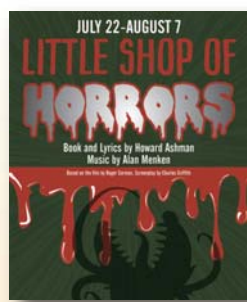




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**RAIN POURED AS dignitaries, employees and donors gathered Tuesday morning at Pocahontas Memorial Hospital for the official groundbreaking ceremony for the \$6.6 million expansion. Participating in the groundbreaking were, front row, from left: architect Tom Mullenax, congresswoman Carol Miller, benefactor Joe Greenlee, CFO Becky Hammer, county commissioner Jesse Groseclose, PMH board president Janet Ghigo and PMH CEO Andrew Bair. Second row, from left: county commission president Walt Helmick, Senator Joe Manchin spokesperson Ben Spurlock, former PMH CEO Mary Beth Barr, Senator Shelley Moore Capito spokesperson Todd Gunter and Jeff Owens, USDA. S. Stewart photo**

## PMH announces expansion, generous benefactor

Pocahontas Memorial Hospital (PMH) officials have announced plans for a \$6.6 million addition to the hospital that will expand desperately needed healthcare services and critical care for the rural region.

A groundbreaking ceremony was held Tuesday, July 26, 2022.

"We have all waited a long time for this day," PMH CEO Andrew Bair said. "Our staff, this community and, most importantly, our patients deserve high-quality access to modern healthcare."

The \$6.6 million expansion project includes a new rural health clinic; modernized and additional clinic examination rooms, rehabilitation addition; expansions to the cardio-pulmonary/respiratory and radiology department, including mammography, nuclear medicine and stress testing.

"These preventative services are crucial in our area," Bair said. "Our hospital provides quality preventative and emergency healthcare that is within an hour's drive for our county residents."

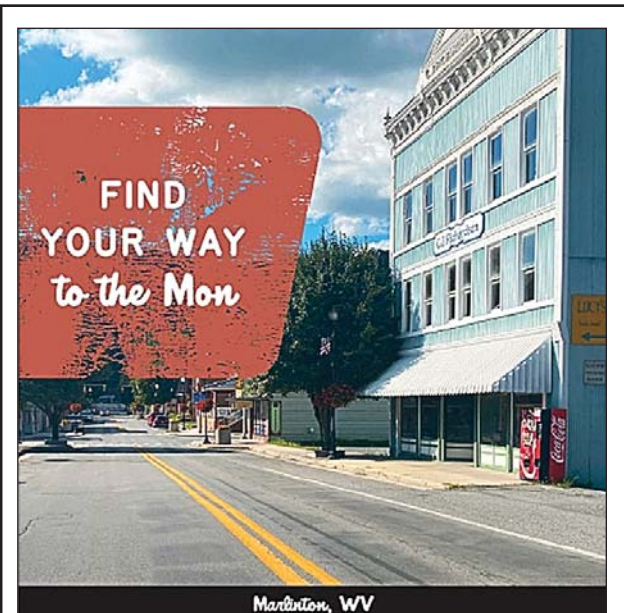
In addition, PMH offers Level IV trauma care through its emergency department – an essential service not only for residents but also for visitors to Snowshoe Resort and other recreational designations.

The project will be funded primarily through a \$5.7 million USDA loan approved by the Pocahontas County Commission on June 28, 2022. In addition, the hospital received a \$1 million gift from generous benefactors, Joe and Peg Greenlee.

"We are grateful for the generous support from the Greenlees and the USDA," PMH CFO Rebecca Hammer said. "Their commitment jump started

our campaign and hospital expansion." Since 1906, Pocahontas Memorial Hospital has served the health and wellness needs of a five-county region, which includes Pocahontas, Greenbrier, Nicholas and Randolph counties in West Virginia, as well as Bath County, Virginia.

The hospital's "Building on our Past, Building for the Future" capital campaign is ongoing. The generous support secured will cover expenses for the first phase of the expansion. However, the total renovation project will cost \$11 million. The additional renovations will include enhancements to the hospital's operating room, ICU, inpatient pharmacy and emergency room. Anyone interested in contributing to the campaign can visit, [www.pmhcampaign.com](http://www.pmhcampaign.com) for more details.



## New Mon Forest Towns Marketing Campaign ~ Your help is needed

The Mon Forest Towns Partnership, a collaborative between 12 gateway communities located in and near Monongahela National Forest, the USDA Forest Service, USDA Rural Development, West Virginia University and the Woodlands Development Group is about to launch its first marketing campaign. The goal of the campaign is to highlight the natural beauty of the region, the abundant recreational opportunities, and all that makes each of the Mon Forest Towns unique – and the partnership needs your help.

A central piece of the marketing campaign will be the creation of an electronic guidebook that lifts up local artists, businesses and the Towns. What makes this guidebook different is that it will be created from input provided

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## Story Session with Homer Hunter

Suzanne Stewart  
Staff Writer

In the fourth episode of the Pocahontas County Opera House Story Sessions series, Homer Hunter shared tales about growing up in a musical family in Boone County.

He began with a story of his father's redemption – going from convicted felon to minister. The elder Hunter grew up in a moonshining family and at the age of 18, was shot. He spent time in prison and when he met his wife, he found his calling to be a minister.

"My mother basically led my dad to Christ, and he changed from a very bad guy to a very good guy," Hunter said. "He never told me until I was almost fourteen years old what happened. He felt like he was called to be a minister, and I think he was. He preached



**STONY BOTTOM RESIDENT Homer Hunter shared stories of his life as a minister's son and how he came to be a musician. He was the guest in the fourth episode of the Pocahontas County Opera House Story Sessions. Photo courtesy of Kurtis Schachner**

at little churches – post World War II. He would go into communities and open little churches.

"He'd start those little churches up, get them going good and find some ener-

**see Hunter pg 12**

## Linwood pavilion dedicated in memory of community's matriarch

Suzanne Stewart  
Staff Writer

On July 16, the pavilion at the Linwood Community Library was filled with family, friends and community members whose lives were touched by the generosity and love of Terry White. She was the unofficial mayor of Linwood and was like a mother to the community, watching over it and helping it grow.

To honor Terry's countless contributions to the community, the pavilion was dedicated in her honor and a sitting area behind the pavilion was placed on the spot where Terry could always be found at functions.

"There will be a plaque on the chair, and it will say 'dedicated in love,'" Tracey Valach said. "Terry – at every Farmers Market – would be over there in an Adirondack style camping

chair that was black with white flowers, and she would just take it all in. She would have her 'mayor' meetings and everybody could come talk to her and she could network.

"It just seemed right that her memorial overlooked the space," she added, speaking of the memorial site.

When Terry and her husband, Steve, moved to Snowshoe from Cross Lanes in 2000, Linwood was just a historical town which became part of Snowshoe as the resort area grew.

The couple worked at the Raven Golf Course and volunteered where they were needed in the community.

When they lived in Cross Lanes, Terry was the treasurer at Cross Lanes Methodist Church – where the couple married – and was active at the daycare center.

That connection is what led to the first of many projects Terry took on for the

town of Linwood.

In 2012, she and Valach started the Linwood Day-care, located in the same building as the library.

"She was on the original board and was a big proponent with that and a huge advocate for starting us off on the right foot when it comes to health and nutrition from day one," Valach said. "We were one of the first centers to have best practices when it comes to nutrition because when we opened our doors, we were already established."

Two years later, the Linwood Alive! non-profit was founded and from there, the community grew exponentially. The organization continued to support the day care and library, but grew to include a community garden, day care garden, the pavilion, Farmers Market, a

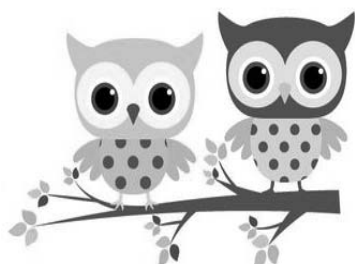
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# Legislative Committee learns state's revenue growth for FY 2022 more than \$1.07 billion

*Of revenue generated from severance tax, 48 percent was from natural gas and 35 percent was from coal*

By Autumn Shelton  
WV Press Association

“I’ve probably got the best time to be Secretary of Revenue in the history of the state ... Things went remarkably well in fiscal year 2022.”

