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## Spreading Christmas Cheer

MAIN STREET IN Marlinton was awash in a Christmasy glow Friday night for the annual Christmas parade. Colorful floats, folks who walked their entry or played in a band joined together to bring light and Christmas cheer as a kick-off to the season.



Tied for first place were, top right, Santa's "Reindeer" and Goat and bottom right, the Miss Pocahontas float. Joining in the festivities was Santa Claus and his helper elf, who hitched a ride with the Marlinton Fire Department. *S. Stewart photos*



## Governor to end emergency rules for COVID-19

Jaynell Graham  
Editor

Early three years after declaring a state of emergency, Governor Jim Justice has signed a proclamation that will end emergency rules related to COVID-19, effective January 1, 2023.

The governor declared a state of emergency March 16, 2020, and the state reported its first positive COVID-19 case on March 17.

Little notice or publicity was given to the proclamation that was signed November 12, 2022.

"There was no reason to make a big announcement on this, no reason to get on a soap box and turn this into a political situation," Justice said last week during a COVID-19 briefing.

He added that the state will still receive the federal rescue funds that it has been allotted.

"The only things that have been in effect and will remain in effect through the end of the year, are things that we've put in place to help healthcare workers," Chief of Staff Brian Abraham said.

COVID-19 vaccines will

still be available at pharmacies and county health departments, and the state's pandemic response Joint Interagency Task Force will remain in operation.

"There is still work to be done, but the time for the emergency response has ended," the proclamation says.

"Certain challenges resulting from the pandemic surely remain, but the time for emergency response has ended and the time for all parties to come together, to pull the rope together, and to overcome these remaining challenges together under non-emergency processes is upon us."

Under the declaration, all emergency rules put in place and all related executive orders will be lifted as of January 1, 2023.

The Federal COVID-19 Emergency Order remains in place.

According to the Department of Health and Human Resources, more than 616,000 positive cases of COVID-19 have been reported in the state since March 2020. There have been 7,600 virus-related deaths, including 34 in Pocahontas County.

## BOE approves Narcan in schools

Suzanne Stewart  
Staff Writer

It was a decision they never thought they would need to make, but at the November 29 meeting, the Pocahontas County Board of Education approved to stock Narcan kits at all county schools.

The discussion began at a previous board meeting when school nurse Jenny Friel told the board she was looking into creating a policy and finding supplies to have Narcan available at the schools in case of an overdose.

When the board discussed the issue at that meeting, Friel explained that she received information from other West Virginia counties that have already passed a policy for Narcan. She also reached out to health facilities in the community to get supplies.

"I have talked with Scott McGee at Seneca Mental Health, and he's going to

take it to his supervisors, but it looks like they're going to be able to provide us with the Narcan in the schools," Friel said. "If that falls through, University of Charleston is willing to help us, too, because our local health department doesn't have a grant right now to provide us with that."

Friel said she has planned to have two kits for each of the five schools. Each kit has two nasal sprays, which can be administered to an individual who is possibly suffering an overdose. Friel said if the first nasal spray does not work, the second can be administered a few minutes after the first.

She added that if the individual was having a medical episode that was not an overdose, administration of Narcan will not have a negative effect.

Friel said she will provide Narcan training to all the LPNs and staff who administer medications at the schools. During school

hours, the Narcan will be readily available, but after hours, it will be locked in a case.

In updates:

- English/language arts coach and teacher Stephanie Burns gave a report on several of the reading programs that have been implemented to improve literacy in the schools.

Burns said students participated in summer programs including Battle of the Books and early literacy initiative. For Battle of the Books, students were able to pick up books for the program at their local library. The early literacy initiative also utilized the local libraries and included reading, crafts and other activities related to the books they were reading.

Burns added that the schools have continued to participate in the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program, which provides books to all children, birth to

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## Artist inspired by rock icon

Suzanne Stewart  
Staff Writer

Kiss is one of the most well-known pioneers of rock music, hitting the scene in 1974 with their self-titled debut album. Thousands of fans have learned to "rock and roll all night and party every day" from the quartet - Gene Simmons, Paul Stanley, Ace Frehley and Peter Criss.

One of those fans, 17-year-old Pocahontas County High School senior Karly Van Meter, grew up listening to the band, thanks to her dad, Bruce, who passed on his love of rock music to his daughter.

Van Meter's love of the band and guitarist Ace Frehley's solo career has blossomed over the years and has become the inspiration for her own art and music.

"Just over the years, it's



**KARLY VAN METER, a senior at Pocahontas County High School, plans to pursue a career in music performance and production.** *S. Stewart photo*

grown into a big obsession," she admitted. "He guitar after watching him play so much. I'm self-kind of inspired me to play see Artist pg 10

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# Shortage of EMS/Fire volunteers is a serious matter

**Tim Walker**  
Allegheny Mountain Radio

At the December 6 Pocahontas County Commission meeting, Commissioner John Rebinski addressed the increasing threats to the safety of county residents due to the decreasing number of fire and EMS volunteers.

“We can’t guarantee we are going to be able to provide 24/7 service,” Rebinski said. “We’ve all been working together to cover areas between all the agencies. We’ve even blended together to cover calls. But, we’ve just got to face the fact — each year that goes by, we just keep losing more and more people. People just don’t volunteer like they used to. Sadly enough, this is the consequence.”

Rebinski said that the departments in the northern part of the county are just weeks away from no longer being able to respond to all emergency medical or fire calls because of the lack of volunteers.

Herb Barlow from Marlinton Fire and EMS said his department is literally only hours or days away from that same thing. He said they haven’t even been able to replace one of their two paid

responders who left for other employment. He said Pocahontas Memorial Hospital’s EMS, which is staffed by paid responders, helps when it can, but they are often tied up doing patient transfers for the hospital.

Rebinski said there is an urgent need to establish county-paid first responders throughout the county, which will cost lots of money. He suggested cutting off Hotel/Motel money from non-essential organizations, and only funding those required to be funded by state law and Fire/EMS. Rebinski recognized that this will anger many organizations that will lose money if that happens, but that is a better option than having people die because there is no EMS or fire personnel responding to their 911 calls.

Barlow suggested that any fire/EMS responders hired should be paid a living wage of at least \$25 per hour plus full benefits. He also suggested a \$100 emergency services tax be paid by all residents to help cover the cost.

The commission decided to ask all the organizations that could lose their Hotel/Motel tax to attend the December 20 commission meeting to discuss this with them.

The commission received a letter from Governor Jim Justice advising them that the county’s application for funding through the FY2021 Community Development Block Grant has been approved for \$2 million. This will be used for the Pocahontas PSD’s Thornwood Waterline extension to provide water to customers east of Bartow in the Thornwood area.

In other business, the commission:

- approved the hiring of Aaron Jackson as a full-time 911 dispatcher, effective December 15.

- approved Amanda Smarr’s request to draw \$45,560.94 from the ARC Broadband Project. Smarr also announced that their grant request to receive \$245,000 to demolish the old Board of Education building has been approved.

- voted to support PMH’s ARC Grant application for \$2 million for Phase 2 of the hospital’s expansion program.

- received annual updates from Cree Lahti for the Libraries and Visitors Centers; Brenda Marvin for the Pocahontas County Artisan’s Co-op; and Cynthia Gurreri and

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# AG urges caution with holiday credit card offers

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey is urging consumers to exercise caution when evaluating credit card offers this holiday season.

The advice comes as part of the Attorney General’s Holiday Consumer Protection Week.

Consumers may see an uptick in credit card offers with the Christmas shopping season now in full swing. While it may be tempting to take advantage of the “buy now, pay later” option, the Attorney General urges consumers to verify the credit card offer is legitimate.

“It’s always a good idea to verify any sort of offer you

may receive,” Morrisey said. “Credit cards can be attractive as they offer consumers the option to pay off purchases over time, but credit card fraud can wreak havoc on finances, so it’s important to be vigilant.”

Holiday credit card offers require a close reading of the contract. Deferred interest promotions may promise zero-percent interest through December 2023, but failure to pay off the entire balance by the promotion period’s end could stick the consumer with an interest charge dating back to the item’s original purchase date.

Before responding to a credit card offer, keep these things in mind:

- \* Do an online search if

the offering company looks unfamiliar. Include the word “scam” after the company’s name to see if it triggers additional results.

- \* Call the offering company directly if an offer to increase a line of credit looks suspicious. The phone number is often printed on the back of the card.

- \* Do not provide personal information or click on any link in an email warning of a problem with the card.

Anyone who believes they have been the victim of a fraudulent credit card offer should contact the Attorney General’s Consumer Protection Division at 800-368-8808 or visit the office online at [www.ago.wv.gov](http://www.ago.wv.gov)

## Circuit Court

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

A hearing on a motion for Bond Modification was held via Teams Meeting Telephonic Conference in the case the State vs Jerry Schoolcraft, 60, of Buckeye, wherein defense counsel presented motions to reduce fees on monitored home confinement and to allow the defendant to relocate to Renick. The state did not object to either motion. The court noted that Schoolcraft would have to be hooked up on Greenbrier County Home Confinement. The court granted both motions. Schoolcraft was indicted on four counts, sexual assault in the second degree, a felony.

Colin Alexander Chaplin, 21, of Marlinton, appeared by video from the Tygart Valley Regional Jail for a change of plea hearing. The state advised the court that the agreement needs to be revised due to the defendant having new charges.

A status conference was held in the case the State vs Jeremy Self, 62, of Durbin, wherein the court granted a request for records, admitted under seal, to be made available to the parties. The defendant waived his right to a speedy trial, and defense counsel asked for additional time to review discovery and evidence. Self was indicted by the April 2021 Grand Jury on three counts, sexual abuse in the first degree, a felony; one count, sexual abuse by a custodian of a child, a felony.

William Steven Feury, 29,

of Marlinton, was 20 minutes late for his status conference. The court explained the benefits of being on time for hearings and that a capias can be issued for those who fail to appear. The state asked for another hearing to be set as a plea agreement has not been settled. Feury was indicted on one count, entry of a building other than a dwelling, a felony; one count, attempted grand larceny, a felony.

A status hearing in the case the State vs Roy Myers, 47, of Durbin, wherein defense counsel asked that the matter be continued to allow the defendant time to obtain substitute counsel. Myers was indicted on one count, child neglect resulting in serious bodily injury, a felony; one count, child neglect creating a substantial risk of death, a felony.

# MTC approves ordinance variance for 4-H projects

**Suzanne Stewart**  
Staff Writer

Monday evening, Marlinton Town Council held a short meeting in which it made several decisions concerning ordinances and maintenance within town limits.

First council discussed approving a variance to the livestock ordinance to allow two 4-H club members to raise chickens as their project within the town limits. WVU extension agent Luci Mosesso requested the variance back in the summer and council discussed the issue several times before

making a final decision.

