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West Virginia consumers are cracking: Why are eggs so expensive?

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CLARKSBURG, W.Va. (WV News) — Shoppers have likely noticed that eggs have been much more expensive lately at retailers across the state.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index released January 12, the index for eggs rose 11.1 percent in December alone, with a much higher increase on the year.

From December 2021 to December 2022, the average cost of eggs saw a staggering 59.9 percent increase nationwide.

The increase was not uniform geographically, because some parts of the country saw a smaller price hike while others saw the price of a dozen eggs triple since last December.

For example, the average retail price for a dozen large eggs in California is \$7.37 as of December 2022 compared to \$2.35 a year ago, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Although inflation has eased a bit in recent weeks, prices peaked nationwide around Christmas mostly due to increased demand for the holiday.

The average price of eggs



POULTRY FARMS ACROSS the country have been affected by avian influenza, although West Virginia has avoided the spread thus far. AP photo

has more than doubled for most consumers in the United States, according to industry experts.

This trend of more expensive eggs has spread across the United States, requiring consumers to shell out more money due to several factors.

"Egg prices all across the country are on the rise," said West Virginia Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt. "We've seen a price increase of about 49 percent over the past year, and there are a couple reasons why."

With several issues combining to cause staggering

inflation, the nail in the coffin for egg and poultry prices was a deadly pandemic that killed tens of millions of birds, mostly chickens.

High Pathogen Avian Influenza (HPAI) has been sweeping across the country since 2021, decimating the supply of egg-laying hens.

"The first factor is the outbreak of HPAI that has devastated poultry houses all across the U.S.," Leonhardt said. "Here, in West Virginia, we have not recorded a single case of HPAI. Our farms have put into place strict biosecurity measures. That,

and some good luck on our part, has kept HPAI from impacting our farmers.

"Most other states have been hit with HPAI not only in their commercial layers but backyard flocks, as well. The USDA estimates 57.6 million birds have been destroyed since the start of this outbreak in late 2021."

The fallout of HPAI means that this running streak of high egg prices won't likely show any sign of abating anytime soon.

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From decoration to fish habitat

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

Although there is a plethora of artificial Christmas trees on the market, there are still families that prefer using real trees during the holiday season. Once the season is over, however, it is time for disposal. While most real Christmas trees end up in the landfill, the U.S. Forest Service offers an alternative that will give the trees a new life in the forest.

The Marlinton Ranger District office is collecting the trees to use as fish habitats in nearby lakes. Fisheries biologist Kyle Tasker explained that the Forest Service has collected Christmas trees for years to use as habitats, but this is the first time the Marlinton office has been a part of the collection process.

"It has been done for several years in the past by the West Virginia DNR," He said. "They used to collect them in Charleston and shipped them around to lakes all across the state that are state managed and even some on the forest to use as habitat."

The recycling program is a nationwide occurrence

and while it is not the only source of wood for habitats, it is a unique way for the community to contribute to the welfare of local streams and lakes.

"We use wood to create habitats all the time — making structures that fish, such as trout, are going to be using on the national forest streams," Tasker said. "This just gives us another tool in the tool belt or opportunity to use different trees in different circumstances."

Once the trees are collected, they are tied together with a twine or string that will decompose. The bundle of trees will then be weighed down and placed in the lakes in areas where habitats are needed.

"As Christmas trees are green, they're kind of buoyant," Tasker said. "You have to weigh them down to get them to sink, but then they'll get water logged and provide that good fish habitat that we're looking for. The main thing that these trees provide is a lot of diverse cover for small fish and even bigger fish that are looking to prey on small fish. It's an attractant in the water when

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Emma Grace Foothills Boutique ~ from online to storefront

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

When Nancy Harris and her husband, Frank, moved to Pocahontas County from their native state of Florida, she didn't intend to open a clothing store, but in September 2022, she found herself turning her online shop, Emma Grace Foothills Boutique, into a storefront in Green Bank.

The Harris owned and operated their own irrigation and landscaping business in Florida and worked side-by-side for 30 years until Nancy was diagnosed with Crohn's disease and had to take a step back from working in the field.

As a way to fight boredom — and make a little extra income — Nancy started Emma Grace with the idea that a portion of the proceeds would go toward dog rescue and other organizations in the area.

Along with their business, the Harris also worked to-

gether to rescue dogs and have taken in dogs for almost as long as they've had their business.

In fact, several of their rescues were the inspiration behind the boutique name and logo.

"Emma and Gracie are two of our rescues," Nancy said. "The dog on my logo is not Emma or Gracie. I'm always asked that. That's Hoss. He's going to be fourteen in a couple months."

The online business was doing so well that Nancy continued to make sales when the couple moved permanently to the county in March 2022. After 13 years of renovations and additions, they moved into their home on Buffalo Mountain, with their rescue dogs and boutique in tow.

Nancy planned to continue her online sales at home, but the Internet speed at home was nowhere near what she had in Florida. She reached out to Kay Gillispie, who owns the Art in Green Bank building, with the intention

of renting a space to use just as a staging area for her on-line videos.

Instead, she found herself opening a store filled with women's clothes and accessories.

"I had no idea it was going to be so much fun and people here would react to my crazy ideas to raise money for organizations," she said.

Since opening, the store has kept a steady pace of shoppers who are on board with Nancy's yearn to give back. During the holiday season, for every Christmas T-shirt that was sold, five dollars was put aside for the Green Bank Senior Center. Nancy said \$350 was raised.

Nancy also donates clothes and has a large collection of women's and men's fashions to take to Pocahontas Center in Marlinton.

Although the shop is mainly for women of all sizes, Nancy added men's clothing during the holiday shopping season.



EMMA GRACE FOOTHILLS Boutique, located in Green Bank, is owned and operated by Nancy Harris, shown here with her Valentine's Day display at the center of the store. S. Stewart photo

"I did learn something this year from the hunters," she said. "They need stuff. They come here and they forget [to bring things with them]. I was asked for men's boots left and right. Before hunting

season starts, I'll bring the menswear out."

Nancy also plans to add a children's section in time for Easter, including Easter dresses and accessories.

With her passion for fash-

ion, Nancy is always on the lookout for trends and watches to see what customers gravitate toward when they shop.

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Broadband Council explains O&M Broadband Contract

Tim Walker
Allegheny Mt. Radio

At the January 12 Broadband Council Meeting, Sarah Riley said that the Operations and Maintenance Agreement (O&M) between the county and the Internet Service Provider (ISP) Citynet has now been finalized and is public record. Riley said this agreement, which specifically relates to the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Grant Project, will serve as a blueprint agreement for future broadband agreements in the county, and will likely serve as a blueprint for other counties to use as well in their broadband projects. She described the agreement as “one of our biggest accomplishments as a Broadband Council – a significant milestone.”

Riley explained that Pocahontas County will own the project until the end of the ARC Grant, upon which time it will be transferred to Citynet as long as Citynet is doing a good job operating

the service. She said even after ownership is transferred, the county will retain some strands of the fiber for any use the county wants. The agreement also requires Citynet, if they lease out some of the fiber strands to a third party, such as another ISP, that a percentage of the income Citynet derives from that lease will go to the county. Riley said the county will also receive five percent of the fees residents pay Citynet for providing Internet service to customers. She said under this agreement, Citynet will also handle all of the maintenance, customer care and service calls for the Internet service, which also includes Citynet notifying the county, and all of the customers, if there is an outage.

Mike Holstine added that, under this agreement, the county agreed to keep up with this project, even when the ARC Grant ends, and “not just let the project linger.” At that time, the county will determine if Citynet is doing a good job running the service and, if

not, Citynet could be removed. He added that this is a great agreement for the county, and the Broadband Council should be very proud of the job they did negotiating it.

Cory Nipper, an Engineer with the Thompson and Litton Company (T&L.) who have been hired to help get the project going, told the council that they are working closely with Citynet to get permits for all the first energy poles that will be used for the project’s fiber-optic lines. He said everything else is also going smoothly, including the environmental coordination, which was completed a few months ago, and they are now waiting to hear back from the Army Corps of Engineers about that.

There was some discussion about the difference between the O&M agreement Roane County executed with Citynet for its Broadband Project, in which Roane County retained ownership of 50 percent of the fiber strands, which could allow them to bring in an addi-

tional ISP. While here, Pocahontas County is retaining ownership of a much smaller percentage of the project’s fiber strands. It was explained that Roane county’s project was much more expensive since they are installing 288-strand fiber in Roane County while the Pocahontas County project will only install 144-strand fiber. Citynet explained they will need most of the 144 strands to service all the customers in Pocahontas County.

Citynet has agreed to come to a future Broadband Council meeting to further explain this and let the council know how much more it would cost the county to install the 288-strand fiber, that would allow the county to retain ownership of 50 percent of the strands.

In addition, Ruthana Beezley said council did a good job getting the word out to people to challenge the map. The council will contact our two U.S. Senators to try and get the FCC to reopen the challenge period.

AG warns consumers of Sweepstakes Scam

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrissey warns consumers to be on guard when notified of winning a sweepstakes, especially those associated with the name of a legitimate company or government agency.

The Attorney General’s Consumer Protection Division continues to receive reports from West Virginians victimized by these scams. Scammers have been known to use familiar names to lure consumers into a false sense of trust and unquestioned acceptance, which leads them to give the scammers money to claim the supposed prize.

One victim from Upshur County lost nearly \$18,000 – the consumer sent money via a gift card, money order, MoneyGram and Western Union.

“Consumers can fall prey to sweepstakes scams as the ploy can appear very attractive – who doesn’t want to win money?” Morrissey said. “However, it is important that consumers verify the legitimacy of any win. Also, look for warning signs such as unusual word choices or improper grammar if you receive a letter from the supposed sweepstakes.”

“Most importantly, never give money to a scammer or allow them to access your credit card or com-

puter.” Targeted consumers are told they have won a lottery or sweepstakes, but they must pay the taxes or fees upfront in order to collect the prize. Those who send money lose it, as the impostor disappears and the winnings never arrive.

While there are contests that do award prizes, consumers must carefully verify the legitimacy of any win.

For instance, Publishers Clearing House, state lotteries and government agencies never require winners to pay money to receive their prize. That means potential winners should never agree to send cash, wire money or provide numbers associated with a gift card, credit/debit card or bank account.

Furthermore, Publishers Clearing House does not notify winners by phone, but instead by in-person visit or certified mail.