That was the message from Dave Hardy, cabinet secretary for the WV Department of Revenue, to the members of the Legislative Joint Standing Committee on Finance during their interim meeting on Monday, scheduled just a few hours prior to convening for a Special Session called by Governor Jim Justice.

Hardy said the state’s revenue growth for FY 2022 was 22.1 percent over FY 2021, adding that amounted to more than \$1.07 billion.

“That means, in the fiscal year, we had a surplus bigger than the entire state Rainy Day Fund,” Hardy noted. “It took 30 years to build that Rainy Day Fund, and in 12 months we had revenue growth in excess of the Rainy Day Fund.”

The state was able to generate this revenue through the consumer sales tax (up 7.7 percent for the year), personal income tax (up 16.8 percent), corporation net income tax (up 38.5 percent) and severance tax (up 180 percent), according to Hardy.

Of the revenue generated from severance tax, 48 percent was from natural gas and 35 percent was from coal.

“So, the predicted gas boom is upon us,” Hardy said. The remaining severance tax revenues were filed under “miscellaneous” and included revenue from oil and natural gas liquids.

“These are great times and we will be closing our

books officially on July 31,” Hardy concluded, adding that the state is going into FY 2023 “very, very strong.”

Mark Muchow, deputy secretary for the WV Department of Revenue, next spoke the committee.

He said that in June, the state collected \$677.4 million in revenue – a 25.4 percent increase over funds collected in June 2021. Additionally, sales tax is up 9.7 percent for the month, personal income tax is up 22.8 percent, corporation net income tax is up 12.3 percent and severance tax is up 115 percent.

Muchow explained that revenue growth from coal and natural gas hasn’t been driven by increased production, but high demand—especially for natural gas.

“If you were to look at inflation, the poster child for inflation would be natural gas,” Muchow said. “The cost of natural gas is sky high because it’s a worldwide commodity and it’s in short supply in various areas around the world—particularly in Europe.”

For the State Road Fund, Muchow said revenue was \$42 million below estimate.

He explained the budget shortfalls were a result of vehicle registration fees being down (\$37.8 million) and the fuel excise tax being down (\$10.4 million).

The next speaker, Andy Deloney, vice president of state public policy for the Distilled Spirits Council of the United States, discussed taxation on ready to drink (RTD) beverages.

He said in 2021, there were roughly 37 million cases of spirits-based RTDs sold in the United States.

“The pandemic accel-

ated the growth of these products as adult consumers looked to recreate the cocktail experience at home with convenient pre-mixed cocktails made with premium spirits, fresh ingredients and low alcohol content.”

Further, Deloney stated that “West Virginia spirits consumers are forced to pay much higher for a spirits-based RTD product, even if the product has the exact same or a similar amount of alcohol as an RTD made with malt, sugar or wine.”

“For example, at 6% alcohol by volume, the West Virginia rate on spirits-based RTDs is 35 times the rate on malt and sugar based beverages,” Deloney said, adding that this price markup makes West Virginia less competitive in the region.

He suggested that legislators update tax laws so consumers can enjoy spirit-based RTDs at an affordable price while the state continues to generate returns.

Lastly, Chris Marr representing the West Virginia Association of Counties, discussed collection of personal property taxes.

He stated that his team is still working on gathering data for all personal properties that would be affected by Amendment 2.

“Generally speaking, personal property taxes comprise nearly 35 to 40 percent of all property taxes collected by counties,” Marr said. “Total real personal property comprises the other 60 percent.”

On assessed values, roughly 97 to 98 percent is collected by counties, Marr explained. Of that revenue, approximately 26 percent goes toward providing local government services and 66 percent of those collections goes toward education.

Marr said once the data is collected, the department will be able to provide more specific details to the legislature.

# Commission to ask state legislators to meet on gun safety, noise issues

Tim Walker  
AMR Radio

Agnes Doyle and Marvina Irvine appeared at the July 19 Pocahontas County Commission meeting and asked that the commission contact the West Virginia State Legislature about gun noise and gun safety issues. Doyle and Irvine have been experiencing these problems in the Brush Country Road area. Doyle reminded the commission that this was her second request for the commission to do this, the first time was at the June 28 special commission meeting.

Doyle told the commission that her overriding issue is with guns and the bombs her neighbor fires off and not so much with their drug dealing.

She said she was suffering from a PTSD breakdown during that special meeting and perhaps did not make that clear. She said that her neighbor fires off a powerful .30/06 rifle which can send a round up to four miles, according to her research on the NRA website. Doyle and Irvine are upset that under current state law it is legal to discharge a firearm so long as you are no closer than 500 feet to an occupied home.

Both Doyle and Irvine would like the legislature to increase that distance by a large amount to ensure the safety of other people in the area. They both would also like to see a county noise ordinance to prevent discharges of firearms late at night. Doyle said her neighbor repeatedly shoots his gun from his porch in the middle of the night but the police cannot do anything because that is more than 500 feet from her home. They said this has been going on for three and a half years and the situation is ruining their lives.

Without expressing an opinion either way about the requested changes to the state’s gun laws, Commission President Walt Helmick did agree to invite several legislators representing the county to attend a future special meeting to discuss this with Doyle, Irvine and anyone else from the public who wishes to be there.

Ruthanna Beezley, of the Greenbrier Valley Economic Development Corporation, introduced Alan Lawson, CEO of EDIOL, LLC, a company out of Georgia. Lawson told the commission that they are very interested in a two-year lease with an option to purchase a 2.77-acre lot on the county-owned Brown Field site at the former tannery property in the East Fork Industrial Park. He said EDIOL would like to

construct an advanced biorefinery on that site. Lawson explained that a biorefinery converts - using a totally non-polluting process - wood chips into liquid hydrocarbons in the forms of biofuels, biochemicals and bioplastic resins, which are all biodegradable. He said some of these products can fuel vehicles if added to gasoline, while others have valuable industrial uses. The commission expressed interest in learning more about this proposal.

Roger Griffin, of One Room University, asked the commission to hire a replacement for an employee who has left the ORU. He said the new employee would not have benefits, their wages would be reported on a W-2 and they could only work up to 1,039 hours per year. The county pays up to half the cost of some employees as well as for supplies, rent and utilities at the One Room University. Since this was not on the agenda, the commission agreed to discuss it at their next meeting.

Andy Friel and Nichole Brock representing the Pocahontas County Saddle Club asked for a multi-year agreement with the county for their continued use of the rodeo arena on the county-owned field near the old ARC Building. They said they want to do some major improvements, such as adding power and putting a roof over the arena, but can only do this if they have a 15-to-20-year agreement with the county to use the field. Helmick said he would like for the commission to look over the area with members of the Saddle Club to see where the improvements will be made before finalizing the agreement.

Cass VFD Rescue Chief Christine Rebinski requested that the commission authorize that their building at the intersection of Routes 66 and 92 be annexed into the Cass VFD’s EMS response area. It is now located just inside the BFD Volunteer Fire Department’s Fire Area, and just outside of Cass VFD’s area. She explained that doing so would speed up EMS re-

sponse times when they are called to back-up BFD, since a lot of Cass volunteers live in Dunmore and must drive right past that building to the main fire station in Cass when responding from home to a call. Mike O’Brien said the State Fire Marshal has determined the building is in the BFD’s fire area, but EMS areas are designated by the county commission, not the Fire Marshal. Rebinski said they would still need to install a sprinkler system before they could house an ambulance there, even if the commission were to annex the building into the Cass EMS area. The commission wants to discuss this with BFD before annexing it. BFD has opposed this in the past. Commissioner John Rebinski recused himself from the room while this was discussed.

In other actions, the commission:

- passed a motion to advertise for contractors to restore and preserve the first County Clerk’s Office in Huntersville.
- approved a time extension request until 6/30/2023, and a \$2,095.60 drawdown #6 for T&L consulting fees from the Pocahontas County Broadband Study.
- approved Drawdown Request #2 in the amount of \$79,351.50 from the Broadband Project to pay T&L Consulting fees.
- approved for the Day Report Program to apply for a WV Business Registration which is required for them to participate in the Empowered Employment Program.
- authorized Emergency Management Director Mike O’Brien to close out their COVID grant.
- provided a required letter for the Marlinton Motor Inn to host the Eight Rivers Rally Event on August 4 through August 6.
- Appointed Leisha Cassell to the EMS Board.
- Approved a Budget Revision and Resolution for the 2022-2023 General Fund.
- Approved High Rock’s request to extend the time for them to purchase a commercial dishwasher using funds from the commission’s 2021 contribution to them.

