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New life for the Frost School

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

Everywhere you look in Pocahontas County, there are remnants of the past – reminders of those who settled here and founded all the small towns that make up this large county.

For the small town of Frost, one of those remnants is the schoolhouse on Rt. 92. In use by 1892, with a new addition in 1912, the school closed in 1963. Once it closed, the school was used as a hay barn and nature slowly took over the building.

Large trees grew between building and the road, hiding most of it from view and, in addition to that, poison ivy took up residence in abundance.

It seemed as though the building would slowly crumble into itself and we would lose one more landmark of a bygone era. That is until the Benson family came along.

William and Sarah Benson, and their son, Jolly, all from Key West, Florida, fell in love with the old school building, so they bought it – and the farmhouse beside it –



AFTER TREES AND poison ivy removal, the Frost schoolhouse became more visible, as restoration is underway. The school's owners, William, Sarah and Jolly Benson, have been hard at work – with the help of local contractors and friends – bringing the building back to life. Above, Sarah and William discuss the project with contractor Caleb Pugh. S. Stewart photo

with plans to restore both.

William and Jolly are electrical contractors and have done several restoration projects in Key West, but the family had their sights set on something more when they came across Frost.

“My uncle has a cabin over in Mingo, and I’ve been coming here for about twenty years,” Jolly said. “I

was always looking for something – and then this popped up.

“We were looking at a house in Marlinton to buy as a project,” Sarah said.

Oddly enough, Jolly found the school online around the same time his parents found it in person.

“There were two days that I was looking at this, and I

didn’t want to tell [them] about it because it was a bigger project than we were initially looking for,” Jolly said. “They were in the area and they said, ‘we found this other thing,’ and I said, ‘Funny on that, let’s go for it,’ and here we are.”

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GBO joins CHIME project

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

There has been new construction at the Green Bank Observatory of a uniquely shaped radio telescope, which is part of CHIME – Canadian Hydrogen Intensity Mapping Experiment.

Canadian astronomers began the experiment in 2017 with four antennas at the Dominion Radio Astrophysical Observatory in British Columbia, Canada. The project has now expanded to include a smaller version of the CHIME instrument at the GBO.

“In the last few years – I’d say in the last five years – there’s been a larger experiment in Canada that is CHIME,” GBO scientist Andrew Seymour said. “It was built to map hydrogen at a very far distance away, but during that time, there’s been a lot of development with mysterious objects called Fast Radio Bursts [FRB]. These are short-lived bursts that are only in ten milliseconds natively, but they have hallmarks of coming from other galaxies.”

With the discovery of the



THE NEWEST ADDITION at Green Bank Observatory is a uniquely shaped antenna which is part of the CHIME – Canadian Hydrogen Intensity Mapping Experiment – project. When construction is complete, the antenna will be used to observe Fast Radio Bursts. S. Stewart photo

FRBs, the GBO CHIME instrument will track the bursts to attempt to locate their origin.

While the main CHIME project is an array of four large antennas shaped like a half-pipe, the GBO will have only one antenna.

“You’re trying to figure out what’s going on by tak-

ing a large number of samples,” Seymour said. “This really isn’t easy with the GBT or things like that because they have been designed to look at a very narrow spot – with great sensitivity – so we needed something different. This telescope, which is a fixed telescope that monitors the

entire sky each day seemed to be the thing.

“So, it was adapted to search for these Fast Radio Bursts,” he continued. “Normally, during this time, there are probably twenty or thirty candidates. After CHIME came online, there are over

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THE MILKY WAY Galaxy as it appears over Watoga State Park lake. Photo courtesy of Jeff Ball

This party’s just getting started

John C. Dean
Contributing Writer

Having attained international recognition, what’s on the celestial horizon for West Virginia’s newest stars on the dark sky park tourism circuit?

Get ready to celebrate unlike anywhere else in the world – or the universe for that matter.

Receiving national and international attention are Watoga and Droop Mountain Battlefield state parks, along with Calvin Price State Forest, which comprise the first-ever international dark sky parks in the Mountain State.

In addition to the thousands of acres of land mass, the breathtaking picturesque setting above is home to billions of galaxies, stars, dark holes and constellations of untold and unknown acreage.

Now, this scenic tourist mecca is gearing up for its inaugural star party scheduled for Friday, September 2.

When the International Dark-Sky Association (IDA), the leading advocate fighting light pollution in the world, announced this certification last year, it proclaimed these areas as “one of the largest and darkest sky sheds within the eastern United States.”

Anticipation and interest in this star-gazing extravaganza have been building locally, regionally and nationally for more than three years.

Tucked away in the scenic highlands of Pocahontas County are three heavily forested areas which are so dark that sometimes you cannot see the person standing next to you.

“In the dark, I can’t even see my hand in front of my

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Where: The Tower at Droop Mountain Battlefield State Park in Hillsboro.

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face,” some visitors have commented. In fact, for years, the number one selling postcard at Watoga State Park has been one of complete darkness.

For centuries, stargazers, professional photographers and astronomers have been drawn to the region’s dark skies. Celebrating its bicentennial this fall, Pocahontas County touts many other tourist attractions including several state parks and forests, along with the Monongahela National Forest, Snowshoe Ski Resort, the acclaimed Green Bank Observatory, and the birthplace of Pulitzer Prize-winning author Pearl S. Buck.

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Nature’s MOUNTAIN PLAYGROUND
POCAHONTAS COUNTY, WV

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Broadband Project delayed to July 2024

Tim Walker
AMR Reporter

At the July 28 Pocahontas County Broadband Council meeting, Cory Nipper of Thompson and Litton, reported that the start-up on the construction of the broadband project, approved last fall, has been delayed from late 2022 until July 2024. He said this occurred due to delays by one of Thompson and Litton's subcontractors. The project was approved under a Power Grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC). Council members expressed disappointment and concerns about this lengthy delay, especially since under the terms of the approved ARC Power Grant, the deadline for completion of the project is September of 2024. Completion of the project construction will be well beyond that deadline if construction doesn't even begin

until July 2024. However, Amanda Smarr with Region 4 said that an extension of that deadline date can be requested from the ARC.

Members were also concerned about how this delay should be presented at the Broadband Town Hall scheduled for September. One of the reasons for holding the Town Hall was to celebrate the upcoming construction. Mike Holstine said he wanted Thompson and Litton to address the new timeline for the project at the Town Hall meeting and answer any questions from the public about the timeline.

Region 4 executive director John Tuggle announced that Roane County and CityNet have signed a preliminary agreement on a plan for Roane County to retain ownership of a portion of the fiber lines in that county's broadband project. That agreement will still need to be approved by legal counsel. Pocahontas

County hopes to use the Roane County agreement as a model for it to retain ownership of part of any fiber lines constructed here as a result of any county-funded broadband project.

Members of the committee – Sam Felton, Ruthana Beezley and Jesse Grose – are planning a discussion before recommending a legal firm to the County Commission. Several firms have submitted bids to represent the county in regard to broadband legal matters.

As to other broadband grants or funding opportunities, it was announced that Reconnect Round 3 grant and loan announcements from the USDA have begun. There have been no new funding programs announced by the state at this time.

A discussion about Frontier was tabled until the next Council Meeting, which is scheduled for Thursday, August 11, at 1 p.m.

Inflation Reduction Act Indefensible

By U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.)

With the U.S. economy now likely in a recession, inflation at its highest point in 40 years and Americans paying more for just about everything, you'd think now would be a good time to hold off on pouring more fuel on the fire.

Yet, inexplicably, Democrats have revived their reckless tax-and-spending spree, formerly known as Build Back Better and now, laughably, called the "Inflation Reduction Act."

In doing so, they are choosing to ignore the consequences of inflation for working families and push our economy even further to the brink.

Americans understand pumping hundreds of billions of dollars into the economy and raising taxes will certainly not reduce inflation.

How do we know? Because we've lived it.

In March 2021, Democrats passed the "American Rescue Plan," another inaccurately named, \$1.9 trillion spending package. Studies have shown, and economists agree, the bill, which passed without a single Republican vote, significantly contributed to the current inflation that has driven up prices for producers, wholesalers and consumers at record levels.

So, what's in this version of Build Back Better? In addition to repeating the same mistakes Democrats made to steer our economy into a recession, there are several harmful provisions that couldn't come at a worse time for working West Virginia families right now.

To start, if you make less than \$400,000, your taxes will go up. That's right: At a time when Americans are struggling to put gas in their car, afford groceries and pay their utility bills, Democrats want to increase your taxes.

This isn't a talking point. It's what the nonpartisan, Joint Committee on Taxation's analysis of this reckless tax-and-spending spree found.

The bill also implements a book minimum tax to penalize companies for, well, doing business here in America. Ironically, the Tax Foundation found that the industry that would be hit hardest by the book minimum tax is coal.

In fact, more than 50 percent of the tax's impact would be on manufacturers. So, if you work in manufacturing, keep in mind that anyone voting for this latest Build Back Better bill is comfortable putting you at risk of being sent to the unemployment line.

The tax-and-spending spree also is littered with the far-left's Green New Deal wish-list items, like nearly

\$370 billion in "climate change" tax credits and other wasteful spending, including subsidizing wealthy Americans who want to buy electric vehicles. Meanwhile, there is a new methane fee targeting oil and natural gas production at a time when energy costs remain high.

Passing this bill means giving \$40 billion to the Environmental Protection Agency. This money would create new and duplicative programs, like a \$27 billion "Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund," \$5 billion for "Climate Pollution Reduction Grants" and \$3 billion for "Climate and Environmental Justice Block Grants."

Additionally, tens of millions of dollars are sent to the EPA with the instruction to "carry out, with respect to greenhouse gases" the same section of the Clean Air Act used by the Obama administration to develop the Clean Power Plan.

West Virginians have seen before how devastating it is when the EPA sets its sights on our state's coal and natural gas industries. Why on earth would we want to supersize this agency?

We also are being told that a key component of this effort is a promise for legislation later on easing the

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August Grand Jury Indictments

The Pocahontas County Grand Jury convened for two days last week and handed up indictments against 15 individuals.

Arraignments for the following individuals will be held Wednesday, August 17, before the honorable Judge Robert E. Richardson:

Clayton R. Wykle, 48, of Lindsie – One Count, Obtaining Property in Return for Worthless Check, a felony; One Count, Fraudulent Schemes, a felony.

Logan R. Fedak, 18, of Bartow – One Count, Sexual Abuse in the First Degree, a felony; One Count, Attempted Sexual Abuse in the First Degree, a felony.

