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Pearl S. Buck returns to her birthplace

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

It was damp, rainy and dreary last Saturday, but that didn't dampen the spirit of Pearl S. Buck when she hosted guests at the Sydenstricker cabin in Hillsboro, next to her birthplace, which she lovingly referred to as "My Mother's House."

Of course, it wasn't the real Pearl S. Buck, it was instead History Alive! actress Missy McCollam, who shared a history of Buck's life, from her birth in Hillsboro to her childhood in China and her career as an award winning author.

The vigor and tenacity of Pearl Buck was present as McCollam passionately recalled how Pearl's missionary parents – Caroline and Absalom Sydenstricker – returned to Pocahontas County from China for a furlough, leading to her birth in Hillsboro.

The Sydenstricker family had suffered great losses while in China before Pearl was born. Three of the Sydenstricker's four children were struck down by a fever and a doctor warned Absalom that Caroline was on the brink of a breakdown.

"The doctor warned my father, he said, 'your wife is about to become unhinged,'" McCollam said. "And so, he escorted her back to Poca-



PEARL S. BUCK, portrayed by Missy McCollam, of Elkins, shared the story of her life last Saturday at the Pearl S. Buck Birthplace in Hillsboro. It was fitting that "Buck" met with her guests on the back porch of the Sydenstricker House because she recalled stories her mother told her about the beautiful hills of Pocahontas County. S. Stewart photo

hontas County, West Virginia, for their first furlough in ten years. She arrived in Pocahontas County after a decade in China, with only one of her four children to

share with her father, and she was sad, and she was broken. "Eighteen months later, I was born, to comfort her," she continued. "Which is why I was christened Pearl

Comfort Sydenstricker. By the time I was three months old, my father was anxious to get back to China and continue his missionary work."

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Hit the blacktop – RoadKill is back

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

When the leaves are a kaleidoscope of colors and the air is crisp, you'll notice a certain aroma in the town of Marlinton – it's just down home cooking with an interesting theme – road-kill.

The COVID-19 pandemic canceled the RoadKill Cook-off and Autumn Harvest Festival for the past two years, but they are back and better than ever.

Pocahontas County Chamber of Commerce

representative Mystik Miller said the event is back in full swing and there is a lot of fun to be had.

"The streets should be lined with vendors, and I'm expecting a full field of cooks," she said. "The gazebo park will have the cooks, and we're going to have music all day at Discovery Junction. All of the vendors will be lined up in between, so hopefully the flow of traffic will go back and forth between those two points."

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BOE recognizes students and staff for heroism

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

At the September 6 Pocahontas County Board of Education meeting, director of transportation Ruth Bland gave a report to the board concerning the swift actions of Pocahontas County High School students and staff who gave assistance at the scene of a car accident.

The accident occurred in August and involved a PCHS football player and a man and his two children. After the collision, the two vehicles caught fire and because it occurred after football, soccer and cheerleading practice, the coaches and the activity bus were caught in the traffic.

"We had a number of coaches who were in their private vehicles that responded to the scene," Bland said. "We also had the southern activity bus stopped in front of that accident and on that bus were students that were watching their class-

mate in a horrible situation. Under the direction of Mr. Shannon Arbogast – who is our soccer coach – and with the protection of Chuck McQuain – our bus driver – they were able to organize those students to go into Knapps Creek with their lunch buckets and form a bucket brigade to be able to douse the fire until the fire department got there."

More than 29 football, soccer and cheerleading students formed the bucket brigade and helped until emergency services arrived. Coaches also assisted with shielding those in the vehicles from the flames as they were doused by water.

"We had a number of students that were in Knapps Creek joining that bucket brigade," Bland said. "They came off that bus; Mr. McQuain would not have been able to keep those students on that bus because they were bent on helping their classmate."

"In a world where we see so many bad things, we have

a bunch of really, really good students," she continued. "Really good kids and we have some really great employees that will lay down their life for someone else to save them."

There were several students who remained on the bus because the scene frightened them, and Bland said several upperclassmen consoled the younger students.

Bland said she reported the incident to the West Virginia Department of Education's department of transportation director David Baber, who commended the students for their swift action.

"What I was very concerned about was the children coming off the bus and the safety of the children and he said, 'it may not have been the correct decision, but it was the right decision for not only the child that was in the car, but for all the children that were on that bus,'" she said.

Bland added her praise for the students and staff who

bravely rose to the occasion to help in a dire situation.

"I'm so very proud of them," she said. "I'm so very proud of my bus driver who stayed with that bus, stayed on the radio and was able to do a back and forth with the dispatch as to what was going on. We are fortunate that no lives were lost. Our students are brave, courageous and heroic."

Those who assisted on the scene were: coaches Matt Buzzard, Brad Carpenter, Darlene Arbogast, Doug Lantz and Shannon Arbogast; and students Ryan Friel, Nathan Boylen, Caleb Ritter, Devon Burgess, Braeden Hayhurst, Landon Hebb, Jacob Bennett, Justin Dean, Dakota Sheets, DJ Wilfong, Clayton Burns, Gavin Walls, Ramona Hardy, Berkley Buzzard, Winsor Alderman, Drew Cummings, Brady Carpenter, Haydon Moore, Logan Wimer, Nathaniel Wimer, Ryan Roy, James Scott, Makenzie Thomas, Evan Hamrick, Elizabeth Taylor, Taiyler Hoke, Riley

Pollack, Andrea Alderman, Ethan Stull, Ben Withers and Noah Solak.

In updates:

- Student representative Haley Spencer reported that the students at PCHS are concerned about the climate control in several classrooms. She explained that when the weather is nice outside, it can be up to 80 degrees in one classroom. She added that the school is having an issue with smoking in the bathrooms and because of that issue, the bathrooms are closed when teachers cannot monitor them, which is causing a disruption to the students' day.
- Spencer also recognized Sammy Williams, who was recently named a Rural and Small Town Score by the College Board for his outstanding score on the SAT.
- School nurse Jenny Friel gave an update on the CDC and health department's COVID-19 guidelines. She said that if an individual has direct exposure to someone with COVID-19, but they do

not test positive, they are asked to wear a mask for 10 days while they are in close contact with other people.

If an individual tests positive, then they have to isolate for five days and on the sixth day, if they have no symptoms, they may return to school and are asked to wear a mask for five additional days.

• Director of student services and testing Ruth Bland gave a presentation on school enrollment and test scores for the past year.

Bland reported that this year, there are 900 students enrolled, which is down from last year's 941. She attributed that loss to people who have seasonal jobs in the county and to the number of students who have joined virtual school and are home-schooled.

As for test scores, Bland said the students are above the state average in math of 441, with a score of 476, adding that the county is

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Save a Life Day



THURSDAY WAS SAVE A Life Day and agencies in all 55 West Virginia counties participated, including Seneca Health Services in Marlinton. Lead peer support coach Scott McGee, left, and peer support coach Billy Thompson were at gazebo park all day providing information on ways to help individuals who suffer from substance abuse issues. Free Narcan kits were also available and McGee and Thompson explained how to use the nasal spray to revive a person who has overdosed. S. Stewart photo

Commission discusses Marlinton flooding with Army Corps of Engineers

Tim Walker
AMR Reporter

Ken Woodard, Chief of Planning for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, spoke via Zoom at the September 6 Pocahontas County Commission meeting about options to mitigate flooding in the Marlinton area. Commission President Walt Helmick led off this discussion by saying that flood damage appears to be worsened as a result of the build-up of sediment over the years in the Greenbrier River.

Helmick told Woodard that he wants the Army Corps of Engineers to evaluate the riverbed to determine how much sediment there is and to present options as to how the sediment can be removed from the river.

Helmick said he received a report from the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection. In its report, the WVDEP identified the grasses growing in the river near the Rt. 39 bridge as being American Water Willow. The report said that is a native species of aquatic grass that is common in the waterways of West Virginia and is known to trap and build-up sediment. The WVDEP told Helmick that they have documented that the sediment in this portion of the Greenbrier River averages six to eight feet deep.

Woodard said that dredging the river as a way to increase river flow and reduce flooding might not solve the problem long term, since the river could refill with sediment again. He suggested having the Corps conduct an expensive hydrology study. He said the Federal Government would only pay for two-thirds of the cost of the study while the state or local governments would be responsible for the remaining one-third of the cost. Even if done, that study might not recommend dredging the sediment from the river. Woodard said that if the study did recommend dredging, the Federal Government would pay the first \$100,000 of the cost then would only pay half of the remaining cost, up to \$10 million, with the state or local govern-

ments needing to pay the rest.

Marlinton Mayor Sam Felton told Woodard that he understands that the Greenbrier County portion of the river has already been dredged, but Woodard said he had no knowledge of that.

Fred Burns told Woodard that people here are tired of having studies done yet no action is ever implemented to mitigate the flooding. John Simmons told Woodard that Interstate Hardwoods dredged the river near its plant a number of years ago and built up the banks, and this has alleviated flooding at their location.

Woodard said it is possible to get a permit to dredge the river from the banks, but very hard to get a permit to allow any excavation equipment to drive into a river to do it. He provided information about the contact in the Army Corps of Engineers who handles those permits. Woodard said he would plan a trip to Marlinton in the near future to examine the river and offer options to the commission. However, he said most of these options would likely require extensive studies and a lot of local matching funds.

Additionally at the meeting, the commission agreed to a Memorandum of Understanding with the Board of Education (BOE) to allow emergency responders to access the school camera systems during emergency situations.

Since the BOE was being discussed, Helmick pointed out that that the county schools receive an extra \$3.2 million dollars a year from the state's 1400 Rule program. That program provides additional aid to the BOE based upon there being 1,400 students in the county, instead of based upon the 749 students that are actually in the county schools. Ruth Bland of the Board of Education was at the meeting and pointed out that there are only 901 students enrolled in the county schools this year. She said that extra 1400 Rule funding helps pay for additional teachers and service personnel that are not funded by the state and, additionally, it helps pay for unfunded

state and federal mandates. Bland said that as an example of that, the Federal Government only pays for 30 percent of the Special Education costs although they require the schools to provide many more expensive Special Education services.

John Simmons delivered the annual update of the Pocahontas County Senior Citizens. He said they have 29 employees, 10 of whom are full-time and the remainder are part-time employees. He described in detail the services that are provided, including the number of miles driven to provide those services and the number and costs of meals delivered to the senior community.

The commission approved the Region 4 Hazardous Mitigation Plan and issued a resolution of support for it.

They also discussed a salary issue with two sheriff's deputies in Executive Session, then returned to open session and approved a pay settlement with them.

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MTC hears concerns about lack of communication

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

At Monday night's Marlinton Town Council meeting, town resident Caroline Sharp addressed council about the lack of communication between council and the community, which she feels is a public safety issue.

Sharp referenced a specific situation in which the Marlinton Fire Department held a drill at a condemned house next to hers and she found out about the drill two hours prior to it taking place. She said she was worried because she did not know what kind of drill it was and if it would include actual fire.

Members of the fire department who participated in the drill, including chief Herbie Barlow, were at the meeting and explained that there was not a live fire at the house that, instead, the crew used a fog machine to simulate smoke for the trainees to navigate through the house.

Sharp said she did not have a problem with the fire

department doing training drills, that her concern is that the public did not know about it in a timely fashion.

Barlow explained that the drill was not publicized because he did not want the trainees to know when and where it was happening. He added that to make it more authentic, the trainees needed to be in the dark, so to speak, until they were dispatched to the scene.

Sharp reiterated that she had nothing against the fire department and that she just wants council to communicate with the community in general.

The discussion became a back and forth which led to some confusion about the matter at hand, which led councilmember Gail Hyer to stand up and announce that she was leaving, as she was disappointed with the turn of the discussion.

Council then thanked Sharp for sharing her concerns and said it would do better in the future in communicating with the community.