Council granted the variance based on the terms presented by Mosesso, who will monitor the projects. Council said the variance requires permission by all neighbors, living front, back and side, of the students, and if the chickens are in a flood prone area, they must be able to be moved quickly if necessary.

The variance also includes a clause that the issue will be revisited in one year and as necessary throughout the lifespan of the projects.

In other action, council approved:

- the first reading of the

draft ordinance prohibiting burial, entombment or interment of human remains within town limits. The ordinance will be on the next agenda for a second reading before it is adopted.

- to out-source the cutting of a tree on 4th Avenue and a tree in the alley at Rick Moore’s residence.

- promoting Andrew Nguyen to full-time status.

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

# WV Legislative Interim Report: Committee discussions address retirement, pension payments

**By Autumn Shelton**  
West Virginia Press Association

West Virginia Legislature discussions surrounding a possible one-time supplemental payment and a cost-of-living increase for state retirees in the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) and the Teachers Retirement System (TRS) are ongoing as legislators prepare for their upcoming session.

During December’s interim meeting of the Joint Standing Committee on Pensions and Retirement, Committee Attorney Phillip Childs explained that possible legislation, currently titled “Senate Bill X,” would provide a one-time bonus payment, or 13th check, of \$1,500 to retirees who have reached age 70 and who have at least 20 years of total service by July 1, 2023.

He said retirees must also have a monthly annuity of \$1,000 or less in order to qualify for this supplemental payment.

As for the cost-of-living increase, Childs stated that the legislation would also be for those who make less than \$1,000 per month.

“They would be bumped up to \$1,000 to qualify for this,” Childs said, adding that retirees must also have reached age 70 by July 1, 2023, and have 25 years of service to qualify.

Jeff Fleck, executive director of the Consolidated Public Retirement Board, added that the one time supplemental payment would benefit 2,291 payees in PERS at a cost of \$3.1 million as well as 2,982 payees in TRS, at a cost of \$4.1 mil-

lion.

The cost-of-living increase would benefit 437 retirees, 16 disabled retirees and 201 beneficiaries in PERS at a cost of \$7.6 million, Fleck continued. It would also benefit 712 service retirees, 61 disabled retirees and 260 beneficiaries in TRS at a cost of \$11.7 million.

The total cost for the entire bill amounts to \$26.5 million, Fleck noted.

In response to questioning, Fleck stated that, at this time, the bill does not stipulate where the money will come from, although there have been discussions about one-time funding.

“In the past, when there have been increases like this, it typically occurs with an increase in the employer contribution and has to be paid off over a six-year period of time,” Fleck said. “So, it would increase the amount employers would have to pay, but I know with the budget surplus that we currently have that there was contemplation of just paying for it with one time money.”

In other committee business, Austin McVey, director of Social Security and accounting manager with the State Auditor’s Office, provided an update on West Virginia Code §8-22A-28, which extends Social Security benefits to members of the Municipal Police Officers and Firefighters Retirement System (MPFRS).

McVey explained that a bill modification plan has been signed by Gov. Jim Justice and State Auditor JB McCuskey and sent to the federal Social Security Administration.

“We are just waiting for them to send back the final copy with their signature and date, and then we will be able to start holding these modifications (meetings) and having these votes to happen,” McVey said, adding that his office is already working with departments throughout the state to discuss the 90-day process of entering the new plan via majority vote.

Lastly, Fleck said that work is ongoing to determine the cost of allowing municipal police officers and firefighters in both PERS Tier 1 and Tier 2 plans to join the MPFRS.

Legislation passed in 2016 only allowed for those in Tier 2 plans to move over, Fleck stated.

“If the decision was made to open it up to both Tier 1 and Tier 2, it would be much more expensive because Tier 1 people have many more years of service that would have to transfer,” Fleck said, noting that all information should be available before the session begins.

The 2023 West Virginia Legislative Session is set to begin on Jan. 11.

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like a child and a friend,  
Jesus comes  
like a child we may find  
claiming heart, soul and mind,  
like a child strong and kind,  
Jesus comes.

like a child we will meet,  
ragged clothes dirty feet  
like a child on the street,  
Jesus comes  
like a child we once knew  
coming back into view,  
like a child born anew,  
Jesus comes.

like a child born to pray  
and to show us the way,  
like a child on the street,  
Jesus comes  
like a child we receive  
all the love one can conceive,  
like a child we believe,  
Jesus comes.

~ Rev. Daniel Charles Damon



## 'Tis the Season



**THRILLING THE CROWD** gathered for the Christmas parade in Marlinton were floats depicting both traditional and comical Christmas scenes. Tied for second place in the contest: above, Marlinton United Methodist Church, and at left, a busy Happy Griswold Christmas. S. Stewart photos



## What's Cookin'?

The Art of Cooking in Marlinton

### Dump Salad

*Mrs. Ward Barlow I*  
9 oz. carton Cool Whip  
1 box orange Jell-O  
15 1/2 oz. can crushed pineapple  
2 - 11 oz. cans mandarin oranges  
1 carton cottage cheese  
2 cups small marshmallows  
Stir together dry Jell-O and cottage cheese.  
Drain pineapple and oranges.  
Add to cottage cheese.  
Add marshmallows and Cool Whip.  
Stir until well mixed.  
Refrigerate and serve.  
It's better if refrigerated overnight. This is good and easy to prepare.

4 eggs  
1/2 tsp. onion salt  
1/2 cup milk  
Heat oven to 425°. Grease a 13x9-inch baking dish.  
Mix Bisquick and water until it forms a soft ball.  
Beat vigorously.  
Knead 10 times. Pat into dish with floured hands, pressing 1/2 inch up the sides.  
Top with cheese slices, overlapping edges.  
Sprinkle with crumbled bacon.  
Mix remaining ingredients and pour over bacon.  
Bake about 20 minutes or until knife inserts near center.

### Swiss and Bacon Squares

*Isabelle Michael*  
2 cups Bisquick baking mix  
1/2 cup cold water  
8 oz. Swiss cheese slices  
1 lb. bacon

**Community Advent Service**  
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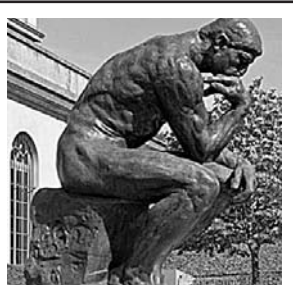
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## TRIVIA

— a little something to think about

Courtesy of Chuck Cornell

1. This playground game has a court laid out with chalk, usually on pavement. Eight squares and a small stone and you're good for the afternoon. But, don't step on the line. What's the game?

2. "No more taxes!" "Free college tuition." "Free medical care." Politicians will promise you anything to get elected. This candidate promised two things back in 1928: "A chicken in every pot and a car in every garage." Who was he?

3. "Fifteen men on the dead man's chest, yo-ho-ho and a bottle of rum! We'll be drinkin' at Admiral Benbow's Inn." What 1883 novel would we be reading?

4. Well, this is easy. Name Frank Zappa's band.

## Burma-Shave

### A Blast from the Past

Courtesy of the Ruth Friel Estate

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Was rough...  
His chick vamoosed...  
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On curves ahead...  
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Didn't save...  
The bunny.  
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Friday, December 9th

6 p.m.: Ugly Sweater Holiday Trivia  
(Last Run Restaurant)

Saturday, December 10th

9 a.m. - 6 p.m.: Christmas at Cass  
Holiday Craft Market  
Santa on hand ALL DAY LONG!  
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9 a.m. - 6 p.m.: Holiday Make & Take  
(Last Run Restaurant)

Sunday, December 11th

9 a.m. - 11 a.m.: Breakfast with Santa  
(Last Run Restaurant)

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# PMH Health Beat

Your Health – Your Hospital

**Mitchell receives PhD**  
Pocahontas Memorial Hospital is proud to announce that its very own Director of Behavioral Health, Amy B. Mitchell, LICSW, recently received her PhD in Social Work.



**Dr. Amy Mitchell** is “The Influence of Parenting Style upon Early Adolescent Perceived Risk of Harm from Marijuana Use.”

Dr. Amy joined the PMH team in July 2022 and has quickly become a beloved presence, leading group sessions at Pocahontas Center as well as the Clinic.

Dr. Amy completed her doctoral work through The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC, and is slated to officially graduate January 7, 2023.

The title of her dissertation

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## Letter to the Editor

Open letter to citizens of Pocahontas County;

I am in need of your voice and support regarding School Bus Transportation.

I live in the first house just past Swago Methodist Church in Buckeye.

I've recently received the privilege of having my granddaughter spend the school year with me.

The school bus has picked up kids on this route for 60+ years. The designated turn around spot is very adequate, the blacktop road is as well.

Now, the individual who is over the bus transportation for the county schools has an

issue with re-starting this route due to their agenda that the bus has not used the route for approximately six years.

I work at Denmar Correctional Center from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Middle school students are dismissed at approximately 3:20 p.m. This presents a stress factor that I for one do not need.

There are times that I cannot leave work due to issues there, etc. Early dismissals for snow days amplify the situation.

My understanding is that if someone is being paid by the taxpayers of the state, then

they are to provide a service for the taxpayers.

If transportation is offered for one, how can it be denied to another child?

I had the privilege about eight years ago to have the same granddaughter stay with me and there was not an issue, and no problem for the bus to pick up the route.

I am looking for support on this issue by calling and voicing your opinion to the board office at 304-799-4505 or attending the December 13 Board Meeting at Marlinton Middle School at 4:15 p.m.

With that being said, I did

call the school's transportation office, where the route was denied. I also went to the November 29 Board Meeting, and the feedback was very encouraging but, so far, the bus route has not resumed.

The school has offered other alternatives, but my granddaughter needs a school bus to pick her up and drop her off at her residence, so as not to put the young lady at risk amid circumstances that this country is facing.

Sincerely,  
Dave Beverage  
Buckeye

## Community Calendar

### OPERA HOUSE

**Old-time piano champion Kelton Boblits**, Saturday, December 17, 7:30 p.m. Known for its diversity and range, old-time piano playing covers everything from ragtime piano and Harlem stride to boogie-woogie dance and standards of the 1930s. Tickets are \$10 at the door or in advance at pocahontasoperahouse.org or the 4th Avenue Gallery. Children 17 and younger are admitted free

specialist with the West Virginia Attorney General's Office, will meet with Marlinton residents to discuss consumer-related issues and answer questions Thursday, December 15, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Marlinton Town Hall on 709 Second Avenue.

**Pocahontas County Solid Waste Authority** reminds all Pocahontas County residential property owners that the 2022 Green Box Fee must be paid or postmarked by December 31, 2022 to avoid the \$10.70 late fee.

**Pocahontas Producers** - Regular Sale, Saturday, December 17, 2 p.m. For more information; 304-799-4852.

### CHRISTMAS EVENTS

**Old-fashioned Christmas Program** and live nativity at Old Mt. Zion Church, Gordon Dilley Road in the Hill Country, Friday,

December 9, 6:30 p.m. Pastor David Rittenhouse will be the speaker. Please bring your own light source. Everyone welcome.

