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A Watoga Christmas Story ~ only one present needed

By John Dean
2022

Christmas at Watoga State Park always meant receiving a special present from my mom. I still cherish that gift all these years later.

Of course, the park unwrapped presents year-round for me to enjoy, especially at Christmas. Watoga appeared to hibernate, but it was alive with life. White-tailed deer still foraged for food in the snow-covered hillsides. Otter, fox and raccoon tracks could still be seen in the freshly fallen snow. The male and female cardinals still landed with ease in the nearby white oak trees.

Growing up at the state's largest park, I loved all the seasons. Winter at Watoga arrived early, usually in late November, and it snowed a lot – like, by the foot!

Here's a little background about my family:

In the 1930s, my dad, Vernon C. Dean, and my grandfather (Pap to me), Alfred G. Dean, were part of the Civilian Conservation Corps



A FEW MEMBERS of the Dean family gather 'round the Christmas tree in their home at Watoga State Park, circa 1972. Pictured, l to r: Ronnie, Johnnie, Vicki and Vada Dean. Photo courtesy of John Dean

(CCC). They helped with various projects at Watoga. A few months before the park opened in 1937, Dad wed Mom, Devada G. Dean.

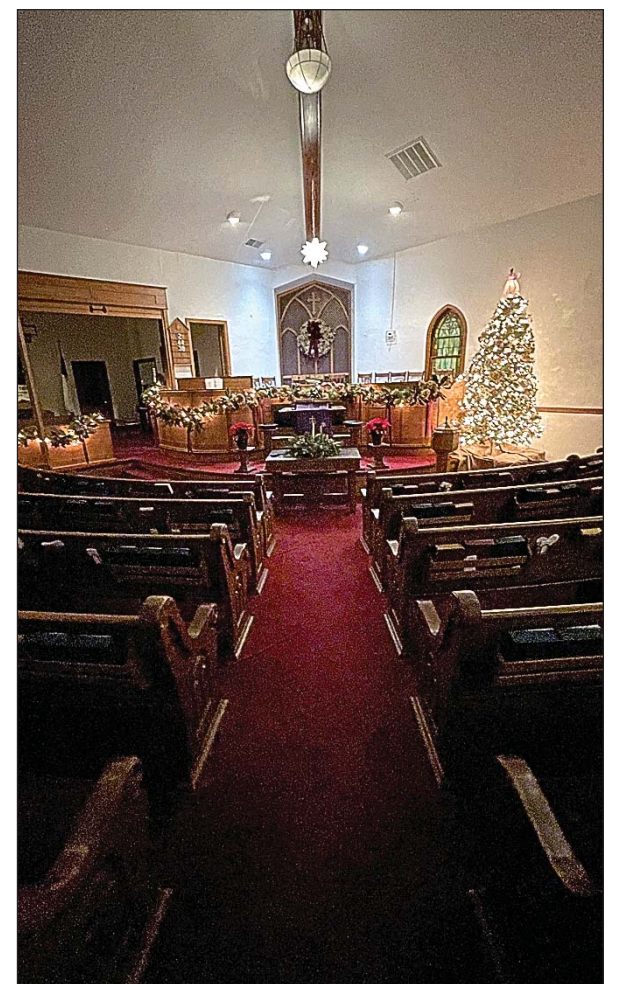
Dad was promoted to maintenance supervisor at

Watoga in the spring of 1960, which meant on-site housing at the park. Dad, Mom and five of my siblings moved into a three-bedroom, one-bath cabin near the Beaver Creek Campground.

Mom was pregnant with me. I was born later that year – on Christmas night. For years, and even to this day, many people lament that I

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All is bright



THE SANCTUARY AT Marlinton Presbyterian Church glows with gold hydrangeas and burgundy ribbon on grapevine garland. A Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held Saturday, December 24, at 5 p.m. and an informal worship service Christmas Day at 10 a.m. Photo courtesy of Billy Graham

Christmas boxes for active military

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

Students at Pocahontas County High School took their Christmas spirit to the next level with a recent community service project for active military members who live in or are from the county.

The Purple Star Club and Civics class put together care packages filled with donated items and special greetings for military members who are currently deployed, as well as those who are at home.

Purple Star coordinator Anita Workman explained that the students carefully packed 72 boxes which were distributed in Pocahontas County and mailed all over the world.

"We have people in Korea, Japan, England, Syria, Afghanistan," Workman said. "We have a kid that graduated from here that's on a naval ship. Boxes will be hand-deliv-

ered to those that are home."

It was a huge group effort with Community In Schools coordinator Lois Wilfong purchasing paracord for the students to make bracelets, Stephen Simmons helping the students make more than 200 paracord bracelets and Cheryl Jonese collecting donations from local businesses.

Other handmade items included ceramic West Virginia ornaments made by Tracy Walker, Christmas cards from Hillsboro Elementary School students and hand-written notes from PCHS students.

"These civics kids really stepped up in the last couple of weeks and they chose a person and they created that box personally," Workman said. "Some of them created three boxes. That was part of their giving. We've had a good time with it."

see **Boxes pg 5**

Remember ~ Honor ~ Teach

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

A biting wind swirled around spectators and the Pocahontas County Veterans Honor Corps last Saturday at Arbovale Cemetery, but it did not stop the gathering from participating in the annual Wreaths Across America ceremony.

In its 31st year, Wreaths Across America was founded to remember the fallen, honor those who serve and their families and teach the next generation the value of freedom.

Across the country, more than two million volunteers participated in the laying of nearly 2.7 million wreaths in more than 3,100 cemeteries. Eight of those wreaths were placed at Arbovale by members of the Honor Corps.

Opening the ceremony, Honor Corps Commander Rick Wooddell spoke of the three tenets of Wreaths Across America – Remember, Honor and Teach.

"We are all proud to be Americans that live in a free society made up of many



THE POCAHONTAS COUNTY Veterans Honor Corps participated in the nationwide Wreaths Across America ceremony last Saturday at the Arbovale Cemetery. Members placed eight wreaths at the flag pole for each branch of the military – Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Space Force, Coast Guard, Merchant Marines – and Prisoners of War/Missing in Action [POW/MIA]. S. Stewart photo

people, from many walks of life," he said. "The freedoms we enjoy today have not come without a price. Lying here before us and in cemeteries throughout this nation are men and women who gave their lives so that we can live in freedom and without fear. We can worship as we see fit. We can raise our children to believe as we do. We are free to vote for the

leaders of our choosing, and we have the ability to prosper, and we have the right to fail at whatever endeavor we wish to pursue."

While the day is a day of remembering those who have passed, Wooddell said it is also important to remember and honor those who are actively serving in the nation's armed forces today, continuing the efforts

of those who came before them.

"Today, more than ever, we reflect on our nation's veterans and active-duty service members who have had and continue to fight to protect the innocent and oppressed," he said. "This nation has always been the first to stand up for the freedom

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From our family to yours, we wish you a very Merry Christmas!

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Dust of Snow
By Robert Frost

The way a crow
Shook down on me
The dust of snow
From a Hemlock tree

Has given my heart
A change of mood
And saved some part
Of a day I had rued

Merry Christmas from the Pocahontas County CVB Board of Directors and staff

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HHT receives support for next project



SENATOR BILL HAMILTON and Senator Robert Karnes made a trek to Marlinton last Friday to present a check for \$30,000 to members of Huntersville Historical Traditions to help fund the rebuilding of the old Huntersville County Clerk's Office. Pictured, l to r: Senator Hamilton, Linda Adams, Tim Wade, Mary Jo Fisher and Senator Karnes.

BOE introduced to therapy dog Kasha

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

All eyes were on the 13-month-old yellow Labrador Retriever in a red vest at the Pocahontas County Board of Education meeting last week.

It was a big day for the young pup named Kasha. Earlier that day, she was introduced at the Green Bank Elementary-Middle School Pup Rally, where she met the students and staff she will be working with at the school's therapy dog.

After the welcome wagon at the school, Kasha and her trainer, Jil Mazellan, traveled to Marlinton Middle School to attend the board meeting and meet the board members.

Mazellan introduced Kasha to the board and explained the process Kasha went through to become a therapy dog.

"I represent Ultimate Canine and that is the training company where Kasha has been trained," Mazellan explained. "I say she started training from birth because

she comes from a genealogy of helping dogs. Her mom and dad were helping dogs."

Kasha was tested and proved to have the disposition and know-how to be part of the program.

Kasha has been partnered with four trainers at GBEMS – principal Shana Alderman, Community in Schools coordinator Jonathan Paul, science teacher Ellie Bell and speech pathologist Jennifer Chestnut. The four individuals will work together on

see BOE pg 8

The Lifeline and 988

988 has been designated as the new three-digit dialing code that will route callers to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (now known as the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline), and is now active across the United States.

When people call, text or chat 988, they will be connected to trained counselors that are part of the existing

Lifeline network. These trained counselors will listen, understand how their problems are affecting them, provide support and connect them to resources if necessary.

The previous Lifeline phone number, 1-800-273-8255, will always remain available to people in emotional distress or suicidal crisis.

The Lifeline's network of

more than 200 crisis centers has been in operation since 2005, and has been proven to be effective. It's the counselors at these local crisis centers who answer the contacts the Lifeline receives every day.

Numerous studies have shown that callers feel less suicidal, less depressed, less overwhelmed and more hopeful after speaking with a Lifeline counselor.

Enjoy the Holidays – but act responsibly

The West Virginia Alcohol Beverage Control Administration wishes everyone a safe and Happy Holiday Season.

Please drink responsibly:

- Do not drink and drive. Use a designated driver, public transportation or other ride-sharing apps;
- Heed prescription medication warning labels for al-

cohol consumption. Alcohol is a depressant; and • Drinking too much may lead to alcohol poisoning, accidents, falls, assaults and fires.

December Grand Jury returns indictments in 21 cases

Jaynell Graham
Editor

Arraignments for the following individuals are scheduled for January 5, 2023 before the Honorable Judge Jennifer P. Dent:

Shawn Barb, 33, of Hillsboro: one count grand larceny, a felony; two counts, receiving or transferring stolen property, a felony; one count, obtaining property by false pretenses; one count, receiving or transferring stolen property, a misdemeanor; one count, petit larceny, a misdemeanor; one count, destruction of property, a misdemeanor.

Sergio Rodriguez-Hertas, 28, of Durbin: one count, entry of a building other than a dwelling, a felony; one

count, petit larceny, a misdemeanor; one count, battery, a misdemeanor.

Tanner Lee Moore, 25, of Marlinton: one count, first degree murder, a felony; one count, use or presentation of a firearm during the commission of a felony, a felony.

Angela G. Turner, 48, of Marlinton: one count, driving while license revoked for driving under the influence of alcohol, third offense, a felony.

David W. Mace, 37, of Marlinton: three counts, strangulation, a felony; two counts, wanton endangerment involving a firearm, a felony.

Nickolas Bragg, 35, of Marlinton: two counts, possession of stolen goods, a felony; one count, possession of a Schedule II con-

trolled non-narcotic substance, a misdemeanor.

Donovan Bennett, 57, of Marlinton: one count, fleeing from a law enforcement officer with reckless indifference to the safety of other persons, a felony; one count, driving while license revoked for driving under the influence of alcohol, a misdemeanor.