During the public input portion of the agenda, council welcomed Pocahontas Memorial Hospital CEO Andrew Baer who gave an update on the new construction at PMH. A groundbreaking took place July 26 for a project which includes the rural health clinic, addition of an out-patient surgery center, increased physical therapy/occupational therapy services, expanded ED department, updated radiology department and a mammography department.

Council also welcomed town resident and Pocahontas County Arts Council representative Peggy Owens who presented a proposal to add more murals and other art projects to the community. Owens made several suggestions, including wall murals, crosswalk designs and fire hydrant paintings.

Council thanked both individuals for their presentations and asked both to keep council updated.

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Current COVID cases per county

As of Tuesday, September 13: Barbour (22), Berkeley (139), Boone (45), Braxton (4), Brooke (24), Cabell (135), Calhoun (6), Clay (8), Doddridge (2), Fayette (60), Gilmer (11), Grant (20), Greenbrier (87), Hampshire (21), Hancock (37), Hardy (35), Harrison (119), Jackson (13), Jefferson (74), Kanawha (177), Lewis (20),

Lincoln (19), Logan (83), Marion (107), Marshall (38), Mason (39), McDowell (34), Mercer (204), Mineral (43), Mingo (36), Monongalia (131), Monroe (36), Morgan (13), Nicholas (42), Ohio (54), Pendleton (9), Pleasants (3), Pocahontas (10), Preston (47), Putnam (72), Raleigh (147), Randolph (50), Ritchie (3), Roane (39),

Summers (33), Taylor (29), Tucker (16), Tyler (15), Upshur (62), Wayne (17), Webster (9), Wetzel (26), Wirt (4), Wood (66), Wyoming (59). To find the cumulative cases per county, please visit [coronavirus.wv.gov](https://www.wv.gov/coronavirus) and look on the Cumulative Summary tab, which is sortable by county.

ANNUAL DINNER AND MEETING

The Pocahontas County Farm Bureau and Pocahontas Producers Livestock Cooperative will hold their annual dinner and business meeting on

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Thursday, September 15, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Marlinton Municipal Building Auditorium

The purpose of this meeting is to introduce the council and explain the work that has been done, the plans going forward and the status of grant applications

CityNet will provide an update on its investment plans for the county; and Thompson and Litton, the council's engineer, will discuss ongoing project design.

You may attend in person. Access to the auditorium is via stairs at the front of the building or by elevator from the ground level in the alley at the back of the building.

You may also join by Zoom:
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TO THOSE WHO remember the Gendarme, the Gunsight Notch now stands empty. *Courtesy of Jarek Tuszynski*



The Moment the Gendarme Fell The Conclusion

All things upon the earth, living or not, are subject to the effects of two natural forces, gravity and time. For humans, gravity and time conspire to wear us down, much as it does material things.

The effects on humans are insidious because the weak force of gravity is at work around the clock. As a former superintendent of the New River Gorge was fond of saying, "Gravity never sleeps."

If we dare to look in the mirror from middle age on, we can't help but notice the sagging, folds, and wrinkles in our face, belly and other assorted parts of the body – gravity has been relentlessly tugging us downward.

Given our relatively short lifespan, we think of ourselves and the material world as somewhat stable. We, and everything upon this Earth, are under constant assault by all forms of degradation and erosion – it is how nature works.

Just consider how quickly nature reclaims abandoned houses, villages and even roadways. These are changes we can observe in a human lifetime. So, imagine what millions of years can do to mountains. The Grand Canyon was formed in a relatively short period of five to six million years, offering a dramatic demonstration of erosion.

The Tuscarora sandstone that constitutes the Gendarme was deposited some 400 million years ago. Tectonic forces 200 million years ago lifted the rock that makes up Seneca Rocks 90 degrees into a vertical position.

Although Tuscarora sandstone is erosion resistant, it is not erosion-proof. Hence, Seneca Rocks will shed sections of rocks until it is no more. Remember, the Appalachian Mountains were once as high or higher than the Himalayas.

Let's now turn our attention to a unique geological event that took place right here in West Virginia in 1987.

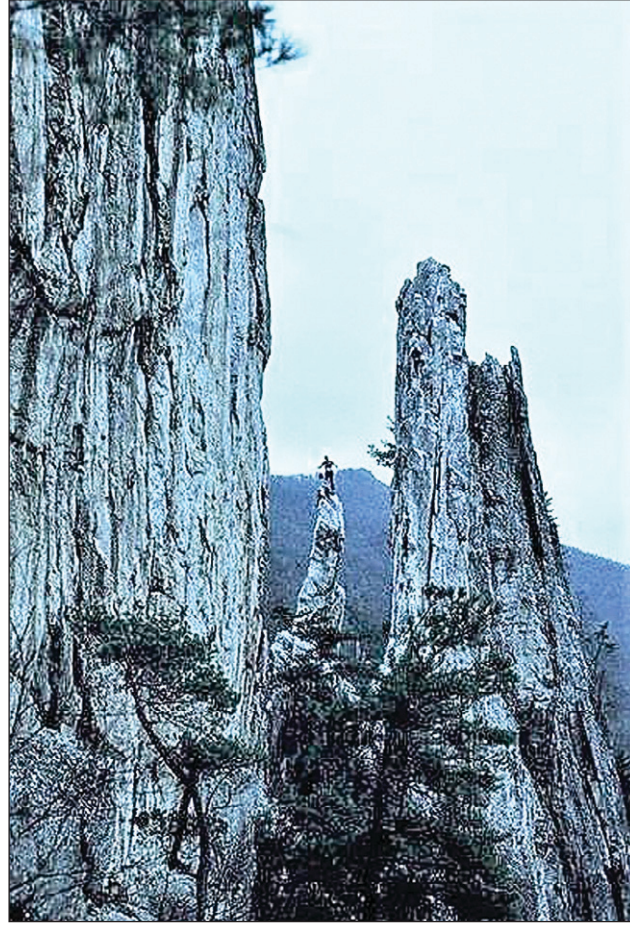
Seneca Rocks, formerly Mouth of Seneca, Pendleton County, West Virginia.

For thousands of years, perhaps millions, a 20-ton pinnacle of Tuscarora quartzite rose from the Gunsight Notch at Seneca Rocks, looking all the world like the forward sight on the muzzle of a gun. This landmark, familiar to locals, rock climbers and visitors alike, fell from its airy perch on a sunny October afternoon in 1987.

When the Gendarme fell, it removed a favorite landmark from the view afforded in the little settlement of Seneca Rocks. It has been absent for 35 years, but on each visit, when the stunning image of Seneca Rocks comes into view, my eyes still go first to the empty Gunsight Notch that bridges the north and south peaks.

If you climbed at Seneca Rocks in the 1970s and 80s, you couldn't help but know Buck Harper, the proprietor of Harper's General Store. Buck was a favorite of the rock climbers who stayed at his campground – the Pavilion.

He was known for his sharp wit and homegrown philosophy. Buck wore bib overalls – an educated man who comfortably bore the image of a country boy. You didn't have to know him long before realizing he was



CLIMBER STANDING ON the Gendarme. To have been considered a successful climb, one must stand up on the sloping and exceedingly small peak. *Photo courtesy of Facebook*

"dumb as a fox." In case you are too young to be familiar with that old phrase – Buck was an intelligent man.

One day after coming down from the rocks, as was my custom, I headed straight to Harper's General Store to sit on Buck's porch and eat an Eskimo Pie. It wasn't long before Buck stepped out to the porch to expectorate his tobacco juice through a knothole in one of the planks – his aim was invariably accurate.

He asked me what I had climbed that day. I told Buck that I had taken a couple of people from Ohio up the Gendarme. He looked up at the prominent spire that stood tall in the Gunsight Notch and said something I have never forgotten.

"It was you climbers that started calling that rock the Gendarme," he said. "Most

of the people around here know that spire as the Chimney. Many would not know that a gendarme is a French policeman."

In accordance with Buck's revelation, I never again called the pinnacle the Gendarme when eating Eskimo Pies on his porch; it was now the Chimney when in Buck's company.

Buck also shared a story that made its rounds for years among the climbing community. He said that many years ago, an "outlaw" toted some dynamite up to the Chimney and set it off, hoping to see the big rock tumble down the mountain-side.

The Gendarme didn't budge, and Buck never revealed who that outlaw was, at least to me.

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Run For It 2022 is underway

Registration is now open for the 16th annual Run For It, a 2k walk and 5k race, hosted by the Tucker Community Foundation.

Run For It is a 2k (1.2M) walk and USATF-certified 5k (3.1M) race around the scenic mountain town of Davis, during the Leaf Peepers Festival. Run For It raises funds and awareness for community organizations, projects, nonprofit agencies, educational activities, and charities located within the Foundation's eight county service area. This year's event will take place in Davis Saturday, September 24, at 11 a.m.

Run For It raises money in three different ways – racer registrations, team sponsors and race sponsors. The racer registration cost \$10 with half of the entry fee supporting a charity of the participant's choice. Team Sponsors are individuals or groups that donate money to a team, 100 percent of team sponsor money goes to the teams, and race sponsors are individuals or businesses that donate money to TCF to sponsor the race, 100 percent of race sponsor money goes into funding the awards that are given out to the teams at the end of the event. Individuals can register online at raceroster.com/58941 or visit www.tuckerfoundation.net/run to download an entry form or event packet. Racers can pre-register up to September 18 or on-site Friday, September 23, and Saturday, September



24, and join a team.

Run For It has two goals, first to encourage participation in a healthy activity by either running or walking, second to leverage funds for area causes. Throughout the years it has evolved into a solid challenge-grant program thanks to the hard work and dedication of the Foundation's staff, board of directors and numerous volunteers."

The Tucker Community Foundation serves Barbour, Grant, Mineral, Preston, Pocahontas, Randolph and Tucker counties in West Virginia and Garrett County, Maryland.

While the 2021 Run For It was an all virtual race, the Tucker Community Foundation had 81 teams and over 1,100 participants that raised more than \$250,000.

Run For It 2022 has 85 teams (or non-profit organizations) and is on track to raise nearly \$250,000 for area charities.

"It has been another successful year of fundraising for Run For It," said David Cooper, new Executive Director at the Foundation.

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TRIVIA – a little something to think about
Courtesy of Chuck Cornell

1. Every Southern boy growing up in the 1950s and 60s knew about this fine cuisine called "the working man's lunch." It consisted of two items, costing a nickel each. Two graham cracker cookies, marshmallow center, dipped in chocolate, and the South's favorite "sodee pop." What were the two items?

1961 Pulitzer Prize winning novel. Name this classic and the author.

3. We've all rocked, bopped and hopped to the classic, "Rockin' Robin." "He rocks in the treetops all day long..." What was the name of the street where Rockin' Robin lived?

4. The correct terminology for it is a "salient." We call them panhandles in Oklahoma, Texas, Alaska, Florida and West Virginia. But one state has a "boot heel." Name it.

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Letter to the Editor

Open letter to voters:

The two associations that represent elected county officials in West Virginia have voted to oppose Amendment 2, the "Property Tax Modernization Amendment" placed before the voters this November 8.

The Boards of the West Virginia Association of Counties (WVACO) and the County Commissioners Association of West Virginia (CCA) oppose the amendment, citing: 1) our loss of authority over approximately \$550 million of dedicated, constitutionally protected budget revenues, and handing that authority to the West Virginia Legislature; and 2) the fact that no certain, agreed-to plan between the House and Senate

was presented that dedicates a revenue stream that solely backfills the \$550 million to counties, and instead is subject to the pressures and competing interests of a general revenue outlay.

Counties MUST have a protected, dedicated funding source that grows with economy, and no such plan exists today.

