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PMH honors donor at groundbreaking

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

After years of planning and collaborating with donors, Pocahontas Memorial Hospital officially broke ground for its expansion project July 26. The \$6.6 million project will include a new rural health clinic, as well as upgrades to the existing facility.

At the groundbreaking, the air of accomplishment could not be dampened by a downpour as hospital officials and staff, dignitaries, community members and donors celebrated the milestone.

While the project was funded in large part through a loan from the United States Department of Agriculture, there was also a very special donor who, with his late wife, made a \$1 million contribution to the project. Joe Greenlee, and his wife, Peg, have been big supporters of the hospital for years and were happy to help with the project.

Master of Ceremonies Jim Strawn was the first to recognize the Greenlees during the ceremony.

"We also would not be here today without a gener-



DURING THE GROUNDBREAKING celebration at Pocahontas Memorial Hospital last Tuesday, a special presentation was made to donor Joe Greenlee and his late wife, Peg. In a recorded message, Governor Jim Justice announced that he named the Greenlees Distinguished West Virginians. Above, Master of Ceremonies Jim Strawn presents the award to Greenlee. *S. Stewart photo*

ous gift," he said. "A generous gift from a very extraordinarily loving and giving couple. They have supported this hospital since 2016 and, of course, I'm talking about the Greenlees. Peg, unfortunately and sadly passed away in February of this year at the age of 96. Joe is with us today - 97 years young and

going strong.

"We are so, so grateful for their support and generous gift toward the campaign, 'Building on Our Past, Building for Our Future,'" he continued. "Today and moving forward, the new rural health clinic will affectionately be known as the Joe and Peg Greenlee Rural

Health Clinic at Pocahontas Memorial Hospital."

Governor Jim Justice was unable to attend the groundbreaking ceremony, but he recorded a message, which was played for the crowd.

Justice addressed PMH staff and congratulated all in

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Marlinton's First Friday has Soul

Cindy Sandeno
Contributing Writer

Enjoy live music. Create unique art. Learn about Woodturning and make a vase. Meet West Virginia snakes. Enter our Hop 'N' Go Horse Races. Get Fairy Hair extensions. Score specials at downtown businesses!

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Head down to Discovery Junction - located next to the Opera House - this Friday for an evening of fun, friends, music and art.

The Dark Matters will be taking the Discovery Junction Stage at 5:30 p.m., and it is going to be intense. The Dark Matters is a full-on soul band: horns, organ, voices, heavy riffs from the guitar, a driving bass line and drums, with a sound rooted in late '60s Memphis.

We will also be offering a really cool art experience. Woodworker Stan Cook will demonstrate how to

use a lathe and hand tools to create beautiful wood pieces that are artistic as well as useful. Stan will give you the chance to make your own small wood vase. Sharp tools are involved, so a minimum age of 12 is required for this activity and anyone under 18 will require guardian permission and supervision. Stan is a member of the Pocahontas County Artisans Co-op, and he believes that art can invigorate the soul.

Did you catch that was our second reference to soul?

Another special offering at the August First Friday event is a chance to get fairy hair extensions. Fairy hair is thin, colorful, iridescent strands that attach to a single strand - or a few strands - of your actual hair. Once applied, the strands can last for days, weeks or even months. They usually fall out when your actual hair does. We

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Story Session with Mary Sue Burns

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

In the final episode of the second season of Pocahontas County Opera House Story Sessions, Mary Sue Burns shared the stories and songs that shaped her musical life, beginning with lessons as a child.

Burns was born into a musical family and was enrolled in piano lessons and music theory when she was in elementary school.

"When I was about seven, my mother decided that I should take piano lessons at the music school settlement and if you took piano lessons there, you had to also take music theory class," she said. "I didn't really like that music theory class much, and I didn't really practice for my piano lessons much."

Despite disliking music theory, the lessons stuck with Burns and when she hears certain phrases during jam sessions, she knows exactly what to do - for example, when someone says 'stay on the five chord,' she knows what they mean because of music theory.

Also in elementary



IN THE FINAL episode of the Pocahontas County Story Sessions, Mary Sue Burns took a musical journey through her life - from violin lessons in elementary school to virtual jams during the pandemic. *Photo courtesy of Kurtis Schachner*

school, Burns' music teacher started a little orchestra and she began playing violin.

"He had a little violin class which I joined and there were about five or six of us that learned to play a little bit on the violin," she said. "I remember taking my little violin and holding it in one hand and riding my bicycle to get to the other school district where the practice was for the little orchestra."

When Burns was in the sixth grade, the family moved, and the violin found a resting place in her closet for a very long time.

It wasn't until she was a student at Oberlin College that Burns was once again bitten by the music bug, but this time, it was in the form of folk music. It was then she decided to learn to play banjo.

She performed one of the tunes she learned at that

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CUSTOMERS ARE IN for good times and great food when they pull up to the take-out window at the Kickin' Chicken in Slaty Fork. They will be greeted by big smiles and silly jokes from owners David Ping, left, and Kim Guiden, right, and server Alissa Doss. *Photo courtesy of Kickin' Chicken*

Kickin' it at the Kickin' Chicken

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

Located near the intersection of Routes 55 and 66 at Slaty Fork is the Kickin' Chicken, a small restaurant with a drive-up window where big flavors are served to locals and tourists alike.

Owners David Ping and Kim Guiden are no strangers to the restaurant business,

but this is the first time they've been owners in the industry.

Ping, originally from Virginia, started his culinary career as a pizza delivery guy and found his way to Snowshoe where he started as a bartender and moved on to being a chef.

Guiden went the more traditional route and attended culinary school at Johnson and Wale University in Prov-

idence, Rhode Island. The Pennsylvania native also found her way to Snowshoe Mountain and worked her way through the kitchens of several restaurants before deciding she was ready to have one of her own.

"We wanted to do something different," she said. "Chicken and the family-style type thing with a quick

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Commission amends, extends PMH ground lease

Tim Walker
AMR Reporter

Cam Siegrist, an attorney with Charleston-based Bowles Rice Law firm, appeared before the Pocahontas County Commission Tuesday morning. Bowles Rice is representing Pocahontas Memorial Hospital (PMH) with regard to financing its current renovation project. Siegrist asked the commission to revise and extend the ground lease agreement between the commission and PMH, the ground lessors, with the lessee, the Pocahontas County Building Commission.

Siegrist presented a rather legalese, and, frankly rather confusing “explanation” of what this is, and why it needs to be done. Siegrist said this sixth amendment to the original 1992 ground lease will extend the lease by 40 years. He said this needed to be done for legal reasons before PMH can obtain a \$6-million interim bond to finance the actual construction. He ex-

plained that the interim bond is necessary even though PMH has secured a \$5.7-million low interest loan from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The USDA will not loan money for the construction phase, but after the renovation is complete, the interim bond will be paid off by the USDA loan and some of the donated money. The commission approved the changes to their ground lease.

Only two commissioners were present for this meeting, Walt Helmick and Jesse Groseclose. Commissioner John Rebinski is attending Commissioner Training.

In other actions, the commission

- approved a \$5,000 contribution to the Pocahontas County Prevention Coalition to help battle the drug issues the county is experiencing, by providing anti-drug abuse education in schools to students as young as first grade. Helmick added that all money received by the county from the Opioid Law Suit Settlement will be used

to also fight that drug problem.

- approved a \$4,000 donation to the Tucker County Foundation, supporting their Run for It fundraising race. Jeff Fellows, from the Foundation, said that over the past 25 years, the commission has donated \$25,500 to Run for It and, in return, the Tucker County Foundation has donated \$183,000 back to nonprofits in Pocahontas County.

- appointed Chad Baldwin and Lori Doolittle to the Dramas, Fairs and Festivals Board, and Ruthanna Beezley to a three-year term on the Pocahontas County Building Commission.

- approved a polling place change for Precinct 2, and adopted the Emergency Absentee Voting Policy for the November 8 General Election.

Ruthanna Beezley asked the commission to give its “seal of approval” for her to pursue the biorefinery project which was discussed at

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BOE awards MIP grant

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

At the July 26 Pocahontas County Board of Education meeting, superintendent Terrence Beam announced that the West Virginia School Building Authority approved a \$1 million Major Improvement Plan (MIP) grant which will be used to replace the roof and upgrade the boiler at Marlinton Elementary School.

In addition to those upgrades, director of maintenance Ron Hall informed the board that there is a 90 percent probability that three of the four schools will have air conditioning installed, and he is working to get funding for the fourth school.

During the updates portion of the meeting, the board heard from concerned parent Breanne Hummel, who asked to discuss safety

issues at the schools. Hummel asked if it is possible for the board to seek funding for security officers or if the board would approve to allow retired veterans to volunteer as security officers.

“I know that we live in a pretty rural area, but we can’t keep using that as an excuse that something will never happen,” she said. “We may only have a population of around nine thousand, but the response time of our first responders can be lengthy so if we had some sort of security, I know I would feel more comfortable. I know a lot of other parents would feel comfortable sending their kids to school.”

Hall, who is also director of school safety, said he wasn’t sure of the legality of allowing volunteers to be security officers, but said he is always on the look out for grants which are specific to

school safety.

“As far as putting people in our schools, I don’t know if the state has approved such measures – kind of deputizing people in our schools,” he said. “We tried the deputies at one time in our schools, but the problem was we were sharing them, so when they had a call, they had to leave, so it just didn’t work out.”

Hall said safety measures have been taken as far as installing security cameras and security doors in all the schools. He added that all schools have a crisis response plan and have gone through training with Homeland Security in case an incident does occur.

The board thanked Hummel for sharing her concerns and said it will continue to look for ways to keep the students and facilities safe.

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MTC continues to battle ordinance wording

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

At the Marlinton Town Council meeting Monday evening, several residents shared grievances with ordinances that have either been incorrectly interpreted or not enforced by the town.

Business owner and resident Kristy Lanier filed a grievance and spoke to council about her concern over her neighbor’s pet pig. Lanier, who owns DirtBean Café, said there were several hot days where the odor caused by the pig was overwhelming.

After Lanier filed the grievance, town code enforcement officer Scott Gibb and animal control officer Josh Vaughan visited the residence in question and helped the homeowners move the pig’s pen to a different location in the yard.

Lanier said she was frustrated because according to the town’s animal ordinance, swine are considered livestock and are not permitted in town limits.

The pig’s owners explained that she is a pot bellied pig and spends the majority of the time inside the house, is potty trained and wears clothing. She is

taken outside briefly for fresh air and exercise.

Council discussed that the ordinance does not include pot bellied pigs in the list of approved domestic pets, but said if the pig spends most of its time indoors, it would classify as a pet and not livestock.

Lanier added that her frustration also lies in the inconsistencies when it comes to interpretation of the ordinances, as well as enforcement. She asked council to review the ordinance and make sure it is followed properly.

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Oral Rabies Vaccination distribution scheduled

The Wildlife Services (WS) program of the U. S. Department of Agriculture’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is working with the West Virginia Department of Health to protect people and pets from the threat of rabies.

WS is distributing an oral rabies vaccine (ORV) bait to vaccinate raccoons, skunks, foxes and coyotes and help stop further spread of rabies. ORV baits are about the size of a matchbox and are coated with fishmeal flavoring or a sweet vanilla wax. ORV baits can be distributed by airplane, helicopter or car.

ORV baits will be distributed between August 5 and 8 and August 24 and 31.

1. What if I find rabies baits?

If you find ORV baits, leave them alone, unless they are where children or pets play. To move ORV baits safely, you should:

- Wear gloves or use a paper towel or plastic bag when picking up the baits.
- Toss intact baits into a wooded area or other wildlife habitat.
- Bag and dispose of any damaged baits in the trash.
- Take precautions by practicing proper hygiene – wash with soap and water any skin or wounds that may have come into contact with ORV baits, especially if the bait was damaged.

2. What if my pet eats the bait?

• Don’t panic! A few baits are not harmful, though eating a large number may cause an upset stomach.

• Do not risk getting bitten or being exposed to the vaccine by taking a bait away from your pet.

• Check the area for more baits and relocate any remaining baits to a wooded area.

• If your pet eats a bait, avoid your pet’s saliva for 24 hours, and wash skin or wounds that may have been licked.

