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### GBEMS welcomes therapy dog

Suzanne Stewart  
Staff Writer

Pup rallies are something we all remember attending – the band playing the fight song, cheerleaders amping up the student body and athletes getting excited about taking on their rivals on the field or hardwood.

At Green Bank Elementary-Middle School December 13, the students experienced a different kind of rally – a pup rally.

The students and staff gathered in the gymnasium to welcome the school's newest member – Kasha, the 13-month-old yellow Labrador Retriever – who is a therapy dog from the Friends with Paws program.

The program was founded by West Virginia Governor Jim Justice and First Lady Cathy Justice. To kickstart the program, 10 dogs were placed in various schools.

Kasha will provide emotional support to the students and staff at GBEMS with the help of her four handlers – principal Shana Alderman, Community in Schools coordinator Jonathan Paul, speech pathologist Jennifer Chestnut and science teacher Ellie Bell.

"We were supposed to get Jet back in the summer, but he ended up being too rambunctious for small children, so he was placed at a high school," Paul explained. "He's still a therapy dog, but he's in high school where the bigger people are, and they can handle him."

"Kasha has the right temperament for elementary school," he added.

The program places dogs in schools with a Community in School coordinator. The school usually has to apply to the program, but at



**THE NEWEST MEMBER** of the Green Bank Elementary-Middle School staff is 13-month old yellow Labrador Retriever Kasha, a therapy dog. Kasha is one of 10 therapy dogs placed in schools in West Virginia through the Friends with Paws program founded by Governor Jim Justice and First Lady Cathy Justice. S. Stewart photo

Green Bank, it was a bit different.

"[The First Lady] has a soft spot in her heart for this school so she said, 'when we start this therapy dog program, I want a dog in Green Bank Elementary-Middle,'" Paul said.

Kasha went through special training to acclimatize her to working with children and her four handlers, who had to learn special commands for Kasha to assist students needing support.

"She will have a daily schedule that she will follow," Paul said. "She will be spending time in the special ed rooms. She will help deescalate children that are out of control. She will comfort kids who are just overwhelmed. I get those kids in my office and having a therapy dog in here will just let them calm themselves down and get refocused and be able to get back to and be productive in the classroom."

Kasha will only respond to

the voices of the four handlers and was trained to remain calm when the students are being loud in the hallways.

"In one of the training sessions last week, we told the dog to sit and stay, then we had Mrs. [Karen] Murphy's fifth grade classroom go up and down the hallway, screaming and banging, clapping and stomping and come back past her, getting close to her and she just stayed," Paul said.

Kasha will also help the students with their literacy, by lending two fluffy ears during reading sessions.

"One of the things the dog loves is to be read to and a dog doesn't say, 'oh, you missed that word' or 'you pronounced that wrong,' so the dog is a good 'person' to read to," Paul said. "I see us using the dog even in the Title I room with kids reading to her."

When the school learned it was getting a therapy dog, it seemed like kismet. The

news came the same year that the school suffered the loss of student Braelynn Peete. This year, GBEMS again suffered the loss of a student – Kaiden Stull – over Thanksgiving break.

Although Kasha had not arrived yet, the school did get to see first-hand what it would be like to have a therapy dog at the school. The McDowell County therapy dog, Coal, and one of his handlers came to GBEMS after Thanksgiving break to help the students and staff with the recent loss.

"It was amazing to see that dog in action," Paul said. "He deescalated kids that were upset. He went to the sixth-grade classroom and targeted three kids in that classroom that needed it most. He sought them out and he could tell who needed to be cuddled the most."

Seeing how effective Coal was with the students and staff, Paul said it got every-

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### Citizens confront commission on proposed change to Hotel/Motel Tax distribution

Tim Walker  
Allegheny Mountain  
Radio

At the December 20 County Commission Meeting, when the time came to discuss Commissioner John Rebinski's proposal to fund a county paid EMS Service from Hotel/Motel Tax revenue – the commission had to adjourn the meeting from their office and reconvene it a few minutes later in the courtroom. The move was necessary to accommodate the large crowd that was in attendance.

Rebinski proposal is to help fund EMS Service by cutting back on some of the money other organizations receive from the tax.

People representing both sides of this issue filled the courtroom. The attendees were composed of volunteer EMS members and supporters as well as representatives and supporters of organizations which could lose revenue if Hotel/Motel Tax monies were to be diverted to EMS services.

"To begin with, there have been a lot of things going around and being said to the wrong people, and they have been targeted," Rebinski said. "I want to let you know if anybody has any disapproval or approval or is mad at anybody, be mad at

me, not some of the people that have been targeted who have been falsely blamed and accused. Put it this way, I am standing right here."

Rebinski explained the purpose of the discussion was to address the EMS Services crisis in the county. He said that, for many years, volunteer EMS providers have served the people of the county and saved the county a lot of money, but there are now very few people willing to undergo the very lengthy and difficult training and schooling necessary to be qualified to provide emergency medical services on the ambulances. He said that many current EMS volunteers are very concerned that there are not enough new volunteers joining up to ensure that an ambulance will always be available 24 hours a day if someone calls 911 needing emergency medical help. Rebinski said with so few qualified EMS volunteers left in the county, those who are, like himself, give up just about everything else in their lives, such as vacations, or just going out of town shopping or doing something personally enjoyable for themselves, lest someone might not receive a timely medical response, or

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### Two PCHS students recognized by WVSSAC

Suzanne Stewart  
Staff Writer

Pocahontas County High School seniors Grace Beverage and Haley Spencer attended the AAA High School Football Championship in Wheeling back in November to receive the WVSSAC Academic Achievement Award.

Each year, the WVSSAC selects one female and one male student who excel in three categories: band, community service and athletics.

Beverage was selected for her work in band as a member of the color guard and a tenor saxophone player.

Spencer was selected for her community service as a certified EMT and member of the Marlinton Fire and Rescue Squad.

Each received a plaque and a \$1,000 scholarship.

After graduating from PCHS, both plan to earn degrees in nursing, but in two different aspects of the field.

Beverage plans to work with the elderly after she receives a degree in geriatric nursing.

"I did volunteer at the hospital over the summer, and I connected better with the older patients that came in," she said.

Spencer plans to become a

flight nurse. First she will earn a degree in nursing and then attend flight school where she will learn to use those nursing skills while in flight.

"I have to have three years of experience in the nursing field in the emergency room or ICU and then I'll go on to flight school," she said. "When you're working on a helicopter, it's just a flight nurse and a flight paramedic working together, so I'll go on to school for that."

As an EMT with Marlinton Fire and Rescue Squad and at Pocahontas Memorial Hospital, Spencer has assisted with landing zones and

getting patients to a helicopter, which ignited the urge to take her skills to new heights.

"I like the emergency medical standpoint," she said. "I just like the rush of emergency medicine, but I wanted to do something bigger. I get to see all these crews coming in and everything they do when we have to fly someone out. I was like, 'that's what I want to do.'"

Beverage is the daughter of Gray and Marsha Beverage, of Dunmore, and Spencer is the daughter of Jody and Becky Spencer, of Marlinton.



POCAHONTAS COUNTY High School seniors Haley Spencer, left, and Grace Beverage, received WVSSAC Academic Achievement Awards at the AAA High School Football Championship, held in Wheeling in November.

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# Mon County law community celebrates the career, retirement of Judge Gaujot

by Erin Cleavenger  
The Dominion Post

It was a bittersweet moment for members of the legal community in Monongalia County who gathered Tuesday evening to celebrate the retirement of Judge Phillip D. Gaujot.

"It has been my personal privilege to have practiced in front of Judge Gaujot over the years and to have known him before that as a lawyer, as well," local attorney Paul Cranston said to the crowd who gathered for a party at Kegler's to show their appreciation of the judge.

"I can tell you, on behalf of the Mon County Bar — Judge Gaujot, you will be missed when you retire at the end of this year, and we all wish you the best of luck."

Gaujot, who announced earlier this year that he will be retiring December 31, has been dedicated to his service as a judge of the Circuit Court of Monongalia County for more than 13 years.

During his decades-long career in law, Gaujot has racked up a list of accomplishments that few, if any, could currently claim. Cranston highlighted just a few of those accomplishments at the retirement party.



**JUDGE PHILLIP D. Gaujot, a 1962 graduate of Green Bank High School, talks with a guest during his retirement party. Photo courtesy of William Wotrinf/The Dominion Post**

A life-long resident of West Virginia, Gaujot received a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science in 1968 from West Virginia University and his law degree from WVU College of Law in 1971.

After law school, Gaujot began working as an assistant attorney general for the state of West Virginia where he successfully argued a civil case before the U.S. Supreme Court involving the due process and equal pro-

tection clauses of the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

Early in his career, Gaujot specialized as a litigator and became involved with a civil case against the Pittston Coal Company for their negligence that ultimately caused the 1972 Buffalo Creek Disaster in Logan County which caused 125 deaths and almost 20 miles of property damage in the area.

"With the assistance of a Washington D.C. law firm,

Gaujot represented over 1,400 children for the mental damages and loss of community they suffered from this disaster," Cranston told the crowd.

Before his appointment as a judge, Gaujot represented cases in the areas of personal injury, product liability, domestic relations, contracts, wills and estate, higher education, criminal law, corporate law, and other general areas of law.

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# BOE gets update on virtual school options

Suzanne Stewart  
Staff Writer

Although virtual school was one of several options for students during the COVID-19 pandemic, it has remained a useful tool now that students are back in the classroom.

At the December 13 Pocahontas County Board of Education meeting, the board received an update on the many reasons the virtual school program is still vital.

Spanish teacher Shirlene Groseclose explained that she has used virtual school for years, starting with the not so reliable Polycom system to now using Teams as a platform. When Groseclose joined the staff at Pocahontas County High School as the Spanish teacher, she stopped traveling to the middle schools to offer Spanish and instead went to the virtual option to allow students to take Spanish.