We, the West Virginia Association of Counties (WVACO) – county assessors, circuit clerks, county clerks, prosecutors and sheriffs – along with the County Commissioners Association of West Virginia (CCA) have taken our time to address our stance on Amendment 2 because we felt it important to give the legislature time to offer a plan as

well as engage in talks with us about how they would implement new tax and spend policies if Amendment 2 should pass. This is monumental change to West Virginia tax policy, and the impact to local government is significant. And such change demands that everyone – all stakeholders involved – should all support Amendment 2 if a thorough review and comprehensive plan was first developed by all of us before placing Amendment 2 before the voters.

Unfortunately and after considerable time given, the legislature has not provided us with a sound plan that gives counties the needed as-

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Community Calendar

OPERA HOUSE
Indie-folk duo Vivian Leva and Riley Calcagno Saturday, September 17, 7:30 p.m.

Hammons Family Musical Heritage Celebration, Saturday, September 24, 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and free is free for those 17 years old and younger. Tickets are available at the 4th Avenue Gallery in Marlinton, pocahontasopera house.org and at the door the evening of the performance.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Effective October 1, 2022, all Town of Marlinton utility bills that are more than 90 days delinquent will be turned over to a collection agency.

Justin Arvon, a consumer outreach and compliance specialist with the West Virginia Attorney General's office, will be at Marlinton Town Hall Thursday, September 22, to assist residents with any consumer-related issues or questions they may have.

Pocahontas Memorial Hospital Public Health Fairs will be held Wednesday, October 5, at Hillsboro Elementary School, 7 a.m. to noon; and Tuesday, October 11, at PMH Cass/Green Bank Physical Therapy Office 7 a.m. to noon. No appointment necessary.

Pocahontas County Health Department Flu Vaccine Schedule - at the Health Department, Tuesday, October 4, 9 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, October 12, 10 a.m. to noon and 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday, October 20, 9 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday, October 27, 9 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 3 p.m.

Hillsboro Senior Center, Monday, October 3, 10 to 11 a.m.

Marlinton Senior Center, Tuesday, October 4, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Green Bank Senior Center, Thursday, October 6, 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Green Bank Library,

October 6, 1 to 2 p.m.
Durbin Library, Friday, October 7, 10 to 11 a.m.
Hillsboro Library, Tuesday, October 11, 11 a.m. to noon.

Family Resource Network (drive thru), Wednesday, October 19, 8 a.m. For more information, call health department at 304-799-4154.

Huntersville Historical Traditions is seeking donations/loans of Pocahontas County antiques and historic memorabilia for the new Huntersville Museum. For more information, contact Mary Fisher, 304-799-0583 or message on Facebook: Huntersville-Historical-Traditions.

EVENTS
Walk for Water with worldvision.org Sunday, September 18, 2 p.m. beginning at the Cass Pavilion. Walk and/or donate money to raise awareness and provide clean water for communities in need around the world. Hosted by New Hope Church of the Brethren.

Budding Bookworms at Green Bank Library Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. begin-

ning September 21. Story time and play group for children age 5 and younger, accompanied by a grown up. Cancelled when schools are closed.

Hillsboro Public Library will host a movie afternoon, Disney's "Encanto," Sunday, September 18, from 2 to 4 p.m. The event is free and popcorn will be provided.

Free, gently used and some new jackets and coats in various sizes for men, women, children and babies Saturday, September 24, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church in Hillsboro. Free hotdogs and lemonade.

The Farm to Table Dinner at Last Run Restaurant has been moved to Saturday, November 12.

MEETING
Pocahontas County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Thursday, September 22, 2 p.m. in the conference room at McClintic Library. The agenda will be posted Friday, September 16, at the Office of Emergency Management.
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Marlinton Mayor's Corner

By Sam Felton

New Elk Mountain signage points out my kind of mountain bike trail.

On May 17, Governor Jim Justice announced that a scenic loop on US Route 219 and WV Route 92 would be newly named the **Seneca Skyway**. The routes promote both ends of Pocahontas County, directing visitors to the state's most scenic country roads to drive – by car or motorcycle. This official designation as the first route of the West Virginia Mountain Rides program is something else for our region to promote and support. Now, we have another tool to market the beauty of our state

and region.

The Seneca Skyway begins in Lewisburg and extends to Thomas in Tucker County, before returning to Lewisburg, making for a smooth and easy loop for riders. The entire route traverses nearly 300 miles of winding country roads, dotted with unique mountain towns, and can be completed within a little over six hours. The route features a perfect blend of activities and stops for nature lovers and city explorers alike.

The **Verizon Tower** foundation work is completed. After the concrete has rested a few days, we will begin to

see the Tower being stacked on the site.

The Patriot Day 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony was held Sunday. Thanks to all who made this ceremony possible. Thanks to Bill Graham for ringing the bells at Marlinton Presbyterian Church to begin the program. Thanks to the local Boy Scouts and their leaders for leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Thanks you to each of the Pocahontas County Honor Corps for your support and thanks to J. P. Duncan and our own Marlinton Volunteer Fire Department for positioning their ladder truck so that old glory flew high during the ceremony. A retiring of old and tattered flags followed the Remembrance Ceremony.
God bless America.

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Annual Dinner September 20, 6:30 p.m. at Pocahontas County Farm Bureau and Pocahontas Producers Livestock Cooperative annual dinner and business meeting Tuesday, Thursday, September 15.

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These programs are presented with financial assistance from Pocahontas County Drama, Fairs and Festivals along with the following companies:

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RACE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Volunteers are needed for the Greenbrier River Trail Marathon Sunday, October 2.
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Hillsboro Library Friends presents its annual
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Hammons Family Musical Heritage Celebration

Ryan Krofchek
Contributing Writer

The Hammons Family Musical Heritage Celebration returns to the Opera House stage Saturday, September 24, at 7:30 p.m.

This is an event dedicated to highlighting the Hammons' legacy within Pocahontas County and the American Traditional Music canon.

Community members and old-time musicians who carry on this legacy are invited to sign up to perform or tell stories during the evening.

The Hammons Family carried on long-standing traditions of fiddle and banjo playing, ballad singing and storytelling at their remote mountain home in Pocahontas County. In recent years, musicians from West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Virginia and North Carolina have taken to the Opera House stage to pay tribute to the Hammons family, celebrating their own diverse range of musical styles and talents.

Juanita Fireball and the Continental Drifters will be the "house band." Master of Ceremonies Mike Burns was a longtime friend of the Hammons family and carries on their music and history through anecdotal stories and songs.

Teresa Hammons will have a special exhibit showcasing the Hammons Family. Trevor Hammons will perform along with many other guests.

Folks interested in signing up to perform are encouraged to call the Opera House at 304-799-6645.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and admission is free for those 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,



TREVOR HAMMONS, A member of the Hammons family of musicians, will share his talent at the Hammons Family Musical Heritage Celebration, Saturday, September 24, at the opera house. Hammons, 22, is fresh off his first place win in the Open Old-Time Clawhammer Banjo contest held at the 2022 Appalachian String Band Music Festival at Clifftop. He has placed first – third in five or more years in Banjo and Traditional Band competitions at Clifftop. Hammons dedicated his First Place blue ribbon to "Leslie, the Diva," whom, he said, has helped with all the festivals since he began to compete in 2013.

Poetry Corner

THE THROW BACK

A wag and a bark and a bunch of hair,
A look from his eyes such as children wear,
He wraps himself round his master's heart,
But late in the night he wakes to start
To slip through the forest swift and still,
To a far sheep farm where he makes his kill
And washes the blood from his dripping jaws,
And at dawn he is home with his head on his paws.
Sometimes his mater's loving hand,
Picks out a single woolly strand,
Caught in the cruel teeth, and men
Say the dog is most dangerous then,
Ready to slay in a frenzy fit,
Proving a fawning hypocrite.
Sometimes the master the dog will shield,
More often he dies in a distant field,
But killed or kept, the fear of the law
Keeps secret the fact of the wool in the jaw.

~ Dreams and other subjects
Andrew Price



What's Cookin'?

With Sally Cobb

Pumpkin Soup

1 Tbsp. unsalted butter
1 Tbsp. vegetable oil
1 cup diced onion
1/2 cup leeks, sliced, with tops
1 Tbsp. fresh ginger, minced
4 cups vegetable broth
3 cups peeled pumpkin chunks or 2 cups plain pureed canned pumpkin
1/2 tsp salt
2 tsp. light brown sugar
1/8 tsp freshly grated nutmeg
6 Tbsp. plain, low-fat yogurt or sour cream (for garnish)

In a large heavy saucepan, heat butter and oil over moderate heat.

Add onion, celery, leeks, garlic and ginger. Sauté until tender.

Add broth, pumpkin and salt; bring to a boil.

Lower heat, cover and simmer for about 20 minutes or until soup has thickened and flavors are blended.

In a food processor or blender, puree soup – in batches – until smooth.

Return soup to saucepan and stir in sugar and nutmeg. Reheat over moderate heat, stirring occasionally, for 5 minutes, or until heated through.

Ladle into soup bowls and garnish with a tablespoon of yogurt or sour cream.

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Site Changes — This year's sites will be located in main central locations only, but with expanded hours to accommodate more people. We regret that we cannot return to a full Health Fair schedule, but hope that this year's expanded sites into the Hillsboro and Cass/Green Bank areas will help more individuals receive services.

Super Crossword **BEASTLY SNACK**

ACROSS

1	Tea and ale	47	Ghana's capital	99	Novelist or dramatist	10	Natural gas component	43	Operate wrongly	79	Big laughs		
6	Brunch menu items	51	Whiz	100	Professors' privileges	11	Knotted neckwear	44	Ratchet wheel	81	Like some lotteries and liquor stores		
13	Difficult to pin down	52	Printing proof, informally	101	Provo or Orem native	12	Declare	48	When airport stats doubled, tot's train	86	Diatribes		
20	Newswoman	56	Riddle, part 3	104	Doily material	13	Approx. airport stats	49	Versatile stoves	87	Part of SFPD		
21	Ancient Italian region	61	Jinx	105	Belly muscles	14	Ritchie Valens hit	50	Peaceful, simple place	89	Take forcibly		
22	Like adoptees and swindle victims	62	Whim	107	Old Russian space station	15	Small guitar, for short	53	"Goodbye, Columbus" author	90	Monkly title		
23	Start of a riddle	64	Eastern "way"	108	"Trinity" novelist Leon	16	One drafted for service	54	Divide into different districts	91	Fish part		
25	French scholar	65	Shirt tag	109	Barge in	17	Trapped by habit	55	Some daisies	92	Like a wise bird		
71	Zip	66	Andre of tennis	111	Riddle's answer	18	Manly	57	"No more for me, thanks"	93	Lingua — triumphs		
72	Abbr. on military mail	67	Application to thinning hair	117	Cleaned thoroughly	19	Win the affection of	58	NBA Hall of Famer	95	Uno or dos		
74	Lip	69	Give a job to	118	Runs in	24	Pound fraction	59	Stoops (to)	96	Spring blooms		
75	Almond confection	71	Zip	119	Gads about	28	Shorten	60	Go-getters	97	Most minimal		
76	Food fish	72	Abbr. on military mail	120	Draft horse's gear	30	Capone and Pacino	65	Spreads apart	102	Wedding cake layers		
77	Riddle, part 4	74	Lip	121	Person icing a cake	31	Pudgy	67	Public unveilings of products	103	Knotted neckwear		
78	Very little, in recipes	75	Almond confection	122	Fashion flair	32	Big black-and-white mammal	68	Fishing tools	106	Mattresses' places		
80	Prefix with lingual	77	Riddle, part 4	DOWN	1	X6 carmaker	33	"Yuck!"	69	Stoops (to)	108	Pre-'91 superpower	
82	—mo	80	Very little, in recipes	2	"Go, team!"	2	"Go, team!"	34	Football's time	70	Agra's Taj — green sauce	110	Suffix with script
83	Syrian president since 2000	82	—mo	3	Distinctive	3	Distinctive	35	Big 1940s computer	73	Basil-based	111	U.K. military fliers
84	Scottish seaport	83	Syrian president since 2000	4	Coven member	4	Coven member	37	Crooning cowboy Gene	75	Propel a bike	112	Mess up
85	Skin art	84	Scottish seaport	5	Cornic — Baron Cohen	5	Cornic — Baron Cohen	40	Set — (start wedding plans)	77	Allowance	113	Beatified Fr. woman
88	Carts away	85	Skin art	6	Female gamete	6	Female gamete	41	R&B singer — Marie	78	Unconfined	114	Wall-climbing plant
92	End of the riddle	88	Carts away	7	Gibson of "Gallipoli"	7	Gibson of "Gallipoli"	8	Ultimate goal	8	Ultimate goal	115	Food fish
98	Prefix with lingual	92	End of the riddle	8	Ultimate goal	8	Ultimate goal	9	Eases	9	Eases	116	Dir. from Fresno to L.A.