Erick Romanello, 42, of Marlinton, one count, driving while license revoked for driving under the influence of alcohol, third offense, a felony; one count, possession of a Schedule III controlled narcotic substance, Buprenorphine, a misdemeanor.

Andrew Baybutt, 49, of Mechanicsville, Virginia, see Jury pg 5

Magistrate Court

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

In Magistrate Cynthia Broce-Kelley's court:

James A. Buzzard, 73, of Marlinton, pleaded no contest November 4 to a charge of vehicle entering highway from private road or driveway. Buzzard was assessed \$195.25 in court costs and fines.

Jason Cassell, 42, of Marlinton, pleaded no contest November 15 to a charge of accident involving damage to vehicle. Cassell was assessed \$225.25 in court costs and fines.

Zen Micah Clements, 26, of Snowshoe, pleaded no contest December 5 to a charge of knowingly or intentionally possessing a controlled substance without a valid prescription. Clements was assessed \$275.25 in court costs and fines.

Jason R. Crisp, 37, of Front Royal, Virginia, pleaded guilty December 2 to a charge of tagging, transporting and reporting

wildlife. Crisp was assessed \$199.64 in court costs and fines.

Shawn David DeHaven, 43, of Durbin, pleaded guilty November 28 to charges of vehicle hunting, hunting, trapping or fishing on lands of another and possession of wildlife. DeHaven was assessed \$1,175.75 in court costs and fines.

Daniel B. Esh, 22, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, pleaded guilty November 30 to a charge of tagging, transporting and reporting wildlife. Esh was assessed \$195.25 in court costs and fines.

Daniel Craig Good, 32, of Durbin, pleaded guilty December 1 to charges of knowingly or intentionally possessing a controlled substance without a valid prescription, driving while license suspended or revoked and no vehicle insurance. Good was given one year of Day Report and assessed \$625.75 in court costs and fines.

Roy Daniel Myers, 48, of Durbin, pleaded no contest November 30 to charges of

operation without certificate of inspection or failure to produce certificate, unsafe and improperly equipped vehicle and knowingly or intentionally possessing a controlled substance without a valid prescription. Myers was assessed \$665.75 in court costs and fines.

In Magistrate Jennifer Dunz's court:

Alvin L. Beiler, 21, of Narvon, Pennsylvania, pleaded guilty December 7 to a charge of tagging, transporting and reporting wildlife. Beiler was assessed \$195.25 in court costs and fines.

Elmer L. Beiler, 22, of Gap, Pennsylvania, pleaded guilty December 2 to a charge of failure to obtain Class E nonresident hunting and trapping license. Beiler was assessed \$425.25 in

see Court pg 8

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What is Karma, Anyway?
 “Welcome to the Karma Café. There’s no menu. You will be served what you deserve.”

In the popular sitcom of a decade ago, *My Name is Earl*, our central character, Earl Hickey, played by actor Jason Lee, describes himself:
 “I’m the kind of guy that if you saw me in a convenience store, you would wait out in your car with your family until I leave the store before going in.”

Earl, admittedly, is not a nice guy. He is a petty thief, a bully, and has committed transgressions against a long list of individuals – like the time he stole a car from a one-legged woman.

One day Earl buys a scratch-off lottery ticket. When he realizes he has a \$100,000 winner in his hands, he demonstrates his joy by holding up the ticket and dancing around.

Unfortunately, his exuberance carries him out onto the street, where he is promptly hit by a car and thrown over the vehicle and onto the road surface.

The lottery ticket leaves his grasp and is blown away by a breeze.

While recuperating in the hospital, Earl watches a TV talk show in which the host talks about the concept of Karma. With his new, but incomplete understanding of Karma, Earl believes that this was a sign that he must make up for his many indiscretions.

Earl makes a long list of specific people he plans to do something good for so that Karma is good to him. His notion of Karma is quite

vague and simplified, but he gets the gist that it is something along the line of “You get what you sow.”

And, indeed, Karma does have something to do with actions and consequences. However, Karma’s roots and how it works are a bit more complicated.

Soon after being released from the hospital, Earl starts picking up trash because, as he says, “I was a litterbug.” While doing so, the lost winning lottery ticket is carried by a breeze and brushes up against his shoe.

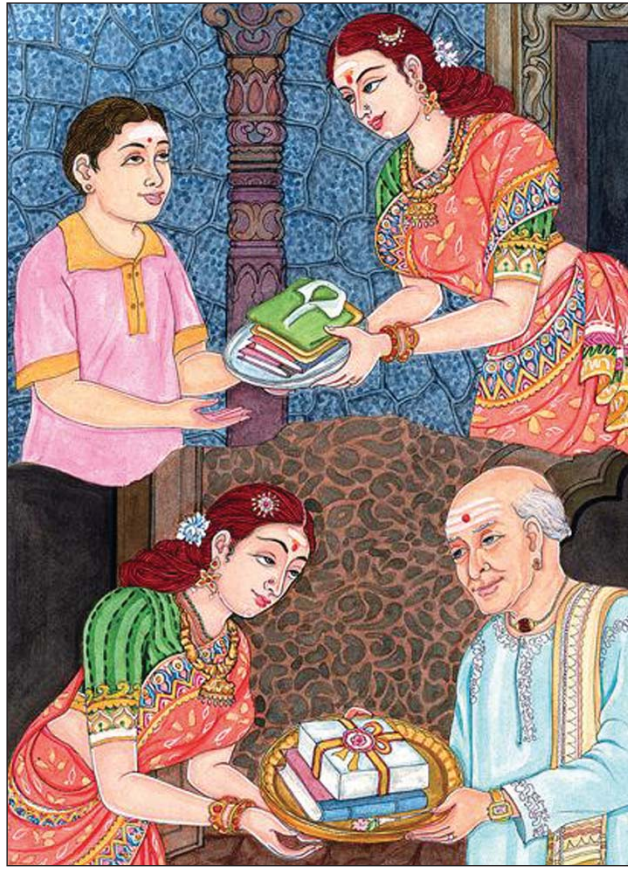
Earl decides that this good fortune is evidence that he is on the right track with Karma. He resolves to use his winnings to do good for everyone on his list.

A Brief History of Karma
 The time for making “well-intentioned” New Year resolutions is nearly upon us. Perhaps you are considering a personal examination of how you treat others.

If you are religious, including all of the major religions, the course is clear – “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you,” aka, the Golden Rule.

If you are more secular, you may call upon common decency and morality to guide your relationships with others.

The Western world, through scripture and the need for cooperation among



HINDU PAINTING DEPICTING giving and receiving as a tenet of Karma.

people, is familiar with a certain sense of Karma. Without even having heard the word before.

To be clear, I am not the

self-appointed arbiter of proper word usage, not by a long shot. I have broken

see Your pg 6



TRIVIA – a little something to think about

Courtesy of Chuck Cornell

1. Miss Lauder started her cosmetics company in 1945. Men know about Aramis and the gals know about Clinique, but what was Miss Lauder’s first name?
2. Name the company that is the official fuel supplier for all the NASCAR races.
3. Richard Saunders was his pseudonym, also called “Poor Richard.” He published an almanac from 1732 to 1758. Who was Poor Richard?
4. Speaking of Richards. Richard I was King of England from 1189 to 1199. At the age of 16, he commanded his own Army during the 3rd Crusade, becoming a great military leader and warrior. What was Richard’s epithet or descriptive term?

In Loving Memory of Ralph Claude Coleman
 November 23, 1930
 April 29, 2010

Why
 It is Christmas again. Why are you not here? So it is said, I shall know why when time is over. All will be explained, and I shall forget the days and nights, I have so endured. But until then, I shall ask, why?

Always in our hearts,
 Dorothy, Rick, Kim, Dave, Randall,
 Monica, Marty, Kimmie, Johanna, Michael,
 Cameron, Trisha; 16 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren

In Loving Memory of Henry V. Martin
 July 1942 ~ July 2010
 on his favorite holiday

He would start decorating for Christmas the day after Thanksgiving and would continue on until all decorations were depleted. This was also the only holiday our large family celebrated together, and it was the grandest time just to be with our Mama and Daddy.
 To have a special brother, as we did in Henry, was at times hard, but as time went on, we realized just what a special person he really was.
 He is with Mama and Daddy now, no more pain and hurt for him. It is not possible to think of Christmas without Henry. Christmas was his season.
 One day all of us will be together again – Henry, Mama, Daddy, Henry’s other brothers, Leonard, Houston, J.R. and Fred. Until then.

Miss you, Virgil
 Yvonne, Horace, Becky, Dewey, Lowanda, Dorothy and his many nieces and nephews

Burma Shave
A Blast from the Past
 Courtesy of the Ruth Friel Estate

The wolf is shaved...
 So neat and trim...
 Red Riding Hood...
 Is chasing him.
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Dinah doesn’t...
 Treat him right...
 But if he’d...
 Shave...
 Dyna-mite!
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Your loving husband, Fred

Merry Christmas

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“Dine and Dish” on Agritourism

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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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Frostmore Farm
 Durbin, West Virginia

Poetry Corner

IN THE BLEAK MID-WINTER

In the bleak midwinter
Frosty wind made moan
Earth stood hard as iron
Water like a stone
Snow had fallen
Snow on snow on snow
In the bleak midwinter
Long, long ago
Angels and Arc Angels
May have traveled there
Cherubim and Seraphim
Throghed the air
But only his Mother
In her maiden bliss
Worshipped the beloved
With a kiss
What can I give him?
Poor as I am
If I were a shepherd
I would give a lamb
If I were a wise man
I would do my part
But what I can I give him
Give him my heart.

~ Christina Georgina Rossetti



Marlinton Mayor's Corner

By Sam Felton

This week's Mayor's Corner has little to do with Town of Marlinton business. Although it has a lot to do with being Mayor – or anyone else.

I am always amazed by the number of people who say, "I read your Mayor's Corner." I have received cards from Maine to California and states in between, saying so – with nine out of 10 being positive feedback, and I am thankful for that.

When I started the column, I knew it would be extra work, but I had the feeling people have an interest in the happenings of their hometown. It seemed a good way to share some of the daily activities. Others may think, "a little town that size – what could be going on?"

Plenty is the answer. Most days, it really is like drinking from a fire-hose. Some weeks I struggle with how much detail is too much.

Other weeks I skip the main things because they lack that certain something, if I don't include all the details. The problem is, I am always between "not quite being the time to say anything" and "having waited too long to be relevant."

Then I come to this time of year, when all signs are pointing to the start of winter – as the weather gets chillier and the sun sets earlier and earlier. Sunday night we had what may have been our first weather-related water-break of the season.

Thanks Josh and Matthew, for responding and braving the elements past midnight, keeping the water on so most folks did not even know there was a problem.

The only time everyone would know, is if nobody showed up to fix the problem!

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Letter to the Editor

Editor;

"Shortage of EMS/Fire volunteers is a serious matter," blared the headline in *The Pocahontas Times* (Dec. 8, 2022, p.2), reporting on the December 6 county commission meeting.

Commissioner John Rebinski said that the [Fire and EMS] "departments in the northern part of the county are just weeks away from no longer being able to respond to all emergency medical or fire calls because of the lack of volunteers."