"Spanish is no longer available — a teacher per se — at the middle school level

and elementary," she said. "So, for years now, I've been working with students at the elementary and middle school virtually. It started out through the old Polycom system. I did that for years and now, of course, with Teams it's so much easier."

Groseclose has Spanish students at Marlinton Middle School who join Teams to take Spanish. She also has one fifth grade student at Marlinton Elementary School who is taking high school level Spanish 1.

"He's doing wonderfully," she said. "We've had some challenges because the schedules are different, but he's such a responsible student that he's able to do it because he catches up."

Groseclose said it has been great to be able to expand Spanish offerings, but because it relies on technology, there can be some glitches involved. When the Teams network doesn't work, however, Groseclose said she has websites she

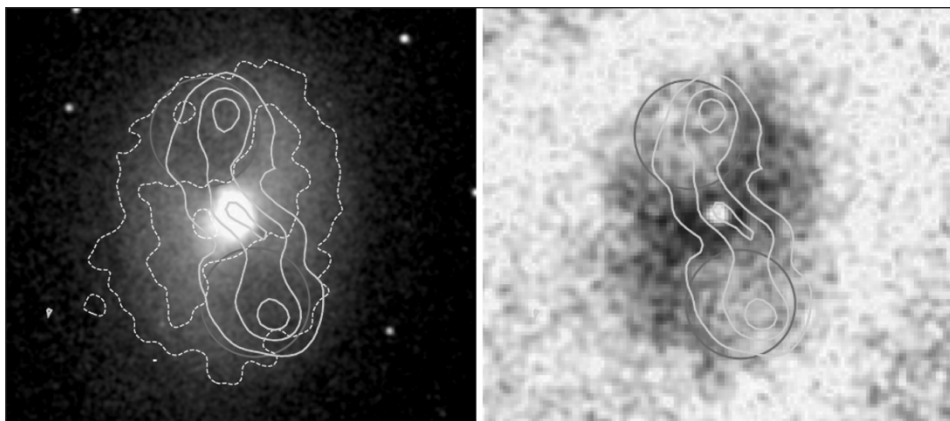
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# Scientists reveal secrets to burping black hole with the GBT

The National Science Foundation's Green Bank Telescope (GBT) has revealed new information about mysterious radio bubbles surrounding a supermassive black hole.

In a new paper studying galaxy cluster MS0735: "We're looking at one of the most energetic outbursts ever seen from a supermassive black hole," says Jack Orłowski-Scherer of McGill University, lead author on this publication, "This is what happens when you feed a black hole and it violently burps out a giant amount of energy."

Supermassive black holes are found deep within the centers of the enormous galaxies at the heart of galaxy clusters. The plasma filled atmospheres of galaxy clusters are unbelievably hot — about 50 million degrees Celsius — but these hot temperatures usually cool over time, allowing new stars to form. Sometimes, the black hole reheats the gas surrounding it through violent outbursts jetting from its center, preventing cooling and star formation, in a



**OBSERVATIONS BY NASA'S Chandra X-ray Observatory (left image) and by GBO's MUSTANG-2 instrument (right image) clearly show the enormous cavities (highlighted with gray circles) excavated by the powerful radio jets (green contours) expelled from the black hole at the center of galaxy cluster MS0735. The green contours in both images are from observations performed by the Naval Research Laboratory's VLA Low-band Ionosphere and Transient Experiment (VLITE) back end used on the National Radio Astronomy Observatory's (NRAO) Very Large Array (VLA).**

process called feedback. These powerful jets carve out immense cavities within the hot cluster medium, pushing that hot gas farther from the cluster center and replacing it with radio-emitting bubbles. Displacing

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## NOTICE Town of Marlinton General Election Candidate Filing

The Town of Marlinton shall hold a General Election on Tuesday, June 13, 2023. During the election, there shall be elected one Mayor, one Recorder, and five Council Members. They shall serve a four-year term starting July 1, 2023.

Any persons desiring to run for any office may submit their names to the Town Recorder no sooner than January 9, 2023 and no later than 4 p.m. February 6, 2023. All mailed Certificates of Announcement must be post-marked by the U.S. Postal Service no later than midnight February 6, 2023.

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**Snowflakes 101**

Defining a snowflake ain't as easy as it used to be.

A little clarification is called for before we delve into one of nature's greatest riddles - is it true that no two snowflakes are identical?

In past years, the word, "snowflake," had only one meaning in the English language, "one of the small feathery masses, or flakes, in which snow falls." Snowflake was a noun according to all but the most recently published dictionaries.

Now, thanks to both politics and the proliferation of insulting language on social media, snowflake has meanings other than the frozen crystalline structures we either hate or love.

In short, "snowflake" is also defined as "A person who is easily offended or overly sensitive."

So, if you have been called a snowflake, do not take umbrage at the offender. It just means that, like a snowflake, you are one of a kind, unique.

Unless, of course, you are easily offended or overly sensitive.

Then, you may want to visit a turbulent third-world country, say, Haiti or Somalia. No guarantees, but your fragility may melt away like a real snowflake when you see the inescapable horror and misery that some people wake up to daily.

And, as a bonus, you may see the world, and our small place in it, through a new set of eyes.

Back to real snowflakes, nature's ostentatious display of beauty and geometry.

How snowflakes develop, and what science has yet to learn about their formation.

We've heard so much from others that we probably also parrot the phrase, "No two snowflakes are alike." As it turns out, that improbable statement is true, but do we really know why?

You're about to know, at least as much as science currently understands, about the beautiful and enigmatic snowflake.

First, as we all know, liquid water evaporates from the Earth's surface as vapor and rises into the atmosphere, where it condenses.

The vapor encounters colder and colder air as it rises into the atmosphere.

When it reaches a specific temperature, it condenses into water droplets. But, becoming a snowflake requires a nucleus, usually a bit of dust or pollen.

Then, and only then, the frozen droplets attract other water molecules until they form into a hexagonal (six-sided) plate. These minute multi-faceted ice flakes are called diamond dust, such as that found in light pillars, another atmospheric phenomenon.

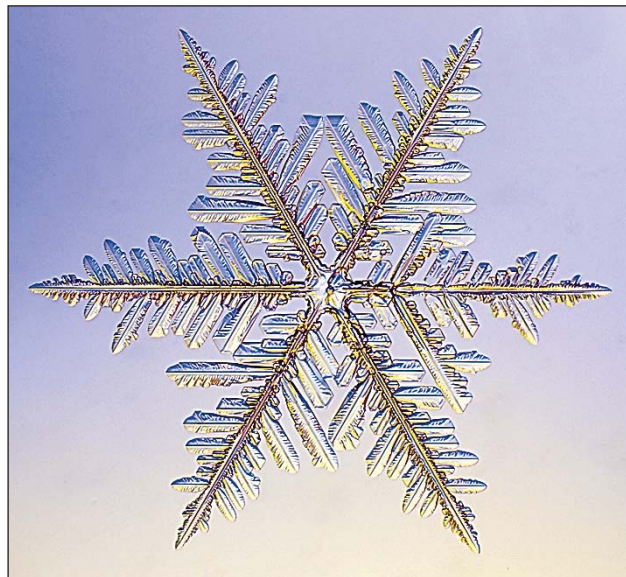
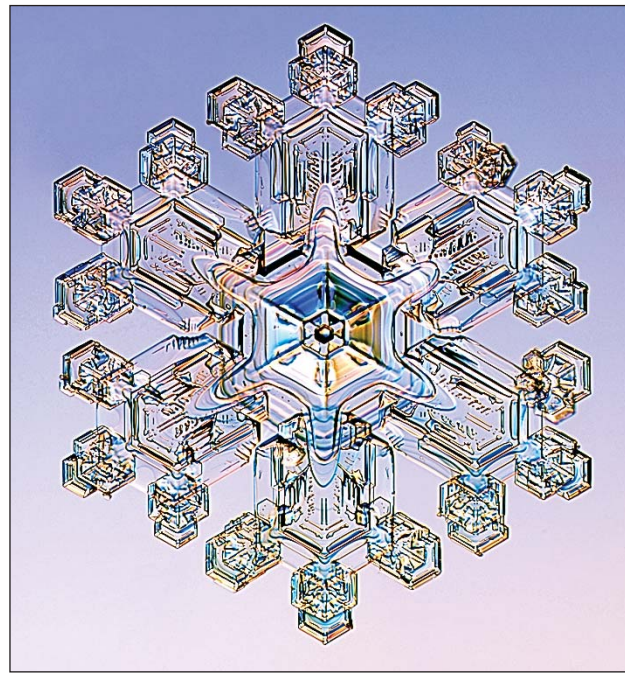
A hexagon offers many advantages in a snowflake's

architecture because of its shape. It provides more surface area, most importantly, the six corners for branching and complexity.

(Bees also find the hexagon shape advantageous in storing honey, as do grocers when they stack oranges for display.)

Once formed, the plate encounters varying temperatures and collisions with other water molecules as it falls to Earth. This variability allows for the dendritic (tree-like branches and needles) shapes we are familiar with.

As the snowflake falls, its shape is in constant flux due to combining and recombining with other water mole-



cles and various temperatures and humidity.

Because of this, the potential design of any given snowflake is infinite, bringing us to the mystery that science is still pondering. The variability allows for an unfathomable number of structural combinations, twice the staggering number of atoms in the universe, some 10 to the 78th power.

It is understandable that higher humidity, bearing more water molecules, offers the potential for more snowflakes. But why is the

snowflake design more intricate when it encounters super-cold temperatures?

There are lots of theories, but, as yet, no consensus.

As for the frequently heard statement that no two snowflakes are alike, science does offer a viable explanation.

I always scoffed at the idea that in the entire history of our Earth, 4.6 billion years, none of the countless snowflakes that have fallen from the sky were identical.

But I was wrong; at least if you believe in mathematics.

to successfully photograph a snowflake?

The notion that no two snowflakes are alike is credited with a Vermonter named Wilson Bentley, aka "Snowflake" Bentley. He was a late 19th-century farmer/meteorologist who, after many attempts, photographed snowflakes.