If you have questions or need more information about the Oral Rabies Vaccine, call the Rabies Information Line at 304-558-5358 or the Pocahontas County Health Department at 304-799-4154.

Twitter threats aimed at WV elected officials lead to arrest

Michael Edward Herman (age 35) was arrested July 26 for making terroristic threats over his public Twitter account against West Virginia elected officials as a result of the pending abortion legislation. This issue will be taken up in the Legislature during special session.

The recipients of the threat include members of the West Virginia Legislature and all law enforcement officials that advocate for or enforce abortion bans. The Twitter posts also included intimidating language aimed at the Governor, Attorney General Patrick Morrisey, and the Vice President of the United States Kamala Harris, relating to the passage and enforcement of abortion bans.

Successful coordination between the Capitol Police, the West Virginia Fusion

Center, and the Romney Detachment of the West Virginia State Police led to a quick and effective response. The Department of Homeland Security and the Governor’s Office further appreciate our federal partners, including the Charleston resident office of the Federal Bureau of Investigations.

The Governor’s Office and the West Virginia Depart-

ment of Homeland Security urge all citizens to abide by the “see something, say something” principle. No single person is responsible for the safety and security of all West Virginia citizens – by reporting crime, suspicious activity and other threats to public safety, each citizen can take an active role in the safety and security of our state.

Circuit Court

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

Lynn Jordan, 34, of Cass, has successfully completed the drug court program, and he was granted early release from probation.

A motions hearing was held in the case the State vs Charles Nathaniel Irvine, 49, of Marlinton, wherein defense counsel advised the court that there were some outstanding issues related to the case and asked that the matter be moved to the next term of court. Irvine waived his right to a speedy trial and trial is set for November 9. Irvine was indicted on one count, driving revoked for driving under the influence of alcohol, third offense.

Two trials are scheduled in the State’s cases against Bryan D. Thompson, 60, of Hillsboro, the first of which is set for October 31. Final witness list and jury instructions are due to the court October 24.

A capias was issued for Raymond Ramos, 41, of Neola, who failed to appear

for his sentencing hearing.

A status hearing was held in the case the State vs Terri Bradshaw, 42, of Gandeeville, wherein the State advised the court that it had received a recording from Ms. Bradshaw, but all the recording is not contained within it. The State made an oral motion to receive the complete recording. It contains conversations between Ms. Bradshaw, Sgt. Jeff Crag and Cpl. Douglas Benson. Ms. Bradshaw indicated that she would provide the State with an estimated 500 pages of discovery, but waived her right to a speedy trial and asked that the matter be continued for two months. Witness list and jury instruction are to be filed by September 2. Trial is set for September 14.

Matthew Swartz, 50, of Buckeye, appeared by video from the Southern Regional Jail and waived his right to

an extradition hearing. The court set bond at \$250 cash with the condition that the defendant self-report to the General District Court in Bath County, Virginia by noon July 26.

The court adjudged Eric Castle 23, of Princeton, guilty of the lesser included felony offense of attempted possession with intent to deliver a Schedule II controlled non-narcotic substance. He was sentenced to not less than one year nor more than three years in the State Penitentiary, and was given 805 days’ credit for time served on home incarceration and 93 days as credit for jail time served. The defendant was placed on a one-year diversion program of home incarceration, which does not include time previously served on home confinement.

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‘Mawzy’s Hope Chest’ ~ A story of empowerment in difficult times

Myra Alley Kingsbury, who was born and raised in the hills of southern West Virginia in the little unincorporated town of Springdale, recently wrote *Mawzy’s Hope Chest*, a memoir of her grandmother, Grace Louise Walker, affectionately known as Mawzy.

Kingsbury will have two book signings Saturday, August 13, at the following times and locations:

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Leatherbark Ford in Cass, and 2 to 5 p.m. at the 4th Avenue Gallery in Marlinton.

A free cardinal art print will be given away with each book purchase.

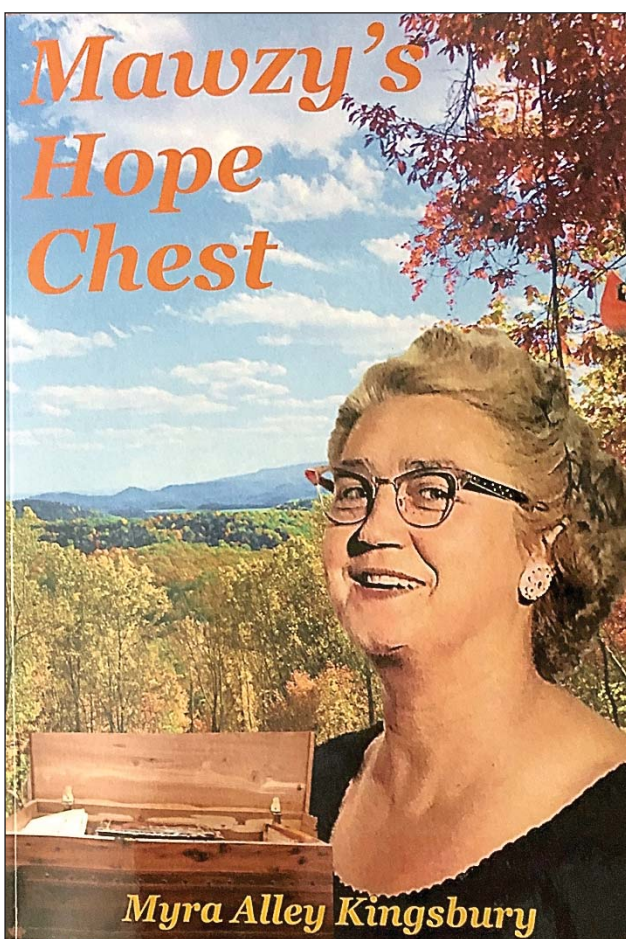
In the book, Kingsbury describes how Mawzy, who was born near the turn of the 20th century, grew to be the matriarch and inspiration for her siblings, her children, her grandchildren, hundreds of schoolchildren and her church family.

“Mawzy faced many tragedies in her life,” Kingsbury explains. “The way she picked up and moved on each time reveals the strength of her moral fiber. When one door closed, she found another to open and stepped into it with grace and purpose.”

Kingsbury received her undergraduate degree at Concord University, a master’s degree from Ohio State University, and later earned a Certified Financial Planner® designation.

Kingsbury spent 28 years of her professional career as a financial advisor. Much of her success in life she attributes to Mawzy’s guidance.

Proceeds from the sale of the book, which is in its fourth printing, will go toward The Hope Chest Scholarship, established in honor of Mawzy. The scholarship will provide financial assistance for women studying education or finance at Concord University.



Maggots and Leeches
A column devoted to maggots and leeches?
How revolting!
But hold on, readers, let’s dig a little deeper.

Last month, this column offered a piece on the overuse and misuse of certain weighty words such as awesome and disgust. These words have their place in our language; however, they are limited in scope.

You could be forgiven for using both “disgust” and “awesome” in describing these critters we generally consider, at the very least, repugnant. They have played a crucial role as biological medical devices for centuries. And for a good reason, they are often effective when nothing else works.

The Second Battle of Somme in WW I – 1918

The young and wounded American soldier was quickly removed from the back of an ambulance and laid directly on the ground outside a surgical tent. Several more injured men were taken from the converted milk truck and placed beside him.

The ambulance then hurried away to pick up more injured from the front line.

Machine guns and heavy artillery were taking a toll on

Allied troops. Among the injured, most deaths resulted not from the gunshots but from the difficulty in controlling infections. Remember, this was before the era of antibiotics; even penicillin wasn’t discovered until 1928.

Our wounded American and his comrades will have to wait their turn at treatment despite their many open wounds. Infection would not take long to set in.

As unappetizing as it sounds, flies are attracted to open wounds, specifically the non-viable flesh. The young soldier glanced down at his bloody leg and noticed maggots in the largest of his injuries. He was too weak and in too much pain to brush the maggots away. For that, he was fortunate.

By the early 20th century, biotherapy, such as maggots

and leeches, had fallen out of favor. They were not considered a part of modern medicine.

However, an observant doctor noticed that those soldiers treated on the battlefield who were infected with maggots had much higher survival rates. So, once again, our creepy friends were back in vogue.

Today, maggots from certain species of flies are obtained sterile from laboratories. They are of particular importance because these little guys only eat dead flesh. And damaged flesh can interfere with the treatment of infections.

Maggots have enzymes in their saliva that liquefy damaged skin. The tradeoff is that the maggot slurps up a meal, and the patient gets their wound debrided. This has the overall effect of allowing the wound to heal properly.

According to several resources on biotherapies, the area around the wound is cleaned and a thick ring of zinc-oxide (imagine toothpaste) is applied around the insects. This prevents the maggots from wandering off to other parts of the patient’s body.

Maggots and leeches en-

joyed a short-lived comeback until antibiotics became all the rage. Once antibiotics were available, we could again openly revile leeches and maggots with impunity.

And we did so – in spades. But then, Oh, my!

We didn’t give antibiotics the respect they deserved and misused them. Doctors would prescribe a suitable antibiotic for an infection, but patients would take the pills until they started feeling better, and then, well, you could finish this sentence, I’m sure. Yep, we quit taking them.

The delighted bacteria now have a reprieve from certain death. And, being resourceful, they use that time to create resistance to their would-be executioner.

Long story short, some doctors in the early 1980s made it their business to open dusty old books from

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TRIVIA – a little something to think about

Courtesy of Chuck Cornell

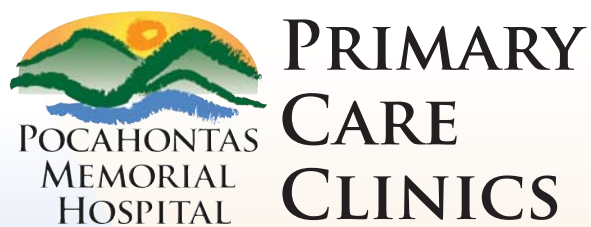
1. This automobile manufacturer paid a \$15.3 billion settlement fine in the largest auto related consumer class action lawsuit in U. S. history. Diesel emissions are nasty. Name the company.
2. He started his career as a stand-up comedian. He has a medical condition called Mandibular Prognathism. The title of his autobiography is “Leading with my Chin.” Who is he?
3. Here is a list of tricks: Ollie or a Nollie, Pogo, Gazelle, Casper and Godzilla Flip. You would be free stylin’. What is it that you are doing?
4. A few episodes from this top-rated TV show were: The Parking Garage, The Chinese Restaurant, The Contest and The Soup Nazi. Name the show.



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Poetry Corner

Mowing

There was never a sound beside the wood but one,
And that was my long scythe whispering to the ground.
What was it it whispered? I knew not well myself;
Perhaps it was something about the heat of the sun,
Something, perhaps, about the lack of sound—
And that was why it whispered and did not speak.
It was no dream of the gift of idle hours,
Or easy gold at the hand of fay or elf:
Anything more than the truth would have seemed too weak
To the earnest love that laid the swale in rows,
Not without feeble-pointed spikes of flowers
(Pale orchises), and scared a bright green snake.
The fact is the sweetest dream that labor knows.
My long scythe whispered and left the hay to make.
~ Robert Frost



Marlinton Mayor's Corner

By Sam Felton

An issue of harassment was brought before Marlinton Town Council at its July meeting. After hearing about the issue at hand, the complainant asked me to offer a response in the Mayor's Corner. My response this week expands upon a shorter answer given at the meeting.

When a mayor or resident hears about something negative in our community it should be of concern to everyone within that community. We are living in extraordinary times. Crime, domestic issues, petty theft, homelessness, and all the associated problems attached to substance abuse continue to grow. But the problem of people treating people rudely, being disrespectful and being unkind, because of differences in opinions, is something we could conquer tomorrow, if we tried.

What can we do to make a difference?

Consider:
The real beauty of living in these United States of America has been the Freedom of CHOICE. One can hope that another's choices remain within a certain boundary of beliefs, but regardless, the freedom to believe "what we believe" is at the heart of a Free society. Those beliefs cover a wide variety. These various beliefs give opportunity for disagreement. Despite differences, Americans have long believed in the motto, United we Stand. This motto did not come about by accident.

