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FOR THE FIRST time in nearly 40 years, a steam locomotive left Cass Scenic Railroad State Park February 1 and traveled to the town of Durbin. It took several years, but repairs to the 15-miles of track between the two towns are finally finished and the new excursion will be open to passengers in April. Photo courtesy of Walter Scriptunas

## Reconnected ~ Cass to Durbin

Suzanne Stewart  
Staff Writer

Durbin Greenbrier Valley Railroad President John Smith first presented his plan for the Highland Adventure of Mountain and Rails excursion connecting six counties through trains and trails in 2012 at a Chamber of Commerce After Hours in Cass.

The plan was to create a

90-mile loop connecting the Cass Scenic Railroad, Durbin Rock and Salamander trains to create a one-of-a-kind scenic ride.

The first phase of that plan was completed February 1, 2023 when Shay No. 5 pulled a caboose from Cass to Durbin on the restored track.

The journey to that moment was long and arduous, with lots of manpower put into repairing flood damaged

track and building a new bridge over Trout Run to complete 15 miles of new line. The project began in 2016.

"[February 1] was the very first train we've taken over the bridge," DGVR media specialist Walter Scriptunas said. "We went all the way to Durbin, and we brought the Heisler - which has been in Durbin the past seven seasons pulling the Rocket - back to Cass."

In 2020, Smith said one of the reasons he wanted to open the Cass to Durbin excursion was to extend the season and provide more opportunities for people to experience the historic trains.

"It will be a regular run," Smith said. "It will be an add-on out of Cass. In other words, Cass is the centerpiece of steam locomotives. You can never go anywhere

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## Balancing safety and science in the Radio Quiet Zone

How do you make a 911 call in the National Radio Quiet Zone (NRQZ)?

For residents of Pocahontas County, one of the largest and most rural areas located in the NRQZ, new radio communications coverage has been introduced for first responders.

"Safety is our top priority, and our team has worked hard to find a solution," shares Jim Jackson, Director of National Science Foundation's (NSF) Green Bank Observatory (GBO).

The team includes scientists and engineers from GBO, NSF's National Radio Astronomy Observatory and Pocahontas County, in consideration of emergency service providers and the West Virginia Statewide Interoperable Radio Network.

"We are in a rural, mountainous and remote location with a small population. This makes it challenging to set up uninterrupted communications services,"

says Jackson. "These same characteristics are one of the reasons the Observatory was built here."

The NRQZ was established by the federal government in 1958 to limit radio frequency interference with scientific and federal research conducted within a 13,000 square mile area, which includes the Green Bank Observatory and the federal government's Sugar Grove facility. The NRQZ also overlaps a much smaller and more specific area, the West Virginia Radio Astronomy Zone (WVRAZ), which surrounds a 10-mile radius of the Observatory. At the time these restrictions were created, the technology of mobile devices, Wi-Fi, and other transmitters that we use daily didn't exist. This technology operates at many of the same wavelengths as the planets, stars and black holes the Green Bank Telescope is observing.

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## Sunflower Fabrics blooms in Marlinton

Melody Phillips  
Staff Writer

Julie Gibson opened her shop on Second Avenue in the State Farm building February 1.

Gibson, who works at State Farm Insurance, has been a quilter for many years and enjoys working with fabrics.

She purchased Deb Ann's Fabrics in Hillsboro in March 2021 and renamed it "Sunflower Fabrics."

The Hillsboro shop wrapped up business in October 2022 and headed for Marlinton.

Moving a business from one place to another can be a laborious and stressful challenge.

The process took longer than originally planned but some of the best things in life are worth waiting for.

Gibson has downsized her store a bit, but the friendly little shop still offers a variety of beautiful, 100% cotton, flannel and fleece fabrics.

There is a large selection of solids and prints. In addition to other options, some of

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SUNFLOWER FABRICS UPROOTED from Hillsboro and is now blooming in Marlinton, located in the State Farm Insurance building with an entrance on Second Avenue. M. Phillips photo

## Colonial Queen Bee

Melody Phillips  
Staff Writer

My Greenhouse Experiences: Part 1

I've been working in a garden since I could walk: learning what was a weed to pull and what wasn't, picking bugs off leaves, learning to dig around roots without dis-

turbing them, and watching stuff flourish for a bountiful harvest and enjoying eating it.

Planting and harvesting required following the seasons and the moon phases. Planting above ground crops happened in the light of the moon while root crops and leafy greens were done in the dark of the moon. We had to wait until after the last expected frost for many crops, and then harvest everything, including green tomatoes, before the first frost in the fall.

Once the garden glistened from the first freeze and the snow fell like a thick blanket, no more gardening

could be done until the next spring.

Although I enjoyed playing in snow, gardening is a part of me. I wished I could continue to grow and harvest, even during the winter months, and I spent many years dreaming of a greenhouse.

My first greenhouse didn't become reality until I was in my 30s. We discovered a flimsy 10'x 12' kit - we could barely afford - on sale at a local store. I was excited about it. We then purchased four 6x6 treated boards to use as the foundation.

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# In the House of Delegates for the week ending February 3, 2023

**Ann Ali**  
Communications Director

A total of 13 bills have completed the legislative process, one of which would create a program to allow volunteers to help clean West Virginia streams and rivers. Senate Bill 143 unanimously passed the West Virginia House of Delegates January 27. The measure would create the Adopt-A-Stream Program, modeled after the Adopt-A-Highway Program. It would allow individuals and organizations to apply for the program to adopt a waterway where they would be required to perform at least one cleanup per year. Supplies would be provided and adopted streams would be noted with signs.

West Virginia University overtook the Upper Rotunda January 31 with displays and

information, and the next day Marshall University did the same. Members of the House took the opportunity to learn about various programs the universities offer and not only spoke with officials from both institutions but also posed for pictures with Mary the Mountaineer and with Marco the buffalo.

Members also took the opportunity to adopt House Concurrent Resolution 11, which urges both Marshall and WVU to work with the WVU Institute of Technology and the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission to lead an education consortium and work toward developing the policies and programs necessary to facilitate nuclear energy developments in West Virginia. The resolution is pending in the Senate Education Committee and would require the consortium to coordinate with representatives

from private industry to identify then recommend nuclear policies to the Legislature that would maintain the state's position as a leader in 21st Century energy production.

"I'm proud we've been able to work together with so many partners to maximize the opportunities that go along with developing nuclear energy projects in the Mountain State," said House Speaker Roger Hanshaw, R-Clay. "With our repeal last year of the previous ban on constructing nuclear energy projects and our latest efforts to become an agreement state with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, we're now able to turn our attention toward mobilizing the highly trained workforce that will be necessary to bring these types of projects to fruition.

"I'm confident all these moves are keeping the state

in its position as a national energy leader well into the future as we continue making it even easier to choose West Virginia."

Members of the House also unanimously passed House Bill 2004. The measure would prevent financial institutions from disclosing the purchase of firearms, their accessories, components or ammunition. Tracking for law enforcement purposes still would be permitted, along with other limited exceptions, but the merchant code for firearms and related sales would be considered protected financial information. It now goes to the state Senate for debate.

A total of 1,289 House bills have been introduced as of February 3, and 37 of those have passed the House. The 60-day, regular legislative session ends at midnight March 11.

## MTC makes quick work of agenda

**Suzanne Stewart**  
Staff Writer

The Marlinton Town Council meeting Monday evening was short, yet productive, with council discussing issues that included garbage fees and speed limit signs.

First, council was approached by Tom Burns concerning the garbage fee for his RV park. Burns explained that he has a 16-lot park which he rented to workers when the Atlantic Coast Pipeline was scheduled to be built.

Before the workers rented from him, his garbage bill was \$112 a month. With renters in the park, the fee rose to \$375 a month. Burns explained

that when the pipeline was canceled and the workers left, his garbage fee did not decrease and has remained \$375 a month since.

Council said there is a variance in the garbage fee ordinance that states the fee increase was contingent upon people coming for the pipeline. At the end of the ordinance, it states the property owners are to apply for a variance.

Although Burns never reapplied for the variance, he was still charged the increased fee.

Council voted and approved to have Burns' garbage fee returned to the original rate and to grant him six months' credit.

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## Circuit Court

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

Plea negotiations are in process in the case the State vs William Scott, 62, of Hillsboro. Scott was indicted on one count, sexual assault in the second degree, a felony.

A status hearing was held in the case the State vs Roger Warren Teter, Jr., 49 of Dunmore, wherein defense council advised the court that he had an interview with a potential fingerprint expert scheduled for the following day. Teter waived his right to a speedy trial in this term of court. The court accepted the waiver and it will not count against the three-term rule of dismissal. Teter was indicted by the April 2022 Grand Jury on one count, possession with intent to de-

liver Methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled non-narcotic substance, a felony; one count, possession with intent to deliver a Schedule III, controlled narcotic substance, Buprenorphine, a felony.

David W. Mace, 37, of Marlinton, appeared by video from the Southern Regional Jail for a hearing on motion for bond reduction. Blanket bond was set at \$40,000 at Mace's arraignment hearing. Defense counsel asked that the bond be reduced to \$10,000/cash/surety/property. The state objected to any reduction. Defense counsel then asked that a portion be a personal recognizance bond. The court denied any modification of bond. Mace was indicted on three counts, strangulation, a felony; two counts, wanton endangerment involving a firearm, a felony.

In the case the State vs Je-

remy Self, 63, of Durbin, the state advised that a plea offer had been made but they did not know the status. Defense counsel said they are waiting on discovery concerning DHHR records, and to contact two witnesses who no longer work for DHHR. A status hearing is set for March 23. Self was indicted by the April 2021 Grand Jury on three counts, sexual abuse in the first degree, a felony; one count, sexual abuse by a custodian of a child, a felony.

Michael Thomas Caldwell, 44, of Slaty Fork, tendered a written plea agreement to the court wherein he pleaded guilty to the felony offense of fleeing from a law enforcement officer with reckless indifference to the safety of other persons; the lesser misdemeanor offense of possession with intent to deliver Methamphetamine, a Schedule II, controlled non-narcotic substance; the

felony offense of possession with intent to deliver a Schedule I, controlled non-narcotic substance; and the misdemeanor offense of driving while license revoked for driving under the influence of a controlled substance. The state will tender motions to dismiss other charges including those from Magistrate Court. The court accepted the plea and defers adjudication of guilt allowing the defendant to immediately enter the Southeastern Drug Court Program. If he successfully completes the program, a motion to withdraw the plea will be heard and the matter dismissed. If not successful, the defendant will come back before the court for sentencing.