Mingo Indian statue to be rededicated

Sally Kirk Adkins
Contributing Writer

The Mingo District Historical Society, after a two-year delay, will rededicate the now 102 year old Mingo Indian statue in Upper Mingo, September 25.

Sylvester Fretwell and his wife, Carol, own the property on which the statue stands and are the caretakers. Mr. Fretwell will lead the rededication ceremony.

The statue was originally dedicated September 25, 1920. It was crafted by the famed J.W. Fiske Iron Works and erected by Elkins Monumental Works. Speakers were W. H. Cobb, editor of the 1921 book *History of the Mingo Indians* and founder of the Randolph County Historical Society; and H.G. Kump, then candidate for Randolph County Prosecuting Attorney and future Governor of West Virginia. More than 200 local residents signed donation sheets to contribute from 50 cents to \$5 toward erecting the statue. Some familiar names on the donation sheet include F. E. Runner, W. G. Wilson, Dr. F. H. Barron, E. D. Talbott, J. J. Wallace and Judge H. B. Kittle.

Schedule of events for the rededication:

- 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. – Church Service at the Mingo Presbyterian Church.
- 1-1:30 p.m. – Light lunch served by the church. Drinks and utensils provided.
- 1:30-2 p.m. – In the church sanctuary, George Coussoule, retired teacher and local historian will do a presentation on our local Native American history
- 2:30-3 p.m. – The Rededication Ceremony will be led by Syl Fretwell at the statue or in the church, depending on the weather.

Historical writings about the statue will be on display in the church, including copies of the original donation sign-up sheets. Copies of the *History of the Mingo Indians*, 2020 Edition, along with 8.5 x 11 pictures of the statue suitable for framing, will be available for purchase.

The Mingo Indian Statue

The statue of the Mingo Indian sits off of US Route 219 on Mingo Flats Road in Upper Mingo, just south of Valley Head. Descendants of the early pioneers wanted to honor the place where the American Indian village once stood – now known as Mingo Flats. Remains of the village were visible to the first settlers, although clearly abandoned for many years. The Mingo Saloon and Lodge (formerly the Brazenhead Inn) sits on the location of the Mingo Village and hunting grounds.

The inscription on the statue reads: “This monument is erected in memory of the passing of the Red Man. An Indian village was located near this place. According to local tradition it was frequented by the Mingo tribe, and at one time was an Iroquois outpost. Mingo in Iroquois meaning “foreign service.” The Mingo are said to have been expelled by the Iroquois for disloyalty. This village was on the trail from the Lakes to the South but had been abandoned prior to the coming of the “Pale Face.” From this tradition came the name of the present village, the magisterial district and the adjacent stream – Mingo Run. Tal-gah-Jute-John Logan, the Mingo Chief, is supposed to have used this habitat. He was terrible in warfare, yet humane in peace and was a factor in colonial history.”

In a recent conversation, Mingo District Historical Society president and owner of the statue Sylvester Fretwell had this to say:

“I first became aware of the Mingo Indian Statue in 1977, when my mother-in-law, Thelma Deavers, married Buck Currence, who owned the farm on which the statue is located. I became interested in the history of the statue (and the Mingo Indians who were the reason for the statue) in 2003, when my wife, Carol, and I bought the farm and the statue.

A book was published in

1921 titled *History of the Mingo Indians*. It contained speeches which were delivered at the September 25, 1920 dedication of the statue, as well as articles written later by three local historians. These three disagreed on many counts about the local Mingo Indian history. Despite much research, the disagreements have never been resolved. However, Mingo area residents in 1920 were so convinced of the significance of the Mingo Indian presence in their midst that they banded together to fund and erect the statue.

S. H. and Fanny Wood donated land beside the ancient Seneca Trail. More than 200 residents contributed money. Well over 1,000 attended the all-day dedication ceremony. Over the years, a few articles were published about the statue. Then, when the Mingo District Historical Society was formed in 2012, interest increased. An updated version of the 1921 book was published. A rededication celebration was planned for the 100-year anniversary, September 2020. COVID-19 forced postponement. That celebration is planned now

for the 102-year anniversary. The Mingo Indian statue, crafted by the famed J. W. Fiske Iron Works and erected by Elkins Monumental Works, is a beautiful work of art in a rustic setting, looking much as the original model would have looked centuries ago, when he trod the Seneca Trail.

Our forefathers of one century ago had the historical perspective to appreciate what had passed before them. It is our privilege to continue to uphold and celebrate a great people.



Mingo Indian statue

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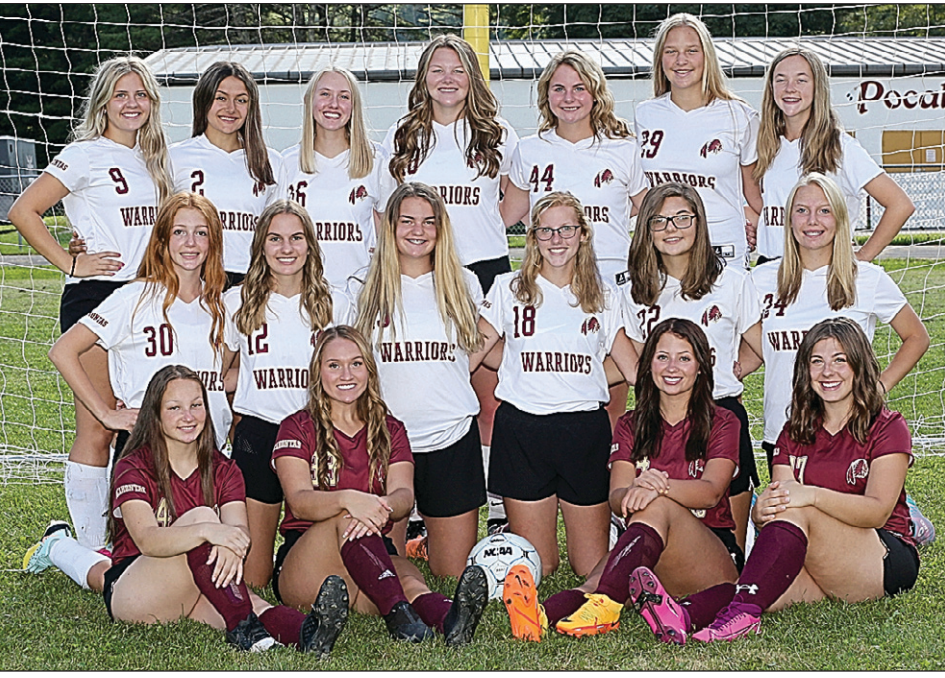
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WARRIOR SPORTS



FRONT ROW, L TO R: Seniors TaLisa Arbogast, Kelsi Taylor, Emma Riffe and Isabella Bauserman. **Second row:** Ramona Hardy, Mileya Bircher, Andrea Alderman, Kynlee Wilfong, Elizabeth Friel and Shayla Bennett. **Third row:** Ellena Bauserman, Riley Pollack, Eden Smith, Mackenzie Taylor, Mallori McCoy, Brianna Cochran and Miranda Gum. *Photos courtesy of Picket Fence Photography*

Lady Warriors win two on the road

The Pocahontas County High School Lady Warriors soccer team played two games on the road last week, traveling to James Monroe for a 10-2 win and to Lewis County for a 5-3 win.

James Monroe – September 6

The Lady Mavericks took an early lead, but the Lady Warriors tied the game 2-2 going into half-time. The Lady Warriors scored 8 more goals in the second half while the Lady Mavericks scored 0 for a final score of 10-2 Pocahontas.

Scorers were forwards and midfielders Kelsi Taylor (3), Isabella Bauserman, Mileya Bircher (2), Riley Pollack (2), Mallori McCoy and Brianna Cochran.

Assists on these goals were from forwards and midfielders Emma Riffe (3), K. Taylor (2), Mileya Bircher (2), McCoy (2) and Eden Smith.

Additional shots on goal were from forwards and midfielders Riffe, Smith, Miranda Gum and Ramona Hardy.

Defenders and midfielders TaLisa Arbogast, Mackenzie Taylor, Ellena Bauserman, Andrea Alderman, Kynlee Wilfong and Elizabeth Friel stole and/or cleared the ball out of the defensive field 32 times.

Goalkeeper Shayla Bennett saved 3 goals and allowed 2.

Lewis County – September 10

The Lady Warriors led the Lady Minutemen 3-1 at half-time. Both teams scored 2 goals in the second half for a final score of 5-3 Pocahontas.

Scorers were forwards and midfielders Kelsi Taylor, Riley Pollack (2), Eden Smith and Mallori McCoy. Assists on these goals

were from forwards and midfielders Isabella Bauserman (2), K. Taylor and Brianna Cochran.

Additional shots on goal were from forwards and midfielders I. Bauserman, Emma Riffe, Mileya Bircher and Cochran.

Defenders and midfielders

zie Taylor, TaLisa Arbogast and Ramona Hardy stole and/or cleared the ball out of the defensive field 32 times.

Goalkeeper Shayla Bennett saved 8 goals and allowed 3.

The team's record is 4 wins, 0 ties, 3 losses. They have scored 27 goals, saved 50, allowed 30.



FRONT ROW, L TO R: Freshmen Wade Garber, Noah Solak and Kaden Wayne. **Back row:** Sophomores Trenton Brock, Matthew McQuain and Willie O'Ganian; Seniors Mason Solliday, Holden Sharp, Max O'Ganian and Jax Osborne; Sophomore Ethan Stull; Juniors Ben Withers and Jeremie Mick. *Not pictured: Freshman Dylan Keller.*

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Buck, from page 1

Pearl was raised in China and first learned to speak Chinese which she found easier than learning English. Pearl was an adventurous child and was not sheltered from the rough lives led by the villagers of China. She saw herself as one of them.

"At that point, I didn't know that I was white. I was a regular at the village funerals and meetings, and I was very accustomed to hearing the local women talk openly about their problems and lives. So it was my missionary parents who needed protection from reality. Not me. Not at all."

It wasn't until her blonde hair grew too long to tuck into a hat that Pearl realized she was different. She fought against her nanny, Wang Amah, who tried to shove her long locks into the hat.

"Why do I have to wear this? I would say to her and she would calmly say, 'because black is the only color for little girls' hair and eyes and your hair does not look real, so wear the hat.'"

It was Wang Amah who first exposed Pearl to books and stories. She read and told stories to the young girl, who quickly absorbed them. By the time she was five, she had them memorized. Wang Amah's stories sparked Pearl's passion for reading and writing, as well as a passion for Chinese culture.

While Wang Amah taught her about China, Pearl's mother taught her about Pocahontas County.

"She told me of her home in the hills. She described it as an Eden-like place where there were large fields of green grass, apples lying under trees and where berries grew on bushes, ready to eat immediately. She explained to me that they didn't have walls around their yards and the water in the streams was so clean that you could drink it without being boiled."