America and our communities are in trouble because our motto has been forgotten. Profound as it is, we have managed to stand by that motto, because of "standards." One such standard, (that has similar references

in more than one faith), is The Golden Rule. The Golden Rule is best interpreted as saying: "Treat others the way you would want to be treated." Read Matthew 7:12 and Luke 6:13.

I remember an instance at a local dollar store that will remain nameless, by a certain clerk who will also remain nameless. After observing an exchange between the clerk and another customer in front of us in the checkout line, I suggested remembering the Golden Rule to the clerk. Her expression said, what is that? This is a huge part of the problem expressed at the Marlinton Town Council meeting. This is the problem dividing our nation today. Too many among us do not know, or care to exercise the Golden Rule. Because it is a two-way street. Doing unto others – as we would have them do unto us.

There is another part to this that summarizes: Be not deceived, God is not mocked "whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." In other words, if you sow rude

behavior, expect rude behavior. If you are disrespectful to others, expect others to be disrespectful to you. Being unkind will bring unkind behavior in return. Some call it Karma.

The Golden Rule is best seen as a consistency principle. It does not give all the answers, but it does prescribe consistency. Our actions (toward another) should be in harmony with our desire to treat others in a manner consistent with how we would want to be treated. If we violate the Golden Rule, then we are violating the spirit of fairness and concern that lie at the heart of morality.

My promised response is in keeping with the same spirit of fairness and concern.

A last word: There used to be a hardware store in Belington by the name of The Golden Rule Store. Every time my grandmother was in a vehicle that passed by that business she would say, "What a wonderful name for a store!"

Until next time...
Sam

July Weather

July was cloudy, foggy, humid and wet. Temperatures were surprisingly somewhat above normal.

My records show only one day, July 14, that was clear or mostly clear. Morning fog was counted on 26 of 31 days. Thunder was heard on eight different days. Measurable rain was noted on 19 days.

July rainfall of 5.70 inches was the seventh wettest July in 31 years of records. Rain for the month was 1.55 inches above normal. Precipitation for the year is now 3.30 inches above average.

The average high temperature was 76.7 degrees and that was 0.5 degrees below normal. The average low temperature was 58.1 degrees and that was 2.1 degrees above normal. The mean of 67.4 degrees was 0.8 degrees above average.

The highest temperature was 84 degrees on July 23. The lowest temperature was 51 degrees on July 11. On July 24, our family went to a reunion east of Harrisonburg, Virginia. The car thermometer hit 97 degrees. When I got home my high temperature was 82 degrees. How nice to live in the mountains.

On July 12, I saw an icy hail storm at Frank. I measured the largest pieces and all of them were 7/8 of an inch long and 1/2 inch wide. I went home and called the National Weather Service in Charleston with a Sky Warn report.

My white pine leader growth started on May 14 with one inch. The growth ended July 14 with a 49-inch measurement.

This weather trend looks like it will continue in August.



What's Cookin'?

With Sally Cobb

Yellow Squash Bisque
Cajun-Creole Cooking
by Terry Thompson

6 Tbsp. butter or margarine
1 large onion, chopped
2 medium potatoes, peeled and sliced
2 carrots, sliced
4 cups yellow crookneck squash, sliced (approx. 1.5 pounds)
3 Tbsp. flour
1 1/2 quarts Louisiana Brown Poultry stock or canned chicken broth
Salt to taste
1/4 tsp. cayenne pepper
1 cup whipping cream
1/4 tsp. freshly grated nutmeg

Approx. 2 1/2 tsp. Hungarian paprika

In a 4-quart heavy saucepan, melt butter or margarine. Add onion and sauté until transparent, about 5 minutes. Add potatoes, carrots and squash. Toss to coat with butter or margarine.

Add flour all at once. Stir to combine.

Cook over medium heat for 3-4 minutes, stirring. Slowly stir in stock or broth. Season to taste with salt and cayenne. Cover; cook until all vegetables are fork tender, about 45 minutes. Puree soup in batches in blender or food processor fitted with steel blade. When all soup has been pureed, return to soup pot. Stir in cream. (Also very good without cream.)

Heat through; do not boil. Stir in nutmeg; cook 3-4 minutes. Sprinkle 1/4 teaspoon paprika into each soup bowl. Ladle hot soup over paprika. Stir soup in bowls; when soup is stirred, paprika will create an attractive marbled pattern. If desired, the soup base may be pureed, cooled and frozen up to one month. Thaw base in refrigerator; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; add cream. Makes 8-10 servings.

OPERA HOUSE
Hansel and Gretel – Mis-soula Theater Company – kids summer theatre performances will be Friday, August 5, at 4 p.m. and Saturday, August 6, at 2 p.m.
"All Under Heaven," One-woman Pearl S. Buck play, Saturday, August 13, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Bloodmobile – Tuesday, August 9, noon to 6 p.m. at the Community Wellness Center in Marlinton. Schedule an appointment by calling 1-800-733-2267 or visit redcrossblood.org

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Fairs will be held Wednesday, September 14, at PMH, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Wednesday, October 5, at Hillsboro Elementary School, 7 a.m. to noon; and Wednesday, October 12, at the PMH Cass/Green Bank Physical Therapy Office, 7 a.m. to noon. No appointment necessary.

The Pocahontas County Health Department is compiling a list of children 0 to five years of age who need the first COVID vaccine. The department is also compiling a list of school age students who need the COVID booster. Call 304-799-4154 to have your child's name added. You will be contacted

when clinics are scheduled.

Second COVID booster vaccines for people 50 years of age and older, whose first booster was at least four months ago, are available at the Pocahontas County Health Department. Schedule your appointment by calling 304-799-4154. Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

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

Free Day at Pocahontas

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

EVENT

Church Picnic – Seebert United Methodist Church Sunday, August 7, 1 p.m. Bring a covered dish and a lawn chair. Everyone welcome.

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BINGO! SATURDAY, AUG. 6 • 6 P.M.
BFD STATION 8 GREEN BANK
(former Sheets Garage)
Tips sold, food available.
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Super Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Capital of Kenya
 - 8 Cleared up some space
 - 16 Link up
 - 20 Brought into harmony
 - 21 Sign of a warm welcome
 - 22 Meara of comedy
 - 23 Start of a riddle
 - 26 Cock-a-doodle —
 - 27 Safecracker, informally
 - 28 Vinyl albums, for short
 - 29 Chose, as on a survey
 - 30 Batman player West
 - 33 Peter of "Casablanca"
 - 35 Stare in disbelief
 - 38 Baby's cry
 - 40 Riddle, part 2
 - 44 Film/dm, in France
 - 47 Stephen of "Utopia"
 - 48 Old Russ. state
 - 49 Spring flower
 - 50 Downhiller's gear holder
 - 52 Humane U.S. org.
 - 54 Riddle, part 3
 - 59 Routine-bound
 - 61 Tic-tac-toe winning row
 - 62 Waikiki souvenir
 - 63 Rejoinder to "Not so!"
 - 64 Capital of Qatar
 - 65 In Minnesota or Montana
 - 69 Extra NHL periods
 - 71 Riddle, part 4
 - 78 Supersecret gov't. group
 - 79 Tetley tidbit
 - 80 Quite a long time
 - 82 Fine violin, informally
 - 86 Stage design
 - 89 New Year in Hanoi
 - 90 Election turndown
 - 92 Riddle, part 5
 - 97 Allow entry
 - 98 "Ha! I was right!"
 - 99 Thailand, formerly
 - 100 Pal, in Caen
 - 102 —Magna
 - 103 French WWII battle city
 - 104 End of the riddle
 - 110 "Wolf" cable channel
 - 112 Followers: Suffix
 - 113 "You beat me"
 - 114 Gum globs
 - 115 Facility with hot tubs
 - 117 Gamble
 - 119 Subpoena, e.g.
 - 120 Go fast, quantity
 - 122 Riddle's answer
 - 131 Atoll unit
 - 132 Trip in a "stretch" car
 - 133 Stacked messily
 - 134 It may grow on a rock
 - 135 Reduces to a fine mist
 - 136 Capable of being stretched out
 - 6 Looks upon
 - 7 Suffix with cyan-
 - 8 Lawn-Boy products
 - 9 Orbital point farthest from Earth
 - 10 C-H linkup
 - 11 Suffix with butyl
 - 12 Jogged
 - 13 Hobbit's foe
 - 14 Brunch staple
 - 15 Abbr. on a new car's sticker
 - 16 Face part
 - 17 Being displayed
 - 18 Pertaining to
 - 19 Require
 - 24 Novice
 - 25 Chicago-to-Memphis dir.
 - 30 Frightened
 - 31 Fails to
 - 32 Plains tribe
 - 34 — vez (again, in Spain)
 - 35 Teri of "Tootsie"
 - 36 Disney mermaid name
 - 37 Old hat
 - 39 Etchers' liquids
 - 41 Jacob's twin
 - 42 Bake-off entry
 - 43 That, in Oviedo
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 - 46 Big name in waffles
 - 51 Jewish deli treat
 - 53 Rugged cliff
 - 55 Zero
 - 56 Way in or out
 - 57 Most awful
 - 58 New York county
 - 59 whose seat is
 - 60 Syllables of rebuke
 - 66 Lunar stage
 - 67 — kwon do
 - 68 Hilton rival
 - 70 Texter's "Catch ya later"
 - 72 Not finish later than
 - 73 — Three Lives"
 - 74 — pot (sinus clearer)
 - 75 Roof feature
 - 76 "Yeah, understood"
 - 77 Turned in
 - 81 Spanish men
 - 82 Some NCOs
 - 83 Hit the horn
 - 84 Routines to determine who's present
 - 85 Append
 - 87 Snaky letters
 - 88 Be snaky
 - 91 Mishmash
 - 93 76" cager
 - 94 "Wilness" actor Lukas
 - 95 Novelist Tan
 - 96 Dits' partners, in Morse code
 - 101 Biofuel option
 - 105 Birdbrain
 - 106 Fiery lecture
 - 107 Antipasto morsels
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 - 111 Pistons' org.
 - 115 Be fishy?
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time called *Rockingham Cindy*.

"At Oberlin, I was technically studying biology, but I probably put just as much effort into trying to learn to play the banjo," she said. "I ran into some folks there — mainly because of the Oberlin folk music club — that have gone on to be quite eminent in the old-time music world."

Burns became friends with David Winston, Brad Leftwich and Lisa Ornstein, who were all banjo and fiddle players, and the friends became part of the old-time music scene at the college.

"A couple of those folks, specifically David Winston and Brad Leftwich, ended up graduating and moving to Lexington, Virginia, and Lexington, Virginia in the seventies was kind of a hotbed of old-time music," Burns said. "A lot of us that were still at Oberlin would go there on spring break or maybe in the summer or particularly at New Year's to play music."

"A fellow that was quite influential in that scene was a geology professor at W&L [Washington and Lee], Odell McGuire, and the tune I'm going to play comes from that Lexington era, and I always think of Odell when I

play this one."

Burns played *Going Up Town*.

During one of those trips to Lexington, Virginia, to play old-time music, Burns met a fiddle player named Mike Burns, who also happened to be a banjo player. And, he later, became her husband.

Burns played *Rock the Cradle, Joe*, which was also from her time spent in Lexington, Virginia.

Before asking her husband to join her for a few tunes, Burns explained her style of banjo playing and her unique "chucking" sound that comes with her clawhammer banjo technique.

"I play with, hopefully, a lot of rhythm and, sometimes, I don't feel compelled to play every single note that's in the tune," Burns said. "That's the fiddle's job. "I think that the banjo is kind of like a bridge between the guitar players and the fiddlers, so you have some melody, but the main thing is that you're kind of the heartbeat of the jam," she continued. "When I play, a lot of times, you might hear this chucking sound, and it's kind of a good and bad thing."

Burns explained that when she tries not to do the chucking sound, the notes are clearer and you can hear more of the melody, but because she is more used to playing with a group instead

of alone, she prefers to focus on the rhythm.

"I'm so used to playing with other people that I'm just really more focused on that rhythm part," she said. "In fact, this is kind of odd for me because I'm playing by myself and really the only times I play by myself are if I'm learning a tune or I can't get anybody else to play with me."