# Governor amends Special Session Call; to clarify and modernize the state’s abortion-related laws

Governor Jim Justice has issued a proclamation, amending his call for the West Virginia Legislature to convene in Special Session to include an additional item for consideration.

The additional item asks the Legislature “To clarify and modernize the abortion-related laws currently existing as part of the West Virginia Code, to ensure a coherent, comprehensive framework governing abortions and attendant family services and support to expecting mothers to provide the citizens of this State more certainty in the application of such laws.”

“From the moment the Supreme Court announced their decision in Dobbs, I said that I would not hesitate to call a Special Session once I heard from our Legislative

leaders that they had done their due diligence and were ready to act,” Justice said. “As I have said many times, I very proudly stand for life, and I believe that every human life is a miracle worth protecting.”

Justice called the West Virginia Legislature into Special Session to consider his proposal to reduce West Virginia’s personal income tax by an aggregate of 10 percent. The Governor’s proposal puts \$254 million back in the pockets of West Virginians, and provides immediate relief to combat rampant inflation. The proposal puts West Virginia on a

pathway to eventually eliminate the Personal Income Tax entirely, which would drive phenomenal growth to the state for generations to come.

The Governor’s proposed total tax reduction of \$254 million is the maximum recommended reduction that can be safely made while remaining in compliance with American Rescue Plan Act guidelines.

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**Coming Out,  
Mudwallow Style  
Ode to the Lone Wolves**

I recently returned to my hometown, Mudwallow, Ohio, for something I had been putting off for way too long - a public confession. And besides, my friend Delbert threatened to tell everybody my secret if I didn't return. He said I was avoiding my own identity, that I was being dishonest with myself as well as friends and family.

And, he said, it would explain why I rarely answer a call.

I reluctantly agreed and decided to publicly come out of the introvert closet, or more accurately, the woods.

I thought I might ease into it, though. Mudwallowans are a conservative bunch, and I didn't want to cause a big ruckus on one of my rare trips home.

I decided to drive up a little closer to Marietta and come clean with some folks up there to test the waters of tolerance. Having a college and all, Marietta might be inclined to be a little more open-minded about such things.

And there's the fact that there has never been a book-burning in Marietta since the McCarthy Era.

I chose a small bar a stone's throw from the old Fly Ferry on the Ohio River. I sat outside the bar for quite some time, getting up the nerve to go in.

In fact, by the time I went in, only two cars were in the parking lot. And to be completely honest, I was waiting until all the trucks and Harleys had left.

This was just the audience to whom I wanted to test the strength of my voice and the pride I wished to impart in my long-time-in-coming admission.

The bartender, a former high school football player from Mudwallow, was reading one of those glossy magazines that required unfolding the pictures. He was so taken by whatever he was gawking at that he didn't even notice that I walked in.

There were only two customers in the bar; one had passed out in a booth. The other was sitting on a barstool, hunched over a half-dozen empty shot glasses - lined up in a row - and the bare bone of a pickled pig's foot on a greasy plate.

I sat on a barstool with one seat between us just in case he couldn't keep down all that cheap whiskey and the pig's foot that was roiling around in his stomach. He finally looked over at me in that peculiar way drunks do and said, "Say, don't I know you?"

I told him I didn't think so

that I was from Mudwallow. He chuckled a bit as most folks do and went back to rearranging his shot glasses. I figured he was the perfect person with whom to share my life's greatest secret. So, I said, "What's your name, fellow?"

He slurred something that sounded remotely like Denny Smalls.



Photo: Courtesy of WG Bieber/Pixabay

Close enough, I thought, and said, "Well, Denny Smalls, I want you to be the first to know that you are sitting right beside a ....."

"Whose Denny Smalls?" he interrupted, adding, "My name is Lenny Dalls."

"Ok," I said, "Lenny, I want you to know that I am a full-fledged card-carrying recluse."

Lenny stared at the pig's foot a few moments and turned back to me and said, "Oh yeah, I've heard of you people. You speak in tongues, right?"

Before I could find the proper response, he narrowed his eyes and pointed a wavering finger in my face. "You ain't one of those what handles rattler snakes, are you?" he said.

I thought about explaining what a recluse is but instead said, "Yes, I am. You just wait here, Lenny, while I go out to my car and fetch a rattler for you to handle."

Lenny wasn't too drunk to find the bar's back door because he was out that door faster than a dog with a bone.

I was feeling much relieved on my drive back to Mudwallow, but I was also concerned with how the citizenry of my hometown would react when I bared my soul to them.

Delbert had arranged for me to speak at the Mudwallow Heritage Festival that was coming up in just two days. The schedule of activities had me speaking on life in the mountains of West Virginia.

And, as Delbert recommended, "At the conclusion of your address, just straight-

forward drop the "R" bomb on them."

I don't know which I was more nervous about, telling all my friends, kin and former school teachers that I have transitioned to a recluse lifestyle, or standing up in front of a large crowd of people and talking. The very last thing a recluse wants is to be the center of attention.

Judgment day arrived, and the master of ceremonies, Delbert, introduced me by saying something to the effect that the lost son of Mudwallow has returned with stories of his exciting life in the mountain state. (For God's sake, Delbert, I thought, West Virginia, is just across the river in plain sight. You'd think I had returned from twenty years in

*Hundred Years of Solitude*. Do you remember who the author is?"

After all these years, I still didn't want to disappoint my teacher, and I couldn't remember if it was Tom Robbins or Marquez, so I guessed. "Gabriel Garcia Marquez?"

She replied, "Excellent, Kenny." Then she looked up at the empty stage behind me and said, "Listen up class, Kenny got the question right; he gets a gold star." Without hesitation, Miss Severeid reached into her pocket, brought out something, licked it, and put a gold star smack dab on my forehead.

From the back of the crowd, a middle-aged woman rushed forward, took the former teacher by the

hand and led her away, saying, "Mother, we need to get you home. It is time for your happy medicine."

Agnes looked back over her shoulder as she was being led away and shouted, "May I suggest you read *The Sensuous Woman* by J over the summer recess. See you next semester, Kenny."

Speechless, I could only wave. One man told me he was Presbyterian but was OK with any religion and shook my hand. A confused woman asked me if whatever I was had anything to do with spitters.

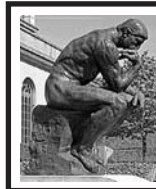
And a tiny waif of a child looked up at me with solemn brown eyes and asked me if what I had hurt. I knelt and told her it only hurts once in a while, but a good dog can always fix it. She let loose with a smile worth a million bucks.

Then, out of the crowd came Lenny, the drunk from the bar, screaming, "This here fellow is one of them what handles rattler snakes, and he was gonna throw one on me. Get him afore he gets away."

With that, I headed straight for my car, knowing I had done what I came to do, and it was time to head home.

Delbert caught up to me just as I started up my Chevy. I lowered the window, and

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**TRIVIA – a little something to think about**

Courtesy of Chuck Cornell

1. In the story of Peter Pan, what did the crocodile swallow that was a give-away for Captain Hook to know when the croc was near?

2. One of the greatest movie quotes: Ted says "Surely you can't be serious," and Dr. Rumack responds, "I am serious. And don't call me Shirley." Name the movie.

3. He left a good job in the city, working for the man every night and day, then hitched a ride on a Riverboat Queen. Name the Riverboat.

4. These taxicabs are called hackneys, and the hacks or drivers, have to pass a test called "The Knowledge." Where would you hail a hackney, and what color are they?



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# Cranberry Fun Day at Cranberry Nature Center

Monongahela National Forest invites everyone to celebrate Cranberry Fun Day at Cranberry Mountain Nature Center Saturday, July 30, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The day will kick off with a dedication of the new Cranberry Mountain Nature Center exhibits at 11 a.m. Enjoy snacks at noon at Smokey Bear's 78th birthday party. After lunch, join in nature activities and programs, such as learning about native fish and how firefighters contain and put out wildfires. Roy Moose will present "Snakes of West Virginia" at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Be sure to get your picture taken with Smokey Bear. All activities are free.