A capias was issued for Casey Elizabeth Crabtree, 27, of Hillsboro, who failed to appear for her final status hearing.

## Magistrate Court

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

In Magistrate Cynthia Broce-Kelley's court:

Philippe Andreas Grenade Willis, 35, of Marlinton, pleaded guilty January 25 to a charge of trapping in a state forest with no permit. Willis was assessed \$199.64 in court costs and fines.

Philip Andrew Hamilton, 36, of Marlinton, pleaded no contest January 27 to a charge of trespassing on property other than structure or conveyance. Hamilton was assessed \$275.25 in court costs and fines.

Donna Michele Rider, 42, of Marlinton, pleaded guilty January 19 to charges of obstructing an officer and trespassing on property other than structure or conveyance. Rider was assessed \$450.50 in court costs and fines.

Morgan D. Rider, 26, of Hillsboro, pleaded guilty January 26 to charges of mufflers, no vehicle insurance, registration card to be signed, carried and exhibited

on demand, improper use of evidence of registration, notice of change of address or name – issuance of license and license to be carried and exhibited on demand. Rider was assessed \$1,351.50 in court costs and fines.

Lisa Dawn Smith, 44, of Bartow, pleaded no contest January 27 to a charge of no vehicle insurance. Smith was assessed \$375.25 in court costs and fines.

Krystal L. Griffis, 47, of Buckeye, pleaded no contest January 9 to a charge of speeding. Griffis was assessed \$195.25 in court costs and fines.

Jeremy D. Moore, 37, of Marlinton, pleaded no contest January 4 to charges of hunting, tagging and reporting wildlife, unauthorized acts with regard to wildlife without license or permit, two counts of possession of wildlife, simple possession of marijuana and trespassing

after notice. Moore was assessed \$1,331.50 in court costs and fines.

Kattie J. O'Brien, 32, of Charleston, South Carolina, pleaded no contest January 10 to a charge of vehicle must stop at through highways. O'Brien was assessed \$180.25 in court costs and fines.

In Magistrate Jennifer Dunz's court:

Joni E. Barlow, 19, of Marlinton, pleaded guilty January 4 to a charge of speeding. Barlow was assessed \$195.25 in court costs and fines.

James D. Colon, 18, of Woodbridge, Virginia, pleaded guilty February 2 to a charge of speeding. Colon was assessed \$195.25 in court costs and fines.

Landon Matthew Gibson, 20, of Buckeye, pleaded guilty January 31 to a charge of driver must be licensed and improper use of evi-

dence of registration. Gibson was assessed \$380.50 in court costs and fines.

Roslynn Nichole McCarty, 24, of Marlinton, pleaded no contest January 31 to a charge of driving while license suspended or revoked. McCarty was assessed \$745.75 in court costs and fines.

Eli Jacob Pritt, 23, of Marlinton, pleaded no contest January 31 to charges of permitting unauthorized person to drive, two counts unsafe and improperly equipped vehicle and driving while license suspended or revoked. Pritt was assessed \$390.50 in court costs and fines.

Melissa L. Reed, 45, of Dunmore, pleaded guilty January 30 to a charge of operation of vehicle without evidence of registration. Reed was assessed \$185.25 in court costs and fines.

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Candidate filing for the Town of Marlinton General Election closed at 4 p.m. Monday, February 6, 2023. Properly postmarked filings will still be accepted. The following persons filed Certificates of Announcement:

**FOR MAYOR**  
Sam Felton  
Jodi Gragg Zickefoose

**FOR RECORDER**  
Mary K. Clendenen  
Avery Friel  
B. J. Sharp-Gudmundsson

**FOR COUNCIL**  
Caleb Barkley  
Tina Marie Barkley

J. L. Clifton  
Chris Curry  
Amanda Jean Dean  
Olivia Ashton Dean  
Danny Flores  
Doug Friel  
Scott D. Gibb  
Caleb Gragg  
Kristy D. Lanier  
William (Bill) McMann  
Tom Miller  
Ashley Lynn Moore  
Caroline Sharp  
Joseph "Joe" Smith  
Roger Trusler  
Dennis Wilfong  
Geoffrey Franklin Woods

## Marlinton Municipal Election candidates

## Slate of Candidates for Town of Hillsboro

Candidate filing for the Town of Hillsboro closed January 27, 2023. The following persons filed Certificates of Announcement:

**FOR MAYOR**  
Gail Siers

**FOR RECORDER**  
Andrew Rice

**FOR COUNCIL**  
David Curry  
Janice Goode  
John Hill  
Sam McNeel  
Barb Lewis Siers

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# Opera House presents its annual Opry Night

The Pocahontas County Opera House announces the return of its popular Opry Night event Saturday, February 18, at 7:30 p.m.

This year's lineup includes performances by the Long Point String Band, Appalachian Country Cloggers and Kanawha Tradition, showcasing the best in traditional music and dance from the region.

The Long Point String Band blends the authenticity of Old-Time Mountain Music with the flare of bluegrass. The LPSB is a highly decorated group consisting of the virtuosic stylings of Hunter Walker, Brian C. Bell, Lewis Prichard and Lars Swanson. The Long Point String Band released their self-titled debut album in 2016; a collection of old-time and Appalachian tunes. They released their second full-length album, "Piney Woods," in 2018. Their third offering from the LPSB, a live album, was released in May 2020.

The Appalachian Country Cloggers was organized in 1991 by Lou Maiuri, who wanted to preserve traditional Appalachian dance forms. The group no longer competes, but demonstrates Appalachian square dance figures while using Appalachian clogging and old-time flatfoot steps. The group also features a traditional square dance caller and instructions in traditional square

dancing. Kanawha Tradition will feature an all-star lineup of Vandalia award recipient Bobby Taylor, West Virginia Folklife program master artist Kim Johnson, apprentice Cody Jordan, and bass player Nick Blake. Kanawha Tradition will be a unique opportunity to experience the traditional music of the Kanawha Valley, featuring some of the area's most talented musicians, providing a glimpse into West Virginia's rich musical heritage.

Tickets for the Opera House performance are \$10 for adults and free for anyone age 17 and younger. Tickets are available at the 4th Avenue Gallery in Marlinton, pocahontasoperahouse.org and at the door the evening of the performance.

The Opera House Performance Series is presented with financial assistance through a grant from the West Virginia Division of Culture and History with approval from the West Virginia Commission on the Arts. Support is also provided by Pocahontas County Dramas, Fairs and Festivals, and the Pocahontas County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Take advantage of this opportunity to experience the rich cultural heritage of West Virginia through the timeless art of traditional music and dance. Get your tickets now!



**Finding Xiao Ming The Reunion**

*"The relationship between parents and children, but especially between mothers and daughters, is tremendously powerful, scarcely to be comprehended in a rational way." Joyce Carol Oates.*

Before leaving Beijing, I attempted to purchase a map of Zhejiang Province from a government bookstore. Upon requesting the map, the clerk went to the back of the shop, presumably to talk to another person whom I assume was her supervisor.

Sure enough, the officious supervisor returned with the clerk and demanded to know why I wanted this map. But before I could answer, she asked for my documents. I immediately left the store.

Lao Taitai and I would have to make our way into the backcountry of Zhejiang Province on our own and without a map.

After the horrendous bus ride – in which we were forced to clean rock-fall off the narrow mountain road, we were stopped at a military checkpoint, and saw no fewer than three dead bodies at different locations, presumably accident victims – we arrived in Hangzhou.

Until arriving, I had a real love/hate relationship with the People's Republic of China. Respect and admiration required getting out of Beijing, its dirty air, surly government workers, and its mind-numbing bureaucracy. Hangzhou's description as one of two heavenly cities goes back to ancient China, over 4,700 years ago. "There is paradise in Heaven, and then there are Suzhou and Hangzhou," is etched in stone and calligraphy throughout China.

Known to early traders as a source of quality porcelain, silk and tea, it is now known for its unrivaled beauty. Chinese restaurants in America often adorn their walls with images of Hangzhou, its

many pagodas rising from the mists of the city's numerous lakes.

Hangzhou is as different from Beijing as Paris is from Cleveland. One can breathe its air without coughing, there is beautiful architecture all around you, and people even smile here – Hangzhou is the antithesis of Beijing.

Hangzhou also served as

changed considerably since 1949.

Additionally, we avoided drawing any attention to ourselves from the police and military. This meant that there would be occasions when I would stay out of sight, usually hiding under tatami mats and blankets.

We left Hangzhou on another bumpy, dusty bus ride, while my heart and stomach stayed in Hangzhou for some time afterward.

The mountains came into view shortly after leaving the bus station. Vast stands of bamboo covered entire mountainsides, some as large as 12 inches in diameter.

On the eight-hour bus ride to Qingtian, we were spared the specter of highway fatalities but not the incessant combination of tobacco

whenever I find the proper rice flour. It's gluten-free for you unfortunate gluten-phobes.

It is important to note that China, like many large countries, including the U.S., has numerous distinct cultures residing within its borders. This diversity results in different languages and areas where accents and word usage vary.

Such was the case in Zhejiang Province, where the language was more regional than the Mandarin I studied. In listening to any conversation here, I could only pick up a portion of what was said.

This lack of fluency was to cause me a bit of a problem in another week, to put it mildly.

We arrived in Qingtian, a



**LAO TAI AND Xiao Ming dine together for the first time since 1949. Lao Taitai's brother is to her right and Xiao Ming is to her left. K. Springer photo**

the gateway to our further adventures in Zhejiang Province. Despite the temptation to stay here in paradise, Lao Taitai and I would remain for only one night.

Yet, before our departure, we dined on a delicacy typical in this part of China – Jiaozi. The delicate steamed dumplings stuffed with pork, garlic, and mushrooms are a culinary tradition throughout Asia. And Hangzhou is the epicenter of Jiaozi culture.

Although we didn't have the convenience of a map, our plan for locating Xiao Ming was simple. Lao Taitai initiated conversations with bus drivers, salesmen, and other people familiar with an area of the country that had

smoke and granite dust that threatened to destroy our lungs.

The roads were riddled with potholes large enough to bury a good-sized dog, and the driver exerted no effort to avoid them.

We made only one stop for food and a bathroom break in a dirty roadside shack. We dubbed the filthy diner the Ptomaine Palace when passengers who ate there began throwing up an hour or so down the road. Fortunately, Lao Taitai and I had lunched on a bag of Baozi we brought from Hangzhou.