Winning a sweepstakes the consumer didn’t enter, being asked to pay upfront fees or taxes and being pressured to act immediately should all be red flags, Morrissey said.

Consumers with questions or think they may have been the victim of a sweepstakes scam can contact the Attorney General’s Consumer Protection Division at 800-368-8808 or visit the office online at www.ago.wv.gov

Circuit Court

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

In the case the State vs Joseph Tawney, 40, of Marlinton, the court released the defendant from home confinement and placed him on parole for one year while he completes payment of restitution and court costs.

The court denied a motion for reduction of sentence and probation for Eric Horn, 39, of Marlinton, because of the nature of the offense and the fact that the defendant has not taken full responsibility for what he has done. Horn was sentenced in June to not less than five years nor more than 25 years. At the end of his incarceration he will be placed on extended supervised probation for the maximum term allowed by law – 50 years. Horn is to register on the sexual offender program and follow the terms and conditions, one of which is no contact with children other than his own. The defendant will also be responsible for any costs involved in counseling for the victim.

A plea agreement has been reached in the case the State vs Kevin Withers, 34, of Marlinton. A change of plea hearing is set for January 27.

A change of plea hearing is set for January 23 in the case the State vs Kristina Dawn Bennett, 42, of Circleville, who is incarcerated in the Tygart Valley Regional Jail.

A status conference was held in the case the State vs Clayton Ray Wykle, 48, of Lindside, wherein defense counsel advised the court that the defendant has serious medical issues and has been unable to fulfill the conditions of his pre-trial diversion agreement. Defense asked for a deferred adjudication to allow Wykle a longer period of time for payment of restitution. A further status hearing is set for

February 10, with all motions for trial to be filed by February 9.

Charles Irvine, 49, of Marlinton, tendered a plea agreement to the court and was adjudged guilty of driving while revoked for DUI, third offense. Irvine was sentenced as to the plea agreement to West Virginia Department of Corrections for not less than one year nor more than three years. He will be permitted to discharge his sentence on monitored home confinement with specific conditions that he is not to drive on roads or public ways of this state without a valid license. Irvine was fined \$3,000 and court costs were assessed. Fines are to be paid during period of home confinement.

In the case the State vs Jeremiah Powell, 41, of Maxwellton, the court granted a motion to allow the defendant to reside at the Samaritan Inn in Charleston with GPS monitoring from the time he leaves the Southwestern Regional Jail, and continuing while he is at the facility. Josh Vaughan will be responsible for the monitoring.

Arraignment Hearings:

David W. Mace, 37, of Marlinton, appearing by video from the Southern Regional Jail, pleaded guilty to three counts, strangulation, a felony; two counts, wanton endangerment involving a firearm, a felony. Pretrial status conference is set for February 16. The court approved the previously set bond in the amount of \$40,000.

Sergio D. Rodriguez-Huertas, 28, of Durbin, did not seem to understand what was happening at his hearing although he had conferred with his counsel by way of an interpreter. The matter is continued. Defense counsel was directed to convert the indictment to Spanish for the defendant.

Patrick Butler, II, 36, of Slaty Fork, appearing by video from Tygart Valley Regional Jail, pleaded not guilty to one count, strangulation, a felony; one count, domestic battery, a misdemeanor.

Ralph Jeffrey McLaughlin, 54, of Dunmore, appeared by video from TVRJ, and pleaded not guilty to 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.

Adam Harwell, 36, of Marlinton, pleaded not guilty to 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. He remains on \$40,000 bond with the condition of home confinement and no contact with victims.

Daniel C. Good, 32, of Durbin, pleaded not guilty to one count, grand larceny, a felony; one count, destruction of property, a misdemeanor; one count, receiving or transferring stolen property, a felony. He remains on previously posted bond.

Frances Darlene Fisher, 29, of Marlinton, pleaded not guilty to one count, grand larceny, a felony. The defendant is to undergo substance abuse treatment and evaluation. She will remain on previously posted \$10,000 bond.

Franklin Monroe Cook, 64, of Caldwell, pleaded not guilty to 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. Bond was set at \$30,000 cash/surety/property with special condition of no contact with victims, direct or indirect.

Joshua Ray VanReenen, 35, of Hillsboro, pleaded not guilty to 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. He remains on previously posted \$70,000 bond.

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Town of Durbin General Election Candidate Filing

The Town of Durbin shall hold a General Election on Tuesday, June 13, 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. January 28, 2023.

All mailed Certificates of Announcement must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service no later than midnight, January 28, 2023.

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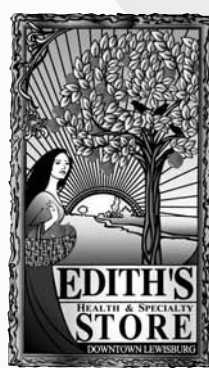
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An Update on America's most treasured tree How the American chestnut became critically endangered and why we should care

"The devastation of the American chestnut by the chestnut blight represents one of the greatest recorded changes in natural plant population caused by an introduced organism." William MacDonald, former professor of plant pathology at WVU, 1978.

Little kid, big tree. I was no more than 10 years old when first introduced to the plight of the most magnificently shaped tree I had ever seen.

A favorite uncle made our walk across the rolling farmland of southern Ohio to a single tree a somber and formal affair. It was as though we were visiting the grave of a dead loved one.

As we walked, Uncle Bud described his childhood memories of the American chestnut; it was pure nostalgia.

Many people in Uncle Bud's youth had favorite chestnut trees that they claimed bore more or sweeter nuts. Some people even had photographs of an individual cherished tree. Losing them would have a massive impact on Appalachia.

Uncle Bud was a genuinely talented and funny comic; he kept all around him in stitches and could have been a standup comedian today. My uncle's tone that late September day bespoke an emotion out of character with his usual sharp-witted personality.

As we came upon the lone tree Uncle Bud wished to show me, he placed an open hand reverently upon the massive trunk and held it there as he spoke. He told me that the range of the American chestnut tree extended from Alabama and Georgia in the deep south and as far north as Maine and the very southern margins of Ontario.

It was the dominant tree in its range throughout Appalachia. In some areas, the chestnut accounted for 30 percent of the total tree population; in others, it was as high as 50 percent.

Uncle Bud's American chestnut tree was immense for those in southern Ohio, a good six feet in diameter, and its canopy spread out wide and symmetrical. In other parts of the tree's range, the chestnut was over 100 feet in height and 13 feet in diameter.

There was not a square centimeter of sun-dappled ground under Uncle Bud's tree. Even at noon, it offered unbroken shade. As a respite for the farmer, the cool shade made the chestnut a favorite

place to indulge in a mid-day nap.

The lone chestnut tree stood like a sentry in the middle of a large hayfield. The ground underneath the canopy was covered with spiny burrs. Most of the burrs had split open, revealing three rich brown nuts encapsulated within the protective jacket.

Before Uncle Bud could stop me, I grabbed a prickly chestnut burr, letting go immediately. Chestnut gathering lesson number one was learned in a millisecond and remembered for a lifetime; the burrs were there to protect the nut and bore the armament to do so.

Unfortunately, the next chestnut I foraged would be from a Chinese chestnut. Our American variety was nowhere to be found.

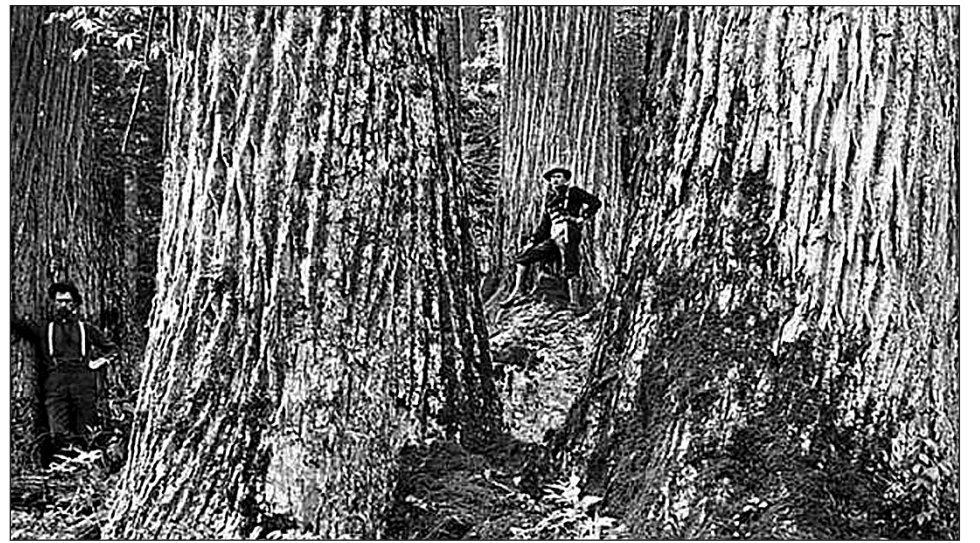
My uncle told me something on the walk that was novel to me at the time. Yet I would hear it and its several geographic iterations, often in the years ahead, whenever the subject of the American chestnut came up.

He said, "These trees were so dense when I was a youngster that a squirrel could go from the Ohio River to Lake Erie without ever touching the ground."

The American chestnut, like many native trees, had withstood many assaults through millennia. The root-rotting Ink Disease of the mid-1800s is an excellent example of the intermittent onslaughts suffered by the American chestnut and other tree species.

But it would be an invasive pathogenic fungus, *Cryphonectria parasitica*, native to South and East Asia, that would spell its near-total extinction.

The importance of the American chestnut to the



BEFORE THE BLIGHT made the American chestnut functionally extinct, it dominated the forest of Appalachia, rising 100 feet in the air and up to 13 feet in diameter. Photos courtesy of the American Chestnut Foundation

economy and lifestyle of those living in Appalachia cannot be overstated.

A recent National Public Radio Science Friday episode describes the chestnut tree as an integral part of Appalachians' lives from "cradle to grave." Chestnut, after all, was the preferred wood for making cradles and coffins.

Chestnut wood was treasured for its light weight, beauty and resistance to rot. Many chestnut fence posts and rails are still around because of the tannin contained primarily in the bark, although it is also found in slightly lesser amounts in the nuts, leaves and interior wood.

(I am presently looking out my window at an old chestnut post listing precariously but still holding its own. No doubt it is chestnut and has supported the fence for many decades.)

The chestnut's tannin content made the tree highly desirable to the growing tanning industry. At the industry's peak of operation, **see Your pg 8**



TINY ORANGE SPOTS are the telltale signs of the American chestnut blight. *Cryphonectria parasitica* is a fungal pathogen that completely decimated the chestnut trees of Appalachia in just a few decades.