"Cranberry Fun Day is just that – a lot of fun!" Cranberry Mountain Nature Center Director Diana Stull, said. "Come early, bring a picnic lunch and spend the whole day. It's enjoyable for all ages."

The nature center is located 14 miles west of Marlinton and 23 miles east of Richwood at the intersection of State Route 39/55 and Forest Road 150 (Highland Scenic Highway). Hours of operation are Thursday – Monday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through fall. The center is closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

For more information about Cranberry Mountain Nature Center and its programs, call 304-653-4826.

# Hansel and Gretel at the Opera House

The Pocahontas Opera House is excited to announce that the Missoula Theater Company will return to Pocahontas County August 1 through August 6. At the end of the one-week theater camp, children will mount a full performance of Hansel and Gretel, complete with music, dance, costumes, scenery and makeup.

Children entering first through eighth grades are encouraged to apply.

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

"We are thrilled to welcome the Missoula Theater

Company back to Pocahontas County this summer," camp director Charlie MaGhee Hughes said. "We had two great years of summer theater camps before COVID hit, and I know there are a lot of kids out there who can't wait to take to the stage again."

Hansel and Gretel offers a wide range of parts for children of all ages. In addition to Hansel and Gretel, Granny and the Wildwood Witch, there is an assortment of crafty cooks, lost campers, rascals, denizens of the deep and a flock of cuddly "wally-birds." For those who prefer not to perform, assistant directors will help with rehearsals and work back-

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# 'Little Shop of Horrors' at GVT

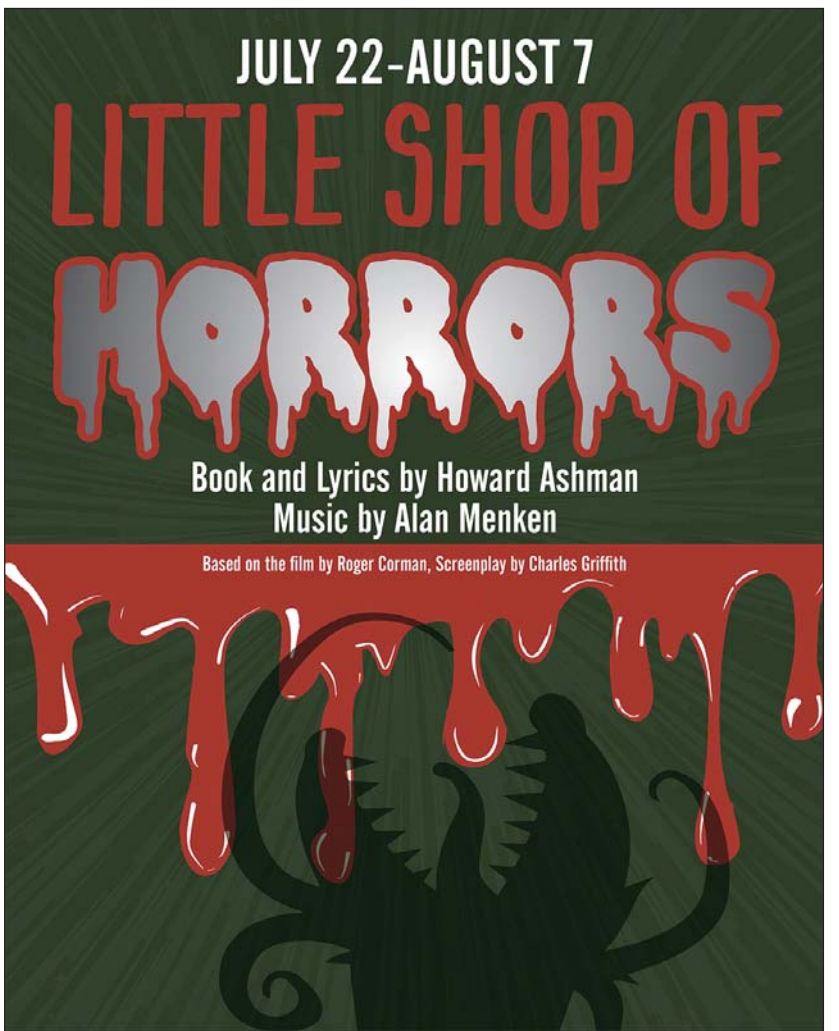
Greenbrier Valley Theatre will present its largest mainstage musical since its post-pandemic reopening.

"Little Shop of Horrors," the horror comedy musical by Alan Menken and Howard Ashman, began its three-week run July 22 and performances will continue through August 7.

Love-struck florist Seymour stumbles across a new breed of plant, but learns too late the smooth-talking carnivore feeds on blood and plots world domination. It is the inspiration for the 1986 musical movie adaptation starring Rick Moranis, Ellen Greene and Steve Martin.

The production will feature familiar and brand new faces to GVT. Ben Liebert (*Pride and Prejudice*) will star as Seymour alongside Valerie Torres-Rosario's (*I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*) Audrey. Rounding out the cast is Katelyn Bowman (*SHOUT! The Mod Musical*), T.J. Lancaster (*ART*), Kyla Bolling, Christian Bradford, Celia Doll, Lauren Johnson and Jeff Ronan.

"'Little Shop of Horrors' is a funny, charming and oddly thoughtful musical," Artistic Director Matthew Scott Campbell said. "In all the ways, it's a universal story of love, hope, greed and the power of success. The original off-Broadway version of the show ran for five years totaling 2,209 performances. It has a movie (technically two), a Broadway production, and cur-



rently runs off-Broadway again. So, take on this story and overjoyed to its reputation precedes itself. We are excited about our unique and truthful see Horrors pg 16

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## Calvin Price Family – circa 1955



MR. AND MRS. Calvin W. Price with their daughters in or around 1955. Standing, left to right: Jane Price Sharp, Ann Price Hubbard. Seated, left to right: Florence Price McNeel, Mabel Milligan Price, Calvin W. Price, Betsy Price Green. The Price's third child, Calvin Thomas, died in 1919 at the age of eight. Cal Price became the sole owner of The Pocahontas Times in 1905 and was Editor until his death on June 14, 1957. (Pocahontas Co. Historical Society Collection; ID: PHS004678)

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## Seventy-Five Years Ago

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, July 31, 1947

In a thirty-acre field of dead ripe wheat, a combine was harvesting. Following the combine was a baler. Then came a truck to pick up and carry away the sacks of wheat and the bales of straw. This all looked like business to me. Figures will be available on the wheat crop, to show profit or loss with all items listed.

A few hours before and a few miles away we had passed a mountain farm up on Bakers Run, where a man

was laying down about an acre of a fair stand of wheat with a cradle. What with the binding, stacking and threshing yet to come, not to mention plowing and sowing, I figure that old boy was working for pretty slim wages. However, I did get the idea from the fleeting look of him, he was finding joy in his work. Anyway, I reckon most farming is for glory and not for gain.

### Farmers Field Day

The trip last week was over to Raymann Memorial State Experimental Farm at

Wardensville in Hardy County. The occasion was Farmers Field Day, and cousin George Cameron Beard and I went along with County Agent Walter Jett. These experimental farms are places of much interest and great value. Regardless of the so-called money volume of oil, coal and gas, after all is said and done, agriculture is still the foundation industry of our whole business structure...

The big barn was packed with people interested in sheep. They had our own Ben Morgan to stand up and tell about his recent trip to Montana to look up the prospect of western ewes for West Virginia farms. Some can be had, but a whole section of Kentucky blue grass counties are bidding strong

for these big bone, range reared ewes.

Of the hundreds of people in attendance at this Farmer's Field Day, I was surprised to find so many I knew. The number of young men there was also surprising. It was a man's crowd. I saw only one lady at the sheep demonstration; and hardly a half dozen down at the chicken lot. In this Greenbrier Valley, where our ladies still talk horse, a Farmers Field Day would be graced by the presence of our farm women. Maybe this is because we still hold to farming as a way of life rather than a cold business proposition.