According to the article, and a subsequent personal conversation with commissioner Rebinski, funds will need to be allocated to hire fire/EMS responders. He suggests cutting back organizations currently receiving Hotel/Motel funds to reallocate to emergency departments.

Mr. Rebinski's valid point is that prompt, competent fire/EMS services can be a matter of life or death. Defense of the property and lives of our citizens is a gov-

ernment responsibility.

Congress last week voted to pass the 2023 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) that authorizes an additional \$80 billion military spending increase over the 2022 bill. The 2023 allocation is more than the combined military budgets of China, India, the United Kingdom, Russia, France, Germany, Saudi Arabia, Japan and South Korea. Just weeks earlier, the Department of Defense revealed that once again it failed its

fifth consecutive audit, accounting for only 39% of its \$3.5 trillion in assets.

Instead, if that \$80 billion raise was reallocated to U.S. counties based upon population, Pocahontas County would have almost \$2 million. A small portion of that would be enough to provide quality fire/EMS services for "the defense and security" of our own homeland neighbors.

Respectfully,
Allen Johnson
Frost

Community Calendar

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Marlinton Town Office will close at noon Friday, December 23, and will reopen Tuesday, December 27. Garbage pickup for Monday will be Tuesday, December 27.

The Green Boxes will be closed Sunday, December 25, for Christmas.

The Solid Waste Office and Pocahontas County Landfill will close at noon Friday, December 23, for the Christmas holiday and will be closed Monday, December 26.

Pocahontas County Landfill will close at noon Saturday, December 24, and will remain closed through Monday, December 26.

The Pocahontas Times will close at noon Friday, December 23, and will be closed Monday, December 26, for the Christmas holiday.

The Marlinton Town Office will close at noon Friday, December 30, for the New Year's holiday and will reopen on Tuesday, January 3. Garbage pickup for Monday will be on Tuesday.

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.

Green Box winter hours: Wednesdays and Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sundays, 1 to 4 p.m.

MEETING
Allegheny Post 117 Tuesday, January 3, 2023, 6 p.m. at Arbovale community Cen-

ter. All members are encouraged to attend.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service Saturday, December 24, 3 p.m. at New Hope Lutheran Church.

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

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service Saturday, December 24, 7 p.m. Liberty Presbyterian Church in Green Bank. Those who are unable to attend may join us via Zoom link <http://bit.ly/LibertyService>

Oak Grove Presbyterian Church and Community Choir will present a Christmas Cantata, "The Light from Heaven" followed by a Candlelight Service Saturday, December 24, 7 p.m. at Oak Grove Presbyterian.

EVENTS
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
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

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.

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Weather Recap

November

by Jason Bauserman

Ironically, temperatures in November were not normal at all. Indian Summer started October 20 and ended abruptly on November 12. Temperatures for that period averaged 13 degrees above normal. From November 13 to 22, a cold spell set in with average temperatures dipping to 13 degrees below normal.

For the first time in my 31 years of records the average high temperature was exactly 50 degrees and the low temperature was exactly 30 degrees and, of course, the mean was exactly 40 degrees. The month ended up at 1.7 degrees above normal. The highest temperature was 71 degrees on November 6. The lowest temperature was 9 degrees on the opening day of West Virginia hunting season, November 21. In my 32 years of November records that is only the ninth time with a single digit low temperature.

November snowfall was only 1.2 inches with normal November snow at 4 inches. I have recorded double digit snowfall four times in November.

Precipitation for the month was 3.28 inches and that was 0.34 inches above normal. Precipitation was well scattered throughout the month. Year-to-date precipitation is now 44.62 inches, and that is

very close to normal for 12 months.

In my opinion, three weeks of Indian Summer heated up the Atlantic Ocean for Hurricane Nicole. And, likewise, Indian Summer heated the Great Lakes for four to six feet of Lake Effect snow in Buffalo, New York.

December is our darkest month of the year.



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Lady Warriors V lose to Cougars and Lions

Bruce McKean
Contributing Writer

PCHS V21
East Hardy V66

East Hardy High School is only able to field a varsity girls basketball team, and they traveled to Pocahontas County High School December 13. Last season we opened with a 38-24 win over EHHS at PCHS, and they won on their court 41-34 about three weeks later. The Cougars lost four seniors to graduation and opened this season with three strong wins at home over Berkeley Springs (66-35), Tygarts Valley (44-24) and Legacy Christian (54-3) plus a close loss at Baker to #2 Tucker (35-47).

Nobody expected EHHS to dominate the game at PCHS the way they did. The

five top scorers in the game were all Cougars: sophomore Brooklyn Tinnell 19 points, senior Autumn Crites 16 points and freshman Chloe Miller 15 points and 13 rebounds.

PCHS high scorer was Olivia Vandevender with 7 points, 6 rebounds, 2 steals, 2 deflections, 3 assists and 1 block. Other PCHS team high stats were: senior Kelsi Taylor - 9 rebounds, sophomore Riley Pollack - 3 assists and 1 block, and junior Adelyn Warner - 3 steals. The Cougars made 25 of 53 field goal attempts (43 percent), and PCHS made 8 of 51 (16 percent). PCHS lost the rebounding effort 28 to 45, and EHHS committed fewer turnovers, 23 versus 32. EHHS won all four quarters: 12-8, 7-22, 3-20 and 3-12.

East Hardy improves to 4-1.

PCHS V22
#2 Tucker County V66

Game high scorers in this game at TCHS December 16 were: 6'1" senior center Cadie Colebank with 18 points, 10 rebounds and 3 blocks; junior Brylee Wetzel 17 points and 4 steals; and junior 5' 11" Ericka Zirk 11 points. PCHS's Burks was team high scorer with 9 points, 5 rebounds, 3 deflections, 2 steals and 1 block. Team leaders in other statistics were: Kelsi Taylor - 11 rebounds and 2 blocks.

PCHS was called for 15 fouls and made 6 of 13 foul shots (46 percent) while the home squad was whistled for 11 and made 13 of 26 (50 percent). Seven Warriors and eight Lions scored in the game. PCHS lost all four quarters: 6-22, 6-14, 4-19 and 6-11.

PCHS was out-rebounded

41-34 and committed seven more turnovers 28-21. PCHS was called for 15 fouls while TCHS was called for 11. PCHS made only 7 of 49 two-shot attempts (14 percent) and 2 of only 15 three-shot attempts (13 percent), so PCHS made 9 of 64 in the game (14 percent). Tucker made one three and is 4-0. One huge win for TCHS was a 69-43 win over #4 ranked Class AA Petersburg.

PCHS JV65
Bath County VA4

The squad that Bath County was able to field for this game included 1 junior, 1 sophomore, 2 freshmen and 4 eighth graders. All nine Lady Warriors scored in the game. High scorers for PCHS were Shayla Bennett - 14 points and 12 rebounds; freshman Calli Propst - 10 points, 5 deflections and 9

assists; junior Mileya Bircher - 8 points; senior Mackenzie Moyers - 8 points and 16 rebounds. Freshman Ramona Hardy had a game-high 5 steals, and Andrea Alderman grabbed 10 rebounds. PCHS grabbed 62 rebounds. The Chargers JV is now 0-3.

PCHS JV31
Tucker County JV40

The JV game at Tucker was not settled until midway into the fourth quarter. The game was marked by multiple lead changes and ties. With the score 32-31 TCHS, Tucker scored eight unanswered points for the 40-31 win.

PCHS's Propst tied for game high scorer with 9 points by nailing 3 treys and 4 deflections. Sophomore Reagan Herron of TCHS

also scored 9 points. Bennett and junior Andrea Alderman were the next highest scorers in the game with 8 points each. Bennett also was team high rebounder with 9. Other games highs were: Bircher - 6 rebounds, 6 deflections, 5 assists and 3 steals.

TCHS out-rebounded PCHS 38 to 36 and had more turnovers 33-29. Six Warriors scored in the game, and 9 Lions scored. PCHS won the second quarter: 10-11, 9-6, 7-8 and 5-15 PCHS was called for 24 fouls and made 3 of 12 foul shots (25 percent), while TVHS was called for 17 fouls and hit 12 of 27 foul shots (44 percent). PCHS made 5 of 40 two-shot attempts (13 percent) and 6 of 21 three-shot attempts (29 percent), so PCHS made 11 of 61 in the game (18 percent).

The PCHS V record is now (2-3) while the JV is (4-1).

Jury, from page 1

two counts, sexual abuse by a parent of a child, a felony; two counts, sexual abuse in the first degree, a felony.

Spencer Combs, 20, of Marlinton, one count, sexual assault third degree, a felony.

Arraignments in the following cases are scheduled for January 6, 2023, before the Honorable Judge Robert E. Richardson:

Joshua Vanreenen, 41, of Hillsboro: one count, malicious assault, a felony; one count, wanton endangerment involving a firearm, a felony; one count, use or presentation of a firearm during the commission of a felony, a felony.

Adam Harwell, 36, of Marlinton: one count, unlawful assault, a felony; one count, wanton endangerment involving a firearm, a felony; one count, use or presentation of a firearm during the commission of a felony, a felony.

Skylar Tincher, 23, of Buckeye: one count malicious assault, a felony; one count, attempted murder, a felony; one count, use or presentation of a firearm during the commission of a felony, a felony.

Kristina D. Bennett, 42, of Circleville: one count, driving while license revoked for driving under the influence of alcohol, third offense, a felony.

Daniel C. Good, 32, of Durbin: one count, grand larceny, a felony; one count, destruction of property, a misdemeanor; one count, receiving or transferring stolen property, a felony.

Steven R. Good, 30, of Durbin: one count receiving or transferring stolen property, a felony.

Patrick Butler, II, 36, of Slaty Fork: one count, strangulation, a felony; one count, domestic battery, a misdemeanor.

Ralph Jeffrey McLaughlin, 20, of Dunmore: one count, driving while license revoked for driving under the influence of alcohol, third offense, a felony; one count, crashes involving personal injury, a misdemeanor.

Francess Fisher, 29, of Marlinton: one count, grand larceny, a felony.

Franklin Monroe Cook, 64, hometown unknown: three counts, sexual abuse in the first degree, a felony; two counts, sexual abuse by a custodian of a child, a felony; three counts, sexual assault in the first degree, a felony.

Boxes, from page 1

Last year, Hillsboro Elementary School and HES Purple Star coordinator Becky Spencer did the care packages; soon after, Pocahontas County Schools became members of the Purple Star Award program.

Honor, from page 1

of people from around the world. Many of you here today have answered that call and served your country well. For this we say thank you, and we are honored to know you.

"There are many men and women serving today in all branches of the military - here at home and in places far away, that most of us have never heard of," he continued. "These men and women are part of the best-trained, best-equipped force in the world. We honor them and their families for the sacrifices they make each day to keep our country safe from terrorism, hatred and injustice."

Wooddell said the Honor Corps added a wreath for the U.S. Space Force to honor those who are serving and have served in roles helping to secure our national interests in space.

The Purple Star Award program provides a support system for the children and siblings of active military members.

Businesses and individuals that contributed to the care packages were: Community Connections, Inc., Pendleton Community Bank, First Citizens, *The Pocahontas Times*, State Farm Insurance, Snowshoe Mountain Resort, Pocahontas

County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Allegheny Mountain Radio, Tracy Walker, Green Bank Observatory, PCHS varsity football, Tammy Workman, Dollar General, Judy Fencecraft, Hillsboro Library, Pocahontas IGA, Mitchell Chevrolet, S&D Diner, Jake and Allyson Taylor, American Legion Allegheny Post 117 and Pocahontas County students.