**Christmas pageant, "The Good News Flash,"** Sunday, December 18, 7 p.m. at Boyer Church/Kerr Memorial. Everyone welcome. Refreshments.

**"The Polar Express" movie** Tuesday, December 20, 6 p.m. at the Opera House. Hot chocolate, cookies and a visit from Santa.

The event is FREE. Sponsored by the Brushy Flat Bush Wackers 4-H Club.

### EVENTS

**Big Book Sale** at Green Bank Public Library, Thursday through Saturday, December 8, 9 and 10.

**Christmas at Cass** - Friday through Sunday, December 9 - 11.

**FREE Community Dinner** Thursday, December 22,

see Calendar pg 9

## Marlinton Mayor's Corner

By Sam Felton

The Traffic Light Control Project and contractor Specialty Group, Inc. has been a point of attention throughout the month of November and possibly will be for months to come.

Also, progressing is the Verizon Cell Tower project, across Third Avenue from Lucy's Grocery - just not progressing as quickly as we would like. But, let me say again, the tower is not finished and will not be until the outer white skin continues to the top of the tower, as it is currently only on the

bottom portion. Hopefully, by the time the cell tower is finished, we will have a design for a trail head parking lot around the tower. A utility pole has been added that will house another security camera in the existing parking area.

Regional Optical Communication has hired The Thrasher Group to conduct a statewide Broadband Study. When completed, the study will be used to coordinate and connect the many broadband projects planned throughout the state.

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### 2023 'Colors of the Garden' calendar

The 2023 West Virginia University Extension offers a peek into different varieties and colors of the garden in its 2023 garden calendar. The calendar also offers bonus materials and highlights, which include growing advice, food preservation recommendations, pest management information and healthy recipes that use your garden's harvest, all provided by WVU Extension

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## Lady Warriors open with two strong wins

**Bruce McKean**  
Contributing Writer

**PCHS V .....55**  
**CHS V .....28**

The Pocahontas County High School girls basketball team had not played Covington, Virginia, since PCHS assistant girls basketball coach Chloe Bland was playing for the Lady Warriors. This is CHS's final year of play in the Covington school due to the Class I school being consolidated into Class II Allegheny County next school year. A crowd of PCHS fans made the trek into Virginia December 1, and outnumbered the CHS fans. Both teams played hard.

PCHS junior point guard Olivia Vandevender started strong in the first quarter and scored eight of her career-high and game-high 28 points versus a much bigger squad.

Olivia was the high scorer in 16 of last season's 20 games, which was a rebuilding year, and she scored 20 or more points in four of those games. Sophomore Riley Pollack made 10 points, eight of which were scored in the second half, and senior Kelsi Taylor put in six points.

Eight Warriors and seven

Cougars scored in the game. CHS's Lauren Bragg scored nine points and grabbed 13 rebounds, while Alexis Wall also contributed nine points and eight rebounds. PCHS won all four quarters: 17-6, 8-4, 14-5 and 16-13.

Team leaders in other statistics were: senior Haley Spencer – 4 blocks and 5 steals, Pollack – 7 rebounds and 3 assists, junior Adelyn Warner – 7 rebounds, sophomore Mackenzie Taylor – 3 assists, senior Kelsi Taylor – 3 deflections and 1 three, junior Hannah Burks – 1 three, and Vandevender – 3 assists, 3 free throws, 11 twos, 1 three and 3 deflections.

PCHS out rebounded CHS 36-28 and committed fewer turnovers 37-51. PCHS was called for 19 fouls and made 4 of their 8 foul shots (50 percent), while CHS was called for 12 fouls and hit 8 of 19 foul shots (42 percent). PCHS made 21 of 50 two-shot attempts (42 percent) and only 3 of 21 three-shot attempts (14 percent) so they made 24 of 71 in the game (34 percent).

PCHS will play at Midland Trail Friday, December 9, (JV – 5:45, V – 7:30) and at PCHS Tuesday, December 13, vs East Hardy (No JV game, V – 6 p.m.).

**PCHS JV.....41**  
**CHS JV.....12**

PCHS sophomore Mallori McCoy was game-high scorer with a double-double of 14 points, including two threes, and 10 rebounds. Freshman Calli Propst was second with a double-double of 10 points (8 in the third quarter including 2 threes), 9 assists, 4 deflections and 4 steals. CHS's Kendra Dressler also scored 10 points. PCHS junior Mileya Bircher tallied 4 steals and 3 deflections. Junior Andrea Alderman totaled 7 points and 7 rebounds. Freshman Shayla Bennett scored 5 points and grabbed 7 rebounds.

PCHS out-rebounded CHS 38 to 21 and had one fewer turnovers 20-21. Six Warriors scored in the game, and two Cougars scored. PCHS won all four quarters: 9-6, 4-2, 12-2 and 16-2. PCHS was called for 12 fouls and made only 2 of their 11 foul shots (18 percent), while CHS was called for 19 fouls and hit 4 of 7 foul shots (57 percent). PCHS made 12 of 46 two-shot attempts (26 percent) and only 5 of 17 three-shot attempts (29 percent) so they made 17 of 83 in the game (27 percent).

## WVRA recognizes stand-out teachers

**Linda Childers**  
**WVRA**

The West Virginia Reading Association (WVRA) recognized outstanding educators for their contributions in reading literacy in three award categories at its annual conference at the Greenbrier in November. All of the nominees are stand-out teachers in their respective schools and counties, and it was a joy to honor these great women, their achievements and their on-going dedication to West Virginia's children.

Allyson Varlas received the Dr. Jennie Bechtold Award. Varlas is a Title I reading specialist at Central Elementary School in

Moundsville in Marshall County. This honor is given to a full-time beginning teacher (1-5 years) who demonstrates excellence in teaching.

The runner-up for this award was Michelle Murphy, a first-grade teacher at Marlinton Elementary in Marlinton, Pocahontas County.

Amanda Sammons Meadows was the recipient of the Eddie C. Kennedy Award. Meadows teaches third grade at Bradley Elementary in Mt. Hope, in Raleigh County. This honor is given to any certified K-12 teacher across the curriculum that has made outstanding contributions to helping students become proficient readers and moti-

vating them to become life-long learners.

Among the runners-up for this award was Kristi Tankersley, Title I reading specialist at Marlinton Elementary in Marlinton in Pocahontas County...

In addition to the recognition of the outstanding educators and administrators, the recipient of the Cynthia Lorentz-Cook Memorial Grant was announced.

Pocahontas County is the recipient of this monetary grant for its project titled "Decodables," submitted by Michelle Murphy, president of Pocahontas County Reading Council.

For more information about the West Virginia Reading Association, visit [wvreading.com](http://wvreading.com)

## HSPC awards scholarships

The Humane Society of Pocahontas County awarded two scholarships to young women from Pocahontas County who are enrolled in Animal Sciences programs at college.

Congratulations to: Charity Morrison, of Marlinton, who will graduate December 2023 from WVU with a Bachelor's Degree in Animal Science.

Cassie Hall, of White Sulphur Springs, who is attending Potomac State and will attain her Associate's Degree in Health and Animal Science this summer, and will finish her Bachelor's Degree at WVU in the Animal Science field.

Pocahontas County High School students are eligible to apply for scholarship aid from the HSPC through the

Greenbrier Valley Community Foundation's consolidated application in Spring 2023.

HSPC is looking to support young people from Pocahontas County who are or will be enrolled in degree programs in pre-vet, vet tech or other aspects of animal science and who will enrich the county in these career areas.

## BOE, from page 1

five years of age. Pocahontas County is one of the top counties in the program in regard to percentage of children served.

• Superintendent Terrence Beam recognized the art students at Green Bank Elementary-Middle School who made holiday artwork for the board members and board staff.

In miscellaneous management, the board approved the following:

• American Institute of Architects (AIA) document agreement between The Thrasher Group, Inc. and Pocahontas County Board of Education concerning Marlinton Elementary School reroof/boiler replacement project.

• Adoption of West Virginia Department of Education revisions to Policy 2419 – Regulations for the Education of Students with Exceptionalities, retroactive to November 14.

• Memorandum of Agreement with West Virginia Department of Education, Mountaineer Challenge Academy and Pocahontas County Board of Education will implement a system to

create transcripts through WVEIS and grant high school diplomas for students who successfully complete MCA, retroactive to October 28.

In personnel management, the board approved the following:

• Rescind employment of Marsha L. Beverage as mentor for Kristin A. Baer, effective for the 2022-2023 school year, at \$25 per hour, not to exceed 50 hours or \$1,250.

• Employment of Cindy L. Himelrick as mentor for Kristin A. Baer, effective for the 2022-2023 school year, at \$25 per hour, not to exceed 50 hours or \$1,250.

• Rescind employment of Sara H. McClintic as substitute administrator for Pocahontas County Schools, at state basic pay, based on degree and experience for the 2022-2023 school year, as needed.

• Consent to change Krystal A. Beers from teacher of multi-subjects/teacher of special education (multi-categorical)/autism at Hillsboro Elementary School to itinerant teacher of special education (multi-categorical)/autism at Hillsboro Elementary School, effective November 30, for the 2022-2023 school year. Term of employment shall remain

200 days.

• Employment of Jennifer S. Stewart and Tracey L. Valach as substitute teachers for Pocahontas County Schools, at state basic pay, based on degree and experience, for the 2022-2023 school year, as needed.

• Resignation of Devan E. Gum as both part-time assistant boys track coach and part-time assistant girls track coach, effective for the 2022-2023 athletic season.

• Appointment of Devan E. Gum as volunteer track coach for boys and girls track teams, effective for the 2022-2023 athletic season.

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, December 13, beginning with a Local School Improvement Council meeting at 3 p.m., at Marlinton Middle School.