"So, in my mind, what I

thought was, America is a place untouched by disease, starvation, corruption, injustice and want," she continued. "For me the imagination of America was perfect."

Pearl's mother taught her, as well as a tutor and Wang Amah. She learned about Buddhism, Confucius and Christianity. As she grew, so did her hunger for reading. She devoured Shakespeare and Charles Dickens on an annual basis.

"Reading and writing for

she forever had the mind of a toddler.

While it was a difficult decision to make, Pearl and Lossing sent Carol to a home in New Jersey that took care of children with disorders such as Carol's. The couple adopted a child and moved back to China.

"This time I grieved through my



"I wrote *The Good Earth* in order to create a bridge between east and west. In order to explain to people the intricacies of Chinese culture and in order to create a greater human experience. *The Good Earth* became a best selling novel in 1931, 32 and 33."

Missy McCollam, as Pearl S. Buck

me was an escape where I could go into the attic and escape the real world and live in a world of interesting characters and a world of fantasy and dreams. In 1910, my parents sent me to America to study at Randolph-Macon Women's College in Lynchburg, Virginia.

"It was immediately evident that I did not fit in there," she continued. "Immediately."

Pearl altered her Chinese clothing on her brother's sewing machine and was able to fit in with her classmates. She graduated head of her class and planned to remain in America, until she received word that her mother was not well. She returned to China to be by her side.

In 1915, she met John Lossing Buck, an agricultural economist, and they were married in 1917. Three years later, Pearl gave birth to her only biological child, Carol. The young girl had a strong body, but suffered by what was later diagnosed as Phenylketonuria (PKU). While her body would grow,

writing," Pearl would say. "It was at this time that I gathered all the information that I put in *The Good Earth*. Lossing and I taught at the University of Nanking and I began to write articles."

In 1930, the John Day Company published her first novel, *East Wind, West Wind*. Pearl was finally a published author and she had become self-sufficient.

By 1931, her life changed in two big ways — her second novel, *The Good Earth*, was published, and she met Richard Walsh, her publisher. Walsh would later become her husband, on the same day she divorced Buck.

"I wrote *The Good Earth* in order to create a bridge between east and west," she said. "In order to explain to people the intricacies of Chinese culture and in order to create a greater human experience. The *Good Earth* became a best selling novel in 1931, 32 and 33."

"In 32, I was awarded — the first woman ever — the Pulitzer Prize for literature," she continued. "It was amazing. I wrote many novels in-

cluding *The Exile*, which is about my mother, and *The Fighting Angel*, about my father. In 1938, I was the very first woman to win the Nobel Prize for literature."

Pearl returned to America to be closer to her husband and daughter, Carol. She bought a farm, The Green Hills, in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Pearl and Richard went on to adopt six more children.

Pearl became an advocate for mentally challenged children, explaining to their parents that they should not hide the children and should, instead, let them live their lives and enjoy their childhood.

Pearl also created The Welcome House, which helped nearly 5,000 Asian and Amerasian children to be adopted.

Following the presentation, McCollam was joined by Pearl S. Buck Birthplace docent Phyllis Lubin-Tyler, who is an expert in all things Pearl S. Buck. The two answered questions from the crowd and invited those in attendance to take a tour of the birthplace and to take home some Concord grapes gathered from the vines that entangled in the front porch trellis at the home.

The History Alive! Pearl S. Buck presentation was a Pocahontas County Bicentennial event.

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RoadKill, from page 1

The vendor list includes familiar favorites such as local crafters and non-profit organizations, as well as some new faces with new products.

"We have a guy coming who does hunting scents," Miller said. "We have two cannabis — CBD — vendors, so that's really cool. This is also an opportunity for non-profits to come and spread information and/or do little fundraisers."

While the streets will be lined with vendors and the gazebo park will be full of cooks competing in the RoadKill Cook-off, the Discovery Junction stage will feature several musicians throughout the day, including Jace Turley, Seldom Free, the Black Mountain Bluegrass Boys and The Bing Brothers featuring Jake Krack.

"Joanna Burt-Kinderman helped me do the music lineup, and we borrowed heavily from Pioneer Days because people were so good," Miller said.

On Friday, September 23 — the night before the big event — there will be the Redneck Square Dance at the Pocahontas County Opera House featuring music by Mud Hole Control. The first hour will be a lesson in square dancing, followed by a foot stompin', heel clickin' good time.

Then on Saturday, September 24, the events kick off with the 5K run/walk Possum Trot, sponsored by High Rocks. Registration is from 8 to 9 a.m. at the Greenbrier River Trail near the Marlinton Depot and the race starts at 9 a.m.

From there, the cooks will light their burners and mix their concoctions to please the judges and the crowd. The rules are the same as always — a dish that features meat from a critter that could potentially be roadkill, such as deer, bear, groundhog, rabbit, etc. The cooks are asked to make enough to serve three judges and too many visitors to count.

Those interested in sampling the cuisine and voting for the People's Choice award must purchase a \$10 arm-band from the Chamber of Commerce at the event.

This year's cook-off and festival is special for Miller because it will be her first time attending the unique event. Although she's never experienced it for herself, she said the planning committee has filled her in and helped to keep the event on its feet.

"We have a great planning committee," she said. "I have that historical knowledge and people who know what has gone on in previous years. I have been grateful to have the planning committee that has all this previous experience because I have never attended one before. It's a little bit shocking that I am planning and will be attending my first one, but I think it will be a complement of my new insights and the ways we used to do things."

Some of the changes made for this year include use of the Discovery Junction and extended entertainment. Also because the cooks have been moved back to the gazebo park, First Avenue will not be closed to traffic.

"I was inspired by Pioneer Days how they had music going late into the evening, so we actually extended the music that we're doing for RoadKill," Miller said. "We put in a whole other slot in that evening. This way, too, the RoadKill cooks can wrap up and come and enjoy music, and the two activities aren't detracting from each other."

Miller wants to remind everyone attending the RoadKill Cook-off and Autumn Harvest Festival that the Cranberry Shindig at the Cranberry Mountain Nature Center will be the next day, Sunday, September 25, which is another reason to stick around and enjoy the fun filled weekend. The Shindig features local crafters, live music by The Bing Brothers featuring Jake Krack and performances by the Old Dominion Cloggers.

Jobs, from page 6

cies each. Both agencies are known for having high turnover and vacancy numbers with Gov. Jim Justice declaring a state of emergency last month for state prisons and jails, using the West Virginia National Guard to help with staffing.

"All of us are well aware of the problems we have with the nursing homes, the jails and prisons, and the social work-side," said Delegate Brandon Steele, R-Raleigh. "We're literally sending the National Guard to prisons right now. We could immediately shift that money toward those high-demand high-need positions if we could dig into that and potentially with the other 4,300 vacancies do the same."

Auditors also found more than 300 full-time jobs within state agencies that would qualify for public assistance based on salary. There are 383 full-time state employee positions that earn less than \$23,000, qualifying them for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits. Many of those 383 jobs are within the Division of Health, including housekeepers, cooks and other service workers.

But Michael Cook, director of the State Budget Office, warned lawmakers against immediately sweeping the budgets of departments and agencies

"There are instances where I believe there are vacancies that could be eliminated and that money be better used to support the agency budget, but in many instances the budget bill provides permissive language that allows those agencies to transfer those funds that the Legislature has appropriated for personal services and employee benefits," Cook said. "That was one of the main concerns I had when I read the report. I didn't want it to have the appearance that there were just millions of dollars that could be swept in savings."

But as the auditors pointed out, there are very few instances where state departments and agencies perform intra-departmental personal services transfers. The Division of Health did not perform intra-departmental transfers in 2020 and 2021 and the Division of Human Services, the Division of Highways, the Division of

Rehabilitation Services and West Virginia State Universities performed no transfers between 2018 and 2021.

"Technically, they're saying they need it for vacancies, but in reality no, they need it for overtime," said PERD Director John Sylvia. "This is what we have seen these agencies are doing."

"Not to put words in any-

one's mouths, Mr. Sylvia, but in other words you're telling us that the budget process as we know it just doesn't reflect reality." Han-shaw asked.

"No, it doesn't," Sylvia said.

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MTC, from page 2

Under new business, council approved the following:

- adoption of the Municipal Adoption Resolution, which acknowledges the requirements of Section 322 of DMA 2000 to have an approved Hazard Mitigation

Plan as a prerequisite to receiving post-disaster Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds.

- Region IV smoke testing project resolution #12.
- Region IV stormwater project archaeological consultant selection.
- Region IV water and sewer project amended professional agreements.
- Town of Marlinton

Trick-or-Treat will be Monday, October 31, 5 to 7 p.m.

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

Corps, from page 2

In another Executive Session, they discussed the Opioid Litigation Settlement with Attorney Stephen Skinner, but took no action as a result of their discussion except to sign some legal documents.

Mark Smith of the Pocahontas County Public Service District asked the commission to help pay the additional costs needed to replace the failing sediment screens at the Snowshoe sewer plant. He said they received about \$1.9 million from a grant and loan for this but the bids came in at \$3.4 million instead of the anticipated \$1.9 million. He said the current filters are built into the plant and are allowing sediment to clog up the water treatment process.

Smith asked if the commission could use some of its \$1.6 million of ARP money to help fund that additional cost. The commission told him they have already committed all of their ARC funding. Smith then asked for a letter to that effect, which they could present to the agency currently offering the \$1.9 million to the project so that they can possibly receive extra grant money or a loan to meet the increased cost. The commission agreed to that.

The commissioners then reviewed the status of their ARP funding. Helmick said they have committed \$1 million of their \$1.6 million ARC funds to build a Courthouse Annex, while the remaining \$600,000 so far committed will be used for:

- \$35,000 for the engineering for the PMH Water Project;

- \$200,000 for the Thornwood and 4H Camp water projects;
- \$35,000 for broadband projects;
- \$35,000 for the Family Refuge Center;
- and \$25,000 for the lift station at the Tannery.

The commission temporarily recessed the meeting to visit the former Hanover Shoe property to see where the Pocahontas County Saddle Club proposes to make improvements to the rodeo grounds they lease from the county. After reviewing the site, the commission asked the club to obtain a site map from the Assessor's Office and take it to the County Prosecutor who will draw up a 25-year lease between the commission and the Saddle Club, which will include a renewal option for an additional 25 years.

Calendar, from page 4

Emergency Management, 1008 Jury Street in Marlinton. For more information call the Office of Emergency Management at 304-799-3985.

Pocahontas County Democratic Executive Committee organizational meeting Monday, October 17, 6 p.m. at McClintic Library. For more information, call 304-799-4746.

PARKS AND REC
Circuit Strength Training class, Mondays and Wednesdays 5 to 6 p.m.
Zumba Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 5 p.m. Instructor: Kelly Shifflett.

REUNION
PCHS Class of 1977 – Saturday, September 24, 2 pm. at Stillwell Park. RSVP to Debbie Little Mowbray by September 10, 681-875-0012, acheiva2@yahoo.com or by Facebook Messenger. Send \$20 per person to Marvina Irvine, 921 10th Avenue, Marlinton, WV 24954.

CHURCH NOTICES
Marlinton Presbyterian Church – Worship 10 a.m.

You may also attend via conference call: 1-978-990-5269; access code: 4835028.

Arbovale United Methodist – Worship 11:15 a.m. Sundays; Bible Study 6 p.m. Thursdays.

New Hope Lutheran – Minnehaha Springs – Worship 8:45 a.m. or online at Facebook and YouTube, or by teleconference at 11 a.m. 425-436-6375; access code: 452803.

First Baptist Church – Huntersville – Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday night service 7 p.m.

Seebert United Methodist Church – Sunday School every Sunday 9:20 a.m.; Worship second and fourth Sundays at 10 a.m.

Catholic Mass: St. John, Marlinton – Sunday 9 a.m.; **St. Mark, Bartow** – Sunday 11:30 a.m.