One at a time, the eight wreaths were placed at the base of the pole holding the American flag at the entrance to the Arvovale Cemetery.

Placing wreaths for each branch were:

- Army Specialist 4 Donnie Waybright - United States Army
- Retired Navy Chief Sam Arbogast - United States Navy
- Army Specialist Ben Lukacek - United States Marine Corps
- Air Force Sergeant Tommy Vanreenen - United States Air Force
- Air Force A1C Steve Fierbaugh - United States Space Force
- Army Sergeant John Sparks - United States Coast Guard
- Retired Captain of the Merchant Marines George Fleck - United States Merchant Marines

Army Sergeant Major Sollie Workman - POW/MIA

"Remember, we are not here today to decorate graves," Wooddell said, in closing. "We are here to remember not their deaths, but their lives. Each wreath is a gift of appreciation from a grateful America. These live balsam firs symbolize our honor to those who have served and are serving in the armed forces of our great nation and to their families who endure sacrifices every day on our behalf.

"As we prepare to close this ceremony, we want to thank our veterans - we have the freedom to do just that."

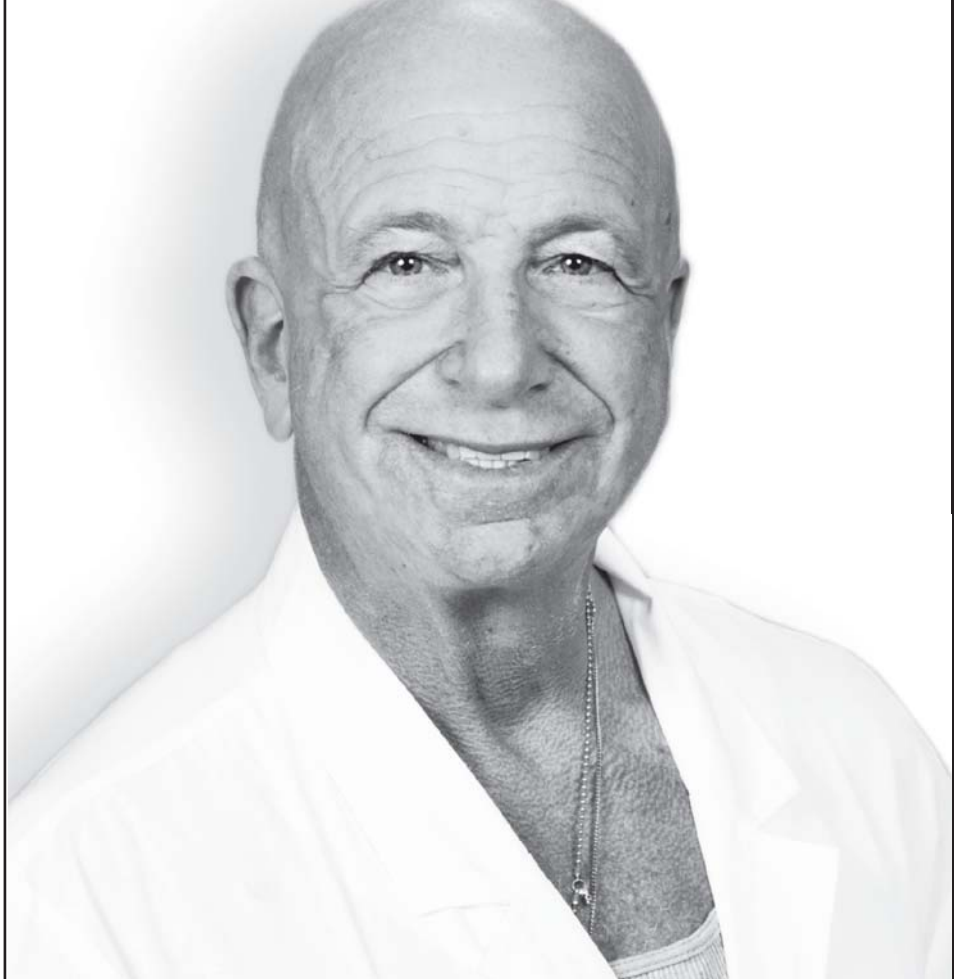
The Honor Corps then presented a 21-gun salute and closed the ceremony with the playing of Taps.

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Obituaries



Cheryl Ford

Cheryl Kay Ford, 63, of White Sulphur Springs, formerly of Marlinton, passed away Sunday, December 11, 2022, at Peyton Hospice House in Fairlea.

Born July 23, 1959, in Marlinton, she was a daughter of the late Robert Nelson and Juanita Green Warwick.

Cheryl graduated from Pocahontas County High School in 1979. She loved animals, gardening, needlepoint and gathering with family.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Robert M. Warwick; and brother-in-law, Fred Tuttle.

She is survived by her sister, Rebecca Tuttle, of Chesapeake, Virginia; brothers, Timothy Lee Warwick, and wife, Susan, of Chesapeake, Virginia, and Scott C. Warwick, and his wife, Jody, of Stuarts Draft, Virginia; nieces, Trisha Warwick Hoover and Christine Tuttle Hook; great-nieces-and-nephews, Wyatt Arbogast, Ellie Hoover, Addie Hoover, Robert Hoover, Nevaeh Hook and Kyden Hook.

The funeral service was held Saturday, December 17, 2022, at Lantz Funeral Home in Buckeye with Pastor Sam Felton officiating.

Burial was in Cochran Cemetery.

Online condolences may be shared at Lantzfuneralhome.com



Norine Simmons

Norine Bernice Simmons, 85, of Dunmore, went to be with the Lord Sunday, December 18, 2022, while at home with her loving family by her side.

Born September 26, 1937, in Dunmore, she was a daughter of the late Lawrence Kelley and Evelyn Clark Kelley.

Norine loved her family very much and always tried to make the family and anyone who stopped by feel comfortable and welcomed. She had a love for farming, hunting, sewing, gardening and growing beautiful flowers.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 67 years, Wallace C. Simmons; daughter, Pamela Delp; seven sisters; one brother; and beloved dog, Joe.

She is survived by six children, Joyce Corbett, of Dunmore; Cynthia Price, and husband, Larry, of Marlinton; Anita Simmons, and fiancé, Randy Robosson, of Clearville, Pennsylvania; Patricia Harrell, and husband, Gary, of Radford, Virginia; Dennis Simmons, and wife, Kim, of Arbovale, and Mitch Simmons, and wife, Daphne, of Dunmore; and sisters, Kathy Wolfe, of Catlett, Virginia, Georgia Townsend, of Pearisburg, Virginia, and Lucille Radcliff, of Warm Springs, Virginia; many loving grand-

children; great-grandchildren; great-great grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

Norine will be sadly missed, but her precious smile and kindred spirit will live on forever.

Funeral service was held Wednesday, December 21, 2022, at Wallace and Wallace Funeral Home in Arbovale with Rev. Rittenhouse officiating.

Burial in Arbovale Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to: Mountain Hospice; 1002 South Crim Avenue; Belington, West Virginia 26250.

Online condolences may be shared at WallaceandWallaceFH.com

Lee Good

Lee Glenn Good, 66, of Durbin, passed away Monday evening, December 12, 2022, at Davis Medical Center in Elkins.

Born Friday, April 13, 1956, at home in Durbin, he was a son of the late Melvin Glair Good and Juanita Burner Simmons Good.

Lee attended Durbin Grade School and Pocahontas County High School. He worked at the Tannery until it closed, then in 1994 he started logging. He loved spending time with his kids and grandkids.

He is survived by his wife, Sheila Good, whom he married December 29, 1989; daughter, Jessica Bennett, of Bartow; sons, Justin Good, and girlfriend, Sylvia Hamilton, of Circleville, Daniel Good and Steven Good, both of Durbin, and Curtis Good, and wife, Danielle, of Arbovale; eight grandchildren, Carmen Matheny, Noah Good, Wyatt Defibaugh, Ryan, Thomas, Abby, Lindsay and Kayden; brother, Charles G. "Bub" Good, and

wife, Lois, of Durbin; and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral service was held Sunday, December 18, 2022, at Wallace and Wallace Funeral Home in Arbovale, with Pastor William Vandevender officiating.

Online condolences may be shared at WallaceandWallaceFH.com



Mary Waugh

Mary Luella Waugh, 82, of Marlinton, passed away Wednesday, December 14, 2022, at the Peyton Hospice House in Lewisburg.

Born July 4, 1940, at Marlinton, she was a daughter of the late June and Viola McCarty Buzzard.

Mary Lue graduated in 1959 from Marlinton High School. She was a member of the Central Union United Methodist Church and had worked at Hanover Shoe Company in Marlinton and the Pocahontas County Senior Center.

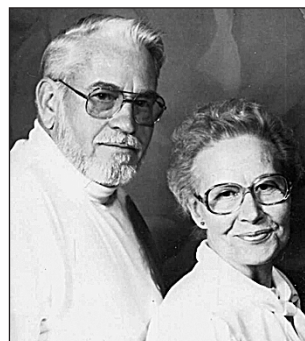
In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Loyal Waugh Jr.; stepmother, Rosalie Buzzard; sisters, Jean Boggs and Linda Arbogast; and brothers, Jim, Dennis and Joe Buzzard.

She is survived by a son, Kevin Waugh, and wife, Jodi, of Marlinton; grandchildren, Courtney Waugh, Cameron Waugh, Kayley Waugh, Briana Jaggie and Anthony Jaggie; sisters, Lot-tie Pyles, of Marlinton, Carolyn Cochran, of Cooktown, and Dottie Lue Buzzard, of

Buchannon, Virginia; brothers, Ben Buzzard and Clark Buzzard, both of Frost, Scott Buzzard, of Marlinton, Mike Buzzard, of Montpelier, Virginia, Ike Buzzard, of Carrollton, Virginia, and Tim Buzzard, of Craigsville, Virginia.

Funeral service was held Monday, December 19, 2022, at Lantz Funeral Home with Pastor Sam Felton officiating. Burial was in Mountain View Cemetery in Marlinton.

Online condolences may be made at Lantzfuneralhome.com



Louise Sheckler

Louise Gillispie Sheckler, 96, of Saegertown, Pennsylvania, passed away Sunday, December 18, 2022, surrounded by her loving family.

Born August 12, 1926, in beautiful Green Bank, West Virginia, she was a daughter of the late Laura Ervin and Clyde Gillispie.

In her early years, Louise liked nice cars and was described, by her niece, as a fearless driver. She enjoyed many hobbies such as travel, cooking and quilting. Always ready for a fun outing, Louise has shown us how to have an adventurous heart all of our days. Louise trained and worked as a bookkeeper before becoming a stay-at-home mom until her children went to school. She returned to work and retired from Baltimore County, Maryland in 1989. A woman of faith and member of the Church of Christ, Louise now rests in heaven with our Lord and Savior.

She married Raymond L. Sheckler, of Atlantic, Pennsylvania, on July 2, 1955. They had a lovely, modest home in Baltimore County where they raised their family then retired to the countryside of northwestern Pennsylvania. Raymond predeceased Louise October 15, 1995.

