plants. The spittle is expelled from the mouth of the insect and then beaten up into a froth by whisking about of the body. It is a strictly gelatinous substance. What good it is to the young insect is not known. Maybe it is protection against drying out. It is said to harden into a protective shell when the insect molts. Look up the spittle bug under the family name of cercopid.

Just about when I was ready to say it looked like peace and safety as regards panthers on the loose here on the upper Greenbrier, a couple of big varmints break

Editor Times;

There seems to be very properly a great interest in Sunday Schools at this time, and a bare possibility that men may adopt the Sunday School work instead of real heart religion.

Our commentators on the lessons shows us about the preaching of Jeremiah and its effects, but fail to apply the lesson to our own time. They do not seem to know that there is no difference in the effect of real God-sent truth in the days of Jeremiah and all other days, including the present. The present decay in spirituality and ef-

fective church work is due to preachers and people attempting what is humanly impossible. When God sends men to Marlinton to preach, it is to preach to the people of Marlinton and not about the sins of Brazil.

"How can they hear without a preacher, and how can they preach except they be sent?"

A God-sent minister is not afraid of the face of clay. His words are as burning coals on the hearts of the people.

Not only preachers, but teachers of the Sunday Schools need to be filled with the Holy Ghost. How

men and women can undertake such great responsibility without the needed preparation is an unthinkable mystery. Oh, for a church of one accord, with one purpose, one spirit, standing before the world as a united and well disciplined army, instead of straggling, disorganized recruits. With such a church in such an attitude nothing under heaven would be impossible, if preachers and laymen cry mightily to God for the needed baptism of the Holy Ghost and with fire.

Observer
Renick, W. Va.

History, from page 7

is said to be located a land mine. In search for this, some parties opened an Indian mound some years ago and unearthed the well-preserved skeleton of an Indian warrior. Believing that even an Indian's grave should not be desecrated, they did not pursue their investigations farther.

CATTLE that will sell the middle of July at \$85 per head are rarities in this county, but Col. T. F. Callison, of Locust, has a herd of 25 steers, which have been sold for five cents per pound, to be taken away about the first of August and exported. They average 1650 pounds each now, and by the time they are shipped, they will easily weigh 1700. They are the finest steers the writer has ever seen. Each one of them is a perfect specimen of his kind. The best steers seem to be a cross between the Hereford and Shorthorn. There are a number of farms in this county on which could be raised export cattle if the custom of selling three year olds to northwestern feeders were changed. Col.

Blaine Ervine, of Cloverlick, a daughter, named Mildred Elaine.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Cassell, of Cass, a son, named Lloyd Bryant Cassell.

DEATHS

Hubert Grimes, aged 54 years, died Wednesday, June 25, 1947, from injuries he received the day before. He was caught by a log while working in the woods on the head of Little Back Creek near Paddy's Knob. On Friday, the funeral service was held from the home at Frost with burial in the cemetery at Poage Lane. The deceased was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ulysses Grimes...

Ratie Ann Pruit Jordan, aged 79 years, widow of the late H. A. Jordan, died at her home at Mace Wednesday, June 25, 1947... On Friday afternoon, the funeral service was held from the

home... Her body was laid in the family plot in Mountain View Cemetery beside the grave of her son, Jay, who died some months ago.

Clyde Ernest Denison, aged 62 years, died at his home in Paw Paw June 25, 1947... On Sunday afternoon, the funeral service was held from Marlinton Presbyterian church, of which he had long been a member... Interment in the family plot in Mountain View Cemetery with Masonic honors.

Rev. Newman R. May, aged 68 years, recently of Marlinton, died June 25, 1947, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Stanley Curry, at Port Richmond, Virginia... He was a son of the late Samuel and Alice May... Funeral service was held from the Brice Baptist Church at Anthony, with interment in the church cemetery.

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ADMINISTRATION TO CREDITORS, DISTRIBUTIBLES & LEGATEES

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 30, 2022.
Claim Deadline: Monday, August 29, 2022.

ESTATE NUMBER: 14369
APPOINTMENT DATE: MARCH 7, 2022
ESTATE NAME: **FRANCES MILLER**
ADMINISTRATRIX: Charlotte Shaw
453 Crooked Fork Road
Marlinton, WV 24954-5530

Subscribed and sworn to before me on June 22, 2022.
Melissa L. Bennett
Clerk of the Pocahontas County Commission
6/30/2c

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First Publication Date: Thursday, June 30, 2022
Claim Deadline: Monday, August 29, 2022

ESTATE NUMBER: 14408
APPOINTMENT DATE: JUNE 27, 2022
ESTATE NAME: **GERALDINE DUNBRACK NUCKOLES**
ANCILLARY ADMINISTRATOR: Brooklynn Moore
1827 Bald Hill Loop
Madison, NC 27025-7625

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First Publication Date: Thursday, June 23, 2022.