Jeremia Paul Hedrick, 32, of Circleville – One Count, Possession with Intent to Deliver Marijuana a Schedule I, Controlled Non-Narcotic

Substance, a felony; One Count, Possession with Intent to Deliver Methamphetamine a Schedule II, Controlled Non-Narcotic Substance, a felony.

Kristina Bennett, 42, of Circleville – One Count, Driving Under the Influence Third Offense, a felony.

Ross G. Benedict, 36, of Marlinton – One Count, Burglary, a felony; One Count, Destruction of Property, a misdemeanor.

Derek S. Hannah, 36, of Marlinton – One Count, Possession with Intent to Deliver Methamphetamine a Schedule II, Controlled Non-Narcotic Substance, a felony; Two Counts, Possession with Intent to Deliver a Schedule V Controlled Non-Narcotic Substance, a misdemeanor; Two Counts, Person Prohibited from Possessing a

Firearm, a misdemeanor.

Luke M. Gum, 34, of Dunmore – Three Counts, Sexual Abuse in the First Degree, a felony; Three Counts, Sexual Abuse by a Parent, Guardian or Custodian of a Child, a felony; Four Counts, Sexual Assault in the First Degree, a felony.

Eli P. Pritt, 22, of Marlinton – One Count, Entry of a Building Other Than a Dwelling, a felony; One Count, Grand Larceny, a felony.

Arraignments for the following individuals will be held Thursday, August 18, before the Honorable Judge Jennifer P. Dent:

Michael Thomas Caldwell, 44, of Slaty Fork – One Count, Fleeing from Law Enforcement with

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Senate passes Inflation Reduction Act

U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) released the following statement on the U.S. Senate passing the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022.

The historic legislation will address record inflation by paying down our national debt, lowering healthcare costs, and increasing American energy production to provide relief at the pump and bolster energy security. The legislation will now move to the U.S. House of Representatives. Manchin also secured a commitment from President Joe Biden, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi to move a comprehensive permitting reform package before the end of the fiscal year on September 30, 2022.

"For years, I have worked across the aisle to determine the most effective way to increase domestic energy production, lower energy and healthcare costs, and pay down our national debt without raising costs for working Americans," Manchin said. "The Inflation Reduction Act is the product of that work, and I am proud the Senate passed this bill that will lower the inflation taxes that have been so hurtful for West Virginians and American families.

By investing in American energy production and innovative technologies the U.S. is on a path toward energy security, lower gas and home energy prices and we are leading the fight on global climate. By ensuring fairness in our federal tax code so that the largest and most profitable corporations pay their fair share, we can begin to get our financial house in order while protecting working Americans and small businesses. I look forward to seeing the U.S. House of Representatives pass this important legislation and President Biden quickly signing it into law. We are moving full steam ahead on comprehensive bipartisan permitting re-

form so we can efficiently and safely bring more domestic energy projects online. Congress will pass that legislation next month."

Senator Manchin also voted last week to support Finland and Sweden's acceptance into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and the expedited ratification of accession protocols.

"As Putin's war in Ukraine endures, a strong NATO must be one of our highest priorities," Manchin said. "I voted for the acceptance of Finland and Sweden into NATO, and I strongly support their critical inclusion.

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Magistrate Court

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

In Magistrate Cynthia Broce-Kelley's court:

Rongmon Bordoloi, 37, of Durham, North Carolina, pleaded no contest July 5 to a charge of obedience to traffic-control devices. Bordoloi was assessed \$199.64 in court costs and fines.

Stephen Allen Hefner, 36, of Marlinton, pleaded guilty July 15 to two counts of shoplifting. Hefner was assessed \$530.48 in court costs, fines and restitution.

Matthew L. Howard, 42, of Valley Head, pleaded no contest July 12 to a charge of operation without certificate of inspection or failure to produce certificate. Howard was assessed \$195.25 in court costs and fines.

Joe Richmond, 25, of Buckeye, pleaded guilty July 29 to a charge of improper lane change. Richmond was assessed \$199.64 in court costs and fines.

Danielle Lee Smith, 33, of Beckley, pleaded no contest July 15 to charges of unsafe and improperly equipped vehicle and driving while license suspended or revoked. Smith was assessed \$570.50 in court costs and fines.

Samuel Matthew Swartz,

20 of Buckeye, pleaded guilty July 29 to a charge of driving while license suspended or revoked. Swartz was assessed \$275.25 in court costs and fines.

James Robert Burr, 65, of Craigsview, pleaded no contest July 25 to a charge of approaching emergency vehicle improperly. Burr was assessed \$225.25 in court costs and fines.

Jason Cassell, 42, of Marlinton, pleaded no contest July 22 to a charge of operation without certificate of inspection or failure to produce certificate. Cassell was assessed \$195.25 in court costs and fines.

Gavin Ferguson, 20, of Valley Head, pleaded guilty July 27 to a charge of domestic battery – unlawful physical contact of insulting/provoking nature. Ferguson was sentenced to three months suspended jail, six months suspended unsupervised probation and assessed \$225.25 in court costs and fines.

Kimberly D. McMillion, 51, of Marlinton, pleaded no

contest July 7 to a charge of operation without certificate of inspection or failure to produce certificate. McMillion was assessed \$195.25 in court costs and fines.

In Magistrate Jennifer Dunz's court:

Myles Ayres, 24, of Ronceverte, pleaded no contest July 21 to charges of driving while license suspended or revoked and no vehicle insurance. Ayres was assessed \$650.50 in court costs and fines.

Logan Ryan Beach, 34, of Scott Depot, pleaded guilty July 15 to a charge of motorboat required equipment – flotation device. Beach was assessed \$195.25 in court costs and fines.

Journey Elizabeth Robinson, 21, of Marlinton, pleaded guilty July 11 to charges of knowingly or intentionally possessing a controlled substance without a valid prescription and driving while license suspended and revoked. Robinson was assessed \$550.50 in court costs and fines.

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Coming to the Opera House stage

Pocahontas County Opera House will present an evening of music with John “Some Kind of Wonderful” Ellison and The Carpenter Ants. Saturday, August 20, at 7:30 p.m.

Singer/songwriter/guitarist John Ellison was born on the banks of the Kanawha River in a driftwood shack built by his father, a coal miner. When the house washed away in a flood, his family moved to McDowell County.

At 18, inspired by Chuck Berry and the desire to leave the coalfields, Ellison quit his job at the Carter Hotel in Welch and boarded a bus for Rochester, New York. In 1966, he joined the Soul Brothers Six, signed with Atlantic Records and, on the

way to their first recording session, wrote “Some Kind of Wonderful.”

In 1974, Grand Funk Railroad released a version of the song that reached the No. 3 spot in the nation. To date, more than 60 artists have recorded the song. An astute businessman, Ellison retained the rights to his signature song and started his successful Some Kind of Wonderful Foods.

Ellison continues to write and record and regularly performs in the U.S. and Europe with West Virginia’s premier rhythm and blues group, The Carpenter Ants – guitarist Michael Lipton, drummer Jupiter Little, bassist Ted Harrison and vocalist/saxophonist Charlie Tee – have quietly amassed a résumé

that rivals many national groups. The group’s trademark country-soul sound – rich, soulful harmonies, stinging solos and a rock-solid rhythm section – captures that rare, loose-but-tight feel, and has won the band international as well as regional fans.

Tickets for the Opera House performance are \$10 for adults. Admission is free for anyone 17 years old and younger. Tickets are available at the 4th Avenue Gallery in Marlinton, pocahontasoperahouse.org and at the door the evening of the performance.

The Opera House Performance Series is presented with financial assistance through a grant from the West Virginia Department of

Arts, Culture and History with approval from the West Virginia Commission on the Arts. Support is also provided by Pocahontas County Dramas, Fairs and Festivals, and the Pocahontas County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Performances at the Opera House are informal, family-friendly, and open to all. The entrance and main seating are accessible to persons with disabilities. Persons with disabilities are encouraged to attend; special accommodations can be arranged upon request.



TRIVIA – a little something to think about

Courtesy of Chuck Cornell

1. This passerine bird, often called the Blackyard Bully, is very aggressive toward other birds. It raids nests and kills other birds. It’s bold, noisy and garrulous –and will chase away hawks and owls. What is it?

2. Mark Anthony, in Shakespeare’s Julius Caesar, had a famous line. “Friends, Romans, Countrymen...” what are the next four words?

3. Long before the compass was used for navigation, the folks of the Han Dynasty in China used a certain chunk of rock – a naturally magnetized ore of iron. Name this magnetite mineral.

4. This former Marine received an undesirable discharge. He worked as a lathe operator at an electronics factory in Minsk, Russia, from 1959 to 1961. He and his new wife, Marina Prusakova and infant daughter were granted repatriation back to the U. S. in June 1962. Who was he?



‘They fly through the air with the greatest of ease’
The Buzzard

Watch them daily from the crest of Caesar Mountain, and they never fail to amaze. I’m speaking of the turkey vulture aka the buzzard; another friend of mankind who gets few accolades for a job well done.

It’s true, the buzzard will not win any beauty contest, given its dull coloration and ugly featherless red head.

Yet, they are the masters of soaring, and something glider pilots have been attempting to emulate since the dawn of aviation. Buzzards make the spectacle of catching the thermals a fine art. They sometimes ascend to great heights without ever

flapping their wings. Let’s see the crows do that!

Then there’s the fact that the buzzard performs a necessary service seldom appreciated. Death is frequent among wildlife in a violent world of predators and prey.

Add into the equation the wildlife killed both intentionally and unintentionally by man. You can appreciate that there are many dead carcasses out there lying about at any given moment.

Just consider the many dead animals seen on the highways alone.

Buzzards find their food by flying around using their powerful sense of smell and sight to locate a meal.

Buzzards are scavengers and eat carrion, preferring their meat, let’s just say – well-aged. Their unique adaptation to this form of dining is an exceptionally acidic stomach.

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THE BUZZARD, A first class aviator. Photo courtesy of Marianne Fluckiger/Pixabay

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Marlinton Mayor's Corner

By Sam Felton

I attended three days of the 53rd Annual Conference of the West Virginia Municipal League in Morgantown last week. The goal of the WVML Conference is to provide valuable and practical information that will benefit every municipal government and the communities they serve. They accomplished their goal.