## Super Crossword

ZERO CHECKING

<b>ACROSS</b>	1 James of "Alien Nation"	5 Lead-in to hazard	8 "My opinion is ..."	13 Tried very hard	19 Tumblers, e.g.	21 Actress Hunt	22 Fatal	23 Start of a riddle	26 Strong metal	27 Vertical line on a graph	28 Attack like an alligator	29 Land north of Mex.	30 — country (music genre)	32 Peruvian of yore	34 Toronto Maple —	37 Riddle, part 2	44 Wild party	47 Battle (for)	48 See 60-Down	49 Triumphed	50 "Fight now!"	51 First class for painters	53 City law: Abbr.	54 Sea predator	56 Actor Mickey	57 Paint crudely	58 Riddle, part 3	61 Borgnine of Hollywood	63 Gulf country	64 Sandler of "Spanglish"	65 Refine, as metal	66 What a hot rod may race on	70 Words on an apartment rental sign	74 Strong metal	76 City near Provo	77 Purple Hearts, e.g.	78 Riddle, part 4	85 Composer Satie	86 Apple app for importing video	87 "I suffer so!"	88 Pan coverer	89 Gave for a while	90 Sole servings branch	91 Buddhism	92 Just kills time	94 Two, in Spain	95 Occupied	96 End of the riddle	100 For the — (temporarily)	102 Blow a horn	103 Stephen of "Blackthorn"	104 Flower holder	106 Kailua Bay locale	109 Creator of Tom Sawyer	112 Gave a monetary penalty	116 Riddle's answer no.	121 Nogales nap	122 How figure skaters skate	123 Of financial matters	124 Rich, eggy cakes	125 Entertained lavishly (1998 film)	126 Boxing ref's ruling	127 Court dividers	9 Utter failure	10 Sever	11 Competitor of Ben & Jerry's	12 Yard feature	13 Place to ski holiday	14 Vietnamese road sign	16 "Banjo on my knee" song	17 Winery tubs	18 "Frozen" snow queen	20 — Hollywood "Screen Kiss" (1998 film)	24 Be alive	25 Fifty percent	31 Talk show emcee, e.g.	33 Egypt's Sadat	35 Formally abolish	36 Displayed example of a product	37 Gives the slip to	38 Aviation military branch	39 Fix the pitch of again	40 Architect Saarinen	41 Sierra Nevada evergreen	42 Blister, e.g.	43 Like GIs peeling potatoes	45 Flower holder	46 Santa's bagful	50 Egg on	52 "Yes, if memory serves"	54 Benefit bagful	55 Chewbacca's companion	59 — -la-la	60 With	67 Verifiable	68 No longer practicing: Abbr.	69 Marcos of the Philippines	71 Texas city	72 Poet Wylie or novelist Glyn	73 Double cluck of reproach	75 Some till bills	77 Sweetie	78 LP player of old	79 Uganda's Idi	80 Donator of services	81 Old TV clown	82 "Fer —!" ("Like, totally!")	83 Take responsibility for something	84 Easter flower	92 Spot's jingler companion	93 Tennis player Edberg	96 Fava —	97 Catch sight of	98 Dressed for a ball	99 Serve, as at a restaurant	101 Concluding musical parts	104 "You, over there ..."	105 Dayton locale	107 Horse foot	108 — Reader (eclectic quarterly)	110 "Oh, sure!"	111 Part of a vase	113 Alaska city	114 Revise text	115 "ER" folks of a restaurant	117 Marshall Plan prez	118 Swallowed	119 Big success	120 Overly
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## Obituaries



### Linda Bennett

Linda Lee Purkey Bennett, 81, of Dunmore, passed away Sunday, December 4, 2022, at her home.

Born July 23, 1941, in Dunmore, she was a daughter of the late Earl B. and Esta Belle Shrader Purkey.

Linda was a homemaker, cook, and an expert quilter.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by twin sons, Ronald Dee and Donald Lee Bennett; and three sisters, Patricia Ann Purkey, Jo Clara Bonnell and Karen Sue Snyder.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Glade "Poke" Bennett; daughter, Vicki Jo Schaffner, and husband, Pat, of Dunmore; two sons, John Wayne Bennett, and wife, Pam, of Dunmore, and Michael Wade Bennett, and girlfriend Rena Harper, of Hamilton; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; sister Phyllis Estep, of Dunmore; and several nieces

and nephews.

Funeral service was held Wednesday, December 7, 2022, at Lantz Funeral Home in Buckeye with Rev. David Rittenhouse officiating. Burial was in Dunmore Cemetery.

Online condolences may be made at [Lantzfuneralhome.com](http://Lantzfuneralhome.com)



### Rose Bowyer

Rose Etna Tremor Bowyer, age 94, entered into rest Friday, October 14, 2022.

Rose started her life September 8, 1928 in Crossett, Arkansas. She lost her mother soon after her birth. She was raised by loving aunts and uncles.

Years later, her soon-to-be husband was stationed in the Army in Arkansas, and as luck would have it, they met on a bus they both happened to be riding. They married after he was discharged from the army.

They moved to West Vir-

ginia where they spent all of their married life. Rose raised four children and had years of fun projects and traveling with them. She was also the head librarian for Pocahontas County. She was able to get libraries and lots of books for all parts of the county.

After retirement and her husband's death, she went to live with her daughter, Jetta, in Eden, North Carolina. There she spent her time reading the many books that she never had time to read as a librarian. She attended King's Highway Christian Church and sang in the choir.

She gradually declined as leukemia started taking over her body. She never complained. Her message to all of us has always been, "If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all."

She was preceded in death by her husband of 51 years, Omar Bowyer; daughter, Marlene Terry; and granddaughter, Megan Coleman.

She is survived by sons, Ronald Bowyer, and wife, Judy, John Bowyer, and wife, Emmie; daughter, Jetta Bowyer Biggs, and husband, Mike; nine grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren, all of whom loved "Gram-Rose" very much.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, October 25, 2022, at Kings Highway Christian Church.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Rockingham County, PO Box 281, Wentworth, NC 27375; Eden Public Library, 598 S Pierce St, Eden, NC 27288; or Green Bank Public Library, 5683 Potomac Highlands Trail, Green Bank, WV, 24944.

### David Cassell

David Donald Cassell, 62, of Fishersville, Virginia, passed away Thursday, November 3, 2022, in Marlinton.

Born February 12, 1960, in Marlinton, he was a son of Arlene Sue Kelly Ralston, of Marlinton, and the late Charles Donald Cassell.

He was employed by Star City Enterprises.

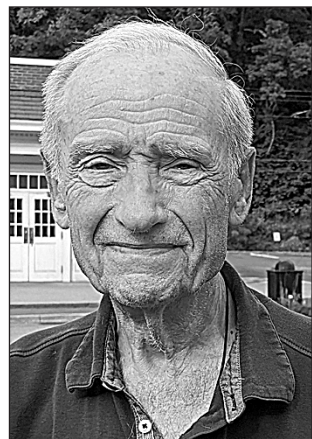
In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by a son, David Donald Cassell, Jr.; sister, Joyce Ann Riveland; and brother, Wilbur Ray Cassell.

He is survived by his mother, Arlene Sue Ralston (Allen Beverage), of Fishersville, Virginia; daughters, Jessica Cassell, of West Augusta, Virginia, Mary Monroe (Gary), of Mt. Solon, Virginia, Emily Miller (Eric), of Grottoes, Virginia, and Summer Cassell, of Buena Vista, Virginia; grandchildren, Mathew Aiden, Alexis Cassell, Isaiah Cassell, Jeremiah Flint, Cameron Miller, Mariah Miller, Logan Miller and

Sophia Layton; sisters, Patsy Tallman, of Durbin, and Barbara Tallman, of Green Bank; and brothers, Charles William Cassell, of Arbovale, and Tommy Cassell, of Stony Bottom.

Funeral service was held Thursday, November 10, 2022, at Wallace and Wallace Funeral Home in Arbovale, with Pastor Julian Rittenhouse officiating. Burial was in Wanless Cemetery near Cass.

Online condolences may be shared at [WallaceandWallaceFH.com](http://WallaceandWallaceFH.com)



### Clyde Johnson

Clyde Gene Johnson, 91, of Mountain Grove, Virginia, passed away Friday, December 2, 2022, at his residence.

Born August 30, 1931, in Havelock, Nebraska, he was a son of the late Clyde Robert Johnson and Clarice Wilma Kitzel Johnson.

Mr. Johnson was a Cartog-

rapher for the Defense Mapping Agency.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army having served during the Korean Conflict.

Mr. Johnson was a graduate of the University of Nebraska. He was a loving father. He enjoyed working on his farm and helping his wife, Marlene, teach health and wellness. He and Marlene renovated a building and created "Back to Eden," a health food restaurant in Marlinton. Later they owned and operated the Rustic Inn in Marlinton, a motel, health food store and restaurant.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marlene Mae Thomas Johnson, September 14, 2022.

He is survived by his children, Les Johnson, of Herndon, Virginia, Gary Musselman, and wife, Susan, of Quinton, Virginia, Lisa Clinc, and husband, Tom, of Fairborn, Ohio; granddaughter, Elizabeth Hoeweler, of Cincinnati, Ohio; and sister, Darlene Todd, of Lincoln, Nebraska.

A Celebration of his Life will be held Thursday, December 15, 2022, at the Community Center in Mountain Grove.

Arrangements are being handled by McLaughlin and Young Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be shared at [mclaughlinandyoung.com](http://mclaughlinandyoung.com)

# Why is empathy hard?

By Dr. Nicole Price  
Guest columnist

As we experience the holiday season, empathy is one of the most important gifts we can give someone who is struggling. But as we're reminded of empathy this time of year, we should reflect on why we don't show it often enough throughout the year.

Empathy is the ability to emotionally understand what other people feel and to imagine yourself in their place. Sometimes, though, it's hard to have empathy. Empathy requires experience, and until we've walked in another person's shoes, we may find it difficult to understand the emotions they are experiencing or why they do the things they do.

It isn't fair to judge others based on our own experiences, but we do it all the time. Often we don't even realize it. This is not because we are bad people. It may be that we simply haven't developed empathy yet.

Or, maybe we do practice empathy, but we've fallen into an empathy trap.

Take a moment to review the following five empathizer traps and honestly acknowledge ones that you have fallen into and how you can do better. And don't forget to celebrate the ones you've overcome.

#### Stingy empathizer

The stingy empathizer chooses who is and isn't worthy of their empathy. We all can easily fall into this trap without realizing it, especially when it's a perspec-

tive or situation drastically different from our own. For example, someone who has never lost a job or had to face a difficult challenge on their own may perceive someone who is living on the street and begging for money as lazy with no one to blame but themselves for their situation.

But if you believe that each of us has the same inherent worth and is deserving of the same dignity that we each believe we deserve ourselves, then you will believe that everyone is worthy of empathy. We need to stop being stingy with our willingness to understand another human being. We have all sought empathy in our lives. If we all seek it, shouldn't we all offer it as well?

#### Reluctant empathizer

This is someone who has developed their empathy muscle and puts it into practice, but who on occasion finds themselves holding their empathy back. Unlike the stingy empathizer, it is not because they don't think the individual or group is deserving; rather, it is based on concern for the consequences of displaying their empathy. When the idea that empathy equals weakness is so prevalent in our society, it can be easier to sit on the

sidelines and withhold your empathy than to risk being perceived as weak or unaligned with the majority.

If you've ever been bullied and your friends watched and then empathized with you in private, or you've been the friend who stood there and did nothing, you know what I'm talking about. It happens all the time in the work environment and in public and social settings. The desire to empathize is there, but instead we choose to turn away. We need to stop holding back our empathy for fear of how we will be perceived. When we display our empathy unapologetically and with confidence, others will begin to perceive it as the incredibly beneficial strength that it is.

#### Impatient empathizer

This type empathizes with the person they are listening to, but once the exchange has happened, they want the other person to move on already. But empathy doesn't work that way. It includes supporting a person through the time and space they need to work through their feelings or circumstances.

