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## An old-fashioned Christmas at Mt. Zion

Suzanne Stewart  
Staff Writer

Guided only by lanterns, flashlights and candles, a hundred people gathered at the Mt. Zion Church in the Hill Country Friday night for the annual old-fashioned Christmas program. Pews were filled and the front doors were left open so the overflow crowd could participate from the front steps of the 186 year old church.

In his sermon, Rev. David Rittenhouse focused on the kinds of gifts we experience in life. Of course, as children, all we can think about are the gifts Santa Claus and family will bring us, but as we age, we change our thinking to what kinds of gifts we can give to our loved ones.

The most important gifts of all are those given by God – the universe, our lives and everything we have.

“God’s gift isn’t earned,” he said. “You have to accept it, you have to receive it. Gifts are to be received. When you think about it, forgiveness is a gift from God. We can’t earn it. All we can do is accept it.”

Rittenhouse recalled his childhood Christmases. He



ANGELA TAYLOR READ *The Christmas Story* Friday night at the Mt. Zion Church. Pictured in the Live Nativity are: kneeling, Kinley Taylor and Keaton Baldwin. Standing, from left: Draven Hannah, Matthew McQuain, Wade Taylor and Tony Duncan. S. Stewart photo

and his siblings didn’t make wish lists, and they didn’t ask for gifts. They were given what their parents got them.

“One time, when I was a teenager, probably about fourteen years old, my dad bought a wood lathe at a sale and he hid it in the cellar and you know what happened? He forgot,” Rittenhouse said. “It was after Christmas one day, it hit him, that he had bought us a present, and he

forgot to give it to us.” Building on the idea of forgotten gifts, Rittenhouse added that gifts are meant to be used. He gave the example of having bald tires and keeping a brand new set of tires in the trunk instead of using them.

“Those tires were meant to be put on the car and run,” he said. “The gift of the Spirit. It’s meant to be used. It’s meant to be part of our life, not be tucked away unused

somewhere.” After accepting the gift, Rittenhouse said it is also important to pass on the gift to those you love. He pondered how he would ever repay his parents for all they did for him, and he answered his own question by saying all he could do is pass it on by doing the same for his family.

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## Living costs nothing

Melondy Phillips  
Contributing Writer

Life is so hectic these days that we sometimes forget to live. Unlike what we see on TV, in the news and on the Internet, living doesn’t really cost anything.

My granny was born and raised in the hills of West Virginia. With my mom and dad working a lot, I spent most of my childhood at or near Granny’s feet. Throughout those impressionable years, she taught me many skills by the way she lived each day.

A few of those skills were: crocheting, gardening, canning with – now vintage – wire clamp-lid jars, cooking from scratch, making jams and jellies, preserving meat and making a penny stretch into a dime.

Every fall, there was always a large crock with homemade sauerkraut in the corner of a room. If there was an empty canning jar, she found something to fill it with.

I remember watching her lay out foil on the counter, after it had been used, and

gently cleaning, drying and folding it to be stored until the next use. Foil was carefully washed until it had too many holes to cook with.

Bacon grease was a precious fat and always collected and screened into a jar for later use. Not only was the bacon grease used for cooking but it was also used to treat all of the cast iron pans.

We recycled by reusing until it was unusable.

A bath towel became a hand towel, then a wash cloth, a cleaning rag, and finally a fire starter.

It would then be balled up and used for scrubbing pans, if we couldn’t afford steel wool, or would be hung in the garden to deter deer.

Several times a year, I would walk up and down that country road picking up cans to sell to the recycling center. This was my self-fundraising.

These daily routines were such a part of life that they are still engrained into me. Because I still live this way, my family often relay out foil on the counter, after it had been used, and

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## Who is Santa Claus, anyway?

Ken Springer  
Contributing Writer

“There are three stages of man: He believes in Santa Claus; He doesn’t believe in Santa Claus; He is Santa Claus.” Bob Phillips

Des, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus – however: Who Santa Claus is depends upon whom you ask. To children, he is the jolly man in a red suit who brings gifts at Christmas. Just ask any kid; you’ll get an earful.

To historians, the genesis of Father Christmas is a 4th century B.C. saint who unwittingly set in motion many further iterations of Santa Claus. Most of them are jolly and kind, while some are pretty scary.

Santa may be more of an idea to you and me, just a legendary figure of Christmas tradition. Indeed, the road from Saint Nicholas to the modern version of Santa was long and convoluted.

We might say that Jolly Old St. Nick is a colorful figure with multiple personality disorder.

Santa is known in Germany as Weihnachtsmann; in

Italy, he is called Babbo Natale. He is called Santa Claus, Father Christmas and Kris Kringle in the English-speaking world.

But, all of these names and renditions of Santa began with a single individual, a sainted Greek bishop named Nicholas of Bari. Known for his exceptional kindness and generosity, Nicholas is the saint of – among many things – sailors, children, brewers and even repentant thieves.

The sailors got the ball rolling on creating Saint Nicholas’s connection to Christmas and gift-giving. In 1087 Italian sailors, revering the saint, forcibly removed the saint’s bones to the Basilica di San Nicola in Italy, where they are today.

Yet, our modern image of a portly bearded Santa Claus living at the North Pole and making toys with a crew of elves wouldn’t become part of our Christmas until millennia later.

A fact you may find interesting is that children were not part of the Christmas equation until as late as the 19th century.

Secular Christmas arose from Roman festivals celebrating Saturn, the god of

agriculture. Held during the Winter Solstice, pagan festivals made offerings to ensure good crops in the coming year.

Virility and fertility rites were part of the festival, although the Christian church would finally eliminate these pagan aspects as the holiday became solely about the birth of Jesus.

**Gift giving and Christmas.** The gift-giving theme of Christmas came from the gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh offered to baby Jesus by the Magi. Gifting others would become a large part of how Christians observed Christmas.

Yet, children were not the primary beneficiaries of Christmas at that point in history. Until the 20th century, many children worked in fields and factories right alongside adults. These were not pampered children by any standard.

It would be three remarkable New Yorkers who, through their skills and talents, would usher in what we would now recognize as a proper Christmas.

Clement Clark Moore wrote *A Visit from St. Nicholas* in 1823, or as it is better known today, *’Twas the*



VINTAGE IMAGE OF Santa Claus depicting Santa in a sleigh full of gifts. Note that in this depiction of Santa there are only two reindeer, however, the decorated tree indicates a more modern version of Christmas. Courtesy of Karen Arnold

*Night Before Christmas.* At the time, Moore had six children and said he composed the poem for them.

Moore would later say that the inspiration for the image we have of Santa today came from a portly German living in his New York Neighborhood.

The poem creates images of children hanging gift stockings. St. Nick, as Moore referred to Santa Claus, gave us our first-ever impression of a sled full of gifts delivered to children by flying reindeer.

We now envision Santa Claus coming down the chimney with a bag full of gifts.

“He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot.

And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot; A bundle of toys he had flung on his back, and he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.”

You will note that there is no mention of a Christmas tree, but that would arrive in America in just a few years.

History has it that Prince Albert, born in Germany and the husband of Queen Victoria, introduced the German tradition of the Christmas tree to Great Britain. From there, it quickly spread throughout the western world.

Another essential contributor to our modern Christmas was Thomas Nast, the famous Civil War propagandist. His illustrations left no

doubt that he supported the Union cause.

His first drawing, published in a January 1863 issue of *Harper’s Weekly*, depicted a fat jolly Santa delivering gifts at a Union Army camp. We see a Union soldier gratefully receiving a new pair of socks.

Santa as a sifter was revolutionary - before the 1800s, Christmas was only recognized as a religious holiday. Mr. Nast and his Civil War illustrations helped cement the image of Santa as a bringer of gifts and good cheer in the American mind.

Modern Christmas was well on its way to being the biggest holiday of the year –

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# ARC Broadband Project awaits commission action

Tim Walker  
AMR

At the December 8 Pocahontas County Broadband Council meeting, Cory Nipper, of Thompson and Litton Inc. (T & L), said that the preliminary plans are complete for the construction of broadband service under the awarded Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Broadband Grant. Nipper said the project, which will bring broadband service to parts of the county east and north of Marlinton, including Huntersville, Minnehaha Springs and Dunmore, is a

little behind schedule as it is waiting for the Pocahontas County Commission to approve the O&M Agreement with the Internet Service Provider – Citynet – for the project. Brian Tew, also an engineer with T & L, said that they cannot move forward with obtaining pole permits with First Energy until that agreement is finalized. He said once it is finalized, it will take two weeks to submit the permits followed by a 45-day comment period by First Energy. Approval of that agreement is on the County Commission’s December 20 agenda. Neither Nipper or

Tew feel this will delay the projected completion of the construction which will be in the spring of 2024. The USDA has advised that the county will not be eligible for their Reconnect 3 Broadband Grant because Frontier has now been awarded broadband construction rights to a large portion of Pocahontas County by the FCC’s Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF.) Therefore, the Broadband Council has decided to apply for smaller USDA Community Connect Grants instead. Mike Holstine and John Tuggle have been meeting with Citynet to identify com-

munities in the county that should be prioritized as part of the Community Connect grant, which are to be limited to \$3 million per grant application. The FCC will be accepting Community Connect Grant applications soon. Tuggle said that Citynet will have the final say about what areas will work for them under the Community Connect Grants. Holstine also told the Council that the FCC has released new broadband maps, and there is a limited amount of time to contest them if they are incorrect. He said people can go to the FCC’s broadband map website and either enter their address or

zoom in to their home location on the webpage map and they will learn what Internet provider currently serves their area. Holstine said the maps show the satellite providers for most addresses in addition to fiber providers, but he said those satellite systems were not supposed to count as available providers. Holstine said there is a procedure on the website to contest inaccuracies to the listed providers, and suggested that everyone do this. The website is: <https://broadbandmap.fcc.gov/home> The maps on the Council’s webpage [www.pocahontascountybroadband.org](http://www.pocahontascountybroadband.org) will

soon be updated to remove projects that were not funded, such as the Reconnect Grant, and also the areas on the map that show “future fiber.” Sarah Riley briefed the council on the ReImagine Appalachia Whitepaper’s “Broadband Whitepaper,” and suggested people view it on ReImagine Appalachia’s webpage: <https://reimagineappalachia.org/ap-palachias-latest-broadband-report-2/> The council thanked Jesse Groseclose for his support of the Broadband Council during his term as county commissioner, and asked that he remain on the council as a citizen member.