At the Wednesday morning opening session, attendees experienced an opening prayer by one of our state department executives that made me glad to be in attendance. Following comments by Morgantown Mayor Jenny Selin, State Auditor J.B. McCuskey and others, I attended sessions on cybersecurity and employment law. Afternoon sessions touched upon Congressional Earmarks, Dealing with Dilapidated Properties and Land Reuse. Senator Manchin zoomed in for a General Ses-

sion of Q&A in the evening. Thursday morning included a Listening Session on Barriers to Federal Funding. Marlinton is not the only Town dealing with a slow, cumbersome and often infuriating process. (There was enough listening to go around).

Afternoon sessions included Funding Water and Sewer Projects in West Virginia and a Reintroduction to USDA Rural Development. Speakers in both sessions confirmed ARPA funding of a backhoe is an eligible expenditure. Also, here is a good place to note, the Town's backhoe is nearly 25 years old, needing repairs, and backhoes will not be getting any cheaper.

The Honorable Governor James C. Justice III came and spoke to conference attendees at the beginning of the Awards Luncheon. The Governor said, "Who would have ever thought West Vir-



THE TOWN OF Marlinton received the All Star Community Award at the 53rd Annual Conference of the West Virginia Municipal League.

ginia would be in the current phase of growth, and West Virginia is literally in the forefront of notable places being looked to, from around the world."

I am pleased to share that, during the awards ceremony, the Town of Marlinton received an All-Star Community Award in Recognition for Exceptional Performance and Innovative Contributions to A Progressive Municipal Government.

Finally, I was asked why I was not at the Opera House

last Wednesday for the session with Randall Reid Smith from the State Department of Arts, Culture and History. Now you know why I was not there. But Randall came to me after the Thursday luncheon and told me how much he enjoyed his trip to Marlinton, and he looks forward to coming back and working with us.

Truly, as the Governor said, good things are happening all over the great State of West Virginia. Until next time...

Poetry Corner

JACOB MARLIN AND STEPHEN SEWELL
(Hunters who lived in adjoining tree trunks and disagreed on theology.)

Their hollow trees stood bark to bark,
They built two fires to melt one dark
And to disperse one copper fear.
They notched two sticks to count one year.

The English Rubric was the bone
To chew together, gnaw alone.
Since Jake confirmed, and Steve denied,
And both beliefs seemed justified
In scripture which they knew by rote
And did not hesitate to quote.

Each mountain down the hill-domed air
Carried two versions of one prayer:
"Guide poor blind Steve for Jesus' sake" –
"Send Wisdom, Lord, to lame-brained Jake."

From: *Gauley Mountain*
A History in Verse
Poems by Louise McNeill



What's Cookin'?

With Sally Cobb

Tiella

Alisa Perdu
The Market Bulletin
Volume 106, No. 8
1 large potato
1 medium zucchini
1 bell pepper, any color
1 medium onion
8 oz. can of tomato sauce
or sauce from your garden
1/2 cup mozzarella cheese
1/3 cup parmesan cheese
Basil
Garlic
Preheat oven to 350°.
Spray the bottom of a casserole dish with cooking spray.

Thinly slice potato, zucchini and onion, and cut the pepper into rings.
In the casserole dish, layer

potatoes, zucchini and pepper rings.

Top with a layer of onions and 1/2 cup mozzarella.

Cover vegetables and cheese with 4 oz. tomato sauce.

Add another layer of potatoes and zucchini and the rest of the tomato sauce.

Add basil and garlic to taste and top off with parmesan cheese.

Bake for 1 hour and 20 minutes.

Let cool 5 minutes before serving.

You can swap ingredients in this recipe based on what's ripe in your garden. You can also add ground beef or sausage, if desired.

Office of the Commissioner of Agriculture

KENT A. LEONHARDT
agriculture.wv.gov



The 97th annual State Fair of West Virginia kicks off Thursday, August 11, and the West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) will play a big part in the 10-day event. From the livestock shows to the dairy birthing center, the Produce Safety Trailer to the West Virginia Country Store, agriculture is at the heart of the State Fair.

"The State Fair is a reminder of the proud place agriculture has in the history of our State," Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt said. "But it also shows how important agriculture is to the security and health of our citizens today. As we continue to face rising inflation, supply chain issues, re-

cover from a pandemic and experience higher energy prices, we as a State must embrace and celebrate our agricultural industries and its farmers."

The West Virginia Country Store in the Gus R. Douglass Annex will be filled with West Virginia Grown products from all across the state. From jams and jellies made with West Virginia berries to honey collected from Mountain State hives, the Country Store will feature more than 40 vendors who proudly call West Virginia home.

Also in the annex, you'll find the WVDA apiarists who will explain how honeybees help make agriculture possible. They'll have a demonstration hive behind

glass so folks can get up close and see the bees at work. WVDA Plant Industries staff will also be on hand to talk about invasive pests impacting our forests.

The WVDA Produce Safety trailer and tent will be set up directly across from the beer garden and feature new, interactive games. In addition, growers will be able to sign up for free On-Farm Readiness Reviews or on-site visits to determine improvements to their growing and processing operations.

Next to the Dairy Birthing Center, the WVDA Dairy Display will be stationed where children can spin a wheel and win prizes while they learn about West Vir-

ginia's dairy industry. Because of the on-going Avian Influenza (AI) outbreak in surrounding states, the Poultry Building will not feature live birds during the fair. However, fairgoers may stop by between 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. to visit educational displays and to sample poultry products.

Much of the action at the State Fair takes place at the livestock barns. Hundreds of cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, rabbits, llamas and horses will be on display. The WVDA Animal Health staff will be on hand throughout the fair checking in animals, making sure there are no signs of communicable diseases. They also make sure all testing requirements have been met and the proper movement documents are in place. If you have animal health questions, you can contact the WVDA Animal Health Division at 304-558-2214.

Community Calendar

OPERA HOUSE

"All Under Heaven: Life of Pearl," a one-woman theatre event based on the amazing life of Pearl S. Buck. Written by Valerie Harper, "Rhoda" of the Mary Tyler Moore Show. Saturday, August 13, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

John "Some Kind of Wonderful" Ellison and The Carpenter Ants Saturday, August 20, at 7:30 p.m. The group's trademark country-soul sound – rich, soulful harmonies, stinging solos and a rock-solid rhythm section – captures that rare, loose-but-tight feel, and has won the band international as well as regional fans. Tickets, \$10, are available at the door, in advance at the 4th Avenue Gallery and at pocahontasoperahouse.org

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Election Poling Place for Precinct 2 – Bartow has been changed from the Frank Church of the Nazarene to the Mountain State Hot Spot.

Pocahontas Memorial Hospital Public Health 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.

EVENTS

State Fair of West Virginia Thursday, August 11, to Friday, August 19. Gates open at 9 a.m. Carnival rides open at 11 a.m. Gate specials throughout the week include First Energy's Magic Monday (8/15), Senior Citizen's Day (8/16), the Early Bird

Special sponsored by Diversified Energy featuring \$1 admission from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (8/17) and Military Discount Day (8/17). Children ages 10 and under will once again get in free all day, every day.

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Pork Roast from 5 - 6 p.m
before the scrimmage.
Pork Roast Sandwich, Two Sides, Dessert and Drink - **\$10**
Game admission is free.

Come out and support PCHS Football and Cheerleaders!

All proceeds support PCHS Football and Cheerleading programs.

Farmers Market Vouchers for Seniors

Pocahontas County Senior Citizens will distribute Senior Farmers Market Vouchers on the following days/locations.

Monday, August 15 • 2-3 p.m.
Hillsboro Satellite Center
(next to Hillsboro Elementary School)

Wednesday, August 17 • 2-3 p.m.
Marlinton Senior Center
(20626 Seneca Trail, Marlinton)

Friday, August 19 • 2-3 p.m.
Green Bank Senior Center
(4500 Potomac Highlands Trail, Green Bank)

To obtain a voucher booklet you need to know your yearly/monthly income. We will provide a guideline sheet but you must know your income. One booklet per participant. If you cannot be there to receive your booklet you may appoint a proxy. The proxy will need to bring a signed permission slip with the senior's name, address, date of birth, monthly/yearly income and the county in which they live.

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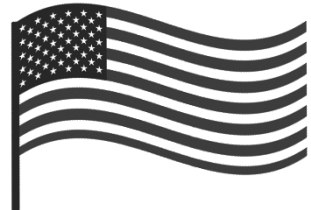
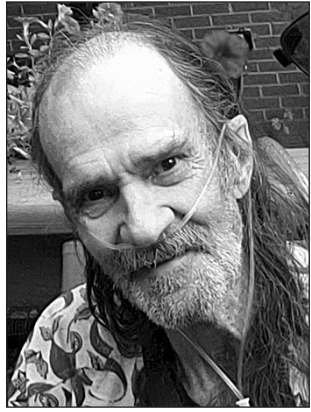
Obituaries

Sandra Arbogast

Sandra Joann Moore Arbogast, age 50, of Marlinton, died Monday, July 11, 2022, at Mon Health Medical Center in Morgantown, surrounded by her children and loved ones.

A memorial service will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, August 13, 2022, at VanReenen Funeral Home with Rev. Julian Rittenhouse officiating.

Friends may call one hour prior to the service.



Robert Burner

Robert Edwin Burner, age 68, of Morgantown, died Saturday July 30, 2022, at his home with his wife, Doanda Wheeler Little Burner, at his side.

Born January 2, 1954, in Morgantown, he was the younger son of the late Eugene Lee Burner and Bonnie Dell Pugh Burner. His grandparents were Dr. Allen Eugene Burner and Mabel Olivet Wilson Burner, who lived in Durbin, and the Reverend John William Pugh and Milda A. Gragg Pugh, who lived in Boyer.

Bobby was raised in Brookhaven, near Morgantown. After graduating from Morgantown High School, PFC Burner served two years in the US Army as a radio operator, and one year with the U.S. forces in Wiesbaden, Germany. He was a carpenter and painter by trade.

From both sides of the family Bobby inherited the genes of the avid outdoorsman and fisherman, and was always prepared with a fishing pole and hook in case he passed a stream that looked promising. He was a true gentleman like his father and learned about faith and compassion from his mother.

He was an amazing five-year survivor of cancer and debilitating complications. He inspired everyone with his strength and we all miss him dearly.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions to WV Caring at 3437 University Avenue, Morgantown, WV 26505.

A special thanks to the hospice nurses, Cindy, Carrie and Lindsey, who provided excellent help as caretakers during his daily struggles this last year.

In addition to his parents and grandparents, he was preceded in death by his sister-in-law, Susan Gail Martin Burner, and long-time part-

ner, Pamela Moser.

