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Hotel/Motel Tax and EMS topics of two commission meetings

Tim Walker
AMR

The apparently related issues of revising the way the county's Hotel/Motel Tax revenue is distributed and the current EMS crisis, requiring the establishment of paid EMS ambulance crews, were the subjects of two recent Pocahontas County Commission meetings.

A special meeting was held January 13 with only one item on the agenda – the distribution of Hotel/Motel Tax receipts.

Commission President Walt Helmick opened the meeting by explaining that this discussion is important since the county needs to provide reliable EMS services to its population because Pocahontas County is the most remote county in West Virginia and has the highest proportion of senior citizens.

Helmick said the commission needs to redistribute money to better "transport sick people" by ambulance.

Commissioner John Rebinski said the EMS crisis has highlighted the issue of how Hotel/Motel Tax money is distributed and that the amount of money generated by that tax has increased several fold over the past five or six years. He said that has

greatly increased the amount of money going to the seven organizations that receive a percentage of those tax revenues.

Those are Preserving Pocahontas; The Artisan's Coop; the Arts Council; the Historic Landmarks Commission; Dramas, Fairs and Festivals; Parks and Recreation; and the Pocahontas County Free Libraries and Information Centers.

Rebinski said that some of those seven organizations have received increases of \$150,000 to \$200,000 a year because the Hotel/Motel Tax revenue has grown so much, and this is unfair to other organizations which are just as deserving and just as important to the community, such as Meals-on-Wheels, which is being funded out of general-fund money and does not receive the increased annual funding as the seven H/M tax recipients do.

Rebinski also pointed out that the four organizations which, by commission policy, receive fixed amounts of Hotel/Motel tax funds also don't benefit from the increases of the Hotel/Motel tax revenues.

Those receiving fixed amounts are: Pocahontas Memorial Hospital, \$75,000 a year; EMS, \$75,000 a year; the County Fire Board,

\$50,000 a year; and Bricks and Mortars, \$25,000 a year.

Rebinski said the current way the tax revenue is distributed is not fair since these funds were not intended for "just a small group of organizations, but for the entire county." He said there has to be a cap on what those seven organizations receive, because many of them spend more money than they require to operate, just because it is there. Rebinski said he wants to take that extra money and put it into a "rainy day fund or use it to help other deserving organizations that don't currently receive Hotel/Motel Tax funding.

At that point, Rebinski went on what he described as a "rant." He said that some people have accused him of trying to destroy tourism in the county by proposing changes to the Hotel/Motel Tax distribution methods.

"Stop the B.S.!" he said. "I could take all of the money away from four of those organizations and it wouldn't hurt tourism at all. I am not hurting tourism by changing the way the money is given out, trying to spread the money wisely, not just to five or six organizations.

"I am going to rein-in these funds so they are spread out more."

Rebinski went on to say that once the EMS crisis is solved, we should be prepared to help fire departments next because they are also losing volunteers.

Cara Rose, executive director of the Convention and Visitors Bureau asked Rebinski if he has already prepared a formal written proposal to change the Hotel/Motel Tax distribution, and Rebinski replied "not yet, this discussion is just part of the process to determine what the formal plan should look like."

Rebinski said he envisions that those seven organizations should submit annual budget requests to the commission for Hotel/Motel Tax money based upon their specific needs, and those requests should include justifications for it, just as county agencies do every year. The commission will then either approve or decrease the request, based on the justifications submitted.

Rebinski said he is "not looking to have those organizations lose employees or to close down any libraries, he just wants to provide them with the amount of money they need, not more than that."

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MARLINTON ROTARY CLUB member Tim McClung, center, receives a Paul Harris Fellow award at Monday evening's Rotary meeting – presented by club president Kenny Woods, left, and district governor Dan McCarthy. S. Stewart photo

Marlinton Rotary hosts district 7545 governor

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

At the Marlinton Rotary dinner Monday evening, Rotary District 7545 District Governor Dan McCarthy spoke to the club about the international president's vision for the organization, as well as his vision for what makes Rotary clubs successful in their communities.

McCarthy said 2023 is a groundbreaking year in Rotary because for the first

time in the organization's 118 years, the international president is a woman – Jennifer Jones. The theme of Jones' presidency is "Imagine," and McCarthy shared how 2023 should be a year of imagining how the club can impact its community, the country and the world with its service.

McCarthy also spoke about his personal challenge to Rotary clubs in his district, pointing to the name of his mascot dog – McPuff.

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Why Not check out the Snowshoe Hare

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

For decades, the Why Not Shop, owned by Beryl Minghini, was a staple among the Snowshoe retail shops. Located across from The Inn at Snowshoe, the shop was the place for locals and visitors to pick up souvenirs, gifts and all their skiing and snowboarding needs.

Minghini traveled a lot with her job and when she began spending more time in Tahoe, Nevada, with her sons, Jarod and the late Bobby Minghini, her bookkeeper and friend Brenda Cochran joined the boys in convincing her it was time to sell the shop.

"Bobby and Jarod and I had been on to her for years – it's time," Cochran said. "She just didn't want to let

go. I had the opportunity to be here in '96 when she and Bob built it together, and it was a wonderful place. It was so much fun, and she had the coolest stuff. Everybody in the community came in and everybody stopped by. Everybody felt welcome. It was the best place in town."

With Minghini spending less time at the shop, it's shine tarnished a bit and Cochran convinced her it was time to let someone else have a chance to carry on its legacy and revamp it.

Cochran, who is office manager at First Tracts Realty, spoke to her bosses – David Simmons and Pete Monico – about buying the shop and after a little convincing, the business partners did just that and transformed it into the Snowshoe Hare with Cochran's help.

"I told them it would be good," she said. "I think somebody young and energetic needs to get in there and take it over. It needs some fresh blood. It needs some love because it's a great place. It's a great building."

The shop has turned into its own mini-shopping center with three businesses. On the far left is the Kickin' Chicken, in its new location, has expanded its menu to include burgers and pizza along with its many chicken dishes and sides.

On the right, is the Ski Barn rental shop, which supplies skis, snowboards and all the accessories needed for a day or weekend of shredding the trails at Snowshoe Mountain and Silver Creek resorts.

In the center is the Snowshoe Hare – a gift shop and



THE SNOWSHOE HARE – formerly the Why Not Shop – at Slaty Fork, is a cozy little gift shop and coffee bar where guests and locals can shop, relax and meet friends. S. Stewart photo

coffee bar.

"This was Pete's idea – the coffee bar was all him," Cochran said. "Charis Coffee Company, in the Outer Banks, is owned by Pete's friend, Josh East, and his wife. Pete talked to Josh about roasting our coffee and they came up with three options.

"First Tracts is our light. We have Snowshoe Blend, our medium roast and then our dark roast is Shay's Revenge."

The coffee is served at the bar and is also available in the store for those who want to take the taste of the Snowshoe Hare home with them.

On the first floor of the gift

shop is a section of clothing and accessories and Snowshoe branded souvenirs, and another section offers West Virginia made items, including local maple syrup and honey, as well as toiletries like shaving cream, bath bombs and lotions, quilted

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Year in Review: Manchin secures more than \$2.4 billion for West Virginia

U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV), member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, secured more than \$2.4 billion in funding for top West Virginia priorities in 2022. Every year, Senator Manchin fights to secure annual funding in the Senate Appropriations Committee to support West Virginians. In addition to that annual funding, West Virginia has received and will continue to receive critical resources from multiple funding packages that Senator Manchin authored and voted for, including the Inflation Reduction Act and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, as well as more than \$166 million for FY 2022 Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) Requests in West Virginia.

“As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I advocate every day for West Virginia priorities to ensure we have the support needed to take care of our people and communities. I am pleased that in the last year, West Virginia has received more than \$2.4 billion to support our health centers, combat the drug epidemic, promote quality, affordable housing, expand broadband across the state and much more,” said Senator Manchin. “I fought tirelessly to include billions of dollars in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 omnibus to help West Virginia communities and invest in our future, and West Virginia can expect to receive billions of dollars more in historic investments in the years to come thanks to the Inflation Reduction Act and other important packages. As we begin a new year, I look forward to seeing the positive impacts these incredible investments will have on the Mountain State, and I will continue fighting for resources to help West Virginia grow and thrive.”

Below are funding totals from agencies and departments and highlighted awards West Virginia re-

ceived:

U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)
 Senator Manchin secured \$982.5 million in DOT funding to upgrade West Virginia’s roads, bridges, highways, airports and public transportation to improve safety and efficiency for West Virginians and Americans traveling to and within the state.

- On August 10, 2022, Senator Manchin announced \$20.4 million for infrastructure improvement projects, including street upgrades and pedestrian paths, in Morgantown and Wheeling.
- On July 11, 2022, Senator Manchin announced \$15 million to support the construction of a new terminal building at the North Central West Virginia Airport (CKB) in Harrison County. This was made possible through the Airport Terminals Program, a new grant program established by Senator Manchin through the passage of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.
- On April 7, 2022, Senator Manchin announced \$24.8 million through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to bolster public transportation across West Virginia.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
 Senator Manchin secured \$321.5 million in HHS funding to improve health services for West Virginians, especially in rural communities across the state. The funding included resources to combat the drug epidemic and expand access to substance use disorder treatment and prevention services, as well as support Black Lung health services.

- On December 2, 2022, Senator Manchin announced \$18.7 million to help West Virginia strengthen its critical public health infrastructure.
- On October 11, 2022, Senator Manchin announced \$44.3 million to increase access to treatment, prevention

and recovery services for individuals struggling with substance use disorder in West Virginia.

- On July 20, 2022, Senator Manchin announced \$2.1 million for the Black Lung and Coal Miner Clinics Program in West Virginia.

U.S. Department of Education
 Senator Manchin secured \$278.8 million in Department of Education funding to bolster West Virginia educational institutions, from elementary schools to graduate research programs, including Upward Bound, GEAR UP and additional important programs.

- On October 6, 2022, Senator Manchin announced \$5.7 million to support safer and healthier learning environments for K-12 students.
- On July 18, 2022, Senator Manchin announced \$658K to support three West Virginia higher education institutions.
- On May 24, 2022, Senator Manchin announced \$3.4 million for Upward Bound Programs at six West Virginia colleges and universities.

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
 Senator Manchin secured \$196.3 million in FEMA funding to address severe storms, flooding and other weather events impacting the state, along with continued investments to reimburse costs accrued in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. FEMA funds help ensure West Virginia is prepared for any disaster or emergency that comes our way.