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Beginner Gardening Tips

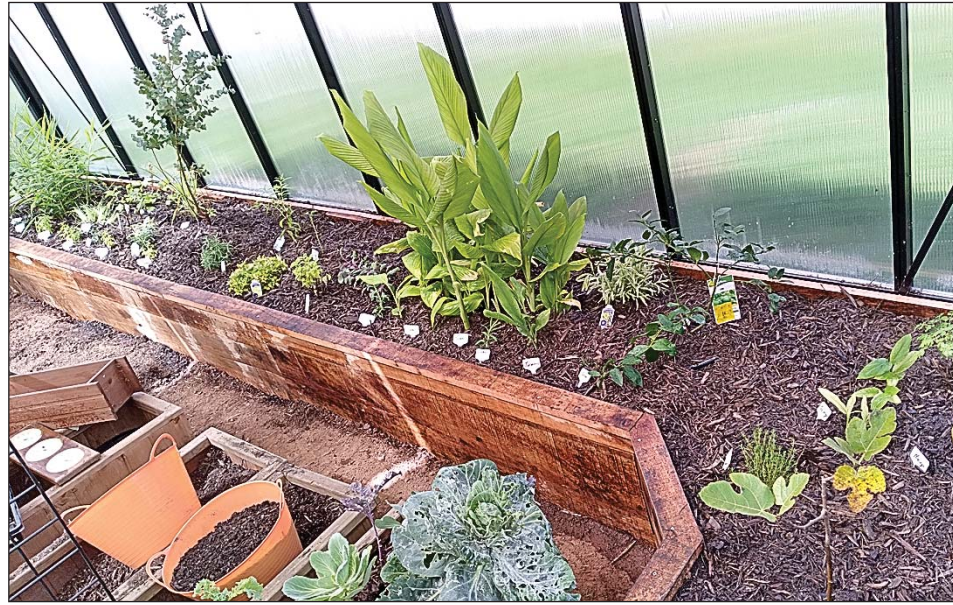
I have been gardening – or helping with the gardening – for nearly 50 years.

Here are some tips that might be of help if you are new to the growing process.

1. First time gardeners - don't overwhelm yourself. Becoming overwhelmed is one of the main reasons new gardeners quit. This is very easy to do with all the information online, in books and advice from gardening friends. Keep it simple and build it up as you get more comfortable.

2. If you are not going to eat something, then don't grow it. Why spend the money on seeds, the time caring for it, and the precious space on something you will throw away? If you and your family don't like spinach, then don't grow any.

3. The garden area – A new garden bed can cost thousands of dollars or nothing at all. Be aware of your available space now and for any future expansions – start small and develop it as you



go. Start with something around a 4x4 foot or a 4x8 foot area instead of the whole yard.

4. Think about what type of bed you want, something that fits your needs and budget. If you don't have a tiller then build a simple raised bed. Raised beds are nice for those who have a hard time getting up and down or bending a lot. If building a raised bed isn't feasible due to ability or cost, then try a "no dig garden." There are many options.

5. If your space is limited, grow vertically. Grow pole beans instead of bush varieties, indeterminate tomatoes instead of determinate types. Consider companion crops. Try growing above ground crops with below ground crops, i.e. garlic with tomatoes in the same space.

6. Choose items that are best for your grow zone. Un-

less you have a heated greenhouse or a walipini, don't try growing Zone 9 plants, such as turmeric, in Zone 4. It isn't worth the frustration when starting out (you'll venture into that later). Contact your local extension office for information about your growing area.

7. Each year try to plant at least 1 or 2 edible perennials. Perennials can take longer to establish but will come back every year, usually with minimal care. These include: asparagus, rhubarb (the poor man's fruit), berries, grapes, some kales, lovage, arti-

choke, walking onions and many herbs. Some perennials can't survive very cold weather and are grown as annuals instead. If you plan to live in the same spot for a long time, plant some fruit trees. Check with your local extension office for more information about your grow zone.

see Bee pg 9

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

1. Katherine Lee Bates wrote this poem in 1893: "O, beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain..." Where was she when she wrote about this majestic view?
2. He was the first black professional tennis player on the U. S. Davis Cup team, and the only black man ever to win Wimbledon, the U. S. Open and the Australian Open. He received the Presidential Medal of Freedom and has a stadium named after him. Who was he?
3. Hydrox cookies were introduced in 1908. In 1912, another cookie was introduced, an imitation of the Hydrox, and it is now the world's #1 seller. What is it?
4. What is the third largest produced "cereal crop" in the U. S.? Corn is #1 and Wheat is #2.

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

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Marlinton Mayor's Corner

By Sam Felton

Being in the midst of the filing period for Town Council, it might be a good time to respond to recent complaints.

Between now and February 6, residents, (and especially those with all the answers), should be lining up to file for a council position, including mayor. Time is running out. Your Town Council needs your help. Significant change could be a good thing.

That is not all. Consistency is lacking in our community. Citizens have complained

about abandoned and dilapidated buildings for years. But when those structures finally start coming down, Town Council is accused of taking short-cuts and avoiding certain protocols. Anyone interested in improving conditions within the town should be more concerned with the end result, than with the process of getting there.

When a property owner spends thousands of dollars taking down an abandoned structure that has plagued our community for decades, we should work with that person. It is hard to believe a local resident would call

DEP, complaining about potential non-compliance.

Also, while going about revitalization, the Town is sensitive to the fact that we already have a housing shortage. It will not be our policy to willy-nilly board up apartments.

I am not sure how a person who does not live within sight of a building knows about traffic going in and out at all hours of the day and night. But, any citizen who sees drug traffic coming and going – at any location – needs to call 911 and report that activity.

Your description of deplorable people in our neighborhoods sounds very broad and judgmental. However, convicted drug pushers and thieves should already be known by law enforcement. We can agree the livelihoods

and property values of residents are at risk, while these conditions exist.

When a vagrant recently tried to break into a locked apartment, some said to tear the building down.

I would rather see the building revitalized and occupied by productive individuals who have real jobs.

We all want to address the drug problem and homeless issue.

You say, "The Town's lackluster leadership needs to DO SOMETHING."

You have no idea what we are doing. Take a ride around town.

The town is dealing with more than one trashy place and will continue to do so – to the best of our ability.

None of this is as easy as it may seem.

Poetry Corner

IN MEMORIAM

JOHN BARLEYCORN, my jo, John,
When we were first acquaint,
You were a well-loved crony, John
Though you were not a saint.
But now you are an outlaw, John,
They've got you on the run,
You are no fit companion, John,
For me or anyone.
In den and cave and stilly glen,
You hide your guilty head,
You show yourself no more with men,
You're numbered with the dead.
John Barleycorn, my jo, John,
I would that you had died
Before my time, you reprobate,
Dadburn your dirty hide!

~ Dreams and other subjects by Andrew Price



What's Cookin'?

With Sally Cobb

Greek Spaghetti
2 tsp. olive oil
1 tsp. dried oregano
1 clove garlic, minced
3 cups diced tomatoes
1/2 cup sliced green onions
1/4 cup chopped parsley (divided in half)
2 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice
4 cups hot cooked spaghetti
1 cup (4 oz.) feta cheese (divided)
Heat oil in skillet. Add oregano and garlic and sauté 30 seconds. Add tomatoes, green onions, 2 Tbsp. parsley and lemon juice. Cook 2 to 3 minutes until hot.
Add hot spaghetti and 3/4 cup feta cheese.
Mix well.
Top with remaining parsley and feta cheese.
Add a dash of red pepper, if desired. Serves 3-4.

Homemade Granola
3 cups regular oatmeal
1 cup chopped almond, pecans or walnuts
1 cup dried fruit – raisins, cranberries, apricots, dates, etc.
1 Tbsp. vanilla
1 Tbsp. cinnamon
1/2 tsp. salt
1/3 cup packed brown sugar
1 cup pure Maple Syrup
Mix all ingredients together in a large bowl.
Transfer onto a large rimmed baking pan that has been sprayed with oil.
Bake at 325° for 35- to 45 minutes.
Stir after 20 minutes.
Cool completely in pan.
Store in airtight jars or containers.
Correction:
Last week's recipe was for Vanilla Cream Pudding, not Vanilla Pudding Ice Cream.

You do make a difference

By Bryan Golden

It's so easy to get into a rut yet difficult to get out. A rut is a regular habit, pattern or expectation. There is a certain degree of comfort associated with being in a rut. It is consistent, familiar and safe. We can fall into a rut unintentionally without realizing it.

Although dwelling in a rut can induce feelings of frustration and dissatisfaction, not all people are unhappy being in one. There are those who are happy and satisfied with a regular, dependable pattern. If you are happy with your circumstances – great. But if you want to break out of a routine, this article is for you.

Any aspect of your life has the potential to fall into a rut. If it does, you have the power to pull yourself out. Ruts are insidious traps because it's easier to stay in familiar territory than to venture out into the unknown.

How do you know if you're in a rut?

An unending routine, a job without any perceivable chance of change, or a situation that appears to have no potential for change are all situations that qualify.

Pay attention to your feelings, they can identify a rut. Are you bored, frustrated, or apathetic? Do you feel a lack of excitement or challenge? Is it tough getting started

each day? Do you lack motivation? Some or all of these emotions may be indicative of a rut.

You can get used to being in a rut and accept it as an inevitable part of life. Once this happens, your drive and ambition begin to wane. Getting out of a rut can then seem unattainable. The good news is that a rut doesn't have to be permanent, and you possess the ability to get yourself out. The key to extricating yourself is being proactive and taking initiative.

You can't get out of a rut by waiting for things to change. A rut will only become deeper with the pas-

sage of time. Only you can change your situation. To do so you need to recognize that you are in a rut, have a desire to get out, and be willing to put in the effort necessary to do so.

Once you have decided to get out you are ready to begin. You can't just jump out of a rut, you have to climb out one step at a time. It took time to get in and it will take time to get out. Unrealistic expectations create frustration and may cause you to abandon your efforts altogether.

Climbing out necessitates changing engrained habits. You want to take small successful steps that will motivate you to keep going. So, pick something that is relatively easy to alter and not overwhelming. Some ideas:

see Make pg 8

Community Calendar

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

MEETINGS
Pocahontas County Cooperative Parish Thursday, January 19, 7 p.m. at Marlinton United Methodist Church.