That's not a problem when you're married to a musician. Husband Mike joined her onstage, and Burns gave the backstory of the instruments they were using. That violin that took up residence in her closet when she was a child is the fiddle that Mike plays. It is a 1953 Roth, and it is now his number one fiddle.

"Had to get married to get it, though," he joked.

"It's a good trade off because this banjo neck was made by Mike Burns," Burns added. "It's an old tubaphone pot, but he made the neck for me and I think I have the only banjo in the world that is inlaid with Paleozoic invertebrates, so there is that."

The couple came to Pocahontas County for teaching careers and took a long hiatus from playing music while they taught school and raised their two sons. But they got back into the old-time music by playing at events and festivals in their band Juanita Fireball and the Continental

Drifters.

The couple played two festival tunes called *Crook Brothers Breakdown* and *Bonaparte's Retreat*.

Burns paid homage to her roots in Ohio with the next tune, *Darlin Nelly Gray*, which was written by Benjamin Hanby in 1856. The Hanby family was involved with the Underground Railroad and harbored escaped slaves from the south. Hanby was inspired by the tale of an escaped slave from Kentucky who was very sad that he had to leave his sweetheart behind. The tune was named for that sweetheart whom he never saw again.

Burns followed that tune with *Shelvin Rock*, which was played by the Hammons Family in Pocahontas County, but Burns thinks the version she and Mike play is from Braxton County, which was the first place she lived in West Virginia.

Being a woman banjo player in the 1970s was rare, and Burns wanted to talk about the importance of women who play the instrument. She went a long time before she saw another woman play the banjo and although she was looking for a woman to be an inspiration, she wasn't sure the woman fit the bill.

"The first woman that I saw playing the banjo was Suzanne Thomas who played with the Hot Mud Family, which was a pretty

well-known Ohio band at the time," she said. "They did a lot of singing and a lot of old-time music. We went to a square dance up in Cleveland and the Hot Mud Family was playing for the square dance, and I'm thinking, 'Wow, a woman banjo player.'"

"But it really didn't help me much as far as a role model because Suzanne is an awesome, awesome musician — multi-instrumentalist — but there she was in her green lamé pants with her cigarette stuck in the peg head of the banjo, and there I was in my blue jeans and I just thought, 'Well okay, there's a woman banjo player,'" she added.

Now there are lots of women who play banjo and during the pandemic, Burns was able to learn a little more from one named Allison de Groot in a virtual workshop. The workshop was called the banjo tunes of Maggie Hammons, which immediately caught Burns' attention.

"I saw that and I was like, what, wait?" she said. "Maggie Hammons played the banjo? Because all my years in Pocahontas County, all my years hearing about the Hammons family this, the Hammons family that, I had never once heard that Maggie had ever played banjo."

In the workshop, de Groot had field recordings of Mag-

gie Hammons singing ballads, which she was famous for, but she was also recorded playing several songs on the banjo.

"What Allison did in her workshop was translate those tunes into clawhammer style because Maggie Hammons played an old-style of two finger picking, so what she did was try to emulate the sound that she made, but using the clawhammer style," Burns said.

She then played one of the tunes, *Jack of Diamonds*.

The tune was in what is called the last chance tuning and Burns followed it with the tune *Last Chance* — for which the tuning style was named.

Burns switched to the fiddle, which she took up during the pandemic. Joined by Mike on guitar, Burns played *Sugar in My Coffee-o* and *Sourwood Mountain*.

Burns closed the session on the fiddle alone, with the tune *Chilly Winds*, from Tommy Jarrell.

"I got to meet him and play music with him, and that was super fun," she said. "I've always liked his playing. It's a little bit scratchy, but that's okay with me, because I'm sure I play pretty scratchy."

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

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In miscellaneous management, the board approved the following:

- To give notice that pursuant to WV Code 18-5-2, the election to fill a vacancy for the unexpired term in the office of the County Board of Education, northern or southern districts, will be on the ballot for the General Election to be held November 8.

- Memorandum of Understanding between Pocahontas County Board of Education and Community Care of West Virginia, Inc., to provide healthcare services in the School Based Health Care Center facilities at Green Bank Elementary-Middle School, Marlinton Elementary School, Marlinton Middle School and Pocahontas County High School for the 2022-2023 school year.

- Agreement between Pocahontas County Board of Education and Pocahontas County Parks and Recreation regarding the use and funding of the Wellness Center, effective July 1, 2022 and continuing until June 30, 2023.

- West Virginia University Research Corporation, Independent Contractor, Services Agreement, to reimburse Pocahontas County Board of Education for substitute teacher(s) coverage for Fellows participating in the Mountaineer Mathematics Masters Teachers (M3T) approved project events requiring classroom coverage, up to \$2,000.

- Memorandum of Understanding between West Virginia Department of Education Office of Child Nutrition and Pocahontas County Schools, effective for the 2022-2023 school year.

- WVDE National School Lunch Program (NSLP) Snack Agreement. Addendum with Pocahontas County Schools for the 2022-2023 school year.

- Roll-over the bid from Prairie Farms Dairy, now United Dairy, for purchasing dairy products for the schools, per the terms of the 2021-2022 bid, for the 2022-2023 school year.

- Roll-over the bids from Tri-County Wholesale Produce, per the terms of the 2019-2020 bid for the 2022-2023 school year.

- To remain in conjunction with the Country Roads Cooperative in the successful bid with Gordon Food Services/HPS, per terms of the 2021-2022 bid agreement, annual membership fee bing \$1,958 for the 2022-2023 school year.

- To increase extra milk prices from 40 cents to 50

cents for the 2022-2023 school year.

- To purchase on Blue Bird gasoline powered 77-passenger Vision conventional school bus for Pocahontas County Schools at \$100,365.

- Contract between Pocahontas County Schools and Diana Smith, Certified School Psychologist, effective for the 2022-2023 school year, per the terms of the contract.

- Contract between Pocahontas County Board of Education and Melanie Mason, PT, effective August 15 through June 30, 2023, per the terms of the contract.

- Contract between Pocahontas County Board of Education and Leslie Goodall, effective August 15 through June 30, 2023, per the terms of the contract.

- Dr. Sue E. Hollandsworth to continue as the Pocahontas County Board of Education representative on the Southern Educational Services Cooperative (SESC) Committee for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

- H. Samuel Gibson to continue as the Pocahontas County Board of Education representative on the West Virginia Extension Office Committee for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

- Morgan G. McComb to continue as the Pocahontas County Board of Education representative on the Day Report Committee for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

- The following 2022-2023 sports gender classifications, per West Virginia Department of Education: Boys sports — baseball, basketball, soccer, track and field; girls sports — basketball, soccer, softball, track and field; co-ed sports — band, cheerleading, football and golf.

- The following revised Neola policies: po1240 — Evaluation of the Superintendent; po2111 — Parent and Family Engagement; po3120.12 — Substitutes in Areas of Critical Need and Shortage; po3122.01 — Drug-Free Workplace; po4115 — Job Descriptions; po5113 — Open Enrollment for Nonresident Students; po5130 — Withdrawal from School; po5140 — Motor Vehicle Driver's License Restrictions; po5200 — Attendance; po5330 — Use of Medications; po5330.02 — Self-Administered Medication and Epinephrine Use; po5331 — Administration of Opioid Antagonists; po5335 — Care and Students with Chronic Health Conditions; and po6320 — Purchases.

In personnel management, the board approved the following:

- Employment of Kimberly I. Jordan as secretary II/accountant II at Marlinton Elementary School, at state

basic pay, effective for the 2022-2023 school year.

- Employment of Erin K. Murphy as teacher of English/language arts at Marlinton Middle School, at state minimum salary based on degree and experience, effective for the 2022-2023 school year. Term of employment is 200 days.

- Employment of Krystal D. Lewis as itinerant teacher of special education, multi-categorical/autism at Marlinton Middle School, at state minimum salary based on degree and experience, effective for the 2022-2023 school year. Term of employment is 200 days.

- Employment of Sally J. Logan as itinerant teacher of CTE/career exploration at Marlinton Middle School and Green Bank Elementary-Middle School, at state minimum salary based on degree and experience, effective for the 2022-2023 school year. Term of employment is 200 days.

- Requested transfer of Evan E. Rose as school bus operator for Pocahontas County School from his current run to a new run, at state minimum salary, effective for the 2022-2023 school year. Term of employment remains 200 days.

- Requested transfer of Joseph M. Judy as school bus operator for Pocahontas County Schools from his current run to a new run, at state minimum salary, effective for the 2022-2023 school year. Term of employment remains 200 days.

- Employment of Forrest L. Mullenax as school bus operator for Pocahontas County Schools, at state minimum salary, effective for the 2022-2023 school year, term of employment is 200 days.

- Employment of Haley G. Cummins as itinerant special education classroom aide/bus aide at Marlinton Middle School, at state basic pay, effective for the 2022-2023 school year. Term of employment is 200 days.

- Employment of Erin Baldwin and Kristi Tankersley as Battle of the Books

coordinators — summer program — for Pocahontas County Schools, at daily rate of pay, up to 14 days as needed, retroactive to June 21 through August 5. Wages are contingent upon actually working the Battle of the Books summer program position. Paid holidays are not part of the contract.

- Employment of Michelle Murphy, Peggy Owens, Nicole Rose-Taylor and Jeanette Wagner as teacher of early literacy initiative — summer program — for Pocahontas County Schools, at daily rate of pay, up to 10 days as needed, retroactive to five weeks during June 21 through August 5, up to two days per week with two additional days scheduled for preparatory instruction. Wages are contingent upon actually working the early literacy initiative summer program position. Paid holidays are not part of the contract.

- Annual classification of the following supervisory aides effective for the 2022-2023 school year: Amber R. Arbogast, Susan M. Armstrong, Tonja S. Armstrong, Kimberly Beverage, Katie Broce, Dottie Chestnut, Sarah Cover, Haley Cummins, Rebecca A. Davis, Carrie L. Hickman, Renee Hill, Karrie B. Jack, Tomma Johnson, Cynthia Landis, TaBeatha J. McCoy, Jessica Oxier, Carolyn Pennington, Tammy Rider, Michelle Ryder, Heather D. Simmons, Felicia L. Smith and Tina M. Tracy.

- Employment of the following as substitute aides for Pocahontas County Schools, at state basic pay, for the 2022-2023 school year at needed, in order of seniority: Kathleen Holzman-Henry, Shelby Snead Bennett, Sommer Hickman, Jennifer Nicole Brock, Amanda McCarty, Tiffany Long, Kristi Dinkins, Elizabeth Hefner, Rebecca Peteete, Diane Arbogast, Kristine Sharp, Kaitlyn Sharp, Teresa Kloeker, Dottie Shamblin and Lia Rich.

- Employment of the following as substitute cooks for Pocahontas County Schools, at state basic pay,

for the 2022-2023 school year, as needed, in order of seniority: Amanda McCarty, Laurie Corbin, Goldie Greene, Sandra McCarty, Kristine Sharp, Pippi Miller, Kristi Dinkins and Holly Beverage.

- Employment of the following as substitute custodians for Pocahontas County Schools, at state basic pay, for the 2022-2023 school year, as needed, in order of seniority: Roger D. Irvine, Timothy Wade, Greg Rich, George J. Jaharias, Kevin Thompson and Holly Beverage.

- Employment of the following as substitute school bus operators for Pocahontas County Schools, at state basic pay, for the 2022-2023 school year, as needed, in order of seniority: Daryl Shinaberry, Thomas Madison, Shawn K. Ervine, F. Herbert Barlow, Kevin Thompson, Donald McNeel and Kenneth "Buster" Varner. Emergency Use Only: Duane Gibson, Jamie Walker, Ian Bennett, Justin Taylor and James Chaney.

- Employment of the following as substitute secretaries/accountants for Pocahontas County Schools, at state basic pay, for the 2022-2023 school year, as needed, in order of seniority: Staci Jo Dunn, Joann V. Estep, Susan Ray, Teresa Rhea, Diane Arbogast and Lisa Rich.