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## 100-Years-Ago in The Pocahontas Times

Calvin W. Price, Editor

The Pocahontas Times didn't publish the week of July 27, 1922 ~ so, will take a look back to July 1889.

John Campbell, Editor and Proprietor  
Huntersville, W. Va.

### THE FOURTH

The time is again at hand to celebrate the birth of American liberty. The people of the United States, all ages and sexes, are engaged in commemorating an event in their history that marks the beginning of free institutions.

But the Fourth is not what it was a century ago. Perhaps we make more noise, and enter into the jollification with more eagerness than our forefathers did; but it is not with the same feeling. We celebrate a liberty that is ours by gift and good fortune, but those who assembled one hundred years ago to commemorate the event, celebrated a liberty bought dearly, bought with blood and privation. Never having tasted the bitterness of foreign oppression, it is impossible for us in the evening of the nineteenth century to ap-

preciate fully, the blessing of freedom. It is not to be wondered at that they who fought to release our land from foreign bonds should have entered with all their hearts into the celebration of that day where tyranny was forever banished from American Soil. Proud of their victory, they commemorated the event with hearts full of gratitude to the God of battle, who rules the destinies of nations.

But what is the spirit of today's excitement? It is to be feared that many who are today most jubilant never once reflect on the origin of the day. A dance, or a drunk, or a fight is, to some, the most desirable manner in

which to commemorate the occasion, with little thought or care for the sacrifices or triumphs of others. Let us not forget what the day means, and take time for at least one grateful thought of our worthy ancestors who secured us the right to rejoice without fear.

### STRIKING A LIGHT

In the days before the invention of friction matches, the difficulty of procuring fire was so great that all pains were taken to prevent the fire on the hearth from going out.

All winter long, it was kept by covering the coal and brands with ashes at night. This was one of the domes-

tic cares of our forefathers, and Homer alludes to the practice as being common in his day, 3,000 years ago.

But fire could not be kept with comfort in the summer, and there would be times in the winter when the hearth would become cold. Then some coals must be brought from a neighbor's or a new fire must be kindled in the house.

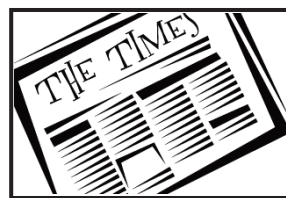
This latter process was usually accomplished by means of flint and steel. Most readers have no doubt seen a spark of fire struck out from a horse's shoe hitting a stone in the road, or from the

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## Fifty Years Ago

Jane Price Sharp, Editor

Thursday, July 27, 1972

### FIRE

Early Sunday morning the town of Cass and the Cass Scenic Railroad received a severe jolt with the destruction of the railroad shop building by fire. At about ten minutes of three, the engine hostler reported hearing a loud noise and then seeing the shop engulfed in flames.

Cass employees and firemen and equipment from Cass, Durbin and the Observatory responded to the call.

As it was obvious from the beginning that the rapid advance of the flames gave no chance to save the shop, all efforts went toward moving the engines and cars out of the danger zone. By hard work and a certain amount of risk, all equipment outside the shop was moved to safety with only two cars damaged.

Two engines were inside the shop. One, Shay No. 3, was in operating condition and the other, Climax No. 9, was awaiting repairs. Shay Three was pulled from the burning shop and both engines received only relatively minor damage.

The shop was built in 1921-22 by the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company to

replace a shop located nearer to the mill. Though the loss of the building is bad enough for the railroad, the major loss was of the many specialized tools used for work on the Cass Engines and the inventory of rare and valuable Shay parts.

From a historical point of view the loss is also great as the Cass shop was one of the last and probably the largest steam locomotive repair facility in use in this country today...

### 4-H Camp

About 185 4-Hers are at Camp Pocahontas this week, with 15 leaders. The tribal chiefs and their sagamores are:

Seneca - Annie Price, Chief; Wendy Wooddell, Sagamore.

Cherokee - Mike Beverage, Chief; Melissa Rittenhouse, Sagamore.

Mingo - Jeff Bowling, Chief; Ginny Mitchell, Sagamore.

Delaware - Shirley Wilfong, Chief; Tommy Corbett, Sagamore.

Big Feet - Robert Keller, Chief; Kathy Porter, Sagamore.

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## Pocahontas County Bicentennial 1821 - 2021

Footsteps through History

Thursday, July 30, 1897

A SINGULAR phenomenon is interesting the people of upper Elk. Last Saturday the water below Gibson's ceased to flow and upon examination it appeared that a gulf had opened into which the water poured with the noise and rush of falling water and disappeared into the depths of the earth.

This seems to be something entirely new in the history of this stream, so far as can be remembered, and it is worthy of special attention as to what subsequent results may be.

LAST WEEK, James Cochran, of this county, an elderly man, started to walk to McClintic's camp on Williams River. He left Jacob Simmons' after dinner and had nearly reached the camp when night overtook him. He lay down in the woods and slept the night and on starting next morning, got confused and took the trail back to Pocahontas. He walked the whole day and was so weak from fatigue and hunger that he lay down perfectly exhausted. He was found near the Barlow Hacking and brought out nearer dead than alive.

MRS. Isabella Varner, the aged widow of the late John Varner, Esq., of Split Rock, still lives on the well-farmed old homestead that she and her industrious husband and children reclaimed from the dense and rugged forest that is such a feature of the Elk

regions.

She is eighty-two years of age and possesses untiring energy and will not keep from work. Last year, despite all persuasion to the contrary, she worked in her garden, and as her vision was too much impaired to see the weeds, in a standing posture, she worked on her knees. This year, her vision has so far failed that she could not discern weeds from garden plants - even on her knees. She has reluctantly given up her loved duties in the garden and exercises herself in other useful ways about the dwelling. She is a daughter of David Hanna, one of the pioneers of Elk and a soldier of the War of 1812. He settled on the place where William Gibson, Esq., resides.

NOTHING definite has been heard of George W. Roberts and Ervine Houdyschell, who broke jail last week. Jailer Siple has resigned, and there is a wild scramble for the place. It is said that Houdyschell was seen near Jack Hook's in the Frost neighborhood from whence he came. Roberts lives in Pennsylvania. He is of a good family.

THE lumbermen from the woolly Williams River country were in town Saturday. We noticed Dick English, the Pennell brothers, Edmiston, Wanless, Trainer, Black Tom McDonald, the Desperado, and others. A Swago man got

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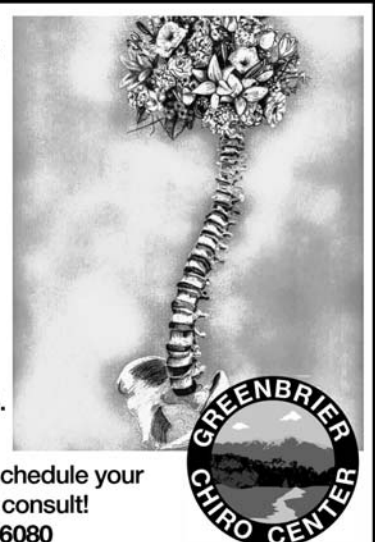
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**SITUATED UNDER SHADE** trees behind the Linwood pavilion is a set of Adirondack chairs flanked by large metal flowers. The sitting area serves as a memorial to the late Terry White, who was like a matriarch to the community and its people. She helped the community grow with her efforts in getting funding for the day care, library, pavilion and much more. *S. Stewart photo*

## Pavilion, from page 1

mountain bike pump track and mountain bike trail.

"She wrote grants to the Department of Agriculture, and we started the high tunnel," Steve said. "That's where that came from. Then we got hooked up with Grow Appalachia almost six years ago and they sponsored community gardens. We started doing the community garden here and then we went from here to Green Bank, which is no longer there because they sold the property, and to Marlinton. We started the community garden there. And there's a community garden in Durbin."

Steve was always by Terry's side in her projects, and he played a large role in the development of the community gardens throughout the county.

Terry became known as a woman on a mission when it came to seeking funds for projects. It got to the point that every time Terry and Steve would attend a Pocahontas County Commission meeting, the commissioners would jokingly reach for their wallets to protect them.

"Jamie Walker was on there and I'd tell him 'better hold on to your billfold,'" Steve recalled, laughing. "She was good friends with Walt [Helmick], too. We've known him for a long time. I'd always tell him – 'hide your billfold, Walt, here comes Terry.'"