When we find ourselves unable to empathize with why someone continues to feel the way they do, we have another choice: We

offer grace and kindness instead of pushing them to get over it or move forward before they are ready.

#### Natural empathizer

Some people are born with an already developed empathy muscle that enables them to empathize without having to think about it. But natural empathizers have empathy traps, too. Some think they don't need to work their empathy muscle, that they don't need to pay attention to how they empathize. Are they, at times, being reluctant or stingy?

They may not understand that we are all evolving empathizers who must continue to strengthen our empathy muscles. I think the traps that natural empathizers fall into are true for anyone with a natural skill or talent. The key is to recognize the potential traps and work to avoid them.

#### Judging empathizer

The judging empathizer judges those of us who may not always be on top of our empathy game. In those instances, judging empathizers may not say it, but they are certainly thinking, "What is wrong with you? How can you be so unsympathetic?"

Rather than judging another's lack of empathy in that moment, take the opportunity to be a nurturing em-

pathizer by helping and encouraging others to develop their own empathy muscle. The nurturing empathizer doesn't fall into any of the empathy traps. They are the empathizers who are willing to help others on their empathy journey.

I love novelist and essayist Leslie Jamison's description of empathy as a kind of travel: "Empathy requires us to be a respectful guest who is there to observe, reflect, and seek to understand another person's experience." To be able to develop the ability to feel another's experience, we must extend ourselves to travel across our borders and into someone else's experiences, allowing us to peer into

someone else's feelings, thoughts, and ideas to find where they intersect with our own.

#### About Dr. Nicole Price

Dr. Nicole Price ([www.drnicoleprice.com](http://www.drnicoleprice.com)) is the *Forbes* Books author of *Spark The Heart: Engineering Empathy In Your Organization*. She also is the CEO of *Lively Paradox*, a professional coaching business that focuses on practicing empathy in leadership. Originally trained as an engineer, Dr. Price's technical background enhances her objective approach to solving process problems and helping people focus on solutions.

## Matter, from page 2

Peggy Owens for the Pocahontas County Arts Council.

- heard concerns from Russell Holt regarding water line expansion to the CDC's mine safety center.
- discussed power issues

affecting the southern end of the county. Mon Power has requested that specific problem areas be identified for them.

- agreed to invite David Cain to the next meeting to discuss his continued maintenance of the county-owned lots in East Cass, despite being asked to stop maintaining them.

## Thank You

The Claude Sharp family would like to thank everyone for the visits, phone calls, food, cards and monetary donations received during his hospital stay and at the time of his passing.

Special thanks to Pocahontas Memorial Hospital staff for their excellent care and concern. They are the best.

Thanks to Rayetta and Anna and Huntersville Baptist Church for the delicious meal and Pastor Lee for the beautiful service.

A big thank you to Lantz Funeral Home for their care and compassion at this difficult time.

God bless all of you,

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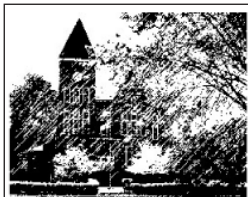
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# Preserving Pocahontas

B. J. Gudmundsson, Preservation Officer

## Alfred Dilley and Oliver Sprouse - 1986



ALFRED DILLEY (LEFT) and Oliver Sprouse share a good story at the Frost United Methodist Church Christmas Dinner in December 1986. (Photo courtesy of Karen Sprouse Walton, Oliver and Lucille Sprouse Collection, ID: PHP004730)

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## Seventy-Five Years Ago

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, December 11, 1947

Over in the Tea Creek country last week, a party of visiting hunters killed one powerful big bear—a regular 400 pounder. There upon arose complications. The sovereign county of Pocahontas, in whose domain the bear was killed, through its county court, under authority of the Code of West Virginia, has placed a bounty on the head of every bear as a predatory beast.

The State Conservation Commission has assumed authority to classify the bear as a game animal and fur-bearer. The gentlemen were fined \$20 in the justice court and allowed \$10 bounty in the County Clerk's office. I understand the case will be carried up to Circuit Court.

### WEDDINGS

Miss Lucille Reaver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Reaver, of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and Joel Hill,

son of Mr. and Mrs. Ellawood Hill, of Lobelia, were united in marriage in St. James Lutheran Church at Gettysburg...

The Arbovale Methodist Church was the scene of the wedding of Miss Virginia Mae Wilfong to Mr. John Hickman Reid, on November 23, 1947... The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Opha Wilfong, of Elyria Ohio. The groom is the son of Mrs. Elizabeth Reid, of Simmondsdale, Virginia...

Kuhn Memorial Presbyterian church in Barboursville was the scene of the marriage, November 29, 1947, of Miss Nancy Alexander Vallandingham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip A. Vallandingham, of Barboursville, to Mr. Robert Cecil Dilley, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Dilley, of Huntersville...

### BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Den-

nie Galford, a son, named Douglas Lynn.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James P. Shisler, a son, named James Willard. Mrs. Shisler is the former Miss Bly Ann Dever.

### DEATHS

Mrs. Lucy Hill Peck Bruffey, aged 76, widow of the late Squire T. A. Bruffey, and daughter of the late D. A. and Caroline Hill Peck, died at her home near Lobelia Friday morning, December 5, 1947... On Monday morning, her body was laid to rest in Emmanuel Cemetery...

Mrs. Georgette Webster Strider Coyner, aged about 33 years, wife of Littleberry N. Coyner, died in her sleep at her home at Cloverlick. Born at Leetown, Jefferson county, she was a daughter of James William Strider and Carrie Gardner Strider... Her body was laid to rest in the Cloverlick Cemetery.

Hubert Z. Puffenbarger, aged 53 years, a veteran of World War I, died in San Francisco, California, Saturday, November 22, 1947. His body was laid in the family plot in Arbovale Cemetery. He was a son of Mrs. Bertie

Puffenbarger, of Frank, and the late Noah Puffenbarger.

Thornton Dulaney, 76, died at his home at Crawley, December 1, 1947. Funeral service was conducted at the Williamsburg Methodist church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

The body of Sergeant Cecil G. VanReenan will arrive at Marlinton Friday, December 10. The funeral will be held at the Edray Church Sunday afternoon. Interment will be in Mountain View Cemetery with military honors. The young man was a son of Gilbert VanReenan. He was killed in Belgium.

Mrs. Ettie Moore Lightner, aged 67 years, widow of the late Emmett Lightner, died at Valley Center, Virginia. Funeral service was held from the Marlinton Presbyterian Church... Her body was laid to rest in the McLaughlin family cemetery by the grave of her husband who preceded her in death in 1930... She was a daughter of the late William D. and Hannah Beverage Moore, of Elk, and was the last of the family to be called.

H. Orr, Miss Edna McNeill, Miss Carrie Brown, Miss Clara Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McNeill, Mrs. Willis McKeever, Mrs. C. P. McNeill, Mrs. C. F. Loudermilk, Misses Goldie McNeill, Anna Howard, Madaline McNeill, Susie Kellison, Polly Gay, Louise and Elizabeth McNeill, Messrs S. B. Wallace, A. B. Beverage, Meade McNeill, Ad McNeill, Lewis Gay, Wm. Rogers, Ward McNeill, Stowe McNeill and Calvin Price.

### BARLOW-BEVERAGE

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Coe Beverage on Knapps Creek was the scene of a very pretty home wedding on Thanksgiving Day. At two o'clock, the bride and groom, Miss Hallie Virginia Beverage and William Glenn Barlow, of Onoto, attended by Sam Barlow and the

bride's sister, Miss Hazel Beverage, with Roscoe Beverage as best man and Miss Dameron Barlow, sister of the groom as maid of honor, came before the Rev. H. H. Orr, of Marlinton, and Rev. J. E. Flow, D. D., of Lewisburg. The bridal party was preceded by little Ruth Dever who carried the ring...

### DIED

Rev. J. M. Boggs died at his home in the Brownsburg settlement Tuesday, December 5, 1922. He was 88 years of age. He was a native of Ohio, and came to Pocahontas about 35 years ago. He served as a Union soldier in the War Between the States. For many years, he had been a minister of the Baptist church. By trade, he was an expert carpenter. He is survived by his wife and a number of sons and daughters.

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## Fitty Years Ago

Jane Price Sharp, Editor

Thursday, December 7, 1972

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Cochran, of Hillsboro, had as Thanksgiving guests, Alice Cochran Laube and sons, Craig and Herold, Jr., of Akron, Ohio; and John Cochran and wife, Barbara, and daughter, Laura, of Chicago, Illinois.

Nathan Walker, of Plainfield, New Jersey, and Houston Jefferson, of Cleveland, Ohio, have returned to their homes after spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. Forest McChesney and doing some deer hunting. Sarah Jefferson, of Cleveland, Ohio, also spent the week with her grandparents, the McChesneys.

About 47 people turned out for the beekeepers meeting Tuesday, the first of its kind. Stanley Loudermilk brought everyone here a pound of nice honey Wednesday morning.

### Boys in Service

Staff Sergeant Michael L. McMann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee McMann, of Marlinton, graduated from the U. S. Air Force Non-commissioned Officer Leadership School at March AFB, California... He serves with a unit of the Strategic Air Command, America's nu-

clear deterrent force of long range bombers and intercontinental ballistic missiles.

Sergeant McMann, who has served in Vietnam, is a 1966 graduate of Marlinton High School.

### WEDDING

Lane - Slaven

On Saturday, November 18, 1972, in an open church wedding at the United Methodist Church in Hot Springs, Virginia, Marian Rachel Slaven and Thomas A. Lane were united in marriage. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Margaret Wooddell, of Huntersville, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex J. Lane, of Marlinton...

### BIRTH

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Defibaugh, of Marlinton, a son, named Albert Neil.

### DEATHS

William Wallace Addleman, 80, of Marlinton; born in Cumberland County, Virginia, a son of the late William and Emma H. Addleman. Burial in Mountain View Cemetery. Jesse Ward Tacy, of Cass, he was a custodian at the National Radio Astronomy observatory. Burial in Arbovale Cemetery.

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## Footsteps through History

The Pocahontas Times  
Andrew Price, Editor

Thursday, December 10, 1897

THE BATH Enterprise says that the McClintic Mill was stopped the other day and, the turbine being taken out, it was discovered that a large eel was so wedged in the mechanism of the same that it could only be removed by cutting it in pieces. This mill is turned by the stream which flows from the Warm Springs. It is supposed that the eel was endeavoring to reach deep water for the winter.

MRS. WILEY, mother of Mrs. G. J. McLaughlin, broke her leg last Monday, by falling out of bed. She has been at the McLaughlin House for several months. She is eighty years old and has been down with the fever for a long time. She was recovering slowly and it is supposed that she was endeavoring to rise from her bed and had a fainting spell. Her recovery is extremely doubtful.