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biggest holiday of the year – one that children would look forward to with the greatest of expectations.

Christmas was also about to become an industry in its own right. In 2021, Americans spent \$945 billion on this single holiday.

**Enter Washington Irving..** Irving became famous for writing *A History of New York City* in 1809, a parody of an earlier book on New York by Samuel Mitchill. As Irving referred to New York City, Gotham would be ground zero for promoting the image of Saint Nicholas as the modern Santa Claus.

Irving tells a story within his book about the early Dutch settlers of New York City, then called New Amsterdam. He describes Saint Nicholas as “Riding over the tops of trees in that self-same wagon wherein he brings his yearly presents to children.”

From this point on, Christmas would always include gifts for children and grew to include adults, as well.

**Did Coca-Cola introduce the modern Santa?**

There is a persistent rumor that our familiar image of Santa was the brainchild of the Coca-Cola company, but that claim is a bit of an exaggeration.

The giant soft-drink company did have some input on what Santa looks like today. Before 1931, Santa was depicted in an amazing variety of body types and costumes.

There were tall Santas, elves, fairies, and some that would scare the bejeezus out of a kid. They wore red, green and even striped outfits.

Coke hired illustrator Haddon Sundblom to create a Santa Claus advertisement for the 1931 Christmas Season. The result was a Santa we would all recognize today

– jolly, rotund, sparkling eyes and rosy cheeks, and wearing a red suit.

There is something worse than getting just a lump of coal for Christmas if you have been a bad child, far worse. Take heed, kids!

Imagine awakening as a child on Christmas Eve to the sound of someone messing about in your living room. “It must be Santa bringing me gifts,” you might logically think.

But if you have been a bad little boy or girl in Austria or Bavaria, that scratching you hear on the hardwood floor downstairs may very well be the claws of a creature called Krampus.

Compared to what Krampus might do to you, a lump of coal would be a blessing. Krampus, at the very least, may lash you with a switch. But if you have been really naughty, he will put you in a basket and carry you off to his cave.

I understand that children who live in the Bavarian Alps are incredibly well-behaved.

**Did Santa Get My Letter? Sorry, Virginia.**

Well, the answer is a big fat NO if you were a kid in the early 1900s. The Postal Service didn’t want to mess with these letters to Santa from little brats wanting a real pony or a drum set. The Postal Service was a real humbug back then.

The “Dear Santa” letters were sent to the “dead letter” box and eventually burned.

Finally, after much outrage by parents having to explain such governmental cruelty, the Postal Service allowed

charitable organizations to handle the Santa mail.

Things are better for kids today, be they good or bad. Today’s Postal Service has established a post office just a block from Santa’s workshop – 123 Elf Road, North Pole, 88888.

You will be happy to know that NORAD (North American Aerospace Defense Command) still tracks Santa on his Christmas gift delivery route, as it has since 1955.

**A tip of the hat to Charles – Dickens, that is.**

When discussing contributions to what we regard as our “traditional” Christmas, we would be remiss, perhaps even criminal, if we didn’t mention Charles Dickens.

His 1843 novel, *A Christmas Carol*, has had a staggeringly huge effect on Christmas activities and explores the deeper meanings of generosity and love, including and extending beyond just Christmas Day.

Of all the many movie versions of this moving and splendidly written novel, my favorite is still the 1951 black and white film starring Alastair Sim.

Let us never forget these immortal lines concerning the blinding effect of greed:

Jacob Marley: In life, my spirit never rose beyond the limits of our money-changing holes! Now I am doomed to wander without rest or peace, incessant torture and remorse!

Ebenezer: But it was only that you were a good man of business, Jacob!

Jacob Marley: BUSI-NESS? Mankind was my

business! Their common welfare was my business! And it is at this time of the rolling year that I suffer most!

**And then there’s The Grinch.**

No Christmas can be complete without watching the 1966 cartoon version of *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, narrated by Boris Karloff. You wouldn’t want to miss the Grinch stealing all of the Whoville children’s gifts and feasts; the jinglingers,

flooploovers, tartookas, blumbloopers, and even the roast beast.

If you are one of the three people in the country who has never seen this Dr. Seuss gem, it is about an abysmally antisocial old monster living at the top of a mountain with a little white dog.

Something about that description is eerily familiar to me; hmmmm!

In exploring the route of Santa Claus from a humble 4th century B.C. Saint to our

depiction of jolly old St. Nick today, we have witnessed many changes in how Christmas is observed.

From wrapped gifts under a decorated Christmas tree to setting cookies out for Santa’s visit, we have many creative and imaginative people of the past to thank for the “Most wonderful holiday of the year.”

Merry Christmas to all,  
Ken (Bah, Humbug) Springer  
Ken1949bongo@gmail.com

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**ACROSS**

1 Motion detector, e.g.  
7 Portion out  
13 Person sleeping next to you, often  
20 Like many nuclei  
21 Surprise attacker  
22 Nero or Napoleon  
23 "Hello, Dolly!" star  
25 Capital of the country Georgia  
26 Doe's dear?  
27 Alley—  
28 Souping sort  
29 TV's Cheers, for one  
30 Top pilot  
31 Ice sheets  
33 1960s-'70s talk show host  
37 She played Bree on "Desperate Housewives"  
42 Al Bundy  
43 Nebraska city  
44 Jekyll's bad side  
45 She played the mother on "Lassie"  
49 Football's Joe  
51 Country next to Georgia

53 — a soul  
54 "Like — not!"  
55 Suffix of beliefs  
58 Ending for serpent  
59 Microscope component  
62 Her first  
63 Vogue cover was in 1986  
66 Green and Gore  
67 — matter of fact  
68 Japanese dog  
69 Video game pioneer  
72 — glance  
75 Music genre for brooders  
76 Co-author of the 2006 bestseller "Three Cups of Tea"  
81 Like low-fat mozzarella  
86 Eggs, in labs  
87 Pro's vote  
88 Dot in the sea, to Jorge  
89 Actor Baldwin  
90 Tunneling rodents  
93 What to do after hiding, in a kids' game  
95 "M" star  
98 Big snakes  
101 — Gras

102 Perfectly  
103 "Blue Velvet" singer  
105 "The Color Purple" novelist  
109 In — (irritated)  
110 Habited sister  
111 Slip— (some shoes)  
112 Links peg  
114 Boatload  
115 Pod veggies  
119 Affluent Rio neighborhood  
122 Sitcom associated with nine featured first names in this puzzle  
125 Hand-held filming equipment  
126 Soviet statesman Gromyko  
127 Lost lady in "The Raven"  
128 Stinging-tentacle reef dweller  
129 "Already?"  
130 Got lippy with

**DOWN**

1 Pouches  
2 Coup d—  
3 Comic Dunn  
4 Air pollution  
5 Iraq export

6 32-Down brand since the early 1900s  
7 Curtain  
8 Actor Holm  
9 French wines  
10 Linguistic expressions  
11 Teeth: Prefix  
12 Work unit  
13 Process by which an electron is emitted  
14 Involve in contention  
15 Print resolution abbr.  
16 Baseball's Ott  
17 Popular font type  
18 Puccini opera  
19 Iroquois tribe members  
24 Liquor, slangily  
29 Elton John's "— and the Jets"  
31 Italian car  
32 Soft drink  
34 Zen master's question  
35 Suffix with form  
36 Tony-winning actress Johns  
37 Tennis' Seles  
38 Very valuable violins

39 "Pest" of kiddie lit  
40 Beet variety  
41 Letter stroke  
45 Scoff  
46 — kwon do (martial art)  
47 Tolkien brute  
48 TV "Science Guy" Bill  
50 Frontiersman  
51 Wild Bill —  
52 L-P linkup  
56 — Lankan  
57 Tumbler's surface  
60 Wildlife-tracking ID  
61 Balletic bend  
63 Thanksgiving side servings  
64 Joking type  
65 Water barrier  
70 Tot amuser  
71 Add up to  
72 State as fact  
73 City in Ohio  
74 Luke and Leia's father  
75 "And on and on": Abbr.  
77 Architect Ludwig Mies van der —  
78 Eden dweller  
79 Actress Greta  
80 Jewish month after Adar  
81 Baby food  
82 Malted quaff  
83 No longer in the mil., e.g.

84 1973 Jim Croce hit  
85 Gourmet mushrooms  
91 Class for tots, for short  
92 Buckwheat noodle of Japan  
94 Fail to put in  
96 Caviar source  
97 The Doors song with a Calif. city in its title  
99 Refrain from imbibing  
100 "Holy" council  
103 Gives rise to  
104 Shiny plastics  
105 Jungian inner personality  
106 Fictional sleuth Arsène  
107 Pointless  
108 Prefix meaning "people"  
113 Spanish river  
115 Bits of wit  
116 Baseball's Slaughter  
117 Farmland unit  
118 Shanty  
120 Pick-up-sticks math game  
121 Prefix with car  
122 Classroom aides: Abbr.  
123 Antique Olds  
124 Actress Arthur



# Capital Campaign for PMH

Rachelle Beckner

When Jude William Winfree is born next month, it won't just be a celebration of his life.

It will commemorate his father's, too.

After all, T.C. Winfree probably shouldn't be here. And he wouldn't—if not for the skilled medical team at Pocahontas Memorial Hospital. Jude's expected due date is exactly one year from when his dad nearly lost his life in a skiing accident.

"(Pocahontas Memorial Hospital is) the reason he is here today," Laura Winfree said about her husband. "He shouldn't be alive. The doctors all said it's truly a miracle he's still with us."

The miracle began with a family trip to Snowshoe Ski Resort. While T.C. is skilled on skis and snow, Laura admits she's a novice. That's why, for her, a day spent in the comfort of their villa sounded more fun than T.C.'s plan to hit the slopes.

Laura expected a call from Snowshoe's ski school, but the voice on the other end of the landline (cell phone coverage is notoriously spotty throughout Pocahontas County) was that of a ski patrol member.

Her husband had suffered a catastrophic injury.

"He fell two minutes after he left me," Laura said.

Because the mountains and valleys were shrouded in fog, helicopter transport wasn't possible.

Instead of a quick ride through the air, T.C. was in the back of an ambulance for the 30-mile trip along winding mountain roads to Pocahontas Memorial Hospital (PMH.)