- On November 15, 2022, Senator Manchin announced \$33.7 million for three West Virginia healthcare providers to help reimburse costs accrued in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- On October 31, 2022, Senator Manchin announced \$26.6 million to help rebuild Herbert Hoover High School in Elkview, which was critically damaged by the 2016

severe floods.

- On January 4, 2022, Senator Manchin announced \$1 million to support flood mitigation at Beech Bottom.

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)
 Senator Manchin secured \$180.6 million in USDA funding to support West Virginia’s farmers, ranchers and agricultural producers, upgrade water and wastewater infrastructure, combat food insecurity and more.

- On December 22, 2022, Senator Manchin announced up to \$4.7 million for a livestock systems management project through West Virginia University.
- On July 12, 2022, Senator Manchin announced an estimated \$99.8 million to provide a payment of \$391 for approximately 255,280 West Virginia children to access healthy food and meals during the summer months.
- On April 21, 2022, Senator Manchin announced \$14.1 million for twelve West Virginia projects that will bolster flood protection, upgrade dam infrastructure and protect water quality across the state.

U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA)
 Senator Manchin secured \$132.1 million in EDA funding to boost economic development, especially for our coal communities, create good-paying, long term jobs and promote business growth to spur economic opportunity for all West Virginians.

- On September 22, 2022, Senator Manchin announced \$5.3 million for the Mason County Public Service District to support the construction of a new wastewater treatment plant to serve the Nucor steel mill and surrounding communities. This funding was made possible through the Coal Communities program, which Senator Manchin successfully fought to include in the American Rescue Plan.

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SNAP Emergency Allotments will end in March

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR), Bureau for Family Assistance reminds residents receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits that the last issuance of COVID-19 SNAP Emergency Allotments (EA) will be in February 2023 due to the funding being discontinued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Since April 2020, DHHR has issued SNAP EA which increased the household’s monthly SNAP benefit to the maximum benefit allowable by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Effective March 1, 2023, monthly SNAP benefits will return to the pre-COVID-19 Public Health Emergency level and will again be based on the

household’s income, assets, household size and other non-financial factors.

Each SNAP household will receive a letter from DHHR notifying them of this change and provide direction on any questions they may have.

“We were pleased to be able to provide this extra assistance during the Public Health Emergency to combat hunger,” said Janie Cole, Interim Commissioner of DHHR’s Bureau for Family Assistance. “We encourage SNAP recipients to begin today to budget their family’s benefits in preparation for this benefit change.”

Questions related to SNAP may be directed to DHHR’s Office of Constituent Services at 1-877-716-1212 or a local DHHR office.

Planned burns scheduled

Monongahela National Forest fire officials plan to burn natural debris piles at two locations in the Forest beginning immediately through March 1. Exact dates are weather dependent.

The burn locations will be off U.S. Rt. 219 between Marlinton and Slaty Fork on Forest Roads 1026 and 202. Signs will be posted on roads near the burn areas. There will not be a closure of any roads and the area will still be open. Residents and forest visitors may see and smell smoke.

The U.S. Forest Service burns piles of woody debris in an effort of reducing hazardous fuels. This helps restore the landscape and overall resiliency of the Forest.

County emergency operations centers will be notified when burning begins. For questions call Forest Fuels Planner Conor Shanahan at 304-704-3911.

For more information about Monongahela National Forest visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/mnf> or <https://www.facebook.com/MonongahelaNF>

Circuit Court

The following hearings were recently held in Pocahontas County Circuit Court:

Sergio D. Rodriguez-Huertas, 28, of Durbin, pleaded not guilty to one count, entry of a building other than a dwelling, a felony; one count, petit larceny, a misdemeanor; one count, battery, a misdemeanor. Bond was set at \$10,000 cash/surety with the special condition of no direct or indirect contact with the victims. Defendant is to be processed on Counts II and III at the Tygart Valley Regional Jail. Pre-trial status is set for March 2.

A sentencing hearing was held in the case the State vs Roger W. Sills, 43, of Slaty Fork, wherein the court accepted the pre-sentence investigation report. According to the PSI, a condition exists for the continuance of final sentencing until a diagnostic evaluation can be done. Sills is to self-report to the Northern Correctional Center as soon as an opening is available. Sills pleaded guilty to wanton endangerment with a deadly weapon, a felony, and to the lesser included offense of brandishing a deadly weapon, a misdemeanor.

Kyle Michael Miller, 27, of Dunmore, waived his right to a speedy trial and the matter is set in the next term of court. Miller was indicted on one count, entry of a building other than a dwelling, a felony; one count, attempted petit larceny, a misdemeanor.

A plea agreement is possible in the case the State vs William Steven Feury, 29, of Marlinton. Feury was indicted on one count, entry of a building other than a dwelling, a felony; one count, attempted grand larceny, a felony

Current defense counsel advised the court that Roy Myers, 48, of Durbin, is trying to obtain substitute counsel, but doesn’t have the

money at this time. Myers waived his right to a speedy trial and the matter will be set in the next term of court. Myers was indicted on one count, child neglect resulting in serious bodily injury, a felony; one count, child neglect creating a substantial risk of death, a felony.

Kristina Dawn Bennett, 42, of Circleville, appearing by video from the Tygart Valley Regional Jail, tendered a written plea agree-

ment to the court wherein she pleaded guilty to driving while license revoked for driving under the influence of alcohol, third offense. She was sentenced to not less than one year, nor more than three years in the state peni-

tentiary to run consecutive to any other sentences imposed by other jurisdictions. Bennett is to complete GOALS program while incarcerated. She was fined \$3,000 and received no credit for time served.

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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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Town of Marlinton
General Election Candidate Filing

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

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

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Poetry Corner

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Far from the lonely ridges
Rolling through night's black pall
Eerie and sad, hollow, haunting
I hear the hoot owl call.

"Witches moving," cry the children.
"Bad weather," the rustic sage.
"Hard winter," groans the prophet.
"Signs of death," croaks withered age.

But I stand in the darkened valley
And hark to his lonely call
As his solemn bass rolls downward
Out from the ridges tall.

I do not call him prophet,
Thing of evil, sage or seer.
He's a part of the mystic night-time
And his voice I love to hear.

~ W. E. Blackhurst, from *Afterglow*

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2023 Webinars

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Our Palates, Our Plants, Our Animals, Ourselves, Thursday February 2, 7 p.m.

Fred Provenza will outline his decades of research regarding the inherent nutritional wisdom of livestock species and their ability to select the most appropriate forage species for their needs at a given time. He is the author of three books, including *Nourishment: What Animals Can Teach Us about Rediscovering Our Nutri-*

tional Wisdom; *Foraging Behavior: Managing to Survive in a World of Change*; and *The Art and Science of Shepherding: Tapping the Wisdom of French Herders* (co-author with Michel Meuret)

February Dinner Regional Meeting

Tuesday, February 21, 6:30 p.m. at the WVU Building at the WV State Fair Grounds. Topic: Rural Stress to attend, contact Josh Peplowski at the Greenbrier **see WVU pg 10**



What's Cookin'?

With Sally Cobb

Asian Pork and Noodle Soup

1 pound pork, boneless sirloin or loin, cut into 1/2 inch pieces

2 cloves garlic, finely chopped

1 Tbsp. ginger root, thinly sliced or chopped

2 -14 oz. cans chicken broth

2 cups water

2 Tbsp. soy sauce or Bragg's Amino Acids

4 oz. uncooked egg noodles or thin spaghetti

1 bunch green onions, sliced - reserve green onion tops for garnish.

1 medium carrot, peeled, thinly sliced

1 cup celery, thinly sliced

1/2 cup sliced mushrooms

1 small red pepper, chopped

2 cups fresh spinach leaves

Spray 3-quart saucepan with cooking spray or 2 tsp. vegetable oil. Heat over med-high heat.

Add pork, garlic and ginger root; stir fry 3 to 5 minutes or until pork is brown.

Stir in broth, water and soy sauce. Heat to boiling; reduce heat. Simmer uncovered 5 minutes.

Stir in noodles, onion, carrot, celery, mushrooms and red pepper. Simmer uncovered 10 minutes or until noodles are tender.

Stir in spinach; cook until heated through.

Divide among 4 or 5 bowls.

Sprinkle with green onion tops.

For questions or to share a recipe, contact Sally at Sallyspocahontaskitchen@gmail.com

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

Well it looks like our governor, Big Jim Justice, is doing it again. He's ramming a plan through the legislature in Charleston to cut the state income tax by 50%. As one of the richest politicians in West Virginia this

would be a big payoff for him. Maybe he needs the extra money, I don't know. But if Big Jim wanted to burn through the State's budget why not cut the sales tax instead? A sales tax cut would help everyone — not just the most wealthy — and

even be a boost for local businesses. Or how about a compromise: a smaller sales tax cut and increased funding for our schools, child care and EMT services. That would be an investment in the future of the State and would pay off year after year.

It won't make Big Jim any richer, but if he's really feeling poor and needs a windfall he can always buy a lottery ticket. Get in line, Jim.

Sincerely,
F.J. Lockman
Green Bank, WV

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 Emergency Planning Committee Tuesday, January 31, 2 p.m. at McClintic Library in Marlinton. The public is invited. 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.

Allegheny Post 117 Tuesday, February 7, 6 p.m. at the Arbovale Community Center. All members are encouraged to attend.

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.
Game Night at Green

Bank Public Library, Friday, January 27, at 6 p.m. Board games, card games and video games, plus snacks and prizes. Bring your own Nintendo Switch controller if you have one. RSVP by phone to 304-456-4507.

Grow Appalachia Garden Planning, Tuesday, January 31, 6 to 7:30 p.m. at McClintic Library.

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.

Arts and Crafts at Durbin Library, Thursday, January 26, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Circuit Training, Mondays and Wednesdays, 5 to 6 p.m.

Jiggle, Wiggle and Giggle, creative movement for **see Calendar pg 9**

911 Center 2021 Year in Review

Pocahontas County Homeland Security and Emergency Management director Michael O'Brien provided the following report of the 8,433 calls received by the 911 Center during the year of 2021.

(2022 report will be published later.)