Democratic Executive Committee of Pocahontas County Monday, January 23, 6:00 p.m. at McClintic Library. The public is invited.
Pocahontas County Vietnam Veterans of American Wednesday, January 25, 7 p.m. at McClintic Library.

The Pocahontas County Solid Waste Authority regular meeting on Wednesday, January 25, at 7 p.m. at the courthouse.

Pocahontas County Emergency Planning Committee Tuesday, January 31, 2 p.m. at McClintic Library in Marlinton. The agenda will be posted Wednesday, January 25, at the Office of Emergency Management, 1008 Jury Street in Marlinton. For more information, call 304-799-3985.

EVENT
FREE Community Dinner, Thursday, January 26, 5 to 6:30 p.m. Chili and cornbread, at Marlinton Presbyterian Church. Sponsored by local churches and community volunteers.

Winter Tree ID Walk, Saturday, February 4, 2 to 4 p.m. at Yew Mountain Center. \$5 suggested donation. Register at yewmountain.org

PARKS AND REC
All activities are at the Community Wellness Center, unless otherwise noted.
Circuit Training, new se-

ries, Mondays and Wednesdays, 5 to 6 p.m.

Jiggle, Wiggle and Giggle, creative movement for ages five and younger, Fridays, beginning January 20, at 10:30 a.m.

Intro to Modern Dance, six-week class for ages 6 to 9, and Dance Basics, for ages 4 to 5, taught by Adrienne Cedarleaf, Thursdays beginning January 26, at Hillsboro School, and Fridays beginning January 27, at the Community Wellness Center in Marlinton. Pre-registration required by calling 304-799-7386.

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

CHURCH NOTICES
Marlinton Presbyterian Church – Worship 10 a.m. You may also attend by calling 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.

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.

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Beverage selected for Emerging Leaders Scholarship

Mary Grace Beverage, a senior at Pocahontas County High School, has been awarded a \$5,000 per year Citizens Bank of West Virginia Emerging Leaders Scholarship to Davis & Elkins College for a total of \$20,000 over four years.

Davis & Elkins, Citizens Bank of West Virginia and WDTV partnered for a second year to offer the unique scholarship competition. All 2023 West Virginia high school graduates, whether attending a public, private or homeschool, with a 3.25 or higher GPA were eligible to apply. Impressed with the high caliber of applicants, College officials decided to offer multiple scholarships in ad-

dition to the selection of one student who received a full, four-year scholarship. Applicants were required to submit a list of high school and community activities, along with an essay based on the topic, "If you receive this scholarship, how will you pay it forward to the state of West Virginia?"

Beverage is the daughter of Marsha and Gray Beverage, of Dunmore.

Beverage is a member of National Honor Society, the school band, color guard, the softball team and Fellowship of Christian Athletes at PCHS.

She is also a member of 4-H.

Beverage plans to major in nursing at D&E.

Dean's List

Sarah Given, of Hillsboro, a student majoring in Forensic Science, was named to the fall 2022 Dean's List at Cedarville University.

Students receive this recognition for obtaining a 3.5 GPA or higher for the semester and carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours.

Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville University is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist institution with an enrollment of 5,082 undergraduate, graduate, and dual-enrolled high school students in more than 175 areas of study.

Jacob Jones, of Green Bank, was named to the 2022 fall semester Dean's List at Bridgewater College. Jones is a biology and environmental science double major at Bridgewater.

Students on the Dean's List have attained a 3.4 or better grade point average out of a possible 4.0.

Bridgewater College is a private, four-year liberal arts college located in the Central Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. Founded in 1880, it was the state's first private, coeducational college. Today, Bridgewater College is home to approximately 1,450 students.

Boutique, from page 1

"I just watch people," she said. "I see what they're buying and what they like. We sold surfing clothes [in Florida] and here, it's different. I've learned that people like cow prints, and I sell a lot of jeans. I carry a bunch of different brands of jeans — from a moderate price all the way up to the Miss Me expensive jeans."

Along with selling clothing and accessories, Nancy has worked with other businesses in Green Bank to attract customers to spend the day in the area and have a little shopping spree. They have also planned several events, including an upcoming Valentine's Day event.

Nancy and The Mtn. Shop owner Yvonne Wallech are selling tickets for a Valentine's Day event which includes dinner, dessert, drinks, games, door prizes

and a raffle. It will be Saturday, February 11, at 6 p.m. at the Arbovale Community Center. Tickets are on sale now at the boutique and The Mtn. Shop.

"We're doing a lot of stuff," Nancy said. "I think it's going to be nice. We're teaming up and doing all kinds of cute little things."

She may not have intended to have a store, but Nancy says she is happy to have taken this route with her boutique.

"The store allows me to give to local organizations and continue to give to animal rescues where I would have been forced to cut back due to retirement, if I didn't have it," she said. "The customers are such a blessing to me, and I can't wait to see what different, local organizations we can contribute to this year."

The boutique is open Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Habitat, from page 1

there's not a lot of habitat or structure for fish to be around."

The tree structures become shelter, home and ecosystems for fish, invertebrates, bugs and more that inhabit the lakes.

Tasker said the forest service will coordinate with the DNR to use its boat to spread the habitats around to the targeted lakes.

"Our primary objective is to try to increase habitat in Lake Sherwood, in Greenbrier County between Marlinton and White Sulphur Springs," he said. "If we get enough trees — which our goal is to get roughly fifty trees in this initial year — we can use those to treat Summit Lake, which is between Richwood and Marlinton."

Tasker hopes those who have live Christmas trees will consider giving them back to the forest through this program.

"The forest does offer Christmas tree permits that folks can buy, so if you buy the Christmas tree permit and harvest a tree on the forest, we would love to get that tree back after you're done with it, and use it on the forest again," he said.

While the trees don't last

forever, they do provide a habitat for several years before completely decomposing and becoming part of the detritus at the bottom of the lake.

"They'll last roughly five years in the water before they start to decompose," Tasker said. "It's really just a good source of that natural component of woody material, and it provides a lot of sources — not only providing habitat for fish — but food for some of the invertebrates and bugs that are in the lake, which support the whole food cycle in the lake, as well."

Habitats are just the latest upgrades the forest service has made to Lake Sherwood. Tasker explained that the forest service received funding through the Great American Outdoors Act to improve facilities and campgrounds at the lake.

"A lot of people come here to swim and fish, so we're doing this," he said. "We've also dropped some trees from the shore for shoreline habitat, so we're doing work all around the lake to kind of improve the fisheries as well as some of the facilities and campgrounds. It's a big investment that we've been putting a lot into lately and, hopefully, people will be able to get out and enjoy it this spring and summer."

PCHS places third at Braxton Tourney

Vandevender and Warner named to all-tourney team

Bruce McKean
Contributing Writer

PCHS V53
Independence V26

The Pocahontas County High School Lady Warriors varsity basketball team played Class AAA Independence in the Braxton County Tourney consolation game December 29. PCHS started strong with a 21-9 first quarter, and also won the last three frames 8-5, 14-4 and 10-8 for the 53-26 win.

Juniors Olivia Vandevender and Adelyn Warner were named to the all-tournament squad.

Greenbrier West won the championship game over Braxton County 47-35, and West sophomores Abigail Thomas and Maddie Fields made all-tourney.

The PCHS field goal attempts per quarter were: first quarter — 9 of 16 (56 percent), second — 4 of 14 (29 percent), third — 5 of 16 (31 percent) and fourth — 4 of 13 (31 percent). Game high scorer in the game was Vandevender with 17 points that included hitting 8 of 12 twos (67 percent), 6 steals, 3 assists, 4 deflections and 2 blocks. Warner hit 3 of 6 (50 percent) field goals for second-high plus she grabbed 4 rebounds and 3 steals. Second high scorer in the game was Harmony Mills of IHS with 14 points.

PCHS senior Riley Pollack made 4 of 10 (40 percent) field goal attempts and contributed 7 steals and 5 deflections, but fouled out of the game. Sophomore Mackenzie Taylor grabbed 9 rebounds. Junior Hannah Burks deflected 7 balls for a game high. All 11 Warriors saw action in the game, and 9 scored, while 6 of 13 Patriots played, and 6 scored.

@ PCHS V33
Greenbrier West V56

PCHS came close to Class A #6 (AP — Poll 1/3/23) West in the first quarter five different times, at 2-2, 2-5, 9-10, 9-12 and 11-14. PCHS did not start as strong on January 4 in this second encounter this season between PCHS and West. West won the first quarter of this game 18-5, while West sophomores Maddie Fields and Preslee Treadway scored 6 of 12 and 8 of 16 respectively of their game points in the first frame. PCHS came closer in the second stanza, but West took it 18-12 to lead 36-17 at the half. PCHS took the third 8-7, and West took the fourth 13-8 to win this game 56-33 vs 53-28 the first time they played. The PCHS field goal attempts per quarter were: first quarter — 3 of 14 (21 percent), second — 4 of 9 (44 percent), third — 1 of 9 (11 percent) and fourth — 5 of 15 (33 percent). PCHS made half the twos that West made in the game, 11 versus 22, and both teams hit 2 threes.

Team high scorer for PCHS was Vandevender with 9 points. Other team highs for PCHS were senior Haley Spencer — 7 points, 2 assists, and 1 block; and senior Kelsi Taylor — 12 rebounds, 2 steals, 4 deflections and 1 block. Twelve of 13 Warriors saw some action in the game, and 8 Warriors scored, while 10 of 12 Cavaliers played and 7 scored.

PCHS had a much better rebounding effort, 32 versus 47 for West, and GWHS committed fewer turnovers, 28 versus 35 for PCHS. PCHS was called for fewer fouls at this game, 12 versus 15 for West, and made 5 of 15 (33 percent) free throws, while GWHS made 6 of 13 (46 percent). West improves to 7-2.

@ PCHS JV27
Greenbrier West JV18

Due to illnesses the Greenbrier West JV game at PCHS on January 4 was cut to two 10-minute quarters of play. Five of 8 PCHS players scored in the shortened game, and 4 of 6 Cavaliers scored. PCHS high scorers were freshmen Shayla Bennett with 11 points and 4 steals and Calli Propst with 9 points. GWHS high scorer was freshman Samantha Holliday with 11 points also. Another team high was junior Andrea Alderman — 6 rebounds.