As a budding young scientist, Bentley said, "...from the beginning; it was the snowflakes that fascinated me most." We have Bentley's passion and persistence to thank for the first photographs of snowflakes and much of what we know about them.

Bentley's first successful photograph of a single snowflake took place on January 15, 1885, but not without hundreds of previous failed attempts.

The problem in photographing the ephemeral and fragile snowflake is that microscopes require light which produces heat, melting the snowflake.

So, how did Bentley do it?

Bentley finally succeeded by carefully catching a single snowflake on a black piece of cloth and transferring it to a feather. By leaving the microscope and camera outside where its temperature would equilibrate with the outside ambient temperature, he carefully placed the crystal under the lens with his feather and the rest is history.

In his lifetime, Bentley photographed more than 5,000 dendritic snowflakes. After careful scrutiny of each photograph, he concluded that no two were identical. Much later, his theory would be validated in full by science.

"Under the microscope, I found that snowflakes were miracles of beauty; and it seemed a shame that this beauty should not be seen

And you better believe in the science of numbers. The technology you currently use and rely on would not exist without mathematics.

Snowflakes may be identical in mass and size but not in shape.

In a single snowflake, there are millions, sometimes trillions, of water molecules, depending upon size. Among all those water molecules, there is a small percentage of them that are different in composition.

The hydrogen in these rogue water molecules contains an extra neutron called deuterium or heavy water. And these deuterium molecules are heavier and bond differently than normal water molecules, allowing for even greater potential for differences in shape.

The deuterium molecules provide so many possibilities that it is nearly impossible that any two snowflakes that have ever fallen are identical.

It's all just a matter of odds! And the odds favor no two snowflakes being identical.

Now, a bit of snowflake trivia.

Who first figured out how

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

1. "When pigs fly!" Well, that's never going to happen, but there was a movie with a cow flying. Name this 1996 epic disaster film.
2. This law is called the Servicemen's Readjustment

Act of 1944. Any veteran with more than 90 days' active duty, and an honorable discharge, qualifies for the benefits. What is it?

music, Juice Newton gave us "Angel in the Morning" and "Queen of Hearts," but the question is, "what is The Sweetest Thing I've Ever Known?"

4. If your thoroughbred race horse breaks an ankle, it's the worst news you could hear. What is the common term used for a horse's ankle?

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 Marlinton Town Auditorium  
 Free! No registration required!

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8728097678?pwd=eNGGcXhraXRYU3hQNUw1ZDZqbFdSQTO9>

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

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

**Schedule**  
 5:30 p.m. - Welcome and Introductions  
 5:40 p.m. - Grab your plate and settle in  
 6 p.m. - What is Agritourism and How Can it Apply to Me?  
 6 - 7 p.m. Guest Speakers (Dee, Maggie, Adam and Rachel)  
 7 - 7:30 p.m. - Q&A, Networking, and Survey

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

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

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## Poetry Corner

Ring out the old, ring in the new,  
Ring, happy bells across the snow;  
The year is going, let him go;  
Ring out the false, ring in the true.  
Ring out a slowly dying cause,  
And ancient forms of party strife;  
Ring in the nobler modes of life,  
With sweeter manners, purer laws.  
Ring out old shapes of foul disease,  
Ring out the narrow-winged lust of gold;  
Ring out the thousand wars of old,  
Ring in the thousand years of peace.  
Ring in the valiant man and free,  
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;  
Ring out the darkness of the land,  
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

~ Alfred Tennyson



## Marlinton Mayor's Corner

By Sam Felton

In the Mayor's office, January makes me think about Fourth of July Fireworks. Now is the time to sign contracts or decide on an alternative, like we did in 2022.

If you recall in 2020, the minimum show was raised to \$10,000, and I said thanks, but no thanks.

I share this, because I have been asked, "How does Alderson put on such a 4th of July celebration?" with fireworks? So, I inquired at Alderson, and asked the same question. How does your town manage the 4th of July activities?

I found out it is all paid for with local fundraising events and donations. Mostly by the annual "rubber-duck-pick-up on the Greenbrier," and that (the mayor said) takes a lot of coordination. The city does not pay for fireworks.

So, hint-hint, Marlinton. To everyone who enjoys fireworks and wants to see fireworks in Marlinton in 2023, may I make a suggestion?

Someone needs to please adopt this program and start putting a plan together now. If not for 2023, at least for 2024.

Happy New Year.  
Sam



### Keeping stress down during Winter Holidays

It's supposed to be the most wonderful time of the year! But even for the most Elf-ish folks among us, the holidays can quickly become stressful when you feel yourself stretched to the limits with shopping, programs and events. Don't let the pressure become too much. Here are some helpful hints provided by Pocahontas Memorial Hospital's Behavioral Health Clinic to keep stress low and the holidays joyful:

- Pay attention to your mood and emotions. Recognize when you are feeling irritable, downright grumpy, or anxious. Take a step back, breathe, count to ten. Control your emotions instead of letting them control you.
- Set limits. Sometimes you have to say no. Be realistic about how many commitments you can take on this time of year (and all the time, for that matter). If you find yourself too tired and too overwhelmed to enjoy the holidays, you might need to stay home and relax by your own Christmas tree.
- Watch what you eat. Everyone talks about need-

ing the nap after an occasional indulgent meal; but with an entire month with an abundance of sugar and carb-laden goodies, you may find yourself feeling particularly sluggish and tired. Keep your sugar, carb, caffeine and alcohol consumption in check.

• Exercise. Take a walk or visit the Wellness Center. Exercise not only helps with the holiday weight gain, but improves your mental and emotional outlook, as well.

Many people report feeling particularly sad or down during the holidays; but if you feel you could use some support in the New Year, please contact our Behavioral Health Clinic.

Amy B. Mitchell, PhD, LICSW, CAADC is our clinic director and is a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker, as well as a Certified Advanced Alcohol and Drug Counselor. Dr. Amy stresses that being nervous or anxious about family or social gatherings during the holidays is a temporary condition and is one that you can control. Call Dr. Amy for a free screening, refer a patient, or self-refer today at 304-799-1075.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor;

I recently attended the Pocahontas County Commission meeting in which reallocation of our county Hotel Motel tax was discussed. This meeting was attended by many citizens from various civic organizations throughout the county.

Mr. Rebinski, speaking on behalf of the commission, stated that our county EMS service was on the brink of collapse and that he had devised a plan to fund this critical service by reallocating the Hotel Motel tax funding from existing recipients to

provide funding of our EMS/Fire system. We heard testimony from many of our heroic EMS volunteers that they had been volunteering for 35+ years, and I commended them for this.

Our current and past County Commissioners should be ashamed of themselves for not doing the work and looking ahead and providing a proper EMS/Fire infrastructure support revenue vehicle in the past 35+ years!

The Hotel Motel tax was never intended to provide primary infrastructure fund-

ing. It was designed and created to enhance our citizens', businesses' and guests' way of life here in Pocahontas County. History has proven that this tourism-based funding stream is not reliable in that some years it is rich in tourist spending dollars and other years it is very poor in tourist spending dollars.

The Hotel Motel tax recipients are also subject to this ebb and flow trend of tourist spending dollars and they receive a set percentage of this tax which is allocated by the County Commission.

Our County Commission

has now literally become the strong-arm bully of the playground and going to take funding from civic organizations like our libraries and historical society and give it to others because they can and nobody can stop them.

This is wrong.

As a youth advocate, I challenge our County Commission to do the work and create proper primary infrastructure funding for our county EMS /Fire service and leave the Hotel Motel tax alone!

Sam Gibson  
Slaty Fork

## Community Calendar

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**The Green Box sites will be closed Sunday, January 1, for New Year's.**

**The Solid Waste Office will close at noon Friday, December 30, and will remain closed through Monday, January 2, 2023.**

**Pocahontas County Landfill will close at noon Saturday, December 31, and will remain closed through Monday, January 2, 2023.**

**The Marlinton Town Office will close at noon Friday, December 30, for the New Year's holiday and will reopen on Tuesday, January 3, 2023. Garbage pickup for Monday will be on Tuesday.**

**The Pocahontas Times will be closed Monday, January 2, 2023.**

**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.

**EVENT**  
**Winter crafts for all ages** Thursday, December 29, 1 to 2 p.m. at Durbin Community Library.

**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 con-

ference call: 1-978-990-5269; access code: 4835028.

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

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

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

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

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

**Green Bank** - Worship at 11 a.m. and via zoom. us/j/4527333215.

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

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

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

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

see Calendar pg 9



## What's Cookin'?

With Sally Cobb

### Cheese Ball

Jenny Duncan

This recipe was included in *Christmas in the County*, but had some typos. Here is the correct recipe:

- 8 oz. sharp cheddar cheese
- 2 - 8 oz. pkgs. cream cheese
- 4 tsp. pimientos
- 2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 4 tsp. green pepper
- 4 tsp. onions
- 1 tsp. lemon juice

Mix all ingredients using a food processor. Shape into a ball. Roll in Bacon Bits and refrigerate.

### Cheesecake

Kathleen Keeler

- Graham cracker crumbs
- 1 lb. cottage cheese
- 2 - 8 oz. pkgs. cream cheese, room temperature
- 1 1/2 cup sugar
- 4 eggs, slightly beaten
- 1/3 cup cornstarch

2 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice  
1 tsp. vanilla  
1/2 cup melted butter  
1 pt. sour cream  
Grease a 9-inch spring-form pan lightly with butter and dust with graham cracker crumbs, at least 1/4 inch thick.  
Sieve cottage cheese into a large bowl. Add cream cheese.  
Beat at high speed.

Blend in sugar, then eggs. Reduce speed to low, add cornstarch, lemon juice and vanilla.

Beat until blended. Add melted butter and sour cream and blend.

Pour into prepared pan. Bake in a 325° oven for 1 hour and 10 minutes or until the edges are firm. Turn off oven.

Let cake stand in oven 2 hours. Remove and cool completely on wire rack. Chill.