In patient care, this is called the "golden hour." It is often the difference between life and death. Make no mistake about it. T.C. was close to death. Before that fateful phone call, before that harrowing ambulance ride, rescuers had arrived at a grim scene. T.C. was rendered unconscious by the trauma of his fall—and a deep laceration that nearly ran from his knee to his back. The first responders had to apply a tourniquet, but it was almost



The Winfree family

too late. The amount of blood he'd lost is often fatal. Laura's arrival at PMH was surreal.

"Everyone was running around as you see in the movies," she said. "The doc came and talked to me directly. At the time, I didn't know the severity. I kept thinking, 'how bad could it really be?'" (The doctor) was forward with me. He said, 'It doesn't look good, but we'll do everything we can.'"

Laura collapsed. T.C. was her high school sweetheart, but they'd only been married for four months. "We weren't sure he was going to make it. I kept thinking we're supposed to have more time," she said.

That time is the gift PMH gave T.C. and Laura Winfree.

T.C. arrived with a tourniquet in place, causing him a great deal of pain. He asked the doctors if they could remove it; the ER doctor explained that it was keeping him alive. PMH medical staff couldn't find the source of the bleeding and weren't equipped to perform the surgery needed to stop it. They had enough blood to ensure safe transport to the Greenbrier Valley Medical Center, an hour away. There, T.C. underwent surgery to identify the source of bleeding and minimize it enough that he could be safely transported to Charleston Area Medical Center, a Level One trauma center. There, sur-

geons repaired his femoral artery.

But it's the small-town, rural hospital that the couple credits with saving T.C.'s life.

"Their expertise, skill level and knowledge ... is amazing," Laura said, "and comparable to what you'll find in a more urban area."

The Winfree family lives in Richmond, Virginia, where a hospital like PMH "is no bigger than a patient care facility—a place where you go to get an antibiotic," T.C. said. "It's amazing what (PMH) can do." There is one difference, though. Medical care is one thing. Emotional care is something else entirely. That's what sets PHM apart, Laura said. Hospital staff comforted Laura while the medical team saved her husband.

"You go to a big hospital and don't interact with the doctors or staff," she said. "PMH made us feel like people."

That's why T.C. believes PMH needs to expand and add more services and equipment. If those were already in place, T.C. said he could have stayed at PMH for his treatment.

"With it being so small, they did all they could for me there," he said. "That's why they had to move me somewhere else. If they were better equipped, I might not have had to go somewhere else."

The Winfree family urge the

community to support PMH's capital campaign to expand the facility and add additional services.

The campaign calls for expanding the emergency room, adding a rural health clinic and an operating room for day surgeries, and preventative care services like mammography.

As "the closest hospital to a town like Snowshoe, I would hope the people would want to invest in something of that magnitude, especially when they're able to save someone's life in such a traumatic accident," T.C. said

A year out from the life-threatening ordeal and the close arrival of a new child to their blended family of six has given the couple a new perspective on life.

"I forge forward," T.C. said. "Never forget, but you gotta keep moving on."

The family said they may return to Snowshoe someday.

"The children loved it," T.C. said. "I'm sure we'll go back, but I may stay in the cabin and cook," he joked.

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1/8 tsp. almond extract

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4 oz. frozen whipped topping or real whipped cream

1/2 tsp. unsweetened cocoa

Combine warm melted chocolate chips, sour cream and almond extract. Cool until slightly thickened. Set aside.

Using a serrated knife, cut cake horizontally into 3 layers. Spread chocolate filling in bottom layer. Top with second layer and spread with

melted fruit spread

Top with third layer. Frost top and sides of cake with whipped topping or whipped cream. Sift cocoa over top and sides of cake. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

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2 cups Quick Oats or

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chopped pecans

1 cup sugar

3/4 cups flour

2 tsp. baking powder

1 egg

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## TRIVIA – a little something to think about

Courtesy of Chuck Cornell

1. In a 1997 Demi Moore movie, she not only had dog tags, but a good lookin' hair cut. She proved that she could handle any assignment as good as, or even better, than the boys. Name the

movie.

2. Reba McEntire didn't take a road trip in 1986. Some folks thought she was singing about a US state capital, but she was singing

about that diamond ring on her finger. Name this #1 platinum hit.

3. In Shakespeare's Richard III, we all know that he experienced a rough time. After all, it was "the winter of our discontent." But Richard would have given up everything – even his kingdom – if he could have one thing. What was it?

4. Let's have some mar-

garitas and nachos and sing a traditional Mexican folk song. If you're an entomologist, you're sure to know it. Here's the second line: "Ya no puede caminar" Can you sing the first line?

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Join us for an evening of learning, networking, and good food. Bring a potluck dish (*the dine part*) to share and enjoy hearing from agritourism operators, industry experts and more (*the dish part*).

Speakers are Doolarie "Dee" Singh-Knights from WVU and the WV Agritourism Association, Maggie Parsons from WVDA, Farm Family Insurance, and Adam and Rachel Taylor of Frostmore Farm.

### Schedule

**5:30 p.m. - Welcome and Introductions**

**5:40 p.m. - Grab your plate and settle in**

**6 p.m. - What is Agritourism and How Can it Apply to Me?**

**6 - 7 p.m. Guest Speakers (Dee, Maggie, Adam and Rachel)**

**7 - 7:30 p.m. - Q&A, Networking, and Survey**

Adam and Rachel Taylor own and operate Frostmore Farm. They started their business in 2014 with a maple syrup operation and honey. The maple business has grown, the bees have gone, and now they also operate a you-pick blueberry operation and have an Airbnb at their farm. They attended the International Workshop on Agritourism in September 2022 and wanted to share the information they learned there.

The agritourism label is surprisingly broad and it may even apply to you – and you don't even know it! Common types of agritourism in our area: pick-your-own operations, corn mazes, roadside stands/farm stores, wedding venues, agricultural school tours, farmers markets, bed & breakfasts, farm tours, hay mazes/hay rides, farm-to-table events, incidental hunting activities, Christmas tree farms, winery/vineyard tours, cider-making/cider tours, honey and maple syrup producers, local beef, pork and lamb farmers, restaurant suppliers, festivals and special events.

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## Poetry Corner

### WHAT DECEMBER SAYS

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And hear my old, old story;  
For I am the month that first looked down  
On the beautiful Babe of glory.  
You never must call me lone and drear  
Because no birds are singing;  
Open your hearts, and you shall hear  
The song of the angels ringing.  
Open your hearts, and hear the feet  
Of the star-led Wise Men, olden;  
Bring out your treasures of incense sweet;  
Lay down your offerings golden.  
You say you look, but you see no sight  
Of the wonderful Babe I'm telling;  
You say they have carried him off, by night,  
From Bethlehem's lowly dwelling.  
Open your hearts and seek the door  
Where the alway poor are staying;  
For this is the story, forevermore  
The Master's voice is saying:  
Inasmuch as ye do it unto them.  
The poor, the weak, and the stranger,  
Ye do it to Jesus of Bethlehem—  
Dear Babe of the star-lit manger!

~ Mary B. C. Slade



## Marlinton Mayor's Corner

By Sam Felton

Winter slows down some things. But that doesn't mean everything has slowed down. A couple of local projects have actually picked up speed.

I wish I could put a true number on all the various groups and individuals working hard to move these projects forward for the Town of Marlinton.

With regard to the water-sewer-storm water project that is moving forward, I can now report that Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is wrapping up Facilities Plan comments. Our project engineer indicated the team may require assistance in achieving the necessary FONSI clearances — especially in regard to recent concerns regarding an endangered species. The rusty-patch bumble bee and the candy darter may live in the proximity of the Town's lagoons. This will require consultation with Fish and Wildlife. For your information — FONSI is Findings of No Significant Impact.

To satisfy funding agency requirements, the Charleston-based Law Firm of Jackson-Kelly will assist Region 4 in confirming the status of audits. Agreements for accounting, bond counsel and PSC-related legal services are complete. Region 4 has provided an updated Schedule B for DEP review and comment and will distribute that after further consultation.

With regard to early preparation of the Monday Lick Project, I can let you know

that a Region 4 meeting was called last Friday to open a special account for the project. This will allow Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) funding to be direct deposited. Region 4 as fiscal agent for the project was a huge factor in achieving this grant. The reputation of Region 4 staff working with other government and funding agencies cannot be overstated. Our five-county area, and in this case Pocahontas County, is fortunate to have this team on our side.

Also, Forest Service personnel are working hard on agreements and budget reviews. The plan is to have each of these ready sometime in early January. With funding in place, two funding draws could have people on the ground in spring 2023.

Sam

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## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor;

First, let me be clear that I am 100% for funding trained EMTs. This is my personal opinion and not that of any group.

I have been involved with the Hotel/Motel tax and laws since the very beginning in the 1980s. I have served on many boards who receive funding through H/M tax as well as the West Virginia Hospitality and Travel Association and West Virginia Association of Fairs and Festivals.

Tourism promotion has greatly increased the quality

of life and is a strong economic driver in Pocahontas County. Our fairs and festivals are run by small groups of volunteers who spend much time and our own money. Volunteers will donate prize money but they do not pay for event insurance, Porta Pots, taxes and fees. All of our fairs and festivals are street fairs open to everyone with no way to collect admissions. Our local charitable groups, schools etc. fund their activities through these events. It is difficult to track the actual amount of dollars circulated through

these events.

The Pocahontas County Landmarks Commission is also a volunteer board with the responsibility to maintain the Pocahontas County Opera House (a large economic driver), and the McGlaughlin Log Cabin as well as the Historic Landmarks. Continued maintenance requires this funding source, as well.

This issue should not be decided immediately and all volunteer efforts should be carefully considered. We do need to find a funding source for EMS but not at the ex-

pense of the cultural component that brings visitors to the county. Many users of the service are elderly and living on fixed income. This needs to be a consideration, as well. I would be happy to support a levy to cover these services although it could be a hardship for many of our elderly citizens.

Let's not rush into this decision. Our tourism industry is functioning like a well-oiled machine, and we should not start using it as a cash cow.

Ruth Taylor  
Hillsboro

## 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.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**Justin Arvon**, a consumer outreach and compliance 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.

### CHRISTMAS EVENTS

**Christmas program**, New Hope Lutheran Church, Minnehaha Springs, Sunday, December 18, 3 p.m.

**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.

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**, Saturday, December 24, 5 p.m. at Marlinton Presbyterian Church.