- Employment of the following as substitute maintenance for Pocahontas County Schools, at state basic pay, for the 2022-2023 school year, as needed, in order of seniority: Roger D. Irvine, Richard Dunbrack, Timothy Wade, Greg Rich, George Jaharias and Shawn Ervine.

- Employment of Jamie Walker as substitute mechanic, emergency use only, for Pocahontas County Schools, at state basic pay, for the 2022-2023 school year, as needed.

- Employment of the following as substitute teachers for Pocahontas County Schools, at state basic pay, based on degree and experience, for the 2022-2023 school year, as needed:

- Daniel J. Ahern, M. Susan Arbogast, Michelle L. Arbogast, Margaret Baker, Penny S. Beam, P. Erwin Berry IV, Kay E. Blackshire, Ross David Boss, Thomas Boothe, William Brown, Staci J. Dunn, Earl D. Friel, Patricia A. Heinemann, David T. Holcomb, Deborah A. Irvine, Cheryl R. Jonese, Judith A. Kane, Jay V. Miller, Cheryl L. Nelson, Alyssa Nottingham, Susan Ray, Teresa Rhea, Lucy M. Rittenhouse, Shannon Rittenhouse, Nicole Rose-Taylor, Dottie Shamblin, Virginia Shaw, Elaine Sheets, Robert A. Sheets, Sharla Sherman, Christin D. Shinaberry, Shenda Smith, Jean O. Srodes, Susan K. Streisel, June Taylor, Linda H. VanReenen, Alesia Wayne, Katherine Workman and Rosanne Zeni. Emergency Use Only: Shannon Barkley-Bircher, Cora Lee Carpenter, Sara E. Hamilton and Kristi A. Hamons.

- Employment of the following coaches at Pocahontas County High School, effective for the 2022-2023 season, at the supplement indicated. Note: All positions are contingent upon proper certification and/or licensure and sufficient number of players to make a team: Shannon Arbogast as head boys and girls soccer coach, \$5,500; Allen Taylor as assistant girls basketball coach, volunteer; Joshua Abbott as boys and girls track coach, \$1,125; Shannon Arbogast as MMS head girls basketball coach, \$1,125; and Devan E. Gum as assistant cheerleading coach, volunteer.

- Resignation of Kathy L. Mason as assistant boys basketball coach at Pocahontas County High School, effective at the end of the 2021-2022 athletic season.

- Resignation of Mark A. Landis as seventh and eighth grade assistant football coach at Pocahontas County High School, effective at the end of the 2021-2022 athletic season.

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, August 16, at 6 p.m., in the board of education conference room.

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The Durbin Days Heritage Festival Committee, along with members of the community, extends a very sincere, heartfelt THANK YOU to Mark and Marsha Kane for allowing us to host the festival this year at the East Fork Campground. The success of the Durbin Days Heritage Festival would not be possible without their generosity and kindness. We cannot express enough how much we appreciate it.

Thank you again, Mark and Marsha Kane.



Obituaries

Jona Irvin

Jona Nuckoles Irvin, formerly of Marlinton, passed away Wednesday, February 9, 2022.

Born September 24, she was a daughter of the late Harry Nuckoles and Geraldine Dunbrack Nuckoles.

She enjoyed being a Travel Nurse. She was a very caring person and loved her family and friends.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Brett Nuckoles.

She is survived by her daughter, Brooklynn Moore, and significant other, Joseph White; grandson, Thatcher Hill; granddaughter, Chantel Hill; her companion, Michael Joe Neal; sister, Malissa Hutto (Jackie); niece, Jayna Hutto; sister, Harriet Faulknier (Richard); brother-in-law, Bill McLaughlin (Linda); and nephew,

Warren McLaughlin.

A Celebration of Life will be held Friday, August 5, 2022, from 1 to 2 p.m. at VanReenen Funeral Home. Burial will be in Brown's Mountain Cemetery.

Jessie Lambert

Jessie Mariah Lambert, 88 of Lancaster, Virginia, formerly of Arbovale, passed away Sunday, July 31, 2022, at Lancaster, Virginia.

Born June 19, 1934, at Mill Creek, she was a daughter of the late Rubert Burton and Clarinda Alice Currence Arbogast.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Leonard L. Lambert, in 2008.

She is survived by a daughter, Carolyn Miles, and devoted son-in-law, Mark, of Lancaster, Virginia; son, Paul Lambert (Donna), of Durbin; grandchildren, Todd L.

Sheets, William W. Sheets, Leslie Eggleston and Scott Lambert; three great-grandchildren, T.J. Sheets, Kendra Lambert and Blaze Lambert; brother, Jacob Arbogast (Linda), of Cherry Grove; and numerous special adopted grandchildren.

Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Thursday, August 4, 2022, at Wallace and Wallace Funeral Home in Arbovale with Rev. Harold Swecker officiating. Burial will follow in the Arbovale Cemetery Annex.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home one hour prior to the service. Wallace and Wallace Funeral Home in Arbovale is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be shared at www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com

Monda Mason

Monda L. Mason, 84, of Paden City, passed away Sunday, July 31, 2022, at Genesis of New Martinsville.

Born on September 30, 1937, in Pocahontas County, she was a daughter of the late Anna Landis Buzzard.

Monda was a former bank teller and was a greeter at Myers Funeral Home, where she was lovingly referred to as "Grandma Monda."

She enjoyed reading and watching Hallmark movies.

In addition to her mother, she was preceded in death by a brother, Thurman Shinaberry.

She is survived by her daughters, Phyllis (Lou) Buetner, of Paden City, and Karen (Steve) McCoy, of Hillsboro; brother, Gray

Shinaberry, of Marlinton; grandchildren, Brian McKeever of Glasgow, Kentucky, Eric McKeever, of New Martinsville, Lance (Karen) McKeever, of Morgantown, Devin (Sherry) McCoy, of Shady Springs, and Abby (Zac) Casto of Parkersburg; and great-grandchildren, Carter McKeever, Silas McKeever, Anna McKeever,

Sienna McKeever, Braxton McKeever, Kallie McKeever, Ryker Casto, Rowan Casto and Brier McCoy.

There will be a private graveside service at the convenience of the family.

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

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Emmanuel Cemetery, Bruffeys 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.

Kerr Cemetery on Green Bank Road – Susan Boyer, 71 Eastwood Lane, Morgantown WV 26508

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.

Richard Hill Cemetery – Melvin K. Hill, 1815 Selvin Dr. Unit 203, Bel Air, MD 21015-1693

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.

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B. J. Gudmundsson, Preservation Officer

Camp Island Ford – Seebert, 1936



GEORGE SOLTER'S CABIN at Camp Island Ford on the Greenbrier River in Seebert, W.Va. The photo was taken in July 1936 by family members who were there on vacation. Camp Island Ford was owned by George Solter's brother, Dr. Harry Solter, who practiced medicine in Pocahontas County for many years. There was a house, cabins, horse stable and a tennis court. Please contact Preserving Pocahontas if you have stories or recollections about the Camp. (Courtesy of Estelle K. Tulloss Wagner, George and Harry Solter Collection, Pocahontas Co. Historical Society; ID: PHS004678)

Access the "Preserving Pocahontas" Digital Library at www.pocahontaspreservation.org or www.preservingpocahontas.org

If you have historical records or photographs to be scanned for the county Historical Archive contact Preservation Officer B. J. Gudmundsson at 304-799-3989 or email info@pocahontaspreservation.org Prints of photographs are available.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, August 7, 1947

STATE SHEEP SHOW

A big feature of the Pocahontas county Fair next week will be the West Virginia State Sheep Show. About one out of every ten sheep in the whole State is in Pocahontas county, anyhow.

Then the sheep show each year at the Pocahontas county Fair year after year has ranked in quality with about any show anywhere. Exhibits and exhibitors go each year from here to the really big shows, and count in the showing, too. So with the transfer of the Sheep Show to the county Fair is the step forward to rank with the biggest and best.

Last year, it looked like the Horse Show at the Pocahontas county Fair had just about reached the limit for quality and number of horses. Now, while one never knows when you have a horseman in hand, it can be said never, at this time, were so many owners listed for appearance nor so many stalls assigned to horses.

FIELD NOTES

An unusual thing happened at the home of Pete Madison, near the airport, one day last week. The back of an upholstered chair on which the baby had been sitting, when taken by the family to gather the eggs, was smoking and smoldering. It was found a flaw in a window pane had centered sun rays on the cloth and set it on fire. The proof was putting a bare hand in the hot rays.

A farmer from the Huntersville District came in to report that he recently had occasion to go on the big wooded mountain back of his farm. In the hollow he went up he was surprised to find there had been wholesale digging up of that hot member of the vegetable kingdom, the Indian turnip or jack-in-the-pulpit... The stalks were there to show what had been dug, but the turnips were missing. Now, what was the sign, he wished to know? The answer is easy. A bear is the only animal I know with perverted hankering for the fire hot Indian

turnip. I know not whether it is used as condiment, strong spring tonic or merely an item of plain country fare. While my friend had noticed no tracks, he was not surprised when I told him bears had been so near his house, for he then recalled that bears had killed sheep this spring for a neighbor three hollows up the valley from his farm.

Cecil Carr caught a four-pound bass in the Gay Eddy by the Fairground one evening last week. It measured 19 inches.

Up at the home of A. T. White on Douthards Creek, for several mornings, there has been a scattering among the chickens. A red fox was seen as the disturber. The other morning, Mr. White was at home when the chicken trouble began. He shot the said fox. It was better than half grown, and very lean.

You know the old saying that when red foxes move into a given territory, the grays move out. Of course, I have heard it the other way around – that the grays run the reds out. Personally, I back the reds; you can bet on the grays.

However, it is well-established fact that gray and red

foxes do not run the same range. Here we expect to find the reds in the limestone mountains; the grays on the Greenbrier peneplain and river ridges, and the mountains east of the river. The reds do come down to hunt rabbits and grouse in the flats, and I have known gray foxes denning in limestone ledges on Bucks Mountain.

The only way I now will admit that a gray fox can run the valiant red off his range is to move in in-force and wipe out the food supply. This they are able to do, and it is what they do, too. So, this gets us around to the mysterious matter of cycles of increase and decrease in the number of wild animals. This is a fact I know little about. However, here I am hoping the tidal wave of gray foxes which have plagued the eastern country from Canada to Georgia is now on the fading out side of the swing of the circle.

DEATH

George Albert Chestnut was born in Mountain Grove, Va., September 29, 1931, departed this life June 28, 1947 after a three-day illness.

He leaves to mourn their loss his parents, Mr. and

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Reuben Pennell, and was made by one, Charles Hartzell. It is made from a solid block of black walnut and shows fine workmanship. It sold for \$7 when new.

John E. Barlow is making a specialty of breeding Duroc Jersey hogs, and he has recently brought in a very fine sire at considerable expense. These red hogs are known as the grazing hogs and are getting a good hold in Pocahontas county. Among the farmers having registered stock are W. A. Barlow, Ellis Sharp, Adam Moore, W. J. Barlow, S. P. Curry, Mt. View Orchard Company. Many of these got their foundation from J. E. Barlow. In addition, about a dozen pigs were placed by the Farm Bureau with members of a boys and girls pig club in the Beard community. These were all registered animals and were procured from local breeders.

There is nothing that drags so as the effort to get people to name their homes. Almost any house is entitled to a name, and a great many have names that are kept secret. It is considered by many to be putting on too much dog to give a humble home a name

100-Years-Ago in The Pocahontas Times

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, August 3, 1922

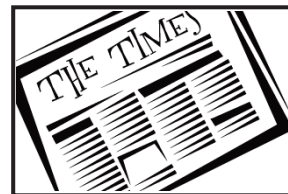
The far-famed "Belled" buzzard, claimed by pioneer residents to be more than one hundred years old, again is hovering over the hills of Pocahontas, Monroe and Mercer counties. Superstitious persons fear a disaster is imminent, in which there will be a great loss of life. They point to past occasions when the buzzard made its appearance, which were followed by calamities.

People by the hundreds are taking advantage of the superior bathing facilities at the Pocahontas county Fair Grounds. A pier has been extended into Gay Eddy, giving water suitable in depth for all ages. The stones are being picked out, steps have been built down the bank, a sawdust trail built to the box stalls of the horse barn, which are being fitted up as dressing rooms.