Nature of Call / Total Calls Received
911 ABD, Open - Hang up - 400
Accidental Dial - 122
Law Enforcement - Ani-

mal Control - 223
Assist Other Agency - 22
Accident with Injuries - 123
Auto Accident - 127
Law Enforcement - Breaking and Entering - 59
DNR Bear Damage - 2
Law Enforcement - Be on the Lookout - 40
Fire - Brush - 21
Child Neglect/Abuse - 1
Law Enforcement - Citizen Assist, non-emergency - 269
Law Enforcement - Citizen Assist - 38
Destruction of Property -

20
DNR - Violation Complaint - 31
DOA/Unattended Death - 18
Law Enforcement - Domestic - 156
Law Enforcement - Drug Complaint - 17
DVP Violation - 35
Fire - Alarm in Elevator - 990
Alarm - Fire - 160
Fire - Other - 68
Law Enforcement - Fraud - 17
Law Enforcement - Gen-

eral Alarm - 137
Fire - Hazmat Incident - 1
Highway Traffic Hazard - 196
Law Enforcement - Home Confinement - 10
Law Enforcement - Homicide - 1
Information/Notice - 151
Law Enforcement - Criminal Investigation - 29
Theft of Property - 81
Law Enforcement - General Complaint - 1,009

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Please join us for a Medical Fundraiser for Natalie Workman Saturday, January 28, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Marlinton Wellness Center Food, Crafts, Cakewalk and Basket Raffle! Come join us for a fun day. Thank You for your Support!

Super Crossword

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Lauren Bennett, director of Parks and Recreation, said “the money we all get is used for the benefit of the public.” Rebinski replied that he recognizes that, but there are other organizations out there that also serve the public, many of which are also tied into tourism, but those are not included in the present distribution system.

Helmick summed things up by saying “change is inevitable, but the county won’t be hurting these groups.”

Herb Barlow of the Marlinton VFD said that there needs to be a county-wide Fire/EMS Fee, but he is concerned that people in the southern part of the county won’t want to pay a fee for a service that is only provided in the northern part of the county. Rebinski said that the initial \$170,000 would only be a starting point for the program, which would begin in the northern part of the county, then move south.

Bill McNeel questioned if the commission can legally distribute Hotel/Motel Tax money in the manner proposed by Rebinski.

Commissioner Jamie Walker pointed out that tourism and EMS are connected since when there are major tourism events occurring in the county, fire/EMS calls correspondingly increase, increasing the strain on the volunteer system. Walker suggested that people running these events should also

be responsible for financially supporting EMS. He said he tends to favor staying with a percentage system for distributing the tax funds.

At the January 17 regular county commission meeting, Margaret Worth addressed the commission – Commissioner John Rebinski in particular – saying that she found the discussion during the special meeting “vulgar and disconcerting,” referring to Rebinski’s “rant.” She said Rebinski had attacked the representatives of those organizations receiving a percentage of the tax funding, and that he didn’t seem to recognize the value of the work they do for the community. Worth said she had no problem with beefing up EMS, or even adjusting the way the Hotel/Motel Tax is distributed, but does have a problem with the “tone” of that meeting, and also has a problem with using the COVID money to build a courthouse annex when EMS is in trouble and could use that money. She also suggested that instead of building a new 911 Center near the hospital, it should be relocated to the existing empty office building in the Edray Industrial Park.

Rebinski acknowledged his “rant” at the special meeting, but said that it needed to be said because he has been falsely accused of trying to hurt tourism with his proposals, which upsets him because it is untrue.

Rebinski said that the Edray building was considered as a 911 Center but ruled out as not being practi-

cal. He also said that the county has needed a new 911 Center and courthouse annex for many years, and the COVID money is the only way those will ever be built, so they will be built.

Rebinski added that those organizations receiving a percentage of the Hotel/Motel Tax will be fine, even with his proposed distribution change, but will only lose that extra money coming in every year as the tax revenues rapidly grow. He said those organizations “are not entitled to that money, but we will give them the opportunity to justify it by submitting a budget request.”

In addition, at the January 17 regular meeting, Dave Sharp, an Engineer with the Podesta Company, which was hired to do a feasibility study on the PMH’s water and sewer projects, said those studies have been completed.

Regarding the sewer project, he said there were three options:

1. Connecting the sewerage lines from the hospital and the school to the Marlinton sewer system via a gravity flow pipeline down the hill and connecting it to the Marlinton sewer system at a manhole located near the hospital entrance at U.S. 219. The cost is estimated to be \$2.94 million and some residences on Beard Heights might connect to it.

2. Relocate the present treatment sewerage plant (which needs to be replaced, because the lease will not be renewed.) The new plant would be moved to Buckeye

and would discharge the treated water into Swago Creek. The estimated cost of this would be \$2.16 million but would not include any new customers.

3. Relocate the current plant to the far side of Buckeye and discharge the treated water into the Greenbrier River. This would allow the residents of Buckeye to hook into the system. This option has an estimated cost of \$3.77 million.

Regarding the water system there were also three options presented.

1. Do nothing, but the current well system is not reliable, so this is impractical.

2. Connect to the Marlinton water system at the booster station near the museum and pipe the water up the hill to the hospital and school, at an estimated cost of \$2.13 million

3. Upgrade the present water system by drilling a new well and upgrade the present water treatment plant. This option is estimated to cost \$650,000.

The commission will make decisions on these proposals at a later date.

In other business:

- approved a drawdown of \$43,220 from the Pocahontas County ARC Broadband grant to pay Thompson and Litton invoices and pay the attorney fees for negotiating the Organization and Maintenance agreement with CityNet.

- received updated financial information from Brenda Harmon of the Artisan’s Co-op regarding their “for profit” subsidiary corporation.

Rotary, from page 1

“His name comes from what I consider the foundational components of Rotary – Membership, Community Service, Public Image, Foundation Giving and Fun,” he said. “If you’re having those things in your club, then you’re doing well. You’re going to have a successful club.”

In addition to being a time to brainstorm ways to impact the club, the meeting was also a celebration. McCarthy assisted Marlinton Rotary President Kenny Woods in presenting a Paul Harris Fellow award to member Tim McClung.

“It recognizes Rotarians or non-Rotarians who are either contributing or have demonstrated a consistent and valuable contribution consistent with Rotary’s mission,” McCarthy said.

McClung received a medal, lapel pin and plaque for his continued service as a Rotarian.

Woods also inducted new members Ryan Jackson, Kristen Beverage and Dustin Simmons.

“You three have been elected to membership of this club because your fellow members believe you to be worthy representatives of your calling and also possess

qualities that will permit you to exemplify the true spirit of Rotary to your public, business, social and private lives,” Woods said.

“I wish to impress upon you that you’ve been admitted not only to the Rotary Club of Marlinton, but also to a worldwide association and by virtue of your membership in this club, you will be welcomed into the fellowship of any Rotary Club in the world,” he added.

McCarthy also addressed the new members and welcomed them to the organization.

“To the new folks who are just joining Rotary, you have a world of opportunity here,” he said. “We need your ideas. Rotary will grow because we adapt, and it’s how we make that difference in the community that’s going to make the difference to all of us. Each of you has ideas that will help us make a greater impact within the community, so speak up, be active and I look forward to seeing more from the Marlinton Club.”

Woods also presented a special award to Joe Smith for his diligent work as the club’s historian. Woods said Smith spent countless hours gathering the history of the Marlinton Club and continues to add the club’s activities to the record. Woods presented a Rotary Historian lapel pin to Smith.

Hare, from page 1

items and hand-knitted hats.

“We try to carry a lot of local things here,” Cochran said.

Next to the gift shop area and coffee bar is a cozy sitting area with chairs and a couch for guests who wish to enjoy their coffee and baked goods, which are also locally sourced.

“We get cinnamon rolls and scones from Shirley Doolittle in Green Bank, and then I go over to Jackson River Bakery to get donuts and fried pies there,” Cochran said. “Everybody knows we have fresh pastries on Fridays, so Fridays and Saturdays we get really busy with everybody coming in to get the fresh stuff.”

The sitting area is by the Prayer Wall, where guests can take a tag and write a prayer or prayers to be included on the wall. Tags adorn the wall with well wishes and prayers of all kinds. There is also a daily Bible verse shared on a chalkboard hung next to the prayers.

Upstairs, the store has a variety of sections, including shoes, pajamas and slippers, Christmas and kids. There is also a bargain bin section for items that will no longer be available at the store.

“There are a few items we might carry, but they wanted to downsize a little and just not go with everything that [Minghini] had,” Cochran explained. “In the beginning it was just overwhelming, so they said, ‘we’re just going to downsize, take our time deciding what we want and what we don’t want to carry.’”

With that said, there is room for additions to the store. Cochran said she hopes to add a camping section and there is a portion of the upstairs that, for the time being, is storage and her office, hidden behind beautiful sliding barn doors.

From the upstairs, visitors get a better view of a display above the entrance. It’s a collage of photos with the words “Forever Snowshoe” on a rustic wooden background. The photos are of members of the Snowshoe area community who have

passed away.

The center photo is Bobby Minghini, who passed away October 10, 2022.

“Bobby was my boy,” Cochran said. “I’d known him since he was little and loved him dearly. Out of respect for Beryl and Bob and Jarod, I asked Pete if we could put a picture of Bobby on the wall and he’s like, ‘Oh yeah, that’s a great idea. In fact, why don’t we just make a memory wall?’”

“That’s what we did,” she continued. “We know that everybody’s not up there. We just want to pay our respect. I’ve been on the mountain in some capacity since 1989 and there’s been a lot of loss, like there is in any community.”

Bobby and Jarod were both so excited for the new chapter in the life of the store and were going to help Beryl clean out the items she

wanted. Sadly, Bobby died a week before they were to come to the shop. Although he never saw the new shop, he is still part of it and is one of the many Snowshoe family members to be honored on the memory wall.

Jarod and Beryl did make the trip and gathered what they wanted to keep from the Why Not Shop. Six weeks later, the Snowshoe Hare opened and has been a welcoming addition to the community.

Cochran said she is happy to see the community’s response to the shop and feels that it has returned to being a hot spot it was years ago.

“It’s been heartwarming to have community people stopping in,” she said. “I know the very first weekend we were open, we had four or five different couples and families from Marlinton drive over.

“We have a cool little community and they do a lot over at Linwood,” she added. “This is in addition to it. We want everybody in the community and all of our guests to feel welcome.”

It took hard work and six weeks, but it seems the shop has returned to being the place to be in the Snowshoe area.

“I think it’s a great part of the community,” Cochran said. “Pete and Dave are all about the community and being open and inviting and welcoming. You want a place for people to come and feel welcome. Our whole county is like that. Green Bank has it. Marlinton has it. We want Snowshoe to have it, too.”

The Snowshoe Hare is open Monday through Wednesday, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Thursday through Saturday, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.