Author's note: Baozi is a delicious steamed bun filled with meat and vegetables. I still make this savory pastry

small city situated on a river that flows to Wenzhou, a much larger port city. We would not be going in the direction of Wenzhou, though. Instead, we would be going upriver in a sampan stopping at villages along the way.

It occurred to me later that Lao Taitai was informing various people in these tiny hamlets that she was from this area and was looking for her daughter. Somehow, her intentions moved faster upriver than our actual travels.

Remember, there were no telephones, let alone cell phones, in this region of China in 1988. Lao Taitai would later tell me that word

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## TRIVIA – a little something to think about

1. The Germans were the first to use this chemical weapon in the trenches in World War I. It was a blistering agent, not only to the skin, but also the lungs. There were more than 500,000 casualties. What was it?

All the Hollywood stars wore them in the 60s and 70s. Name the brand.

4. Here is a list of competitive companies: American Standard, Kohler, Moen (Delta). What line of business are they in?

2. This Columbia University School of Medicine doctor decided to write novels for a living. In 1975, his novel "Coma" was published. Thirty-eight novels and 10 films prove he made the right choice. Who is he?

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#### HILL DAUGHTER

Land of my fathers and blood, oh my fathers, whatever  
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I have brought you at last what you sternly required that I bring you,  
And have brought it alone.

I, who from the womb must be drawn, though the first born, a daughter,  
And could never stand straight with the rifle, nor lean with the plow;  
Here is the case for the curse, here is cause for the breaking of silence.  
You can answer me now.

It has taken me long to return, and you died without knowing.  
But down where the veins of the rock and the aspen tree run –  
Land of my fathers and blood, oh my fathers, whatever  
Is left of your hearts in the dust,  
I have brought you a son.

~ Louise McNeill from Hill Daughter



### Marlinton Mayor's Corner

By Sam Felton

Region 4 Planning and Development Council and the West Virginia Development Office recently held a kickoff meeting with the Pocahontas County Commission. The purpose of the meeting was to acknowledge the Grant Award for the Demolition of the old Board of Education Building on Fifth Avenue in

Marlinton. This was the third application for funding since 2016. Now, nearly seven years later, funding has been granted and the county will continue the process that will lead to a schedule for demolition. During the last six years, I have looked at the south end of the building and thought it a shame that the old cafeteria portion could not be saved. It

is a block building with tile on a concrete floor. The roof remains in good condition. We all know that replacing such a structure is not cheap. Preserving the value of what remains could still make sense. If preserved, the boy and girl scouts could have a meeting place. If for no other reason, the wellness center and/or school could use it for storage. Certainly, the need is there. There are currently five portable utility buildings out back, of this building.

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### Weather Recap January

by Jason Bauserman

It was the warmest January in my 32 years of records. It was the second lowest snowfall in 32 years. Precipitation was below normal. Checking Green Bank Observatory records, I found a very warm January in 1974 with a mean temperature of 38 degrees. Also all Januaries had low temperatures of zero or minus except 1974, which had a low temperature of 7 degrees. The average high temperature was 40.8 degrees and the average low temperature was 21.6 degrees. The mean was 33.5 degrees. The high temperature was 5.5 degrees

above normal and the low temperature was a whopping 9 degrees above normal. The normal low temperature for January is 17 degrees at Bartow. Surprisingly, only two days had temperatures below 17 degrees. The lowest temperature was 11 degrees on January 15, and it was 14 degrees on January 16. The 11-degree temperature was the highest low temperature in my January records. My records show 21 out of 32 years with below zero temperatures in January. Compare that to GBO records with all minus temperatures but one. The highest temperature at Bartow was 61 degrees on

January 3. January snowfall was only 4 inches. The largest one-day snowfall was 1.1 inches. For the winter, snowfall total is only 8 inches. That is the lowest snowfall through January in my 32 years. Snowfall to date is 25.7 inches below normal. Precipitation was only 2.13 inches, and that is 1.20 inches below normal. Even though we had a dry month, there is mud everywhere. I have never seen a winter with no frozen ground. The normal high temperature for February is 38.4 degrees and the normal low temperature is 18.7 degrees. The mean is 28.6 degrees. Normal precipitation is 2.87 inches. February should be the snowiest month of the year with 15.9 inches. We shall see.

### 911 Center Report

#### January

Pocahontas County Homeland Security and Emergency Management director Michael O'Brien provided the following report of calls received at the Pocahontas County 911 Center during the month of January. The 1,159 calls were as follows: Nature of Call/ Total Calls Received 911 ABD, Open, Hangup – 196 Abandoned vehicle – 1 Accidental dial – 13 Law – Animal Control – 6 Assault/Battery – 3

Assist other agency – 8 Accident with injuries – 8 Auto accident – 13 Law – Breaking and Entering – 3 Law – Be on the lookout [BOLO] – 4 Fire – Brush – 1 Law – Citizen assist/non-emergency – 20 EMS – Citizen's assist – 10 Destruction of Property – 1 DNR – Violation complaint – 1 DOA/Unattended death – 1 Law – Domestic – 7 Law – Drug complaint – 2

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### Community Calendar

**OPERA HOUSE**  
Opry Night event Saturday, February 18, at 7:30 p.m. featuring Long Point String Band, Appalachian Country Cloggers and Kanawha Tradition, showcasing the best in traditional music and dance from the region. Tickets, \$10, are available at 4th Avenue Gallery, pocahontasoperahouse.org and at the door the night of the performance. Ages 17 and younger admitted free.

interested in participating, please call the library at 304-456-4507 or email greenbankseedswap@gmail.com  
**Green Box winter hours:** Wednesdays and Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sundays, 1 to 4 p.m.

**EVENTS**  
**Barbecue Lunch Fund-raiser,** Friday, February 10, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Hillsboro Senior Center. Meal \$8. Extra sandwich, \$5. Proceeds support Meals on Wheels.  
**Make your own custom Valentine buttons** at Green Bank Public Library, Saturday, February 11, drop in from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
**The Green Bank Observatory will welcome Dr. Françoise Combes** Wednesday, February 15, at 4 p.m. for the 57th annual Jansky Lecture – Symbiosis Between Black Holes & Galaxies. Professor Combes is being honored for her significant contributions to the fields of galaxy evolution, the interstellar medium, dark matter and radio astronomy. Free and open to the public. Reception to follow.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Justin Arvon, a consumer outreach and compliance specialist** with Attorney General Patrick Morrissey's office, will be at Marlinton Town Hall Monday, February 20, from noon to 1 p.m. to meet with individuals to discuss consumer-related issues and answer questions.  
**Green Bank Public Library will host a Seed Swap** in March, if you are

**MEETINGS**  
**Pocahontas Opera House Foundation** Thursday, February 9, 6 p.m. at McClintic Library. Public is invited.  
**Diabetes Coalition** Monday, February 13, 11 a.m. FRN building, 821 Third Avenue in Marlinton.  
**Diabetes Support Group** Tuesday, February 21, 6 p.m. FRN building, 821 Third Avenue in Marlinton.  
**Democratic Executive Committee** of Pocahontas County 6 p.m. Monday, February 27, at McClintic Library. Open to the public. Also available via Zoom. Contact Jay Miller at jvmiller2008@gmail.com for Zoom connection info.

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### What's Cookin'?

With Sally Cobb

**Stew**  
3 pounds beef chuck, lamb shoulder or pork shoulder, trimmed and cut into 1 1/2 inch cubes.  
1 1/2 tsp. salt  
1 tsp. ground black pepper  
3 Tbsp. vegetable oil  
2 cups chopped onion  
3 medium garlic cloves, minced  
3 Tbsp. flour  
1 cup full-bodied red wine  
2 cups chicken stock or broth  
2 bay leaves  
1 tsp. dried thyme  
4 medium potatoes, cut into 1-inch cubes  
4 large carrots, peeled and sliced 1/2-inch thick  
2 ribs celery, sliced 1/2 inch thick

1 cup frozen peas, thawed  
1/4 cup minced fresh parsley  
Heat oven to 250°  
Place meat cubes in a large bowl and season with salt and pepper; toss to coat. Heat oil in a large, ovenproof 6-8 quart Dutch oven with a wide bottom. Add half of meat and brown on all sides, about 5 minutes. Remove meat and set aside on a plate. Add rest of oil and meat and brown. Remove meat from Dutch oven.  
Add onions and sauté until softened, 4-5 minutes. Add garlic, cook for 30 seconds. Stir in flour and cook until lightly colored, 1-2 minutes. Add wine, scraping up any browned bits that may have

stuck to pot. Add stock, bay leaves and thyme, and bring to a simmer. Add meat and return to a simmer. Cover and place pot in the oven. Cook for 1 hour.  
Remove pot from oven and add potatoes, carrots and celery. Cover and return to oven. Cook until meat is tender 1 to 1 1/2 hours for lamb, 1 1/2 to 2 hours for beef or pork. Remove pot from oven, add thawed peas and let set 5 minutes.  
Discard bay leaves and stir in parsley.  
Check for seasonings. Serves 6-8.  
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- ACROSS**  
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5 "My stars!"  
11 Source of poi  
15 Baseballer Ty  
19 "Don't stop!"  
20 Foray  
21 State firmly  
22 Voiced  
23 Put on some wrist jewelry?  
26 Actress Foch  
27 Connect for use, to Brits  
28 With  
86-Across, China's place  
29 Haunting  
30 Mike Brady's three kids, e.g.  
31 Greek fabulist  
32 Pair of poetic lines about the army?  
35 — Valley, San Francisco  
36 Disney frame  
37 FedEx rival  
38 Layers  
39 Healed a fictional prince of Denmark?  
44 Striped feline  
47 "And others," in footnotes  
48 Mineo of "Dino"  
49 Steer snarer  
51 Re  
55 Home of Taj Mahal  
57 Extra wrestling garment in case the main one gets lost?  
60 Heifer's home  
63 "Hulk" director Lee  
65 Blind as —  
66 Earp of the O.K. Corral  
67 Sound of wonderment  
68 Bright red Kleenex?  
73 Foot part  
74 Cause, as havoc  
76 City in Kansas  
77 Time on end  
78 Bison group  
79 Secondhand apartment rental in Rome?  
84 — gin fizz  
86 See  
28-Across  
87 Gamma follower  
88 Just so-so  
90 Warship fleet  
94 Test, as ore  
96 Coated pill produced in Antarctica?  
98 Oak nut  
101 Letter before dee  
103 "— got it!"  
104 Partner of 67-Across  
105 Parents-to-be expecting three babies at once?  
111 "The — come out tomorrow" (start of an "Annie" song)  
113 "Mystic Pizza" actress  
114 Turkish coins  
115 Out-of-date  
116 How cats ask for Mew Mix, per a slogan  
117 Lady friend, in France  
118 Pleasing answer when actress Kate asks her agent "Who wants me next?"  
121 Job detail  
122 "Huh-uh!"  
123 Cyclops' odd feature  
124 Actress Falco  
125 Car roller, to Brits  
126 Secy., e.g.  
127 Less wordy  
128 Also — (race losers)  
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1 Tone of an environment  
44 African fly  
45 Suffix with organ  
46 Mass of mayo, say  
49 Pride parade letters  
50 Jai —  
52 Glide on ice  
53 Teach privately  
54 Decided (to)  
56 Actress Ortiz  
58 Of birth  
59 Astonishment  
60 "Fame" vocalist David  
61 Major artery  
62 Ostrichlike birds  
64 Horrific  
68 Glide on snow  
69 Uncouth guy  
70 Napoleon's exile isle  
71 "He-e-elp!"  
72 Loosen, as a shoe  
75 Decorative church screen  
78 Cannabis fiber  
80 Paid promos  
81 Tch., s'org.  
82 Comic  
83 Philip  
85 "... man — mouse?"  
89 Chairlor products  
91 "M\*A\*S\*H" co-star  
92 Request for a poker hand  
93 Olympics participants  
95 NBC show since '75  
96 Writer's tool  
97 Trailer park campers, for short  
98 "Finally!"  
99 Like pie crusts with pressed-in ridges  
100 Greasier wine  
101 Dry red wine  
102 Simple  
106 Kagan of the court  
107 Some DVR systems  
108 Sets up, informally  
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# Thank You!