In addition to her parents and husband, Louise was preceded in death by a sister, Opal Riley; and three brothers Ray, Ralph and Robert Gillispie; and a niece, Ruth Marie Gillispie.

A kind and generous mother, grandmother and great-grandma, Louise is survived by two daughters, Deborah Thorp and Christina Hardy; stepson, Ronald L. Sheckler; grandchildren, Nadiya Sheckler, Roderick L. Sheckler, Rachelle Thorp, David Thorp, Sarah Hardy and Samantha Jacquet; great-grandchildren, Emily Thorp, Benjamin Thorp, Renly Sheckler, Carter Hardy and Mars Jacquet; nieces, Janice McMurray, Jackie Alessi and Denise Gillette; nephews Donald Gillispie, Billy Gillispie and Michael Gillispie; many great-nieces-and-nephews; and her dear and beloved family members, Kevin, Melissa, and Kasey Blair, with whom she has shared a joyful home since 2000.

Funeral service was held Wednesday, December 21, 2022, at Ryan M. Warren Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Meadville, Pennsylvania, with Elder Richard Moore, officiating.

Burial was in Rose Lawn Memorial Gardens in Vernon Township.

In lieu of flowers, her life can be celebrated by a donation to The Church of Christ, Meadville, PA. or to Gentiva Hospice Care.

Please take a moment to share a memory or condolence with the family on Louise's Book of Memories online at www.WarrenFH.com

Your, from page 3

many misdemeanor rules of grammar and composition. But, sometimes, powerful words like Karma make their way to the West only to become bastardized upon arrival.

These poor facsimiles then become embedded in our current lexicon and wander through our language as a pale ghost of their original meaning.

Like the terms sea change, awesome and disgust; we often put our seal of approval on a potent word only after being dumbed down. Such is the case with the term and concept of Karma.

Karma as a religious belief arose from several major Eastern religions: Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikhism, Taoism and Jainism. All put their unique spin on the concept.

The sacred scripture of Hinduism describes Karma in Sanskrit like this:

"Now as a man is like this or like that,

According as he acts and according as he behaves, so he will be;

A man of good acts will become good, a man of bad acts, bad;

He becomes pure by pure deeds, bad by bad deeds'

And here they say that a person consists of desires,

and as is his desire, so is his will;

and as is his will, so is his deed;

and whatever deed he does, that he will reap."

Rihadaranyaka Upanishad, 7th Century BCE

However, this is where Karma gets a bit complicated, particularly in the West. There is the issue of reincarnation. And, as you may know, much of Christianity does not recognize the notion of rebirth.

(Some Gnostic Christian sects, generally referred to as Neo-Manicheans, fully embrace reincarnation.)

Earl believed that his good deeds would result in good fortune during his present life, and this is how most Americans who sling this word around also believe.

But, this is not the original concept of Karma in most

Eastern religions. Simply put, our deeds, good or bad, follow the soul into its next life. And this repeats over and over until the soul sheds itself of greed, hatred and ignorance.*

It may require many lives to achieve ultimate enlightenment in a state of being called Nirvana. Then, and only then, is the soul freed from endless recycling.

So, even before we had a chance to mangle the original doctrine of Karma, the idea was already opaque. I will attempt not to muddy the waters further by splitting hairs, yet I hope to clarify Karma as something much more involved than the lower-case karma of Earl Hickey.

"When Karma comes back to punch you in the face, I want to be there – just in case it needs help."

In Earl's view of Karma, you can atone for your sins against others and then sit back and wait for an ambiguous entity, Karma, to bring good things to your life.

List the people you have harmed in some way and pay down your debt to the universe through acts of contrition coupled with good deeds. Then you can scratch the names off your victim list and consider what good things may come your way – a great job, a new car, unexpected inheritance.

Oh, were it that simple!

The Eastern notion of Karma is independent of

deities or gods.

Karma is a natural law, like the speed of light. Light travels at 186,000 miles per second in a vacuum. Nothing can exceed this speed; in physics, it is a universal constant, a cosmic law, if you will.

Because of this, the Eastern concept of Karma and its connection to reincarnation does not get much traction here in the U.S. It may be that we didn't just dumb it down, but re-defined Karma to suit our own needs.

We have a phrase that aligns somewhat with the Karmic conception of the consequence of action:

"What goes around comes around."

The phrase was coined sometime in the 1970s as the New Age movement strengthened. The Russian equivalent of this phrase is a bit more poetic; "As the call, so is the echo."

Many people believe, myself among them, that you never really get away with anything untoward or wrong; it always "comes back to haunt you." It's as if something resembling Karma is already a cosmic law, even here in the West.

"Karma gonna get you. Gonna knock you right on the head." John Lennon – Instant Karma.

So, when did Karma wash up on our shores?

Chalk it up to a huckster/medium named Madame Blavatsky – she would be the darling of the Spiritualist

Movement that flourished in the late 1800s.

Described as a "chain-smoking, portly, Russian dame," Helena Blavatsky has also been described as self-promoting and prone to outrageous flights of fancy.

Blavatsky was well-traveled, intelligent and charismatic. She co-founded the Theosophical Society in 1875. Blavatsky is credited with bringing "Eastern wisdom to Western society through this organization."**

As far as can be determined, Helena introduced the concept of Karma to the U.S. The society, still in existence today, embraces reincarnation, which squares with Eastern religions.

Blavatsky heralded the coming of the Aquarian Age. In astrology, this is a time when the world will live in Harmony and enlightenment.

(That's a nice thought but we are a hell of a ways from having arrived.)

If you are old enough, you

may remember the 1969 hit by The Fifth Dimension called "Age of Aquarius." You probably recall the refrain, "Let the sunshine in."

At the time, America's youth searched for something to believe in outside the "establishment," and Eastern wisdom fit the bill for many.

Then, the word Karma began to pop up in songs, literature and everyday conversation. John Lennon wrote "Instant Karma" in one day in 1970. It is considered the fastest-released song in history – and a hit to boot.***

The stage was now set; the New Age movement was soon upon us. And that word, Karma, transmogrified as it is, was awaiting a man named Earl Hickey to add a uniquely American twist to its meaning.

Today's brash and impatient society has moved a step beyond Karma, a move

into more negative territory.

We hear it quite often; we see it on bumper stickers and railcar graffiti in Chicago. I'm speaking of the anti-karma slogan, "No Good Deed Goes Unpunished." (This pessimistic sentiment is good for a chuckle, though!)

As for me, I prefer Anne Herbert's encouraging words on her restaurant placemats, "Practice random acts of kindness and senseless acts of beauty."

A happy and healthy New Year and Good Karma to everyone.

Ken Springer

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* Stanford University, Intro to Buddhism, Waka Takahashi Brown.

** Philosophy for Life by Jules Evans.

*** Instant Karma, by John Lennon, is better known by the chorus, "We all shine on."

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Crickenbergers in 1984 ~ Merry Christmas!



Phyllis and Dave Crickenberger enjoy refreshments at the Hillsboro Extension Homemakers Christmas Party in December 1984. Preserving Pocahontas wishes you and yours Happy Holidays and a Very Merry Christmas! (Photo from the Farm Bureau/Home Dem Club Scrapbook Collection, ID: PHP003806)

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Seventy-Five Years Ago

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, December 25, 1947

Among the students home from college for the holidays are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edward McElwee, Sammy Brill, Arnold Weiford, Jean Sharp, Betty Jo Kramer, Arden Curry, Jack Poage, Dotty Lou McLaughlin, W. V. U.; Stanley Moore, Junior Anderson, Wilmer Ruckman, Davis and Elkins; Mary Frances Overholt, Columbia University; Joan Overholt, Stanford Fertig, Cornell University; Albert Moore, V.P.I., Blacksburg; Hazel Jackson, W. Va. Tech; Edgar P. Boblett, W. Va. Business College, Fairmont; Wilma Carr, Anna Lee Dean, Thomas Moore, Marshall

College; George Ardell, U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.

J. E. Buckley, A. E. Cooper and Craig Richardson were in Pittsburgh at the big football game in which the Philadelphia Eagles, under the coaching of John S. Kellison, won the championship. On their return, they were accompanied by Mr. Kellison. The final game for the championship will be played in Chicago, Illinois.

BEAR

During the recent season, some of the Workman boys and their friends were hunting over in the Sulphur Run territory. One of the Workmans noticed a freshly

scratched place near a log. It looked somewhat like a groundhog hole and he felt compelled to look closer. Stooping to peer into some brush and leaves piled by the log, he found himself looking directly into the eyes of a large bear and only inches away. The bear growled and started out; the man backstepped to give him room and fell backward over a log. As the bear went by, he struck at it with the gun barrel, being too close range to shoot. The other hunters heard sounds never before heard from man nor beast, but when they got it located the bear was gone. After the bear passed on and the man got up, he did get in about three shots before the bear was out of sight, but none with telling effect.

When asked which was scared the worst he or the bear, he said, "I must have been, for the bear could still run."

FIELD NOTES

Back in the good old days, it was the custom to even things up with smart old deer by sending a dog into thickets to bring the deer bounding out. Now, in this dogless age, it is a dog's life for hunters to drive such thickets by hand and word of mouth. Their noisy tramping puts the deer on notice, to slip back between drives, or to lie low in his bed, or slip out over the divide to creep through a stand. As for that imitation dog yelping, it fools no animal of higher intellect than the mind of man.

When it comes to coon hunting, Guy Dean, of Loblelia, told me of a system a neighbor had thought out to save labor and not interfere with sleeping time. When his dogs treed a coon and it was not possible to shine its eyes for a shot, he would tie his

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100-Years-Ago in The Pocahontas Times

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, December 21, 1922

To all to whom this message may come, greetings and salutations. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

What have you done for the children?

Are you one of those sterling people who leaves each child a farm when you die, and yet do not know how to give good gifts to those children when they are small, when a penny toy at Christmas counts for more than a farm later on in life?

Or are you one of those foolish people who believes in giving your children "every advantage," and ruin them by giving them everything that you can think of all the year round so that there is nothing more to give them at Christmastime and the family lives on in a state of surfeit from good things?

Let us hope that you belong to the great middle class who manage to surprise the little folks at Christmas. And it is remarkable what slight inexpensive thing will satisfy a child... The children live in a world of their own and their standard of values are not ours...

Deputy Sheriff W. A. Eskridge went to Moundsville on Monday with George Barrett, convicted in the October term and sentenced to six years for conspiring to steal a machine gun in Fayette county in 1918. He has been in jail at Marlinton waiting until the Supreme Court passed upon his case. An appeal was refused.

A DAIRY INDUSTRY

A number of forward looking business men of Marlinton are considering ways and means of building up a dairy industry for Pocahontas County through the establishment of a creamery, ice cream and cheese factory to be located at Marlinton...

Pocahontas has the raw materials necessary for this industry. It is a natural grass country. There is now a large amount of money in the hands of the farmers from war stamps and other government papers which will soon be seeking investment...

Pocahontas is a cattle county. No better stock is to be found anywhere, but the Pocahontas farmer with his high priced land has found it a losing proposition to pro-

duce beef in competition with the cheap ranges of the West, Australia and South America...

One drawback of the beef cattle industry is the fact that sales are made and money collected but once a year. In the dairy business there is a check coming in each month...