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Obituaries



Lottie Revis

Lottie Jane Alderman Revis, 83, of Craigsville, Virginia, a beloved mother, grandmother and friend, peacefully passed away Wednesday, January 11, 2023, 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 schools in Marlinton, but ultimately graduated in June 1957 from Royal Oaks George A. Dondero High School in Royal Oaks, Michigan. She enlisted in the Woman's Army Corp in December 1957 and served until her honorable discharge in January 1960 due to her marriage. Although her service and marriage took her to places all over the country and world, Lottie remained close to her beloved West Virginia. She cherished her immediate family, brothers and sisters, nieces, nephews and cousins throughout her years, as genealogy and family ancestry became her passion. All who knew Lottie, knew of her extreme wit, knowledge of forest and fauna and love of studying history. She never met a stranger and loved inciting conversation. She was without a doubt unforgettable.

Lottie was preceded in death by her ex-husband, James Revis; brothers Robert Alderman, James Alderman, Charles Alderman, Bernard Alderman and Donald MacPherson; sisters, Elizabeth Martin and Mary Turley.

She is survived by a son, James Revis II, of Virginia Beach, Virginia; daughter, Jennifer Revis Knight (Donald), of Craigsville, Virginia; granddaughter, Catherine Knight Johnson (Mark), and

grandson, Anthony Knight (Amber), all of Stuarts Draft, Virginia; grandson, Andrew Knight, of Craigsville, Virginia; granddaughter, Kelly Revis Bailey, of South Carolina; seven great-grandchildren, Joshua, Aidan and Tristan Johnson, Logan and Ryan Knight, Gabriel Knight and Eva Grace Bailey; two great-great-grandchildren, Jasper and Olivia Johnson; sisters, Lorraine Alderman, of Michigan, and Altonia Smith, of New York; and brother, Douglas MacPherson, of Richmond, Virginia. Additionally, she leaves her neighbor, James Revis's wife, Linda; her dear childhood friend, Jim Mason; and her beloved dog and daily companion, Dink. Her nurse Laura was near and dear to her heart, as well.

A private family service was held in her honor, graveside, at Riverside Cemetery. Pallbearers were James Revis II, Donald Knight, Mark Johnson, Joshua Johnson, Logan Knight and Jim Mason. Honorary Pallbearers were Jennifer Knight, Catherine Johnson, Kelly Bailey, Amber Knight, Eva Grace Bailey and Olivia Johnson. The family wishes to thank Augusta Health Hospice of Shenandoah for their support and commitment to Mom's care. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice at PO Box 215, Fishersville, VA 22939.



Gina Schrader

Gina Marie Cruise Schrader, of Charleston and Hillsboro, died Friday, January 13, of injuries sustained in a fall on January 2 in Charleston.

Born April 14, 1945, Gina packed several lives' worth

of living into her 77 youthful years. A tiny sprite with an outsize personality and warm, engaging smile, Gina was a resourceful woman who made her own way throughout her life, supporting herself by her wits, energy and sales talents.

She successfully raised a daughter as a young, single mother in a time when such a feat was rare. She earned a BS degree in geography and sociology from the University of Charleston where she was introduced to arts, crafts and her life-long passion, West Virginia traditional music. For several years, she worked as an agent for top West Virginia bands, co-founded a bluegrass and traditional music booking agency, initiated a hugely successful bluegrass festival featuring John Hartford and Bela Fleck, and learned firsthand the difficulties of making a living as a music promoter.

In the span of her long and varied career, Gina worked as an advertising sales rep for WTIP/WTIO FM Radio in Charleston, then made friends of business owners in Parkersburg and the greater Charleston metro area through her work with the direct mail company Val-Pak. After selling her West Virginia Val-Pak franchise, she took on the job of developing partnerships for the Midland Trail Scenic By-Way Association. Described as "a hummingbird" by members of the association of business operators along the 189-mile federal scenic highway, Gina worked tirelessly to make the organization a success.

She got her first 35mm camera in the early 1970s and began taking photographs for fun. She could capture the brightest, best spirit of her friends in images, many of whom were working musicians, so her photographs sometimes were used on album covers and promotional posters.

She loved organizing and painting, and never hesitated to jump in to help friends downsize and refurbish. She was a certified master gardener, and was quick with advice and often with labor,

and generously shared plants. She loved presenting friends with thrift store treasures, and she was famous for her yearly Saturday night parties following official Memorial Weekend Vandalia Gathering activities.

The last 15 years of her life were her happiest, as she shared them with her great love, photographer Doug Chadwick. She assisted him with his panoramic photography business, and they traveled together throughout the United States, Central and South America, Europe and Australia. She died 13 days after his January 1 death.

Friends and family were of utmost importance to her. She cultivated them as carefully as a garden. As a result, she had a wide network of people who were always happy to see her, whom she popped in to visit whenever she was in their neighborhood, and who came to her aid when she suffered two life-threatening health crises. The FOGgers, Friends of Gina, took shifts sitting by her bedside around the clock during a month-long ordeal in 2015, following surgery for a second ruptured brain aneurism.

Gina is survived by her daughter, Michelle Schrader, and grandson, Corey Hardie, of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida; cousins in West Virginia, Virginia, Florida and New York City; her childhood pal, Judy Galloway, with whom she shared many an adventure; longtime friend, Pam Hutton; Doug Chadwick's sister, Deborah Clearman, of New York City; and a host of dear friends from here to Australia.

She made everybody feel special. At the end, the people in the room were Judy, Pam and Michelle. Holding the long vigil were Kate Long, Cheryl and Scott Williams, Becky and Bill Kimmons, Alice Hypes, Paul and Becky Flaherty, Carter Zerbe and Maureen Conley, Ginger and Bob Must, and by long distance, Sallie Sublette and Beccy Wilfinger. Her beloved Anton Shelepov and his wife, Irena, were

among the many who were there for her, in person and in spirit.

She will be remembered as a generous, energetic peacemaker who loyally and enthusiastically supported her friends through thick and thin.

Gina's family and friends wish to thank the staff in the Surgical-Trauma ICU at Charleston General Hospital who showed visitors unusual kindness during Gina's stay, and those who came forward to help defray travel expenses for Michelle.

A memorial gathering will be announced at a later date.

Friends wishing to memorialize Gina may send donations to The Greenbrier River Watershed Association, greenbrier.org; Friends of Old Time Music and Dance, FOOTMAD.org; or Manna Meal, mannameal.org in Charleston.

Memories and condolences may be shared by visiting snodgrassfuneral.com and selecting the obituary.

Snodgrass Funeral Home of South Charleston is honored to be assisting the family with arrangements.

Donald Thayer

Rev. Donald Thayer, age 87, loving husband of Eleanor Hannah Thayer, formerly of Slaty Fork, passed away Sunday, December 11, 2022, in Abingdon, Virginia.

Donald was a former teacher/administrator for Washington County Virginia Schools, served as pastor of Mountain View United Methodist Church in Abingdon, Virginia, for 32 years, and was a full-time farmer. He was preceded in death by his parents; six siblings; a son, Greg Thayer; and daughter-in-law, Michelle Thayer.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Melissa Bonardt (Allen), of Charlotte, North Carolina; son, Kevin Thayer, of Abingdon, Virginia; a brother; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mountain View United Methodist Church Cemetery Fund,

18970 Middle Drive, Abingdon, VA 24211.



Mary Turley

Mary Alice Alderman Turley, 89, passed away Friday, December 23, 2022.

She was born in Mountain Grove, Virginia, April 20, 1933, and lived near Minnehaha Springs.

Mary graduated from Green Bank High School in 1950. She continued her education by completing a PhD in Nursing from the University of Texas Austin in 1983. She worked in nursing and served as Dean and Professor of Nursing at four medical colleges.

After retiring from medicine, she taught Bible at Tarrant County College in the seniors program for 20 years. She also did mission work in Argentina, Russia and China.

She was preceded in death by her brothers, Morris, Robert, Charles and Don; sisters, Elizabeth, and, recently, Lottie Alderman Revis.

She is survived by sisters, Alvonia Alderman Smith and Lorraine Alderman; brother, Doug; as well as family and friends in Pocahontas County and Virginia.

The Recorded Funeral Service is available on YouTube: search Legacy Church of Christ Ft. Worth TX /Mary Turley.

Manchin, from page 2

• On August 24, 2022, Senator Manchin announced \$5.3 million to support construction of a new conference and events center and workforce development facility in Elkins, which was also funded through the EDA's Coal Communities program in the American Rescue Plan.

• On July 18, 2022, Senator Manchin announced \$4.6 million to build the new Mylan Park Regional BMX facility for BMX racing tracks and an all-inclusive wheel park in Morgantown. This was funded through the Travel, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation program in the American Rescue Plan.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Senator Manchin secured \$69.7 million in HUD funding to ensure every West Virginian has access to quality, safe, affordable housing, no matter where they live.

• On May 16, 2022, Senator Manchin announced \$37.7 million for twenty West Virginia housing authorities to expand rental assistance, address substance use disorder and support other programs to help West Virginians currently experiencing homelessness or housing instability, especially children and youth.

• On March 16, 2022, Senator Manchin announced \$9.3 million for nineteen organizations across West Virginia to help quickly rehouse individuals and families currently experiencing homelessness. The programs also support adults and youth fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking.

• On January 13, 2022, Senator Manchin announced \$3.5 million to support twenty affordable rental units for high-need elderly house-

holds in eastern West Virginia.

Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)

Senator Manchin secured \$37.9 million in ARC funding to strengthen economic growth throughout the state, including through broadband expansion, job and education training and efforts to boost West Virginia's outdoor recreation and tourism economy.

• On December 16, 2022, Senator Manchin announced \$2.5 million for renovations to the Minnie Hamilton Hospital in Grantsville.

• On October 3, 2022, Senator Manchin announced \$5.7 million for three West Virginia projects that will construct a waterline extension in Clay County, conduct a land development study along Corridor H and support tourism and recreation-related businesses across the state.

• On May 31, 2022, Senator Manchin announced \$1.5 million for the City of Ripley to upgrade and improve its sewer connections.

U.S. Department of

Justice (DOJ)

Senator Manchin secured \$37.8 million in DOJ funding to bolster public safety for all West Virginians, including through expanding substance use disorder treatment and prevention programs, promoting school safety and strengthening law enforcement capabilities.

• On November 9, 2022, Senator Manchin announced \$478K to promote Internet safety for West Virginia children and help prosecute sexual predators who operate on the Internet.

• On October 7, 2022, Senator Manchin announced \$6.3 million for seven West Virginia law enforcement programs to develop and acquire effective technologies, equipment and interoperable communications to bolster crime prevention and response across the state.