C. J. McCarty has started the County Centenary exhibit of things of the olden

time for the County Fair by leaving at this office a flail supple and an old brush hook. Both were found around the old McLaughlin house in Marlinton. The brush hook is a battle axe looking arrangement and is similar to one picked up a number of years ago by George Simmons on Williams River and now on exhibit at the Times Office. The flail supple is an innocent looking stick about an inch in diameter and about thirty inches long, with a hole in one end. It was tied to a handle and used to beat our grain. We loaned some farmer our office pair of sickles and we hope he will bring them to the Fair. We do not want them back, as we seldom have any use for them.

Joseph Pennell brought in about as interesting thing for the old settlers' exhibit at the Fair as will be on hand. It is a homemade sausage mill which has been in use for almost one hundred years. It belonged to his father,



Fifty Years Ago

Jane Price Sharp, Editor

Thursday, August 3, 1972

Boys in Service

Sp5 Larry Price has returned from a 12-month tour of duty in Vietnam, and spent a 30-day leave with his parent, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Price, of Durbin...

Award

A special award was presented June 19, 1972 to Arlie Ryder who is employed at Ryder's Texaco and Grocery in Boyer.

The award, a plaque bearing two silver dollars, two Kennedy half-dollars and a specially minted commemorative coin set in an automotive design, was presented for exceptional customer service by a representative of the Gates Rubber Co.

Brownsburg News

Mr. and Mrs. John Williams, of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, and William Gethers, of Buffalo, New York, spent several days with their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Mabel C. Boggs, and other relatives and friends in Brownsburg and Marlinton. This was Mr. Gether's first trip back to West Virginia in 30 years.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Wilson and family, of Steubenville, Ohio, spent last weekend with their father and grandfather, Moody Wilson, and other relatives and friends in Brownsburg and Marlinton.

Mrs. Ethel Stewart, of McLean, Virginia, and Sallie Stewart and Children, of Washington, D. C., spent the weekend with Homer C. Stewart and other relatives in Brownsburg.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Gene Geiger, of Tallahassee, Florida, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Adkins, of Droop, a son named Christopher Allan.

DEATHS

Clem Simmons, of Marlinton; burial in Mountain View Cemetery.

Estes Fennen Crist, 70, of Arbovale; burial in the Arbovale Cemetery.

Donald C. Ervine, 85, of Green Bank; burial in the Arbovale Cemetery.

John Lanty Hogsett, 84, of Marlinton; burial in Mountain View Cemetery.

Mrs. Minnie Myrtle Bolden, 85, of Cass, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Dallis Banks. Burial in the Pleasant Green Church Cemetery.

Mrs. Lola Scruggs Taylor, 90, of Dunmore, a daughter of the late George and Liza Jane Scruggs. Burial in the Dunmore Cemetery.

Mrs. Eula May Sizemore, 72, of Toledo, Ohio; burial in Rosewood Cemetery at Lewisburg.

David Lee Miller, 19, of Ronceverte; burial in the Oak Grove Cemetery.

Gatrel Gibson Rexrode, a daughter of the late William and Delia Cunningham Gibson.

Sterling Lee Gum, 47, of Bartow, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Gum; burial in the Arbovale Cemetery.

Winfred C. Rhea, 57, of Mingo, a son of the late Adam M. Rhea and Myrtle Ellen McCarty Rhea. Burial in the Gibson Cemetery on Elk.

Herman Woodford Tacy, the last grandchild to be called of Dr. Randolph B. Tacy, an early settler in the Boyer community.

Leo Winter McCoy, 62, of Fenwick, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Anderw McCoy, of Pocahontas County. Burial in the Richwood Cemetery.



Pocahontas County Bicentennial 1821 - 2021

Footsteps through History

Thursday, August 6, 1897

THERE SEEMS to be sorrow in the Mingo County jail over the escape of the notorious "Cap." Hatfield, July 29. He cut his way out with a hatchet. A large reward is offered for his capture and return to prison.

A LARGE copperhead was killed near the old Price granary Wednesday morning. This is the first yet killed in this vicinity, where forty years ago the usual quote was from thirty to forty during the season, copperheads and rattlers, with moccasins thrown in.

E. H. SMITH and Walter Tibbs fell out on the street Thursday and came to blows, in which Tibbs was worsted spilling some of his precious gore on the sidewalk and causing passersby to inquire the cause of the blood. We understand the "lie" was passed – and you know the rest.

BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

One of the most substantial and prosperous citizens of our county in its formative period was the late William Sharp, Esq., near Verdant Valley. He was a son of William Sharp, senior, who settled near Huntersville, and whose dwelling was near where the new road around the mountain leaves the old Green Bank road. Traces of it yet remain near the roadside and may be easily noticed by persons passing that way. He had scarcely attained his majority when he

and Elisabeth Waddell were married at Alexander Waddell's. This worthy couple at once settled in the woods and opened up a fine estate out of the forest noted for the tremendous size of it walnut, red oak, and sugar maple trees, and reared a worthy family...

RAILROAD NEWS

The air is thick with rumors of railroads. The Greenbrier Valley, in which we live, is one of the richest and most extensive basins of the State. The river is 170 miles long, 130 miles of which is without a railroad. There is an average width of at least fifty miles in an air-line, between any railroad stations. On every side we hear news of early building of railroads in the Greenbrier Valley, from apparently different sources, but nothing definite. The Bath News says that railroad men about the Hot Springs, whose magnates congregate, say that there are strong indications of a railroad being built this season from the White Sulphur to Marlinton.

The Charleston Gazette prints the following:

It is reported that the C & O will at once begin the construction of a railway up Greenbrier, and that trains will be running to the Forks of Greenbrier before the close of the present year. In that event the West Virginia Central will probably build a road south to a connection with the C & O at that point.

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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, August 4, 2022
Claim Deadline: Monday, October 3, 2022

ESTATE NUMBER: 14414
ESTATE OF: **BERTHA LEE GALFORD**
EXECUTOR: Kevin Gum
1684 Deer Field Drive SW
Ocean Isle Beach, NC 28469

ESTATE NUMBER: 14416
ESTATE OF: **FRANKLIN LEE REXRODE**
EXECUTOR: Gene Charles Rexrode
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ESTATE NUMBER: 14417
ESTATE OF: **DORIS S. HINER-MITCHELL**
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Subscribed and sworn to before me on August 1, 2022.
Melissa L. Bennett
Clerk of the Pocahontas County Commission
8/4/2c

NOTICE TO ARCHITECTS

Pursuant to West Virginia Code §5G-1-3, Pocahontas County Board of Education is seeking expressions of interest from Architectural firms for all professional services to design and provide construction administration for a new standing seam metal roof and replacement of three new boilers and other associated general renovations for the current Marlinton Elementary School.

Architects are invited to submit an expression of interest, to include a statement of qualifications, performance data, and other material information desired no later than Friday, August 12, 2022, 1:00 P.M. (E.S.T.) at the office of the Board of Education of Pocahontas County, Attn: Ronald G. Hall, Director of Maintenance, 404 Old

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A selection team will evaluate the statements of qualifications and will conduct discussions with at least three of the professional firms submitting these statements deemed to be the most highly qualified to provide the service required, rank such firms in order of preference and submit to the Pocahontas County Board of Education for approval.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, August 11, 2022, at 5:30 p.m., prevailing time, a public hearing will be held in the County Commission Meeting Room, Pocahontas County Courthouse, 900 Tenth Avenue, Marlinton, West Virginia, at which time and place all parties in interest may appear before the Pocahontas County Building Commission (the "Building Commission") and may be heard as to whether the following described Ordinance shall be put into effect by the Building Commission.

Notice is further given that the Building Commission contemplates the final enactment on August 11, 2022, of an Ordinance authorizing the issuance of an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$6,000,000 of the Pocahontas County Building Commission, West Virginia, Lease Revenue Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2022 (the "Series 2022 Bond Anticipation Notes") to provide funds for the purpose of financing temporarily a portion of the costs of the renovation, expansion, improvement and equipping of Pocahontas Memorial Hospital and related facilities, including without limitation (i) the renovation of approximately 1,885 square feet of existing space in such hospital and (ii) and the addition of approximately 7,139 square feet of space to such hospital by the expansion of the existing building, and also includes plans to locate existing outpatient ancillary services within the renovated areas, including radiology and cardio-pulmonary which will expand space to add mammography, nuclear medicine and stress testing, and to locate in the new addition the Rural Health Clinic, patient access and waiting areas, as well as physical and occupational therapy (the land, improvements thereon, including without limitation the renovations, expansion, improvements and equipment described above, and related facilities constituting the Pocahontas Memorial Hospital are collectively referred to herein as the "Hospital Facilities") on certain land located at 150 Duncan Road, Buckeye, Pocahontas County, West Virginia, which is owned by The County Commission of Pocahontas County, West Virginia (the "County Commission") and the Pocahontas Memorial Hospital (the "Hospital") and leased to the Building Commission pursuant to a Ground Lease, as amended. The Ordinance further provides for the subleasing of the Hospital Facilities by the Building Commission to the County Commission and the Hospital pursuant to a Sublease Agreement (the "Lease").

The Series 2022 Bond Anticipation Notes (i) will be special obligations of the Building Commission payable solely from proceeds of

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the lease revenue bonds anticipated to be issued to United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, as described below, and/or payments to be received by the Building Commission pursuant to the Lease, and any other permitted sublease of the Hospital Facilities and other security held pursuant to a Bond Purchase Agreement, and (ii) will not constitute a debt or liability of Pocahontas County (except as provided in the Lease) or the State of West Virginia.

The Ordinance further provides for the execution and delivery of a Bond Purchase Agreement among the Building Commission, County Commission, Hospital and initial purchaser of the Series 2022 Bond Anticipation Notes and a Credit Line Deed of Trust and Security Agreement by which the Building Commission will encumber the Hospital Facilities to secure, among other things, the repayment of the Series 2022 Bond Anticipation Notes and assign to the owner(s) of the Series 2022 Bond Anticipation Notes the right to receive rental and other payment under the Lease, or other subleases permitted by the Bond Purchase Agreement, to further secure the owner(s) of such bond anticipation notes. The Hospital Facilities will be subleased by the Building Commission to the County Commission and the Hospital pursuant to the Lease.

It is anticipated that the Series 2022 Bond Anticipation Notes will be paid with the proceeds of one or more lease revenue bonds to be issued by the Building Commission to the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development.

A certified copy of the Ordinance is on file for review by interested persons on each weekday, except holidays, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission, Pocahontas County Courthouse, Marlinton, West Virginia.

Published at the direction of the Pocahontas County Building Commission this 28th day of July 2022.

Ira Turner, Secretary
Pocahontas County Building Commission
7/28/2c

NOTICE OF SPECIAL CANDIDATE FILING PERIOD

The Pocahontas County Board of Education hereby gives notice that pursuant to W. Va. Code 18-5-2, the election to fill a vacancy for the unexpired term in the office of the County Board of Education, Northern or Southern Districts, will be on the ballot for the General Election to be held on November 8, 2022.

Candidates seeking election shall file a certificate of announcement and pay the filing fee to the Clerk of the Pocahontas County Commission no earlier than the first Monday in August and no later than 77 days before the general election.

The candidate filing period will be August 1 – August 23, 2022. Eligibility requirements for county board members can be found in WV Code 18-5-1a.