"She knew how to network," Valach added. "She knew who could fund what projects."

Terry continued to be active and served as treasurer at the Mace Methodist Church and was on the boards of Davis Health Care, Valley Health Care and the Pocahontas County Chamber of Commerce. She was also co-founder of the Linwood Day Care and board chair of Linwood Alive!

Around December 2021, Terry was placed on the transplant list for a liver transplant and was awaiting a transplant when she passed away April 23.

"We went down there on Friday for a pre-transplant visit with the transplant doctor," Steve said. "They called us Saturday morning and

they said, 'you need to come back' because she got an infection. It went downhill from there. She was still on the transplant list until Tuesday."

"Monday, when we were in the hospital, she was sassy as ever," Valach said. "Made some snotty comment about something, just being herself. She had been on antibiotics at that point for over forty-eight hours and we thought they were going to transplant her and the next

time I saw her was going to be in recovery. Things just went south so fast."

Terry's legacy will live on in the Linwood Community, and every time there is an event at the pavilion, her spirit will surely be holding court in the Adirondack chair under the shade tree, taking in all the love and laughter of the community and enjoying the fruits of her labor.

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## The town of timber and trains



**IT WAS BUSINESS** as usual the past two weekends in the town of Cass. Visitors traveled up and down the mountain on the scenic train rides and then bought wares at the Cass Company Store. Mixed among the modern folk was a troupe of actors who brought to life the people of Cass from the 1900s for the play, "The Ballad of Cass." The last performance was Sunday and the crowd was entertained by the actors who had many a tale to tell about living in the booming lumber town.

Pictured, from left, Cynthia Gurreri, as Mrs. Anderson; Phil Smith, as Captain Anderson; and Missy McCollam, as Virginia; gather in the community center to sum up the afternoon's event.

Also starring in the play were Taylor McKinnie, Dustin Vandevender, Jacob Currence, Daria Panova, Zenna Jones, Maxie McCollam, Matt Weintraub, Nikki Alikakos, Zoe Guamis and Vega Guamis.

The play was written and directed by Missy McCollam and is part of the Pocahontas County Bicentennial Celebration. *S. Stewart photo*

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## First Friday at Discovery Junction ~ August 5

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There will be varied activities to entertain young and old, and music by The Dark Matters. This full-on soul band will make you leave your seat for the sweat of the dance floor. Although their sound is rooted in late '60s Memphis, it is part of a movement of bands that continue to use real instruments to make meaningful music. Get ready to get down!

Be a part of this favorite community get together. Each event offers something new and different from our local talented artists and organizations.

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The Dark Matters

## Eight Rivers Motorcycle Rally ~ August 4 through August 7

Join us in Marlinton for the Eight Rivers Motorcycle Rally, beginning Thursday, August 4, winding up Monday, August 7. The Marlinton Motor Inn will be the host

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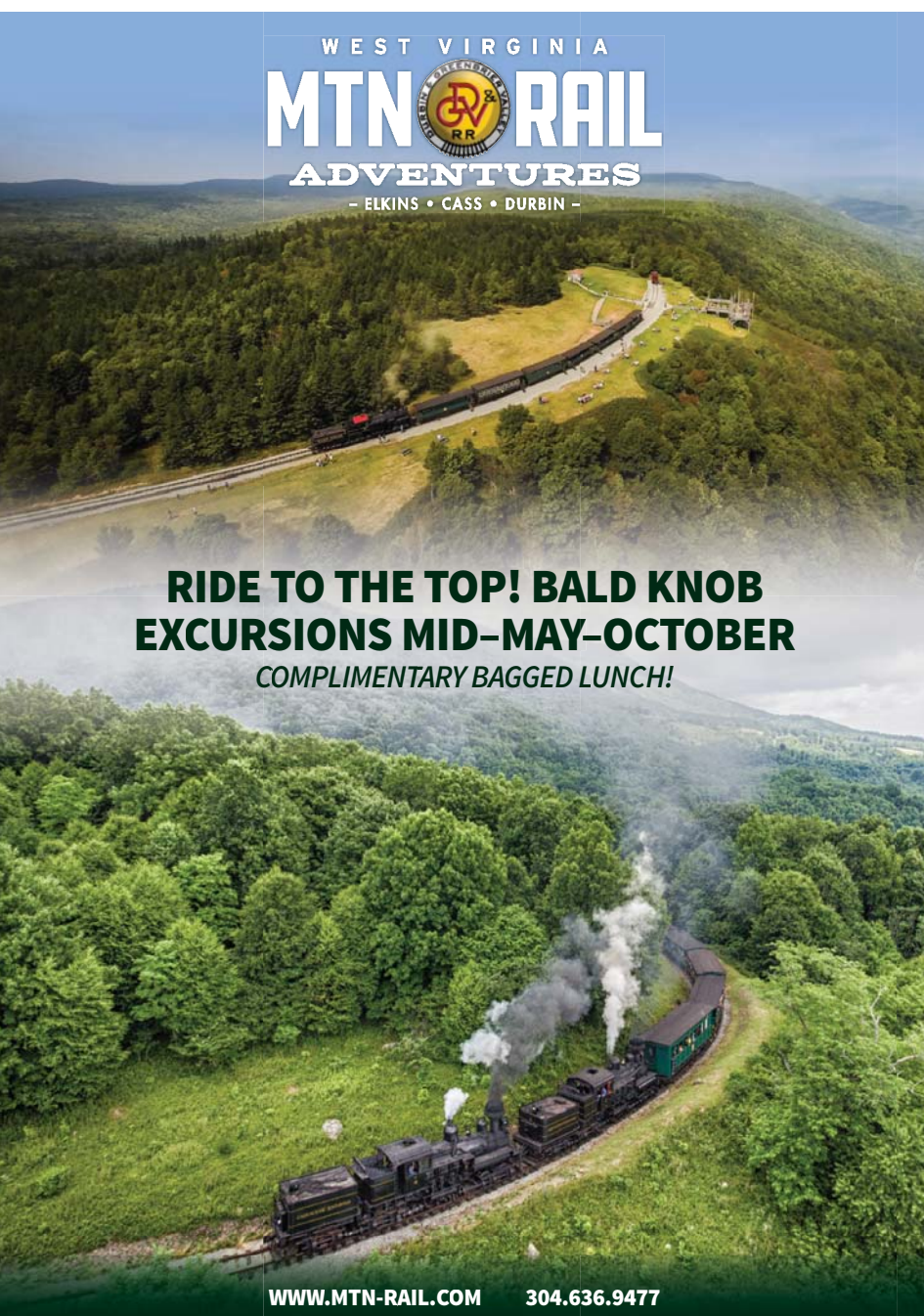
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# Appalachian Heritage Day ~ August 6

**A**ppalachian Heritage Day at Cass Scenic Railroad State Park celebrates the culture and folk-art traditions of the Appalachian region, and specific to West Virginia. The event will feature artisans and crafters, who perpetuate the traditions of the past. Demonstrations and hands-on experiences, such as crochet and yarn instruction, making wood decoys, wood turning, quilting and jewelry making.

In addition, we plan to schedule two history live presentations. Music for this two-day event includes Sugar Run, Uncle Gary and The Front Porch Pickers, and music groups to be determined from the Augusta Heritage Center.

The Greenbrier River Trail will be highlighted as event setup will be at the trailhead.

# Treasure on the Mountain ~ August 6

**W**est Virginia's Greatest Raffle on West Virginia's Greatest Mountain. Our wildly popular raffle party is held on the top of Snowshoe Mountain, where you will have the opportunity to experience incredible food and drinks from many local, non-profit organizations, awesome entertainment, and the company of hundreds of excited patrons in a festive atmosphere. Our MC keeps this 18 and up party going with regular and side prize drawings every five minutes throughout the entire day. We invite you to experience euphoria with us Saturday, August 6. There is truly no other experience quite like the Treasure on the Mountain Raffle.

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# Slaty Fork Enduro ~ August 13

**T**he Slaty Fork Enduro is a two-day cycling race event located on Mine Road that takes participants on a fast-paced tour of the beautiful Gauley Headwaters and highlights Slaty Fork's classic bike trails and breathtaking landscapes, such as the Tea Creek area.