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**Oak Grove Presbyterian**

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## Christmas Trees and Fir Wreaths

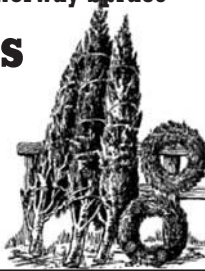
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# PCHS Girls win two and go 1-1 vs AAA Midland Trail

**Bruce McKean**  
Contributing Writer

**PCHS V .....55**  
**Covington V .....47**

Covington High School traveled to Pocahontas County High School December 7 after the Lady Warriors beat the Cougars 55-28 in Covington on December 1. The Lady Warriors matched their 55 point scoring effort in this second encounter at home. CHS tried their best to win their first game after four straight losses at the beginning of their season, and the Cougars came within four points of winning with three minutes to go. CHS senior Lauren Bragg was game high scorer with 26 points after only scoring nine points in the first game.

Senior Kelsi Taylor was PCHS high scorer with a double-double of 11 points, 15 rebounds and 5 steals. Junior Olivia Vandevender contributed 10 points, 7 rebounds, 5 deflections, 5 assists and 4 steals, while sophomore Riley Pollack compiled 10 points, 4 steals and 2 blocks. Junior Kynlee Wilfong had her high point game with 9 points. Senior Haley Spencer grabbed 9 rebounds and was one of two players to get 2 blocks.

Four Cougars and two Lady Warriors fouled out of the foul fest with five fouls

each. CHS amassed 32 fouls to 22 for PCHS. PCHS made 16 of 44 foul shots (36 percent), and CHS hit 15 of 23 (65 percent). The Warriors made 18 of 74 field goals (24 percent). PCHS lost the rebounding effort 46 to 52, but PCHS committed fewer turnovers, 38 versus 51. PCHS won two quarters (1 and 3) and lost two (2 and 4): 20-9, 12-14, 12-8 and 11-16.

**PCHS V .....26**  
**Midland Trail V .....44**

Class A PCHS point guard Olivia Vandevender and Class AAA Midland Trail High School freshman guard, #23 Addy Issacs were the only two players to finish with double digit scoring of 14 points each in their December 9 game at Hico. Vandevender's points included making 10 of 12 free throws (83 percent), and she nailed 7 of 8 free throws in just the second quarter. Isaacs shot the most foul shots for MTHS, and she made 4 of 8. PCHS made 12 of 22 foul shots (55 percent) while the home squad made only 6 of 19 (32 percent). The Warriors were called for only five fouls in the first half versus the Patriots's 10 fouls. Those fouls explain Olivia camping at the foul line in the second quarter.

Head coach Mike Kane, in

his 11th year coaching at PCHS, and assistant Chloe Bland tried their best to guide and rebuild their young team after only a seven win record last season plus they lost another three talented seniors to graduation.

PCHS struggled to get the ball up the floor at this game, and also struggled to guard without fouling MTHS junior 6' center Brylee Stehenson who was always under both baskets. Five Warriors and six Patriots scored in single digits in the game adding only 12 points for PCHS and 30 for MTHS. PCHS lost all four quarters: 7-12, 9-14, 4-8 and 6-10.

Team leaders in other statistics were: Kelsi Taylor - 13 rebounds 4 steals and 3 deflections; senior Haley Vandevender - 6 rebounds, 4 deflections and 2 assists; Riley Pollack - 5 rebounds, and 3 steals; junior Adelyn Warner - 5 rebounds; and senior Mackenzie Taylor - 3 steals.

There were some bright spots. PCHS out-rebounded MTHS 42-40 but committed nine more turnovers 36-27. PCHS was called for 16 fouls while MTHS was called for 19 fouls. PCHS made only 7 of 53 two-shot attempts (13 percent) and zero of only 6 three-shot attempts (0 percent) so PCHS made 7 of 59 in the game (12

percent). Trail also missed all their attempted threes.

**PCHS JV .....54**  
**Covington JV .....16**

When PCHS JV team and CHS met at Covington six days earlier, PCHS won 41-12. The game high scorer in this second encounter at home with CHS on December 7 was freshman Shayla Bennett. Bennett scored in every quarter and hit nine twos on her way to a double-double of 20 points and 10 rebounds. Sophomore Mallori McCoy scored 11 points, hit 1 three, and grabbed 8 rebounds while being the only other player in the game in double digits. Freshman Mackenzie Sewell also grabbed 8 rebounds and hit 1 three. Other games highs were: sophomore Ella Johnson - 2 blocks, junior Mileya Bircher - 4 deflections, and freshman Calli Propst - 6 assists and 3 steals.

PCHS out-rebounded CHS 43 to 26 and had fewer turnovers 25-37. All nine Warriors scored in the game (a very rare occurrence), and three Cougars scored. PCHS won all four quarters: 11-5, 13-1, 12-4 and 18-6. PCHS was called for 16 fouls and made 6 of 9 foul shots (67 percent), while CHS was called for only 8 fouls and hit 4 of 19 foul shots (21 percent). PCHS made 21 of 55 two-shot attempts (38 per-

cent) and only 2 of 20 three-shot attempts (10 percent), so PCHS made 17 of 83 in the game (27%).

**PCHS JV .....40**  
**Midland Trail JV .....27**

The game high scorer in this matchup at Hico was junior Andrea Alderman, and her 14 points (included 2 threes) was the only double-digit scoring in the game. Andrea just missed a double-double with a team-high 9 rebounds. Mileya Bircher was the next highest scorer in the game with 9 points including 3 of the team's 7 treys, and team highs of 6 steals and 9 rebounds. Calli Probst had a team-high 6 deflections and 1 three. Mallori McCoy hit 1 three also.

MTHS out-rebounded PCHS 41 to 38 and had more turnovers, 38-30. Seven of nine Warriors

scored in the game, as did five of eight Patriots. PCHS won three quarters and tied one: 11-6, 7-6, 10-3 and 12-12. PCHS was called for 16 fouls and made only 3 of 14 foul shots (21 percent), while MTHS was called for 13 fouls and hit 8 of 23 foul shots (35 percent). PCHS made only 8 of 46 two-shot attempts (17 percent) and 7 of 27 three-shot attempts (26 percent) so they made 15 of 73 field goals in the game (21 percent).

The PCHS V record is now (2-1) while the JV is (3-0). PCHS will next play at points including 3 of the team's 7 treys, and team highs of 6 steals and 9 rebounds. Calli Probst had a team-high 6 deflections and 1 three. Mallori McCoy hit 1 three also.

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## Living, from page 1

marks that I was born in the wrong century.

As a child, I had no computer, gaming consoles or cell phone, but I had an amazing fort I had built myself. It was on top of the shed by our woods. It had four short walls, about three feet tall, and a small door which could be opened or closed without a hinge - since I couldn't afford one. It also had no roof. I spent most of my summer nights in that fort. The sound of the crickets and the gentle breeze blowing through the leaves would lull me to sleep under the brilliant stars.

Most of my days were filled with outside chores and being in the soil. I still love the soil. Whether it was planting the garden, pulling weeds, harvesting or just digging holes and roads for my army trucks and toy cars, I was usually outside.

Some days we would drive about 30 minutes away to the local creek. I would bury my bare feet into the sand and soil, fish, swim or just sit on the bank and enjoy the symphony of sounds surrounding me.

Although my grandparents lived through the Great Depression, they never really talked about it. I believe it was because those who lived out in the country, already growing their own food and saving the seeds, raising and hunting their own meat, fixing their own equipment, etc., were not that affected by the troubles of the world around them.

Many people are now moving to the country and

## PMH, from page 3

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trying to set up homesteads. Maybe they are trying to get to that old way of living, but it isn't that simple. Some succeed, however, many fail.

We are so engulfed with technology, conveniences, going to a job far from home, going here and there, and

keeping up with and trying to impress everyone else that we have lost the sweetness in the simple.

Technology has become an overlooked addiction; people drowning in a sea of chaos, unable to crawl out. Life does cost, but stepping

away from the mayhem for a moment and just living doesn't.

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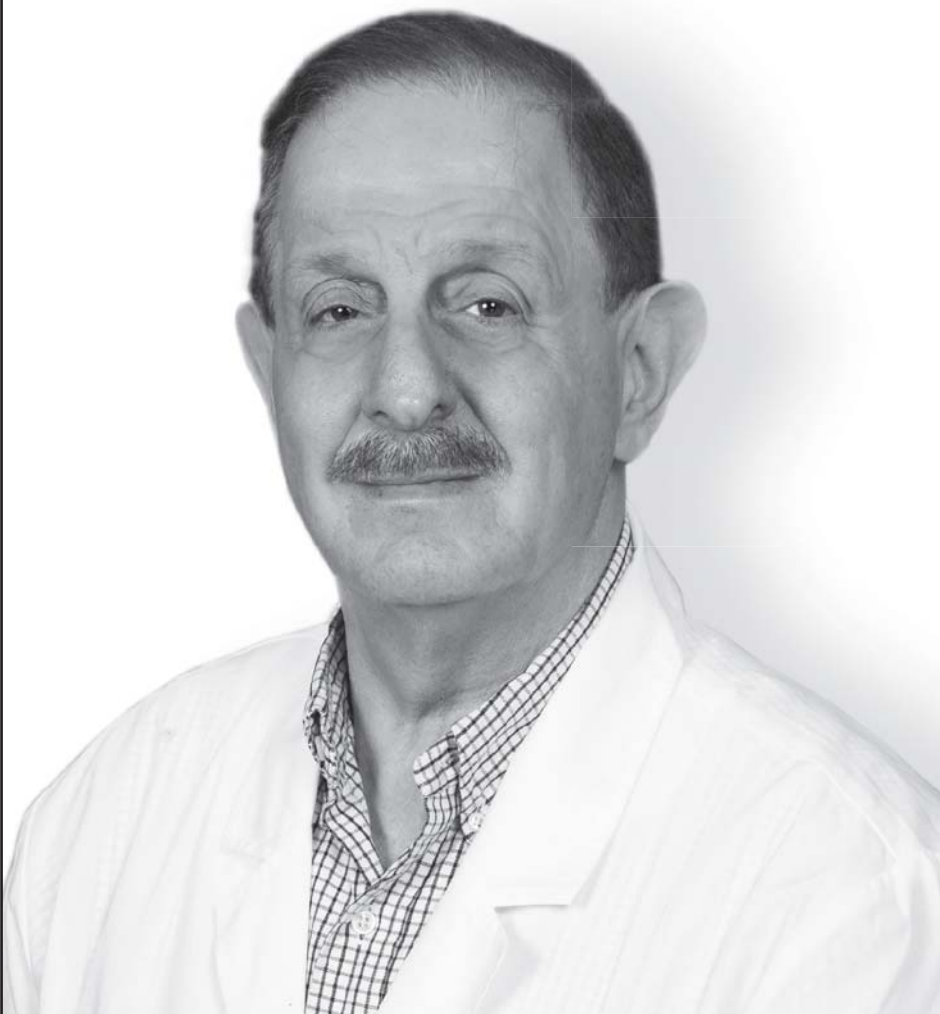
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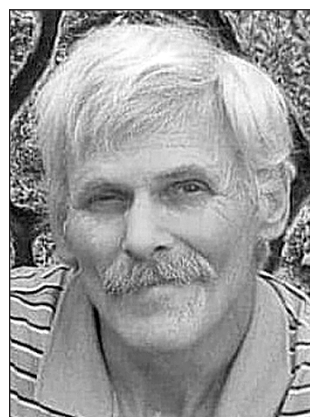
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## Obituaries



### Dennis Cain

Dennis Wayne Cain, 62, of Marlinton, entered into eternal peace Monday, December 5, 2022, at AHN Wexford Hospital, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, following an illness.