Something must be done for our county, and there is no one to do it but ourselves. Too many of our bright young people are picking up and leaving the farms to go to the cities. They are better off here than anywhere else. We need them and we must fix things so they can afford to stay...

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Gum, at Cass, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James Miller at the Section House at Buckeye, Monday, a daughter.

DIED

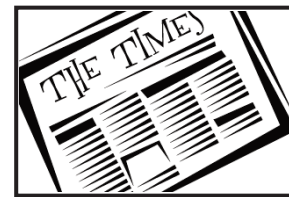
Rev. Gratton S. Weiford died at his home at Warwick Thursday afternoon, December 14, 1922, aged about 65 years... Burial in the Waugh graveyard on Indian Draft Saturday afternoon...

William Buchanan, aged about 67 years, died suddenly in his store at Huntersville, Tuesday night, December 19, 1922. He is survived by his wife and a number of children. Burial on Beaver Creek Wednesday.

Mrs. Julia Bright Gay Moore, beloved wife of T. D. Moore, died at Marlinton Saturday morning, December 16, 1922, at 1 o'clock. The cause of her death was peritonitis and she had been ill but a few days. Her age was 36 years.

Mrs. Moore is a daughter of Mrs. Lucy Gay and the late Colonel Levi Gay. Surviving are her husband and mother; three brothers, Allan, Levi and Robert; and three sisters, Mrs. A. S. Hamilton, Miss Maggie Gay and Miss Susie Gay...

One of the largest congregations ever seen on a like occasion gathered to pay respect to her memory. Pallbearers were Judge S. J. Sharp, S. B. Wallace, J. A. Sydentricker, A. S. Overholt, Prof. C. J. Ramsey and Calvin W. Price. The floral tributes were remarkable for their profusion and beauty... Burial in Mountain View Cemetery.



Fitty Years Ago

Jane Price Sharp, Editor

Thursday, December 21, 1972

Winter arrived a few days early with a sudden drop in the temperature from the 40s to near zero last Friday night. High winds with some snow. Monday morning, Clyde Cochran reported zero at Hillsboro. Mrs. Stella McLaughlin said it was one below on Browns Mountain. At the same time on Elk Mountain, it was 23 and Williams River 20, previewing the mild weather for Tuesday.

It is reported that 79 tickets to the Peach Bowl game in Atlanta, Georgia on December 29, have been sold to Pocahontas people, so many will be going south next week. Forty-seven will go on a chartered Greyhound bus, leaving Friday morning the 29th and returning the 30th.

Mr. Pauline Galford was home from Washington, D. C., for the opening of The Treasure Chest by her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Galford. She is now working in the White House, helping to answer children's letters.

Our Fire Department in Action

By Charles McLaughlin

I just had the opportunity to see our Marlinton Volunteer Fire Department in action. The house, owned by Betty Bambrick in Huntersville and occupied by the Bob Perry family, caught fire around the flue and evidently smoldered all night. It was discovered about 5:55 a.m. by Calvin Plyer as he was

delivering the Gazette. The alertness of Mr. Plyer in notifying me of the fire, without a doubt, saved the Perrys' lives.

The Perrys were immediately awakened and the Fire Department called. This being Saturday morning and most of the men not having to work at their regular jobs, I would imagine that most of them were still in bed when the alarm was sounded, also it was raining and the roads were very slick, but within 11 minutes, they were on the scene.

Now keep in mind that these men all work as volunteers, receiving no pay whatsoever. The work of these men is outstanding. They entered this house without hesitation. It was filled with smoke and the heat was so intense they could only stay inside a few minutes at a time. These men risk their lives to save lives and property. Each time the fire alarm sounds, the families of these men can only pray and trust God that their loved ones will return home safe.

All these men ask from you and me is a yearly fire fee to help cover the cost of their equipment, and many of you fuss about paying that.

To me this is a very small price to pay for the life of a loved one or the protection of your property. So the next notice you receive that your fire fee is due, please pay it without hesitation, because the next time it could be you.

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Footsteps through History

The Pocahontas Times
Andrew Price, Editor

Thursday, December 24, 1897

THE SAWED-OFF ELOPEMENT IN COURT

Continued...

N. C. McNeil appeared as counsel for the prosecuting witness. The defendant had no counsel.

Incidentally, pretty much the whole trouble came out in the evidence. Lightner testified on the stand that he was trying to run away with Friel's wife, in the presence of them both. The evidence of the witnesses in substance is as follows:

L. M. WAUGH

His brother-in-law had come to this house and told him that Lightner was going to run away that night with his wife, he thought, and got him to go to Ben Wilson's to see if she had gone there, as she had said she was. Some parties told him that she had gone on with Lightner. He took the Marlinton road and struck out pretty hard. About 8 o'clock he came upon them in the dark unexpectedly near Col. Levi Gay's. Saw Beverage, and it was the first he knew that he was mixed up in the affair. Rode by the party for about 100

yards. Beverage suddenly pulled out a revolver, cocked it, and told the witness to "Git." Witness answered, "Boys, some of us'll die right here before I do that." Neither "got" nor died, but he took his sister home with him.

Witness introduced a letter to show Beverage's part in the conspiracy. Beverage produced a letter at once to show that he had been conspired with. The Squire did not allow the reporter to read these letters in a manner more righteous than legal. We are informed there is no law in West Virginia permitting evidence to be sealed, but the Squire did right not to read them himself, as he had plenty of evidence to decide on.

MRS. CHARLES FRIEL Was present and saw Beverage draw a pistol on her brother. Does not recollect what was said. Was very badly frightened.

CHARLES FRIEL Was at Hugh Sharp's. Amos Sharp had been out rabbit hunting and came in and told him that he had seen Lightner going through the woods; witness said, "I bet

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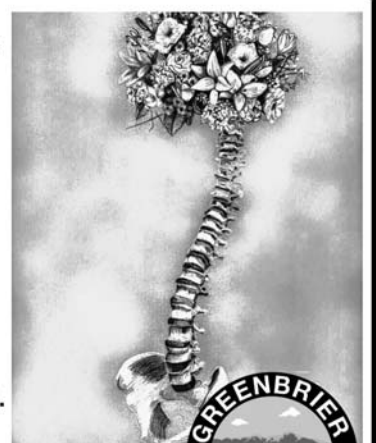
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At the feet of Granny ~ Crocheting

Melody Phillips
Contributing Writer

Although I grew up in the 1970s and 80s, it was like a step back to the past. At that time, a lot of people still lived by the old-fashioned ways and values.

If Granny wasn't cooking, cleaning, gardening or one of the many other chores she managed, she would be sitting in her easy chair, by the wood stove, watching TV and crocheting. She always had her hands moving. I would sit at her feet as my attention shifted from the TV to watching her make colorful afghans. Sometimes, when she needed more yarn, she took me with her to the little country store up the road.

The store, located in the front of an old farmhouse where the owners lived, was small but carried a large variety of items. It had a full-length covered porch with a couple of rocking chairs and a small table for anyone wanting to play a game and at least one napping dog. You stepped through an old, creaky screen door as the main door was always open during the summer; there was no air conditioning. The room was about 12 x 36 feet with two aisles on either side.

To the left of the front door was a checkout counter with a double-sided four foot candy and chip rack across from it. On the other side of the candy rack, against the back wall, was another counter for sporting goods. Another small glass case, about four feet long, had just enough room behind it for one person. Here you could buy hunting or fishing licenses, pistols, rifles, shotguns, knives, bows and any ammo that was needed, or you could check in animals during hunting seasons. If you weren't sure if you

would like a certain gun, they would let you take it home and try it out for a couple of days.

To the right, as you walked through the front door, were two narrow aisles. Shelves built out of 2x4s and plywood lined the front wall of the store and there were matching double sided shelves down the center. Anything from cereal, canned foods, pet foods to butter and ice cream could be bought there. The ice cream was located in a small chest freezer. The top was not glass like they are now, so I would open it and stare in awe while looking at what was available. After about a minute, I would close it since I usually didn't have any money.

To the right of the sporting goods counter and down the back wall of the store was a hodgepodge of items, from plumbing and tools to cold items – and the yarn Granny wanted. She would choose one of the limited colors that was available. The clerk would take the loose end of the large spool of yarn and wind it around the two fingers of the yarn machine and ask Granny how much she wanted. Before they had a length counter for the yard, it was sold by weight. Granny would usually ask for a pound. The clerk turned the hand crank, causing the fingers to spin around, making a yarn loop, until the amount on the fingers was approximately one pound. The clerk took a small piece of string and tied it around one side of the yarn loop before carefully sliding the loop off the fingers and placing it on the scale. After weighing it, the clerk handed it to me, and it was now my responsibility to keep it from getting tangled.

Granny grabbed any other supplies she needed and we headed to the register. The clerk added up everything



18TH CENTURY FRENCH yarn winder. Photo source: etsy.com

using a plug-in adding machine with a ribbon cartridge and plain paper tape. A three percent sales tax chart taped to the counter beside the adding machine showed how much to add to the sale. If Granny had the cash to pay for the items, the clerk turned toward the cash register to enter the sales amount. The register, standing about 18 inches tall, comprised of four columns, each having nine push buttons raised about an inch above the machine, and a window near the top. The two columns on the right stood for cents. The left columns of the two sets represented the tens place and

read 10, 20, 30, etc. The right column of each set represented the ones places and read as 1, 2, 3, etc. If the amount came to \$12.48, the first column button "10" was pressed, column two would be "2", column three "40", and the fourth column button was "8". The buttons locked into place and the lever arm on the right side of the register was pulled forward. At that time, the drawer opened, the amount popped up in the window, and a pleasant chaching sound rang forth. The change was counted back by starting with the amount owed and counting up to

what the customer handed over; the machine didn't tell you how much. The adding machine receipt went on top of the other receipts on the spike near the register. These were saved for the store's accounting. If Granny didn't have any cash, the register was not used and the receipt would be taped inside a book under her name for her to pay later. This was her store tab.

After we arrived home, Granny put away any other supplies she bought while I held onto the yarn loop. She then sat down in her chair and I sat on the floor by her feet. She inspected the yard

loop to find the cut end and had me hold the loop with both of my wrists through the center to prevent it from tangling. She started by wrapping the yarn around a couple of her fingers a few times. She then twisted and folded it into a small bundle and started slowly and carefully wrapping more and more layers around the center. As she twisted and turned this creation, the small bundle started forming a ball. With patience and a little time she would have another ball of yarn for her crochet projects.

One day, as I sat watching her crochet, I asked her why she did it so much. She placed her project onto her lap and showed me her hands. They were wrinkled and worn with age and had large swollen knuckles showing years of hard work.

"I have arthritis," she said. "If I don't keep them moving, my fingers get stiff and hurt." She then picked her crocheting back up and continued with it.

As time passed, I became more and more interested in this craft that Granny seemed to love so much. I started asking more questions about how to do it. She answered every one. One day she handed me a crochet needle and a small ball of some left over yarn. Calmly she guided me through every step of starting, working through, and finishing my own, very small blanket.

The act of patiently guiding me through something so simple for her inspired me to not only learn more, but to also teach others who want to learn.

Children, by nature, are rebellious, but they are also sponges, absorbing everything around them.

Something will always fill a void.