@ PCHS V23
James Monroe V76

PCHS came close to Class A #5 (AP Poll — 1/3/23) James Monroe on January 6

in the first quarter five different times, at 2-2, 2-5, 9-10, 9-12 and 11-14. JMHS won the first frame 18-11, and JMHS dominated the last three quarters: 20-3, 26-3 and 12-6. The PCHS field goal attempts per quarter were: first quarter — 5 of 11 (45 percent), second — 1 of 12 (8 percent), third — 0 of 12 (0 percent) and fourth — 1 of 12 (8 percent). JMHS dominated the twos and threes in the game, 17 versus 4 for PCHS, and 9 versus 3.

Team high scorer for PCHS was Pollack with 10 points, 2 deflections and 5 rebounds. Other team highs for PCHS were senior Haley Spencer — 5 rebounds; and freshman Shayla Bennett — 5 rebounds. Twelve of 12 Warriors saw some action in the game, and seven Warriors scored, while 10 of 11 Mavericks played and 7 scored. The top 3 scorers in the game were JMHS seniors Haley Hunnicutt — 20 and Adyson Hines — 19 plus junior Mary Beth Meadows — 16.

PCHS had a good rebounding effort, 35 versus 39 for JMHS, and JMHS committed many fewer turnovers, 10 versus 35 for PCHS. PCHS was called for 8 more fouls at this game, 22 versus 14 for JMHS, and made 6 of 13 (46 percent) free throws, while JMHS made 15 of 29 (52 percent). JMHS V improves to 8-3. PCHS V drops to 4-6.

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@ PCHS V23
James Monroe V76

PCHS came close to Class A #5 (AP Poll — 1/3/23) James Monroe on January 6

GWHS out-rebounded PCHS 26 to 24, and PCHS committed fewer turnovers, 17- 23. PCHS won both quarters: 13-7 and 14-11. PCHS was called for 12 fouls and made 4 of 4 (100 percent) foul shots, while GWHS was called for 7 fouls and hit 4 of 8 (50 percent) foul shots. PCHS made 10 of 27 (37 percent) two-shot attempts and 1 of 16 (6 percent) three-shot attempts, so PCHS made 11 of 43 (26 percent) field goals in the game.

@ PCHS JV26
James Monroe JV47

Seven of 9 PCHS players scored in the JV game on January 6, and 7 of 9 Mavericks scored. PCHS high scorer was sophomore Mallori McCoy with 11 points, 5 rebounds and 3 steals. JMHS game high scorers were freshman Aliyah Clarkson — 16 points, plus sophomores Ava Dunlap — 10 points and Bryleigh Thomas — 10 points. Another team high was junior Andrea Alderman — 8 rebounds.

Taller JMHS out-rebounded PCHS 51 to 44, and JMHS committed fewer turnovers, 15 — 25. JMHS won all four quarters: 12-5, 12-2, 12-11 and 11-8. PCHS was called for 14 fouls and made 4 of 7 (57 percent) foul shots, while JMHS was called for 14 fouls and hit 4 of 7 (57 percent) foul shots. PCHS made 8 of 38 (21 percent) two-shot attempts and 2 of 19 (11 percent) three-shot attempts, so PCHS made 10 of 57 (18 percent) field goals in the game. Both squads had only one loss this season, so JMHS JV improves to 6-1 and PCHS JV drops to 7-2.

Only the East Hardy girls V will host the PCHS V at 6 p.m. at Baker Thursday, January 12.

The PCHS JV and V girls will play at Moorefield at 5:45 p.m. (JV game) Tuesday, January 17, with the V game at 7:30 p.m.

Eggs, from page 1

"Once those birds are depopulated, the layer houses have to be thoroughly cleaned," Leonhardt continued. "It will take four to six months for replacement birds to reach maturity where they are laying eggs. There have been numerous poultry houses that have gone out of business because of the outbreak."

"It is going to take time for the market to stabilize and for prices to come back down."

Not all henhouses have been hit equally by HPAI, with some avoiding it altogether.

Leonhardt also noted that farmers have been scrambling to feed their flocks due to rising feed costs.

At Cal-Maine Foods, the largest egg producer in the United States, avoiding HPAI has led to record sales for the second quarter of 2023.

"We are proud to report another strong quarterly fi-

nancial and operating performance for Cal-Maine Foods, with record sales and net income for the second quarter of fiscal 2023," said Sherman Miller, chief executive officer of Cal-Maine Foods in a press release.

"These results reflect the current market environment characterized by record average selling prices for conventional eggs, primarily due to reduced supply related to the outbreak in the U.S. of HPAI and good customer demand," Miller said.

As Cal-Maine officials noted, egg prices were also kept high by high customer demand, especially through the holidays.

"Egg prices have continued to move higher in fiscal

2023 due to the effects of a further reduction in supply related to the impact of the HPAI outbreak, combined with good customer demand buoyed in the second quarter of fiscal 2023 by typical seasonal consumer demand," said Max Bowman, chief financial officer of Cal-Maine Foods in a press release.

"Conventional egg net average selling price per dozen increased to \$2.883 compared with \$1.151 a year ago."

While supermarket eggs will likely remain much more expensive than usual, Leonhardt suggests turning to local farmers for farm fresh

eggs.

Reach out to local farms to find farm fresh eggs, officials say. Eggs are also typically easy to find at most local farmers markets thanks to West Virginia's cottage food law.

With eggs being expensive and staying that way for at least the next several months, consumers should also expect products involving eggs to cost more than normal.

This could include any baked good such as bread, but others to watch would include pasta, mayonnaise, salad dressings or even marshmallows and other candies.

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Obituaries

Gerald Burnett

Gerald Hampton Burnett, 79, of Ruckersville, Virginia, gave up his mortal life Thursday, January 12, 2023. Born October 20, 1943, at Advance Mills, Albemarle County, Virginia, he was a son of the late Aubrey Hampton Burnett, Jr. and Florence Cornelia Deane.

A graduate of Albemarle High School (1962) and The College of William and Mary (1968), he also attended Hampton University and the University of Virginia.

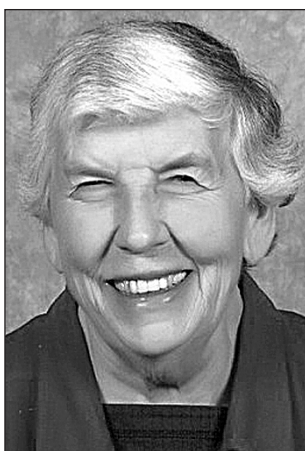
He was a caring father, a self-sufficient farmer, an advocate of freedom, equality and literacy, and a contributor as a teacher in Albemarle County, a school board member in Greene County, a member of Spring Hill Baptist Church, and a founding member of the Greene County Historical Society.

After retirement he indulged his lifelong love of books through his bookstore, Buckeye Bend Books, in Buckeye.

He is survived by his devoted son, Thomas Burnett; daughters, Jennifer Woodward (Petey) and Susan Holtzman (David); five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

A graveside funeral service was held Monday, January 16, 2023, at Spring Hill Baptist Church Cemetery in Ruckersville, Virginia.

Preddy Funeral Home in Madison was in charge of arrangements.



Joan Cuskey

A kind, generous and loving member of our community, Joan Morrison Cuskey, of Abingdon, Virginia, passed away Friday, December 30, 2022.

Born April 17, 1934, in Lobelia, she was a daughter of the late Franklin Pierce and Carrie Hester Morrison.

Joan grew up on her parents' farm, the elder of two daughters. Coming from a small family, Joan dreamed of having a large family of her own some day. With the gentle determination that Joan's family and friends know so well, she achieved her dream.

Through eighth grade, she attended a one-room school in Lobelia and graduated from Hillsboro High School. She went on to West Virginia University where she graduated in 1955 with a degree in Home Economics. Joan was active in 4-H and served on several national judging teams while at WVU.

She married Harry Cuskey the same day she graduated from university and went to work as a county extension agent with 4-H in Doddridge County. She remained active in extension throughout her life.

Joan was a member of Abingdon United Methodist Church where she was president of the Lake Perry Wesley Circle for more than 30 years.

Joan loved to travel with Harry and their dogs in their 5th wheel camper and made visiting state capitol buildings a travel priority. They enjoyed many trips with their two RV travel clubs. Her family and friends will fondly remember and dearly miss Joan's warm smile, easy laugh and delightfully recounted stories.

Joan is survived by her husband of 67 years, Harry Cuskey; children, Cheryl Miller, of Kingsport, Tennessee; Craig Cuskey, of Louisville, Kentucky; Carrie Baysinger, and husband, Gary, of Portland, Oregon; Cathy Large, of Hensley, Arkansas; Connie Eadie, and husband, Marc, of Panama

City, Florida; Cam Cuskey, and wife, Erica, of Spotsylvania, Virginia; and Cindy Batten, and husband, Tim, of Jonesborough, Tennessee; sister, Reta Rose, of Hillsboro; 17 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was held Saturday, January 7, 2023, at Abingdon United Methodist Church.

A private burial service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Abingdon United Methodist Church, 101 E. Main Street, Abingdon, VA 24210.



Christopher Kirk

Christopher Michael Kirk, 52, of Cape Saint Claire, Maryland, died unexpectedly Sunday, January 8, 2023.

Born February 8, 1970, in Annapolis, Maryland, Chris was the son of Eugene Anthony Kirk and Jane Kay Michael Kirk.

He was a 1989 graduate of Old Mill Senior High and graduated from Anne Arundel Community College where he earned his Radiology Technologist degree.

After graduation, he travelled across the United States to work at a hospital in Tucson, Arizona. While in the southwest, he worked with the Navajo on their land as an X-ray Tech for a few years before returning to Anne Arundel County. Upon returning to Anne Arundel County, Chris began working for the University of Maryland's Baltimore Washington Medical Center where he was employed for the past 25 years.

In his chosen career, he met his wife, Heather Lease Kirk, a Radiology Technologist at UMBWMC. The couple wed in Annapolis in 2010 and have two children.

Throughout his life, Chris met many wonderful people and made many friends. He loved the outdoors; mountain biking, boating, crabbing, traveling, and was an avid Dallas Cowboys fan.

He is survived by his wife, Heather Lease Kirk; two daughters, Chloe Kirk and Isabelle Kirk; father, Eugene Kirk; mother, Jane Kirk; sister, Laura Kirk; uncle and aunt, Stephen and Susan Kirk; uncle, Thomas Michael; father-and-mother-in-law, Ed and JoAnn Lease; sister-in-law, Michelle Lease Howard; niece, Lani Howard; nephew, Zach Howard; several cousins; and countless good friends and colleagues.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, January 21, 2023, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Hardesty Funeral Home, 12 Ridgely Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland.