He made his grand entrance into the world March 11, 1960, in Baltimore, Maryland. He was the youngest of eight children born to the late Alma Wenger and Leo Robert Cain.

Dennis was a maintenance worker at Silver Creek for 10 years, drove a log truck for his father for nine years, worked at Hanover Shoe for 10 years, and held numerous other jobs.

He lived his life the best he knew how, full of love, laughter, a quick wit, a shoulder to cry on, a gentle hand and, at times, a stern voice. Friends could become family, and family was everything to him. Once you made that bond, it was forever. He loved to play the guitar and sing, just as much as he loved his family. He enjoyed the outdoors and passed this on to younger generations through hunting and fishing, even surviving a hook or two at the hands of others. He loved to tell jokes – sometimes even clean ones – and always tried to have a new one ready at hand to make you laugh. He leaves behind a legacy of love and kindness that made him one of a kind, as well as an emptiness that can't be filled. Though we are hurting because he is no longer with us, we will all cherish the time we had with him. Dennis will live on forever in our hearts as we remember those precious moments and continue to pass these memories on to others.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Mack David and Patsy Petry Wenger; paternal grandparents, Harry Robert and Maggie Mace Cain; brother, Donald Cain; sisters, Darlene "Candy" Cain, Denise "Sugar" Cain, Donna Mae Buttino and Debra Cain; son, Leo Robert Cain II; and great-nephew, Clifton Bates.

Dennis will be greatly missed by his wife, Kathy Cain, with whom he shared 45 years of marital bliss; daughter and son-in-law, Missy and Andy Guild, of Forrest, Virginia; sister, Dianna Cain, of North Augusta, South Carolina; brother, David Cain, of Arbovale; granddaughters, Chelsea Guild, of Spout Spring, Virginia, Courtney Dunbrack, of Morgantown, Danielle Guild and Jessica Guild, both of Evington, Virginia; grandsons, Dalton Cain, of Marlinton, and Dakota Dunbrack, of Forrest, Virginia; eight great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and

nephews. All of whom will be left with many fond memories.

Funeral service was held Sunday, December 11, 2022, at Lantz Funeral Home in Buckeye with Roger Eisenhuth officiating.

Burial was in Gibson Cemetery at Slaty Fork.

In lieu of flowers donations of sympathy may be made to Lantz Funeral Home to offset funeral costs.

Online condolences may be shared at Lantzfuneralhome.com



### Betty Jones

Betty Jo Riley Hall Jones, 95, a native of Arbovale and resident of Hampton, Virginia, peacefully passed away Wednesday, December 7, with her daughter, Brenda Hall Kresse, at her side.

Born August 6, 1927, she was a daughter of the late Mary Martha Agnes Faulkner and Charles Cleveland Riley.

Betty graduated from high school in 1945 and went to work immediately after graduation to help support her mother and sister as her father had just passed away. She headed for Meadville, Pennsylvania, with relatives and had a succession of jobs there after attending Bible College for a year. Among the numerous places she worked in Meadville were the Talon Factory, Westinghouse and the Visco. She had dear friends from these years: Louise Sheckler and Susie Slavins to name two. Meadville was also where she met and later married Frederick A. Hall, fresh out of the army. They married in 1951 and had three children, Fredericka, Douglas and Brenda, who were all raised in Conneaut, Ohio. Betty was kept busy raising her children and working but also found time to volunteer at the local P.T.A., as a Brown Memorial Hospital Aide, Union Steward and Den Mother for son Douglas' Cub Scout pack. The children scattered after their high school graduations to Houston, Texas, and Washington, D.C.

After living in Conneaut from 1957 to 1983, and working at the Hercules Plant, Astatic, Fiberglass, Presque Isle Plastics and General Electric, Betty's dear friends, Betty and Paul Zumpft (Honorary Aunt Betty and Uncle Paul), moved to Florida when they retired. Betty couldn't join them in Florida, but left Ohio, wanting to be closer to family. She moved to Virginia in 1983 to be closer to her daughter, Fredericka, and son-in-law, Clyde Cottrill, and began a new chapter in her life. She stayed in contact with her friends, Betty Z,

Susie and Louise, throughout her life visiting them as often as she could. She loved them immensely.

Betty was not idle in Virginia. She worked at Grant's and at the Old Mill Outlet until she retired for good. She was also involved in volunteer work, taking homemade baked goods to shut-ins, and the Warwick Assembly of God Women's Group. She helped everywhere she could. She even helped son-in-law Clyde when he was building his home in Williamsburg. She was amazing.

She attended Warwick Assembly of God Church since 1983 where she met her second husband, Jerold (Jake) Jones. They married in March 2007 at Warwick Assembly of God Church and had a lovely honeymoon on a Carnival Cruise. She and Jake enjoyed traveling. We never knew where they would turn up next. They truly enjoyed visiting Betty's grandchildren in Houston and spending time with Jake's grandchildren and great-grandchildren in Hampton. In recent years Betty and Jake attended Liberty Baptist Church until Jake's death in 2019. Betty then moved to Harmony in the Peninsula Assisted Living and made several new friends there, especially her "Golden Girls" buddies, Faye Fortnier, "Little" Betty Gains, Marianne La Marsh and Regina Shortt. She enjoyed her three years at Harmony and especially the company of her buddies. They took excursions on the bus and had numerous activities, but mostly Betty loved Bingo and Pokeno. She did not want to miss a Bingo game. Betty was loved by all who knew her. She was bubbly and happy and sharp as a tack, right to the end. She was still issuing instructions to her daughters and son as to how she wanted her service when she passed.

Betty was preceded in death by her first husband of 23 years, Fred Hall; her second husband of 12 years, Jerold M. Jones; grandson, Caley Bertl; brother Charles Cleveland Riley, Jr.; and sisters, Mary Helen Riley Shears and Amy Riley Grove.

She is survived by her children, Fredericka Cottrill, and husband, Clyde, of Williamsburg, Virginia, Douglas D. Hall, and wife, Kim, of Houston, Texas, Brenda L. Kresse, and husband, John, and their four children, John Paul Kresse (Ashlee), Jared Frederick Kresse, Noah Michael Kresse and Emma L. Kresse Copeland (David) and great-grandson, B.H. Copeland, all of Houston; and nephew, Charles Riley, and wife, Jeanie, of Hagerstown, Maryland.

Betty spent a great deal of time with Jake's daughter-in-law, Debora, and son, Stephen Spivey, their sons, S. J. Spivey (Katie) and Jeremy Spivey (Lacey) and their children. They visited Betty at Harmony many times in the past three years and their visits were greatly appreciated. Betty also leaves behind a great many nieces and nephews in both Ohio and Pennsylvania; and

her cousin Kenneth Faulkner, of Marlinton.

The family would like to thank two of Betty's close friends, Les and Jo Fowler, for their love and support during this time.

Betty will be greatly missed by us all.

Funeral service was held Tuesday, December 13, 2022, at W. J. Smith and Son Funeral Home.

The body was transferred to Ohio for burial.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to 757 Strong Ministry at Liberty Baptist Church, 1021 Big Bethel Road, Hampton, VA 23666.

### Danny Lambert

Danny Dean Lambert, 54, of Durbin, passed away Sunday, December 11, 2022, at a Pittsburg, Pennsylvania hospital.

Danny was a son of the late Oakland and Virginia Lambert.

He had several jobs. He loved his family, two grandchildren and friends, and he loved to go hunting, fishing and camping.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by the brothers, Dewayne Lambert and William Lambert; sister, Sandra, and her husband, Tom Greathouse; brother-in-law, Terry Ober; and three nephews.

He is survived by three sons, Dewayne Lambert, and partner, Brianna Hamons, of Staunton, Virginia, Zackary Lambert, and partner, Sara Stull, of Durbin, and Tyler Lambert, and partner, Caydence Shifflett, of Bartow; two grandchildren, Coalton Lambert and Everly Lambert, both of Bartow; three brothers, Dale Lambert, and wife, Marilyn, of Bartow, Roger Lambert, and wife, Tressa, of Florida, and Ronnie Lambert, of Elkins; four sisters, Lucille Mallow, and husband, Delmar, Pamula Kay Ober, and Patricia DeHaven, and husband, David, all of Bartow; sister, Wanda Greathouse, and husband, Donald, of Durbin; sister-in-law, Susie Lambert, of Bartow; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held Saturday, December 17, 2022, at 2 p.m. at Wallace and Wallace Funeral Home in Arbovale, with Pastor William Vandevender officiating.

Burial will follow in Arbo-

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vale Annex Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from noon until time of the service.

Wallace and Wallace Funeral Home in Arbovale is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be shared at WallaceandWallaceFH.com



### Keith Moore

Keith Eugene Moore, age 88, of Marlinton, died Friday, December 9, 2022, at his home.

Born August 7, 1934, at Marlinton, he was a son of the late Adam Harper and Rosie Myrtle Pritt Moore.