In addition to his wife, Bobby is survived by a brother, Allen Lee Burner, and wife, Jean, of Morgantown; sister, Louise Burner, and husband, Craig Goheen, of Cass; nieces, Abbie Wallace, of Fairmont, and Alison Safrit, of Cass; nephews, Allen E. Burner, of Staunton, Virginia, and Craig A. Burner, of Florida; and grand-nieces-and-nephews, Willow, Madilynn, Emma, Baylee, Gabriella, Indigo, Christian and Nathaniel. He is also survived by the three young men he helped raise, Josh, Daniel and Jacob Finnis, of Morgantown.

A Celebration of Life will be held graveside at Arbovale Cemetery Saturday August 13, 2022, at 10 a.m. with military honors by the US Army and the Pocahontas County Military Honor Guard. Friends and family are invited to attend. Plans for another celebration for friends in the Morgantown area will be finalized later this year.

Smith Funeral and Cremation Care in Morgantown is honored to be assisting the family.

Messages of comfort and other symbolic gestures for the family may be offered at www.smithfcc.com

Gaynell Curry

Gaynell Wagner Curry, age 92, former resident of Marlinton, peacefully passed into eternal life Thursday morning, March 26, 2020, at The Brier in Ronceverte.

Born January 5, 1928, at Marlinton, she was a daughter of the late Clyde J. and Blanche Roberts Wagner.

Gaynell was raised by her father, Clyde, stepmother, Edna, and grandparents, George and Sarah Alice Wagner.

On September 26, 1948, she married Wilbur O. Curry who preceded her in death October 6, 2011.

Gaynell was a loving, beautiful, devoted mother and wife. She was a Christian and member of Marlinton United Methodist Church where, as a young girl, she was a member of the choir and in later years was active in the women's church groups. She was also a member of the Rebekah Lodge.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one sister, Lois Jean Wagner; and two brothers, Edward and Burton Wagner.

She is survived by son, Greg Curry, of Charleston; daughter, Sheila Kaplan (Bud), of Lakewood Ranch, Florida; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law, June Wagner, of Marlinton, Katherine Wagner, of Westerville, Ohio, and Carolyn Robinson (Carl), of Glen Allen, Virginia; brother-in-law, Earl (Butch) Curry (Caroline), of Leesburg, Virginia; and many loving nieces and nephews.

Gaynell spent her last years at The Brier and the family wishes to thank all the wonderful staff, who so lovingly cared for her.

A private Graveside Service was held March 30, 2020, at Mountain View Cemetery, with the Rev. Joe Geiger officiating.

A Memorial Service is scheduled for Sunday, August 21, 2022, at Marlinton United Methodist Church with a meet and greet at 1:30 p.m. and service at 2:00 p.m., officiated by Butch Michael.

A reception will follow the service in the church fellowship hall.

Friends and family are welcome to attend.



Barbara Dunnivant

Barbara Faye Auxier Dunnivant, of Surfside Beach, South Carolina, formerly of Dailey and Green Bank, passed away Friday, August 5, 2022, at home with her loving husband by her side. Barbara had been ill for several years, however her death was unexpected.

Born October 28, 1945, she was a daughter of the late Arley Everett and Bessie Barbara Bennett Auxier.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by siblings, Marvin, Everett and Patty Auxier.

She is survived by her husband, Mark Dunnivant; and stepdaughter, Michele Dunnivant; sisters, Darlene Sparks, (Bill), Wanda Arbogast (Chuck), and Sue Hevener (Bill); and brother, Ray Auxier (Sandy); children, Rodney Pingley, Patricia Veccio, Robert Pingley and Brittany Riggleman Prince; numerous grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

Barb enjoyed walking the beach with Mark, the love of her life, and listening to gospel music at the beach campground and at home. She also loved snow, bird watching and the mountains of West Virginia. She especially enjoyed visits from her grandchildren.

Per her wishes, the body will be cremated.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Myrtle Beach Funeral Home, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Peggy Lusk

Peggy Jean Taylor Lusk, age 92, peacefully went to be with the Lord Thursday, August 4, 2022, with her daughter by her side. She lived a very long life.

Peggy married Vancie K. Lusk on Pearl Harbor Day, December 7, 1952. He pre-

ceded her in death October 29, 2001.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by siblings, Ethel, Gladys, Raymond and Bedford.

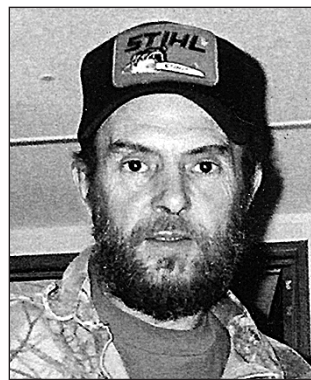
She is survived by one sister, Ellen Johnson, of Mechanicsville, Virginia.

In addition to her sister, those left to cherish her memory are her children, Birdie Jenelle Kline and Jeff, of Green Bank, Debbie Green Dubay, of Columbus, Ohio, Vancie Klint Lusk II, of Durbin; her one and only grandchild, Jeffrey L. Kline Jr., who stayed with her most of his life; several nieces and nephews; special friends, Freddie and Judy Greer, Crystal and Missy, Senior Citizens, Trent's Store, Interstate Hardwoods employees and office workers and others who helped her.

Graveside service was held Sunday August 7, 2022, at Lusk Cemetery in Bartow with Gary Reynolds officiating.

Online condolences may be shared at lantzfuneralhome.com

Lantz Funeral Home is assisting the family in their time of need.



Louis Murray

Louis Edward Murray, 59, of Warm Springs, Virginia, passed away Sunday, August 7, 2022, at his home.

Born March 10, 1963, in Manassas, Virginia, he was a son of the late Clarence and Mary Lane Murray.

A mechanic by trade, Louis loved restoring old cars and trucks. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle, hunting and camping. He also enjoyed time spent digging ginseng and ramps with his dad and brothers. Of all the jobs that he had, the one he

loved the most was working on the farm for Bill and Sandy Bratton. He always had good stories to tell each evening after work.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by an infant sister, Mary Janice Murray; and a niece, Kaylin Murray.

Louis is survived by his companion of 27 years, Judy Ryder; and their loving dog, Katie; brothers, Clarence Jr., and wife, Bonnie, of Buckeye, Roger, of Frostburg, Maryland, Johnny, and wife, Kathy, of Covington, Virginia, and Curtis, and wife, Gail, of Marlinton; sister, Charlotte Burgess, and husband, Wayne, of Patrick Springs, Virginia; and a number of nieces, nephews and cousins.

A graveside service was held Tuesday, August 9, 2022, in Warm Springs Cemetery with pastor Billy Robertson officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Chimney Run Church of the Brethren, c/o Bonnie Robertson, 2033 Indian Draft Road, Millboro, Va. 24460 or Hot Springs Rescue, PO Box N, Hot Springs, Va. 24445.

Condolences and memories may be shared with the family at www.obaughfuneralhome.com

Edna Scott

Edna Rachel Scott, 92, of Buckeye, went to be with the Lord Sunday, August 7, 2022, at Pocahontas Center in Marlinton.

Born December 29, 1939, in Mill Point, she was a daughter of the late Claire Bell Kramer.

Edna was a member of the Cooktown Community Church and was a homemaker.

In addition to her mother, she was preceded in death by her first husband, Claude Auldridge; second husband, Harry Scott; sister, Betty Willet; brother, Luke Miller; and a grandson, Markus Sharp.

Edna is survived by two daughters, Bonnie Murray and Hazel Sharp; son, Ronald Auldridge; seven grandchildren; sister, Pearl

McCutcheon; and two brothers, John Miller and Paul Miller.

Graveside service was held Tuesday, August 9, 2022, at Emmanuel Cemetery on Bruffey Creek with Pastor Dave McCall officiating.

Online condolences may be made at lantzfuneralhome.com



Dallas Walker

Dallas Ray Walker, 93, of Dunwoody, Georgia, passed away Tuesday morning, July 26, 2022.

Born November 9, 1928, at Lobelia, he was one of 11 children of the late Edward E. and Frances Walker.

After a successful career in the United States Marine Corps, he retired as a full-bird Colonel. After his retirement from active service from the U.S.M.C. he had various executive positions in civilian life.

Dallas' wife of 57 years, Ione Leona, passed away March 31, 2015. Dallas is now in heaven with his beloved partner in life.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by his sisters, Mary Walker Clutter and Mildred Walker Brown; half-sisters, Alma Walker Heyne and Bernice Walker Lucabaugh; brothers, Patrick Austin Walker and Franklin Delano Walker.

He is survived by his two sons, Dwight Dallas Walker and Rambridge Ray Walker, of Georgia; half-brothers, Norman Walker, Eugene Walker and Curtis Walker, all of Hillsboro, and Vernon Walker, of Cottle; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held later followed by a military funeral at Arlington National Cemetery.

Passes, from page 2

Finland and Sweden are both economic and regional military powers, and their presence in NATO would be valuable additions. It is our

responsibility as a world power and democratic leader to support and strengthen NATO, the most successful post-World War II military partnership. I urge all NATO members to move swiftly on advancing Finland and Sweden's admissions."