• On September 19, 2022, Senator Manchin announced \$4 million for three West Virginia public safety programs aimed at preventing and addressing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking, as well as

enhancing victim safety and services.

U.S. Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

Senator Manchin secured \$15.5 million in FCC Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF) funding, as a portion of the total FCC funds, to expand reliable, affordable broadband and telehealth services to promote the full participation of all West Virginians in today's digital economy.

• On June 16, 2022, Senator Manchin announced \$5 million to help West Virginia schools, libraries and educational organizations purchase laptops and tablets, Wi-Fi hotspots, modems, routers and broadband connections for students, staff and library visitors.

• On March 10, 2022, Senator Manchin announced West Virginia will receive \$247.6 million over the next decade to expand broadband

access to 79,391 locations across West Virginia.

• On February 8, 2022, Senator Manchin announced \$899K for four healthcare providers to expand quality telehealth services

Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) Requests

Senator Manchin secured \$166.9 million in CDS requests for 88 critical projects across the state. As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Senator Manchin works to ensure taxpayer dollars are allocated to priorities that benefit all West Virginians, boost economic growth and support the needs of communities across the Mountain State while remaining fiscally responsible.

• On November 17, 2022, Senator Manchin announced that Community Care of West Virginia will receive \$1.2 million to help strengthen behavioral and mental healthcare services for young West Virginians in

several rural counties across North Central West Virginia.

• On September 30, 2022, Senator Manchin announced the Marshall University Center of Excellence for Recovery will receive \$4.9 million to support its efforts to help West Virginians suffering from substance use disorder or behavioral health issues.

• On August 15, 2022, Senator Manchin announced West Virginia University (WVU) will receive \$930K to develop and equip a mobile wastewater-testing laboratory for use across West Virginia. The mobile lab will help forecast infectious disease outbreaks and detect where drug misuse may be widespread.



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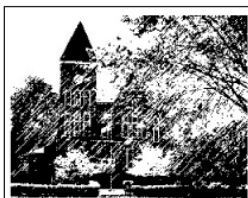
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Sgt. Cecil Glen VanReenen Burial – December 12, 1945



A LARGE CROWD gathered at Mountain View Cemetery in Marlinton, W.Va. for the burial of Sergeant Cecil Glen VanReenen. Sgt. VanReenen, served in the U.S. Army 106th Infantry Division in Europe during World War II. He was Killed in Action January 24, 1945 near Dienenburg, Belgium. His body was returned to Marlinton December 10, 1945 and his funeral was held the following Sunday at Edray Methodist Church. He was the son John Gilbert and Elsie Sue Hull VanReenen. (Photo courtesy of Susie Smith Gunter, ID: PHP000745)

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If you have historical records or photographs to be scanned for the county Historical Archive contact Preservation Officer B. J. Gudmundsson at 304-799-3989 or email info@pocahontaspreservation.org Prints of photographs are available.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, January 29, 1948

Postmaster Kerth Nottingham has received notice from the Department that Spanish Prisoner Swindle letters are again coming in ever increasing number from Mexico.

If you happen to be on the sucker list and receive such a letter, immediately turn it over to your postmaster who will forward it to Washington.

THE WEATHER

Monday morning, it was 12 degrees below zero at the State Road Garage in Marlinton with eight inches of snow on the ground. At the Meadows on Williams River, it was 12 degrees above zero with about sixteen inches of snow on the ground.

HILLSBORO FARM WOMEN

The Hillsboro Farm Woman’s Club met January

22 with Mrs. Alfred McNeel. Devotional was led by Mrs. Eric Clutter. Mrs. John Chappell, Jr., was leader of the program, “The Home-maker as a World Citizen.” The club voted to make a donation of \$5 to the March of Dimes. A letter from the principal of the graded school, Charles Moore, was read, thanking the club for the generous donation of food for the hot lunches. A delicious salad was served to 12 members.

FIELD NOTES

Minks, weasels and muskrats are about the only furs in demand at good prices this year. Raccoon pelts are going for a dollar or a little better. Good muskrats are listed at \$3, and I heard \$25 and \$30 for minks.

Over on Williams River, Howard Mullins and his son, Johnny, each have a couple of mink sets on Big Laurel. One trap was on one side of

the creek and the other on the other side. The other morning they went to look at the traps. An extra big old mink had come up on Howard’s side of the creek, and Johnny was not feeling any too charitable about it either.

Within a few hundred feet of the trap, the big old mink proceeded to cross the creek. Then Johnny began to feel much better over the situation. In fact, he began to figure the value of the pelt at \$25 and better. The mink did go to the set, but the water had gone down and left the trap showing up. The sign showed he had tried to get at the bait without putting a foot in the trap, but all to no purpose, and so he went away from that place.

This is an old and widely known mink. The sign shows he goes on three feet, a hind foot is missing. The Mullins boys blame him with eating a couple of muskrats caught in their traps down by the Deepwater. One of the pelts was so baldy torn it brought but fifty cents.

The Mullins family is all in readiness to do some beaver trapping, when the season opens next month.

WEDDINGS

Announcement has been made of the wedding of Lucille Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Jackson, of Beard, to Argile Arbogast, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Arbogast, of Millpoint. The double ring ceremony took place Thursday, January 15, 1947 (sic), in Baltimore, Maryland.

Mr. and Mrs. Winters Morrison, of Lobelia, announce the marriage of their daughter, Mary, to Gismo Ralph Nottingham, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Nottingham, of Marlinton. The marriage took place at Elkton, Maryland, September 16, 1947.

Angus P. Irvine and Miss Edna Mae Shinaberry were married at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. J. W. Pugh, at Boyer Tuesday, January 13, 1948. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bedford Shinaberry, of Cloverlick, and the groom, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Irvine, of Marlinton.

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100-Years-Ago in The Pocahontas Times

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, January 25, 1923

SEEBERT

I wonder how many of our boys and girls know the robins are spending the winter here. Just a few days ago, quite a lot were hopping around. They have been here all winter. It is the duty of every boy and girl to protect and study about our birds and observe them. When you find out how useful they are in protecting our grain and fruit and when you note the beauty of their song and color, you will become their friend. As a friend, you will keep them by feeding them in severe weather, by putting up some bird boxes, by protecting them against their enemies and, best of all, by making them welcome about your school, your home, your orchards, your gardens

and your fields. Birds have a mission of song and cheerfulness that few of us realize.

BARTOW

Mr. Bud Houchin, who lived out on the Cheat Mountain road, died Saturday. Burial will be at Bartow graveyard Monday, 22nd.

Day by day in every way the road is getting “worse and worse.” We aren’t kicking about it tho, for during the greater part of the year, we have one of the best roads in the country and are rather proud of it, and more especially when we have strayed over into some of our neighboring counties.

The Monterey mail has been delayed to some extent during the past two weeks by the heavy snow on Alleghany. The schedule has been temporarily changed for this reason. The mail now

leaving here about 7 a.m. instead of after arrival of the noon train, as it did formerly.

One of the highest winds on record blew through this section for several hours Tuesday. Its velocity was estimated at two hundred and eighty-eight thousand miles an hour. The estimate being based on observations by our local prophet of flying objects driven before the gale. It is stated that objects would blow by and vanish in an easterly direction, then would reappear in about five minutes coming from the west, which would indicate that they went entirely around. It is thought however, that our weatherman’s age has affected his eyesight to some extent.

EDUCATIONAL NOTES

G. D. McNeill
Pocahontas County has a few of the best elementary

schools in West Virginia; it has a few schools that are all but worthless; it has scores falling between the two extremes. There are two reasons why a school in one neighborhood may be good while the school in the adjoining neighborhood is bad. In some instance, the patrons of one community are progressive. They take such interest in the education of the children that a very poor teacher is able to teach a successful school. In the adjacent community, the patrons are willing to sacrifice education to almost any other interest. Children are persistently kept from school to do chores, the most unimportant matter is considered as more important than going to school... In one instance, a patron took three children out of school for a day in

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Fifty Years Ago

Jane Price Sharp, Editor

Thursday, January 25, 1973

For the second time in less than a month, the nation mourns the death of an ex-president, Lyndon Baines Johnson, president of the United States 1963-1968, died Monday, January 22, 1973, at his Texas ranch. He is credited with an unequalled record of legislation in the fields of education, civil rights, social security and other domestic social fields.

Harry S. Truman, the 33rd president of the United States, served from 1945 to 1953. He died December 26, 1972, in Independence, Missouri, at the age of 88.

RETIRES

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde B. Cochran were honored with a combination retirement and going-away party December 30, 1972, at the Jerico Club. The party was given in their honor by Dotty Kellison, Fred Mullenax, Dennis Grimes and Wayne Galford, deputies who had served under Mr. Cochran as Sheriff, and Ted Matheny, the newly elected sheriff.

Mr. Cochran was given an electric wristwatch and Mrs. Cochran was given a pair of diamond earrings by the Sheriff’s Department. They also received a large painting from their friends...

COVERED BRIDGE

In answer to queries about covered bridges in Pocahontas County comes a letter from a former Pocahontas Countian from Meadville,

Pennsylvania. There was a covered bridge across Cheat River on top of Cheat Mountain, I would say was built about the middle or latter part of the 1800s. One of my brothers was a cook for a company that cut timber near the bridge in 1890.

I was raised on a farm near Green Bank, and moved to Pennsylvania in 1922. I am 92 years young.

Minnie Sheets Ervin

WEDDINGS

On Saturday afternoon, December 16, 1972, at four thirty o’clock, Miss Jo Ellen Woods, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert N. Woods, of Marlinton, became the bride of Robert Marshall Oliver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Oliver, of Dunmore. The Rev. Kenneth Montgomery performed the double ring ceremony in the United Methodist Church at Dunmore...

Pine Grove Church of the Brethren at Arbovale was the setting for the wedding of Miss Karen Sue Underwood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Denver Underwood, of Huntersville, to Carl Larson, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, on Saturday afternoon, December 9, 1972, at two thirty o’clock. The couple was united in marriage by the Rev. David Rittenhouse, before an altar banked with green pine boughs, white carnations and white doves...