Online condolences may be shared at hardestyfuneralhome.com



Lottie Revis

Lottie Jane Alderman Revis, 83, of Craigsville, Virginia, a beloved mother, grandmother and friend peacefully passed away Wednesday, January 11, after a brief but heroic battle with cancer.

Born on June 18, 1939, in Minnehaha Springs, she was

a daughter of the late Samuel and Selma Smith Alderman.

She attended school in Marlinton, but ultimately graduated in June 1957 from Royal Oaks George A. Dondero High School in Royal Oaks, Michigan.

A private family service will be held in her honor, graveside, at Riverside Cemetery.



Thelma Mullens

Thelma Gray Totten Mullens, 90, peacefully passed away after a long battle with dementia.

Thelma was born in Hillsboro/Mill Point, May 16, 1932, to her beloved parents Bernard and Birdie Nelson Totten.

She lived in Virginia for most of her life until moving to Florida five years ago.

While in Virginia, she was a devoted member of The Church of Nazarene in Colonial Heights and worked as a school bus driver for Prince George County for more than 27 years. She married Johnny Mullens September 2, 1951. Johnny and Thelma celebrated 42 loving years together before his passing in 1992.

Thelma was the glue that held her family together. She loved her grandchildren and was always cooking for her family, making sure they ate. She'd be described as the perfect grandmother.

Thelma enjoyed spending her time with her family, of course, but also loved puzzles and knitting afghans — everyone in her family has at least one! She also loved to eat ice cream, take naps and travel. She had been on several cruises and traveled overseas.

Thelma will be missed and fondly remembered by many for being a sweet and humorous woman, always trying to make others laugh.

She is survived by her

children, Gary Mullens, of Alderson, and Brenda Dasef, and her husband, Mark, of Sneedville, Tennessee; five grandchildren, Matthew Mullens, Steven Holden, Daniel Holden, and his wife, Taryn, Wes Mullens and Russell Mullens; and two precious great-grandchildren, Travis Pegram and Julian Holden.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Elvern Totten and Denzil Totten.

A graveside service will be held Saturday, January 21, 2023, at 11 a.m. at Ruckman Cemetery in Buckeye.

Online condolences may be left on the Tribute Wall at www.steversonhamlinhilbish.com



Charles Sheets

Charles Edward "Chuck" Sheets, 51, of Marlinton, passed away Wednesday, January 11, 2023.

Born May 3, 1971, in Marlinton, he was a son of the late Judy Sheets.

Chuck was a carpenter and lineman.

He is survived by his companion, Melinda Moore, of Marlinton; two sons, Dakota Sheets, of Marlinton, and CJ Sheets, of Richmond, Virginia; two daughters, Bracie Sheets, of Marlinton, and Tori Sheets; one brother, Rick Moore, and wife, Tiffany, of Marlinton; uncle, Dale Sheets; aunt, Charlene Sheets; and many special cousins and nephews.

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

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

Online condolences may be made at lantzfuneralhome.com

Senior Legal Aid

Deb Miller, JD Volunteer

Cindy was one of many West Virginians who thought a storage unit would be a quick fix and save the day for the assortment of good stuff she didn't have enough space for at her house.

The rent sounded reasonable, and the unit provided a temporary way to hang onto many belongings she had accumulated over the years.

A rental contract was signed for the storage unit, and it all seemed so simple.

She meant to read the contract in full to avoid later misunderstandings, but Cindy was late for lunch with a friend when she signed it and received her copy. She knew that the basic requirements of a storage unit rental contract are found in West Virginia Code sec. 38-14-1, et seq.

Moving everything to the unit didn't take Cindy's son long. He even added a few things from his own basement and garage.

The months went by quickly and somehow Cindy got behind on the rental payments every so often. One day, a certified letter arrived.

The storage unit operator can send the default notice by certified mail, electronic mail, text message or other methods if agreed to in the rental contract.

An overlooked email or one that arrives in the junk folder can mean the renter doesn't know their rental period is legally over because of nonpayment.

The letter stated that the rent on her unit was now 60 days past due, that she was legally in default, and that the contents would be auctioned online in two weeks.

State law permitted the storage unit operator to terminate the contract once rent was in arrears 60 days or more. No court proceeding was needed for that termination.

Further, the law allows the operator to charge late fees for each month, and that additional amount was also needed to retrieve her stuff

before the sale occurred. How was she going to get all that money in that short amount of time?

The online auction website had a photo of the unit's interior, bidding requirements and deadline, and other terms.

Since she was in default, the operator denied her access to the unit. They had been so nice to her before.

Cindy checked the contract and learned that if the auction brings in more than the total she owed for the rent and late fees, along with the auction costs, the operator would have to return the excess amount to her. She intended to follow the bidding and ask for an itemized listing right after the auction.

When rent payments have stopped and the items in the unit have little or no resale value, as established by an affidavit signed by a knowledgeable and credible person, the landlord can discard all of the contents rather than auctioning them.

That had happened to her friend Missy, but the operator didn't have such an affidavit when she asked to see it. So Missy was suing the operator in magistrate court, and fortunately she had photos and a list of everything she had kept in the unit.

If more than one unit is needed, it is smart to have a separate contract for each unit. At a later time, it may be desirable to stop renting one of the units while retaining others.

For contract issues dealing with storage units or other legal questions, state residents age 60 and over may call West Virginia Senior Legal Aid at 800-229-5068 for free guidance and assistance from the staff attorney.

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Cass Lumberyard in Winter – circa 1920



THIS WINTER PHOTOGRAPH shows the W.Va. Pulp and Paper Company lumberyard in Cass, West Virginia. A man seems to be helping a young child climb a stack of boards in the center of the picture. (Photo Courtesy of Bill Sampson, ID: PHP003464)

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Seventy-Five Years Ago

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday,
January 22, 1948

Eight and ten degrees below zero in Marlinton Monday morning, with temperature as cold as 20 below reported at Bartow and other points. However, on Shavers Cheat Mountain, above 4,000 feet, the temperature was four above.

Speaking of cold winters, I noticed that neighbor Ed C. Moore has kindling wood from some of the old high stumps from the winter of 1856 on his woodpile. These old stumps were eight to ten feet high, cut for wood by ax-men standing on top of deep, crusted snow. That was the winter the mail did not

get across Shavers Cheat Mountain, and brought forth the eloquent excuse from the carriers, the Trotter Brothers,” to wit: “If the gable ends of hell were blown out and its fire and brimstone rained for six weeks, day and night, it could not melt the snow drifts on Cheat Mountain!”

That winter a horse wandered off on the snow crust one day to browse the tops of trees in a great drift. Next Spring his carcass was found in the forks of a big sugar maple, fifty feet from the ground. I have always understood this was on Red Lick Mountain at the Rosser place.

Craig Richardson has

loaned me to read his most interesting Christmas present, “Richmond in By Gone Days,” republished after 86 years. The writer was Samuel Mordecai. In the winter of '56, he wrote: This winter is “the severest in the long duration of extreme cold that I can remember. The James River closed for eight weeks in almost its entire length and the earth covered with a coating of snow of nearly equal duration. The black servants and slaves are provided with food, fuel and clothing, while our poor houses and other receptacles for the destitute and the dissipated whites are crowded to overflowing.”

BASKETBALL

The Independent basketball team of Hillsboro is off to a good start. Their first game of the season was a win over the American Legion team of Marlinton by a

score of 63 – 60. A win over Greenbank with a score of 48 – 43 at Hillsboro, was their second game.

The members of the team are Gene Chappell, Tom Clutter, Houston Simmons, Bill McCarty, Robert Hall, Roy McCoy, Homer Workman, Lacy Kershner, Leo McMillion and Henry Harper.

The team is coached by the one and only Dick McMillion.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lane, of Seebert, a son named Ralph Eugene.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Clowser, a son named Paul Wayne.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Rohrer, of Newport News, Virginia, a daughter, named Ruth Ann. Mrs. Rohrer is the former Miss Ruth Dever.

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BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Douglas, of Marlinton, January 11, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Omer Michals, of Marlinton, January 14, a son.

ONOTO

It has been a long time since anything has been said about this neck of the woods, so for fear we lose our job, we will proceed to say a few things.

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Hanlin and son, Loyal, attended the banquet given at the Hall Saturday night by the Pocahontas Encampment I. O. O. F. No. 111. And to say the least, it was a swell occasion. Five turkeys were slain for the occasion, and other things were there in abundance. Hon. C. L. Simpson, Grand Scribe, and Hon. A. K. Wilkinson, of Huntington, addressed the audience in a very able manner, and very impressive. A number of local speakers responded in a very able manner. Among them were Ira D. Brill, C. W. Price, S. N. Hench. All told, the occasion was a very enjoyable one and deserves to be applauded...

GREENBANK

Dr. L. H. Moomau has bought a 1923 model Ford car from J. L. Baxter. This makes the eighth car the Dr. has bought from Mr. Baxter.

The steam shovel is getting along good on the Cass road.

Martin Sutton, the village blacksmith, has been laid up with boils on his neck.

Ralph Yeager was down from Durbin last week delivering gas to the Greenbank garage.

F. H. Warwick is running a camp for the North Fork Lumber Co., with 10 teams and 60 men.

Martin Judy and son have bought a Fordson tractor.

John B. Gumm has bought Joe Hamed's store goods. We wish him success in the business.

F. Hamed has bought a part of the Moomau farm and is preparing to do a big lot of farming this spring.

J. L. Williams, the accommodating mail carrier from Arbovale to Cass, says the old road is about two feet under the new road to Cass in the mud.

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Fifty Years Ago

Jane Price Sharp, Editor

Thursday,
January 18, 1973

After reading last week's paper, Mrs. Roland P. Sharp called to say one of the country's top heart specialist swears by honey, the natural sweetener. He raises his own bees and uses it for sweetening, etc. for his family, both for health and goodness sake.

IN MESSIAH

Mrs. Carolyn Sheets appeared as mezzo-soprano soloist in a performance of Handel's Messiah presented by the Fairmont State College in December...

Mrs. Sheets is a former assistant professor of music at Fairmont State College... She has had solo performances in operas, oratorios and was soloist with the Northern Illinois orchestra... She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clay A. Nottingham, of Dunmore, and her husband is Charles A. Marvin Wimer, and Bernard Weber Vieira, son of Lt. Col. Clarence A. Sheets, of Green Bank.