Thank You

to my friends and family for the many cards and the birthday picnic at Seneca State Forest

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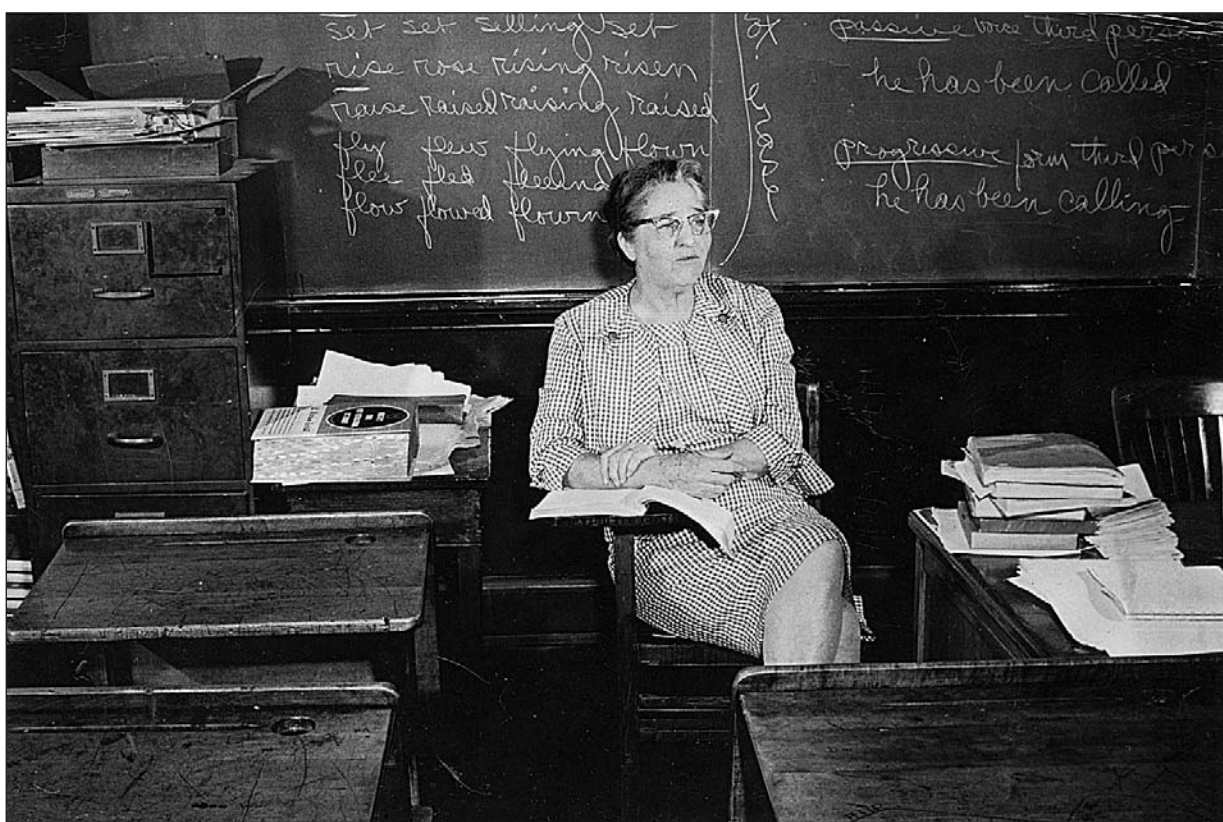
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Preserving Pocahontas

B. J. Gudmundsson, Preservation Officer

Alice Moore – Marlinton High School, circa 1964



ALICE MOORE, ENGLISH teacher at Marlinton High School, is seated in her classroom in the early 1960s. Alice McClintic was the daughter of Lockhart Mathews and Nannie Alice Slaven McClintic, having been born November 7, 1904 in Marlinton, W.Va. She graduated from West Virginia University, Middleburg College and Breadloaf School of English. She taught at Charleston High School from 1928 to 1935. Alice married Jack Moore, settled in Buckeye, and taught at Marlinton High School retiring in 1966. Alice McClintic Moore died March 29, 1986 at the age of 81 and is buried at Mountain View Cemetery in Marlinton. (McClintic Collection, Pocahontas Co. Historical Society; ID: PHP007279)

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 14, 1947

Wilfong, State Star Farmer, 1947

Albert Wilfong, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilfong, of Greenbank, was named State F. F. A. Star Farmer for 1947 at the annual banquet held in connection with the 19th annual State Convention, West Virginia Association Future Farmers of America at Jackson's Mill.

Along with the honor went the Monogahela Power Company's cash award of \$125, presented by James I.

Copeman, Agricultural Counselor for the power company.

Young Wilfong started his farming career when he enrolled in vocational agriculture at Greenbank High School in 1941. His first farming program consisted of three small enterprises which have been expanded during the past six years to a full-time partnership business with his father on their 1,074-acre livestock farm. Albert now has a one-third interest in the total farm business...

The Wilfong farm is considered one of the best live-

stock farms in West Virginia. Both Albert and his father are working to modernize the farm and home in every respect. Wide use of power equipment and electricity is now being made on the farm.

Young Wilfong has not confined all of his activities to farming. He has been an outstanding leader in his school and community. He has served as president of both his local F. F. A. Chapter and the Greenbrier Valley Federation; as 2nd vice president of the West Virginia Association, Future Farmers of America; and as a leader in his church and Sunday School. He is a member of the Pocahontas County Farm Bureau and a leader in the older youth group in his community.

Since graduating from high school in 1945, Albert

has devoted full time to developing the home farm. He expects to make farming his life career. His high school vocational agriculture teacher was David E. Smith, of Greenbank.

RETAIL GROCERS

A well-attended meeting of the Association of Pocahontas County Merchants was held at the courthouse last Wednesday night. The Board of Directors is J. E. Pritchard, John S. Hannah, J. M. Kane, Jr., James Michael, Archie Walker, Wilbur Sharp, W. L. Coyner, Dr. M. S. Wilson and T. B. Adkins. The officers are R. L. Right, president; R. D. Moore and Mrs. D. Orndorff, vice presidents; O. B. Curry, secretary and treasurer...

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100-Years-Ago in The Pocahontas Times

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, August 10, 1922

While on Knapps Creek last week, county agent Wiley got an old bear trap from Hon. I. B. Moore. This trap belonged to Moses Moore, the Indian fighter and pioneer and has been in the Moore family for five generations. The tradition about the trap is that it was traded for lands which comprise five fine Knapps Creek farms worth perhaps \$75,000. The trap will be a part of the pioneer exhibit at the County Fair at Marlinton.

F. L. Cackley, of Millpoint, has furnished an old tar bucket for use at the Pioneer Exhibit at the Fair. Also an old mold board of a plow made by John Bruffey, George F. Alderman, of Burr, brought in a bayonet and two minnie balls from the Droop Mountain battle ground as part of the historical exhibit.

The first brick on the new Methodist church in Marlinton was laid Monday morning. Charles J. McCue, of Elkins, is doing the brick work, and he expects to have a force of four of five masons at work before the week ends. The walls will be of concrete brick faced with a

cream finish brick.

W. W. Kinnison has the contract for the new school house at Hillsboro. It will be a brick veneer building, 70 x 90 feet, two stories high. It will have a fine auditorium 56 x 56, not including a large stage.

Zed Smith, Jr., will probably buy the farm lying on the eastern edge of the corporation of Marlinton from his father, Z. S. Smith. This is a farm of over a hundred acres, and has been put in fine condition the past few years. Mr. Smith expects to build a handsome residence and move here as soon as possible. The paper gladly welcomes these folks back home.

STORE ROBBED

Cass, W. Va. — The store of J. A. Whitelaw and Jack Bird at Green Hill, Va., was broken into last Saturday night and near a thousand dollars' worth of goods stolen. Evidently the thieves figured that the loss would not be discovered until Monday morning, but as the best laid plans of men and mice fall to the ground however J. Lute Bird and James Chestnut, of the vicinity of Green Hill, in passing by in their auto

found they needed some oil for their car, and calling a clerk to get that much needed article they discovered the fact that the store had been robbed.

The prosecuting attorney at Monterey was immediately called to the scene of the robbery, and as some well known characters of Cass, W. Va., had been seen loitering in the neighborhood all the day before, the finger of suspicion pointed strongly toward them as the robbers. At five o'clock in the afternoon the trail of the robbers was picked up at a creek where they had lost a plug of tobacco of the brand kept in the store. The trail led towards W. Va. It was immediately followed, and additional evidence was picked up from time to time and, by 8 p.m., Mr. Bird and Mr. Chestnut had traced their quarry to Cass. There they quietly got in communication with the local officer and, with the necessary papers, commenced a vigorous search for the thieves, and stolen property, as well. A long hard drive across Elk Mountain in the middle of the night resulted in the arrest of Dewey Rose and Wallace Phillips, and the recovery of numerous articles of the stolen property in their possession. Returning to

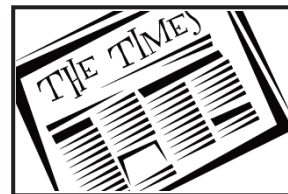
Cass, and locking up the prisoners, the searchers motored to the home of J. Henry Rider, near Greenbank, and arrested Sydney Ryder and Roy Rogers, and recovered some more of the loot. The prisoners, realizing they were squarely up against the long arm of the law, waived examination and readily allowed themselves to be taken back to the scene of the crime.

Sunday School Convention

The annual County Sunday School convention was held last Friday and Saturday at Westminster church on Knapps Creek... This is the first time since the conventions have grown so large that a rural community has attempted to entertain it, but the people of Knapps Creek took care of it in a manner that bespeaks their open-handed hospitality.

A feature of the convention was the attendance, which was good at every session, and on Saturday the crowd most have numbered one thousand people. There were by actual count 115 automobiles besides trucks, buggies and wagons parked at the church at one time. Mention should be made,

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Fifty Years Ago

Jane Price Sharp, Editor

Thursday, August 10, 1972

FOOTBALL 1972

The following boys have reported for practice and are showing much enthusiasm:

Gary Sharp, DeLayne Rhea, Jerry Kerr, Tom Pennington, Mike Collins, Mike Cohenour, Bill Young, Ralph Smith, Mike Smith, Dave Eddy, Joe Kerr, John Wilfong, Mark Beverage, Dave Moore, Rick Moore, Kenny Arbogast, Frank Morrison, Charles Rider, Paul Arbogast, Rick Wooddell, Matt Withers, Jim Rose, Wayne McKeever, Roger Sharp, Jeff Barnett, Gary Kramer, Tom Moore, DeWayne Rhea, Paul White, Richard Lane, Daris Alderman, Kenneth Wilfong, Joe Hamed, Gary A. Cassell and Kim Wilfong.

JULY WEATHER

J. P. Schaffner

Minimum temperature: 38 degrees on July 7. Maximum temperature: 90 degrees on July 22. Average high temperature, 79.1. Average low: 53.4. Rainfall 8.01 inches. This is the highest rainfall recorded here for July since 1939...

Hills Creek Falls

Being a native of Pocahontas County, I am naturally prejudiced, but I honestly believe that Pocahontas County is one of the most beautiful counties in this great state of ours, with its very high mountains, its rolling farmland, the lakes and streams and the wildlife one is almost certain to see as we drive the highways of this county. I have marveled

at all these beauties of nature many times, but within our own Pocahontas County there is an extra bonus of beauty known as “The Falls of Hills Creek Scenic Area...”

The first falls, named the Upper Falls, is 20 feet high. The foot trail leading to the falls has many log rest stops along the path. Although one might wonder why there are so many rest stops on the journey down, they are very appreciated and a welcome sight on the trip back up the trail...

The foot trail drops 300 feet in elevation down into the beautiful scenic Gorge of Hills Creek...