Keith retired as a map technician for the State of West Virginia. He always enjoyed good conversation and a great joke. For many years, he fed the deer on the grounds of Pocahontas Center, which brought joy to the residents there. He was a loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Demetria Biggs Moore; son, Rick Moore; infant daughter, Pam; grandson, Erik Scott Moore; and brother, Ralph Moore.

He is survived by his daughters, Sandy Sharp, and husband, Earl, of Marlinton, and Lori June McElwee, and husband, Mike, of Charles-town; sister, Carol McGill, and husband, Jerry, of Marion, Ohio; grandchildren, Brian Sharp, Carrie McElwee, Michael McElwee, Mathew Moore, Nicholas Payne, Benjamin Moore, Hanna Mancini, Aaron Moore and Jonathan Moore; and seven great-grandchildren.

Per his request, the body will be cremated.

A memorial service for Keith and Demetria will be

held at a later date.

Arrangements are being handled by VanReenen Funeral Home in Marlinton.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Marlinton Rescue Squad.



### Jennifer Rulkowski

Jennifer Cameron Rulkowski, 51, of Seattle, Washington, peacefully passed away at home Sunday, November 20, 2022, from late-stage melanoma.

Jennifer was born in Marlinton July 31, 1971. She graduated from Santa Cruz High School in California, Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania and Seattle University in Washington, where she earned a law degree.

She was employed from 2005 until the time of her passing by the Washington State Attorney General's office as a utility specialist and served with distinction.

She married Jacek Rulkowski in 1996 and bore two sons, Alex and Christopher.

In addition to her husband and sons, she is survived by her parents, Marjory Cameron, of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Laurie Cameron, of Hillsboro.

Jennifer will be sadly missed.

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I was involved in an accident November 28.

I would like to send my best wishes and gratitude to the Town of Marlinton worker who reported the accident, Marlinton Rescue Squad, Pocahontas Memorial Hospital ER and the team and crew that came from Greenbrier County for their fast and speedy efforts in helping to bring me a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I hope you have a great Christmas and wonderful New Year, and many more to come.

Timothy Cutlip

## Thank You

The family of Kaiden Lee Harold Stull would like to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude for the outpouring of prayers, love and support we have received during the recent tragedy.

Please know that every visit, prayer, phone call, text, donation of food, monetary donations and all of your acts of kindness has made the most difficult situation more bearable and for that we are forever grateful!

I ask for continued prayers for myself and my family, Kaiden's classmates and friends, GBEMS faculty and the community as we move forward with such a void in our hearts and lives.

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## THANK YOU

The family of Poke and Linda Bennett thanks everyone for the visits, phone calls, food, cards and flowers at the time of Linda's passing.

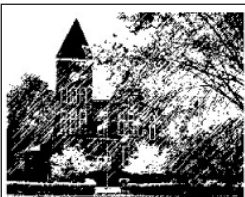
A big thank you to Lantz Funeral Home for their care and compassion at this difficult time.

God Bless all of you.



*The Bennett family*





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GROUP OF 14 ice skaters on the Greenbrier River in Cass, W.Va. (Photo courtesy of Becky Sheets O'Brien, ID: PHP001329)

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## Seventy-Five Years Ago

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday,  
December 18, 1947

Hunter Hively, of the United States Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Hively, of Dunmore, is home with an honorable discharge. Hunter has been in the service 15 months, serving in foreign service 13 months in the Philippines, Guadalcanal and China.

Emery “Dupey” Anderson, Jr., an outstanding football player at Davis and Elkins college, is here to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emery E. Anderson.

There will be a Christmas program at Rising Mt. Zion Baptist church Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.

Will Boggs was delightfully surprised Friday night by a surprise birthday party given in his honor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Stewart.

The young people of Brownsburg will present a

Christmas Pageant called “The Bells of Bethlehem,” Wednesday night at 8 p.m.

### FIELD NOTES

Dear Cal;

Step my paper up for amount of this check. I always like to hear from old Pocahontas, and read the bear hunting stories. I, brother Blake, nephew Gaylon, and brother-in-law Culbertson each got a deer this fall.

Brother Mathews and I saw two Rocky Mountain goats on U. S. Route 50 on the Arkansas River above Canyon River. There are several big horn sheep here, but I have not seen one yet.

We have had a very fine fall, with very little snow.

Come out and have a venison dinner with us.

Marvin Sheets  
Pueblo, Colorado

### NOT AWOL

Millpoint – Fred Hefner has got his pied face hunting

dog, GI Joe, back after a week gone from home. Tuesday night the family was aroused by the calls of some varmint around the mountain. It sounded not unlike a chicken rooster. Old GI Joe picked up his ears, and whined to go, as became the good old wildcat dog he is. Disappearing like an arrow shot into the night, he went out of hearing as he topped the mountain. The next thing Fred heard of his dog, GI Joe had turned up at the home of Ad McNeill on Drinnen Ridge, fifteen miles from home. He appeared the worse for wear, with a split ear where some varmint had raked him.

### WEDDINGS

Married at the residence of the officiating minister, Rev. J. W. Holliday, in Marlinton, on November 26, 1947, Donald E. Galford and Miss Eva Wilfong, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Seebert Wilfong. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Galford. He is a veteran of the late war, with over three years to his credit.

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Before a mantle banked with ivy, ferns and white

chrysanthemums, on which lighted candelabra burned, Miss Zoe Waugh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Waugh, of Minnehaha Springs, became the bride of Morris Y. Alderman, son of Mr. Clarence White, also of Minnehaha Springs...

### BIRTHS

Born to State Trooper and Mrs. Mike Murphy, a son, named Phillip Andrew.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Forrest McLaughlin, of Minnehaha Springs, a son, named William Warren.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bussard, of Richwood, a daughter, named Sandra Lee. The mother is the former Thelma Carr, of Marlinton.

### DEATHS

On Sunday, December 14, 1947, at two o'clock, the funeral of Sergeant Cecil G. VanReenen was conducted with military honors at the Edray Methodist Church by Rev. R.H. Skaggs.

As a tribute of respect to the young man whose life was sacrificed for the cause of freedom on the battlefields of Belgium in the Sec-

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## 100-Years-Ago in The Pocahontas Times

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday,  
December 14, 1922

Local weather observer S. L. Brown reports 10 clear days in the month of November, 13 partly cloudy and 7 cloudy days. The hottest was 66 degrees on the 1st and the coldest was 8 degrees on the 28th. The average temperature for the month was 36.5 degrees, the total rainfall was 1.1 inches. A half inch of snow.

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Withrow McClintic, Grady Kidd and Glen Smith were at the International Stock Show at Chicago last week. Mr. McClintic reports the show as being bigger and better than ever in the cattle line, but fewer horses on exhibition than in former years.

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Parkersburg – Four boys were arraigned in Circuit Court here on the charge of becoming noisy and throwing paper wads in the Summitt M. E. Church. After an all-day trial, the jury dismissed them.

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Clarksburg – Arrested nearly a year after the alleged unlawful killing of a deer in Pocahontas county, Nate Alderson, of Marlinton, confessed and was fined \$50 and costs before magistrate J. B. Smith, according to H. H. Cleaves, secretary of the State wild life league.

### SCHOOLS

Report of Clover Lick Graded school third month ending December 4th: First and second grades: Hallie V.

Barlow, teacher – Blanche Campbell, Helen Irvine, Virginia Irvine, Lucy Friel, Margaret Menefee, Frankie Mongole, John Friel, Willie Hardbarger, Leo Lindsay, James Menefee, Ralph Noonan and Raymond Swisher.

Third and fourth Grades: Lois L. Coyner, teacher – Robert Deputy, Herman Irvine, John Hardbarger, Ralph Lowe, Camerson Ware, Leonard Johnson, Edna Friel, Pearl Friel, Beata Johnson, Jean Mongole, Dora Noonan, Nina Swisher.

Upper Grades: Ruth Barnes, Helen Deputy, Lanie Comer, Ethel, Mildred and Pauline Cunningham, Mary and Mildred Campbell, Charles Miles, Donald Comer, Virgil Lindsay, Earl Lindsay, Ernest Harriger, Fred Lowe, Edwin Coyner, Vernon Ware, Charles Irvine and Roland Swisher.

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Honor Roll for second month of Hosterman school, Bessie Workman, teacher – Delbert, Paul, Mae, Goldie and Mabel Collins, Herman and Earl Davidson, Harry, James and Mary Morgan, Wallace, Arlie, Erell and

Daisy Varner, Gertrude Findly, Vola Moore, Hazel Ratliff, Blanche, Carrie, Hazel and Ruth Sutton.

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Pupils who were not absent during the third month of the Jacox school: Bradford Grimes, teacher – Clyde Boggs, Hugh Hill, Dana Morrison, Marshall Hill, Ovid and Clifton Simmons, Johnnie Hill, Fred Snedegar, Lee Young, Estie Brown, Eva Brown, Ora Brown, Helen Curry, Ina Curry, Georgie Huffman, Nora and Pearl Long, Stella Morrison, Idella Simmons, Dee Sullivan

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To date, Hot Lunch has become a permanent fixture in the following schools:

Hillsboro High and Graded – W. Vance, teacher. Maple Grove – Mrs. R. F. Reager, teacher.

Buckeye Graded – Clara Palmer and Carrie Brown, teachers.

Minnehaha Springs – Mamie White and Margaret Sharp, teachers.

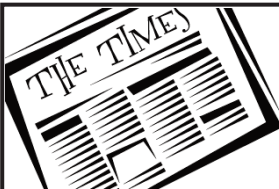
Douthards Creek – Ethel Correll.

Moore School – Enid Harper.

Buzzard School – Bessie Shinaberry.

### WOODROW

Summers Sharp, who has typhoid fever, is getting



## Fifty Years Ago

Jane Price Sharp, Editor

Thursday,  
December 14, 1972

Around the County  
By Beth Barrell

I thought I would write about the November meeting of the Hillsboro Home Demonstration Club, because it was the most interesting ever, and for an unexpected reason.

After changing and re-changing the date to fit everyone's holiday and other commitments, we finally settled for November 28.

Since it was an all day meeting, the members and guests began to assemble at 10:30 a.m., covered dish in hand. But no one came to greet us at the door. We decided to go in anyway, the door being unlocked; and as soon as we deposited our contributions on the kitchen table and put away our coats, we began to search for our hostess. There were signs of her, to be sure. There was already a large wash on the line, pails of water had been put to heat on the range, and the houseplants had been watered. But we did not find her.