ENLISTED

Danny L. Jackson and Douglas L. Jackson, brothers, were among four Elyria, Ohio, men who enlisted recently in the United States Army and are taking their basic training together at Fort Polk, Louisiana, all in the same barracks. The brothers are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Jackson, Jr., of Elyria, and grandsons of Mrs. Susie Rogers, of Buckeye, and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Jackson, of Huntersville.

WILD TURKEY KILL

“West Virginia's total official wild turkey kill for the year 1972 is third largest on record,” Wildlife Resources Chief Dan E. Canter said.

“This includes 586 gobblers harvested during the spring gobbler season and 2,353 turkey killed in the fall season, bringing the total to 2,939.”

The total turkey harvest in 1971 was 2,795, which included the state's largest fall harvest of 2,375...

TURTLE HUNTING

Henry Astin went turtle hunting the week before Christmas. He took a stick and punched around in the mud until he hit something solid. He claims he can hear the heartbeat through the stick if it is a turtle. The one he got weighed about 40 pounds and Henry estimates its age at over 100 years.

WEDDINGS

The Marlinton Methodist Church was the setting Wednesday, December 27, 1972, for the marriage of Miss Rebecca Kay Wimer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Marvin Wimer, and Bernard Weber Vieira, son of Lt. Col. Manuel Vieira, USMC (ret), of Arlington, Virginia, and Mrs. Gloria Weber Vieira, of Annapolis, Maryland. The Reverend Maynard Crawford performed the double ring ceremony...

The St. Luke's United Methodist Church at Craigs-ville was the setting December 2, 1972, when marriage vows were exchanged by Miss Catherine Elaine Love, daughter Mr. and Mrs. Donald Earl Love, of Craigs-ville, and James Richard Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Sterling Hill, of Durbin. The candlelight, open church, double ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. George Lovelace.

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Footsteps through History

The Pocahontas Times
Andrew Price, Editor

Thursday,
January 21, 1898

THE report was prevalent here last Monday, that immediate preparations were being made to move the Buckhannon sawmill to the forks of Greenbrier River in advance of the railroad. The manner in which the report came is that John Holland, of Green Bank, has arrived from Buckhannon where he saw Capt. Wm. Hevener, the contractor, who is advertising for 40 four-horse teams to move the machinery from Buckhannon. The mill will be transported there by rail. This is one of the best equipped mills in the state and credence is given in the rumor by the fact that Col. McGraw is the owner of the mill. A citizen of Green Bank has gone to Buckhannon to see about the contract. The job should be done by Pocahontas teams.

THE BANK OF MARLINTON

THE owner of the Marlinton drug store, Dr. Price, has been notified that the building will be needed in the spring for other purposes, confirming the report that a bank is to open for business at that time. Nothing is needed more, and we feel sure that our banking people generally will patronize it. Also, a large number of farmers who do not realize the convenience of having a deposit in a bank subject to check, as well as the safety,

will make use of this institution instead of the time honored “stocking”... There is undoubtedly a large number of men in this county who will open a checking account with the new bank who have never yet signed a check.

BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

AARON MOORE, one of the older sons of Moses Moore, the pioneer, hunter and scout, after his marriage with Catherine Johnson, daughter of John Johnson, one of the early settlers near Marlinton, first lived near Frost. But for the greater part of his life he dwelt on the west bank of the Greenbrier, four miles above Marlinton, where he had settled in the woods. By arduous industry and judicious economy Mr. and Mrs. Moore built up a prosperous home. The property is now owned by Uriah Bird, Esq.

Their sons were John, James, Samuel, Thomas, Andrew Jackson, Henry, William Daniel and George Claiborne, and the daughters were Mary, Elizabeth, Catherine, Eliza, and Melinda; eight sons and five daughters.

John Moore, married Jane, daughter of Col. John Baxter and settled in the woods near Marlinton. Their children were Aaron, William, Theodore, Washington, and one daughter, Catherine, now Mrs. Thomas Auldridge, near Indian Draft.

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100-Years-Ago in The Pocahontas Times

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday,
January 18, 1923

There is a suggestion from high authority to require a license to carry a high-powered rifle. That gets us historians to rise and protect and wonder if the average man can visualize the conditions that gave cause for the provision in the constitution that the right of the people to bear arms should not be infringed. From the days of Wat Tyler, the warlike blacksmith, who led a revolt against the king with staves and scythes, right down through the search warrants for guns in the Scotch Highlands and in our ancestors' homes in Ulster, the soft boned, wealthy class of persons have been afraid to let firearms remain in the hands of the common people. And that is the reason that this recurrent thought of helplessness before great numbers was discouraged and prohibited when we got our constitution. The exact words are: “The right of the people to

keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed. Nothing could be plainer. If any man has got so rotten rich that he cannot trust to the honor of his citizen neighbors to do him justice, he had better amend his conduct or get off the world.

WEDDINGS

Married at the Methodist Parsonage by Rev. Fred. B. Wyland, Wilbur D. Campbell and Miss Flossie M. Waugh, January 1, 1923.

Mr. Frank Smith Webb, of Maryland, and Miss Mary Rebecca Warwick, of Greenbank were quietly married at the home of the bride December 21, 1922...They will make their home at the old Warwick residence...

Married at the parsonage, January 10, 1923, by Rev. Fred B. Wyand, Jesse T. Cassell, of Cass, and Miss Gladys Sheets, of Hosterman.

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take a different route to work, do something different during lunch, vary your daily schedule, or change your evening routine. No aspect is

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can get out of any rut, you are also right. The choice is yours, get started today. *Bryan is the author of "Dare to Live Without Limits." Contact Bryan at Bryan@columnist.com or visit www.DareToLiveWithoutLimits.com Copyright 2023 Bryan Golden*

Court, from page 2

Skylar Tincher, 23, of Buckeye, pleaded not guilty to 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. He remains on previously posted \$50,000 bond with the condition of home confinement and no contact with alleged victim.

Steven K. Bennett, 47, of Green Bank, pleaded not guilty to driving while license revoked for DUI. He remains on \$5,500 bond.

Angela Turner, 48, of Marlinton pleaded not guilty to one count, driving while license revoked for driving under the influence of alcohol, third offense, a felony. She remains on \$5,000 surety bond.

Eric Shawn Romanello, 42, of Marlinton, pleaded not guilty to 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. The defendant may remain on previously posted \$10,000 bond. The court granted defense counsel's motion for bond supervision modification as Romanello no longer works out of state, but is now working at Snowshoe. The state related that the defendant could be released from Day Report.

Spencer Combs, 20, of Marlinton, pleaded not guilty to one count, sexual assault third degree, a felony. Bond was set at \$10,000 cash/property/surety. With special condition of no direct or indirect contact with the alleged victim or the alleged victim's family.

Nicolas Dale Bragg, 25, of Marlinton, appearing by video from TVRJ, pleaded not guilty to two counts, possession of stolen goods, a felony; one count, possession of a Schedule II controlled non-narcotic substance, a misdemeanor. Bond was set at \$30,000 cash/property/surety with the special condition of no contact, direct or indirect, with alleged victims; and to stay at least 500 feet from their property at all times.

Shawn Barb, 33, of Hillsboro, appearing by video from the Southern Regional Jail, pleaded not guilty to 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.

Andrew Baybutt, 48, of Mechanicsville, Virginia, pleaded not guilty to two counts, sexual abuse by a parent of a child, a felony; two counts, sexual abuse in the first degree, a felony. Bond was set in the amount of \$25,000 cash/surety, with the condition of no contact with the victim or the victim's mother. Baybutt will reside in California and will be allowed to travel throughout the United States for employment purposes only.

Tanner Lee Moore, 25, of Marlinton, appearing by video from the TVRJ, pleaded not guilty to one count, first degree murder, a felony; one count, use or presentation of a firearm during the commission of a felony, a felony. Bond remains at \$200,000 cash/surety. If the defendant posts bond, he will be placed on home incarceration.

Your, from page 3

there were 178 tanneries in West Virginia. Of course, after the blight had decimated the chestnut trees, hemlock became the tree of choice for tanning operations.

Chestnut trees also provided a staple food for Native Americans and white and black mountaineers. They gathered the sweet and healthful nuts for selling and trading right up until the blight. Native Americans were known to mix the chestnut meal with corn to make nutritious and filling bread.

Black bears were heavily dependent on the calories derived from eating chestnuts. The loss of this vital food source, deforestation, and the fur trade negatively affected black bear populations throughout much of Appalachia.

Appalachian life of many forms depended upon this single species of tree. So much so, that attempts to reintroduce a blight-resistant version of this valued tree began shortly after the blight was discovered and continues to this day.

The Chestnut blight and how we responded to it.

A forester named Hermann Merkel was walking through the Bronx Zoo one day in 1904. He noticed wilting leaves and tiny orange specks on the branches of several chestnut trees.

We will remember Mr. Merkel as the first person to discover the pathogenic fungus, *Cryphonectria parasitica*. The virulent and airborne blight wasted no time

spreading and stripped away the major tree of our beloved Appalachian mountains within a few short decades.

A 1908 article in the New York Times proclaimed the American chestnut tree "doomed."* This was not "fake news" but an astute observation.

By 1912, just four years later, there wasn't a live chestnut tree in New York City, whose streets and parks were previously and proudly lined with the American chestnut.

Like Sherman's March to the Sea, the blight continued its rampage south. In its wake, over 3.5 billion dead American chestnut trees were left standing from New England to Georgia as nothing more than tall bare snags.

All this loss to our Appalachian heritage occurred in just three decades.

So, how did we counter the loss of our American chestnut trees?

In the years since the chestnut blight arrived in New York from Asia, several major attempts were made to restore this precious tree, beginning with a method used to control forest fires.

Firebreaks are areas cleared of trees and vegetation that effectively halt or control some types of forest fires.

These firebreaks, of course, did not work because of the method of fungal seed distribution, spores. Spores are light and quickly become airborne and then spread by prevailing north-to-south winds.

It was obvious that the blight, composed of trillions of airborne spores, could not be contained. So a new approach was called for – back-

crossing.

Scientists, at a time when cross-breeding of species was well understood and practiced with many agricultural and ornamental cultivars, tried breeding American chestnut with one species known to be resistant to the blight, the Chinese chestnut.

It was a long shot, and after thousands of attempts to make the American chestnut as blight resistant as the Chinese variety, they came up empty-handed.

Fortunately, scientists would not be deterred; such was the love of the stately American chestnut.