I'd like to thank every business, church and individual that donated to and prayed for me during my recent illness. I continue to recover at home. Your kindness and generosity is appreciated more than I could ever say.

*God Bless all of you!*  
Natalie Workman

## Obituaries

### Ricky Barkley II

Ricky Lynn Barkley, II, 34, of Durbin, passed away Saturday, February 4, 2023, at his home.

Born May 27, 1988, in Morgantown, he was a son of Cindy A. Kline Barkley and the late Ricky Lynn Barkley, Sr.

Ricky was a graduate of Pocahontas County High School.

He had worked at Interstate Hardwoods and Huttonsville Correction Facility

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Hobert and Emma Hedrick Kline; paternal grandparents Grover and Euna Burner Barkley; and his special mother, Betty Jean Oxier.

He is survived by his mother, Cindy A. Kline Barkley, and fiancé, Rick Starks, of Durbin; brother, Lee Oxier (Jessie), of Durbin; several aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces and cousins; along with many friends who cherished him.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Per his mother's wishes, the body will be cremated.

Online condolences may be shared at [WallaceandWallaceFH.com](http://WallaceandWallaceFH.com)



### Keith Moore Demetria Moore

Keith Eugene Moore, 88, passed away at his home in Marlinton, Friday, December 9, 2022.

Demetria Biggs Moore, 85, passed away Tuesday, September 3, 2019, at Pocahontas Center in Marlinton.

A graveside service for Keith and Demetria will be held on the date of their Wedding Anniversary, Friday, February 10, 2023, at 11 a.m. at Mountain View Cemetery.

### Don Morrison

Don Edward Morrison, 70, of Marlinton, formerly of Sissonville and Summersville, passed away Friday, February 3, 2023, at his home, surrounded by his family.

Born October 4, 1952, at Richwood Hospital, he was a son of the late Harry Morrison and Kathleen Craig Morrison Tucker.

Don was a 1971 graduate of Sissonville High School. He was an auctioneer, having received his license from the Mendenhall Auctioneer School.

Don served in the West Virginia Air National Guard. He was a mechanic in earlier years and was the owner of Don's Auction Service and Signs and More. He was a former member of Marlinton Town Council and coach sponsor for Pocahontas County Youth Football League.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Don E. Morrison III; daughter, Tara Chambers; grand-

daughter, Allie Robinson; and a brother, Alden Morrison.

He is survived by his loving wife of 49 years, Nina Taylor Morrison; daughter, Angela Russell (Randall); daughter-in-law, Cathy Runyon (Billy); grandchildren, Dustin Morrison (Cheyenne), Michael Morrison, Landon Hebb, Haleena Hebb, Kayla Robinson and Tiffany Robinson; nine great-grandchildren; brother, Arthur Morrison (Carol); niece, Carla Anderson (Shawn); and his special friend, Eddie.

Funeral service was held Wednesday, February 8, 2023, at 1 p.m. at VanReenen Funeral Home with Pastor Sam Felton officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations will be taken at City National Bank.

### Betty Oxier

Betty Jean Oxier, 80, of Durbin, unexpectedly passed away Wednesday, February 1, 2023, at Autumn Lake Health Care.

Born March 26, 1942, in Frank, she was a daughter of the late Studie Barkley and Floyd Slayton; and adopted Mom, Euna Burner Barkley, and uncle, Grover Barkley.

Betty was a homemaker. She loved babysitting, watching her soaps and spending time with her family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Earl Oxier; daughter, Tammy Oxier; brother, Ralph Slayton; and, cherished as her own children, Ricky and Vicky Barkley.

She is survived by her daughters, Connie Greulich (Robert), of Frank, and Anna Kane (Mark), of Durbin; son, Lee Oxier (Jessica), of Durbin; son-in-law, Norman Vance, of Durbin; grandchildren, Shawnee Morgan (Rick), of Elkins, Tommy Greulich, of Durbin, Marka Kane (Travis) and Hallie Kane, of Durbin; great-grandchildren, Erica and R.J. Morgan, of Elkins; daughter-in-law, Cindy Barkley, and son, Ricky Barkley; special nephew, Danny Slayton (Karen), of Tennessee; and other nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held Sunday, February 5, 2023, at Wallace and Wallace Funeral Home in Arbovale with Pastor David Rittenhouse officiating. Burial was in Arbovale Cemetery.

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## Bee, from page 1

After about a day and a half of hand shoveling dirt and rocks and tweaking the 6x6 boards into place, I finally had the foundation level, square and parallel. Most of the complaints about the kit stated the last few pieces did not fit so I allowed my perfectionism to guide me on the foundation.

Assembling the kit was tedious and, at times, took two people, but I tried to stay focused on the goal – a usable greenhouse.

As we approached finishing the last few panels, my nerves began to tense as I remembered the negative reviews about the kit, in particular, that the last few panels would not fit.

Each panel easily fell into place, and I breathed a sigh of relief. All of the prep work on the foundation had paid off!

My new greenhouse, constructed of polycarbonate panels held in aluminum framework, consisted of four walls, one side with a double sliding door, an A-frame roof with four manually opening vents, and a dirt floor. Now for the fun!

I built a temporary table with scrap wood and placed it inside as a workbench. Since I was not able to afford fancy greenhouse pots and trays, I used what I had, pans from the kitchen and some pots I made from newspaper. Fine soil from the garden was an inexpensive growing medium for seeds.

We built the greenhouse during the summer, and I quickly discovered how hot it got inside. Most of my poor little seedlings could not handle the heat and shriveled up. This was a learning curve.

Even with a fan, I could not grow most plants inside the greenhouse during the summer, it was just too hot. I again focused my efforts on the main garden and my

beloved greenhouse became more of a storage unit for the old pots and trays.

By late fall, I had been able to scrounge up enough pots to transplant a few of my plants into the greenhouse; the dirt floor was red clay and not good for growing.

Caring for the plants in the greenhouse took more effort than caring for the main garden. Every morning I manually opened the vents and door and turned on the fan. The fan quickly dried out the soil, which required more frequent watering.

In the evening, when nights would be cold, I closed the vents, turned off the fan, placed covers over the tender plants, and closed the door.

On the days I forgot to open the greenhouse or did not get to the greenhouse until after the sun hit it, many of my plants suffered. Some of the more tender plants died due to the high temperature inside the greenhouse. With full sun on the closed greenhouse, inside temperatures could rise 70 degrees above the outside temperature.

Likewise, closing the greenhouse up at night was just as important. Tender herbs, like basil, are susceptible to cold. I also learned that the friendly little field mice and other critters enjoy a sheltered buffet at night. I had several whole plants uprooted during nights I had forgotten to close the greenhouse.

The winter wasn't much better that first year.

My greenhouse was not

heated. The plants I didn't kill from frying, freezing or feeding to critters did last a few weeks longer in the greenhouse than in the main garden, but was all the effort worth it? Some may rightfully say "no," but I still felt a sense of accomplishment and learned a lot that first winter.

Into late winter and early spring, as I developed an intense spring fever, my greenhouse became a haven of hope.

I eagerly busied myself with starting new seeds, but they didn't sprout as they should have. For some reason, soil temperatures inside the greenhouse mattered just like it did outside. How dare it. I had a greenhouse; everything should grow when I planted it. Nature taught me that was not the case.

Throughout that first spring in the greenhouse, I learned a lot more about the differences and similarities of growing crops inside and outside of it.

I had my first greenhouse almost 15 years. We replaced the polycarbonate panels in

the roof and some of the wall panels at about the 10-year mark.

I am now on my second greenhouse. For several years before purchasing our second greenhouse, we did a lot of research on different types.

Follow me as I cover stuff I have learned about greenhouses and growing in them including: types; building foundations and structures; location for sun, wind, and grow zones; cooling, heating, or unheated; cold frames; plants that easily do well in a greenhouse and those that take more effort; etc.

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## Cass, from page 1

to find steam locomotives in operation. The problem with Cass is it's strictly a summertime venue. Once you get partway up the mountain, it's too cold come November and you can't stand it, so we're trying to expand the

operating season at Cass into the winter, give more options for the summertime travelers and, hopefully, increase the traffic at Cass and in Durbin, as well."

The line was originally used by the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway in the 1900s, when trains were used for transportation and commerce. The train brought

wares to the town of Durbin and, in some cases, the only mode of transportation for residents of small lumber towns that popped up during the logging boom.

Now that the line has returned to its glory, plans are underway for excursions, which are slated to begin in April. Scriptunas said tickets should go on sale by late

February for a Cass to Durbin ride.

"Next week, we're running another test train with passenger cars to get the timing and figure all that fun stuff out," he said. "We plan for a layover in Durbin — hopefully forty-five minutes to an hour — so people can eat, browse the local stores, and see the town. We're

shooting for about four-and-a-half hours' total."

It's been more than a decade since Smith first presented his plan and now that the line is complete, everyone involved is ready for people to experience the new line.