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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

ESTATE NUMBER: 14382
ESTATE OF: **ROBERT KISER CONNOR**
EXECUTRIX: Myrna Henkel
188 Bellview Road
Harrisonburg, Va 22802-0101

ESTATE NUMBER: 14403
ESTATE OF **LILLIAN L. MORRIS**
EXECUTOR: Rebecca Rabel
564 N Fork Ext. Road
Green Bank, WV 24944-1104

Subscribed and sworn to before me on June 16, 2022.
Melissa L. Bennett
Clerk of the Pocahontas County Commission
6/23/2c

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF POCAHONTAS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

TO: MARGIE LUCILLE HULL
18475 POCAHONTAS TRAIL
WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, WV 24986
DOB: MARCH 22, 1954
Magistrate Court Case No.: 22-M38D-00038
Family Court Civil Action No.: 22-DV-33

ORDER OF PUBLICATION PROTECTIVE ORDER/HEARING DATE

The object of this suit is to obtain protection from the respondent. The object of this publication by Class I legal advertisement is to notify Respondent of the **PROTECTIVE ORDER** prohibiting the above-named Respondent from having contact with certain individuals.

This Order may affect property and other rights of the Respondent. Violating this Order may subject the Respondent to criminal sanctions. The Respondent is strongly encouraged to obtain a copy of this Protective Order and Petition from the Circuit Clerk of the county listed above.

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:
If appearing by evidence duly taken in this action that you could not be found in or that you have left the State of West Virginia, you are hereby notified of the ORDER referenced above, a copy of the Petition and Order may be obtained at the Pocahontas County Circuit Clerk's office.
This PROTECTIVE ORDER will remain in effect until July 12, 2022.
A Final Hearing is scheduled for the 12th day of July 2022, at 2 p.m. before the Pocahontas County Family Court.
Issued this 24th day of June 2022, at 8:30 a.m.
Connie M. Carr, Circuit Clerk
By Cindy D. Beverage, Deputy
6/30/1c

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF POCAHONTAS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

TO: JASON CASSELL
2366 EDRAV ROAD
MARLINTON, WV 24954
DATE OF BIRTH: January 16, 1980
Magistrate Court Case No.: 22-M38D-00037
Family Court Civil Action No.: 22-DV-32

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A Final Hearing is scheduled for the 12th day of July 2022 at 11:30 a.m. before the Pocahontas County Family Court.
Issued this 24th day of June 2022, at 3:26 p.m.
Connie M. Carr, Circuit Clerk
By Cindy D. Beverage, Deputy
6/30/1c

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 appointed 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-ways, 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@pillwvlaw.com
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NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Public Defender Corporation, 11th Judicial Circuit at the Greenbrier Grille located at 814 First Avenue in Marlinton Thursday, July 7, 2022, at noon. All interested parties may attend.

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WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE
601 57TH STREET SE
CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA 25304-2345
TELEPHONE: (304) 926-0440, TDD:(304) 926-0493 and VOICE-TO-TDD RELAY: 1-800-422-5700.

APPLICATION FOR A CLASS 5 UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL PERMIT

Public Notice No.: JL-27-22
Public Notice Date: June 30, 2022
Paper: The Pocahontas Times

The following has applied for a Class 5 Underground Injection Control Permit for this facility or activity:

Application No.: 0506-02-075

Applicant: David and Susan Bennet
303 Mountain Quest Lane
Marlinton, WV 24954

Facility: Mountain Quest Institute, RR 2,
PO Box 109, Marlinton, WV 24954

Latitude 38:16:16 **Longitude** 79:53:33
Business conducted: Research and Retreat Center
Activity: Discharge solely sanitary waste to an on-site sewage disposal system.

The State of West Virginia will act on the above application in accordance with the West Virginia Legislative Rules, Title 47, Series 13, Section 14.24 issued pursuant to Chapter 22, Article 11 and Article 12.

Any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit and may request a public hearing in writing within thirty (30) days of the date of this public notice. Comments or requests should be addressed to:

Director, Division of Water and Waste Management, DEP
601 57th Street SE
Charleston, WV 25304-2345
ATTN: Judy Lupson, Permitting

The public comment period begins **June 30, 2022** and ends **July 30, 2022.**

Comments received within this period will be considered prior to issuance of the permit. Correspondence should include the name, address, and telephone number of the writer and a concise statement of the nature of the issues raised.