ANOTHER FIRE got started at the Yeager Hotel Wednesday morning about breakfast time. Ralph, the four year old son of the proprietor, upset a lamp in a

bedroom. The lamp broke and the oil caught fire. It was put out by the prompt action of the boarders, who were at the table.

### ANNIVERSARY

Sunday, December 12, 1897, being the fourteenth anniversary of the dedication of the Edray M. E. church, a public service consisting of preaching, experience, and singing will be held beginning at eleven o'clock a.m. promptly. The public is cordially invited.

GEORGE P. MOORE

### LINWOOD

Quite a number of persons visited our place Saturday, December 4, to witness an exciting game of football which took place between the Linwood and Dry Branch teams. The day was a fearful one, being wet and rainy. Water stood six inches deep over half the field, but the boys played like it was a sunny day. Linwood seemed to score almost at will. This is the second match these teams have played this season. Linwood winning both, the first by a score of 1 - 0

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## 100-Years-Ago in The Pocahontas Times

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, December 7, 1922

### FROST

Clay Dreppards house caught fire Friday morning and came near burning down. Through the aid of the citizens, he received but little damage.

Mr. John Ryder fell from a scaffold and came near being seriously hurt. It supposed that he was erecting a democratic flag when the scaffold gave away.

The people are busy butchering. Mr. Sherman Gibson claims to have the largest hog. It is estimated to weigh between 5 and 7 hundred pounds.

The loss of sheep this year that run in the mountain range number over a hundred. We hope the guilty parties will be located and go the trip.

Roland Sharp, who is attending high school at Cass, was home Saturday last.

There were not much fruit in this section, but for all there seems to be a lot of cider afloat. Too much cider with business makes one feel

bad.

### WANLESS

Our town has not built up much since a change in our government.

The first tracking snow come late in November, and Charley Tacy, Jake Lightner, Price Kesler and Jesse Cassell, with two dogs each, made a bear chase on Cheat Mountain. They started two bears and chased all day through the dense forest and brier thickets, which gave the bear the advantage and they managed to keep ahead until night fell when the chase ended. A lot of bear has been on Cheat this fall.

### BIRTHDAY DINNER

On Saturday, December 2, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McNeill, of Buckeye, gave a dinner party to a number of their friends, the occasion being the 21st birthday of their eldest son, Meade McNeill. It was a good day for eating, and a feast had been prepared, with turkey and fixings and everything a plenty. Among those at the board were Dr. J. W. Flow, Rev. J.

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First Publication Date: Thursday, December 8, 2022 Claim Deadline: Monday, February 6, 2023

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ESTATE NUMBER: 14464 APPOINTMENT DATE: December 5, 2022 ESTATE NAME: JOHNNY ALVIN HAMILTON ADMINISTRATOR: Alvin Hamilton 2950 Beaver Creek Road Marlinton, WV 24954-5923

Subscribed and sworn to before me on December 5, 2022. Melissa L. Bennett Clerk of the Pocahontas County Commission 12/8/22

ORDER OF PUBLICATION IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT OF POCAHONTAS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

Citizens Bank of West Virginia P. O. Box 129 Slatyfork, WV 26291, Plaintiff vs Clara Marie Shay (Pennington) 501 Wilson Lane, Suite 3 Elkins, WV 2624, Defendant

The object of the above entitled action is to obtain judgment against the defendant, Clara Marie Shay (Pennington).

And it appearing by an affidavit filed in this action that, even after using due diligence, the plaintiff was unable to discover the residence or whereabouts of the defendant.

It is ordered that Clara M. Shay (Pennington) do serve upon Magistrate Jennifer M. Dunz, magistrate, whose address is 900 Tenth Avenue, Marlinton, WV 24954, an answer or other defense to the complaint filed in this action on or before within one (1) month after date of first publication thereof, otherwise judgment by default will be taken against the defendant at any time thereafter.

Entered by the Clerk of said Court November 18, 2022. Nancy L. Jordan, Magistrate Court Clerk 12/8/22

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ORDER OF PUBLICATION IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT OF POCAHONTAS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

Citizens Bank of West Virginia P. O. Box 129 Slaty Fork, WV 26291, Plaintiff vs John T. Greathouse 191 Brier Patch Road Bartow, WV 24920, Defendant

The object of the above entitled action is to obtain judgment against the defendant, John T. Greathouse.

And it appearing by an affidavit filed in this action that, even after using due diligence, the plaintiff was unable to discover the residence or whereabouts of the defendant.

It is ordered that John T. Greathouse do serve upon Magistrate Jennifer M. Dunz, magistrate, whose address is 900 Tenth Avenue, Marlinton, WV 24954, an answer or other defense to the complaint filed in this action on or before within one (1) month after date of first publication thereof, otherwise judgment by default will be taken against the defendant at any time thereafter.

A copy of said complaint can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her office. Entered by the Clerk of said Court November 15, 2022. Nancy L. Jordan Magistrate Court Clerk 12/1/22

ORDER OF PUBLICATION IN THE FAMILY COURT OF POCAHONTAS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

WILLIAM D. BURDETTE, Petitioner vs HAILLIEE M. BURDETTE, Respondent Civil Action No. 22-D-15

THE OBJECT OF THIS SUIT IS TO OBTAIN A DIVORCE

To the Above Named Respondent: HAILLIEE M. BURDETTE It appearing by affidavit filed in this action that the address of HAILLIEE M. BURDETTE is unknown.

The Court orders the parties to appear on the 20th day of December 2022 at 12:30 p.m. at the location of Family Court, 818 10th Avenue, Marlinton, WV, where a hearing will be held on the Petition for Divorce, at which time you may appear to protect your interests.

A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her office. Entered by the Clerk of said Court November 23, 2022. Connie M. Carr Circuit Clerk of Pocahontas County By: Cindy D. Beverage, Deputy 12/1/22

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S FORCLOSURE SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE is hereby given pursuant to and by virtue of the authority vested in the Substitute Trustee, Pill & Pill, PLLC, by that certain Deed of Trust dated October 30, 2014, executed by the Borrower, Joseph D. Davis, Jr., to The First State Bank, Samuel Vallandingham, Andrew Vallandingham, the Trustees, of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, in Book 356, at Page 269.

All of that certain tract or parcel of real estate situate on the waters of Stamping Creek on State Route 55, 39, about three miles west of the Mill Point intersection, in Raintown, Little Levels District of Pocahontas County, West Virginia and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a 5/8" rebar, set, on the South East side of State Route 55, 39, at 30 feet from the center line and to the right of the Driveway for the surveyed property, from which a Utility Pole bears S 25°35' W at 36.6 feet, thence; N 06°25' 35" W 35.10 feet to a Point, in the center of said road, thence with the center line of said road for the next three calls; N 52°18' 25" E 133.04 feet to a Point, thence; N 52°36' 05" E 146.20 feet to a Point, thence; N 54°10' 15" E 233.48 feet to a Point, thence leaving the center line; S 24°16' 40" E passing the edge of the 60 foot right of way at 30.62 feet, and passing a 5/8" Rebar, set, at 36.01 feet, in all 138.49 feet, running through the property of Donald Sharp; Et. Al (Tax Map 15, Parcel 19) and crossing Stamping Creek, to a 5/8" Rebar set, thence continuing through the property of Sharp for the next two calls; S 37°41' 50" W 309.77 feet to a 5/8" Rebar, set, on the bank of Stamping Creek, thence; S 11°19' 35" W 145.25 feet to a 5/8" Rebar, set, in a Rock Pile in an old

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Fence line, in a hollow, thence with the Fence line; S 55°38' 15" W 378.47 feet to a 5/8" Rebar, set, on the bank of a run, a corner to May Wilma Thomas, thence with the line of Thomas for the next two calls; N 25°37' 20" E 206.14 feet to a 5/8" Rebar, set, by a Fence Post between Stamping Creek and a Run, thence crossing Stamping Creek; N 06°25' 35" W passing a 1.5" Iron Pipe at 50.26 feet, in all 201.08 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 3.3 Acres, as surveyed by Justin M. Dilley, S.I. #191 and John L. Wayne, Jr., and approved by John L. Wayne, Jr., P.S. #859 in September of 2014.

There exist a sixty foot Right-of-Way along State Route 55, 39, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a 5/8" rebar, set, on the South East side of State Route 55, 39 at 30 feet from the center line and to the right of the Driveway for the surveyed property, from which a Utility Pole bears S 25°35' W at 36.6 feet, thence N 06°25' 35" W 35.10 feet to a Point, in the center of said road, thence with the center line of said road for the next three calls; N 52°18' 25" E 133.04 feet to a Point, thence; N 52°36' 05" E 146.20 feet to a Point, thence; N 54°10' 15" E 233.48 feet to a Point, thence leaving the center line; S 24°16' 40" E 30.62 feet to a Point, thence; S 54°10' 15" W 287.30 feet to a Point, thence; S 52°36' 05" W 145.72 feet to a Point, thence; S 52°18' 25" W 158.54 feet to the Point of beginning containing 0.4 Acres, more or less.

And being the same tract or parcel of real estate as acquired by Joseph D. Davis, Jr., by the provisions of a Deed of Conveyance from Donald K Sharp, et. als., of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 350, at Page 463, in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pocahontas County, West Virginia.

TERMS OF SALE:

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Proposals must be submitted in writing to PCL & VIC at 500 8th St, Marlinton, WV 24954, or by email attachment to director@pocahontaslibrary.org on or before December 19 at noon.

Proposals will be discussed by the Library Board of Trustees on December 20 at their monthly board meeting, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

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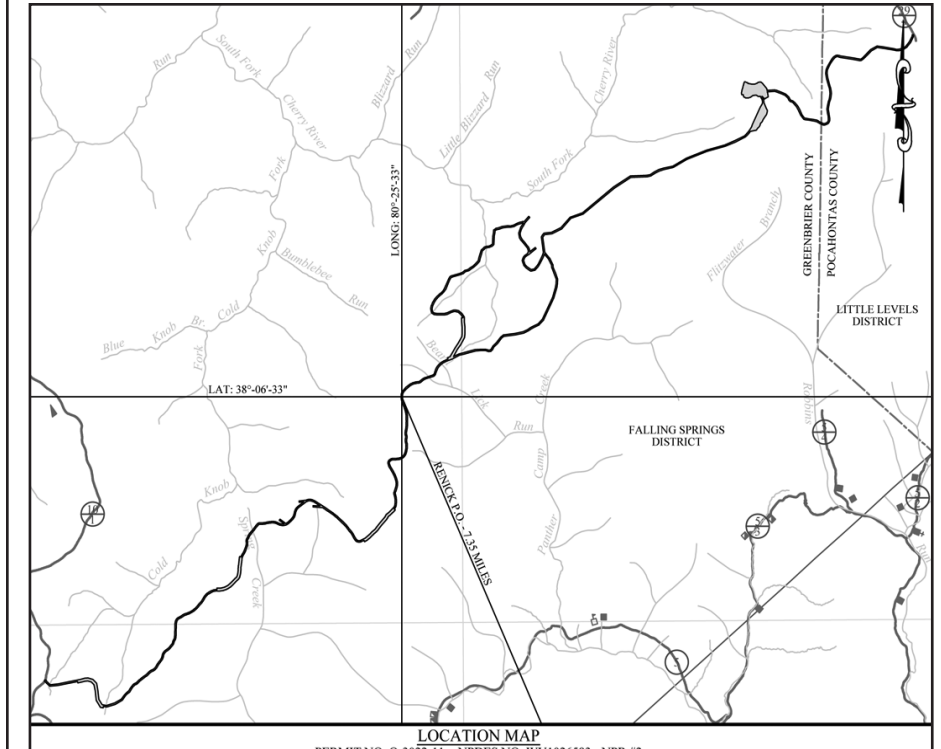
The Department of Environmental Protection is seeking information on private surface water intakes for human consumption located in the above listed receiving streams and located down stream of this operation. Please provide your name, phone number, mailing address, the name of the stream being with the intake, and the physical location of the intake. This information needs to be submitted to the address above.