"It's going to be incredible," Scriptunas said. "There are so many potential events

we can do on the line. It's going to open so many possibilities. I think it's going to be great for the county and the state. It's going to be a lot of fun for everybody. The guys that have worked on it have a lot to be proud of."

For more information on the new excursion and to buy tickets, visit <https://mountainrailwv.com/>

## Your, from page 3

travels fast in mountain communities.

I guess living here in Pocahontas County has verified the truth of her statement. Kill a fourteen-point buck up near Cass, and they'll be talking about it over lunch at the Levels Depot before you field dress it and return home to Seebert.

We spent the night in an old granite-block hotel in Qingtian, located on a ridge high above the river. In the predawn darkness of the following morning, I was stuffed into the back of a popular form of Chinese transportation, the pedicab.

After covering me with our luggage we were delivered to a landing on the river about 30 minutes later. The ride was rough on cobblestone streets, and I had to unfold my contorted body to get out of the pedicab. Even my kidneys hurt after that ride.

The sampan is a narrow flat-bottomed boat with a partial cover of tatami. In the upstream mode, the boatman poles the craft. Conversely, going downstream, a rudder was attached to the stern to control the watercraft.

Sampans transport people and some farm animals like chickens, ducks, and pigs. In contrast, many downstream boats were carrying bamboo poles destined for building scaffolds in the port city of Wenzhou.

For the first couple hours of the ride, I was once again in hiding. But, this time, it was under the boat's tatami cover, yet I could see out.

Once past the larger villages, I was allowed to come out into the glorious sunshine. By early afternoon it was searing sunshine, and I retreated back under the tatami cover, as did most of the other passengers.

We stopped for a shore lunch of fish retrieved from a pail of water onboard the sampan. The local tea, rice, fish and vegetables tasted heavenly. The heartbreak of leaving Hangzhou slowly evaporated.

Other passengers assured me we were well upstream from the prying eyes of the government officials and even local party bosses. I could now breathe easy.

I sat in the stern with my two Nikon cameras, both working overtime to get photos of the astounding scenery.

It was as if I had walked into a Chinese calendar. Stone pagodas were perched precariously on terraced mountainsides where taro and rice grew in long narrow fields irrigated by rainfall diverted through bamboo pipes.

One thing that would soon become obvious to me was that since the Japanese were there in the Manchurian Campaign of the late 1930s, most Chinese people I was about to encounter had never seen a foreigner in their entire lives.

This fact would account for some interesting experiences for me. I have always been among the majority race in most of my travels. Now, an extreme minority, I felt much like an animal in a zoo.

Unabashed stares and gawking would be commonplace for the next couple of

weeks. This is the only time in my life I regretted not being handsome, or at the very least, possessing a more moderately sized schnoz.

"Da Bizi" was something I would repeatedly hear; it means "big nose." I would use this term often to get a laugh out of the kids when entering a village; it also broke the ice for the adults.

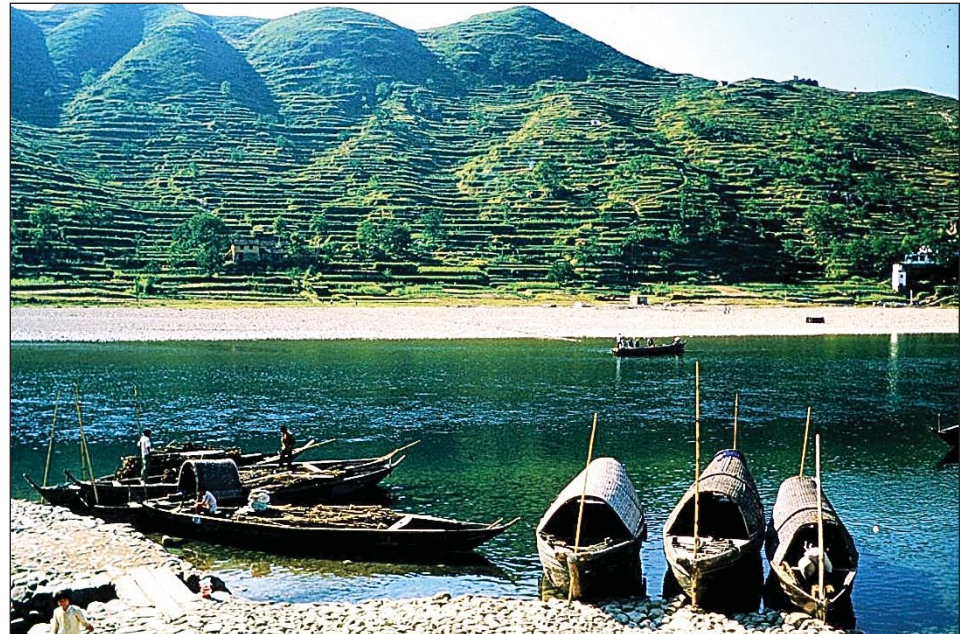
The river became more narrow, and the mountainsides closed in as we progressed upriver. We were getting into faster current, too fast for the boatman to pole the loaded boat upstream.

The pole was placed inside the boat, and a wooden yoke was quickly attached to the starboard gunwale. Sliding into the water, he put his chest against the yoke, pushing the boat upstream by sheer force.

The amazing thing about this method is that the boatman was barefoot, and the river bottom was comprised of stones of all sizes and shapes. He allowed me to photograph his feet that were calloused not only on the ball and heel but the thick callous extended around the entire edge of his feet.

After a day on the river, one that was anything but boring, we arrived at a small village named Nutou, meaning "head of the ox." The boat was deftly brought to shore by a whitewater boating maneuver called ferrying.

After disembarking the boat, we walked up a narrow cobblestone path that led into the village, a hundred yards or so above the riverbank. We were led into a large stone building entirely open on one side.



WE TRAVELED FROM Qingtian to Nutou onboard a sampan. Note the terraced mountainsides where every square inch of ground has a purpose in growing vegetables and rice. K. Springer photo

It took a moment after walking out of the sunlight and into the dim interior for our eyes to adjust. I noticed that the floor was dirt and that the occasional chicken and pig would pop in for a look at the visitors, then go about their usual business of foraging — neither found my nose particularly interesting.

The villagers were now walking in from all directions. In a few minutes, a dense crowd extended down the hill for 100 feet or more. The chatter echoing off the stone buildings suddenly fell silent.

Lao Taitai and I stood together at the back of the room. She suddenly grabbed my hand, and for the first time on our journey, this stoic and capable woman had a look on her face that fell somewhere between fear and joy.

I tensed up as it slowly occurred to me what was about

to happen.

Looking over the heads of the villagers, I could see that they were opening their ranks to allow someone to pass through. Lao Taitai saw it, too, grasping my hand even harder. I could only imagine what she must be feeling at that moment.

Even though well over 60 people occupied that small area afforded by the narrow space between buildings, the silence was palpable.

Finally, the knot of people just outside our room opened to reveal a slight woman, who, upon seeing Lao Taitai stopped dead in her tracks. The eyes of both mother and daughter locked together. Both just stood in place as if suddenly frozen in a visual embrace.

The villagers said nothing but looked from one woman to the other. The spell was broken when Xiao Ming stepped slowly toward her

mother, asking several times, "Mama?"

I nearly lost my balance as Lao Taitai pushed away my hand and rushed to her daughter. Their long and silent embrace was nearly 40 years in the coming. The air was rich with a heightened sense of emotion that few ever experience.

Tears flooded from their eyes and those of the village women looking on. I choked back my tears and told myself that this was a singular moment in my life. One that will follow me to the grave every bit as vivid as it was 35 years ago.

I would love for this to be how the story ended. But that is not what fate had in store. The conclusion to this account is just a week away in the next issue of *The Pocahontas Times*.

Until then,  
Ken Springer  
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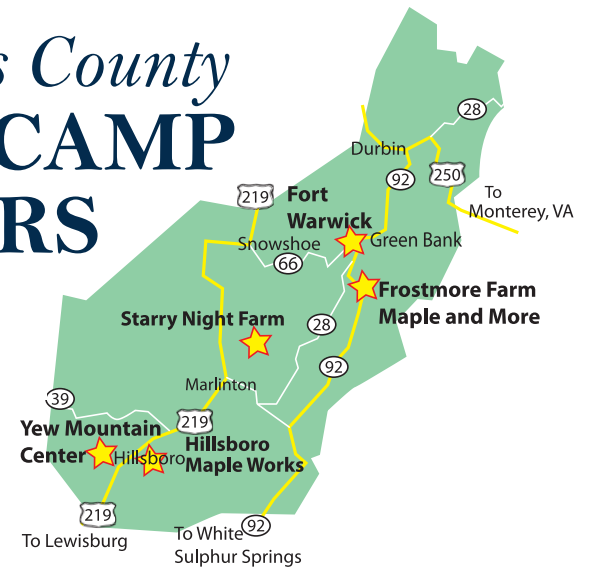
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February 18  
and March 18  
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### FORT WARWICK FARM

just off of Rt. 92 near Green Bank, 1/2 mile south of the Dollar General Store. Turn at the Deer Creek Bridge beside the Church of God and follow the dirt road 1/2 mile. Visit [www.fortwarwick.com](http://www.fortwarwick.com)

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1647 Dee Friel Road, between Marlinton and Clover Lick. Maple Days hours: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Tours and retail sales of syrup, candy and cinnamon rolls. From Marlinton, turn onto Airport Road/Brush Country Roads at Walgreens. Travel 5 miles to the Edray Road intersection; turn right on Edray Road for 1 mile; turn right on Fairview Road for 2 miles, then right on Dee Friel Road; go to the end of the road and driveway is straight ahead. Watch for signage. Call 304-799-4816.

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Two locations just north of Hillsboro, off Rt. 219. Demonstrations starting with sap collection and ending with finished products for sampling and for sale. Open House at the sugar house on February 18; Open House at the sugar bush March 18. Call 304-288-6604 for directions to either location or visit [www.hillsboromaple.com](http://www.hillsboromaple.com)

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9494 Lobelia Rd, off US Rt. 219 south of Hillsboro. Visit [www.yewmountain.org](http://www.yewmountain.org)  
Lobelia Road is just south of Droop Mountain Battlefield State Park (a right turn if you're headed south). Stay right on Lobelia Road at the intersection with Jacox Road (about 2 miles). Continue for 1.3 miles and the center is on the left. Sugar bush tours, savory and sweet maple delights and kids' educational activities.