Are you the biggest influence in a child's life or is it something or someone else?

BOE, from page 2

Kasha's schedule at the school, as well as keep her safe after hours and on weekends when she is not working.

It isn't all work and no play for Kasha, though. When her red vest comes off, she is allowed to be a regular dog and do regular dog things, with her manners intact.

Kasha is one of 10 therapy dogs placed in schools in West Virginia through the Friends with Paws program spearheaded by First Lady Cathy Justice.

During the informational reports portion of the meeting, math tutor Jay Miller presented a proposal to the board concerning his position. Miller has been a math tutor at Marlinton Elementary School for eight years and he said he is concerned about the future of the program.

Once he is ready to retire, Miller wants to ensure there will be someone in place to continue the tutoring program which focuses on times tables and helping students do addition and subtraction in their heads.

"I propose that a candidate search be conducted for a math tutor trainee and, if successful, have that person work alongside me during the spring semester to learn my methods for working with students from kindergarten through fifth grade," he said.

Miller added that he is willing to cover the cost of 200 hours of observation and training at the current substitute teacher rate.

The board explained to Miller that the issue will need to be discussed with superintendent Terrence Beam, who was absent from the meeting. Board present Sue Hollandsworth said the board will revisit the proposal at a later time, once Beam has the necessary information.

In personnel management, the board approved the following:

- Resignation of Christopher M. Baber as teacher of music/band director at Green Bank Elementary-Middle School, retroactive to December 12.

- Resignation of Ruth A. Bland, due to retirement, as director of special education/student support services, transportation and technology integration specialist, coordinator of preschool, technology, testing and WVEIS for Pocahontas County Schools, effective July 1, 2023.

- Resignation of Teresa Kloeker as substitute aide for Pocahontas County Schools, retroactive to November 29.

- Resignation of the following athletic coaches, retroactive to December 5: Douglas Burns, head football coach; Matthew Buzzard, assistant football coach; Robert Cummings, assistant football coach; and Aaron Pugh, assistant football coach, assistant boys track coach and assistant girls track coach.

- Aaron L. Pugh as volunteer track coach for both the boys and girls track teams, effective for the 2022-2023 athletic season.

- Rebecca L. Peteete as volunteer Green Bank Elementary-Middle School girls basketball coach, for the 2022-2023 athletic season.

Court, from page 2

Michael G. Cooper, 18, of Clinton, Tennessee, pleaded no contest December 6 to a charge of vehicles must stop at through highways. Cooper was assessed \$185.25 in court costs and fines.

Ellett S. Gragg, 31, of Hillsboro, pleaded guilty to a charge of further limitations on driving to left of center of roadway. Gragg was assessed \$199.64 in court costs and fines.

Brandon Huie, 27, of Arbovale, pleaded no contest November 23 to a charge of destruction of property. Huie was assessed \$275.25 in court costs and fines.

Joshua W. Kramer, 37, of Marlinton, pleaded no contest November 28 to a charge of driving while license suspended or revoked. Kramer was assessed \$275.25 in court costs and fines.

Jeffery K. Lockwood, 59, of Cambridge City, Indiana, pleaded no contest December 15 to a charge of unlawful taking of a rattlesnake. Lockwood was assessed \$195.25 in court costs and

fines.

Roslynn Nichole McCarty, 24, of Marlinton, pleaded no contest November 14 to charges of illegal methods of hunting, hunting from 1/2 after sunset or 1/2 before sunset, driving while license suspended or revoked, unsafe and improperly equipped vehicle and expiration of registration and certificates of title. McCarty was assessed \$1,036.25 in court costs and fines.

Thomas Walton, 39, of Marlinton, pleaded guilty December 6 to charges of persons prohibited possessing firearms and driving while license revoked for DUI. Walton was assessed \$550.50 in court costs and fines.

Mark Allen White, 68, of Princeton, pleaded guilty November 22 to charges of shooting within 25 yards of vehicle and hunting wildlife from a motorized vehicle.

White was assessed \$390.50 in court costs and fines.


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Watoga, from page 1

years, and even to this day, many people lament that I must not have received many birthday gifts. Although this may be true, I proudly told them that I needed neither Christmas nor birthday gifts. Although this was true for six decades, this year is different.

I do need a Christmas and birthday gift. The reason will soon be explained.

Christmas at Watoga

Leading up to Christmas, my older brother, Ronnie, and I ventured to nearby hill-sides to sleigh ride. We built many snowmen with rocks for eyes, a large carrot for a nose and a curved twig for a smile. Snowball fights lasting hours then ensued. Later, we ventured to nearby Calvin Price State Forest to be the architects of secret passageways in the snow-drifts. When we returned home, four-foot icicle daggers frozen on our home's gutters entranced us.

Coming in from the cold, we sat next to the warmth from dancing flames in the native stone fireplace. In the small kitchen, the aroma of

Mom's homemade hot chocolate wafted throughout. The smells, sights and sounds of Christmas at Watoga filled the air.

And then came the day to select our Christmas tree. Dad would take Ronnie and me to Pap's nearby farm. Each year, we took turns picking out the pine tree to grace our living room at the park.

By 1968, my "baby" sister, Vicki, was five. Vicki, Ronnie and I would decorate the tree. Mom had a collection of large ornaments with a family story behind each one. Regardless of the year, Mom always made homemade popcorn for us as we used needle and thread to string festive garlands around the tree. I usually ate more popcorn than what ended up on the tree.

Growing up poor

I did not realize that we were poor until my teenage years.

Dad and Mom provided us with the necessities to survive. Dad used to say, "Be thankful that you have a roof over your head, some food on the table and clothes on your back."

On Pap's nearby farm in the spring and summer, Mom toiled in the fields,

planting and hoeing vegetables. Later, in the fall, colorful vegetables, juices and jellies in Mason jars lined the shelves in my grandparent's cellar.

The Deans shared that bounty to get through the winter as a family. Mom always made sure that we had something to eat throughout the year.

In 1966, Mom joined the cabin cleaning crew at Watoga to help the family financially. Della, my older sister, watched me, Ronnie and Vicki while Mom worked. A warm evening meal as a family was never missed. Christmas at Watoga arrived in many splendid ways throughout the year.

A Christmas Story Like No Other

Every Christmas Eve, Mom would tell me her story about Christmas at Watoga.

With Christmas just hours away, Mom would ask me to sit beside her on the couch. The fire's embers still glowed. The 13-inch black and white TV had been turned off for the night.

"Johnny, when I was pregnant with you," Mom began, "I had a craving for popcorn."

During Mom's pregnancy, she and my older brother,

Gilbert, would eat bowl after bowl of popcorn. It had been perfected in a well-worn, time-scarred, aluminum clad kettle bearing black marks on its bottom. Gilbert was six.

On this particular Christmas Day, Gilbert and Mom continued the popcorn tradition they both loved so much. Unbeknownst to either Gilbert or Mom, something got in the way of that day's plans to eat more popcorn. It was me! Just as Mom and Gilbert savored a few bites out of that big old bowl of warm popcorn, Mom's labor pains began. And they would not stop.

Not known as someone who sat around and waited, Dad sprang into action. He quickly started the blue Chevy Impala to transport Mom to the hospital in Marlinton, 16 miles away. But before Mom left, she opened the screen door and glanced at Gilbert who was still clutching that big bowl of popcorn.

"Mom, Mom, here, want some more popcorn?" asked Gilbert.

Interestingly, after I was born, Mom never enjoyed popcorn the same way again. However, I love it just like Mom used to and still make it the same way she did.

Every Christmas Eve for many years, Mom always ended the story the same way.

"Johnny, you're the best Christmas present I ever received. I love you."

"I love you, too, Mom. Merry Christmas."

Facing Insurmountable Odds

Even though my mom died in 1998, her indomitable courage, kindness and love still grace my life—especially this year.

Almost six months ago to this day, I sat in stunned silence at the Cleveland Clinic Taussig Cancer Institute while I absorbed those dreaded words no one ever wants to hear:

"John, you have inoperable pancreatic cancer."

While my life changed forever with a seemingly insurmountable cancer diagnosis, little did I know that I would learn how people are still kind, generous, and loving, just like my mom was to so many. I didn't realize all the changes that lie ahead—like asking family, friends and work associates for financial help, rides to chemo treatments or assistance with my two labs, Jack and Max.

Complete strangers and many others stepped forward

and helped me, financially, spiritually and in person. They didn't know me as Mom did. Their outpouring of love, kindness and support touched my soul. And that motivated me to stay strong and fight to live, despite insurmountable odds.

There were moments during those 12, 52-hour-long chemo sessions when I heard Mom urging me to persevere and overcome any and all obstacles, just like she did when I grew up at Watoga.

That's why this year Mom would want me to ask you for a special present for my Christmas birthday. In fact, it's quite simple and not expensive. I ask that you stop for just a moment after shopping, baking cookies, celebrating the season with your loved ones or maybe even stringing popcorn on your special Christmas tree. Please say a prayer to whomever you believe in and ask for a miracle for me.

That would be the best Christmas present I could ever receive.

John Dean lived at Watoga in the 1960s and 1970s. He is a legal editor, journalist and writer. Additionally, he is a member of the board of directors of the Watoga State Park Foundation.

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History, from page 7

they are going to run off, and laid spurs to my old mare and went off to Moff's at a dead gallop. Asked him to follow up while I went up to Hugh Sharp's after some more of my friends." Witness said that Beverage had acted as go-between for his wife and Lightner all summer, carrying letters, etc.

The testimony of the defense was substantially as follows:

CHARLES BEVERAGE
 "Squire, I never drew no revolver in his face. I told him to git down the road." Witness did not deny that he had a revolver with him, and said, "I did not point it at him."

EVERETT LIGHTNER
 Was present at the meeting; the night was cloudy, but not dark. Did not see prisoner draw a revolver. Heard no threats made. Said that it was a fact he had met Mrs. Friel that night and was trying to leave the country with her. Would not tell any of the circumstances.

The court evidently weighed the testimony and decided that where one side swore positively that the man had a revolver and the prisoner did not deny it, it was not difficult to find him

guilty. He imposed the lightest fine, which is \$25 and costs.

The parties went home and the matter rests here.

Lightner has a nice wife and two children. Mrs. Friel has one child. It is a very sad business. Beverage is a neer-to-do-well who does not seem to realize that he has helped to break up two families of young people who should be enjoying the happiest years of their lives. The best plan for all concerned would be to forget all that has occurred and try to patch up a treaty of peace, and leave the gay Beverage out of the compact.

SUN SPOT

The sun has a spot on it which can be observed for an indefinite length of time by means of a smoked glass. A few weeks ago some astronomers said, in more or less sensational journals, that the sun was about to give birth to a new world that was meant to either destroy the earth or affect it in some direful manner. They maintained that when the glowing mass passed near the earth it would burn it to a cinder. Still people persisted in saving up money for old age and making arrangements for making both ends meet, rather than for meeting the end.

The new world has turned out to be a sunspot 100,000 miles in diameter. Through the most powerful telescopes, it appears a dark swirling mass which spreads with great rapidity. It is the greatest seen on the sun since 1892. The effect on the weather is beneficial. It will make the winter more endurable and we are not apt to suffer from any great extremes of temperature during the sun-spot season.

YELK

Sheldon Hannah is building a barn which he views by day and works on by night.