A public hearing may be held if the Director determines there is significant public interest in one or more issues relevant to the draft permit. Interested persons may contact the public information office to obtain further information.

The application, draft permit or factsheet may be inspected by appointment at the Division of Water and Waste Management, 601 57th St SE, Charleston, WV 25304 between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on business days. Copies of documents may be obtained upon request. Individuals requiring Telecommunication Device (TDD) may contact our agency by calling 800-422-5700 between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For further information contact the person identified above at (304) 926-0495, or judy.k.lupson@wv.gov.

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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

The Pocahontas Times will be closed Monday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.
 Early deadline for the July 7 edition is Friday, July 1. Have a safe and happy holiday.

Tuskan graduates

The Mountaineer Challenge Academy is pleased to announce Class 1-22 as the 58th class to complete this West Virginia National Guard Program. Commencement exercises were held Friday, June 17, at Camp Dawson in Kingwood.

Among the graduates was Cadet Trenton Tuskan, of Hillsboro, grandson of Jeffrey and Kathy Hill, and son of Matthew Tuskan.

Cadet Tuskan, in Platoon 4, was recognized for receiving the Mentorship, S2c Award as well as obtaining the six Individual Values Recognition Ribbons.



Cadet Trenton Tuskan

Sports Achievements



North/South Game

Frankie Burgess, 2022 graduate of Pocahontas County High School, played in the West Virginia North/South All-Star Classic June 4. Frankie was on the South Cardinals team, which won the game, 30-13.

Frankie had two tackles and a fumble recovery late in the game that helped in the South's victory. He will continue his football career as a Wildcat at West Virginia Wesleyan College in Buckhannon.

Frankie is the son Frankie and Tiffany Burgess, of Marlinton,



Tibbs is Top Scorer

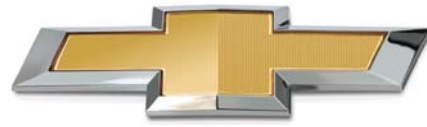
Reese Tibbs won the the Top Scorer and Top Dishman (most assists) in the Tier A 12U division at the 2022 Tohrs National Championships held at the AdventHealth Center Ice in Wesley Chapel, Florida. Reese plays roller hockey for the 2009 Virginia Patriots from Warrenton, Virginia. The Patriots finished second out of 16 teams at the tournament.

Tohrs Nationals is a national tournament held each year. The tournament is composed of qualifying teams from around the country.

Reese is the son of Jay and Sandra Tibbs, of Winchester, Virginia, and grandson of Jaynell Graham, of Buckeye.

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5231 - Slaty Fork. 2.49 acres near Snowshoe Resort. Great building site, lies well, nice views, septic approved. Owner financing available with reasonable down payment. - \$19,900



6367 - Hillsboro. Small, rustic 3BR cabin with outhouse on two private acres. Short drive to area attractions, such as Cranberry Glades, Watoga State and Beartown State parks. - \$68,000



6365 - Hillsboro. 2BR/2BA cabin on one acre on Stamping Creek. Good access. Close to the Greenbrier River and Trail, national forest, Highland Scenic Highway and Watoga State Park. - \$39,000



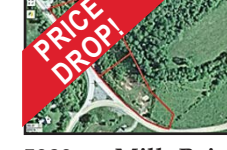
6401 - Marlinton. Relax on the screened-in porch in this 2BR/1BA well-maintained home on 0.41 acre on Browns Creek. Close to national forest, state parks, Knapps Creek and Greenbrier River. - \$120,000



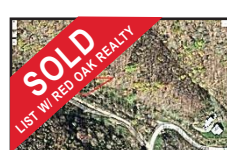
6068 - Fairlea. More than 9,000 sq. ft. commercial building with two customizable retail spaces in good location with plenty of traffic on Rt. 219. Just 10 minutes from I-64. Includes 2 BR upstairs apartment. - \$54,900



6338 - Droop Mountain. Five private, level, wooded acres tucked away in surrounding woodland. Near Beartown, Watoga State Park and the Greenbrier River and Trail. - \$36,000



5989 - Mill Point. 3.67 acre commercial location. Great spot for gas station or store. Located at the intersection of Rts. 219 and 39. Near all area recreation venues. - \$39,900



5843 - Clover Lick. 0.47 +/- acres located off of Edray Road. - \$4,500



5783 - Hines. 2.26 acres of woodland bordering one-lane paved road. - \$5,500



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