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Footsteps through History

The Pocahontas Times
Andrew Price, Editor

Thursday, January 28, 1898

A STRANGE rig struck Marlinton last Tuesday. It seemed to be a little cabin built on a spring wagon and containing the equipment necessary for camp life. A stovepipe projected through the roof and the whole had the air of comfort necessary even in the coldest weather. A shaggy little horse was attached to what a Pocahontas teamster would have taken a four-horse team to pull. To the casual observer this pony seemed right miserable, but closer acquaintance showed that he was in a good state of preservation, and was still cheerful. He had pulled that awful load over the mountains a distance of about 150 miles. He had not a sore place on him and he has done well as a good and faithful servant. The parties with the turnout are Mr. and Mrs. Clayton. The husband is a good deal older than the wife, and said that his occupation was that of a house builder. After a life’s work, he had saved up a good deal of money, but had lost it all in business in Cumberland. He had been swindled by a man who is now doing six years in the pen, but it did

not bring back the money. The people seemed intelligent and well-bred.

AT one time, it seemed as if the annexation of Hawaii would be prevented as it had become so largely a question of party politics. The exciting movements now going on in reference to Chinese affairs have evidently weakened the opposition to annexation, and our readers need not be surprised to hear in a few weeks that the Stars and Stripes will be unfurled over those Pacific Islands which we have heard so much about. No more pent up Utica then, the whole continent and something besides must be ours.

LOCAL EVENTS

BORN to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bratton, at Marshall, VA., a daughter, on the 22nd day of January, 1898.

ANOTHER good man gone wrong. Where did he go to? Went to the wrong store to buy rubber shoes and arctics. Where ought he to go? To the Golden Store. Why? Because he sells snow-excluding Arctics at 89¢; low Arctics, 59¢.

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BOARD OF REVIEW AND EQUALIZATION HEARINGS

The County Commission of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, in its capacity as the Board of Review and Equalization will convene on the following dates and times for the purpose of reviewing and equalizing assessments made by the Assessor.

Wednesday, February 1, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.
County Commission Office
Pocahontas County Courthouse-Marlington

Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.
County Commission Office
Pocahontas County Courthouse-Marlington

Monday, February 13, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.
County Commission Office
Pocahontas County Courthouse-Marlington
Friday, February 17, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.
County Commission Office
Pocahontas County Courthouse-Marlington

Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 5:45 p.m.
County Commission Office
Pocahontas County Courthouse-Marlington

The Commission requests that appointments be made prior to these dates. To schedule an appointment, please contact Melissa L. Bennett, County Clerk at 304-799-4549 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Pocahontas County Commission
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NOTICE OF CONTRIBUTION CONSIDERATION

In order to better serve all individuals, groups and organizations seeking contributions and/or funding from the Pocahontas County Commission, our office has set aside the first Tuesday of August, November, May and February for discussion and/or action of requests made for consideration. Guidelines for contributions for fiscal year 2022-2023 are listed below.

Requests to be placed on the agenda for the February session must be made no later than 12:00 noon on Wednesday February 1, 2023. Please contact the Pocahontas County Clerk's Office at 304-799-4549 Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm or by email to pocackl@clerk.state.wv.us for further information.

The Pocahontas County Commission will have four (4) funding request meetings per year, one meeting per quarter. To be considered for contribution requests:

(1) All groups, organizations or entities must have representative available at County Commission meeting at time of the initial presentation; no exceptions will be made;

(2) All groups, organizations or entities must show proof (i.e., copy) of its Internal Revenue Service (IRS) issued 501(c) or other non-profit status, or in the case of a public entity (i.e., school board or town), a verified statement of public purpose behind the request; the information requested in this section must be made available to the Commission upon the initial presentation, noting that if any of the documentation is missing the request will not be considered by the Commission;

(3) All individuals, groups, organizations or entities seeking contributions must possess a valid copy of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) issued 501(c) or other non-profit documentation matching the exact name of the group, organization or entity, except in the case of a public entity (i.e., school board or town) or a request of \$500.00 or less (see No. 7 below); no other exceptions will be made;

(4) All requests must contain itemized budget and a financial statement from group, organization or entity at time of initial request, or if request is from a public entity (i.e., school board or town) such budget and financial documents must be presented for the specific project; the information requested in this section must be made available to the Commission upon the initial presentation, noting that if any of the documentation is missing the request will not be considered by the Commission;

(5) Only one request per fiscal year from each group, organization or entity will be considered and such request may only be presented no sooner than the one (1) year anniversary of any prior request, and will be determined by the named payee on previously issued checks; no exceptions will be made;

(6) No requests will be approved for any group, organization or entity in an amount over and above \$5,000.00 per fiscal year;

(7) Any group, organization or entity requesting a contribution from the Commission in an amount of \$500.00 or less per fiscal year shall be exempt from providing documentation regarding its 501(c) or other non-profit status; however, all requests must contain itemized budget and a financial statement; the information requested in

this section must be made available to the Commission upon the initial presentation, noting that if any of the documentation is missing the request will not be considered by the Commission.

(8) Any group, organization or entity which receives a contribution and/or funding from the Pocahontas County Commission must file at the end of the State's fiscal year, a report of all disbursements of the funds. Such report of disbursements must be in the form of an audit performed by an independent certified public accountant or, in lieu thereof, by submission of a statement sworn, under oath, by the highest officer or authority of the recipient, group, organization or entity. For purposes of this paragraph the State's fiscal year runs from July 1st to June 30th.

Pocahontas County Commission
Revised April 17, 2018
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DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS**

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CALL: 021; CONTRACT: 2022880016; STATE PROJECT: R088-REMGR-23.00; DESCRIPTION: GUARDRAIL, D 8 2023 REM GUARDRAIL; COUNTIES: PENDLETON, POCAHONTAS, RANDOLPH, TUCKER;

Proposals will be received from prequalified and West Virginia licensed contractors only except that on Federal-Aid Projects a contractor's license is not required at time of bid, but will be required before work can begin. Registration is required with the Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing, in accordance with Chapter 5A, Article 3, Section 12 of the West Virginia Code. All contractors submitting bids on project(s) must include one of the following forms properly executed with each proposal: Proposal Guaranty Bond, Cashier's Check or Certified Check for \$500.00 or 5% of total bid, whichever is greater.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways, reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. The deferment, delay, postponement and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened will be available on www.bidx.com

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any USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 fax: (202) 690-7442; email: program.intake@usda.gov
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**West Virginia Lifeline/Tel-Assistance Information
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Lifeline is a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) program that makes communications services more affordable for eligible low-income consumers. This benefit provides eligible customers with a monthly discount of up to \$9.25 on qualifying internet service or telephone service bundled with qualifying internet service. In certain circumstances, a reduced benefit of \$5.25 may be available for voice only telephone.

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CALL: 023; CONTRACT: 2021000793; STATE PROJECT: S399-RPM-23 00; FEDERAL PROJECT: HSIP-2023(055)D; DESCRIPTION: PAVEMENT MARKINGS, 2023 RPM; COUNTY: STATEWIDE

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CALL: 004; CONTRACT: 2022380013; STATE PROJECT: S338-219-13.13 00; FEDERAL PROJECT: NHPP-0219(395)D ; DESCRIPTION: RESURFACING BUCKEYE TO PRICE. COUNTY: POCAHONTAS.

DBE GOAL: 6% OF CONTRACT BID AMOUNT. BIDDER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCE OF MEETING GOAL ON FORM IN PROPOSAL.

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CALL: 004; CONTRACT: 2022880003; STATE PROJECT: S388-REC/AL-23.00; FEDERAL PROJECT: STBG-2023(010)D; DESCRIPTION: PAVEMENT MARKINGS, D-8 RECALL STRIP-ING 2023, DISTRICT WIDE; COUNTIES: PENDLETON, POCAHONTAS, RANDOLPH, TUCKER.

DBE GOAL: 7% OF CONTRACT BID AMOUNT. BIDDER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCE OF MEETING GOAL ON FORM IN PROPOSAL.

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**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
TOWN OF DURBIN
SANITARY AND STORM WATER UPGRADE PROJECT
General Notice**

**THE TOWN OF DURBIN is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:
Sanitary and Storm Water Upgrade Project
Contract No. 1**

Sealed Bids for the construction of Contract No. 1 will be received by the Mayor at the office of the Town of Durbin, 4715 STAUTON-PARKERSBURG TURNPIKE, Durbin, WV 26264 until 2:00 p.m. local time Tuesday, February 28, 2023, at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.

The Project includes the following work:

Furnishing all materials, labor, and necessary items for the construction and installation of approximately 12,700 LF of 8" sewer line; 1,500 LF of 10" sewer line; 78 manholes; 137 reconnections; 61 drop inlets; 6,000 LF varying size (12" to 36") CHDPE storm pipe and all other items and appurtenances as outlined in the Plans and Specifications.

Bids are requested for the following Contract: **Contract No. 1**

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is:

E.L. Robinson Engineering Company

5088 Washington Street West, Charleston, WV 25313

Project Manager: Eric Coberly, Office: (304) 776-7473, Email: ecoberly@elrobinson.com

Bidders may examine and/or obtain the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Bidding Documents also may be examined at:

Town of Durbin, 4715 STAUTON-PARKERSBURG TURNPIKE, Durbin, WV 26264

Contractor's Association of WV, 2114 Kanawha Blvd. East, Charleston, WV 25311

McGraw-Hill Dodge Reports, 3315 Central Ave., Hot Springs, AR 71913-6138

Printed copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office during the hours indicated above, upon payment of a deposit of \$150.00 for each set. Bidders who return full sets of the Bidding Documents in good condition (suitable for re-use) within 10 days after receipt of Bids will receive a full refund. Non-Bidders, and Bidders who obtain more than one set of the Bidding Documents will receive a refund of \$75.00 for documents returned in good condition within the time limit indicated above. Bidding Documents may be purchased from the Issuing Office during the hours indicated above. Cost does not include shipping charges. Upon Issuing Office's receipt of payment, printed Bidding Documents or electronic documents on compact disk will be sent via the prospective Bidder's delivery service. The shipping charge amount will depend on the shipping method chosen. Bidding Documents are available for purchase in the following formats:

Checks for Bidding Documents shall be payable to "E.L. Robinson Engineering Company". Upon request and receipt of the document deposit indicated above, the Issuing Office will transmit the Bidding Documents via delivery service. The date that the Bidding Documents are transmitted by the Issuing Office will be considered the Bidder's date of receipt of the Bidding Documents. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.

Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

Pre-Bid Conference

A pre-bid meeting will be conducted at the Town of Durbin office at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, February 9, 2023. Attendance at the pre-bid meeting is highly encouraged but is not mandatory.

Instructions to Bidders.

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

DBE REQUIREMENTS

Each bidder must fully comply with the requirements, terms, and conditions as set forth in the contract documents to achieve Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation during the performance of this contract. The bidder commits itself to the program for DBE participation and all other requirements, terms, and conditions of the bid conditions by submitting a properly signed bid.