By the 1950s, there was much concern about the effects of radiation due to the recent use of nuclear weaponry. We learned from unfortunate experiences and experimentation that radiation could cause genetic mutations.

Perhaps, scientists thought, they could irradiate the fruit of the American chestnut and get a mutation that resisted the blight. Unfortunately, this attempt also failed.

In 1973 scientists created a new bacterium by inserting the DNA from one bacteria into another. Voila, genetic engineering was born.

A few years later, attempts began to find a gene that would make the American chestnut resistant to blight. Scientists finally struck gold with a variety of wheat.

But, of course, there's always the bureaucracy that one must overcome.

Before we can introduce this newly developed transgenic chestnut to our forests on a large scale, several regulatory hurdles lay before us.

And we all know too well that government bureaucracy moves at the speed of a three-toed sloth.

This new variant of the American chestnut must get the green light from not one but three federal agencies.

First, the USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) has to approve any genetically modified plant.

Then, the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) ensures that before we plant this new chestnut tree, we want to know how it will affect the environment.

(I could not find any studies about how the transgenic chestnut might affect the underground mycelial network. But I'll keep looking.)

We've learned from past mistakes that it is all too easy to introduce a species that can wreak havoc on the already embattled forest.

Finally, the FDA (Food and Drug Administration) is there to make sure that the transgenic nuts do not pose a health problem to consumers.

So, from a practical standpoint, we are still a few years away from a massive campaign of replanting our Appalachian forests with a genetically tweaked version of the tree America loves to love.

Be patient, and someday our great-grandchildren will once again walk among the giants that we call the American chestnut.

Until next week,
Ken Springer
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* Science Friday, episode 12/24/2021 The Resurrection of the American Chestnut, and the American Chestnut Foundation. Additional citations available upon request.

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 Ancillary Administrator: Beate Selbe
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 Subscribed and sworn to before me on January 9, 2023.
 Melissa L. Bennett
 Clerk of the Pocahontas County Commission
 1/12/23

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8. Think about how much of a particular item your family will eat. If you like squash but only on occasion, don't plant a whole pack of seeds. Squash produces a lot on a single plant, and you'll be up to your eyeballs in it. Plant a couple in case some die and save the rest of the packet.

9. Plant herbs and flowers amongst the vegetables. Not only are they lovely to look at but the smell can confuse many harmful pests and may keep them from eating your food. Flowers like nasturtiums are edible and may help with bronchitis and other infections of the lung. The leaves and seeds have also been used for different medicinal applications. Herbs like basil are beneficial when planted with tomatoes.

10. Barter with friends. If you have gardening friends, try focusing on just a few crops in the beginning and talk to your friend about trading items during harvest. Trading for seeds and starter plants is another way to reduce startup costs.

11. If you have the ability to can, dehydrate or have other preservation methods for keeping foods for a long time, try doubling up. I like doing this. One year I plant a ton of green beans, peas, etc. and process them for storage (processing correctly is crucial for this to work). The following year I plant a bunch of something else. Growing my crops in this way allows me to focus on a larger harvest with fewer types of crops, which makes processing easier. Crop rotation, which is healthy for the soil, is easily accomplished with this method.

12. If you have the ability and desire to grow a large crop but cannot process it yourself, team up with a friend who loves canning but cannot grow anything. Dur-

ing the harvest have your friend process everything and then split the food in a way you both benefit.

13. Start a compost pile. You do not need to spend money on a fancy container. My first compost pile was a spot in the chicken yard where I threw all my food scraps and yard waste. The chickens loved aerating it for me as they scavenged for insects and worms. I eventually attached a couple of pallets together, to place around the pile, so there would still be a pile composting instead of a bare spot from the chickens.

14. Check your local laws for this one! Every fall, after the harvest, Granddaddy burned the garden to the ground. The ashes settled into the soil, adding back nutrients and helping to balance the pH of the soil. This also killed many plant bacteria, viruses and pests to prevent them from multiplying too fast. If this is not allowed where you live or you have a garden this would not work on, ashes from a wood stove can be added to garden soil.

15. After the fall harvest, turn your raised beds into winter compost piles. Mix into the soil: kitchen scraps, dried leaves and other small compostable items. Don't add too many small wood chips or too much sawdust. Quickly decaying wood may deplete nitrogen in the soil. Large wood chips break down slowly and may be used as mulch on top of the soil.

16. Save your seeds. Unless you planted every seed you bought, there will be seeds left over. This is great. Keep seeds in a cool dry environment and use them next year. Although some seeds do have a short shelf life, many seeds, kept in the correct environment, will be viable for years.

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BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hill, of Maxwelton, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hefner, of Marlinton, a daughter, named Melissa Jo.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Brewer, of Durbin, a son.

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DEATHS

Mrs. Bessie Phillips McClintic, aged 72 years, died Thursday, January 15, 1948, after a short illness. On Saturday afternoon her body was laid to rest in Mountain View Cemetery. The service was held from the Presbyterian Church by her pastor, Rev. Roger P. Melton. This is marked the passing of a truly good woman, a lifelong Christian and member of the Presbyterian Church.

Pallbearers were Beecher Meadows, Norval Pifer,

DEATHS

Harry Preston Gum, 74, of Cass, a retired farmer. Burial in Arbovale Cemetery.

Fred D. Hamrick, 75, of Petersburg, formerly of Cass; burial in Arbovale Cemetery.

Michael Kevin Dean, 10; born at Mill Point a son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred George Dean, Jr. Burial in Beaver Creek Cemetery.

Mrs. Edith A. Jones, 79, of Sanford, Florida; born in Pocahontas County, a daughter of

the late Charles Peter Collins and Sallie Bagby Collins.

James P. Cook, 57, of Plattsburgh, New York; born at Elkins, a son of Mrs. Myrtle Gum Cook and the late James Leroy Cook. Burial in Riverside Cemetery at Plattsburgh.

Lake William Drepperd, 68, of Covington, Virginia; born at Frost, a son of the late Clay and Ida Grimes Drepperd. Burial in Alleghany Memorial Park.

Wayne Jackson, Frank Harper, Eugene Ammons and James Howard.

Flower girls were Mesdames Paul Gladwell, Mary Evans, E. J. Patterson, Jess McNeill, Beecher Meadows, Norval Pifer, Ralph Moore and Miss Louise Smith.

The deceased was a daughter of the late Amos and Phoebe Kerr Phillips. Forty years ago she became the wife of the late Withrow McClintic. They are survived by their adopted daughter, Mrs. Bay McElwee...

Harlow Waugh, aged 74 years, died Sunday morning, January 18, 1948. On Tues-

13, 1923, aged nine months and nine days... He was laid to rest in the Lobelia Cemetery beside his four little brothers and sisters... Pallbearers were Edward Jones, Lee Payne, Verl Pyles, Willard Scott, students of the graded school.

FROST

The entertainment held in the Frost schoolhouse Saturday last by the Sunset League Troop was first class. The young ladies and gentlemen certainly acted their part well and deserve credit. The play carried a moral that made an impression upon all who attended.

There were but few social dinners among our people

day afternoon his body was laid to rest in the family plot in Mountain View Cemetery, the funeral being held from the Marlinton Methodist church by his pastor, Rev. E. M. Carlson.

Among the pallbearers were Leslie Gehauf, Robert L. Miller, Walter Mason, Moffett Williams, Edward Rexrode and John Bear...

Mr. Waugh was a son of the late Levi and Amanda Frances Poage Waugh. He married Miss Gertrude Gwin, daughter of the late David A. Gwin and Alice Rowan Gwin Robertson.

His death occurred on his and Mrs. Waugh's 43rd wedding anniversary.

during the holidays.

There came near being a serious wreck on the Warn Lumber Company road Thursday last. By some cause, the engine left the track on entering the trestle bridge that spans Knapps Creek in the Gibson pasture. The engine went over about 10 feet with the engineer John Coffman, fireman and P. S. Warn. How they escaped death is a mystery as they lodged under the wreckage and came near being scalded to death. Mr. Warn and Coffman were hurt but not seriously. Our citizens were soon on the ground to render aid for which Warn returned thanks

that seemed to have a charm not so apparent now. Then it seemed a genuine pleasure to show favors and render assistance. But now, pay seems to be expected for most every thing that may be done in the way of helpful service...

Catherine Moore was married to John Burr and settled in Burr's Valley...

Eliza Moore became Mrs. Price McComb, and settled on Cummings Creek densely covered with white pine and opened up virtually several nice farms...

Melinda Moore was the second wife of the late Capt. William Cochran, on Stony Creek... Her second marriage was with Joseph Barlow...

It is instructive to reflect on the memoirs of such a relationship so largely composed of patient, industrious people, accomplishing what they have done in developing our county. Nine members of this family settled in the woods and by their efforts more than a thousand acres of wilderness land has been made to rejoice and blossom as the rose...

It is next to impossible for many of us, my worthy readers, to appreciate what it all cost - weary toil, wear and tear of muscle and bodily vigor and self sacrifice to achieve what they have. Nevertheless, the oldest people tell us that there was more real contentment and satisfaction and enjoyment in life then than now. For there was a felt community of interest and harmonious help and truly sympathetic endeavor

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SEEBERT

Joe Bostic has moved his family to May, where he has a job on the Western Maryland railroad.

Harold Elmore has gone to Charleston where he has a government position.

A bad freight wreck occurred just below here at the Carter place last week. Four cars derailed, some in the river. Fortunately no one was hurt.

Ray Franklin Kellison, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. George Kellison, of Seebert, fell asleep in Jesus January

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James Moore married Anne McNeill, daughter of the late Squire John McNeill, on Dry Branch of Swago...

Samuel Moore married Nancy Beale and settled on the summit of Marlin Mountain in the unbroken forest, and killed ten rattlesnakes on the first acre cleared about his cabin...

William D. Moore settled on Elk Mountain in the woods. He was married three times, first to Rebecca Sharp, second wife was Mary Ann Auldridge, third wife was Hannah Beveridge...

Thomas Moore, a noted rail splitter and fence builder, never married. He opened up a nice farm on Back Alleghany.

Henry Moore married Elizabeth Auldridge, daughter of Thomas Auldridge, Sen., and settled in the woods near Driftwood and opened up two nice farms

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6320 - Snowshoe.
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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**



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. - **\$65,000**



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6495 - Dunmore. 12 acres with long frontage on Rt. 28. Property has easy access and a small building site. - **\$32,500**



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