Remove side of pan. Makes about 12 servings. May be frozen.

## JURIED ARTIST APPLICATION PERIOD

Applications to become a juried artist with the Pocahontas County Artisans Co-Op will be accepted January 5 - 7.

When applying as a Juried Artist you are applying to exhibit your arts and crafts in one or more galleries where the public may purchase them.

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Acct 202	Principles of Accounting II	T, TH	4 - 5:15 p.m.	Math 109E	College Algebra Enhanced	T, TH	5:30 - 6:45 p.m.
Acct 212	Intermediate Accounting II	T, TH	5:30 - 6:45 p.m.	Mgmt 210	Principles of Management	M	5:30 - 6:45 p.m.
Acct 255	Cert Bookkeeper Prep/Acct	TH	7 - 9:50 p.m.	Psyc 103	General Psychology	T	4 - 5:15 p.m.
Biol 105	Intro to Anat./Physiology	M, W	5:30 - 6:45 p.m.	Psyc 103	General Psychology	M, W	11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Biol 231	Human Anat./Physiology I	M, W	9 - 10:15 a.m.	Soci 210	Principles of Sociology	M	2 - 3:15 p.m.
Biol 232	Human Anat./Physiology II	T, TH	1 - 2:15 p.m.				
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Crmj 208	Criminology	M	7 - 8:50 p.m.				
Econ 212	Principles of Economics II	M	2 - 3:15 p.m.				
Engl 102	Research	T	4 - 5:15 p.m.				
Engl 102	Research	T, TH	9:30 - 10:45 a.m.				
Engl 212	Technical Writing	T, TH	11 - 12:15 p.m.				
Hist 102	World Civilization	T, TH	2 - 3:15 p.m.				
Hist 106	American History	M, W	9:30 - 10:45 a.m.				
Hist 106	American History	W	4 - 5:15 p.m.				
Hlit 103	Legal Aspects of Hlth Info	T	11 - 1:50 p.m.				
Hlit 112	Pharmacology	W	9:30 - 12:20 p.m.				
Mast 105	Medical Terminology	T, TH	9:30 - 10:45 a.m.				
Math 101	Quantitative Reasoning	TH	4 - 5:15 p.m.				
Math 101E	QR Enhanced	TH	4 - 6:15 p.m.				

o Method of delivery for these classes listed will be ZOOM (from personal location) and the ORU.

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# PCHS girls win two vs Tygarts Valley and one at Highland

**Bruce McKean**  
Contributing Writer

**PCHS V .....48**  
**Tygarts Valley V .....36**

Pocahtontas County High School and Tygarts Valley High School girls basketball teams opened play this season on December 21 at Dunmore, and PCHS came into the game with a (2-3) varsity record while TVHS had a (0-3) record. TVHS lost five seniors this season to graduation, and PCHS lost three.

The game's high scorer was PCHS sophomore Riley Pollack with a career high 26 points plus 7 rebounds, including hitting 3 of 5 trey attempts (60 percent) and 8 of 15 two attempts (53 percent). Next was TVHS seniors Isabella Shumate – 13 points and Felicity Walden – 11 points. PCHS junior Hannah Burks scored 10 points, including 2 treys, 5 points and 5 steals. Other PCHS high stat players were sophomore Mackenzie Taylor – 5 rebounds and 2 blocks, junior Olivia Vandevender – 5 assists and 4 deflections, senior Haley Spencer – 9 rebounds, 5 steals, and 3 assists, and junior Adelyn Warner – 4 steals.

PCHS made an improved 21 of 55 field goal attempts (41 percent). PCHS lost the rebounding effort by one, 34 to 35, and TVHS committed more turnovers, 35 versus 31. PCHS won the first two quarters, tied the third and lost the fourth: 19-4, 10-9, 10-10 and 9-13. PCHS was called for double the number of fouls, 16 versus 8, and made only 1 of 8 (13 percent) free throws, while TVHS made 4 of 13 (31 percent). PCHS improves their record to (3-3),

and TVHS drops to (0-4). PCHS assistant Coach Chloe Bland was coached the varsity squad in Coach Kane's absence.

**PCHS JV .....47**  
**Highland VA .....27**

Highland High School had been fielding only a girls varsity squad, but this year, like Bath County, they fielded only a JV squad. The PCHS JV team traveled to Monterey, Virginia, to face HHS December 19. All eight PCHS players scored in the game, and four of seven Rams scored. PCHS high scorers were freshman Calli Propst with 14 points including 2 treys, 6 steals and 6 assists, and sophomore Mallori McCoy with 11 points and 4 of 4 foul shooting. HHS high scorer was Jazmine Douglas with 11 points. Other game or team highs for PCHS were freshman Shala Bennett – 8 points and 5 rebounds; junior Andrea Alderman – 5 rebounds, 4 deflections and 1 block; and junior Mileya Bircher – 4 deflections, 5 steals and 4 assists.

HHS out-rebounded PCHS 33 to 21, but HHS committed twice as many turnovers, 40-20. PCHS won the second and third quarters, while HHS took the first and fourth: 7-8, 22-4, 12-6, and 6-9. PCHS was called for 15 fouls and made 7 of 8 (88 percent) foul shots, while HHS was called for 9 fouls and hit 7 of 20 (35 percent) foul shots. PCHS made 14 of 45 (31 percent) two-shot attempts and 4 of 20 (20 percent) three-shot attempts, so PCHS made 18 of 65 (28 percent) field goals in the game.

**PCHS JV .....48**  
**Tygarts Valley JV .....38**

PCHS won the first quarter of the JV game by four points, 11-7 and then took the second stanza by two points, 9-7, to lead at the half 20-14. The third quarter was an 11-11 tie, so the score to start the final frame was 31-25. Both teams scored their most points in the fourth, and PCHS won the fourth 13-9 and the game 48-38 by hitting six twos and making 5 of 10 free throws in the fourth.

Bennett of PCHS was game-high scorer with a double-double of 15 points and 19 rebounds, and TVHS freshman guard Sarah Defibough was next with 14 points. McCoy just missed a double-double by scoring 9 points, 14 rebounds and 2 steals. The following players were team high with the following stats: Alderman – 2 blocks, Probst – 6 assists and 3 deflections, and Moyers – 2 steals.

PCHS out-rebounded TVHS 51 to 35 and had fewer turnovers 22 versus 35. Six Warriors scored in the game, and 5 Bulldogs scored. PCHS was called for 17 fouls and made 6 of 19 (32 percent) foul shots, while TVHS was called for 15 fouls and hit 5 of 14 (36 percent) foul shots. One TVHS player fouled out of the game. PCHS made 18 of 57 (32 percent) two-shot attempts and 2 of 29 (7 percent) three-shot attempts, PCHS made 20 of 86 (23 percent) field goals in the game.

The PCHS V record is now (3-3) while the JV is (6-1). Class A #17 (AP Poll) Greenbrier West will play at PCHS Wednesday, January 4, (JV - 5:45, V - 7:30 p.m.).

## Dog, from page 1

one even more excited to know Kasha would be on her way.

"We've had a rough couple years here at Green

Bank," he said. "I just think this is an added tool in our tool belt to help these kids not only be productive, but to heal. This dog is not only here for the children, but she's also here for the adults."

Kasha will live with Alderman and attend school

every day it is in session. Dr. Stacy Tawney has offered her services to be Kasha's veterinarian and help her grow into a happy and healthy member of the school.

Suzanne Stewart may be contacted at [sastewart@pocahontastimes.com](mailto:sastewart@pocahontastimes.com)

## GBT, from page 2

such a large volume of gas requires an enormous amount of energy (several percent of the total thermal energy in the cluster gas), and understanding where this energy comes from is of great interest to astrophysicists. By learning more about what's left behind filling in these cavities, astronomers can begin to deduce what caused them in the first place.

The team of astronomers used the MUSTANG-2 receiver on the GBT to image MS0735 using the Sunyaev-Zeldovich (SZ) effect, a subtle distortion of the cosmic microwave background (CMB) radiation due to scattering by hot electrons in the cluster gas. For context, the CMB was emitted 380 thousand years after the Big Bang, and is the afterglow of the origin of our universe 13.8 billion years ago. Around 90 GHz, where MUSTANG-2 observes, the SZ effect signal primarily measures thermal pressure.

"With the power of MUSTANG-2, we are able to see into these cavities and start to determine precisely what they are filled with, and why they don't collapse under pressure," elaborates Tony Mroczkowski, an astronomer with the European Southern Observatory who was part of this new research.

These new findings are the deepest high-fidelity SZ imaging yet of the thermodynamic state of cavities in a galaxy cluster, reinforcing previous discoveries that at least a portion of the pressure support in the cavities is due to non-thermal sources, such as relativistic particles, cosmic rays, and turbulence, as well as a small contribution from magnetic fields. "We knew this was an exciting

system when we studied the radio core and lobes at low frequencies, but we are only now beginning to see the full picture," explains co-author Tracy Clarke, an astronomer at the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory and VLITE Project Scientist who co-authored a previous radio study of this system.

In contrast to earlier research, new imaging produced by the GBT considers the possibility that the pressure support within the bubbles could be more nuanced than previously thought, mixing both thermal and non-thermal components. In addition to the radio observations, the team incorporated existing X-ray observations from NASA's Chandra X-ray Observatory,

which provide a complementary view of the gas seen by MUSTANG-2.

Future observations across multiple frequencies can establish more precisely the nature of how exotic the black hole eruption is. "This work will help us better understand the physics of galaxy clusters, and the cooling flow feedback problem that has vexed many of us for some time," adds Orlowski-Scherer.

Read more about this work published in the latest issue of the journal of *Astronomy & Astrophysics*.