The bidder agrees to make "good faith efforts" to sub-contract a portion of the total value of the contract to disadvantaged businesses. This shall be done in compliance with the six (6) good faith efforts as outlined in 40 CFR 31.36(e). Failure to demonstrate good faith efforts may lead to rejection of bids. For the purpose of this program, the term "subcontractor" includes all construction, modification, and service work contracted by the bidder in the execution of the work under this contract.

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Section 746 of Title VII of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2017 (Division A - Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017) and subsequent statutes mandating domestic preference applies an American Iron and Steel requirement to this project. All iron and steel products used in this project must be produced in the United States. The term "iron and steel products" means the following products made primarily of iron or steel: lined or unlined pipes and fittings, manhole covers and other municipal castings, hydrants, tanks, flanges, pipe clamps and restraints, valves, structural steel, reinforced precast concrete, and Construction Materials.

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"Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246. The requirements for bidders and contractors under this order are explained in the specifications."

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Public Meetings – 2023-2024 School Calendar

In accordance with West Virginia State Law, the Pocahontas County Board of Education is required to hold two public meetings with the purpose of discussing the school calendar for the 2023-2024 year.

The first of those public meetings will be held **Tuesday, February**

14, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. at the Pocahontas County Board of Education Conference Room located at 404 Old Buckeye Road, Buckeye, WV.

The second public meeting will be held **Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.** at the Pocahontas County Board of Education Conference Room, as well.

Parents, teachers, community members, business leaders and other interested parties are invited to attend the meetings, become informed of the state-required guidelines that we must follow and see a draft of the proposed calendar.

In addition, a calendar survey will be available on the Pocahontas County Schools website from February 1 through February 9 to allow comments on the proposed calendar.

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separate flights, I experienced a combination of jet-lag and culture shock with a dash of excitement thrown in.

The China of 1988 is absolutely nothing like the China of today. And nowhere is this truer than in Beijing, formerly known as Peking. Except for a few multistoried hotels, the capital of China had few tall buildings. From a small hillock, one could take in the entire expanse of Beijing in one unobstructed view.

The economic reform and concomitant building boom that would catapult China into a developed and modernized country would not begin until the decades following my time there.

The taxi ride to the Beijing Language Institute took about an hour. Although it was well after midnight, the streets bustled with people visiting late-night noodle and dumpling stands lining the sidewalks.

I soon learned that the government-owned stores and cafes were located in brick-and-mortar buildings, while the few fledgling privately-owned businesses were confined to the sidewalks and back alleys.

To say that China was bleak in those days would be understating the drabness of everything from the stark concrete buildings to the blue Maoist-era clothing still worn by nearly everyone middle-aged and up.

Much of the older generation still clung to the promises of a crumbling ideal of communism.

I stayed with friends on my first night in China. I presently live in a "tiny house" with less than 600 square feet of living space. But, my friend's apartment was a third this size and as Spartan as one can imagine for a family of three.

Chinese apartments were

only slightly more spacious than a U.S. prison cell.

The walls, floor, and ceiling were all bare concrete – a single calendar was the only adornment on one wall. Sitting side by side on a bed, a folding table served as a surface to place the few dishes on.

Dinner consisted entirely of vegetable and rice dishes. The government rationed meat and oils; it would be another two weeks before my friends could purchase a few pork scraps.

After each meal, the table was folded and slid under the bed.

As I relate my experiences in this country, it is essential to point out that most Chinese citizens, particularly those living in urban areas, existed on the bare minimum of calories required to sustain a basal metabolic rate. This is the energy needed at rest to maintain vital functions like keeping warm, breathing, and maintaining a functioning heart.

The fat and protein deprivation resulted in more extended sleep periods and wearing jackets even in mild outdoor temperatures to stay comfortable.

As in most apartments, even for most professionals, the Hsu's shared a narrow kitchen with their neighbors. This arrangement required neighbors to work out a schedule for cooking times.

Like the rest of the apartment, the kitchen had only cold water. Along one wall was a small two-burner stove and a rust-stained sink, but noticeably absent was a refrigerator. Lack of refrigeration meant that people had to shop for food every day.

Because there were no supermarkets, each meal meant cycling for miles to find an assortment of fruits and vegetables. One would often arrive at government-owned shops only to find nearly bare shelves.

I can remember only one apartment I visited with a TV and radio, a pensioner's

home. Broadcasts were restricted to government stations and mostly propaganda.

On my first morning in Beijing, and every morning after that, I awoke at seven a.m. to extremely loud public broadcasts from huge speakers mounted on buildings and poles throughout the city.

These daily broadcasts always glorified some political leader, a particular general, or the efficiency of the city's public transit system. These announcements never mentioned the practically non-existent public restrooms in Beijing.

When traveling in the city, you had to be creative, even furtive, when relieving yourself. You soon became aware that you were never out of sight from another human being.

This is the China I would live and travel in for the next several months. I experienced daily a kind of cognitive dissonance as I witnessed both brutality and extraordinary kindness on a scale most Americans rarely encounter.

Although, in retrospect, maybe we do have our share of needless brutality and unnecessary violence.

Riding a bus one day to the Summer Palace, I saw a crumpled black bicycle in a ditch beside the road. A meter or two beyond the bike was the body of a young woman.

People were walking right by the body without so much as a glance, some eating food as they stepped over the body.

When I returned some six hours later, the dead woman was still unmoved. It turns out that vehicles, mostly government and military, took precedence over pedestrians. It was the legal responsibility of the family to recover the body.

Perhaps, no one had made the effort to inform them yet.

Please understand that I do not mean to demonize the Chinese people. But rather, a system of government that, at the least, results in a certain virulent ambivalence and, at its worse, inhumanity. Beijing was a remnant of a failing system of socialism, and many of the younger people knew this.

In a few short months, Tiananmen Square would be the scene of a student revolt and resultant massacre. We should all remember the young man who most bravely stood in front of the Red Army tank.

He was said to be executed by a firing squad several days later. Freedom, as we know it, or wish to know it, did not exist in Red China.

This lack of freedom and rights, coupled with an oppressive regime, would turn out to be something that would affect me personally. The unfettered power of the government and its agents was never far from my mind in the coming months.

Soon, my status as a mere American student and tourist would be left behind, far behind.

Author's note: To assure accuracy, considering that these events happened 35 years ago, I am writing from my meticulously maintained journals written during my time in China.

In next week's column, we will continue the story of the search for Xiao Ming with an exploration of the beauty and the beast that was Red China in 1988. My understatement of the difficulties and dangers of this venture will begin with a clandestine meeting with Lao Taitai, Xiao Ming's mother, in a Beijing Hotel.

Until then,

Ken Springer

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ages five and younger, Fridays, beginning January 20, at 10:30 a.m.

Zumba Fitness with Kelly, Tuesdays 5:30 p.m. and Thursdays 5 p.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 – Sunday School, 9 a.m. Worship 10 a.m.

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.

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.

Dunmore United Methodist Church – Worship 10 a.m. 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Marlinton Church of God, Beard Heights – Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m. Wednesday Night Bible Study 4 p.m. Evangelistic service 4 p.m. Sunday, January 29.

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

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Colonial Queen Bee

Melody Phillips
Staff Writer



Winters on the Colonial Frontier

Winters long ago were not much different than winters today – but comforts of home and survival techniques have certainly changed.

Faith Silliman wrote concerning the weather in December 1835: "...with a fire in the hearth, things will freeze in the sideboard [dining room furniture having drawers and shelves] and with the largest fire we can make in my room, water will freeze within six feet of it."

In many journals from the 1700s to 1800s, statements of the face and back never seemed to affect people of all economic circumstances.

The feeling of "warmth" in a home often referred to temperatures around 45 degrees Fahrenheit.

In January 1810, William Bentley wrote that on the side of his bed chamber, farthest from a brisk fire, the thermometer read "16 below freezing."

Although many people believe fires are a nice source of heat and are great for cooking, fireplaces are not good for warming rooms on a cold winter's day.

A fire pulls a draft as part of its fuel to stay lit. This means outside air will be pulled inside from every little crack available, as most of the warm air it puts off rises up through the chimney. Since hearths and open fireplaces were the main sources of heat, other measures had to be used to ensure the pioneers didn't freeze to



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death during the winter.

Cabins were often small one-room buildings with a low ceiling. Due to irregularities in the surface of logs and because of their natural taper, chinking and daubing cabins was essential. Chinking gave the daubing a structure to stick to and the two together helped seal the cabin and served as a barrier against rain, wind and vermin.

Even members of the higher class, who had larger homes, closed off any room they could in an attempt to contain as much heat as possible in a small area.

Settlers often brought small farm animals into the cabin with them when the weather got really cold. This not only kept the animals safe but created extra body heat to keep the family warm.

Stockpiling enough wood to last through the winter started in early spring. Wood constantly needed to be cut and split. The wood was used for building or repairs, fences, tools and equipment, and, of course, the daily fires for cooking. Getting an adequate supply of wood for winter was not an easy task.

Having sheep meant you could spin wool and either weave or knit warm blankets and clothing for the following year. This also took a

considerable amount of time and much of that happened during the winter, when outside chores were minimal.

If pelts from animals taken during hunting were not needed to buy other supplies, they could be made into warm head coverings, shawls, stoles or capes.

Most of the clothing that was worn consisted of hand-made wool or cotton cloth that was thick, heavy and worn in multiple layers for maximum warmth. Being active helped keep up body heat but moving around in the numerous layers of heavy clothing in and of itself could be laborious.

Windows in the cabin had to be sealed for the winter, because most windows were just holes in the cabin walls. Glass was expensive and hard to come by so it was rarely used in cabins. Newspaper or cloth coated with grease or half dressed deer hides were sometimes used to cover the windows during the warm months. These items allowed needed light inside but kept out the rain. Shutters sealed the windows during the winter to keep out some of the winter winds.

Sealing up the windows meant candles had to be used for light, even during the day. Candles, mainly being made in the summer and fall, needed to be plentiful

enough to last throughout the winter. Rendered animal fat, tallow from beef or lard from pigs, with a cotton cord in it sufficed as a candle when beeswax was not available.

Producing and storing enough food to survive the winter began in early spring and didn't stop until late fall. Much of life revolved around the production of food. Droughts, wild fires, insects, animals, villains and thieves, and flooding, etc. could easily destroy a year's supply of food. Making food to feed yourself was only part of it. Raising fodder and grain to feed your animals was also important. If food fell short, that often meant the loss of needed farm animals, as they had to be eaten as a means of survival.