Liberty Presbyterian, Green Bank – Worship at 11 a.m. and via zoom. us/j/4527333215.

Dunmore United Methodist Church – Worship 10 a.m. Sunday School – Adult Bible Study via Zoom 8 a.m.

Marlinton First Church of the Nazarene – Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.; Wednesday night Bible Study 7 p.m.

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New Hope Church of the Brethren, Worship at 9:30 a.m. and Bible Study Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Pine Grove Church of the Brethren, Arbovale – Sunday School 10 a.m., Worship 11 a.m.; Bible Study, Thursday, 7 p.m.

Cochran Creek Baptist Church, Rimel – Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m.

Campbelltown Church, Marlinton – Worship 10 a.m.; Sunday School 11 a.m.

Cook Town Community Church, Rt. 219 – Sunday Service 10 a.m.

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

Marlinton Church of God, Beard Heights – Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m. Wednesday Night Bible Study 6 p.m. Evangelistic service 6 p.m. second and fourth Sundays.

Trinity Baptist Church, Rt. 219 Buckeye Hill – Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m.; Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. Pastor David Moore.

Mayor's, from page 4

The Town of Marlinton crew has completed the Veterans Memorial Base at the Gazebo Lot along Main Street. Although the base was ready the stone was not.

Letter, from page 4

insurances where we could support Amendment 2.

We cannot. We applaud the legislature for looking at new ways, as this constitutionally protected funding of local government has been around a long time. But it was put there for a reason, during the Great Depression. And the economy today renews those same fears of uncertainty. Make no mistake, county

Soon to be set on the base will be a Memorial Stone provided by the Vietnam Veterans of Pocahontas County. The stone will Honor all Branches of the Military and all Veterans, past, present and future. Watch for it.

Now, I am left with asking pet-owners to clean up after

their pets. The memorial base was not a good place to find remnants of your dog's business. But there it was – between the sidewalk and where the stone will be set. The deposit was also within a few short steps of a waste station – placed there to be used by pet-owners.

Sam

governments support cutting taxes. We do support the Governor and the legislature cutting the personal income tax to provide immediate tax relief for the people, and cuts to promote business growth and jobs. We all want that. But as Amendment 2 potentially takes so much from our counties before a universally-accepted blueprint is created, and because the legislature is NOT in agreement between their two bodies as to how a new policy would work - AND that Governor Justice himself opposes Amendment 2 - we, at

WVACO and the CCAWV, must oppose this measure.

While we pledge to always work with the legislature on bold, new ideas that seek to meet the new challenges in a global economy, we cannot give our support.

We respectfully ask the voters to reject Amendment 2.

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Your, from page 3

October 29, 1987

It was a beautiful fall day. The temperature was in the 50s, and the visibility extended nearly 10 miles. The average wind speed was only six mph, and the maximum wind gusts expected were 21 mph. It was a clear but cool and dry day, a great day to be on Seneca Rocks.

Several climbers were on the rocks that day, including a climbing guide from the Gendarme climbing shop and his students. It is unknown to me if anyone had climbed the Gendarme on that particular day.

Seneca Rocks Elementary School was in session that afternoon when a deafening roar came down from the rocks, causing everyone to head outside to see what was happening.

Upon seeing the enormous dust cloud, a 10-year-old student looked down at his wristwatch. The time that the Gendarme became only a fond memory was 3:27 p.m. Ironically, this young lad just happened to be the son of the owner of the Gendarme climbing shop, John Markwell.

Locals, visitors and climbers alike loved the Gendarme. Its sudden absence was a great loss for many West Virginians.

The Gendarme had several climbing routes that ended on its 25-foot summit. Tradition required that, to claim to have successfully climbed

this famous pinnacle, one must stand up on its exceeding small and sloped peak. Once you had completed the climb according to this unwritten rule, you were worthy to purchase a T-shirt at the climbing shop depicting a climber comfortably standing on top.

(Actually, most people are frighteningly close to wetting themselves at this point in the climb.)

This iconic climber's Mecca is situated just south of Harper's General Store and remains there to this day. It is worth a visit whether you are a climber or not. The following climbing description of the Gendarme comes from the 1976 edition of *A Climber's Guide to Seneca Rocks* by Bill Webster and Rich Pleiss.

"From the north side of the Gendarme, walk over to the sloping East Face and climb diagonally up and to the left. The crux of the climb has not been done if the climber doesn't stand up at the top of the pinnacle."

I have had the privilege and pleasure of guiding numerous climbers to the summit of the Gendarme. After a successful climb, I always took those brave souls down

to the climbing shop to get their T-shirts and then on to Buck's store to get them an Eskimo Pie.

Even though I will never climb again, I will always miss that familiar spire that stood guard over the charming little village of Seneca Rocks.

Our own Ruth Taylor offers her personal anecdote about the story of the Gendarme.

"I had planned a trip to Seneca Rocks with a Hospitality Class I was conducting at Davis and Elkins College. When we arrived early that morning, a large group appeared to be having a wake."

"They were just standing there staring at the empty space in the Gunsight Notch. We soon discovered that the reason for their grief was that the Gendarme had toppled over just a few hours earlier."

Loss cannot be measured nor explained in mere words. There is wisdom in Ecclesiastes: "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the sun." The Gendarme's time arrived precisely at 3:27 p.m. on October 29, 1987.

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LT 13 BACK ALLEGHENY MTN 6.54 AC 340.76
DUNCAN RUN 2.1 AC 212.06
THOMAS CREEK 34.19 AC FEE 556.50
THOMAS CREEK 2.15 AC FEE 156.32
SITLINGTON CREEK 4.71 AC FEE 390.26
DEER CREEK 100X100 .23 AC 49.44
DEER CREEK .34 AC 150X100 50.26

LT 43B WISEMAN DEV 100X100 118.94

LT 8 PRIVATE FOREST SD 2.36 AC FEE (1/2) 53.90

LT 9 PRIVATE FOREST SD2.10 AC FEE (1/2) 151.86
LT 3 NR BARTOW 3.24 AC LESS 1/2 INT MIN 93.70
BRUSH RUN 1.47 AC 249.44
DEER CREEK LANDING UNIT 2
9.458% IN 1.664 AC FEE 145.42
NR ARBOVALE 100X34 FEE 110.26
ARBOVALE 2.14 AC (D) 234.96
MINERALS HD GRBR RIVER
3.7% INT IN 503.41 AC (4/7A-1) 49.44
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N F DEER CREEK 100X100 149.44
LT 23 WISEMAN POND SD 100X166.72 IRR 52.48
LT 25 WISEMAN POND SD 100X124.66 88.44

LT E4 PINETREE AC SD 5 AC FEE 193.14

LT E3 BUFFALO MTN 5 AC FEE 94.16
LT 4 NR DURBIN 11.57 AC 57.14
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ADMINISTRATION TO CREDITORS, DISTRIBUTIBLES & LEGATEES

Notice is hereby given that the following estate(s) have been opened for probate in the Pocahontas County Clerk's Office at P. O. Box 209, 900 Tenth Avenue, Suite C, Marlinton, WV 24954-1333. Any person seeking to impeach or establish a will must make a complaint in accordance with the provisions of West Virginia Code 41-5-11 through 13. Any interested person objecting to the qualifications of the personal representative or the venue or jurisdiction of the court, shall file written notice of an objection with the County Commission through the Pocahontas County Clerk's Office at the address listed above within 60 days after the date of the first publication or within 30 days of the service of the notice, whichever is later.

If an objection is not filed timely, the objection is forever barred. Any person interested in filing claims against an estate must file them in accordance with West Virginia Code 44-2 and 44-3A.

Settlement of the estate(s) of the following named decedent(s) will proceed without reference to a fiduciary commissioner unless within 60 days from the first publication of this notice a reference is requested by a party of interest or an unpaid creditor files a claim and good cause is shown to support reference to a fiduciary commissioner.

First Publication Date: Thursday, September 15, 2022
Claim Deadline: Monday, November 14, 2022

ESTATE NUMBER: 14404
ESTATE OF: **PATRICK WILLIAM BUCKLEY**
EXECUTRIX: Viola Buckley
23 Walnut Bottom Road
Marlinton, WV 24954-6684

ESTATE NUMBER: 14433
ESTATE OF: **SHIRLEY D. ARMSTRONG**
EXECUTRIX: Melissa Bennett
571 Old Campbelltown Road
Marlinton, WV 24954-6526

Subscribed and sworn to before me on September 9, 2022.
Melissa L. Bennett
Clerk of the Pocahontas County Commission
9/15/2c

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF POCAHONTAS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA THAT BEING THE JUVENILE COURT OF SAID COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF: R. J. Case No.: 22-JA-26(D)
The object of this action is to notify Adult Respondent, Unknown Father of R. J., of an Adjudicatory/Disposition/Termination of Parental Rights Hearing scheduled herein so that said Adult Respondent, Unknown Father of R. J., may appear to protect his interests.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION AND NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: UNKNOWN FATHER OF R. J.
You are hereby notified that an abuse and/or neglect and/or abandonment Petition has been filed with the Circuit Court of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, on the 2nd day of August, 2022, and assigned Case Number: 22-JA-26(D), wherein the mother of the infant, R. J., is Carla Johnson. The father of the infant, R. J., is unknown.

An Adjudicatory Hearing will be held in this matter on the 29th day of September 2022 at 3:15 p.m. at the Pocahontas County Courthouse, 900 Tenth Avenue, Marlinton, WV, 24954.

You are hereby notified that you have the right to have Counsel present at all stages of these proceedings, and Grady Ford has been appointed as Counsel for Adult Respondent, Unknown Father of R. J., telephone number 304-645-1858.

ALL SUCH PROCEEDINGS CAN RESULT IN THE PERMANENT TERMINATION OF CUSTODIAL AND PARENTAL RIGHTS TO SAID INFANT CHILD.

Accordingly, you who may have an interest in these proceedings must attend and may make such defense as you shall deem advisable on or before the date and time aforesaid, or termination of your custodial and parental rights may be ordered by the Court.

A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the office of the Circuit Clerk of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, at the Pocahontas County Courthouse, Marlinton, West Virginia, 304-799-4604.

State of West Virginia and
WVDHHR,
Child Protective Services Division
By Counsel
Teresa W. Helmick
Prosecuting Attorney
WV State Bar No. 5750
900 Tenth Avenue
Marlinton, WV 24954
304-799-6424

Entered by the Clerk of said Court September 9, 2022.
Connie M. Carr
Clerk of Court

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By Cindy D. Beverage, Deputy
9/15/2c

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE
15 Bright St F/K/A 15 Kinnison Street, Hillsboro, WV 24946

In a Deed of Trust dated December 23, 2003, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, in Deed of Trust Book 0237, at page 0127 Bernice F Lucabaugh and Brent A Lucabaugh did convey unto DAN L. WITHERS, Trustee, certain real property. The beneficial holder of that Deed of Trust has elected to appoint Terra Abstract Trustee West Virginia, Inc. as substitute trustees by a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office. Default having occurred under the Deed of Trust and the beneficial holder having instructed the undersigned Trustees to foreclose, this real property will be sold at public auction at the front door of the Pocahontas County Courthouse, 900-C Tenth Avenue, Marlinton, West Virginia 24954 on:

November 4, 2022
at 12:00 P.M.

The property for sale as described by the Deed of Trust is as follows:

ALL OF THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF REAL ESTATE, SITUATE IN THE TOWN OF HILLSBORO, IN LITTLE LEVELS DISTRICT, POCAHONTAS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, AND CONTAINING 17,300 SQUARE FEET, MORE OR LESS, WHICH PARCEL OF LAND IS DESCRIBED BY THE FOLLOWING METES AND CALLS, TO-WIT:

BEGINNING AT PIPE STAKE AT FENCE POST CORNER TO AND WITH CLIFORD BROWN LOT. N 47-15 W 161.5 FEET TO A PIPE STAKE AT THE KIRK LINE, LEAVING BROWN AND WITH KIRK, S 49-00 W 100 FEET TO A PIPE STAKE, LEAVING KIRK S 47-15 E 184 FEET TO POINT AT EDGE OF STREET AND WITH STREET N 36-00 E 100 FEET TO PLACE OF BEGINNING.