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WANTED

WANTED - Info on theft and trespassing at Beaver Creek property. Tom Dale. 7/21/4eowp

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

FOR RENT

FOR RENT - Apartment for rent on river next to Red Oak Realty. One bedroom, one bath. Pets? Maybe. First, last and security deposit preferred. \$350/monthly. Call or email Todd at 904-234-8585 or tgrove1028@yahoo.com 8/4/ftn

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HELP WANTED

HELP WANTED - Part-time office help. Apply in person. Hannah Insurance Agency. Beard Heights. 8/4/1c

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

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

POSITION AVAILABLE - The Pocahontas County Solid Waste Authority is accepting applications for a part-time landfill employee. High school diploma or equivalent required. Minimum Class B commercial driver's license and experience operating heavy equipment preferred. Pay is commensurate with experience with no benefits. Applications and a job description may be obtained from the Solid Waste Office at Pocahontas County Courthouse. Applications must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. Friday, August 12, 2022 to: PCSWA, 900-Tenth Avenue, Marlinton, WV 24954. EOE. 8/4/1c

POSITION AVAILABLE - The Pocahontas County Libraries & Visitor Information Centers is hiring at the Linwood Library location. Responsibilities include providing information to residents and visitors, materials circulation and developing programs. Must be able to communicate effectively, provide friendly customer service, and be proficient with technology. 20-32 hours per week, including Saturdays. Candidates should send a résumé, cover letter, and references to: Director, c/o McClintic Public Library, 500 8th Street Marlinton, WV 24954 or email director@pocahontaslibrary.org 8/4/1c

POSITION AVAILABLE - Pocahontas County 911 has an immediate opening for a full-time 911 Dispatcher. Candidates must meet the following requirements:

- At least 18 years of age
- High School Diploma or GED
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Interested parties should apply in person at the Pocahontas County 911 Center, 1008 Jury Street, Marlinton, WV, Monday - Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pocahontas County 911 is an equal opportunity employer. 8/4/2c

POSITION AVAILABLE - The Pocahontas County Assessor's Office is now accepting applications for full-time position as Deputy Assessor (Mapper). This position performs all mapping duties required for the Assessor's Office. Three (3) years' experience in ArcGIS mapping software version 10.8 is required. Proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, Outlook) and general office administration skills are also required. Work will be performed as required and directed by the Assessor.

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2. Have a valid WV driver's license and reliable transportation. Mileage will be reimbursed at the current rate allowed for WV State Employees.
3. Must attend and pass a 3-day Basic Training Class in Charleston, WV.
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The starting salary will range between \$12 and \$15 per hour depending on experience. Benefits are also included. Applications may be obtained at the Assessor's Office, 900 Tenth Avenue, Marlinton, WV 24954 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Applications may be faxed to 304-799-6132 or hand delivered to this office. Applications must be completed and returned no later than 4 p.m. Thursday, August 18, 2022. 8/4/2c

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

POSITIONS AVAILABLE - Jim C. Hamer Company has positions available at the Marlinton location. We offer competitive wage, insurance (includes health, vision and dental) 401-k, paid vacation and holidays, and monthly safety bonuses. If interested, please call 304-799-4922 or stop by our office. EOE. 7/28/2c

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YARD SALE

FOUR-FAMILY YARD SALE - Friday, August 5, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday, August 6, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the home of Andy and Sheila Landis, three miles out Brownsburg Road. Lots of clothes - almost every size. A little bit of everything. Rain or shine. On two large porches. Everyone welcome. Not responsible for accidents. 8/4/1p

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attendance for reaching this milestone. He then gave special recognition to the Greenlees and, with the help of Strawn, presented Joe Greenlee – and Peg – with the Distinguished West Virginian Award.

“First and foremost, I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart about this contribution you’re making,” Justice said. “That is really important, especially to all those great folks in Pocahontas County.”

“Today, I want to make a really, really special award for Joe and to Peg from the standpoint of you all being Distinguished West Virginians,” he continued. “We

want to present that award to you. It’s something that I don’t do very often at all. Since I’ve been in office, six years, given away fifteen of them. So with all that being said, it’s the highest award that we can give in West Virginia. We thank you from the bottom of my heart.”

Also speaking at the ceremony: Governor Jim Justice’s representative Brian Reed; Congresswoman Carol Miller; Senator Joe Manchin’s representative Ben Spurlock; Senator Shelley Moore Capito’s representative Todd Gunter; Pocahontas County Commission president Walt Helmick; PMH CFO Becky Hammer; and PMH CEO Andrew Bair.

The hospital has been through many changes since it opened in 1906 in downtown Marlinton.

It’s been through depressions, fires, financial hardships and the 1985 flood. The hospital was moved in 1995 to its current location in Buckeye and is now undergoing the first phase of its expansion.

The Building on Our Past, Building for Our Future campaign needs \$1.5 million to complete the entire project, which includes the rural health clinic, addition of an out-patient surgery center, increased physical therapy/occupational therapy services, expanded ED department, updated radiology department and a mammography department.

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The Dark Matters

Kickin’, from page 1

grab and go – with the whole rotisserie chickens, family sides of mashed potatoes, beans, coleslaw – all that stuff.”

“There’s something more eternal about what people have been eating at home their whole lives,” Ping added. “The family style, too, is a decent way to give a decent bulk of food at a price we can hopefully make some money on and the person is pumped about getting.”

Along with the family-style meal, the menu includes soups, salads, hoagies and pasta dishes.

Although the name implies that all dishes involve chicken, the truth is, the name was just the most fun and least ridiculous name the partners came up with while brainstorming.

“It doesn’t matter – we could sell frogs on a stick,” Ping said. “The name, I think it’s just fun to say.”

“We did have a few other weird names,” Guiden added. “That one just kind of stuck in my mind.”

“I was goofing around and writing nonsensical things on a sheet of paper and Chicken Thunder came up very early, which – why?” Ping recalled, laughing. “That’s not a good name. It’s a bit ridiculous, which I thought was kind of funny because

Kickin’ Chicken is ridiculous in a different kind of way that works.”

The name stuck and has attracted a fan base for the restaurant which officially opened in January 2022.

Since the opening, the partners have expanded to doing catering jobs and a “kitchen takeover” on Tuesday nights at the Locker Room at Silver Creek for Taco Tuesdays. Ping and Guiden serve chicken and beef tacos with the help of the Locker Room staff.

The Kickin’ Chicken is open Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For a full menu and specials, visit the Kickin’ Chicken and more Facebook Page or call 304-572-4444.

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Council thanked Lanier for her concern and said the ordinance does need to be revised.

No action was taken on the issue and instead, council formed a committee to review the animal/pet ordinance and come up with suggestions for changes.

In other action, council:

- received an update on the 2021 Source Water Protection Plan from water plant operator Sam Dunn. Dunn said the report is digital and has a detailed map of the town’s watershed, but is more than 500 pages, so he did not print extra copies. Dunn said he will provide council with a website to view the plan.

- denied the request to issue a variance for the DNR to issue a crop damage permit for 1208 Second Avenue.

- put a moratorium on burning condemned structures within town limits without the explicit approval from town council.

- hired Olivia Dean as the full-time receptionist for the town office.

Marlinton Town Council meets the first Monday of each month, excluding holidays, at 7 p.m. in the municipal building auditorium. The public is welcome to attend in person or virtually through Zoom.

Soul, from page 1

felt like we needed a little sparkle at this event.

People of all ages can stop by the Marlinton United Methodist Church’s activity booth to make a fun and free craft. You can make a 3D emoji or sand art. Every month, these UMC ladies have brought creative crafts and this month will be no exception! You can find this booth set up right next to the splash pad.

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

There will be a lot happening in the “Kid’s Zone,” an area with hands-on games for the young at heart. This month will feature inflatable Hop ‘N’ Go Horse Races. Saddle up your buckaroos. This is going to be a lot of hopping and bopping fun.

The splashpad will be open and the Pocahontas County Farmers Market will be set up from 3 to 6 p.m. You’ll be able to purchase fresh, locally grown produce, listen to live music, create art and learn about snakes – all at Marlinton’s First Friday.

The Pocahontas County Artisans Co-op will have a “paint by number” mural set up and everyone is welcome



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to help paint. Or you can help complete portions of mosaics which will be a permanent part of the flower beds outside the Railroad Depot. These free art opportunities do not require any previous experience and all materials will be supplied. Come on downtown Friday Celebration. Each event is different, but they are all fabulous. Stroll, shop and shake the night away.

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Court, from page 2

In the case the State vs Tyler Bowman 22, of Lewisburg, the state asked for a "couple of weeks" to obtain information of the alleged victim. Bowman was indicted by the April 2019 Grand Jury on two counts, sexual abuse in the first degree, a felony; one count, sexual assault in the second

degree, a felony; one count, sexual assault in the third degree, a felony.

William Steven Feury, 29, of Marlinton appeared by video from the Tygart Valley Regional Jail for a hearing on a motion to reduce his bail. The court reduced bond to \$3,000 cash, surety or property, with the condition the defendant participate in the Pocahontas County Day Report Program.

A *capias* was issued for

Journey Robinson, 22, of Marlinton, who failed to appear for a hearing on a motion to revoke her bond.

Roy Daniel Myers, 47, of Durbin, waived his right to a speedy trial, and the matter is set for a status hearing August 11. Myers was indicted on one count, child neglect resulting in serious bodily injury, a felony; one count, child neglect creating a substantial risk of death, a felony.

reattachment and losing a limb.

A single attached leech becomes engorged in blood in approximately 45 minutes. Most regimens require applying a single leech every eight hours or three times daily. To ensure a successful reattachment leeches continue to be applied from three to seven days.

Given the facts, most of us would welcome a leech when faced with the alternative.

Another benefit of maggots involves helping law enforcement determine an accurate time of death in a suspected murder. Forensic Etymologists can predict the time of death based on the size of immature maggots and other insects found in corpses.

Rather than being disgusted by the thought of leeches and maggots, we may want to remember the many benefits they offer to humanity.

Until next week,
Ken Springer
Ken1949bongo@gmail.com

years and seven days. Willie had many friends and his prompt and pleasant way of doing errands made him useful to many persons. It was while he was on an errand that he tread upon a nail. The puncture became inflamed and produced blood-poisoning of the heart. He was buried Tuesday afternoon and his grave was previously adorned with beautiful flowers, very tastefully arranged by the young ladies of the vicinity.

"Even so, it is not the will of your Father which is in Heaven that one of these little ones should perish."

W. T. P.

Frank Johnson
Died Friday, July 30, Frank Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Johnson near Verdant Valley, aged seven years.

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Lease, from page 2

the last meeting. Helmick said no motion was necessary, since she already has their approval to do so. Bee-

75, from page 7

Mrs. Edward J. Chestnut; seven brothers, Merl, Howard, Billy, Grady, Larry, Franky and Bernard; three sisters, Mary Grace, Lucy Frances and Erma Gene, all at home... Burial was in the family cemetery near Mountain Grove...

Truly we live in a world where solemn

100, from page 7

Our own house has been tentatively named several times but the name did not take, as they said about the baptism of the boy. But I think that I have got a name at last that has some pep about it. For some years we have been sharing the location with a lot of hornets, and they will build on the corners of the house. They do not harm and, so far, they have not stung anyone

Calendar, from page 4

MEETINGS

Opera House Foundation Tuesday, August 9, 6 p.m. at the opera house. Public is invited.

Pocahontas County Diabetes Support Group Tuesday, August 9, in the PMH Dining Room, 6 to 7 p.m. For more info, contact Amy Kelley at 304-799-7400 ext. 1032.

Allegheny Post 117 Annual Picnic Saturday, August 13, noon, at Donnie Waybright's. Bring a side dish to share. RSVP at 304-456-4738.

PARKS AND REC

Princess in the Park - Sunday, August 7, 2 to 4 p.m. at Stillwell Park Gazebo. Ribbon wands, beaded jewelry, face painting, tea party in a magical kingdom. Princess attire encouraged.

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.

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zley said that if a deal for a lease or a lease to buy is consummated, the commission will have to turn the property over to the Greenbrier Valley Economic Development Corporation to make it happen.

The commission went into

executive session to discuss some personnel matters, but no action was taken as a result.

There were several other items on the agenda, which for one reason or another were postponed or tabled to a future meeting.

shadows are continually falling upon our pathway. Shadows that teach us the uncertainty of all temporal blessings and warn us that "here there is no abiding stay." We have however the blessed satisfaction of knowing that death cannot enter that sphere to which the departed are removed. We must let hope and faith mingle with our natural sorrow, and look to the future where the Sundered ties of earth are reunited.

though they have a habit of hitting a bareheaded person on the head and making him think that he has been shot. So, it is proposed to call the place The Hornet's Nest for a change and see if that gets by.

BIRTH

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Kenny, of Marlinton, a son.