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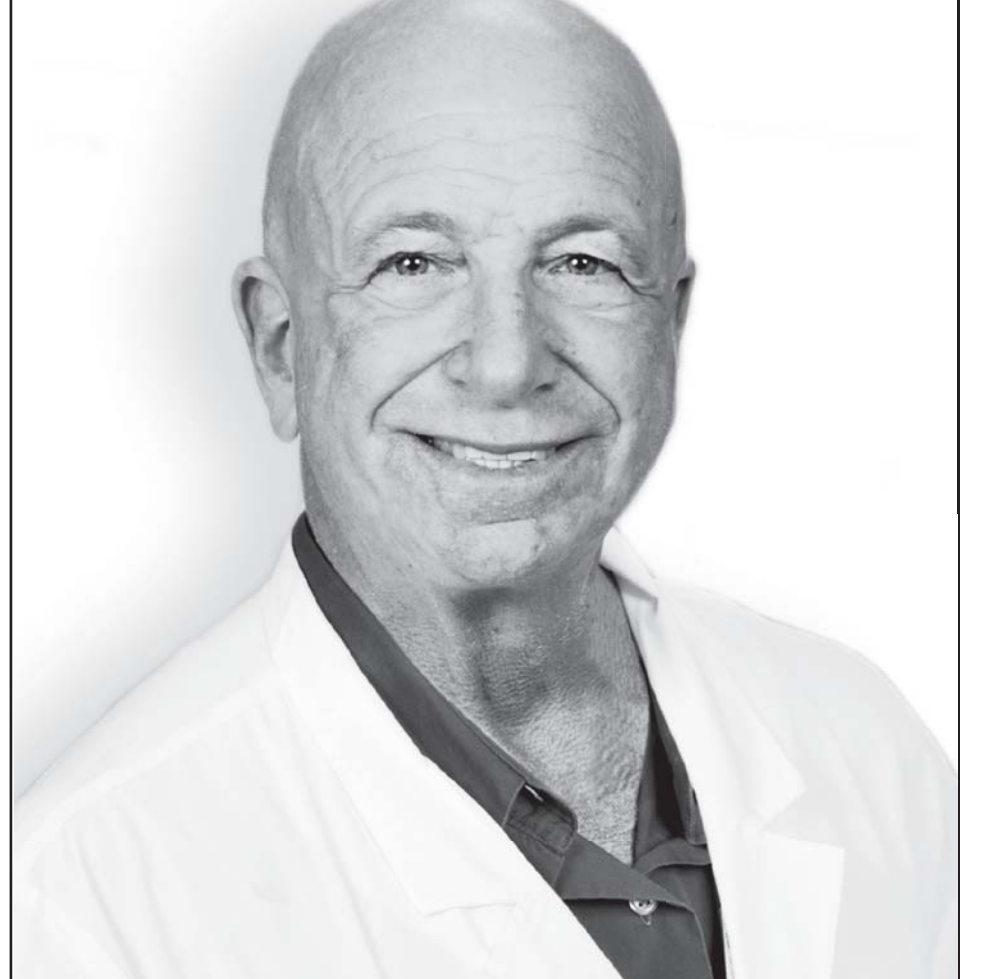
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# Obituaries



## Timothy Hevener

Timothy Grey Hevener, 78, of Durbin, passed away Sunday, December 25, 2022, at Davis Medical Center in Elkins, from complications involving pneumonia.

Born July 31, 1944, in Durbin, he was the eldest son of the late Henry and Pearle Hevener.

Tim grew up with his brother, Randall Henry Hevener, where they shared their lifelong love of outdoor adventures, hunting, fishing and life on the farm with their dear parents.

Tim graduated from Green Bank High School and was owner of Hevener Construction Company. He loved the outdoors and hunting, especially big game hunting trips

to Montana and Africa. Tim loved to deer hunt with his brother, Randy, and nephew, Adam, and freely shared the many stories about his adventures, always with a smile and laughter. He loved the Bowman, taking in the view and remembering the history passed down from his father, Henry, and grandfather, Adam. He took great pride in the land and watching over it. The land re-charged him and gave him strength, much the same way it did his father, and his father before him. Tim's work ethic and love of life has been a cherished legacy that he instilled in all of us.

In addition to his dear parents, he was preceded in death by his beloved brother, Randall Henry Hevener.

He is survived by his two daughters, Robin Hevener Dean, and husband, Brian, of Apex, North Carolina, and Amber Hevener Jennings, and husband, John, of Austin, Texas; five grandchildren, Aaron, Austin, and Evan, children of Robin and Brian, and Porter and Ruby, children of Amber and John; sister-in-law, Karen Hevener; nephew, Adam Hevener; niece, Bethany Bateman - the family of his late brother,

Randall Hevener. Tim is also survived by his ex-wife, Shirley Barkley Dean; Jean Kerr Hevener; and step-children, Todd, Mike and Kristy Wilfong.

Funeral service was held Wednesday, December 28, 2022, at Bethel United Methodist Church on Back Mountain with Pastor David Rittenhouse officiating. Burial with Masonic Rites was in Gum Cemetery on Back Mountain.

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## Donovan Bennett

Donovan "Donnie" Keith Bennett, 57, of Marlinton, passed away Monday, December 19, 2022, at Roanoke Memorial Hospital.

Born November 24, 1965, in Richwood, he was a son of

Keith Bennett, of Valley Head, and the late Pauline Teter.

In addition to his mother, he was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Saige Bennett; and a brother, Brian Bennett.

Donnie was a trimmer operator for Beckwith Lumber Company and Cramer Lumber Company. He was an avid hunter and fisherman, and loved all things outdoors.

He is survived by his wife, Tena Bennett; father and step-mother, Keith Bennett and Edith Taylor, of Valley Head; three sons, Jacob Bennett, and wife, Rebecca, Jonathan "JJ" Bennett and Daemian Bennett, all of Marlinton, two daughters, Jenna Bennett and partner, Ally, of Huntington, and Alana Bennett, Brantley, Waylon, Jase, Easton, Canaan, Raelynn, Cayson, Roman and Emerson; brother, Kenny Summerfield, of Cass; sister, Lori Currence, of Valley Head; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held Wednesday, December 28, 2022, at Lantz Funeral Home in Buckeye with Robert Cutlip officiating.

In keeping with his wishes, the body will be cremated.

In lieu of flowers, donations of sympathy may be made to Lantz Funeral Home, 16792 Seneca Trail, Marlinton, WV 24954, to offset the funeral bill or [Lantzfuneralhome.com](http://Lantzfuneralhome.com)

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## James McLaughlin

James Robert "Jim Bob" McLaughlin, 43, of Arbovale, passed away Thursday, December 22, 2022, at home.

Born February 1, 1979, in Elkins, he was a son of Deborah Jean Puffenbarger Maxwell and the late Larry

Neal McLaughlin.

Jim Bob was a logger. He loved the woods, and hunting and fishing. He will always be remembered for his kind heart, generosity and his willingness to help anyone.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, James "Puffy" and Betty Puffenbarger; and paternal grandparents, Lee and Dessie McLaughlin.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Lisa D. Furr McLaughlin; daughters, Haylee McLaughlin and Gracie McLaughlin; son, Ethan McLaughlin; step-daughter, Jayden Bennett; step-son, Brodie Bennett; uncle and aunt, Allen "Buster" and Tammy Bennett; cousin, Michael and Ruth Vandevender; brother-in-law, Eric Furr, and wife, Tiffany; and several other aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held Wednesday, December 28, 2022, at Wallace and Wallace Funeral Home in Arbovale with Pastor Carl Greathouse officiating.

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even receive any response when they are suffering an emergency medical crisis.

Rebinski said that State Code requires that County Commissions ensure that there is full ambulance coverage in their counties, and so he is making a proposal to divert \$170,000 of the discretionary portion of the Hotel/Motel Tax Revenues to hire paid EMS staff, who would be county employees once hired. They would be staffing the day shifts at the volunteer departments in the Northern part of the county, and the program would, as quickly as possible, be expanded to cover the day shifts in the rest of the county. He said the current volunteers would be able to cover the evening and night responses once relieved of the responsibilities of covering the daytime shifts.

When Pocahontas County Clerk Deputy Lisa Workman attempted to show exactly how Rebinski's Hotel/Motel Tax proposal would work, she was shouted down by one person in the audience. So, we obtained the following information from a spreadsheet provided by the clerk's office.

It was pointed out that because Hotel/Motel Tax revenue has been much larger than projected over recent years, the organizations who receive a percentage of it have actually received a much larger amount of money over those years than they were budgeted to re-

ceive.

The proposal would not prevent any organization from receiving its same percentage of the Hotel/Motel Tax revenue that is not committed by county policy or state law.

The state requires that 50 percent of the total Hotel Motel Tax revenue go to each county's Convention and Visitors Bureau, and county policy has been to give the hospital \$75,000; EMS \$75,000; the Fire Board \$50,000; and \$20,000 to its Bricks and Motor budget for repairs on the courthouse and other county buildings.

Once those have been deducted from the total amount of Hotel/Motel Tax received, the remaining tax revenue is divided up on a percentage basis to the following organizations:

- Preserving Pocahontas, 3%
- Artisan's Co-op, 3%
- Arts Council, 4%
- Historic Landmarks Commission, 5%
- Dramas, Fairs and Festi-

vals, 20%

- Parks and Recreation, 33%
- Pocahontas County Libraries and Visitor Information Centers, 32%

Rebinski's proposal would simply remove another \$170,000 before the remaining money is given to the above discretionary organizations. Each of them would still receive their funds based upon their already existing percentage.

Rebinski said this arrangement will only be temporary to prevent an imminent crisis that could cost lives if an ambulance fails to respond to an emergency call, but a permanent funding solution will be necessary in the future.

The EMS people in the audience obviously supported the proposal, while some people from other organizations objected, feeling there should be a better way than hurting valuable community organizations. Some people suggested that since the EMS organizations bill a patient's medical insurance when they provide ambulance service,

that should be sufficient, however Rebinski and others pointed out that insurance companies usually only pay a very small portion of an ambulance bill, if anything at all.

Sam Gibson objected to the proposal, saying it is just taking money from one group and giving it to another group, and the county should have seen this crisis coming years ago and fixed it then.

Many others expressed similar problems and objections to this plan.