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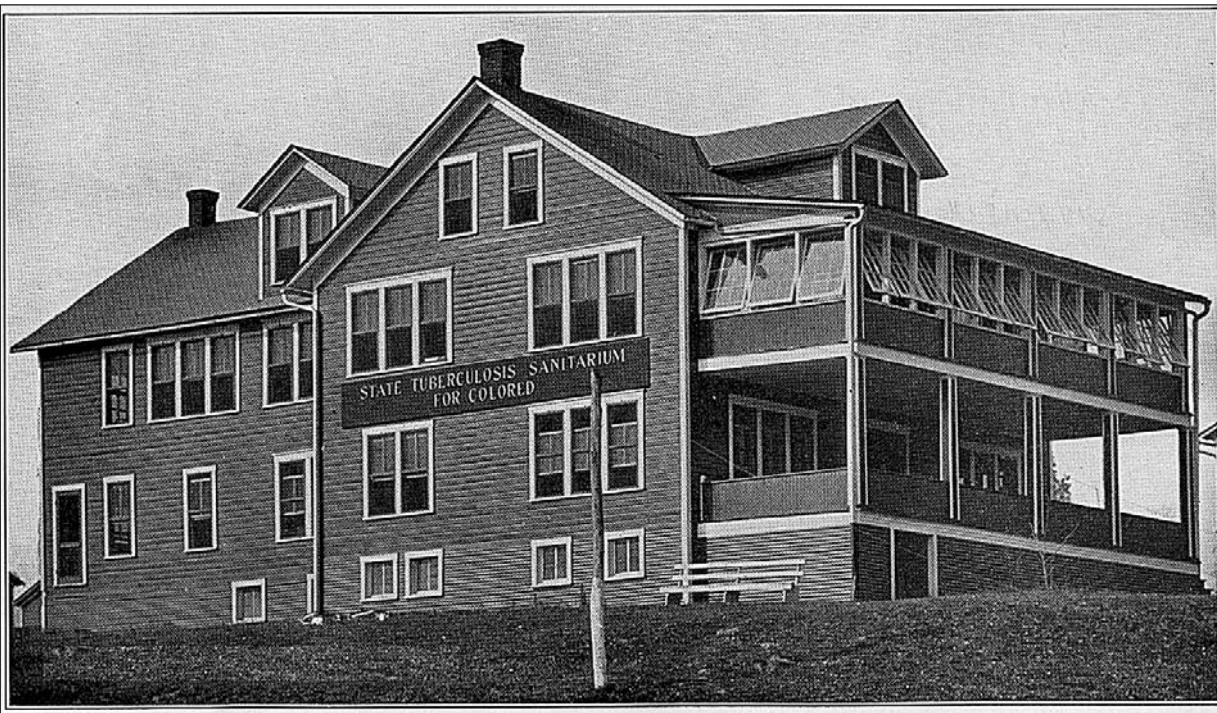




# Preserving Pocahontas

B. J. Gudmundsson, Preservation Officer

## W. Va. Colored Tuberculosis Sanitarium at Denmar



CRICHLAW HOSPITAL, STATE COLORED TUBERCULOSIS SANITARIUM

**CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY Month.** The Legislature established the West Virginia State Colored Tuberculosis Sanitarium on February 16, 1917, for the care of Black TB patients. Denmar, located on the Greenbrier River in Pocahontas County, was selected as the location. Denmar was the town and mill site for the Maryland Lumber Company, which was then completing its lumbering operations.

Virtually the entire town was converted to use for the sanitarium. The boarding house became the main hospital and administration building. Some houses were converted into living quarters for patients, with separate facilities for men, women and children. Other houses became living quarters for employees. The mill structure and railroad shop building were used by the hospital farm and dairy. Access to the new hospital was provided by the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway's Greenbrier Division.

Dr. B. A. Crichlow was named superintendent and the sanitarium received its first patients on January 31, 1919. At this time, tuberculosis was often fatal, and many patients died while at Denmar. More than 300 are known to have been buried in a cemetery on the hospital grounds. Also buried at Denmar is the institution's second superintendent, Dr. Samuel J. Bampfield, who died February 22, 1940.

In January 1938, ground was broken for a three-story

building to replace the deteriorating lumber company structures. Patients were moved into the new facility in January 1939. A wing to the building was completed in 1952. With advances in the treatment of tuberculosis, by the 1950s the need for tuberculosis hospitals was ending. In March 1957, Denmar was converted to a state hospital for the chronically ill.

Denmar Hospital was closed in July 1990. The facility reopened in November 1993 as the Denmar Correctional Center, housing medium-security prisoners. A birthing center for prisoners in the federal prison system occupies the former nurses' quarters at Denmar.

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## Seventy-Five Years Ago

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, February 12, 1948

Again, for the sake of the record, let it be said that Monday of this week, the temperature held in the 20s all day. On Tuesday morning, it was zero most everywhere with about 10 inches of crusted snow at Marlinton, and four feet of snow on high mountains.

Olean, New York – Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Ray, of Seneca Avenue, have recovered from injuries received in an automobile accident on last Christmas day. On their return from visiting relatives in Pocahontas County, they were driving down Rock

City Hill, near Olean, when the driving shaft broke. The brakes failed to hold and the car gained speed. Mr. and Mrs. Ray both jumped out. Mr. Ray suffered scalp wounds, and Mrs. Ray received brush burns about the head and body. The party had been visiting Mr. Ray's mother, Mrs. Snow Bussard, of Dunmore, Pocahontas County, West Virginia.

### WEDDING

Miss Margaret Ellen Doyle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Doyle, of Mace, and Dice Earl Sharp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Densey Sharp, of Marlinton, were married Sunday, February 1, 1948, at Lewisburg...

### BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lacy G. Alderman, of Minnehaha, a daughter, named Shirley Ann.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. William Harvey Barrett, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Stimeling, of Hillsboro, a son, named Sidney Allan.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vaughan in the University Hospital at Baltimore, Maryland, a son, named Herbert Raymond.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Herb McClung, of New Haven, Connecticut, a daughter, named Patricia Diane.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Higgins, of Evansville, Indiana, a son, named Joseph Henry.

### DEATHS

Ernest Leo Bowman, 22, of Durbin, died in the Newton D. Baker Hospital in

Martinsburg. The deceased served 21 months in the United States Marine Corps. Interment in Arlington National Cemetery.

On Wednesday, January 28, 1948, Homer Scott, aged 55 years, and his son, Bernard B. Scott, aged 16 years, of Conneaut Lake, Pennsylvania, were instantly killed when their light pick up truck was struck by a freight locomotive on the Erie Railroad near their home.

Mr. Scott was a native of Pocahontas County. He was a veteran of the First World War, seeing hard fighting service in Belgium and France. He is survived by his wife, a daughter and five sons. His brothers are Garfield, Russell, Claude and Clownie; his sister is Mrs. Gertie Bennett.

Company which founded the place. Hillsboro, from the name of Hill, formerly Academy, from the academy formed under the University extension act of 1842. Burr, post office, from a family of that name. Lobelia, post office, from the medicinal herb of that name common to the vicinity. Hills and Bruffeys Creeks, from family names, formerly called Big Sinking and Little Sinking Creeks because they disappear under Droop Mountain to reappear as Locust Creek. Stephen Hole Run, a famous spring and small stream, so called from a cave occupied by Stephen Sewell, the pioneer killed by the Indians, from which Sewell mountain was named. Not Sewall mountain. Indian Draft, a stream, branch of Stony Creek, so called from the fact that the

Seneca Trail, the warrior's road, wound down from Elk mountain through this divide. Yelk, community on Elk river, abbreviation of the words The Elk.

Mace, post office, also Mace Knob, highest point in West Virginia, from family of that name.

Pocahontas County, highest county in eastern part of the United States contains headwaters of Ohio river. So named from Indian Princess, inadvertently, the name having been confused by the engrosser with the name of Alleghany county, adjoining.

### FATAL ACCIDENT

Page C. McCloud, a son of Clark McCloud, who was employed by the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Co., of

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## 100-Years-Ago in The Pocahontas Times

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, February 8, 1923

Al Weekly was before Squire Smith Monday, charged with moonshining. He was held to the grand jury under bond of \$1,000. Weekly is a man of about 40 years, hails from Greenbrier and has a large family. He lives on Droop mountain. The arrest was made by Deputy Sheriff T. A. Bruffey. The still was a homemade affair of copper. It was hid away in a laurel patch a few hundred yards from the Greenbrier Line.

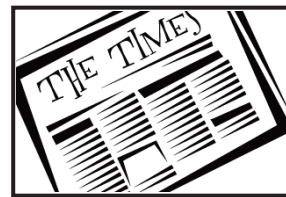
### NAMES

continued... Mill Point, so called from mills established there on account of water power in Stamping Creek. Levels Dis-

trict so called from level formation of uplands, called Little Levels of Pocahontas County, and Big Levels of Greenbrier. Droop Mountain, so called from the peculiar end of the mountain which after a long level ridge droops to the level of the Greenbrier river. Locust Creek, so called from locust timber. Break Neck, station on railroad, so called because a cow fell over a cliff and broke her neck. Spice Run from the presence of spice wood, a shrub. Beard, post office, from family of that name. Burnside, from a family of that name. Denmar, post office, site of a tuberculosis hospital, from a combination name derived from Denison and Maryland. J. A. Dennison was president of the Maryland Lumber

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## Fitty Years Ago

Jane Price Sharp, Editor

Thursday, February 8, 1973

Mrs. Ernest White, at Minnehaha Springs, heard frogs Monday evening, February 5. The temperature was 50 degrees. A sudden change to snow Tuesday morning.

Ernest Kelley killed a blowing viper Saturday at the Grover Moore place on Knapps Creek. The snake was out on the ground and striking at Kelley's dog. He heard the dog barking and went to see what the commotion was about. It was blowing snow Saturday and no fittin' weather for snakes.

On Sunday, January 14, Mrs. Josephine B. Boggs showed Rev. and Mrs. Sanford Boggs, Mrs. Mamie Bush and Bill Boggs where the birds were building their nests. Mrs. Boggs has been feeding the birds this winter. She has been having robins, bluebirds, cardinals, bluejays, sparrow, pheasants and several other birds she was unable to identify.

The groundhog saw his shadow Friday. The weather reacted immediately with a thunderstorm, a little hail, terrific downpour. Then Saturday, there was blowing snow. Pretty Sunday and Monday. Snowstorm Tuesday.