The event begins Saturday, August 13, and celebrates the famous Mon Forest trails that put our region on the mountain bike map way back in the early '90s. Participants and their families can explore and ride the area backcountry trails, with racer's practicing in each stage as many times as they desire.

The West Virginia Enduro Series sanctioned race will take place Sunday, August 14, starting at 9:30 a.m. It will be a six stage, race format where the winners are determined by who accumulates the lowest combined time for the timed sections.

Our Slaty Fork Enduro race is the fourth of six in the West Virginia Enduro Series. We are eager to bring racing and social mountain bike gatherings back to the Slaty Fork area after a multi-year, COVID-induced hiatus. Pocahontas Trails will offer cash rewards to the winners of the expert classes (men and women) and prizes to the other classes. A delicious, locally catered, post-race meal and award party will be offered to racers on Sunday along with live entertainment both nights.

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# ‘All Under Heaven:’ One Woman Pearl S. Buck Play ~ August 13

The Opera House will welcome the one woman Pearl S. Buck play, “All Under Heaven,” Saturday, August 13 at 7:30 p.m.

This show is presented by the Greenbrier Valley Foundation and admission is free of charge.

“All Under Heaven,” by Valerie Harper and Dyke Garrison, is a one-woman play about Nobel and Pulitzer prize-winning author Pearl S. Buck, which takes place a year prior to her death as she waits for a visa to arrive that will permit her to visit her beloved China once again.

A consummate story-



teller, she recreates an array of some 14 characters from her life, and details personal and professional struggles including her experiences in China during the revolution.

Buck was an author and an activist. She championed efforts to establish and fund an adoption agency to rescue Asian children fathered by US GIs. Throughout it all, Buck is candid about her personal struggles and finds humor where she can.

**CATHEY SAWYER, ABOVE,** will perform the one woman show “All Under Heaven” as Pearl S. Buck, Nobel and Pulitzer Prize winning author who was born in Hillsboro, shown at left.



## FULL STURGEON MOON

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# Hike by the light of a full moon at Cass Saturday, August 13

The “Sturgeon Moon” according to *The Old Farmer’s Almanac* also known as a Green Corn Hike at Cass Scenic Railroad will begin at 7:30 p.m. from the visitors center (to the left of the Company Store). The evening walk is about three miles round trip with a slight grade, but mostly flat surface. Please wear sturdy footwear and appropriate clothing for autumn-like evening temperatures. The hike will be led by Park Superintendent Marshall Markley, and it is free and open to the public.

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The Enduro Race will be held on National Forest System lands.



# Encaustic Collage and Watercolor ~ August 20

**Hillsboro Classroom**  
37 Hill Street in Hillsboro

Join artist Jacque Minarik Saturday, August 20, from 1 to 3 p.m. and learn about encaustic. Encaustic originates from the Greek word Enkaiein, meaning to burn in, referring to the process of fusing paint and wax. Let's have fun to-

gether learning about this exciting art form. We will create a collage and experiment heating wax, resin and paint/pigment to create a unique mixed media wax painting. The layering of encaustic paint produces luminous and textured surfaces.

What do participants need to bring?  
Please bring a copied

image to collage if you would like to use your own imagery. Note – copies of photos can be used but a copy on printed computer paper is better than using an original photo printed on photography paper. All other materials are included in the cost of the class, which is \$35.



Jacque Minarik

## Towns, from page 1

by those who live in and around the Mon Forest Towns. To lend your perspective and knowledge to the guidebook, please complete a short survey at <https://forms.gle/dxkhtU4BFrPQswci7>

What is your favorite place for a meal? What would you recommend off the menu and why? What can you tell us about local shops or business that are unique to your town? Is there a particular element of public art in your town that you want to highlight? These are examples of the questions that will be used to create the ultimate guidebook for the Mon Forest Towns region.

The campaign is called "Find Your Way to the Mon," and it relies primarily on photography of the landscape – both micro and macro that exemplifies feelings of awe, wonder and connection with nature.

Do you have photos that you would like to share and make a part of the "Find Your Way to the Mon" campaign? If so, you can share send an email to [monforesttowns@gmail.com](mailto:monforesttowns@gmail.com)

Images may be used as a part of the digital guidebook or for print materials such as brochures, magazine ads or even a billboard. For these reasons, high-resolution photos are preferred – as high as you can go.

In the "Find Your Way to the Mon" campaign, the iconic sign that greets visitors as they enter the Mon National Forest becomes the

passport to the Mon Forest Towns experience. It's a welcome mat and a gateway. Referencing the shapes and fonts of the sign tells viewers that they are departing their regular life and entering a place of heightened connection to nature, wonder and culture – that is accessible and within reach.

"The Mon Forest Towns Partnership recognizes the benefit of working together to market the national forest and the towns as a region. A region that is a cherished destination for anyone longing to escape the hassle of the city or for anyone looking for epic outdoor recreation," said Chelsea Faulkner, Chair of the Mon Forest Towns Marketing Committee.

Because the hallmark of the "Find Your Way to the Mon" campaign is the stamped wooden sign graphic, there's a lot of flexibility in how the campaign can uplift local artists, feature local businesses and share what makes each town unique. Rather than an image of a landscape or scene from the forest images featuring the work of a local artist, a product or scene from a local business, or a scene or iconic landmark from one of the Mon Forest Towns can also be used as the background of the design.

"Each of the Mon Forest Towns is rich in history, art and culture," said Sam Felton, Mayor of the Town of Marlinton and Chair of the Mon Forest Towns Board of Directors. "By shining the light on these aspects of our towns, we will add detail to the story of the region and

the campaign."

The Mon Forest Towns Partnership hopes that this campaign will empower area residents and partners to be ambassadors for their communities. It was designed to inspire people who already live in the region to visit and enjoy the other Mon Forest Towns and the forest itself, as well as attract visitors from outside the region. Together, we can create and build on the sense of pride in and uniqueness of the region for the people who live here.

Please help highlight the best of your Mon Forest Town by completing the short survey at <https://forms.gle/dxkhtU4BFrPQswci7>

The Mon Forest Towns Partnership consists of 12 rural communities embedded within the national forest that are working together to collaboratively grow and maintain a healthy recreation sector to diversify economic development and to enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors. The 12 communities include Cowen, Davis, Durbin, Elkins, Franklin, Marlinton, Parsons, Petersburg, Richwood, Seneca Rocks, Thomas and White Sulphur Springs.

Learn more at [monforesttowns.com](http://monforesttowns.com)

## Hunter, from page 1

The elder Hunter also held tent revivals and had his children help with the music. Amazingly enough, Homer didn't join his siblings in making music.

"My family all sang except for me," he said. "I never sang as far as like I'm doing now until I was almost thirty years old. I don't know why. Both my sisters played piano for my dad at revival meetings and church. One time he wanted me to take piano lessons. I wished a many a time I had – to learn the music – but I chose not to do that because I knew I'd be hooked to him."

"I didn't want to go to church all the time," he added.

Homer's older brother, Hansel – who went by Hal – was also musically inclined and, in fact, wrote the first song Homer performed called *My Daddy Did His Job for the Lord*.

"My older brother in California, his name is Hal Hunter, he was in the Air Force," Hunter said. "He got in a band, and they had a contest in the Air Force. I think I'm right on this, he

won first place and got to be on the Ed Sullivan Show, which was a pretty big honor. He wanted to go to Nashville to make it, and I'm sad to say he didn't."

Hal lives in Warm Springs, South Dakota, and although he never became a country music star, he did write music that mattered.

The song, *My Daddy Did His Job for the Lord*, is about the elder Hunter and his life as a minister.

Hunter kept with the theme of religious music and performed a gospel song dear to his heart called *Mama Gave Me to Jesus*.

He closed the session with a classic hymn Hunter often plays with his band, the Stony Bottom Bluegrass

Boys, – *Will the Circle Be Unbroken*.

The video of Homer Hunter's Story Session is available on the Pocahontas County Opera House Facebook and YouTube pages.

The next Story Session will be Sunday, July 31, at 7 p.m. featuring Mary Sue Burns.

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Green Bank Library, 10 - 11 a.m.  
Hillsboro Elementary, 2 - 3 p.m.