As one continues along the shaded wooded pathway, which is a total of a little over one-half mile walking distance, there is nothing to mar the beauty of the trip. There is always a cool breeze from the creek, birds chirping in the trees, moss covered rocks and ground that looks like green velvet carpet, and chipmunks scampering across the path at your feet.

At last you find yourself standing in front of a waterfall over 65 feet high. This highest of the three falls is at the bottom of the gorge of Hills Creek, and has been named simply the “Lower Falls.” As I stood looking at this beautiful masterpiece of nature, I thought: How pleased our maker must have been when he created the Falls of Hills Creek in Pocahontas County.

Ernestine Clarkson
Cass Scenic Railroad Clerk

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Pocahontas County Bicentennial 1821 - 2021

Footsteps through History

Thursday, August 13, 1897

NEAR THE road on the farm of Mr. Tom Callison at Locust, may be seen the grave of an Indian. Stones were collected and heaped in a pyramidal form to the height of five or six feet — probably as a protection from the attacks of wild animals and as a mark of respect for some distinguished warrior and hunter — whose name and deeds, as those of his tribe, are lost in oblivion. Imagination is left to the visitor of this spot to recall the history of this native monarch of the soil; aided by such implements of stone as are often picked up, illustrating that manner of life of an interesting and ingenious people.

MULVEY PRICE MOORE, the seven-year-old son of William Moore, on Brown's Creek, did all the dropping for seven acres of corn and all the thinning out for five acres and a good deal of the hoeing. We would like to hear from other farmer boys of similar age.

BURKE MCCALL, Rockingham County, Virginia, an experienced horse trader, camped near Marlinton for a few days last week. In summer, he travels with his family with a wall tent and two covered wagons, a cooking stove, a negro cook, a hostler or two, and about a dozen horses. They pitch their tent by some stream, and tie up the horses near the tent. The local traders accept the implied challenge and rush in to contend with him. McCall has helped many a young trader to cut his eye teeth.

IT LOOKS as if Kentucky has gone into the crime-fostering business. In the last four hundred and eighty-four working days, six hundred and seventy-five pardons have been granted to criminals by the Governor of Kentucky and the Lieutenant Governor. Ninety-six of these were murderers and had been sent up for life, and the another sixty-four had been convicted of manslaughter and sent up for limited terms. Three men were

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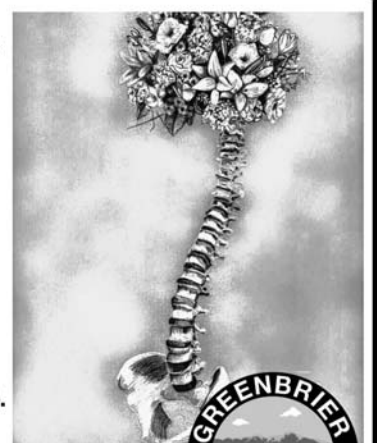
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Act, from page 2

permitting process for drilling and energy projects. They are saying pay now, permit later. I don't think West Virginians trust the

likes of Nancy Pelosi, Chuck Schumer, and Joe Biden to follow through on a plan that would expand drilling, build pipelines or decrease regulations. And, given their track record, I can't either.

If this bill passes, the United States would be trading the economic policies of

the Trump administration for the disastrous energy provisions of the Obama-Biden administration.

And just for good measure, authors of this \$740 billion tax-and-spending package threw in a massive expansion of everyone's favorite government agency:

the Internal Revenue Service.

It boosts funding for the IRS by a whopping \$80 billion, meaning it will have more capacity to target and audit individuals and small businesses, with no accountability or proper oversight. What could go wrong?

The bottom line: The untimely and indefensible "Inflation Reduction Act" is a lie being sold by those in Washington desperate to accomplish something, anything, before the midterm elections. They want to do so even if it means rushing through a harmful, partisan

measure that raises taxes, fuels inflation and declares war on energy-producing states.

We've seen this play out before. Right now, working families are experiencing real hardship in this economy. Let's not make it any harder on them.

Your, from page 3

They act as nature's air fresheners and prevent the spread of diseases in the process. For this, we should be thankful.

I have heard people remark that it is hard to tell the female turkey vulture from the male. That's true, as they are a bird species exhibiting little sexual dimorphism. Dimorphism means that the feathers and other visual characteristics are nearly identical in both sexes.

Buzzards are found from the southernmost part of Canada to the very tip of South America. They fly south as cold weather approaches, preferring to spend winters from the Carolinas down to Florida.

That the turkey vulture always returns from its winter holiday in the same week of March each year has made one town in Ohio quite famous. Hinckley is about double the size of Lewisburg and is situated about 30 miles south of Cleveland.

Just outside Hinckley is a stunningly beautiful park called Whipps Ledges. The sandstone rock formations, reminiscent of Beartown only greater in height, attract rock climbers year-round and buzzards in March,

specifically on March 15.

March 15 was designated as the date of the return of the Buzzards since 1957. Buzzard lovers may attend the annual Buzzard Day celebration on the first Sunday after their arrival.

There, you'll find an arts and crafts festival, a pancake breakfast, and tours of Whipps Ledges.

Just why the buzzards began coming to this specific area each spring has become the stuff of legend. And, like all legends, the truth may be difficult to establish. Still, the following is what some claim first brought the turkey buzzards to Hinckley.

The Big Hunt

It is accurate and well documented that there was an event on December 24, 1818, in Hinckley Township called The Big Hunt. Hundreds of armed men assembled on the outer perimeter of the township and marched toward the center, killing every wild animal they came across.

At the end of the day (literally), they had killed 17 wolves, 21 black bears, 300 deer and countless other wildlife. Additionally, each man residing in this farming township was afterward required to kill a minimum of 100 squirrels per year.

Such extermination would cause a considerable uproar today. But in the early 1800s,

farming was a challenging proposition. The damage caused by wild animals only added to the farmer's burden.

And this hunt, they say, and the countless rotting carcasses brought the buzzards to Hinckley. Likewise, it is claimed the birds have been returning every year since 1818 for the biggest all-you-can-eat wildlife smorgasbord on record.

Wheeeew! Hinckley must have sold every clothespin in town, what with the overwhelming stench.

That's the story, and then there's the truth if we wish to look under the covers.

There is no doubt that the hunt took place and the tally on the wildlife was likely accurate. The stench of so much carrion attracted many scavengers, including the buzzard.

What strikes me as a bit of hyperbole is the claim that the hunt initiated the annual migration of buzzards to the area. It is far more likely that

the rock formations had been bringing the birds to this area for millennia.

Cliffs and rock ledges, such as those at Whipps Ledges, are perfect nesting spots for the buzzard. I think it makes more sense that the activity of the buzzards would have increased and been more noticeable to humans with such an abundance of food available following the hunt.

Some myths and fun facts about buzzards

A few weeks ago on a beautiful afternoon, I hiked with my dogs out to the Briery Knob overlook at Droop Mountain. The wooden platform had several buzzards sitting on the railing with fully outstretched wings. Our sudden presence didn't seem to deter them from their Horaltic Pose.

I had never heard the term "Horaltic Pose" before witnessing the display, but it is typical behavior for many species of birds. I have seen

buzzards doing this before and, like many, assumed they were simply drying their wings.

That may not be the case, though.

Scientists continue to be baffled by this behavior. Some believe it is a way of regulating their temperature, and others think it involves ridding themselves of parasites.

Another misconception is that buzzards circle overhead when they think someone or something is dying. Cartoons and movies often depict a dying man crawling across the desert as turkey buzzards circle overhead.

The obvious implication is that they are passing the time until death delivers them another meal.

However, when buzzards are circling overhead, they are generally just gaining altitude by riding thermals in an upward spiraling pattern.

Another peculiarity of the buzzards is urinating on their

legs as a way of cooling off. And here, I always thought that urine only came out of an orifice warm.

Finally, buzzards have a unique form of defense when they feel threatened. They vomit!

Not your run-of-the-mill projectile vomitus that most people think, but a chunky sample of partially digested rotting flesh. What makes this doubly revolting is that this upchuck is highly acidic and can burn the eyes of its attacker.

One more factoid. If a group of crows flying around is called a murder, what do you call a group of buzzards in flight?

A kettle of buzzards. Think I'm pulling your leg? Check it out yourself.

Ken Springer

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*The word "buzzard" also describes hawks of the Buteo genus. Generally used in the old world where hawk is more common in the U.S.

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Marlinton Elementary School

As your principal at Marlinton Elementary School, I would like to welcome back staff, students and families for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year.

Our **Open House will be held Thursday, August 11, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.**

starting in the school cafeteria.

During this time, parents/guardians will meet their child's teacher and be able to ask questions.

We will have a volunteer/chaperone training during the Open House hours, as well. Parents and Volunteers

need to have this training to participate in school functions.

There is a \$5 fee for each individual for the training. The background check is updated yearly.

Hope to see you there.

Phillip Anderson
Principal

Hillsboro Elementary School

Dear students, parents and community members;

Welcome back to school! I am very excited to begin a new school with the wonderful students and families of Hillsboro Elementary.

The student's first day of school will be Monday, August 15, and Preschool will begin Monday, August 22.

We invite everyone to join us for an **Open House Wednesday, August 31, from 4:15 to 6 p.m.**

Students from buses and parent drop-off will enter the school building through the cafeteria doors between the 8:20 to 8:30 a.m.

Breakfast will be served first thing in the morning.

Evening pick-up will start

at 3:55 p.m. for Preschool and 4 p.m. for all other students. Buses will load from the front door starting at 4:05 p.m. Please remember, DO NOT drive around the buses.

I would like to welcome new staff to our school. Amanda Buzzard will teach first grade, Greg Morgan will be teaching music, Janesa Bell is our new cafeteria manager, Tonja Armstrong is joining us as teacher aide, and Ginny Shaw is the academic interventionist.

A few staff have also switched rolls.

Diane Delfino will be teaching Title I, and Krystal Sherek-Beers will teach Special Education and PE.

The entire staff is looking

forward to the addition of music and science lab to our schedule.

The county has a new on-line system that will allow you to pay bills and make purchases. A link will be provided on our school website and registration assistance will be available at the Open House.

<https://pocahontascountryschoolswv.sites.thrillshare.com/o/hes>

I am looking forward to a great school year.

Please call me at the school with any questions you may have; 304-653-4221.

Sincerely yours,
Rebecca A. Spencer
Principal

Green Bank Elementary-Middle School

Dear Eagle Parents and Community Members:

Welcome to the 2022-23 School Year!