This is just a small part of the colonial life.

Everything centered on surviving, but they also knew how to enjoy life and how to love one another.

Even with all the conveniences life now has to offer, hardships will still find their way into our lives.

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Farm families are used to physical labor and working long hours. Farm debt, weather, rising expense and animal health concerns add to mental stress that can contribute to chronic illness and depression. The last decade has been particularly difficult on farmers with increasing pressures resulting in high levels of stress, mental health issues and suicide. Extension and other organizations are working to find solutions when families are struggling including financial management, grazing and production strategies and crop risk protection. This training will provide information on the unique challenges farmers face that can lead to stress, depression and suicide. We believe that

quality education empowers all people, regardless of their background, to make a positive difference in the life of someone they know. Your neighbor or family member might be struggling; this training could provide the information and resources you need to recognize it and get them help.

Garden calendar ~ 'colors of the garden'

Fruits and vegetables come in all shapes, sizes and tastes. They also can grow in a variety of colors that offer different nutrients and vitamins. The 2023 West Virginia University Extension offers a peek into different varieties and colors of the garden in its 2023 garden calendar. To obtain a copy of the calendar, while supplies last, or learn more about gardening and healthy lifestyles, contact the WVU Extension Service office by visiting us in the basement of the courthouse.

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BIRTH

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Russell D. Sharp, of Warwick, a son, on Tuesday, January 27, 1948.

DEATHS

Lloyd Wayne Underwood, aged 3 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Renick Underwood, of Zelenople, Pennsylvania, died Friday, January 23, 1948, of pneumonia. The little body was laid to rest in Beaver Creek Cemetery... The little boy is survived by his parents, a brother, Charles, and sister, Cora Sue. A little brother and sister, Eugene and Judy Elaine, preceded him in death five months since.

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order that they might be sent a mile to the store for a bottle of cough syrup...

DIED

Harry McDowell, an aged and highly respected colored citizen, died at his home in the Brush Country Monday morning, January 22, 1923... His age is about 82 years. He is survived by a large family of children. He was twice married.

Harry McDowell, in many respects, was a remarkable man. He was born a slave, and was raised by the Burgher family in Bath County, near the historical Windy Cove Church. At the outbreak of the War Between the States, his master and the other men folks went to the

army and Harry was left in charge of the plantation, to care for the women and children. He was faithful to his trust in every particular, in trying times when the county was invaded time and again by the opposing forces.

Uncle Harry had a retentive memory, and his knowledge of the local history of Bath and Pocahontas county was unusual. When he was a man of mature years, he taught himself to read, his textbooks being the Bible and the county paper.

About 46 years ago, Harry McDowell came to Pocahontas county. He bought land and established a home in the Brush Country. He lived a useful life and was universally respected.

Joseph H. Wilson, colored, aged 72 years, departed this life January 17, 1923, at the hospital at Denmar,

where he had been under treatment for some time.

Thus passes one of the best-known and best beloved men of this county and state. He was born a slave on the Wilderness Farm in Bath county, and moved to this county as a young man 46 years ago and established a home in the Brush Country near Marlinton. He never married.

For about 40 years, he has, from time to time during each year, gone with hunting and fishing parties into the woods and in the intimate life of the camp came to know hundreds of the most prominent men in West Virginia and there never was a man who met Uncle Joe that did not like him. It is not too much to say that, during his long life, Uncle Joe never had a disagreement with anybody. He was a good man and a good citizen.

Judge McClintic writes us from

Bluefield: "I will send you before this week is over, a memorial and appreciation of Joseph Wilson. Only a court of many cases prevented my attending the funeral."

Joseph Newton Friel was born December 8, 1853 and died November 28, 1922. On February 11, 1875, he married Virginia C. Duncan, and to this union was born eleven children, Albert, Carl, Jeremiah, Josephine, Orlena, Mahala, Morris, Page, Dee and Grace. Ten of these children survive their mother, who departed this life April 9, 1897.

Mr. Friel's second marriage was with Maggie J. Wilson...

Mr. Friel was a member of one of the oldest of Pocahontas families. He was a good citizen... His body was laid to rest in the Sharp graveyard...

History, from page 7

LAST Sunday was remarkable for the high winds that prevailed. Evidences of a storm centre were to be seen on J. R. Moore's place, near Marlinton, where the storm had torn down a hundred feet of fence, carrying heavy rails fifteen feet and filling the road with debris.

G. H. MCLAUGHLIN and Howard Bird have set up a corn mill and crusher in the old bowling alley, and grind on Fridays and on such other days as bring enough grain in the mill to warrant getting up steam.

THERE is a super abundance of haystacks on Knapp's Creek, and feed for hundreds of cattle can be had on most favorable terms.

AMONG the interesting items is the information that a fine son was born December 1st to Rev. and Mrs. Echols, at Green Sulphur, and named Richard Watson.

O. W. SLAVEN has returned from the West, and is expected to reach his father's home at Mill Point next Friday. He is in the last stages of consumption.

E. D. MCCLINTIC, of Seattle, has gone to the Klondike gold mines.

BUCKEYE

Dennis McNeill made a flying trip to Driscoll last week.

A social was given the young people by Mr. and Mrs. Fleming, of this part, which was real nice, but some of the mischievous boys caused some trouble with "bounce." If the boys will keep down, we may have another about Groundhog Day.

Misses Mattie Dorman and Lula Auldridge have been visiting at Academy.

Mrs. Rachel McCoy is very sick and not expected to recover.

Friday night at the social, much valuable property was destroyed by some unknown

persons on the outside who were so ill bred as to bring their jugs with them.

BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

THE late George Kee, Esq., was one of the early settlers of our county, and deserves a place in the history of the Pocahontas people. He was a native of Tyrone, Ireland. He and his brother William left Ireland when he was under age, and owing to the shipping regulations, was not allowed to embark as a regular passenger. Young Kee went aboard to see his brother off, and concealed himself until too far away at sea to be put off the vessel... He came to America in 1780, landing at

Philadelphia after a voyage of 13 weeks. At Lancaster City, the brothers spent some time, and separated at that place and never met again, and Mr. Kee never heard anything more of him...

He came to Pendleton county where he met a relative, Aaron Kee. This relative was a merchant and furnished George Kee with some goods and sent him to Pocahontas County (then Bath) to dispose of them. He became acquainted with John Jordan, who had been in that business before him, and Mr. Jordan had him to make his home with him; and for six or seven years he spent the most of his time in

The Levels at John Jordan's.

It seems, too, that the young Irish merchant was fond of making trips to Joshua Buckley's on the east bank of the Greenbrier opposite the mouth of Swago Creek. Hettie Buckley, with her smart and tidy ways, took his fancy, and they were married in 1800 and opened up their home at the place now occupied by Aaron Kee, a grandson, two miles below Marlinton...

There were six sons and one daughter. Two of the sons died in childhood. The four sons that lived to be grown were Joshua Buckley, Andrew, John and William. The daughter's name was Hannah...

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Pictured, front row: Alessia Miller, Elliott Seldomridge, Mayor Gail Siers, Bianca Arnold and Aliza Cedarleaf. Second row: Annabell Swan, Sadie Brown, Madison Scott, Emma Pugh, Lydia Taylor, Alida McNeel, Rylee Calhoun and Elena Cedarleaf. Not pictured: Ella Pugh, Elizabeth Sharp and Alayna Sharp.

Hardesty receives scholarship

Each year, the Alpha Gamma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International provides a \$300 scholarship to a young woman from Pocahontas County who is pursuing a degree in Education. This year's recipient is Chloe Hardesty, who is a sophomore at WVU.

The purpose of the organization is to promote the professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

Alpha Gamma Chapter members are educators from Greenbrier, Monroe and Pocahontas counties.



DELTA KAPPA GAMMA Alpha Gamma chapter copresident Lois McCutcheon, right, presented the organization's scholarship to Chloe Hardesty.

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Mr. and Mrs. Dean Jack, of Slaty Fork, are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Doris Elaine, to Claude E. Sharp, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Sharp, Sr., of Marlinton...

Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. Johnson, of Marlinton, announce the engagement of their daughter, Harriet Beverly, to Richard Paul Ottaviano, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel J. Ottaviano, of Mineola, New York...

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Friel, of Marlinton, a son, named Brian Eugene.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Sean Doherty, of Arlington, Virginia, a daughter, named Jennifer Jean.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Gary Keffer, of Franklin, a son, named David Christopher.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Donald H. Bennett, of Elkins, a daughter, named Lisa Dawn.

DEATHS

Mrs. Thelma McLaughlin Sizemore, 54, of Strasburg, Virginia, formerly of Dunmore; burial in the McLaughlin Cemetery at

Dunmore.

Clarence Glenn Irvine, 52, of Mill Point, a son of the late Frank and Florence Shinaberry Irvine. Burial in Oak Grove Cemetery at Hillsboro.

Gebbart "G. B." Geiger, 68, of Marlinton; burial in the Stony Bottom Cemetery.

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6462 - Arbovale. 2BR/1BA cabin on 1.06 acres within walking distance of national forest. Close to Deer Creek, Greenbrier River and Trail, Green Bank Observatory and Cass Scenic Railroad. - \$80,000



6463 - Brownsburg. 2BR/1BA ranch home on 9.57 acres in the country. Convenient to Marlinton and recreational venues. Close to the Greenbrier and Williams rivers and national forest. Near Snowshoe. - \$85,000



6325 - Rainelle. 92 acres of woodland with some timber. The property is located at the end of a peaceful farm valley and backs up against the Meadow River Wildlife Management Area. - \$275,000



6396 - Droop Mountain. One acre with easy access via paved road. Just minutes from the Greenbrier River Trail, Beartown State Park and national forest. Great location. No restrictions. - \$19,000



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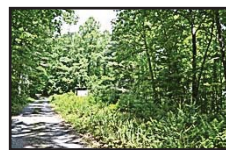
6382 - Arbovale. 28+ beautiful acres. Small creek, two-to-three acres of flat pastureland. The rest is wooded hillside. - \$89,000



6297 - Snowshoe. 2.30 wooded acres at Sunset Mountain, a protected community. Building site and potential views. - \$7,500



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



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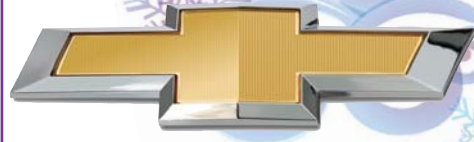
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