AND BEING THE SAME TRACT OR PARCEL OF REAL ESTATE AS ACQUIRED BY BERNICE F. LUCABAUGH AND BRENT LUCABAUGH BY THE PROVISIONS OF A DEED OF CONVEYANCE FROM BERNICE F. LUCABAUGH, SAID DEED BEARING DATE THE 23RD DAY OF DECEMBER, 2003, AND TO BE RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF POCAHONTAS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THIS DEED OF TRUST.

The purchaser will take the property subject to all exceptions, reservations, rights of way, easements, conditions, covenants, restrictions, leases and other servitudes of record, if any, pertaining to said real property.

The purchaser will be responsible for paying any transfer stamp, excise taxes, and recording costs associated with recording the Trustee's Deed into their name.

The purchaser will be responsible for paying any unpaid property taxes owed to the Sheriff of Pocahontas County prior to or following the sale directly to the Sheriff.

The purchaser will take the property subject to any deed of trust, judgment, lien, and any other encumbrance having priority over the deed of trust referred to herein.

The purchaser will take the property subject to any deed of trust, judgment, lien, and any other encumbrance that is junior ("junior claims") to this Deed of Trust and to which sufficient notice was not given. In that case, unless such right to notice is waived, the chain of title shall not merge with this Deed of Trust as to those unnoticed deeds of trust, judgments, liens, and other encumbrances and will be subject to a further noticed and published sale under this Deed of Trust pursuant to W.Va. Code 38-1-4, in which bidding shall resume at the last highest bid given. In the event of a surplus of such sale, the mortgagors and noticed junior lienholders are hereby on notice that if such surplus is less than Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00), then the Substitute Trustee will disburse those proceeds to the most senior interest holder as it sees fit, unless an objection is made in writing.

The Trustees do not guarantee or represent that the boundaries described above are accurate, are not encroached upon, or that any particular structure located on the property is contained within the described boundaries. The property is therefore sold subject to an accurate survey at purchaser's expense.

The Trustees reserve the right to adjourn the sale, for a time, or from time to time, by announcement at the time and place of sale described above or any adjournment thereof. Such adjournment will be noticed by posting a notice at the front door of the county courthouse or where such notices are traditionally posted at the county courthouse. Such notice will include the date and time when such sale will reconvene.

The Trustees reserve the right to reject any and all bids for any reason.

The Trustees make no representations as to the condition of the property. The property will be sold in "AS IS" condition.

The Trustees make no representations as to whether the property is occupied. The purchaser is responsible for gaining access and possession of the property. Trustees shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property.

The purchaser may assign its rights prior to the delivery of the

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trustee's deed by a signed request in writing to the trustee; the assignee of the purchaser shall be bound by all terms and conditions applicable to the purchaser.

The Trustees will deliver a trustees' deed to the purchaser without any covenant or warranty (express or implied) in the form prescribed by W. Va. Code §38-1-6. The Trustees make no representations and warranties about the title of the real estate to be conveyed. If the Trustees are unable to convey insurable or marketable title to purchaser for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit.

TERMS OF SALE: Purchaser must bring \$3,000.00 cash in hand at the time of sale as a deposit in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made payable to "Stern & Eisenberg, PC, counsel for Terra Abstract Trustee West Virginia, Inc." Those appearing without their deposit will not be allowed to bid. The balance of the successful purchaser's bid must be proffered in cash within 30 days of the date of the sale. Purchaser shall pay for transfer stamps and recording fees. Additional terms of sale may be announced prior to the sale.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Pocahontas County Commission

Partial Reconstruction
Old County Clerk's Office Huntersville

Seeking Sealed Bids for the partial reconstruction of the Old County Clerk's Office in Huntersville, Pocahontas County, WV:

Furnishing all materials, labor, and necessary items for the partial reconstruction of the former County Clerk's Office located at Barlow Road, Huntersville, WV, as indicated on the Plans.

Sealed Bids for the construction will be received at the office of the Pocahontas County Commission, Pocahontas County Courthouse, 900 10th Ave, Marlinton, WV 24954, 304-799-4549, until 4:30 p.m. local time on Friday, September 30, 2022. The bids will be publicly opened and read Tuesday, October 4, 2022, at 9:15 a.m.

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be conducted at the former County Clerk's Office at Barlow Road, Huntersville, WV, at 1:00 p.m. Friday, September 23, 2022.

Bidders may examine and/or obtain the Bidding Documents electronically by emailing: Michael Gioulis at mike@michaelgioulis.com
Prospective Bidders should note that these contracts will include the following critical requirements:

1. WV Contract Licensing Act - All bidders are required to have a West Virginia Contractor's License per Section §21-11-11 of the West Virginia Code.
2. Proof of Liability Insurance
3. WV Drug Free Workplace

NONDISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT

Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246. The requirements for bidders and contractors under this order are explained in the specifications.

WV Alcohol and Drug Free Workplace Act

WEST VIRGINIA CODE 21-1D-5 PROVIDES THAT ANY SOLICITATION FOR A PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT REQUIRES EACH VENDOR THAT SUBMITS A BID FOR THE WORK TO SUBMIT AT THE SAME TIME AN AFFIDAVIT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE BID. THE ENCLOSED DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE AFFIDAVIT MUST BE SIGNED AND SUBMITTED AS EVIDENCE OF THE VENDOR'S COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1D, CHAPTER 21 OF THE WEST VIRGINIA CODE. FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE SIGNED DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE AFFIDAVIT SHALL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION OF SUCH BID.

All bidders are required to have a WV contractor's license in accordance with Section 21-11-11 of the WV State Code and liability insurance.

The Pocahontas County Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

No Bidder may withdraw his bid within 90 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

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MEETING NOTICE

Region 4 Planning and Development Council will have an Executive Committee Meeting Thursday, September 22, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom Meeting.

The Region 4 PDC Office is located at 885 Broad Street, Suite 100, Summersville, WV 26651.

Please call 304-872-4970 ext. 314 for further information regarding attending this meeting online.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES UPON APPLICATION WITHOUT PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATES

NOTICE is hereby given that **Greenbrier County Solid Waste Authority** (the "Authority"), a commercial solid waste facility and a public utility, has, on September 2, 2022, filed with the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA an application containing increased rates and charges for furnishing landfill waste disposal services to customers at the Greenbrier County Landfill (the "Landfill") in Lewisburg, West Virginia.

The Landfill is owned and operated by the Authority, and the Landfill operates under authority of Solid Waste Facility Permit No. SWF 2068/WV0109452, which was issued by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection.

The proposed increased rates and charges will produce approximately \$1,220,402 annually in additional revenue, an increase of 56%. The purpose of the Authority's rate case filing is to increase rates and charges for increased operation and maintenance costs relating to the Landfill's compliant and continued operations. The proposed increased rates and charges will not become effective until approved by the Commission. The Authority's current and proposed rates, on a per ton basis, are as follows:

	Current	Proposed	(\$) Increase	(%) Increase
SOLID WASTE RATES				
Commercial Haulers	\$38.00/ton	\$63.00/ton	\$25.00	65%
Cities	\$38.00/ton	\$63.00/ton	\$25.00	65%
General Public	\$38.00/ton	\$63.00/ton	\$25.00	65%
TIRE FEES				
Car Tires	\$38.00/ton plus \$1.00/each	\$125.00/ton	*Varies*	*Varies*
Truck Tires	\$38.00/ton plus \$1.00/each	\$125.00/ton	*Varies*	*Varies*
ADDITIONAL FEES				
Bulky Items/Appliances	\$1.00/each plus tonnage	\$5.00/each plus tonnage	\$4.00	400%
Rotten Meat	20% surcharge	20% surcharge	- 0 -	- 0 -

"Because of the change in rate structure from a per tire charge to a tonnage charge, the dollar and percent increases will vary. The change is being made to eliminate tire counting and to pay for shredding."

Both the present and proposed rates referenced above are exclusive of any legislatively mandated or authorized per-ton assessment fees and any other per-ton assessment fees due to any governmental entity.

The Authority has no resale customers.

The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. Any increase in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission. (If a hearing is scheduled, notice will be given of the time and place of hearing.)

Anyone desiring to protest or intervene should file a written protest or notice of intervention within thirty days, unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Failure to timely protest or intervene can affect your rights to protest any rate increases and to participate in future proceedings. All protests or requests to intervene should briefly state the reason for the protest or intervention. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission's rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

All interventions may be mailed and be addressed to Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25323, or hand delivered. Protests may be filed online through the Commission website using the "Submit a Comment" link or may be mailed or hand delivered to the Executive Secretary at the address above.

A complete copy of this tariff, as well as a representative of the Authority to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at any of the following offices of the Authority: 480 Landfill Road, Lewisburg, West Virginia.

A copy of the proposed rates is available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

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POSITION AVAILABLE

The Pocahontas County Public Service District is now accepting applications for the position of General Manager.

The PCPSD is a public corporation of the State of West Virginia that provides water and sewer services in Pocahontas County, West Virginia.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- The General Manager is responsible for the overall management of the Public Service District including its water, sewer and administrative functions.
- The General Manager position is responsible for developing and implementing strategic plans to ensure the district is responsive to its customers, employees and regulatory agencies.
- The General Manager will ensure the district conducts its business in accordance with practices, policies and objectives established by the Pocahontas County Public Service District's Board of Directors.
- The General Manager is responsible for the overall management of District departments and operations.
- Guides, monitors and reviews all personnel.
- Makes decisions, with recommendations from staff, on matters relating to the purchasing, staffing and administrative policies and brings these matters to the District Board, when appropriate.
- The General Manager is responsible for ensuring District employees are qualified and capable in their specific job responsibilities and appropriately compensated.

The General Manager is expected to:

- regularly attend District Board meetings
- submit items of business to be considered
- carry out the directives of the District Board.
- recommend short- and long-range plans to maintain adequate water and sewer plants and equipment.
- prepare an annual budget for planning and presentation to the District Board and to verify the district is being financially responsible to its customers.
- represent the district at meetings involving the County Commission and/or the West Virginia Public Service Commission.

Qualifications and Requirements of a Successful Candidate:

- ★ Must have 5 years of progressive responsibility including experience in a senior leadership role, preferably in a water or sewer utility.
- ★ Have proven work performance and experience in operations, management, planning, maintenance and personnel.
- ★ A valid West Virginia PWS operator certification issued by the West Virginia Bureau of Public Health is desirable.
- ★ The General Manager does NOT need to be a customer of the district in order to be appointed the General Manager.
- ★ The General Manager cannot be a member of the District Board but must be an employee of the District Board.

Candidates may apply by sending by mail or via email:

- cover letter
- a curriculum vitae
- and/or a list of qualifications

Address: Pocahontas County Public Service District - P.O. BOX 250, DURBIN, WV 26264
Email: pcpsd.recruiter@gmail.com

Applications will be accepted through close of business September 23, 2022.
The Pocahontas County Public Service District is an equal opportunity employer.

The salary of the General Manager will be set by the District Board and will correspond with experience and applicable certifications.

The term of the appointment will be up to 5 years and/or until a successor General Manager is appointed.

The General Manager may only be discharged upon the affirmative vote of 2/3 of the District Board.