**KICK THE CAN / FLASHLIGHT TAG.** Two teams, one can and lots of running! Bring one or two flashlights, running shoes and be ready for fun. We'll make S'mores afterward. Grade 2 and up.  
AUGUST 4: Widney Park, 8 - 9 p.m.  
AUGUST 5: Stillwell Park, 8 - 9 p.m.

**AUGUST 7: PRINCESS IN THE PARK** – Stillwell Park. 2 - 4 p.m.  
A special afternoon where the playground becomes a magical kingdom. Princesses will make ribbon wands and beaded jewelry, enjoy manicures, face painting and a tea party. Princess attire is highly encouraged.

**END OF THE YEAR FIELD DAY.** Say goodbye to summer! Enjoy contests, races, water play, ice cream and more. Come dressed to get wet and play.  
AUGUST 4: Widney Park, Noon  
AUGUST 5: Stillwell Park, Noon





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**75, from page 7**

**Gaudineer Knob**  
By Dr. Maurice Brooks  
This article must be put down as a frank expression of my personal enthusiasm, since Gaudineer Knob happens to be my favorite mountain spot in West Virginia. If you like our mountains and their vastness, the charms of wild country, the spruce forests and a rich northern plant and animal life, I think you will agree with me. Gaudineer lies two miles north of U. S. Highway 250,

between Cheat Bridge and Durbin. It is on the line that separates Randolph and Pocahontas counties, and it is reached from U. S. 250 by an excellent Forest Service road. The peak, a part of the Cheat range, which is known as Shavers Mountain, rises to 4,445 feet above the sea. It is crowned with a growth of young spruce forest, and standing guard over the expanse is a fire lookout tower. The peak is of relatively recent naming. Don Gaudineer was a U. S. Forest Ranger on the Greenbrier District, located at Durbin. Some fifteen years ago, he and his family were trapped in a fire. Through heroic ef-

forts, he saved his family but at the cost of his own life. Later, a road was cut to the top of this peak, and it was dedicated to his memory...

**WEDDINGS**

Clyde Wilbur Anderson and Miss Marjorie Eloise Lilly, both of Marlinton, were united in marriage at the manse on Saturday afternoon, July 26, 1947, by Rev. Roger P. Melton, officiating minister.

Miss Emma Elizabeth McComb, daughter of A. B. McComb, of Huntersville, was married Sunday, June 8, 1947, in Marlinton, to Guy Merl Faulkner, son of Mr.

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**WANTED** - Recordings of Marlinton Copperheads Football games from 1964 to buy or make copies. This undefeated team was led by amazing lineman Ronnie Roy and other linemen. Team also included Cain, VanReenen and Beverage. Bobby Beverage, 540-786-3948. 7/28/2p

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**HELP WANTED** - Looking for a Correctional Officer job? Testing will be offered at the Denmar Correctional Center, Hillsboro, WV, on a daily basis. Interested parties should contact Human Resources at the facility at 304-653-4201

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**POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

**POSITION AVAILABLE** - Allegheny Mountain Radio is hiring an Office Service Specialist for our WVMR Studio. The OSS reports directly to the Management Team. The Office Service Specialist acts as liaison with the AMR Auditors and outsourced payroll service, and directly supervises office related volunteers. The Office Service Specialist is responsible for keeping the accounts, transactions with banks, payroll and purchasing. Experience with Quickbooks and accounting preferred. A full job description and application form can be found on our website, allegheny.mountainradio.org. The deadline to apply is Tuesday, August 9. Allegheny Mountain Radio is an Equal Opportunity Employer, including disability and veterans. 7/28/2p

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**POSITION AVAILABLE** - Part-time janitorial service needed for local office building. Individual or business acceptable. References needed. Please call, 304-727-1509 between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. 7/21/2p

**POSITIONS AVAILABLE** - The Snowshoe Resort Community District (SRCD) is currently accepting applications for Certified Law Enforcement Officers for the SRCD Ranger Department. Don't miss this amazing opportunity offering above average pay with benefits. Interested applicants should email résumés to lisa.cutlip@snowshoedistrict.com or call 304-572-5969 for more information. 7/21/4c

**POSITION AVAILABLE** - Cass Scenic Railroad State Park has an opening for a Park Superintendent. Position is a full-time benefited position. Pay is from 35k to 64k. Please call 304-456-4300 for more information and/or apply at <http://personnel.wv.gov> 7/21/2c

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## 50, from page 7

### A Dream Comes True John Hilleary – 1972 Farm Family of the Year

John Louia Hilleary was born March 15, 1944, to Mr. and Mrs. George Louia Hilleary, the first son and second child. Mrs. Hilleary is the former Mary Lydia McNeel, of Hillsboro. John's parents lived in Ronceverte, but soon moved to Hillsboro. John's grandfather, Moffett McNeel, Sr., owned a large farm near Hillsboro, and John soon decided that city life was not for him. The farm animals were quickly adopted as John's playmates. His aunt, Elma McNeel, recalls that John was riding a tractor almost before he began to walk.

His first grade teacher, Miss Alice Waugh, fondly remembers that the first thing each morning, starting with Monday, a red-haired, freckled-face little boy would ask "Miss Waugh, is today Friday?"

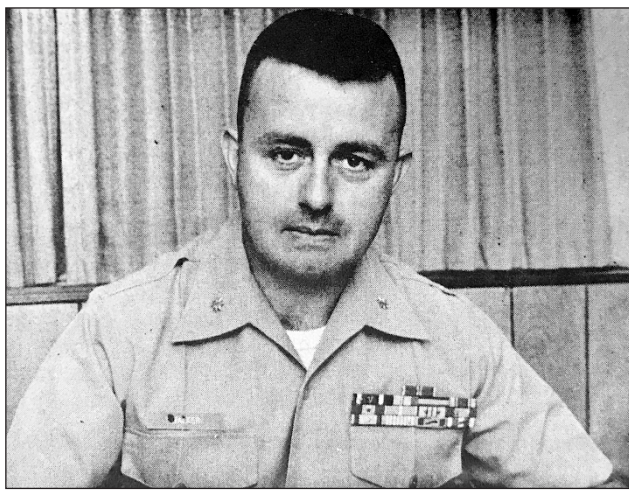
Fridays to John were very special because he knew that when school was out, his grandfather would be waiting to take him to the farm...

#### Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Phillips, of Marlinton, are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Barbara Ann, to Fred Gene Goldizen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sampson Goldizen, of Marlinton.

#### DEATHS

Melvin P. Vandevender, 90, of Mace, farmer, stockman and livestock dealer; born at Monterville, a son of



**MARINE LIEUTENANT COLONEL Dallas R. Walker**, an Associate Professor of Naval Science, University of Oklahoma and Executive Officer, Naval Science Officers Training Corps Unit, University of Oklahoma, has been selected to attend the Nation's top-level service school, The Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island. The purpose of the year's intensive study is to further an understanding of the fundamentals of warfare in order to prepare officers for higher command. Emphasis is on the integrated employment of the elements of naval power in the furtherance of national objectives. The roles of the other military services are studied as well as the importance and methods of participation in joint and combined committee work. The scope includes international relations, basic strategic factors in national power, strategic areas of interest, formulation of national interest, objectives and policies, study of those agencies responsible for the formulation and execution of national security policies, military planning progress, fundamentals of command decisions, services capabilities, war gaming, operational and strategic planning from force to national level based on a background of cold, limited and general war; also one formal long paper of thesis standard on some broad facet of sea or naval power relating to our national strategy.

Colonel and Mrs. Walker (Ione) and their two sons, Dwight Dallas and Rambridge Ray, plan to visit his father, Mr. E. E. Walker, of Hillsboro, enroute to Newport...

the late William and Mary Conrad Vandevender. Burial in the Stalnaker Cemetery at Monterville.

Lee Franklin Sharp, 62, of Slatyfork, a retired employee of the Western Maryland Railroad. Burial in Mountain

View Cemetery.

Claude H. Scott, 70, of Frankford; born at Droop Mountain, a son of the late Zed and Betty Foe Scott. Burial in the Henning Church of God Cemetery at Vago.

## Gretel, from page 6

rehearsals and work backstage.

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provided each day.

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## Horrors, from page 6

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