Commission President Walt Helmick said that Rebinski's plan really only takes a little of the growth out of a rapidly increasing Hotel/Motel Tax revenue stream.

The commission will consider what action to take on this, if any, in the upcoming months.

In other matters, the commission:

- approved for County Prosecutor Terri Helmick to hire Ryan Jackson as a full-time Assistant Prosecutor to replace Keith McMillion who leaves at the end of December. Jackson will receive \$70,000 annual salary plus full benefits.
- authorized Parks and Recreation to maintain the county-owned former FEMA lots in East Cass. This will mostly be grass cutting on some of the lots. Parks and Recreation offered to do this.
- appointed Brad Hertko to the Historic Landmarks Commission Board and received the annual update from the Historic Landmarks Commission.

received the annual report on Preserving Pocahontas from B.J. Gudmundsson.

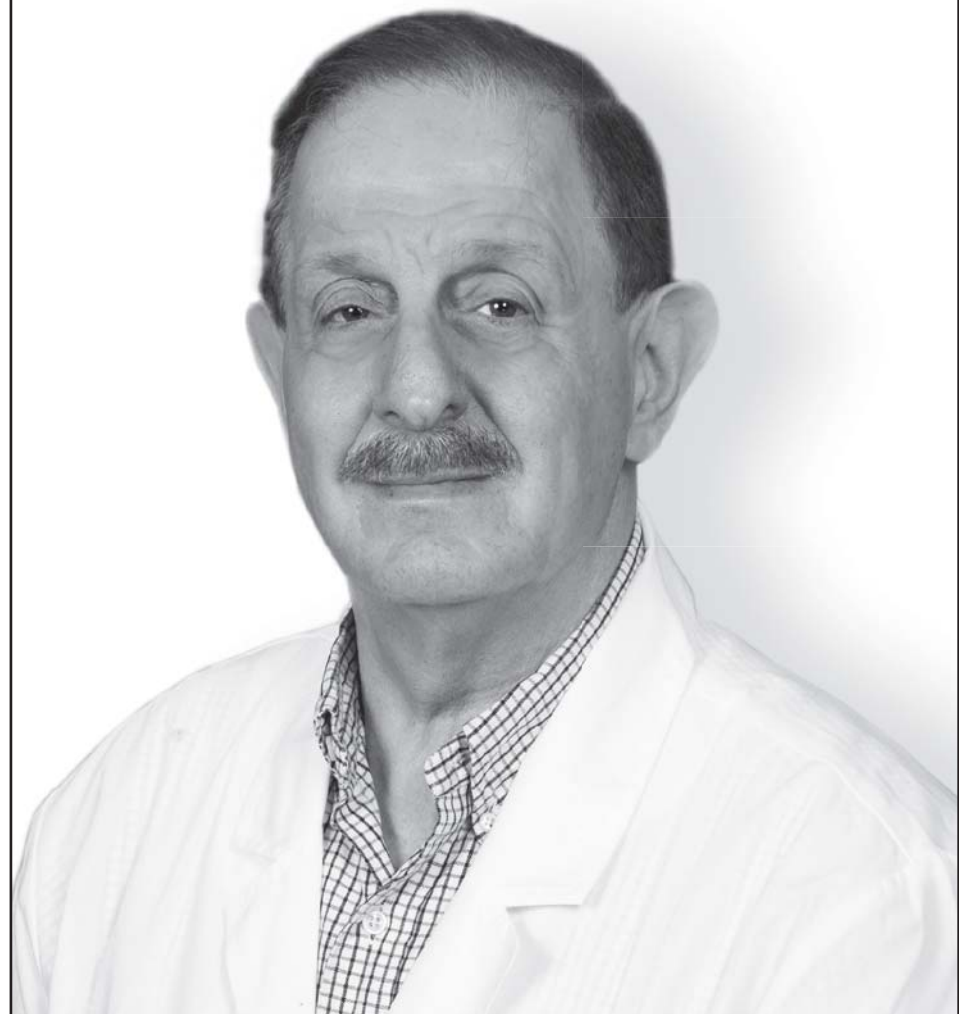
approved for Pocahontas Memorial Hospital to apply for a \$2-million hospital expansion grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC).

approved the O & M agreement with Citynet which will address ownership and maintenance of the fiber-optic broadband service lines to be built with funds from the ARC Broadband Grant. This approval was required to move forward with this project.

voted to extend the Governor's offer for county employees to take a half-day off on December 23 to giving them the full day off.

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**THIS WINTER SCENE** in Huntersville shows the young pine grove above the Carl Hand property in the late 1930s. Happy New Year from Preserving Pocahontas! (Photo courtesy of Laura Defibaugh McLaughlin, Eula Gibson Collection, ID: PHP000965)

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## Seventy-Five Years Ago

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday,  
January 1, 1947

### FATAL SHOOTING

Mrs. Sarah Loving, wife of Ryan Loving, is dead of a gunshot wound in the head received at the hands of Sam Walker, aged 38 years, who is in the Pocahontas Memorial Hospital with a self-inflicted wound in the shoulder.

The woman was employed in the home of J. A. McLaughlin in Marlinton. Walker came to the house about six o'clock Monday evening, followed the woman into the front room and there shot her down with a 20-gauge shot gun. The charge took effect in her head. He then went out on the street and shot himself with no very serious results. A shotgun is a rather unhandy weapon for a short-armed man to shoot himself with.

No reason has been given for the rash act.

Walker was a soldier in the late war, with long service overseas.

### FIELD NOTES

The old settler was in from the back hacking looking the worse from wear. There had been some family differences, and the son-in-law finally had to pile on the old man, who came out of the mix-up with his face all scratched. Us old timers

knew better than to inquire how come, but a younger man full of sympathy did ask how come. Brother, the old man said, I was a sorting out a passel of wild cats; the last one in the bottom turned out to be a panther, and he naturally scratched the very Dickens out of me.

Speaking about wild cats, I heard this one on my friend, George. He had been catching coons in a hollow log trap, set back on Gauley Mountain, up from the Crooked Fork of Elk. George's right hand was all scratched and cut up by coon bites, for his habit was to reach in the hollow log bare handed, and haul the varmint out by a hind leg, regardless of bites and scratches... One morning George looked at the trap and the door was down. He reached in for his coon, and got something by the hid leg. There was a spitting instead of a growling, but it was too late to let loose then. Out came a chunk of a wildcat, a scratching and a spitting. For that extra clawing, George vowed he would end it all for that cat by slamming him against a tree. In attempting to swing it around his head, the cat did not complete the circle. It clawed the heavy mackinaw coat to pieces, and George finally had to let go. Then to add insult to injury, that there cat

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## Footsteps through History

The Pocahontas Times  
Andrew Price, Editor

Thursday,  
December 31, 1897

### Oldest Town in the State

Lewisburg is the oldest town in the State, and from its many dark blue limestone buildings, it looks as if it might defy many more centuries of time. It is the same today as it was before the war, and it looks as if it may be the same henceforth and forever. It has the same sleepy atmosphere, the same lack of bustle and animation, the same set of hotel loungers who smoke and recount deeds of former times, the same shambling old negro men with their cabins, cabbage patches, and pig stys, so familiar to the residents farther south. It was founded by William Lewis, one of the famous Lewis family, and the first fort was called Fort Donnelly.

It was from here that General Andrew Lewis, and his brother Colonel Charles Lewis, marched overland to the mouth of the Kanawha River with the army of Virginia, cutting down Chief Cornstalk and scattering his braves. It was only a few miles from here that the famous “Greenbrier Massacre” occurred. It was here that one of the hottest little fights of the war occurred, and not far away the Battle of Droop Mountain took place. It is here that the finest old church in both states stands – the Old Stone church, built one hundred and one years ago by the Presbyterians, of that never to be destroyed material blue limestone, and today it is as good as if a century of time had not whirled off its cycles over its old stone tower.

In God's half acre which lies back of this grand old kirk, lie buried the remains of many a famous man – men famous in war and famous in peace; famous as soldiers of 1776 and soldiers of the late war; famous as statesmen, preachers and citizens.

### LOCAL EVENTS

THE Odd Fellows gave an oyster supper Wednesday night to the members of the lodge and their wives.

THE parties engaged in the elopement affair a few weeks ago, have all become reconciled and things are in status quo.

XMAS has come and gone; everything has passed off quietly. Very cold and snowy at present.

THERE has been quite a change in the atmosphere in the last few days. Friday morning, the coldest of the season, the mercury registering 4 degrees below zero.

MARRIED: Near Lee Bell, Tuesday, December 21, by Rev. F. J. Brooke, Mr. Napoleon Bonaparte Hutton and Miss May Crouch, daughter of Abraham Crouch, Esq.

THE evidence of a very sad accident was to be noticed in the Greenbrier Bridge last Monday morning. The remains of a broken jug and a strong smell of the “oil of joy” denoted that somebody had let a gallon jug slip and, falling on the side rail of the wagon track, it had burst into a dozen pieces and the liquor had stained the roadbed all around.

### BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

The Friel relationship trace their ancestry to one Daniel O’Friel, a native of Ireland, who probably came to Augusta county with the Lewises. He settled on Middle River between Churchville and Staunton.

His children were James, William, Jeremiah and Anna O’Friel...

Daniel seems to have been a man of considerable means. He sold his property for Continental money, with a view to settling in Kentucky. The money being repudiated, he was unable to carry out his plans.

Upon Jacob Warwick’s invitation, Jeremiah O’Friel came to Clover Lick. Mr. Warwick gave him land on Carrich Ridge, now owned by John R. Poage. This land was exchanged with Sampson Mathews, senior, for lands on Greenbrier now occupied in part by his descendants, near the mouth of Thorny Creek.

Jeremiah Friel’s wife was Anna Brown, daughter of Joseph Brown, who was living at the time of his daughter’s marriage on the Greenbrier, east side, about opposite the mouth of Clover Creek. Their first home was on Carrich Ridge, then afterwards they lived on the river. Their children were Joseph, Daniel, Josiah, John, Catherine, Hannah, Ellen, Mary and Jennie...