CAPTAIN GILMORE DEAD

Dr. E. G. Herold was called to Highland county on Sunday by the death of his grandfather, Captain Samuel

Gilmore, which occurred on July 20, 1922. For some time, he had been in failing health, and a few days previous to his death he had a fall and a stroke of paralysis. He was nearly 87 years of age.

He was one of the prominent citizens of Highland county, and was widely known in Pocahontas county. During the Civil War he served as a Confederate soldier, being Captain of Co. E. 32nd Virginia Infantry. Funeral services on Monday in charge of the Masons, of which order he had been a member for 58 years.

Wednesdays 5 to 6 p.m. **Zumba** Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 5 p.m. Instructor: Kelly Shifflett.

REUNIONS

Wilfong Family - Saturday, August 6, noon at the Old House Run Picnic Pavilion, Rt. 250 east of Bartow. Bring dessert, drinks and lawn chair.

Schoolcraft/Auldrige 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

PCHS Class of 2000 Saturday, August 6, 4 to 7 p.m.

at the Stillwell Park pavilion. Bring a covered dish, chair, drink, friend or family members. Hot dogs and fixins provided.

Wilfong Reunion - Saturday, August 13, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Stillwell Park Gazebo. Bring drinks and chairs.

Vaughan Family - Sunday, September 4, Droop Mountain State Park South Entrance shelter. Lunch at 1 p.m. For more information call 540-635-9617.

PCHS Class of 1977 - Saturday, September 24, 2 pm. at Stillwell Park. RSVP to Debbie Little Mowbray by September 10, 681-875-0012, acheiva2@yahoo.com or by Facebook Messenger. Visit the Class of 1977 Facebook page for more info.

Your, from page 3

the medical library and take another look at maggots and leeches.

Voila! The creepy crawlers were back in fashion again.

All because we didn't follow our doctor's orders; shame on us.

See any leeches hanging around?

Anytime someone waded through a swamp in the movies, they always exited with a multitude of squiggling leeches hanging from their bodies. Leeches were as ubiquitous in Hollywood productions as quicksand was in the old westerns.

(As far as I know, quicksand has never been a medical therapy. Although we all know someone we would like to try it on, Yes?)

Having experienced dive recovery work in murky freshwater lakes and ponds, I have had my brush (no pun intended) with leeches. I know that when you first see one hanging from an ap-

pendage, there is an overwhelming desire to get it off and fling it as far as possible.

Leeches are parasitic worms that feed on blood, nothing else, just blood. They are exceptionally well equipped to be a squirmy little vampire, having a triangular mouth with three rows of sharp teeth.

You may not notice you have a leech attached to you after exiting leech-infested water because their saliva has both an anticoagulant and a powerful anesthetic.

Both of these features have been a boon to medical practitioners for millennia.

One of the big problems doctors face in attempting to reattach limbs and digits is getting and maintaining blood flow to the reattached body part. Leeches have proven to be indispensable when small veins in the reattached body part collapse.

The leech can ingest a considerable amount of pooled blood and assist in getting the blood flowing to areas where it is vitally needed. It can make a difference between a successful

History, from page 7

Pine-Bark Boats

Everybody is familiar with the birch bark boats, or canoes, of the American Indians, but the fact is not so well known that some of the aboriginal inhabitants of the western shore of this continent were accustomed to making boats of pine-bark. A model of one of these in the Smithsonian museum served recently as a text for a talk by Prof. Otis T. Mason on the evolution of boats. The boat in question was, he said, an exact representation of those in use along certain parts of the Columbia River. It is made of the whole skin of a pine tree, which is turned inside out, the ends being cut obliquely and drawn together in such a manner that the vessel has a pointed ram under water at each end. Directly across the Pacific Ocean from the Columbia is the River Amur in Asia.

Professor Mason thinks the fact that similar boats are found on the Amur may have a bearing on the problem of former emigration from Asia to North America.

THE LEWISBURG FIRE

News comes of a disastrous fire which has befallen Lewisburg. On Friday night, a frame building was burned, but further progress of the flames promptly checked, tho the adjoining house occupied by B. F. Harlow was saved with difficulty.

Tuesday morning, fire again appeared, and the flames became uncontrollable, and the business part of the town suffered grievously, as the following particulars indicate as to the buildings burned:

Stratton's Hotel, both Banks, several law office; the stores of Messrs. Rittenhouse, Henry Ball, D. R. Thomas. Col. Ford, Green & Brady, Moore's drugstore and Parr's saddlery shop.

These fires were probably of incendiary origin. For some unaccountable reason, no mail came from Lewisburg on Tuesday. So far as learned, the property of Mr. B. W. Holt, of Marlinton, in that neighborhood of the burnt district is safe.

DEATH'S HARVEST

Mrs. Laura Curry

The sad information is received that Mrs. Laura Curry unexpectedly died after a brief illness at her home near Hillsboro, last Friday night, July 30. She was the wife of G. J. Curry, a prominent citizen, and a daughter of the late John McCarty. Mrs. Curry was a much-esteemed person, and her decease is deplored by a large circle of relatives and acquaintances. She was a communicant in the pale of the M. E. Church South.

Her remains were placed in the Oak Grove cemetery on Sunday afternoon, attended by a retinue of friends and relatives, in whose hearts her memory will have a warm place for long years to come. Her name is embalmed in all their loving hearts can give "their praises and their tears." W. T. P.

Mrs. Jane Clendenin

July 31st, at her residence at the mouth of Stamping Creek, Mrs. Jane Clendenin, relict of the late William Clendenin, aged 79 years.

She was a very worthy person, and with her the final summons was a welcome release.

"The storm that wrecks the wintry sky No more disturbs her deep repose

Than summer evening, a latest sigh That shuts the rose."

W. T. P.

George Anderson

George William Anderson, only son of Mr. and Mrs. David Anderson, of Marlinton, died on Monday evening, August 2, aged eleven

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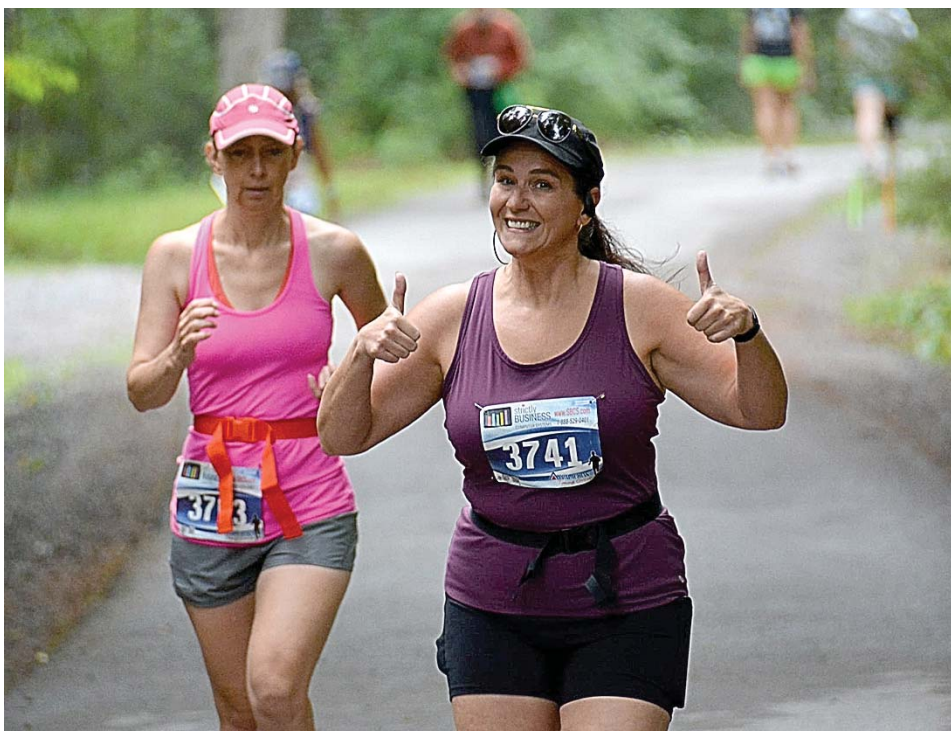
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Watoga Half Marathon and 5K race returns

The seventh annual Watoga State Park Mountain Trail Challenge, half marathon, and 5K race returns to West Virginia's largest state park Saturday, August 13.

Race, walk or stroll along beautiful but challenging trails. All ages and levels of athletes are encouraged to participate in this event that benefits the park through the Watoga State Park Foundation, Inc.

Registration on race day begins Saturday, August 13, at 6:30 a.m. near the Beaver Creek Campground. Participants are also encouraged to sign up online at <https://tinyurl.com/Watoga22>. Early sign-ups receive discounts.

The costs of the 5K race registration is \$35 until August 7; \$40 beginning August 8. Half-Marathon: \$55 until

August 7; \$60 beginning August 8.

The half marathon will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the 5K at 8:40 a.m. Both races will start and end at Watoga's Beaver Creek Campground.

Each of the courses weaves throughout the State Park's various trail systems. The 13.1-mile half marathon begins along the road and airstrip to the Allegheny Trail, which passes through the park, then continues along various single-track trails. You'll climb and descend throughout the course, reaching an elevation of 3,200.

The 3.1-mile 5K race also starts along the grassy airstrip but then turns west into the woods and heads up a ridge through tall pines, hemlock trees and hardwoods. Before returning to

the grassy airship, you'll make your way through a lovely stretch of rhododendrons along Beaver Creek.

Volunteers will cheer you on along the trails and will staff first-aid stations and provide needed hydration.

An after-race cookout is planned, as well.

Participants will be welcomed at the finish line with a post-race celebration that includes awards in each race for first, second and third overall, male and female, plus first and second in each age group, male and female.

For more information, please visit <https://www.watogafoundation.org/watoga-a-mountain-trail-challenge-races/>

If you have any questions about the races, please contact: Maureen Conley at maureenconleywv@gmail.com

Rogers - Kellison Reunion

Linda Carpenter Burgess Reporter

The 45th Rogers-Kellison Family Reunion was held at Watoga State Park July 16 and 17.

We spent the afternoon reuniting with family, some of whom we had not seen in 40 years.

Welcome back.

After dinner, we held a special Rogers Family Trivia Game, hosted by Adam Burgess.

The winner, Susie Workman McCree, received a pillow quilt.

Then came the auction, an event we all look forward to.

Sunday, at our business meeting, we recognized special anniversaries, graduations and birthdays of family members.

We also awarded gold dollars to the oldest family member, Phyllis Rogers Barnett, and the youngest member, Samuel Presley Sharp, three months old.

We had a drawing for a quilt that was made by the late Betty Rogers Carpenter, and the winner of the quilt was Mike Rogers.

A brief memorial was held to honor a loved one, Doug Jackson, who recently passed away.

After a delicious dinner, we held a corn hole tourna-

ment, and the winners were Steve Burgess and Sam Carpenter. Second place went to Craig Gaddis and Roger Sharp.

Those attending came from Georgia, Tennessee, Ohio, Virginia and West Virginia.

Gladys Rogers Carpenter Family - Jackie, Joyce, Shantel, Terry, Harley, Bailey, Samantha and guest.

Betty Rogers Carpenter Family - Sam, Jeanine, Eric, Kayden, Linda, Lloyd, Carol, Craig, Rachel, Ryan, Steve, Jen, Lauren, Adam, Will, Evie and guests, Michael Pepi and Austin Turner.

Dot Rogers Jackson Family - Danny and Dee

Grace Rogers Workman Family - Sollie, Anne, Tommy, Anne, Susie, Steve, Kevin, Chuck and Amy.

Helen Rogers Sharp Family - Roger, Jeanie, Tesa, Allison, Gary, Marie, Jennifer, Henry, Brooks, Conner, Eric, Leslie, Lainy, Easton, Ronnie, Debbie, Ben, Ashley and Samuel.

Don Rogers Family - Mike, Cindy, Grant and Cole.

Phyllis Rogers Barnett Family - Phyllis, Bill, Steve, Bev, Pam, John and Julie.

Lemaster (Uncle Buzz) Family - Richard and Melondy Phillips, Scott Wilson,

Barbara Chauncey, Barbara Eatmon and Danielle Horton.

Lena Roger Family - Sherry Anderson

A special thanks to Susie and Gary and every one who helped to make this reunion a great success.

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