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Comments on the Article 11/WVNPDES application or requests for a public hearing regarding the Article 11/NPDES application shall be in writing and if a public hearing is requested shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. Such written comments or requests should be sent to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) at the address above, and must also reference the Article 11 /WVNPDES permit number shown above.

Comments received by January 7, 2023, or thirty (30) days from date of publication, will be considered. A copy of the Article 11/WVNPDES application, draft permit, rational page and fact sheet (if required) will be available for inspection and obtaining copies during normal business hours at the DEP Regional Office located at the address above.

DEP Telephone No. 304-574-4465 Article 11/NPDES Permit No. WV1026593



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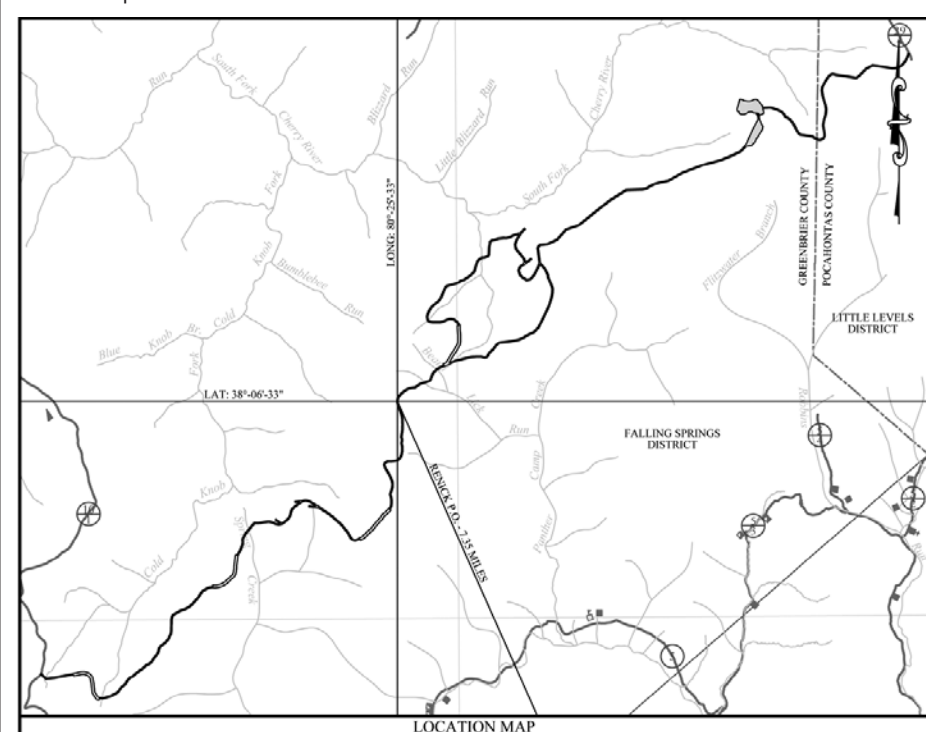
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## Artist, from page 1

taught for four years, and I sing. He's been a big part of my life for such a long time."

During her junior year, Van Meter moved to Pocahontas County from New Jersey and found ways to include Frehley in her schoolwork. For art class, she painted a portrait of Frehley playing guitar and did a pencil drawing of his portrait.

Her intentions were to give the two pieces of art to Frehley at a concert last April, but she wasn't able to do that. Luckily, her mom, Virginia, has a friend who has known Frehley for decades and that friend got the artwork to Frehley.

The friend sent Van Meter a photo of Frehley with the artwork to confirm it had

been delivered.

"He gave them to Ace, and he sent me that picture, and I about fell on the floor," she said. "I was crying so hard, it was just such a really awesome experience, and I'm going to hold on to that forever."

The friend called Van Meter and she got a chance to talk to Frehley on the phone.

"I could hear Ace laughing in the background," she said. "He put Ace on the phone, and I got to talk to him for a few seconds. He loved them [the drawings] so much and they're actually hanging up in his house right now. I talked to his girlfriend and she said that they are hanging up in his man cave."

Van Meter has seen Frehley perform and is hopeful that she will get to meet him during his next tour. Her fandom for 70s and 80s rock



doesn't end with Kiss and Frehley. She has also had a chance to meet Alice Cooper and is also a fan of Misfits. Van Meter hopes to one

day join the ranks of her favorites as a rock musician. She is applying to schools in places like Kentucky and Tennessee and is keeping

**KISS GUITARIST ACE Frehley shared this photo with Karly Van Meter after he received the painting and drawing she did of him. Van Meter grew up listening to Kiss' music and has followed Frehley's career as a solo artist, as well. She hopes to meet the rock icon at a concert in his upcoming tour.** Photo courtesy of Karly Van Meter

California in her sights, as well.

"Something about California is calling my name," she said. "Something about that area. I'm still looking and applying to as many schools as I can. There are some good programs out there, and I've got some good people out in California that can hook me up real quick. I'm friends with all kinds of people at record labels."

One of those people is helping Van Meter get con-

nected to rock band Halestorm, whom she hopes to perform with this spring when she visits California during spring break.

"He's going to set it up, and I'll probably be singing with her [Halestorm singer Lizzy Hale]," she said. "I'm very, very excited. I may be singing in front of fifty thousand people. That's my life goal. I know it's going to happen one day. Maybe not right now. It's definitely my biggest goal."

Fueled by her experiences and talent, Van Meter is ready to take on the world and become a member of the rock scene.

"I'm so excited because it's such a big part of my life," she said. "Music saved my life. I genuinely cannot live without it. It's such a big part of my life, and I just want to take that on and give my gift to other people."

## 50, from page 7

**OVER 80 Charles Benjamin Cromer**

By Annie Cromer

When I told Charlie Cromer I had been asked to write a sketch of his life, he began, "There ain't much to tell! I was born at Laurel Fork in Highland County, Virginia, and came to West Virginia in 1886."

He told me that he does his own cooking and housework and tries to keep busy most of the time...

His first schooling was at Ripples Creek in Randolph County, but Charlie says, "I could never learn my ABCs there, so when I was 17, my father sent me to live with my grandparents near Harrisonburg, Virginia, to go to school. I made a grade a month and finished in the fifth grade. All the girls helped me because I was so good looking."

Charlie says his first job was carrying the mail for his father from Huttonsville to Travelers Rest at Bartow, when he was 14 years old. There was no box delivery, just from one post office to another. The route included Cheat Mountain Club Post Office, with Frantz Degler as postmaster, and Gillispie, located on old Route 250 at the present site of Harlan Tallman's barn. There the Gillispie family kept this post office until it was moved to become the Durbin Post Office with Polie Arbogast serving as postmaster for many years.

Peter Yeager, postmaster at Travelers Rest, questioned the lad as to his having been duly sworn as mail carrier. At any rate, Charlie was accepted and continued with the mail.

The Cromer family on top of Cheat had come down with the dreaded disease of smallpox, so Charlie and his brother, Pearl, lived in a shanty near Huttonsville and were not allowed to go home until all danger of the disease was over, because the mail had to go through.

In 1904, Charlie went to Cass and fired engines for 15¢ an hour. Later his wages were raised to 20¢.

Things were picking up for Charlie, so he got the job of building the Stony River Dam in Tucker County in 1910 at \$110 a month. With this money he was able to save enough to buy a farm, one belonging to Will Collins on Back Mountain Road.

He not only liked the place but also the daughter, Mary.

They were married in 1915 and took off to Washington, D. C. on their honeymoon.

Brother Pearl was the only one who could drive the Michigan car, a gift to Charlie's dad from Mr. Shaffer, so he took the newlyweds to Harrisonburg, Virginia, and left them to go on by train. They toured the Capital in an open eight seated bus with solid rubber tires. Charlie remembers air was not used in tires until 1916. He showed me a picture of them on the bus, and the blouse that Mary wore on the trip is in a suitcase under a couch in the living room. I can tell these are very precious memories. Mary passed away February 1, 1946.

Charlie laughed, "I wanted to be polite so I offered a 25¢ tip to a porter. Just then a policeman collared me and said, 'These men are paid a salary, no tipping allowed.' That scared the very gallbladder out of me and to this day, I have never tipped one single person."

In a voice that was half humor and half sorrow, he said, "Maybe I should tell you about the time Mary left me. I was mowing grass and had made about two rounds in the field when I saw her walking down the road with

her best straw hat on and carrying her suitcase. I just quit and turned the horses out and went to the house and grieved for half a day. I knew where she had gone but not why she had gone. So I went to town and saw her working in a restaurant. After a long time, she came out and spoke to me. I asked her if she was ready to go home. She said, "Yes." When I asked her why she left, she told me she was hurt because I had not asked her to get my breakfast. Believe me, I never let that happen again." Times have really changed!

I asked Charlie, "Aside from your family life, what are your most pleasant memories?"

He said, "Hunting, I guess."

Charlie had eight brothers and five sisters and is the father of Virginia Critzer, of Waynesboro, Virginia, and Alma Beverage, of Bartow.

He enjoys music and wants to brush up on his fiddle playing.

"In what ways are the years gone by better than they are now," I asked him.

Charlie thinks the children of today lack respect for their elders and all authority, many of them, at least. This

worries him.

Railroads are a chief concern, and understandably so, since he spent 29 years of his life as an engineer at different places. He says Governor Moore understands his viewpoint and expressed his feelings that he, too, agreed freight by train was much better when it comes to thinking of the heavy traffic and safety on the highways.

Of course, living is much better, financially, now than ever before.

Security benefits are a great comfort to the aged citizens, so he says he must be careful how he speaks of them. He thinks it is a mistake to have year-round fishing.

"That first day of fishing season was better than any Fourth of July," he chuckles.

"Have you been in good health all your life?" I asked.

"No. I have been in the hospital three times," he said. "The first time I had a growth removed from my cheek at the Cass hospital."