It may be interesting to say about Jeremiah Friel that he stands on the old list as the first subscriber to The Pocahontas Times, and he claims to have owned and used the first kerosene lamp in Pocahontas County in 1865...

Several years before his death, Daniel O’Friel was riding through the woods one dark night. The horse passed under a tree with wide-spreading limbs and Mr. O’Friel was so severely injured in his spine that he was virtually helpless the remainder of his life. He died in 1819, sincerely lamented by his relative, neighbors and friends.

## 100-Years-Ago in The Pocahontas Times

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday,  
December 28, 1922

Christmas Day in Pocahontas was warm, sunny and spring-like, with a temperature of 50 degrees. This was shade temperature. Tuesday was equally as warm and fine.

A large crowd attended the Christmas tree at the Methodist church Saturday and greatly enjoyed the exercises by the children. The Christmas service at the Presbyterian church was held on Sunday evening. So large was the attendance that the program had to be given twice. The service consisted of two pageants, “The Spirit of Christmas,” by the Primary Department, and the “Adoration of the Shepherds and Wise Men,” by other members of the school. It was pronounced about the finest thing of its kind ever attempted there.

Among the students home for the Christmas holidays are Misses Alice McClintic, Chambersburg, Rebecca Sydnor, Washington, Delpha Snedegar, Fairmont, Mildred Yeager, Huntington, Helen

Barlow, Lewisburg, Alice Collins, Morgantown, Marie Smith, Elkins. Also the following young gentlemen, Craig Richardson, Roanoke, Dallas McKeever, Huntington, Hull and Arnaut Yeager, Guy Bambrick, Francis Harris and Sterl Wooddell, Concord, Raymond Gibson, Morgantown, Hubert Slavin, Claude Collins, Pittsburgh, Bruce Brown, Baltimore, St Louis, John Sharp, Lewisburg.

Floyd Ryder, of North Fork of Anthonys Creek, lost a hand putting off Christmas blasts with dynamite, and held one of them too long. He was brought to the Marlinton hospital on Monday night and it was found necessary to amputate his arm near the elbow. He was also injured about the face somewhat. Ryder is about 35 years old, married and has one child.

Guy, five year old child of Jerry Friel, of Sixty, lost two fingers on Christmas day. Two children were playing with an axe. Dr. N. R. Price was called and dressed the wounds.

### ATTEMPTED HOLDUP

Someone attempted to hold up Floyd Brill at his garage on Monday night. As Mr. Brill was getting out of his car, a man unknown to him stuck a gun in his face. Mr. Brill grabbed the gun and struck the would-be robber in his face with his fist. He knocked him down and secured the gun. The man ran off toward the Marlinton Garage. Not a word was said, and Mr. Brill has no idea who the man was or what he wanted. The time was between eleven and twelve o'clock. From the marks on Mr. Brill's knuckles, there is likely to be wounds on the man's face. The gun is an able one, a 32 special Colt revolver.

### FROST

Clyde Townsend was seriously kicked by a horse last week. He is some better at this writing.

Mrs. Sherman Gibson had the banner turkey in our neighborhood, it weighed 35 pounds. The 12 sold to A. A. Sharp weighed 190 pounds. It would be a good idea for prizes to be offered for the largest turkey, Frost section would win. Mrs. Gibson's turkey brought \$14.

Roland Sharp, who is attending Cass school, was down Saturday. He was accompanied by his school-

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## Judge, from page 2

Throughout his career, Gaujot practiced and litigated cases in various state and federal courts throughout West Virginia and the United States including the U.S. Supreme Court and other various courts in West Virginia, Virginia and Pennsylvania.

Additionally, Gaujot has served as general council for the cities of Nitro and Shinnston and was council for the sheriff of Kanawha County. He has also served as a board member to both WVU Alumni Association and the Mon General Hospital Foundation.

In 2009, Gaujot was appointed as a Monongalia County Circuit Court Judge by then-governor Joe Manchin, after the legislature added a third judge to the circuit. He was then elected in 2012 and re-elected in 2016.

"I've been very fortunate to serve as judge of this county and serve the people of this county," Gaujot said. "It's hard to believe that this day is finally coming. I'm retiring with mixed emotions, but I am looking forward to a new chapter in my life and actually new adventures — and I'm looking forward to a little bit of rest."

"During this time I have felt some fear about the future and what will come next," he told the crowd. "It's a little bit daunting and scary to be honest with you."

Gaujot said he put a lot of

thought into retirement and is looking forward to more leisure and "doing all the things I thought I would do someday."

The feeling, he said, was bittersweet because he also feels sadness about leaving behind what has been such an important part of his life.

"I've been told that what I am about to enter into is a permanent weekend, a never-ending vacation," he said, joking that his wife, Carol, "will now get twice the husband, but only half the pay."

"I just hope that Carol doesn't enter the portal," he said in a hilarious reference to the NCAA transfer portal. "You know she might enter the portal to see if something else is out there."

Gaujot reflected on his childhood growing up in Pocahontas County, saying "I had no idea about what kind of life I would lead during that time. I didn't think I could afford college and I never dreamed of being a lawyer, let alone a judge."

In his nearly eight decades of life, Gaujot said that there are two decades that have impacted his life the most — the 1960s and 2009 to the present.

After graduating [Green Bank] high school in 1962, he said he worked a year for the CIA during the Bay of Pigs, and the Cuban Missile Crisis "which was extremely interesting to me," he said.

"And I was there for the showdown we had with Russia."

He started college in 1963. In 1965 he met his wife, Carol, who he referred to as

his "girlfriend, sweetheart, and soulmate," later marrying her in 1967. He finished the decade with a bachelor's degree and a law degree and welcomed his first son, Todd, who serves as a Magistrate Court judge in Mon County.

"So you can see everything that happened in that 10-year span was so meaningful to me," Gaujot said. "That's why I think that decade, of the almost eight decades I've been alive, was so important to me."

Gaujot said the past decade has also served as an important bookend for his life and career.

"First, I appreciate and thank then-governor Manchin for my appointment as judge of the 17th

Judicial Circuit," he said. "I must say it has been a privilege to serve in the position of judge for 13 years. I thank the citizens of this county who twice went to the polls and voted for me to serve as judge of this wonderful county."

The judge concluded his speech with a series of thank yous to staff members and others who have supported him over the years.

"I want to give special thanks to the Monongalia County Bar, especially for the respect that you have shown me throughout my tenure. I know that my rulings didn't always go your way, but I always say 'be mad at me for ruling against you, just don't stay mad at me,'" he said.

"The respect that you have given me is noticeable and it registers in the heart and I

hope that my legacy is that I was a fair judge — that is so important to me."

Speaking with those who came to show their support of the judge, his fairness will only be a part of the legacy he will be leaving.

"I've known him to be an honest and fair, very forward thinking judge on the circuit court, and it's been a pleasure to work with him," said former Monongalia County Sheriff Al Kisner. "He is a great guy, very level headed. I think he was a very fair judge and I think a lot of people that even went before him would say the same thing. I hate to see him go, but we all face that time when retirement is on the board."

Law Clerk Brian McAllister, who presented a plaque to the retiring judge, said "It is a privilege beyond words to serve the people of the state of West Virginia, but the only greater privilege is to serve the people of the state of West Virginia with this man."

Gaujot's longest serving employee and court reporter, Julie Blosser, was unable to attend the event, but sent a message for the man whose every word she has repeated for 13 years.

"You have served this community with fairness, kindness, compassion — and that's something of which you should be very proud. I

hope you realize how many lives you have impacted in a positive way during your tenure as a judge — and one of those lives is mine," Blosser wrote. "I also want to make sure that you know how much of an impact you had on the lives of the people who appeared before you. You treated every case on an individual basis, you listened to those who needed to be heard and you had empathy for those who had probably never had someone listen to them before," she said.

"I've heard in your voice and in your words how much of yourself you've given to the people of the state of West Virginia serving as a judge, and it has been my honor to be by your side for the last 13 years."

Newly elected Circuit Court Clerk Donna Hidock said she has also worked with Gaujot since his appointment and "will miss him horribly."

"It's a new chapter, it's going to be a change," Hidock said. "I know that whoever replaces him — and I say replace, I don't think anybody can really replace him — but I am very confident and we will work with whoever it is. It is just going to be a big transition, but we will get there."

Hidock, who helped organize the retirement party for Gaujot, said "it meant

everything" to her that they were able to honor the judge this way.

"He is a great man with a great family," she said.

Gaujot told the Dominion Post that he doesn't have any immediate plans after his retirement at the end of the year, but plans to do some of the things he loves like skiing, hunting and fishing, as well as spending more time with his family and grandchildren.

The judge said he has no regrets about his chosen profession and will encourage those interested in law to pursue it.

"I tell young people, if you're contemplating a profession, think about the law because it is so meaningful," he said. "The response — the positive response that you can get from the law is immediate."

As he inches closer to his final day in court, the judge said he was feeling grateful.

"You know, the respect that I received from everyone in the courtroom, as a judge you want that respect and you hope you give that respect — it's a two-way street. And I tried to do that and I got it in return," he said. "It's been an absolute privilege to serve as judge. What a wonderful way to finish my career in the law."

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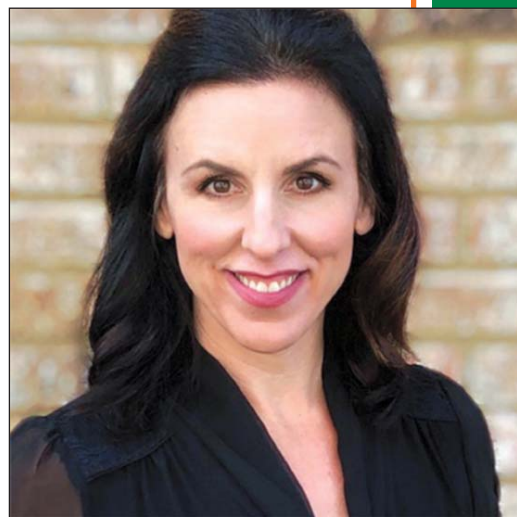
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## Your, from page 3

and appreciated by others. Every crystal was a masterpiece of design and no one design was ever repeated.