Then someone looked out the window and saw our hostess coming across the fields with a large paper sack in her arms. As she drew

nearer, we could see a look of utter bewilderment on her face as she noticed the numerous cars parked about her house. Yes, our hostess had mixed up her dates, hardly surprising after all the changing that had gone on.

It seems she was expecting us two days hence and was bringing in wax and polish to shine up the furniture and the floors in preparation for the big event.

How we laughed, how she laughed and how close we all felt as we imagined how we'd have reacted in her situation. One member said, "If that had happened to me, I'd have fallen through the floor."

But our hostess, being among the best housekeepers in town, merely laid down the cans of wax and began taking things from her freezer.

We had the usual fine lunch, and if she herself noticed dust on the unwaxed furniture, we did not. In fact, we all decided that this is the way to have a meeting.

Why prepare?

If you know how to keep house, your only a moment's notice or no notice at all. We voted this the best demonstration of the year!

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## Footsteps through History

The Pocahontas Times  
Andrew Price, Editor

Thursday,  
December 17, 1897

Miss Annette Ligon and Miss Bessie Dysard, of Driftwood, made a horseback trip to Academy last Friday. They rode twenty-five miles Friday afternoon.

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The young folks of Marlinton who visited Highland have returned and report that Highland is a merrier place than Pocahontas. They were there a week and attended two balls, two receptions and four oyster suppers.

### YELK

Wilson Courtney run agin Elk mountain and got a black eye.

John Gibson's old yellow leg hen has been setting on a glass door knob for a month.

Pad Gay's famous bar dog, "Jim" caught a skunk last Sunday.

John Doyle, of Clover Creek, was on Elk inquiring his way to the Clerk's Office. He is in an unhappy state of mind, as he has forgotten the date of his wedding.

The Elk Iron Clads have built a barn on the football field for Bob Gibson to buck when he gets his dander up.

Larry May, the long-eared husky stone mason, and J. H. G. Wilson, the untamed Englishman, passed through Elk

last week.

The Literary Society is flourishing. Dennis Williams excited the people last Friday night by executing a poem, 38 verses of eight lines each, Doubled and Twisted Metre, entitled, "Buckle on my Sword, Mother!" Let the good work go on.

James Jackson, rat catcher to the king has changed the name of Goose Waller Run to Rat Tail Creek. He has caught 30 rats in 31 days in one trap. We suppose one of the rats must have been twins. Who can knock the socks off the above? – HOOT OWL IKE

### THE SAWED-OFF ELOPEMENT IN COURT

Justice Bird had the whole troupe of performers in the eloping case before him last Thursday.

Under the rules of this State when a body misbehaves, threatens sudden death, and breaks the peace generally, if a pistol figures in the fracas, the law works its retribution generally by dropping the greater or less charges and goes for the man for carrying a pistol. Charles Beverage, who is a sort of crazy knight-errant, was assisting in the runoff, and he

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**EVENTS**

**Annual Wreaths Across America Day** Saturday, December 17, noon, at the Arbovale Main Cemetery.

**Santa will be making stops** at the following locations Sunday, December 18: Par Mar at Green Bank 1p.m.; Trent's in Arbovale 1:15; Bear's Den at Boyer 1:40; Thornwood Loop 2 p.m.; BFD Parking Lot in Durbin 2:20. Sponsored by the Durbin Lions Club.

**Christmas Story Time with Ellie**, the therapy and trick dog, at Green Bank Library Thursday, December 22, 4 p.m. Cookies and hot chocolate to follow.

**FREE Community Dinner** Thursday, December 22, 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Marlinton Presbyterian Church. Sponsored by area churches and community volunteers.

**PARKS AND REC**  
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**Crafts**, Monday, December 19, 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Wellness Center in Marlinton. Call to register, 304-799-7386

**Yoga** — three locations, Tuesdays 5 p.m. at Durbin Library; Fridays, 5:30 p.m. at Cass Community Center; Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. at the Community Wellness Center in Marlinton.

**COMMUNITY ADVENT SERVICE**  
**Wednesday, December 21**, noon at Marlinton Presbyterian Church. Speaker: Pastor Tim Scott.

**CHURCH NOTICES**  
**Marlinton Presbyterian Church** — Worship 10 a.m. You may also attend via conference call: 1-978-990-5269; access code: 4835028.  
**Arbovale United Methodist** — Worship 11:15 a.m. Sundays; Bible Study 6 p.m. Thursdays.  
**New Hope Lutheran — Minnehaha Springs** — Worship 8:45 a.m. or online at Facebook and YouTube, or by teleconference at 11 a.m.

425-436-6375; access code: 452803.

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

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

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

**Liberty Presbyterian, Green Bank** — Worship at 11 a.m. and via zoom. us//452733215.

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

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

**Marlinton United Methodist Church** — Worship at 11 a.m. In-person and parking lot. Service broadcast at 90.3 FM.

**New Hope Church of the**

**Brethren**, Worship at 9:30 a.m. and Bible Study Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

**Marlinton Church of God, Beard Heights** — Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m. Wednesday Night Bible Study 4 p.m. Evangelistic service 4 p.m. December 4 and 18.

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

TRIVIA ANSWERS: (1). GI Jane (2). Little Rock (3). A horse (4). La Cucaracha

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ond World War, it is estimated that the largest crowd ever seen at that church, numbering around two thousand, was in attendance.

The young soldier was a son of Gilbert VanReenen, of Edray, and a great-grandson of Cornelius VanReenen, immigrant form Utrech, Holland... The body was laid to rest in Mountain View Cemetery.

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The body of Staff Sergeant Burley H. Hively arrived at Marlinton Saturday, December 13, 1947. The funeral will be held at Baxter Church in Dunmore Thursday, December 18, at 2 o'clock. Interment will be in Mountain View Cemetery with military honors.

The young man was a son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Hively. He was killed in Belgium.

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Durbin — The body of young soldier William Don-

ald Watts, killed in Belgium, has arrived at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Watts, of Durbin. On Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the funeral service will be held at the Durbin Methodist Church with full military honors.

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Julian H. Kincaid, aged 70, of Beard, died Wednesday, December 10, 1947. His body was taken to St. Albans for interment. He was a prominent citizen.

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Ross Hefner, aged 68, died at the home of Gilbert Sharp at Minnehaha on Sunday, December 14, 1947, after a

short illness. On Monday, his body was laid to rest in the May Chapel Cemetery. The deceased was a prominent citizen of Anthony district of Greenbrier County. He had come to the Sharp home on a visit when taken ill.

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Hilday Sprouse was born June 2, 1887, at Craigsville, Virginia, and passed away on Monday, November 24, 1947, at his home near Frost. He had been a resident of this State for the past 40 years. He was united in marriage to Miss Ressie Gragg, and to this union were born six sons and four daughters, of whom nine are living:

Oliver, Quentin, Elvin, Hunter, Holland, Mrs. Ford Bash, Mrs. Delbert Mace and Shirley and Martha.

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The community was deeply grieved by the passing of Mrs. Viola Henderson Brown last Monday morning at the sanitarium in Maryland. She had been ill for some time. Her body was laid to rest Saturday afternoon in Pleasant Green cemetery at Seebert.

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

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

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

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

ESTATE NUMBER: **14418**  
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EXECUTOR: Daniel Warren  
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ESTATE OF: **MARY ROSE HINKLE**  
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ESTATE NUMBER: **14438**  
ESTATE OF: **ELMER D. DILLEY**  
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4854 Brush Country Road  
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ESTATE NUMBER: **14461**  
ESTATE OF: **CATHY JOSSETTA JOHNSON**  
ADMINISTRATRIX: Rebekah Lynn Hannah  
171 Mountain View Park Lane  
Marlinton, WV 24954-1268

ESTATE NUMBER: **14462**  
ESTATE OF: **CLAUDE E. SHARP**  
EXECUTOR: Claude E. Sharp, Jr.  
2315 Jerico Road  
Marlinton, WV 24954-6818

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  
12/8/2c

### 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

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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 18, 2022.

Nancy L. Jordan,  
Magistrate Court Clerk  
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### NOTICE TO BID

The Pocahontas County Commission will receive bids for No. 87 Octane Unleaded Gasoline, for the following offices: Pocahontas County Sheriff's Office (including Law Enforcement, Process Server, Jail/Correctional Officers, Animal Shelter and Home Detention Offices); 911/Emergency Management Office; Assessor's Office; and Community Corrections Office; for the period covering January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023. Please offer bids in writing, noting increases and/or reductions in prices, in a sealed envelope marked **"Sealed Bid – Gasoline"** and submit to the **Pocahontas County Commission at 900 Tenth Avenue, Marlinton, West Virginia 24954, on or before the 19th day of December 2022, at 4:30 p.m.**

Bids will be opened in the Office of the Pocahontas County Commission on Tuesday, the 20th day of December 2022, at 5:45 pm.

For further information, please inquire at the Pocahontas County Clerk's Office, 304-799-4549, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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As of December 30, 2022, no one will be allowed to be in the house or on the property behind the former Chic Inn Restaurant on Beard Heights.

Violators will be prosecuted.

Information on the theft and/or vandalism which has reduced the value of these properties or neighboring properties should be given to the State Police.

Apologies to those who have been affected by poor choices. Best efforts will be made to restore these properties or to find someone who can maintain them better.

If anyone is interested in purchasing these properties, bids may be sent to chicinn@DLV3.com

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### SEEKING PROPOSALS

**Pocahontas County Libraries and Visitor Information Centers is seeking proposals for replacing the roof at the McClintic Public Library in Marlinton, West Virginia.**

Proposals should include detailed plans, products, timeline, warranty, and pricing for removal and disposal of existing shingles and installation of new roofing. Roofing type/system to be selected/proposed by contractor, and installed to industry standards and manufacturer's requirements. Area of roof is estimated at 10,000 square feet. Project should include roofing with minimum 30 year guarantee, and installation of ice and water shield protection, underlayment, and replacement of damaged sheathing as needed. Areas around the skylights will need additional treatment / leak protection. An alternate proposal may be submitted which removes or replaces the skylights.

Contractor will be selected based on a combination of factors, including strength of the proposal, expertise/past performance/references, insurance/warranty/guarantee information, scheduling assurances, base and alternate cost proposal, and any other factors demonstrated to be in the best interest of the Library.