### Plane Down

A plane piloted by J. Robert Evans, of Atlanta,

Georgia, landed in a clear-cut area near Mill Run on top of Middle Mountain near Durbin January 22. The single engine Helio Courier plane, built for short take offs and short landings, was forced down from lack of fuel. The plane was en route from Asheville, North Carolina, to Atlanta, Georgia, and was caught in bad weather. The pilot didn't know he was in West Virginia until after the crash and he met Gilbert deHaven, of the U. S. Forest Service, on a forest road.

The plane was picked off the mountain last week by helicopter and taken to Elkins. Evans estimated the \$60,000 to \$65,000 plane sustained about \$20,000 damage.

### Mace Post Office

The Mace post office was discontinued February 2 upon the retirement of Troy Mace. Mr. Mace had been postmaster for 22 years. The mail will now be delivered on Star Route delivery.

The Mace post office was established in 1906. John Seymour Mace, uncle of Troy Mace, was the first postmaster, serving until his death in 1935. His brother, Jacob Mace, was postmaster for 15 years. Troy Mace, son of Jacob, succeeded him in 1950.

The name Mace was selected by the Post Office Department from a list of names submitted by local residents.

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## Footsteps through History

The Pocahontas Times  
Andrew Price, Editor

Thursday, February 11, 1898

SEVERAL persons were trying to locate the direction of Cuba the other day. They all agreed it was an island in the Atlantic Ocean southeast of us, except one who claimed it was directly south. Upon examination, it was found that the meridian passing through Pocahontas County would cut Cuba half in two, making the island directly south of us.

A TRAGEDY occurred at Montgomery last Friday. George P. Tucker came home unexpectedly and found William McAllister with his wife under compromising circumstances, and shot and killed them both. He gave himself up to the authorities. The woman was about 40 years old and has three grown children. McAllister was about 21 years of age.

THE DEATH of Wm. Ripley is reported from Greenbrier County. He drank 24 bottles of a flavoring, and died in great agony. His purpose was to procure a stimulant and it was used as a substitute for whisky. It is not uncommon for inebriates to drink patent medicines and such substitutes when the mania for drink is on them.

THE MARION County school case has been submitted to the Supreme Court. The case was started by John Kennedy to prevent the school teacher from reading the Bible in opening school, on the grounds that it was against the constitution of the State to give religious instruction. It is to be hoped that the four men who compose our Supreme Court will declare, for the sake of appearances, that the Bible is higher law even than the constitution of the State and, unlike it, does not need to be amended.

PARIS D. Yeager, who is now in the express office at Cheyenne, Wyoming, sent an Indian tobacco bag to be added to Norman Price's collection of Indian relics. It is the work of "Cow Horns," a Shoshone from the reservation, north of Cheyenne. Every pipe smoker, who has seen it, covets it to carry his tobacco in. It is made of fringed buckskin and the beadwork is very elaborate and of many colors. He writes that Klondikers are going through by the hundred.

THE BUILDING of the Greenbrier Railroad, beyond the bare fact that it will be

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# GBEMS Students of the Month

The preschool Student of the Month is Lluvia Acosta, daughter of Jessica and Nelson Acosta. Lluvia likes to play with her dollhouse. Her favorite food is candy. Lluvia's best part of school is learning. She wants to be a nurse.

The kindergarten Student of the Month is Thaddeus Rittenhouse, son of Nathan and Erin Rittenhouse. Thaddeus likes to play games and his favorite food is hotdogs. The best part of school for Thaddeus is math. Thaddeus wants to be a fireman.

The first grade Student of the Month is Paislee Arbogast, daughter of Caleb and Holly Arbogast. Paislee enjoys reading and writing. Her favorite foods are salad and fruit. The best part of school for Paislee is math. She wants to be a vet.

The second grade Student of the Month is Gabriella Kinnison, daughter of Dale and Susan Kinnison and Kristin Monk. Gabriella enjoys playing with toy horses. Her favorite foods are steak and pizza. The best part of school for Gabriella is math. She wants to be a doctor.

The third grade Student of the Month is Madalynn Brock, daughter of Jason and Sara Brock. Her favorite food is lasagna. The best part of school for Madalynn is recess and she wants to be a horse trainer.

The fourth grade Student of the Month is Gunner Day, son of Gary and Whitney Warner. He enjoys playing sports and eating his favorite food pepperoni rolls. Math is the best part of Gunner's school day. He wants to play football when he grows up.



**GREEN BANK ELEMENTARY-Middle School Students of the Month – Front row: Thaddeus Rittenhouse. Second Row, from left: Lluvia Acosta, Gunner Day, Madalynn Brock and Paislee Arbogast. Back row, from left: Karliana Boyd, Morgan Beverage, Grace Faubert, Peyton Friel and Gabriella Kinnison.**

The fifth grade Student of the Month is Karliana Boyd, daughter of Jennifer Chesnut. Karliana's hobbies are playing sports, reading, playing outside, LEGOs and watching TV. Her favorite foods are tacos and carrots. The best part of school for Karliana is P.E. and she wants to be an actress.

The sixth grade Student of the Month is Peyton Friel, daughter of Richard and April Friel. She likes to hunt, swim and play basketball. Her favorite food is ice cream. Peyton's favorite part of school is math class. She wants to be an EMT.

The seventh grade Student of the Month is Grace Faubert, daughter of Stephanie Meeks and William Foe. Her hobbies are art and playing the tuba. Her favorite food is potatoes. The

best part of school for Grace is band class. Grace wants to be a Marine Geologist.

The eighth grade Student of the Month is Morgan Beverage, son of Mark and Jennifer Beverage. He likes to ride dirt bikes and play football. Morgan's favorite foods are steak and deer meat. The best part of school for Mor-

gan is getting to talk with his friends. He wants to be a welder.

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"When it comes to predicting the weather, Freddie's a pro," said Trevor

Moore, wildlife biologist for the West Virginia State Wildlife Center.

According to tradition, if skies are cloudy and a groundhog doesn't see its shadow, an early spring can be expected. Six more weeks of winter can be expected if skies are clear and a groundhog returns to its burrow after getting spooked by seeing its shadow. In the past 40 years, Freddie's forecasts have been accurate about 50 percent of the time. Freddie predicted an extended winter in 2022.

The West Virginia Wildlife Center in Upshur County is home to French Creek Freddie and nearly 30 different species of West Virginia mammals, birds and reptiles. The center is open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., seven days a week through the end of March. Admission is free during this period. Regular hours and admission go into effect in April.



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## Court, from page 2

Melissa L. Reed, 45, of Dunmore, pleaded guilty January 30 to a charge of operation of vehicle without evidence of registration. Reed was assessed \$185.25 in court costs and fines.

Luke E. Sausville, 21, of Falls Church, Virginia,

pleaded guilty February 1 to a charge of regulatory violation. Sausville was assessed \$220.09 in court costs and fines.

Anna M. Vater, 31, of Covington, Georgia, pleaded guilty January 9 to a charge of driving while license suspended or revoked. Vater was assessed \$275.25 in court costs and fines.

John K. Kim, 55, of Sandy

Ridge, North Carolina, pleaded no contest January 17 to a charge of motor vehicle UTV in restricted area. Kim was assessed \$199.64 in court costs and fines.

Jesus H. Requiz Esteves, 50, of Kissimmee, Florida, pleaded no contest January 23 to a charge of speeding. Esteves was assessed \$195.25 in court costs and fines.

## Mayor's, from page 4

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

It is not my place to pursue any of this, but after hearing that others had voiced the same idea, I thought if the subject was to ever be revisited, it is now or never. Demolition is set and could happen sooner rather than later. However, there is time to give a second look at the white and green portion of

the building.

This add-on was built at a different time and could be considered as a stand-alone structure.

ALSO for your information, I have already communicated with Pocahontas County Watch about Cleanup of US 219 from the bridge, along Riverside to Stony Creek. We talked about the end of March or first of April. It is in such a mess, I hope I can wait that long. The same is to be said about Main Street. WHAT A

MESS! I had hoped to have the streets cleaned by now, and had hoped to clean whenever the traffic control project was complete. But the contractor, who came to Town last fall and started the job, still does not have materials available to finish it. I sent a letter to the DOH District Engineer asking for status and an update.

As usual, the gateway to success swings on the hinges of opposition.

Until next time.

Sam

## Calendar, from page 4

**Mountain State Maple Days**, Saturday, February 18. Tour Pocahontas County sugar camps and see how maple syrup is made and taste delicious treats along the way. Enjoy discounted lodging at participating establishments, and take in local dining for their weekend maple specials.

### PARKS AND REC

All activities are at the Community Wellness Center, unless otherwise noted.

**Enrichment Art and Crafts** at Durbin Library Thursdays, 4 to 5:30 p.m. All ages. Free of charge.

**Metal embossing classes**, learn the basics of three-dimensional patterns on a metal surface, for a one of a kind valentine themed craft. Monday, February 13, basic adult class, 5:30 to 7 p.m. Pre-registration required. 304-799-7386. \$10 charge.

**Trillium Taekwondo**, train in Korean Martial Arts, Wednesdays 6 p.m. Cost \$3 per class. Call 304-799-7386 for details.

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

**Zumba Fitness with Kelly**, Tuesdays 5:30 p.m. and Thursdays 5 p.m.

**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. Sundays, February 12 and 26.

**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.

## Safety, from page 1

An updated agreement has been established between the NRQZ and Pocahontas County Commission identifying a radio band at which emergency services can operate with lower power, increasing public safety, while minimizing the impact of interference with the Observatory, expanding coverage in Bartow and the Snowshoe Ski Resort. Coverage already exists in other parts of the

county further away from the Observatory.

The impact of the NRQZ in West Virginia Statewide Interoperable Radio Network locations in surrounding counties has been under discussion with the NRQZ Office, who are working toward solutions which have not yet been deployed. The question of who will pay for additional changes to infrastructure required to expand these services remains open.

“The final barrier to fully executing these improvements is adequate funding.

From county engineers to the Observatory staff, we are all at the mercy of budgets,” adds Jackson. “There are many entities involved in the NRQZ. The Observatory isn't the controlling factor here, but we are committed to putting in the resources we have to improve what we can. This is our community, too, and we want everyone to be safe.”

The Green Bank Observatory is a major facility of the National Science Foundation and is operated by Associated Universities, Inc.

## MTC, from page 2

In other business:

• Councilmember Chris Curry said he has been approached by citizens who are concerned about motorists speeding on Second and Third avenues. Curry said he spoke to law enforcement and was advised that a speed limit cannot be enforced without posted signs.

Mayor Sam Felton said he would provide Curry with

contact information for the Department of Highways, which is in charge of placing signs on roadways. Curry said he would pursue getting speed limit signs for the town and keep council updated on his progress.