When a snowflake melted, that design was forever lost. Just that much beauty was gone, without leaving any record behind." Wilson Alwyn Bentley.

Thank you, Mr. Bentley, for leaving your magnificent photographic record behind.

Why is snow white? Well, you probably know that all combined colors result in white, which technically is not a color.

Because snow is comprised of millions of tiny multi-faceted crystals, all reflecting light, it appears to the human eye as white. Yet, the crystals themselves are clear.

What is the largest snowflake on record?

In January 1887, near Fort Keogh in Montana, a rancher named Matt Coleman found and measured a colossal snowflake.

Imagine a snowflake landing on your nose that is 15 inches long and 8 inches thick. That's how big Coleman's snowflake was.

How did the German astronomer, Kepler, contribute to understanding how snowflakes form?

Johannes Kepler, the

17th Century astronomer, and an important figure in the Scientific Revolution, found snowflakes fascinating enough to compose a small book on the subject.

His composition was the first known scientific reference to snowflakes.

Kepler famously presented his 24-page treatise to his friend and scholar, Johannes Mattheus Wackher von Wackenfels, as a New Year's gift.

(Imagine introducing Wackenfels to all of your friends at a New Year's party, what a mouthful!)

Wackenfels was delighted to receive this insightful introduction to the snowflake and its endlessly varying symmetry.

And, finally, what is the largest recorded snowfall in West Virginia?

That would have been in November 1950 when 55.5 inches of snow fell over a period of four days in an area several miles southwest of Elkins.

That would not qualify for bragging rights in Buffalo, New York, or Colorado, but it is a lot of the beautiful crystalline structures we call snowflakes.

In next week's *For Your Consideration*, we explore the fascinating world of ice; including some new theories about ice structures that may be encountered in the cosmos.

Happy New Year to all,  
Ken Springer  
Ken1949bongo@gmail.com

## Calendar, from page 4

**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.

**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.

### LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS

#### ADMINISTRATION TO CREDITORS, DISTRIBUTEES & LEGATEES

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

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

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

First Publication Date: Thursday, December 22, 2022  
Claim Deadline: Monday, February 20, 2023

### LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS

ESTATE NUMBER: 14405  
ESTATE OF: CHRISTINA LEO LAMBERT  
EXECUTRIX: Cheryl Ann Nottingham  
3026 Flint Avenue  
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ESTATE NUMBER: 14418  
ESTATE OF: ROBERT C. WARREN  
EXECUTOR: Daniel Warren  
109 Porpoise Street  
Moyock, NC 27958

ESTATE NUMBER: 14465  
ESTATE OF: KEITH MOORE  
EXECUTRIX: Lori June McElwee  
194 Mt. Vernon Drive  
Charles Town, WV 25414  
Subscribed and sworn to before me on December 16, 2022.  
Melissa L. Bennett  
Clerk of the Pocahontas County Commission  
12/22/2c

#### POCAHONTAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT NOTICE OF CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION

The Pocahontas County Deputy Sheriff's Civil Service Commission will be conducting competitive examination testing for entry level Deputy Sheriff position(s). The written test will be given at the Pocahontas County Courthouse on Monday, Jan-

### LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS

uary 23, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. Applicants must be citizens of the United States and be between age 18 and 45. Applicants must have a high school diploma or GED. Successful applicants shall become a resident of Pocahontas County within (6) months of their hire date.

Deputy Sheriffs are full-time benefited positions, including retirement, medical insurance, vacation and sick leave. Initial annual uncertified officer salary is \$40,000, increased to \$42,500 upon completion of Academy and increased to \$45,000 after twelve months of Academy Certification. WV Certified Officers in good standing start at \$42,500 and increased to \$45,000 upon completion of twelve-month probationary period.

Applications may be obtained from the Pocahontas County Clerk's Office or the Pocahontas County Sheriff's Office. Applications must be received by the County Clerk's Office no later than the close of business on Friday, January 13, 2023. The applications may be dropped off or mailed to 900C Tenth Avenue, Marlinton WV 24954.

Pocahontas County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.  
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#### NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Public Defender Corporation, 11th Judicial Circuit at Food and Friends located at 878 Washington Street in Lewisburg Thursday, January 5, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. All interested parties may attend.  
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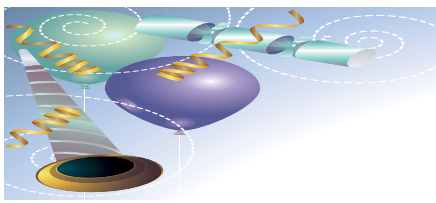
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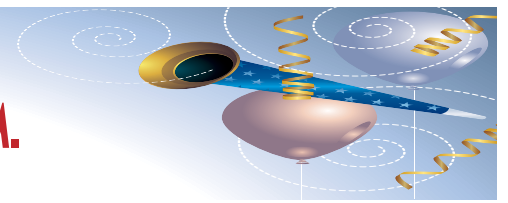
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## EARLY DEADLINE FOR THE JANUARY 5 EDITION OF THE POCAHONTAS TIMES IS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30, AT 3 P.M.

The Times office will be closed Monday, January 2.



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jumped back on George. Cam Armstrong reports there are two rabbits left on his farm on Dry Branch of Swago. These would have been gone, too, but they have changed their habits. Now they feed by day and stay in a rock pile at night to keep the foxes from getting them.

#### WEDDING

Married at Hernando, Mississippi, Captain Edward Stanley Wilson, of Marlinton, and Miss Wilma Elean Hunt, of Whitesdale, Tennessee, on Sunday, December 21, 1947.

#### BIRTH

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bennett, of Arbovale, a son, named William Eugene.

### 100, from page 7

mates, Annie Frazee and Glenn Friel.

Mitchell Sharp is throwing rock and dirt into the air, he is blowing the hill off on the road to Highland, great improvement.

#### COLLINSVILLE

Collinsville is located at R. R. Curry's place near Frost, and is made up of woods camps.

### BOE, from page 2

can rely on to provide virtual lessons to the students.

Pocahontas County High School business education teacher Cammy Kesterson gave a report on the credit recovery program, which uses West Virginia Learns and Con Academy, two virtual schools, to help students recover credits in order to remain on their graduation path.

"The majority of our students have to take those during the summer because most of them don't have room in their schedule to take the whole class over and, honestly, it's to their benefit to do it in summer school than to take the entire class over again," she said.

This past summer, there were some technical issues with West Virginia Learns so Kesterson found lessons on Con Academy which helped her students earn their cred-

#### DEATHS

William P. Miller, aged 29, of Marlinton, died in the Mt. Alto Veterans Hospital in Washington, D. C. Tuesday, December 23, 1947. On Friday afternoon, the funeral was held from the Marlinton Presbyterian Church by his pastor, Rev. Roger P. Melton. His body was laid to rest in the family plot in Mountain View Cemetery with full military honors.

The deceased was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Miller, of Buckeye. He married Miss Lena Moore, who survives. During the late war, he served long and honorably in the Navy. Upon his return he and Mrs. Miller built a house and established a home in Marlinton.

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Mrs. Bessie K. Baxter, widow of the late Frank Baxter, of Edray, departed this life on Friday, December 26, 1947. She was the daughter of Samuel Bryson and Mary

We have been grading the logging road for the Warn Lumber Co.

Friday was spreading day for the crews here - some of them went to their respective homes and some to see their best girls.

Clarence McLaughlin lost his Ford the other night and could not get back to camp - it was just a broken spark plug.

#### MARRIED

Henry Austin Wanless, of Cass, and Miss Mary A. Hill, of Hillsboro, December 23,

its.

While the credit recovery summer program has helped students for years, Kesterson said she will have concerns if the high school changes how credits are earned. She explained that the high school is considering a change where students will earn half a credit in the fall semester and half a credit in the spring semester.

The change is still in the discussion stage.

This past summer, Kesterson had a student who moved to the county from another state, who went through the credit recovery program. He was behind but has been able to recover four and a half credits thus far. Kesterson said through the program and his hard work, he will be on track to graduate with his class.

Lynne Bostic said there are currently nine students enrolled in virtual school as an alternative to attending in person. Bostic is the director of curriculum, instruction

Ann Moore, of Edray...

Her funeral was conducted on Sunday afternoon by Rev. R. J. Skaggs from the Edray Methodist church, of which she was a member from early childhood and to which she contributed of her musical talent in a large measure at the time. Interment was in the Moore Cemetery by her husband.

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Mrs. Bessie Ida Cochran, aged 71 years, wife of Raymond Cochran, of Beard, died December 21, 1947. On Wednesday, the funeral service was held from Laurel Hill Presbyterian church by her pastor, Rev. Edward Williams. Burial was in Old Droop Cemetery.

Mrs. Cochran is survived by her husband and their six children, Walter and Clarence of Beard; John G., of Covington; Miss Delpha Cochran, Mrs. Dolly Wells and Mrs. David Blankenship, all of Beard.

1922. Renick H. Waugh, of Pennsylvania, and Miss Artie Marie Clark, of Stillwell, December 25, 1922.

#### BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. K. S. Dickson, of Trimble, Va., December 24, 1922, a daughter.

Born to Edward Boggs and wife, December 25, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Sharp, December 23, a son.

and federal programs.

Virtual school is offered to middle and high school students through the West Virginia Learns program.

"We sit down with the parents before we allow them to enroll in our virtual school program," Bostic said. "It's just like if they were here in this school and they were failing, we're going to intervene. We want them to be successful."

The board thanked all three educators for their updates and for keeping the virtual school program going for students.

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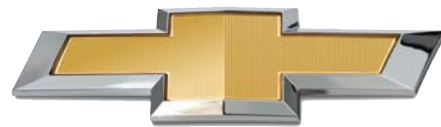


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