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FOR SALE

FOR SALE - 2008 Honda Civic. \$5,000. 304-644-2770. 9/15/2p

FOR SALE - 1988 Chevrolet truck, 119,000 miles; runs good. \$1,250/firm. Like new Dirty Works tiller, rear tine. \$475/firm. 304-456-5279. 9/15/2p

FOR SALE - GE propane/gas cook stove, 11 years old, \$200. Dual regulator, \$25. 304-690-3476. 9/15/1p

FOR SALE - Hunter's Special - 2000 GMC, 4WD pickup with handmade camper. Call 304-799-0559. 9/1/4p

FOR SALE - LaMancha goats, wethers. Good for meat, brush or pets. 304-646-2236. 8/25/4p

WANTED

WANTED - In search of 5th wheel truck or horse trailer to haul four horses. Call 304-799-7438. 9/15/1p

WANTED - Want to lease hunting property in Pocahontas County for a father, two sons and grandfather, for 2022-2023 season. Multi-year lease, if possible. \$12/acre. 304-919-5250 or fejenkins@sudden link.net.

9/8/3p

WANTED TO BUY

WANTED TO BUY - 2 or 3 full cords of seasoned hardwood, cut, split and delivered to Rt. 92 in Rimel. Call/text 540-239-4673 or email rtd4tdr5@yahoo.com 9/15/2p

WANTED TO BUY - Ginseng, deer horns and all other roots, Saturdays through September at IGA Parking Lot, Marlinton, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call after 5 p.m. 304-645-4047. 9/8/4p

HOUSES & REAL ESTATE

FOR SALE - 2.03 acre lot on Beaver Creek Road, Huntersville. \$24,900. Borders old Zendik Farm. 304-229-5936. 9/15/1p

FOR SALE - on Back Mountain Road. Furnished singlewide trailer on 0.68 acres, six miles from Durbin. Call 304-884-6999. 9/8/2p

HELP WANTED

HELP WANTED - Looking for a Correctional Officer job? Testing will be offered at the Denmar Correctional Center, Hillsboro, WV, on

a daily basis. Interested parties should contact Human Resources at the facility at 304-653-4201 to schedule an appointment. 5/19/tfnc

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

POSITION AVAILABLE - AmeriCorps position is available with the Pocahontas County Libraries & Visitor Information Centers for 2022-23 with a focus on library programming and promotion. Includes a monthly stipend and an education award. Learn more at <https://highrocks.org/get-in-volved/openings/ameriCorps/> or contact the library at info@pocahontaslibrary.org 9/15/1c

POSITION AVAILABLE - The Pocahontas County Family Resource Network, located in Marlinton, is accepting applications for a Family Support Outreach Liaison. This is a full-time position with benefits. Evening hours and occasional weekends will be required. This position will assist the Family Center Director in day-to-day operations and family outreach across Pocahontas County. Two years' job-related experience is preferred but not

required. Knowledge of child development and/or experience working with children is preferred. This position is a mandated reporter regarding child abuse/neglect and must pass a background check and drug screening. Annual salary \$31,600. Résumés must be emailed to Becky Campbell at pocahontasfoec@hotmail.com before 4 p.m. September 28. 9/8/3c

SERVICES

SERVICES - Lawn mowing, ditch digging, brush hogging, snow removal and firewood by the load, cut to length. 304-992-9866. 9/15/3p

SERVICES - Affordable Tree Care. Trimming, removal, stump grinding and underbrushing. Tony Garretson. 304-799-6543. 6/23/tfnc

SERVICES - Ron's Tree Service, LLC. Complete tree care and removal. Free estimates. 304-799-2476. 1/20/tfn

YARD SALES

BIG YARD SALE - Saturday, September 17, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Ramsey's residence, one half mile on Brownsburg Road. 9/15/1p

YARD SALE - 381 Cranberry Lane, Arbovale, Saturday, September 17, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. 9/15/1c

FREE - Newspaper for your stove or pets. *The Pocahontas Times*. Call 304-799-4973. 9/8/tfn

FREE

FREE - Golden Retriever puppies to Forever Homes, one male, one female. Excellent temperament. House trained with very good trainable natures and perfect for families with children and other pets. I will not re-home to just anyone. Please email me first at: staceyccel8391@gmail.com or text 507-724-8391. 9/15/2c

LOST

LOST - Silver bracelet with opal on each side – 50th Wedding Anniversary gift – on August 12 at Green Bank Dollar General Store, Dunmore Bakery or maybe Beartown State Park. Reward offered. Liz Ransom. 304-395-4811. 9/15/2p

NOW HIRING IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN HOUSEKEEPING DEPARTMENT.

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To apply, call Casago Snowshoe at 304-572-2121 and select option 1 to speak with one of our staff or stop by our office at 562 Cass Road in Slaty Fork to apply in person.

Public Notice: Hydrant Flushing FIRE HYDRANT FLOW TESTING and LINE FLUSHING

will occur in the evenings of **Friday, September 16 and 23**, (weather permitting) at the following fire hydrant locations:

DURBIN • FRANK • BARTOW

The testing will take about two (2) hours to complete and will be followed by line flushing for the rest of the day.

Ensuring adequate water flow to fire hydrants is a vital process and one of our highest priorities for safeguarding our citizens in the event of a fire. Occasionally, water pressure may decrease in areas surrounding the line flushing and some water discoloration may occur after. Please run the water until it clears.

The PCPSD also understands and apologizes in advance for any inconvenience this may cause in your home or business.

For more information or concerns, please contact the Pocahontas County PSD, 304-572-6197.

POSITION AVAILABLE: SPOKES/Adult ED Instructor

This position is year round, part-time (29 hours or less per week) and is based in Pocahontas County. SALARY: \$21/hour QUALIFICATIONS (Complete job description at <http://sescwv.org>):

- Valid professional teaching certificate (preferred) or eligible for an Adult License for Adult Basic Education (four-year college degree – minimum of 2.5 GPA in original course work; minimum of 3.0 in course work used to maintain licensure).
- Knowledge of the characteristics of adult learners and prior experience in delivering training and/or basic skills instruction to adult learners is preferred.
- Experience in working with technology and using educational software is required.
- Effective oral/written communication skills are required.
- Experience with data management systems is preferred.
- Experience working with adults, particularly at-risk populations.
- Understanding of diverse academic, socioeconomic, cultural and ethnic backgrounds.
- Ability to work with adults with special learning needs/disabilities.
- Teamwork and strong interpersonal/human relationship skills.
- Ability to work collaboratively with other agencies and organizations, specifically the Department of Health and Human Resources and the local Workforce WV Center.
- Possess excellent organizational skills with the ability to work within established timelines. Self-motivated.
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Family Support Outreach Liaison

The Pocahontas County Family Resource Network, located in Marlinton, is accepting applications for a Family Support Outreach Liaison. This is a full-time position with benefits. Evening hours and occasional weekends will be required. This position will assist the Family Center Director in day-to-day operations and family outreach across Pocahontas County. Two years' job-related experience is preferred but not required. Knowledge of child development and/or experience working with children is preferred. This position is a mandated reporter regarding child abuse/neglect and must pass a background check and drug screening. Annual salary \$31,600. Résumés must be emailed to Becky Campbell at pocahontasfoec@hotmail.com before September 28 at 4 p.m.

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For more information about Mon Power's Transmission Aerial Saw Program, call 1-800-686-0022. When contacting, please alert our Representatives that your call is pertaining to our Transmission Aerial Saw Program.



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found it remunerative, and all was owing to the indulgence of his benevolent master.

Some years before his decease, Martin Dilley was

waylaid, fired upon and severely wounded at the bend of the road a mile or more east of Driscoll. The event startled the whole county, and was one of the most pathetic and tragic scenes ever enacted in our county...

He should be held in esteem for what he accomplished in developing his

part of our county, for he demonstrated that a rich reward awaited the diligent worker, and that an ample competence could be secured by such, in spite of natural obstacles of dense forests, rugged soil, and seemingly capricious climate...

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Mrs. Luther Tibbs, of White Sulphur Springs, Lucille Tibbs and friend, of New York, the Tibbs Family, Mable, Madeline, Judy, Haden, Gilmore and Miss

Jessie Lacy, all of New York, Mrs. Mamie Bush and sister-in-law, Mrs. Margaret Lacy and Mrs. Bell Jackson, of Marlinton, and Rev. Sanford Boggs, of Brownsburg. Lunch was served on the lawn.

DEATHS

Frank Coleman, 69, of

Cass, formerly of Charleston, co-owner of the Cass Dairy Bar. Burial in Hughes Cemetery at Nitro.

Benjamin Franklin Hileman, 76, of Cleveland, Ohio, formerly of Pocahontas County. Among his survivors is his daughter, Mrs. Beatrice Grimes, of Marlinton.

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nest as big as a peck measuring some eighty feet from the ground in a big white pine. This tree was next in line to be cut. When it crashed, a regular swarm of yellow jackets went up and hung in the air, about where the nest was. The jackets stayed there all day, but were gone next morning.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Garland Cook, of Seebert, a son, named Garland H. Cook.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Percy Oliver, of Dunmore, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Ervine, of Cass, a son, named Dewey Hunter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Dick McElwee, of Romney, a son, named Richard Paul.

Born to Mr. and Mrs.

Robert L. Gray, of Dunmore, a son, named Robert Lee, Jr.

Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Reeves Gay, of Edray, will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary with an open house on Sunday, September 21...

DEATHS

Charles Edward Collins, aged 38, was killed in a mine accident at Quinwood Friday night, September 12, 1947. Burial was at Holly Grove Cemetery Wednesday. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Louise Collins; his father, George J. Collins, of Stanaford, and a sister, Mrs. Virginia Wooddell, of Dunmore.

Ray Barkley, aged 36 years, died at his home in Baltimore Monday, September 8, 1947... He had been hopelessly ill for some time. On Monday, his body was laid to rest in the Oliver Cemetery at Cass.

Cornelius Daniel Jackson, aged 80 years, died Thursday, September 11, 1947, at his home in Appomattox, Virginia. On Tuesday, his body was laid to rest in the Gibson Cemetery on Elk by the grave of his wife who preceded him some years ago... The deceased was a son of the late Warwick and Louise Jackson. He married Miss Mamie Rose...

Fred James Waugh, aged 55, died Tuesday, September 9, 1947, after a long illness. On Thursday afternoon, his body was laid in the Ruckman cemetery, the service conducted at Marvin Chapel... The deceased was a son of the late John A. and Virginia Gibson Waugh. He was a soldier in the First World War. He married Miss Glenna Auldridge, who survives, with their four children, Dwight, Bobby and Nina Ruth, at home, and Mrs. Gladys Dean...

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60 x 109 feet of brick and concrete construction, faced with cream colored brick. With galleries and all, the auditorium will seat a thousand people. W. W. Kennison is the contractor...

WEDDINGS

The home of Mrs. Margaret Baxter at Onoto, the bride's mother, was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Wednesday of last week. At two o'clock the bridal party entered the parlor to the strains of Lohengrin's Wedding March played by Mrs. Frank Baxter. The music continued softly throughout the ceremony. They were received at the bridal arch by the Rev. H. H. Orr, the

bride's pastor, and with the simple ring ceremony, Mr. Charles Knox, of Cannelton, and Miss Edith Baxter were pronounced husband and wife. The room was beautifully decorated with both cut flowers and plants...

George Algar Wanless and Miss Minnie Anna Kesler, of Cass, were married at the Methodist parsonage, Wednesday, September 13, 1922, by Rev. F. B. Wyand.

DIED

Ballard McCalpin died suddenly while at his work on the Raywood mill September 5, 1922. He was working on the slasher and fell on the chain that runs to the saw. Mr. Beverage, who was near, got to him in time to save him from being cut. Willing hearts and helping hands did all that could be

done, but in vain. His age is 28 years. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McCalpin of Stony Bottom. The remains were taken to his home for burial; funeral services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Monroe. The reading was from the 91st Psalm. He leaves to mourn his loss his wife, father, mother, two brothers and five sisters, all of Stony Bottom. After the service he was laid to rest beside his two little daughters who passed away in July...

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