The shooting match was a success. Twenty persons attended and they all claim to have won five turkeys each.

Thomas Beale's family has scarlet fever. One of them contracted it while at the Linwood school. George Hoover's family, having a chance, were stopped from attending the Slaty Fork school for a few days.

Dennis Williams says to "Hoot Owl Ike:"
 "It is better to be where no one is nigh, where incipient whiskers can grow on the sly, than in literary labors, lowly to stoop, in reporting the news from some lone chicken coop."
 — BILL BURLEY

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BIRTHS

Born to Lawrence and Gertrude Madison, of Marlinton, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Warner, of Durbin, a daughter. The mother is the former Donna Curry.

DEATHS

Mrs. Mary E. Merritt Waugh, 88, of Marlinton, a daughter of the late William A. Merritt and Hester V. Merritt. Burial in Mountain View Cemetery.

Rev. Albert L. Galford, 55, of Hominy Falls, formerly of Marlinton, a son of Emmitt and Lanie Galford, of Marlinton. Burial in the Cochran Cemetery.

Carl Jessie Summerfield, 71, of Cass. He was a track foreman for West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company, Mower Lumber Company and Cass Scenic Railroad. Burial in Hill Top Cemetery on Back Mountain.

Charles Clyde Beale, 56, of Dayton, Virginia, formerly of Valley Head, a son of the late Charles C. and Evva Hannah Beale. Burial in Gibson Cemetery near Slaty Fork. Nancy Varner, 36, of Baltimore, Maryland, formerly of Bartow; burial in Arbovale Cemetery.

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Mayor's, from page 4

By the time you read this, winter will be in progress. According to the National Weather Service, this year's winter solstice occurred at 3:48 p.m. CST Wednesday, December 21, marking the official start of winter. The first day of winter coincides with the winter solstice, which is also the shortest day of the year, in terms of hours of sunlight. The good news is we start seeing about an extra minute of daylight per day from now until springtime.

What a difference light makes in our world. What a difference the light that came into our world can make in us. I have good news. Darkness can never overcome the light.

"Because the light shines in the darkness and the dark-

ness comprehended it not." Look to the light of the world. If is good to realize that from now until springtime, we receive just a little more light everyday. How much better to see this light as a gift, sent down from above.

What does any of this have to do with being Mayor? Everything.

Mainly, it means that nothing I am doing can by any means compare to the "Reason for The Season." Peace on Earth will only be achieved by looking to and receiving the light.

Celebrate the birth of the babe, born in a manger, who is the Light of the World. With this extra minute of light on us, it is a good time to celebrate the gift of light given us.

I agree; Let there be Peace on Earth, and have a MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Sam

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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.

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shirt or coat around the tree. Then he would go home to sleep in his own good bed, knowing the coon would not venture over the garment.

BIRTH

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Skaggs, a daughter, named Roberta Ann.

DEATHS

J. Luther McNeill, aged 82, of Marlinton, died Monday afternoon after an illness of many weeks. He had suffered a stroke of paralysis. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Florence VanReenan McNeill; four sons, Howard, of Droop, Arnot and Reed, of Marlinton, Henry,

of Tampa Florida; and a daughter, Mrs. Mabel Conrad, of Hammond, Indiana... Burial in Mountain View Cemetery.

Lanty Rosco Hefner, died December 14, 1947, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Catherine Sharp, of Minnehaha Springs. He is survived by five daughters: Mrs. Annie Watson, of Neola, Mrs. Goldie Dille, of Marlinton, Mrs. Catherine Sharp and Mrs. Lorena White, of Minnehaha Springs and Mrs. Garcie Gilbert, of White Sulphur Springs; and one son, Otis Hefner, of Mill Gap, Virginia. Burial in the Mays Chapel church cemetery at Anthony Creek.

The body of Captain Harry Jordan

Schofield, aged 29, years, was laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery Tuesday morning, December 1, 1947. He perished in an airplane crash near Memphis, Tennessee, along with 19 other Army personnel...

On Thursday afternoon, December 18, 1947, at two o'clock, the funeral service of Staff Sergeant Burley H. Hively was conducted by Rev. B. B. Breitenhirt and Rev. T. G. Alderman, with military honors by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The service was held at the Baxter Presbyterian Church in Dunmore.

The young soldier sacrificed his life in Belgium so we could live in peace. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hively, of Dunmore...

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on December 16, 2022.
Melissa L. Bennett
Clerk of the Pocahontas County Commission
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AIR QUALITY PERMIT NOTICE

Notice of Intent to Approve

On September 01, 2022, Lantz Funeral Home, LLC (Lantz) applied to the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Air Quality (DAQ) for a modification permit to correct the fuel type for an existing animal crematory to propane (from natural gas). The existing crematory is located at 16792 Seneca Trail, Buckeye, Pocahontas County, WV 24924 at latitude 38.207590 N and longitude 80.107070 W. A preliminary evaluation has determined that all State and Federal air quality requirements will be met by the modification.

The DAQ is providing notice to the public of its preliminary determination to issue the permit as R13-3508A.

Potential emissions from the existing animal crematory are estimated at the following amounts: Nitrogen Oxides (NOx) at 0.46 ton per year (TPY); Carbon Monoxide (CO) at 0.32 TPY; Sulfur Dioxide (SO2) at 0.13 TPY, Total Particulate Matter (PM) at 0.29 TPY, and Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) at 0.04 TPY.

Written comments or requests for a public meeting must be received by the DAQ before 5:00 p.m. Monday, January 23, 2023. A public meeting may be held if the Director of the DAQ determines that significant public interest has been expressed, in writing, or when the Director deems it appropriate.

The purpose of the DAQ's permitting process is to make a pre-

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liminary determination if the proposed modification will meet all State and Federal air quality requirements. The purpose of the public review process is to accept public comments on air quality issues relevant to this determination. Only written comments received at the address noted below within the specified time frame, or comments presented orally at a scheduled public meeting, will be considered prior to final action on the permit. All such comments will become part of the public record.

John Legg
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Additional information, including copies of the draft permit, application and all other supporting materials relevant to the permit decision may be obtained by contacting the engineer listed above. The draft permit and engineering evaluation can be downloaded at: <https://dep.wv.gov/daq/permitting/Pages/NSR-Permit-Applications.aspx>

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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.

Cook / Dietary Aide Openings Available

HCSG is now hiring in the dietary department at Pocahontas Center for the positions of cook and dietary aide. Starting wage of up to \$15 per hour. Stop by 5 Everett Tibbs Road in Marlinton and fill out an application. You can also call 304-799-7375 and ask for the dietary department manager.

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'Tis the season of sharing



THE MARLINTON LIONS Club recognizes the vital importance of the Pocahontas Center to our community and was pleased to provide some Christmas cheer for all the residents. The Club delivered 68 gift bags to the Center Monday, each containing health essentials, including body wash, shampoo/conditioner, hand lotion, deodorant and a nail file. Pictured front row, l to r: Lions Club members Darnal Sharp and Pam Sharp, Pocahontas Center employees Gavin Gilmore, Jody Mohr and Brenda Cagle. Back row: Lions Gary Taylor, Becky Taylor and Shaun Clark.

A wagon full of joy



TOM AND SARAH Sanders, of Marlinton, organized and helped fund a second gift distribution for children. The first was in 2021, and the project grew substantially this year, with approximately 650 gifts purchased, wrapped and delivered during the December 2 Christmas Parade.

The project was partially supported through donations collected at West Virginia University tailgates and by donations from the following family members and friends: Scott and Cindi Sanders, Alice Irvine, Eileen Irvine, Delana Irvine, Ryan Irvine, Amelia Rose, David Irvine, Chuck Workman, Jamie and Lisa Burke, Jaime Rosales, Nick Carr, Rick Hamrick, Adam Irvine, Lauren French, Mike and Gretchen Quick, Tony and Lisa Garretson, Aylah Armstrong, Mary Sue White, Jim Keatley, Brenda Honaker, Phil Prichard and Don and Donna Nicely. Toys for Tots donated pencils.

Celebrating 70 years

Jimmie and Bessie Underwood Sharp, of Radcliff, Ohio, celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary July 22, 2022. Their daughters, Doris Sharp and Denise Lemay, and grandson, Shawn Le-

may, surprised the couple with a cookout, and everyone enjoyed the day. Mr. and Mrs. Sharp were married July 22, 1952, in Marlinton Presbyterian Church. Rev. Roger Melton was the officiating minister.



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– Isaiah 9:6

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6498 – Hillsboro. Lot A-1. Offering 2 wooded acres in restricted development of Little Mountain Retreat with easy access. Near national forest and fishing. Owner financing available. – \$15,000

MORE LISTINGS



6445 – Caldwell. 3BR/1BA mobile home with stick-built expansion on 15+ acres. Great location. Home needs work. Just minutes to Lewisburg, Greenbrier River and Trail and Organ Cave. Sold as is. – \$70,000



6408 – Rupert. Spacious, contemporary, 4BR/4BA home on a one-acre level lot. Two master suites – one upstairs with fireplace and cathedral ceiling, and one downstairs, with potential for outside exit. – \$284,900



6459 – Dunmore. 1.94 mostly level acres bordering Moore Run. Great access. Manufactured home in very poor condition with 2-4-car garage and cellar with upper floor. Across from national forest. – \$55,000



6424 – Marlinton. 4BR/2BA, two-story brick home with attached two-car garage on a large town lot. Spacious rooms. Kitchen has plenty of cabinets. Hardwood flooring and tiled bathrooms. – \$225,000



6193 – Dunmore. 2BR/1BA main cabin on 5 semi-private acres. Includes a 2BR partially finished second cabin. Near Snowshoe Resort, Raven Golf Course and Greenbrier River Trail. – \$284,000



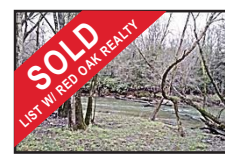
5636 – Lewisburg. Exclusive Lamp-lighter Subdivision. Lot 35. 0.462 acre. Property is close to all the best of the Greenbrier Valley has to offer! Title insurance available. – \$7,900



5583 – Buckeye. 2.09 mostly wooded acres located out of the flood plain in "Duncan's Landing" river community. Common access to the Greenbrier River, boat landing and picnic area. – \$22,000



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6407 – Riverfront. Riverfront. One acre on the Meadow River in Hines near Rupert. Across from the Clear Creek Rod and Gun Club, the oldest hunting club in the U. S. No restrictions. – \$6,995



6460 – Five private, level acres of woodland near Beartown, Droop Mountain and Watoga State parks. Close to the Greenbrier River and Trail. – \$36,000



6423 – Green Bank. Cozy 1BR/1BA cabin on 1.1 acres. Country setting. Peaceful views. Close to the Greenbrier River, national forest, Cass Scenic Railroad and Snowshoe. – \$68,500



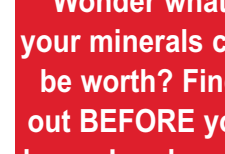
6420 – Marlinton. 2.20 acres lying on two levels. First area is accessed via Rt. 219. Second is a step down bordering the Greenbrier River. Near the Greenbrier River Trail. – \$60,000



6421 – Seebert. 5.44 acres with great views of the Greenbrier River valley and the town of Seebert. – \$80,000



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