The Cass hospital was news to me, but he told me it was the same building that the Shaffers later used as a dwelling. At another time he spent 14 days in a hospital and was cured of the tobacco

habit because he was not allowed to use it there. Until that time, he said he had chewed the strongest brand made and swallowed the juice. He thought it destroyed intestinal parasites.

I wonder which would be the worst?

Charlie's first vote was cast for William Jennings Bryan in 1906. I didn't ask him if he lost his vote again in 1972.

The house on the farm where Charlie and Mary lived all of their married life is falling down, but I do not see it as a sore spot in the community but am always reminded of something she said when we were building a new house.

She always laughed when she talked.

"You are lucky," she said. "We will never have a new house; it takes all Charlie makes to buy groceries. We have never eaten a meal alone."

Today, I asked Charlie about that.

He told me that was right, that he could not remember ever eating alone and one Sunday they had 36 guests for dinner. This was not unusual. The Cromer house is not sinking from neglect or

misuse, but from wear in being a home to brothers, sisters, nephews, nieces, neighbors, and anyone who needed a place to rest, eat, sleep, laugh or cry.

"Now that you are nearing your 88th birthday and are so well and happy, to what do you owe this?" I asked him.

"Because I am living for God," he answered.

He told me that many years ago he had been baptized in Elk Lick Run.

He had been very happy until he had his life threatened; then he began to drink to cover his troubles. It didn't work.

Now he believes people's worst ailments are their fears, and he says he tries to be like Jesus when he slept during a storm. He says, "Try to be calm and Christian, and life will be ten thousand times better."

He says he has missed only one service at church in the last year.

Charlie has been my brother-in-law for 37 years, and I have never seen him angry about anything, and I have never heard one person say a disrespectful word about him.

I am proud of you, Charlie.

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## History, from page 7

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Mr. Dick Showalter says: Playing a game of football And keeping "bachelors' hall" Is far better than Being a married man, And nursing babies that squall.

### DEATHS

**RIDER** – At Hunter, of typhoid fever, Kenney Rider, a widely known citizen of the top of Allegheny.

**VANDERVORT** – at her home at Savannah, Greenbrier county, Miss Nellie Vandervort, daughter of F. P. Vandervort, of pulmonary trouble. She was a most estimable young lady and had many friends in Pocahontas county.

**BURGESS** – At Roncerverte, Mrs. Floyd Burgess of diphtheria. Her husband is the son of William Burgess, of Academy. She leaves seven small children. She was a native of Greenbrier county, and was Miss Ella Hinkle, of Frankford.

**RIMEL** – At Hunter, Mrs. Mecca C., wife of R. D. Rimel, Monday December 6, of typhoid fever. She leaves a family of five children. The deceased was a daughter of Samuel Harper, of Knapps Creek, and was highly esteemed by all who knew her...

### BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

This chapter of the Biographic notes is devoted to members of the Bussard connection, a relationship identified with this county for a century passed. The name indicates French origin, hence these people are very probably descendants of the Huguenots, who refuged from France after the revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685. History tells how some of these people found refuge in Germany and Holland and afterwards numbers of them came to America among the early colonists.

Reuben Bussard, the progenitor of the Bussards, was the son of an emigrant from Germany, who settled at an early day near Lancaster Pennsylvania. Upon his marriage with a Miss Sicafoose, in Pendleton County, he settled on lands now in possession of his descendants, near Glade Hill, or rather between Glade Hill and Frost.

These early settlers were the parents of five sons and four daughters. Susan, Fannie, Hester and Martha were their daughters. The sons were Eli, Solomon, Henry, Reuben Jr. and Sampson.

Fannie Bussard was married to Benjamin Bussard and lived in Greenbrier county.

Hester Bussard became Mrs. Henry Grimes, and lived in The Hills...

Martha Bussard, was married to Charles, son of Felix Grimes, the pioneer, and lived in The Hills, near Mt. Zion.

Eli Bussard married Margaret

(Peggy) Moore, daughter of Pennsylvania John Moore, and settled on a part of the home place, now occupied by his son, Arminius...

Solomon Bussard married Miss Rachel Grimes and settled on a section of the homestead...

Henry Bussard married Mary Hannah, daughter of Joseph Hannah, on Elk and lived on Cummings Creek near Huntersville...

Henry Bussard's second marriage was with a Miss Perkins...

Sampson Bussard married Eleanor Knapp, daughter of the late Caleb Knapp, and settled on the place purchased of Solomon Bussard...

Where Reuben Bussard, the ancestor, made a selection for a permanent settlement was far from being an inviting spot in pioneer days. His idea seems to have been that, tho the lands were deemed of little value, yet these glades and marshes could be made into valuable meadows... By making moderate gains and serving what would come in hand, he saw there was a living in reach of the hands of the diligent...

From what we can now gather from Reuben Bussard's personality he seems to have been a man that pondered Agur's prayer to a good purpose:

"Two thing have I required of Thee; deny me them not before I die. Remove far from me vanity and lies; give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me, lest I be full and deny Thee, and say Who is the Lord? Or lest I be poor and steal and take the name of my God in vain."

## PMH, from page 4

This was a secondary data study of 12 – 14 year old children and how their parents may influence their adolescent opinions about how harmful using marijuana is to their brain development in adolescence.

Dr. Amy is married with four children and lives in Marlinton during the week, returning home to Woodstock, Virginia, on the weekends.

## Mayor's, from page 4

J.P. Duncan has been hired as Flood-Plain Manager for the Town of Marlinton and will begin in this position Monday December 5.

The Overlook Trail was roughed in during November. It will rest for the winter and be completed in early spring 2023.

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Even without Main Street lighting, it looked like a great turnout for the Christmas Parade last Friday evening. Thanks to those that directed and all who participated making this event a great success. Thanks again to Mitchell Chevrolet for their support.

We appreciate all of you working together for the benefit of the community.

Sam

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## MES Students of the Month



MARLINTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL congratulates its Students of the Month for November. Front row, l to r: Malik Fleming-Thomas, kindergarten; Calliope Buzzard, first grade; Micheal Friel, second grade. Back row: Serenity Lycans, third grade; and Karis Lowe, fifth grade. Not pictured: Reagan Nelson, Pre-K; Aurora Phillips, third grade, Elizabeth Sharp, kindergarten; and Adalyn Beverage, second grade.

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**Red Tag Bonus - \$500**

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### 2022 Chevy SILVERADO 771 CREW TRAIL BOSS

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**Customer Cash - \$500**

**Red Tag Bonus - \$500**

**Sale Price = \$59,370**



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**Top Selling Awards:** Robert Bittinger, Jr., Linda Turner, Dianna Perdue, Stacie Cornett, Tara Waugh, Darla Fisher, Josh White,

Margaret Harrah, Debbie Amos, Debbie Echols and Jamie Yates.

**Rookie of the Year Award:** Debbie Amos.

Johnson provided the 2022 office totals: 324 Transaction Sides and nearly \$48+ million in sales. And, keep in mind, we have 29 days left in this year, which complete totals will increase.

Johnson said his team of realtors is devoted to the service of their clients. In

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## School Menus

**Monday, 12** - Pancake with syrup and peach cup.

Cheeseburger on whole grain bun, lettuce, tomato, fries, broccoli, fruit and milk.

**Tuesday, 13** - Fruit and cream waffle dunkers.

Spaghetti with meat sauce, garden salad with romaine lettuce, whole grain bread stick, herb roasted zucchini and parmesan, carrots, fruit and milk.

**Wednesday, 14** - Sausage and cheese wrap and fruit.

Pepperoni roll with marinara sauce, Italian vegetable blend, cucumber salad, red pepper strips, fruit and milk.

**Thursday, 15** - Fruit muffin, yogurt and fresh fruit.

Christmas Dinner: baked ham, whole grain roll, scalloped potatoes, green beans, apple crisp and milk.

**Friday, 16** - Cooks' Choice and fruit.

Whole grain biscuit and gravy, sausage, egg, hash-brown, fruit and milk.

**Monday, 19** - Professional learning day. No school for students.

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## LISTINGS



**6412 - Caldwell.** Lot 82. A 25.17 acre parcel located in a peaceful and private gated community. Close to a state park and just a 10-minute drive to Lewisburg and White Sulphur Springs. - \$60,000



**6466 - Rimel.** 3BR/1BA cabin on 0.46 level acre. Just steps from national forest. Near Greenbrier River, Anthony and Knapps creeks, and Watoga and Seneca State parks. - \$79,000



**6468 - Bartow.** Little River Retreat. 2BR/1BA cabin on two acres. Close to national forest, Little River, Buffalo Mt. Lake, Cass Scenic Railroad and Snowshoe Resort. - \$105,000



**6467 - Caldwell.** 0.72 acre with house in need of significant repairs. City water available. Great location just outside of Lewisburg. Near the Greenbrier River and Trail. - \$16,500



**6414 - Huntersville.** 2BR/1BA cottage on 1.04 acres in a quiet area near Watoga State Park, Greenbrier River and Trail, national forest and Knapps Creek. - \$74,900



**6340 - Mill Point.** 8.79 acres of mountain woodland. Home site offers excellent views. Electric, phone and septic in place. Close to the Cranberry Wilderness, rivers and national forest. - \$49,900



**6010 - Marlinton.** 4.9 acres near Frost. Great spot for a camper or small cabin. Private, wooded, has a nice creek and paved road frontage. Near hunting, fishing, hiking and biking. - \$29,900



**5469 - Woodrow.** 27 acres with gorgeous, long distance mountain views. Close to Williams River, national forest, Highland Scenic Highway and Handley Wildlife Area. - \$125,000



**6487 - Sutton, Braxton County.** Older home that needs repairs, with garage and large lot. Near lake. - \$27,500



**6215 - Mill Point.** 13.37 rolling acres. Nicely wooded ridge-top building site. Private location. - \$52,000



**4886 - Lewisburg.** Lamplighter Subdivision. Lot 14. Voted the "Coolest Small Town in America!" Property is close to all the best the Greenbrier Valley has to offer! Title insurance available. - \$10,000



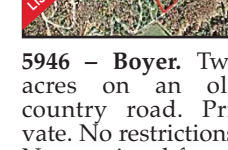
**6454 - White Sulphur Springs.** Completely remodeled 2BR/3BA with garage, lots of extra storage space and a private driveway. This home is within walking distance of downtown shops and cafes. - \$225,000



**5942 - Snowshoe.** Beautiful 2.13 acre building lot just 1.5 miles from the back entrance to Snowshoe. 4,000 ft. elevation. Minutes from Cass Scenic Railroad, the Greenbrier River Trail and national forest. - \$36,900



**6411 - Marlinton.** 3BR/2BA brick ranch home with finished basement and attached two-car garage on 0.70 level acres. Two porches. Two fireplaces. Out of the floodplain. - \$168,000



**5946 - Boyer.** Two acres on an old country road. Private. No restrictions. Near national forest. In the Quiet Zone. Good price. - \$14,990



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