All prospective contractors must have current WV business and contractor licenses, \$1,000,000 of liability insurance and appropriate Worker's Compensation insurance, with required licenses and certifications for specific trades.

**Proposals must be submitted 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.

Site may be viewed at 500 8th Street, Marlinton, WV. Inspection can occur between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. For further information, please contact library director, Cree Lahti at 304-799-6000 or at director@pocahontaslibrary.org

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## BOARD OPENINGS

The Pocahontas County Convention and Visitors Bureau has an immediate opening for the Board of Directors. The seats open: 1) Huntersville Voting District with term ending June 2025; 2) USFS non-voting member term ending June 2024. Nominees must be registered voters in Pocahontas County, WV, must demonstrate an interest in tourism and must be able to attend monthly board meetings in-person or virtually. Those interested may submit a letter of interest or be nominated by another individual registered to vote in Pocahontas County, WV. Nomination letters requested by January 1, 2023 and should be mailed to: Pocahontas County CVB, PO Box 275, Marlinton, WV 24954 or call 304-799-4636 for more information.

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### NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that South Fork Coal Company, LLC, 1295 Ashford Hill Road., Ashford, WV 25009 has a permit on file with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for the surface mining of approximately 133.2 acres and has submitted an application to the DEP, 1159 Nick Rahall Greenway, Fayetteville, WV 25840, for renewal of Article 3 Permit Number O-3022-11 to continue to operate a haulroad.

The operation is discharging into Unnamed Tributary of/and Cold Knob Fork of South Fork Cherry River, Unnamed Tributaries and Big Run of Kanawha River and is located 7.35 (miles), northwest of Renick in the Falling Springs and Little Levels Districts of Greenbrier and Pocahontas Counties, Longitude 80° 25' 33" and Latitude 38° 06' 33" (Coordinates from USGS Topographic Map).

Surface of the area associated herewith is owned by:

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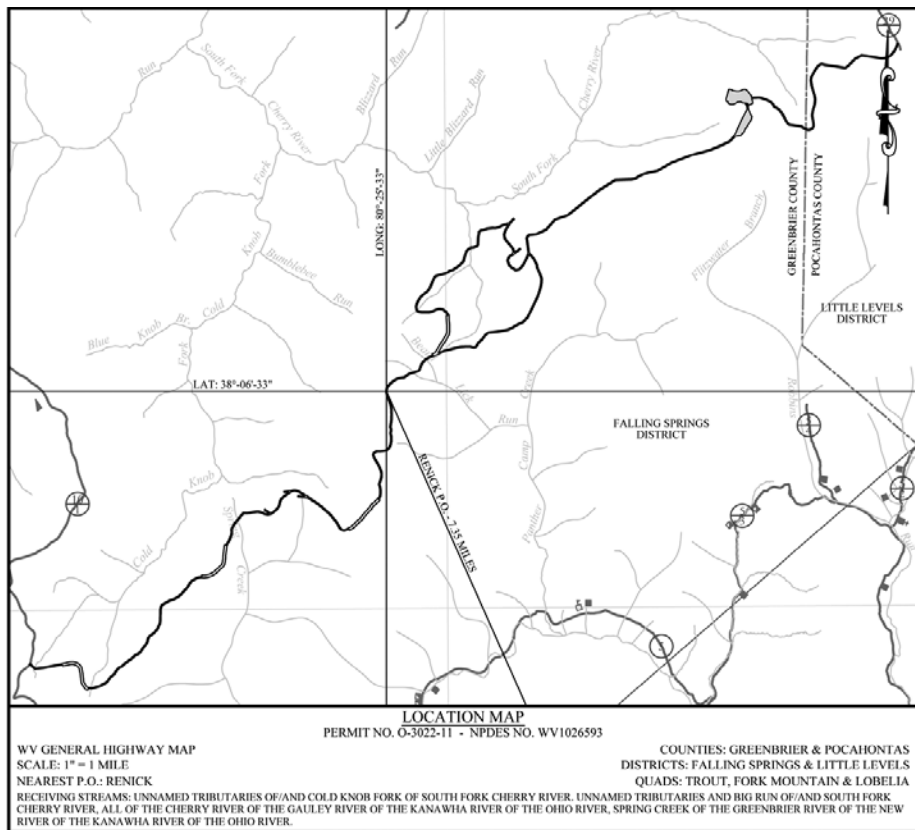
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Written comments and/or requests for an informal conference of the permit renewal application shall identify the applicant and application number and will be received by the Permit Supervisor at the DEP address above until January 7, 2023 or thirty (30) days from date of final publication. A copy of the application will be available for review until January 7, 2023, or thirty (30) days from date of final publication in the DEP Regional Office located at the address above AND in the Greenbrier County Clerk's Office during normal business hours.

DEP Telephone No. 304-574-4465

Permit No. O-3022-11



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“You pass it on to your kids and they pass it on to theirs,” he said. “There’s an old song that says ‘pass it on’ and that’s what God asks us to do. Accept His forgiveness that you didn’t deserve and didn’t earn, and extend that to other people around you.”

After the sermon, there was a small group performance of a live Nativity.

Angela Taylor, as the Angel, read the Christmas Story. Mary and Joseph were portrayed by Kinley Taylor and Keaton Baldwin. Draven Hannah was a shepherd and the three kings were Tony Duncan, Matthew McQuain and Wade Taylor.

The performance was extra special because, as Anita Workman explained, most of the actors are direct descendants of the families who built the church in 1836.

Workman shared stories from her family’s history

with the church and community.

“There is a short Christmas story of this old church I think I need to tell,” she said. “In 1938, a set of twins, whose family attended this church, was born on Christmas day. One girl and one boy. They named the boy Joseph and the girl Mary, and they were the youngest of 10 children of Roy and Leva Cain.

“This is the story about my grandmother, Mary,” she continued. “As a child, I thought it was really something for her to celebrate her birthday on the same day as Christ. She had to be something special, too.”

Mary shared stories with her grandchildren about going to the church and participating in Christmas pageants.

“She and her niece, Clara Belle, holding the curtains for the intermission, the beginning and the end,” Workman said. “She told us how they would giggle and how the church was full of people.

People had large families back then, so there were all kinds of kids. Christmastime was one of the largest gatherings here.

“Imagine the creativity during a very hard time,” she continued. “The people in the community wanted nothing more than to bring joy. There was no money for gas, so folks usually walked from miles around to enjoy an evening of Christmas joy and to celebrate the birth of Christ. People met and sang together, like we are here tonight.”

Although there were hard times, there was always a “poke” for everyone to take home after the Christmas pageant. Bags filled with fruit, nuts and candy were sometimes the only gifts people got.

“Things were hard to come by, especially during the Great Depression,” Workman said. “Most kids didn’t get Christmas presents, but if they came to the Christmas service here at Mt. Zion, they got a poke filled

with an orange, mixed nuts and penny candy, provided by the Grimes store just right under the road.”

The store was owned and operated by Anderson and

Etta Grimes, Workman’s great-grandparents.

“So many people here have so many stories just like the ones I told you all tonight, and I would love if

we could all write those down and keep those memories, so the stories could still be told throughout the years,” she said.

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### Student Exchange

Pocahontas County High School has been accepted to participate in a school-oriented exchange program with a school in England...

In April, 15 students and a group leader from a coordinating school will come to Pocahontas County, live in homes in the community, and go to school for three weeks.

In early June, 15 students and a group leader from Pocahontas County High School will go to England, live in homes, go to school for three weeks and then tour for one week...

The 15 chosen from the high school are: Lloyd Coleman, Penny Cosner, Nathalie Dolan, David Eddy, Marsha Gibson, Charles Hausser, Sara Howard, Vicki

Killinger, Sarita Lantz, Genny Mitchell, David Moore, Connie Mullens, Cheryl Orf, Melissa Rittenhouse and Susan Viers... The group leader is Steve Barksdale...

### Approaching Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. James Lee Rose, of Hillsboro, are announcing the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Lori Jeanne, to John Monroe Mallow, Jr., son of Dr. and Mrs. John M. Mallow Sr., of Marlinton. The open church wedding and reception will take place at 2 p.m. December 30 in the Marlinton United Methodist Church...

### DEATHS

Rev. Albert L. Galford, 55, of Hominy Falls, formerly of Huntersville and Marlinton, died Tuesday, December 12, 1972, at the Beckley Veterans Hospital. Funeral service will be held in the Huntersville United

Metho-dist Church.

Clyde Beale, 56, of Dayton, Virginia, died at Valley Head December 9, 1972. Burial was in the Gibson Cemetery.

Mrs. Sadie Ann Acord Nottingham, 86, of Durbin, died Tuesday, December 5, 1972. Interment was in the Nottingham Cemetery.

Gertrude M. Price, of Arcadia, Florida, formerly of Marlinton, died December 7, 1972; a daughter of the late William and Mary C. Perkins Roman. Burial in Mountain View Cemetery.

Miss Annette Beard, 58, of Charleston; born at Hillsboro, a daughter of the late J. Paul and Grace Kinnison Beard. Burial in the Atkins Cemetery at Naoma.

Porter James Nutter, 16, of Charleston, died Saturday, December 9, 1972, in a hunting accident during a Scout Troop weekend hunting trip. Burial in Beckley.

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had flourished a pistol when a brother of the woman came up and took her away from them in spite of the deadly weapon, rescue or no rescue.

Under the charge then of carrying a pistol preferred against the partner in crime, all the dramatis personae came into court.

The gay Lothair, Everett Lightner, was there, trying to hide any sober feeling under a laughing exterior, and succeeding very badly. He realizes it is a bad thing to fail when you are running away.

Beverage, his go-between, was taking it very calmly.

The woman was quiet and subdued. The abused husband, Charles Friel, was there in a highly nervous state.

He is a little man with a quivering chin. At one time the proceedings worked him up in a towering passion. He made spasmodic efforts to take his coat off, and declared that he was afraid of nobody. A rather unnecessary statement, it would seem, as no one had accused him of cowardice.

The brother of the woman, Moff Waugh, appeared as a prosecution witness, and he had done wonders in keeping his sister from taking the irrevocable step.

The friends on both sides were conspicuously present,

and while on this occasion no one had brought a gun, yet a bulging pocket or two and certain sinister motions led one to believe that all the loose pistols in the country were doing duty there that morning...

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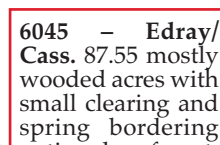
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