I trust that each of you had an awesome summer that was packed full of family adventures.

I am very excited about the opportunities that are being planned, and I believe this year is going to be a positive learning journey for our children. The staff at Green Bank Elementary-Middle School and I are in the process of gearing up for lots of engaging opportunities to team with you in supporting our children's growth.

Mr. Joe Warder and Mr. JD Chestnut, our school custodians, have the building glistening clean and ready for the return of our children. Teachers, aides, secretaries and the cafeteria staff are busy as bees making everything sweet for our children's return, too. I truly feel blessed to be a part of such a great group of dedicated individuals. We are excited about the return of our children. It is going to be a sweet year.

GBEMS will be welcoming new staff members to our school family.

I would like to introduce you to them: Mr. Christopher Baber (Music/Band), Ms. Kristin Baer (1st-Grade), Ms. Ellie Bell (Middle School Science), Ms. Missy Jordan (3rd and 4th ELA/Social Studies), Mrs. Kaylea Kelly (5th Grade Math and Science), and Mrs. Sally Logan (Middle School Careers and Technology Educa-

tion).

In addition to visiting with the rest of the staff, please do not hesitate to stop by and introduce yourself to them during our **Open House Thursday, August 18, 4 to 6 p.m.** I know they would appreciate the opportunity to better know our Eagle Community.

Our Eagle parents and community members are always very supportive, and I greatly appreciate it. Thank you.

The GBEMS family and I look forward to continuing a positive relationship with our Eagle parents and community. At this time, I would like to take the opportunity to ask for your continued support with the following procedures:

- Please ensure that children arrive daily at or before 7:40 a.m. This will help us

prepare the children for an effective day of learning. Anyone arriving at 7:41 a.m. or later will be marked as tardy.

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Best Wishes for a safe and productive school year
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Welcome to a new school year.

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Our charge as educators and citizens is to ensure that our children are not only ed-

ucated, but cared for in every possible way. We take our role seriously by providing certified teachers and administrators, service employees, school counselors, a social worker, three LPNs and a school nurse. We have a board of education made up of people who truly care about our children and the opinions of our citizens.

As we begin yet another school year, we should be thankful that we live in such a wonderful county and have people who love their chil-

dren and take pride in their community.

Furthermore, it is not only the duty of the Pocahontas County Board of Education to educate and protect students, but also that of all citizens of Pocahontas County. We all have a part to play in providing an education for our kids, and it is very important that we all embrace that role.

Praying for a successful school year,

Terrence C. Beam,
Superintendent

Marlinton Middle School

Dear Parents and School Community:

I look forward to this school year and am anxious to continue to watch our students grow academically and as their own individual person. We as a staff anticipate a wonderful school year and are really looking forward to it beginning.

The hiring committee and Marlinton Middle School staff are excited to welcome Erin Murphy (7th grade English/Language Arts), Krystal Lewis (Special Education),

Sally Logan (Career Technical Education) and Haley Cummins (Instructional Aide). Rick McLaughlin is also returning to MMS in the mornings to provide instruction for beginning and advanced band.

I would like to thank our custodial staff – Ollie Barkley and Loretta Irvine – for the appearance of MMS. It is shiny and so clean, waiting for everyone to arrive. Staff returns Tuesday, August 9, and students will begin classes on Monday, August 15.

We are continuing to use LiveGrades this school year, so please communicate with teachers using this tool. It is very useful, as you can see all your child's grades, which allows for continuous monitoring. The staff at MMS will continue to update these grades and have additional grades posted weekly. If you have any trouble logging in, please contact us at any point in time to get required information.

see MMS pg 10

Pocahontas County High School

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the upperclassmen and freshmen to Pocahontas County High School for an exciting school year.

The school staff is anticipating and looking forward to your return. The classrooms and hallways look amazing thanks to the custodial staff and their hard work.

I would like to introduce the new staff that was hired for the 2022-2023 school year. I want to welcome Christine Campbell from Marlinton Middle School as Vice Principal and Assistant CTE Director. William Meehan from Mississippi as the new English Language Arts Teacher. Arthur Sharp was

hired as our Head Custodian working the day shift.

All students will once again have the opportunity to receive a school owned device. The IT department is currently in the process of reimaging the devices. If you are still in possession of your device, please bring it back to school and turn it in the first day of school so it can be reimaged.

A big thanks to the IT department and Ruth Bland for making the devices a possibility for our students. We hope to have them returned to the students within the first two weeks of school.

Parent pick-up and signature will be a requirement to receive the device. We will let you know when the computers will be available. If we would have to return to remote learning for any purpose, the TEAMS platform used in the past will be the learning tool used by PCHS.

Communication throughout the school year will be provided through Appetgy. Make sure the beginning paperwork sent home is completed with email addresses, cell phone and home phone numbers. The new system

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PCHS, from page 9

will send emails, text messages and call phone numbers if they are in our system. We will also be updating the Pocahontas County High School webpage with school information. PCHS Home of the Warriors, Facebook Page is another way that information is distributed if you are connected to social media.

We will be allowing student drivers again this school

year. Students will have an assigned place to park in the upper parking lot.

All bus students will need to enter the front doors of the school and all drivers will enter the English Wing doors. Masks will be optional for all staff and students. The office will have masks available upon request.

I hope you all have a great finish to your summer vacation, and we look forward to seeing you at school on August 15.

Joseph Riley
Principal

MMS, from page 9

We also encourage all students to familiarize themselves with the Microsoft products available through their school email. We will be utilizing these tools throughout the school year. Students will be using these products in and out of the school building and teachers will explain the procedures, so students become fluent and are able to log on at any point in time.

All students at MMS will eventually be going to a one-to-one device that will allow them to maximize the technology within classrooms. Parents/Guardians will be required to come to MMS to

sign the device agreement and will also sign it back in at the end of the school year.

The safety and education of the students is the priority of the staff at Marlinton Middle School. Please know that their future is being molded daily, and we are so thankful that you allow us to be a small part of their lives.

We are all looking forward to this school year at Marlinton Middle School.

Please reach out to me at 304-799-6773 if you have any questions or concerns. If you have a new student to enroll, please call or see Karen McCoy at Marlinton Middle School. I appreciate you all!

Nebraska Scotchie,
Principal

GBEMS, from page 9

• Please communicate directly with your child's teacher through emails, notes or phone calls during designated planning times. If you have a concern, please share with your child's teacher directly and immediately.

• Please do not hesitate to call me or email me if you need additional support. salderman@k12.wv.us

• Please be active with monitoring LiveGrades (Grades 3-8) and teacher notes. It is in the best interest of every child to have a team that communicates and interacts on a routine basis. LiveGrades will be updated weekly.

• Bus change notes must be turned in to the office first thing each morning. Please hesitate from calling in bus changes. This procedure is for your child's safety.

• Excuses for absences need to be turned in to the office upon a child's return to school.

• Be an active member of our PTO and LSIC meetings.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate. Please join us.

GBEMS is a school with a heart-felt love for our children, and I am honored to be a part of this team. The staff is dedicated to the well-being of every child. Our Eagle parents and community members are generous with support for our school and our children. I am blessed to be at GBEMS. I look forward to our children's return on August 15.

I also look forward to seeing each of you at our **Open House Thursday, August 18, from 4 to 6 p.m.**

Sincerely,
Ms. Shana Alderman
Principal

Nature's Mountain Classroom expanding

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

After the incredibly successful first year of Adventure Pocahontas, the third through fifth grade program offered by Nature's Mountain Classroom, founder and director Tracey Valach has expanded the program to include Pocahontas Playground Adventures for PreK through first grade, Pocahontas Explorers for sixth through eighth grade and Adventure Leadership for ninth through 12th grade.

Last year, 57 second grade students went on four skiing adventures at Snowshoe Mountain Resort; 67 third grade students went on four hiking adventures throughout the county; 62 fourth grade students went on four water sports adventures, learning to kayak and snorkel in the county's waterways; and 69 fifth grade students went on four mountain bike adventures on county trails.

All participants also participated in a free ski day at Snowshoe.

This school year, Adventure Pocahontas will continue the second through fifth programs. It will kick off with the fourth grade kayaking and snorkeling adventures August 25 and Sep-

tember 1, 8 and 15. Next, the fifth grade will go on their mountain biking adventures September 22 and 29 and October 6 and 13.

The program will pick up in the spring with the second grade skiing adventures on March 2, 9, 16 and 23. Then the third grade will go on their hiking adventures April 27 and May 4, 11 and 18.

As for the new programs, Pocahontas Playground Adventures will take place at the three elementary schools. Four times throughout the year, the students will participate in half-day, literature-based programming. Green Bank Elementary-Middle School - September 13, January 31 and April 25; Marlinton Elementary School - September 27, January 24 and May 9; and Hillsboro Elementary School - September 20, February 7 and May 2. The fourth day, May 19, will have all three schools taking a field trip to Snowshoe Mountain.

Middle School students will participate in Pocahontas Explorers which will be overnight adventures for each grade.

The sixth grade will travel to Jackson's Mill October 18 through 21 for WVU Science Adventure School. On October 24 through 27, the seventh grade will stay at

Silver Creek Resort and learn about hunting and ATV safety. In the spring of 2023, the eighth grade will stay at the New River National Park at New River Gorge for a three-day backcountry-style experience.

Pocahontas County High School students will be involved with Adventure Leadership, which will see the ninth through 12th grade students taking a leadership roll in Pocahontas Playground Adventures and Adventure Pocahontas.

The high schoolers will assist the younger students with their programs and connect them to leaders in the community who will expose them to new interests and career opportunities.

Nature's Mountain Classroom has also added Family Adventures to include the parents and guardians of students. On September 18,

families will enjoy a day at Shavers Lake at Snowshoe Mountain Resort; October 14 will be a bike night at the Discovery Junction in Marlinton; and December 11 will be a family ski day at Snowshoe. A hiking and camping trip are in the works for sometime in May.

The 2022-2023 schedule follows the Nature's Mountain Classroom motto to a T - "Not all classrooms have four walls."

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2022	2023
Aug. 9 First Day of School for staff	Jan. 4 Students return from Christmas Break
Aug. 15 First Day of School for Students	Jan. 16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No school for students
Aug. 15 First Day for Kindergarteners	Feb. 20 Faculty Senate - No school for students
Aug. 22 First Day for Preschool	Mar. 13 Professional Learning - No school for students
Sept. 5 Labor Day - No school for students	April 7 - 14 Spring Break - No school for students
Oct. 17 Professional Learning - No school for students	May 12 - Professional Learning - No school for students
Nov. 8 Election Day - no school for students	May 21 Graduation
Nov. 11 Veterans Day - no school for students	May 26 Faculty Senate
Nov. 21 - 25 Thanksgiving Holiday - No school for students	May 26 Last day of school for students
Dec. 19 Professional Learning - No school for students	June 7 Last Day of School for staff
Dec. 20 - Jan. 3 - Christmas Break - No school for students	

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Kindergarten begins Monday, August 15

Parents of students should contact the kindergarten teacher at the school their child is attending for complete information and to ask any questions regarding drop-off time, schedule and when children begin riding the school bus.

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Court, from page 2

Daniel Joseph Sharp, 42, of Lumberport, pleaded guilty July 18 to a charge of no personal flotation device. Sharp was assessed \$199.64 in court costs and fines.

Walker Davis Shinaberry, 22, of Cass, pleaded guilty July 15 to a charge of reckless driving. Shinaberry was assessed \$281.44 in court costs and fines.

Timothy Hoi Cheung Wong, 49, of Etobicoke, Ontario, pleaded guilty July 26 to charges of following too closely and improper passing. Wong was assessed \$370.50 in court costs and fines.

James M. Calhoun, 34, of Marlinton, pleaded no contest July 21 to charges of driving while license suspended or revoked and two counts operation without certificate of inspection or failure to produce certificate. Calhoun was assessed \$660.75 in court costs and fines.

Chaz Joseph Colanero-Beveridge, 22, of Elkins,

pleaded no contest July 12 to charges of disorderly conduct and intoxication or drinking in public places. Colanero-Beveridge was assessed \$390.50 in court costs and fines.

Sergio D. Rodriguez-Huertas, 27, of Durbin, pleaded no contest July 29 to a charge of trespassing after notice. Rodriguez-Huertas was assessed \$275.25 in court costs and fines.

William B. Rushing IV, 19, of Sutton, pleaded no contest to a charge of knowingly or intentionally possessing a controlled substance without a valid prescription. Rushing was assessed \$225.25 in court costs and fines.

Timothy Allen Turner, 24, of Bartow, pleaded guilty July 7 to charges of speeding and operation without certificate of inspection or failure to produce certificate. Turner was assessed \$375.50 in court costs and fines.

Michael A. Wamsley, 21, of Buckhannon, pleaded no contest July 12 to a charge of operation without certificate of inspection or failure to produce certificate. Wamsley was assessed \$180.25 in court costs and fines.

Jury, from page 2

Reckless Indifference to the Safety of Other Persons, a felony; One Count, Possession with Intent to Deliver Methamphetamine a Schedule II Controlled, Non-Narcotic Substance, a felony; One Count, Possession with Intent to Deliver Methamphetamine a Schedule II, Controlled, Non-Narcotic Substance, a felony; One Count, Possession with Intent to Deliver a Schedule I Controlled, Non-Narcotic Substance, a felony; One Count, Driving While License Revoked for Driving Under the Influence, a misdemeanor. Sheena Crites, 37, address unknown

– Two Counts, Possession with Intent to Deliver Methamphetamine a Schedule II Controlled, Non-Narcotic Substance, a felony; One Count, Possession with Intent to Deliver Marijuana a Schedule I Controlled, Non-Narcotic Substance, a felony. William S. Feury, 29, of Marlinton – One Count, Entry of a Building Other Than a Dwelling, a felony; One Count, Attempted Grand Larceny, a felony.

Kyle Miller, 26, of Dunmore – One Count, Entry of a Building Other Than a Dwelling, a felony; One Count, At-

tempted Petit Larceny, a misdemeanor. Casey E. Crabtree, 26, of Hillsboro – Eight Counts, Forgery, a felony; Six Counts, Uttering, a felony.

William Scott, 62, of Hillsboro – One Count-Sexual Assault in the Second Degree, a felony. Jerry Schoolcraft, 60, of Buckeye – Four Counts Sexual Assault in the Second Degree, a felony.

An indictment is not proof of guilt. Individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty by a jury of their peers.

Calendar, from page 4

Seventh annual Watoga State Park Mountain Trail Challenge, half marathon, and 5K Saturday, August 13. Registration begins 6:30 a.m. Race at 8:30 a.m. Sponsored by the Watoga Park Foundation.

MEETINGS

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We are sorry that some were unable to attend, especially those with medical problems. We wish all a speedy recovery.

This was a special reunion for Hubert and most of his family, including his son, Kevin, and his daughter, Nora McCombs, two grandsons, one granddaughter, two great-grandsons and two great-granddaughters. A son, David, of Florida, and great-grandson, Trenton McCombs, of Ohio, were unable to attend.

Token gifts were given: Hubert McKenney, age 91, was presented a nice certificate by Shannon Mallion, who also created a Memorial Picture Poster.

Traveling the farthest distance gift went to Rodney McKenney, of Beach City, Ohio.

Those in attendance were: Hubert, Kevin and Hunter McKenney, of Warren, Ohio; Rodney McKenney, of Beach City, Ohio; Mark and Shelia Wolfe, Tunnelton; Nora McCombs, Cassie and Kate McCombs, Chuck, Kim, Charlee and Emmett McCombs, of Wilmington, North Carolina; Todd and Kelly Bourgeois, of Wilmington, North Carolina; Shannon Mallion and Zachary Newberry, Charlotte, North Carolina; Laura

Meyer, Lugoff, South Carolina; Norma Sue Carpenter, Woodbridge, Virginia; Rita Blake and Joanie Sullins, Linden, Virginia; Serenity Austin, Elkins; Brayleigh Sullins, Strasburg, Virginia; Karen, Allen, Jerry, Tony, Ann, Trace, Tony II, Arlie, Billy McKenney and Erica Engquist, all of Slaty Fork; Bob and Jean McKenney, Sam and Frances McKenney, Mike, Brenda and Calean McKenney, Dave, Susan, Nathan and Charity Morrison, and Earnie Cain and Vicki Trotta, all of Marlinton.

A nice time was had by all. Many thanks to all who helped make the reunion a success. We hope to see everyone at our next reunion which is scheduled for July 9, 2023.

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sentenced to be hung, and these the Governor changed to imprisonment for life. It seems the masses are catching the idea of no serious punishment for crime. No one seems surprised that crime should be on the increase. Hence the temptation to that crime and dire evil — lynch or mob law.

COLONEL J. W. Cochran, of Folly Mills, Augusta County, and a prominent citizen, passed Marlinton Saturday on his way to Webster Springs. He was accompanied by Colonel Brown. Colonel Cochran says he was shown a deed dated 1769 conveying a tract of land from a Mr. Gay to Lieut. John Warwick. This land is the Dunmore property, and settles the parentage of Jacob Warwick, the noted pioneer. Lieut. Warwick was a British officer, and served in Captain Charles Lewis' company in the Braddock expedition.

A VERY large bear came into William Sharp's yard on Clover Creek last Saturday. William scared the bear and the bear scared William.

About 400 people attended Rev. D. C. Hedrick's meeting on Back Alleghany Sunday. Five large rattlesnakes were killed near the preaching ground.

BIOGRAPHIC

Among the citizens of our county in later years from the forties to the sixties that took a lively interest in everything that promised to promote the interests of education, morality and the prosperity of the

county generally, John Hartman Ruckman, Esq., deserves more than a brief notice.

He traced his ancestry to one, Samuel Ruckman, a native of England, and born in 1643. The Ruckmans had lived awhile in Northeast Wales, bordering England, and thence came to Long Island, New York, in 1682. Thomas Ruckman, son of Samuel, the Welsh emigrant, was born on Long Island, in 1682, and his son, James Ruckman, another link in the ancestral chain, was born in New Jersey in 1716. James Ruckman's son, David Ruckman, was born in New Jersey in 1747. David Ruckman is the progenitor of the Ruckman relationship in Highland and Pocahontas counties...

The settler married a New Jersey wife, who seems to have been a lady of high aspirations, and longed for something far better than she could have in New Jersey. Marvelous accounts seemed to have been reported about the beauty, wealth and happiness of southern homes. That, in Virginia, people lived in houses with earthen floors, discarding the use of wood. She seems to have gathered from the reports that the floors were of mosaic work, such as princes have about their homes in the old country. Upon reaching the place of destination and finding what earthen floors meant on the Virginia frontier, her disappointment was so intense that she wished to return at once; but circumstances were such that this was impossible, and so the situation was accepted, they went to work and a home was reared out of the Virginia forest.

Her name was Susannah Little...

POOR FARM

THIS COUNTY owns a poor-farm as is required by the laws of the State. This farm is situated near Hillsboro in the Levels, and was purchased for about \$8,000.

It is the farm formerly owned by Gratton Miller and is a very valuable tract of land. At the present time there are three paupers on the place and this is about the usual number. The farm rents for \$333.

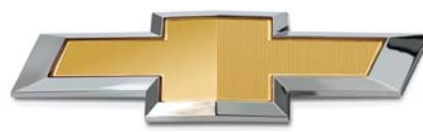
This rent is paid partly by keeping the three paupers and improvements. It would seem a very poor investment to own as expensive a farm as this to maintain three indigent people who could be kept without this large sum invested in land, but the County Court argues that in case we did not have a poor-house there would be drains on the public treasury from a hundred persons where there is one now.

The rule seems to be, when a poor person applies to the overseer for help, for the overseer to offer him a pass to the poor-house, and that word has such an effect on him that he will beg, borrow, steal or work before he will go there. They have a holy horror of being consigned to the poor-house. The poor-farm lacks a dwelling house, and the court at a recent term laid a levy to build one.

TRIVIA ANSWERS: (1). Blue Jay (2). Lend me your ears. (3). Lodestone (4). Lee Harvey Oswald

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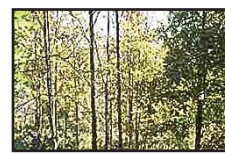
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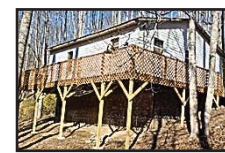
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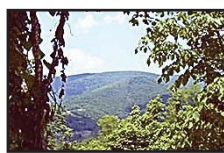
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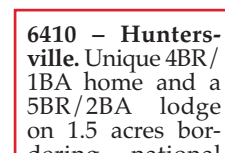
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6410 - Huntersville. Unique 4BR/1BA home and a 5BR/2BA lodge on 1.5 acres bordering national forest. Great recreational business opportunity. Close to hiking, fishing and hunting. - \$250,000



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