Council approved the following items:

- Second and final reading of Ordinance prohibiting burial, entombment or interment of human remains within town limits.
- Second reading of ordinance enacting a code of or-

dinances for the Town of Marlinton, revising, amending, restating, codifying and compiling certain existing ordinances of the Town of Marlinton.

• Second reading of Title XV, Chapter 153, amended sign ordinance.

Marlinton Town Council meets the first Monday of each month, excluding holidays, at 7 p.m. in the municipal building auditorium. The public is welcome to attend in person or online through a Zoom link.

## 911, from page 4

- DVP violation – 6
- Fire – Alarm, elevator – 232
- Alarm – Fire – 16
- Fire – other – 12
- Law – General alarm – 22
- Gun shots complaint – 3
- Highway traffic hazard – 16
- Information/notice – 26
- Law – Criminal investigation – 12
- Theft of property – 6
- Law – General complaint – 89
- Law – Lost/found property – 1
- EMS – Medical – 96
- Fire – Medical alarm – 20
- Law – Mental hygiene – 1
- Missing/overdue person – 6

- Law – Paper service – 6
- EMS – Patient transfer – 70
- Fire – Secure landing zone – 6
- EMS – Stand-by – 10
- Theft of vehicle – 5
- Fire – Suspicious odor – 6
- System test – 75
- Law – Traffic stop – 23
- Transferred to other agency – 1
- Law – Transport person – 1
- EMS – Trauma – 63
- Law – Trespassing – 4
- Fire – Vehicle – 1
- VIN Verification – 1
- Law – Warrant service – 2
- Law – Welfare check – 17
- DNR – Wildlife management – 5
- Reckless driver complaint – 1

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# 100, from page 7

Cass, as brakeman on one of their log trains on the G & E railroad met with a fatal accident last Thursday morning January 25th. McCloud was braking on the rear end of the train, and while tightening the brakes above the second switchback, the steel lever used for tightening the brakes of the car broke and threw him under the cars, which passed over his body. He was quickly missed by the conductor and engineer and the train was stopped and his body was found a short distance from the rear end of the train.

Thinking that an inquest would be necessary the train crew cut the engine loose from the string of cars and rushed on in to Cass, leaving part of the crew with the body. Squire Sutton was notified, and learning the particulars, deemed an inquest unnecessary, and the body was brought to his undertaking department where it was prepared for burial.

McCloud was about 30 years old and leaves a wife and four small children to mourn their loss. The body was interred by the Loyal Order of Moose of which he was a member, at the Oliver Cemetery near Cass, in the presence of an unusually large crowd of friends and relatives. McCloud will be greatly missed as he had a host of friends and was well liked by all his acquaintance. Nothing was left undone by the good people of Cass, to comfort the young wife and little ones in their great loss and sad hours of grief.

### BIRTH

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Luther

Shears, February 1, 1923, a son, making eight living boys.

### DIED

Once again we are reminded that in the midst of life we are in death, the old and feeble must die and the young and vigorous may die. Absolem Buke Ware died at his home on Dry Branch, near Brady schoolhouse, aged 44 years... His body was laid to rest in the Beale burying ground near the place of his birth. Mr. Ware was the oldest son of Jacob M. Ware and the oldest grandson of the late George C. Beale. He is survived by his wife and seven children... He was a hard working man, honest in all his dealings.

J. E. Houchin died January 20th, 1923, at the home of his daughter, Mr. C. B. Wilcock, of Durbin, aged 66 years... He was a good citizen and will be greatly missed. Burial at the Goodsell cemetery...

Mrs. Florence Lillian Shinnaberry, wife of David Shinnaberry, of Deerfield, Va., died in the Charlottesville Hospital February 2nd... Mrs. Shinnaberry was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shinnaberry, of Knapps Creek. Her age was 26 years... She leaves to mourn their loss, her husband, four children...

Mrs. Fannie Irvine, widow of the late George R. Irvine, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mary Dominick at Big Run, February 4th, 1923... She was nearly 80 years old. Burial at the Sharp graveyard near Fairview Church...

Harry McDowell died January 22, 1923, at 11:30 a.m. at his home in Brownsburg, aged 84 years. He was born in Bath County, Virginia. His first marriage was to Julia Fields... His second marriage was with Sallie Wright, of Bath County... Uncle Harry was one of the early settlers of Brownsburg. Through great disadvantages, he brought up his family, and he lived to a ripe age to enjoy the fruits of his labor. This county loses a good citizen. Sympathy is extended to the bereaved family and the friends who mourn. Burial in the Brownsburg Cemetery...

Ralph William Sharp, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Locke Sharp died January 30, 1923, aged 10 days. His little body was laid to rest in the Sharp graveyard.

Charles Burr, aged 71 years, died at his home in Burr Valley, February 1, 1923. He was a son of the late John Burr and Mrs. Catherine Moore Burr. He was an honest upright citizen. He was never married.

Captain John Peters died Monday afternoon, February 5, 1923, at his home in Ronceverte. He was past 73 years of age. Captain Peters was an old time river man, and was widely known in Pocahontas county.

Mrs. Lucinda Margaret Wooddell died at Cass Tuesday, January 30, 1923. Her death was very sudden, her daughter-in-law finding her in dying condition on the street near her home. Her age was 69 years... Burial at Ryder Graveyard near Greenbank.

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### BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Blackmore, of Buckeye, a son, named Daniel Ezra.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald L. VanMeter, of Elyria, Ohio, a daughter, named Diana Sue.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James M. Pifer, of Souderton, Pennsylvania, a son, named Brian Keith.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilfong, of Buckeye, a son, named Christopher Burley.

### DEATHS

Mrs. Mary Frances Godwin, of Marlinton. Mass and Rosary will be held at the Sacred Heart Mission at St. John's Episcopal Church in Marlinton. Burial in St. Patrick Catholic Cemetery at Kingsville.

Effie Bly Wilfong, 98, of Bartow;

burial in Arbovale Cemetery.

Mrs. Laura Dove McElwee Marshall, 95, of Marlinton; born at Lowmoor, Virginia, a daughter of the late Bud D. and Martha Ann Fisher McElwee. Burial in Mountain View Cemetery.

Denny C. McCoy, 83, of Beard, a son of the late Noah D. and Nancy McCarty McCoy. Burial in Oak Grove Cemetery at Hillsboro.

Curtis F. Church, 47, of Beard, died in a car accident near Mill Point. He was a son of the late George and Mildred Church. Burial in Pleasant Green Cemetery.

Gilford Thomas Fuell, 66, of Renick, a son of the late Alvin W. and Sallie Clutter Fuell. Burial in Morningside Cemetery at Renick.

Lester Arthur Bennett, 60, of Bartow, an employee of Howes Leather Company for 31 years. Burial in Lambert Cemetery at Thornwood.

# History, from page 7

built, is involved in a good deal of uncertainty to the anxious observer in Pocahontas. The important meeting was held last week and rumors are abroad that the road will be built up the Greenbrier River from the C & O R. R. and these reports have been substantiated by the fact that there have been some land deals on the river below Marlinton; made by men who are in possession of the inside facts. The impression is that this perfect mystification will continue until the last moment, and none of us will know where the road will run until it is too late to use the knowledge for speculation.

THE MARLINTON Literary So-

ciety will have a meeting open to the public February 18, For Friday of this week, selections will be given from Poe's writings and the question debated: Resolved, that the introduction of labor saving machinery has a tendency to displace labor. To affirm, J. D. Pullin and J. H. Bird; to deny, S. B. Scott, Jr., and Norman Price. As was announced, Byron was discussed last Friday, and there can be no doubt that much valuable knowledge of this interesting man was inculcated by the society.

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Notice is hereby given that the following estate(s) have been opened for probate in the Pocahontas County Clerk's Office at P. O. Box 209, 900 Tenth Avenue, Suite C, Marlinton, WV 24954-0209. Any person seeking to impeach or establish a will must make a complaint in accordance with the provisions of West Virginia Code 41-5-11 through 13. Any interested person objecting to the qualifications of the personal representative or the venue or jurisdiction of the court, shall file written notice of an objection with the County Commission through the Pocahontas County Clerk's Office at the address listed above within 60 days after the date of the first publication or within 30 days of the service of the notice, whichever is later.

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

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

First Publication Date: Thursday, February 2, 2023
Claim Deadline: Monday, April 3, 2023

ESTATE NUMBER: 14443
ESTATE OF: BARBARA E. DEAN
EXECUTRIX: Ronda Thayer
330 Russell Scott Road
Hillsboro, WV 24946-8576

ESTATE NUMBER: 14466
ESTATE OF: MARY LUELLA WAUGH
ADMINISTRATOR: Kevin Waugh
165 Seebert Wilfong Road
Marlinton, WV 24954-9776

ESTATE NUMBER: 14473
ESTATE OF: BRUCE E. PROPST
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6926 Edray Road
Cass, WV 24927-9103

ESTATE NUMBER: 14478
ESTATE OF: ALLEN EUGENE TRACY, SR.
ADMINISTRATRIX: Beverly Ashburn
11501 Ashburn Drive
Rockingham, VA 22802-1779

ESTATE NUMBER: 14479
ESTATE OF: JUDY M. GREER
ADMINISTRATOR: Freddie L. Greer
14208 Potomac Highlands Trail
Arbovale, WV 24915-5571
Subscribed and sworn to before me on January 27, 2023.
Melissa L. Bennett
Clerk of the Pocahontas County Commission
2/2/2c

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First Publication Date: Thursday, February 9, 2023
Claim Deadline: Monday, April 10, 2023

ESTATE NUMBER: 14482
APPOINTMENT DATE: February 3, 2023
ESTATE NAME: LESLEE JEAN MCCARTY
ANCILLARY ADMINISTRATOR: Carol Elaine Warren
411 B Street
Davis, CA 95616-3827
Subscribed and sworn to before me on February 3, 2023.
Melissa L. Bennett
Clerk of the Pocahontas County Commission
2/9/2c

ORDER OF PUBLICATION IN THE FAMILY COURT OF POCAHONTAS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: THE MARRIAGE/CHILDREN OF: LESLIE TODD GIBSON, Petitioner vs Civil Action No. 23-D-11 KIMOTHY MARIE GIBSON, Respondent

THE OBJECT OF THIS SUIT IS TO OBTAIN A DIVORCE

To the Above Named Respondent: KIMOTHY MARIE GIBSON. It appearing by affidavit filed in this action that the address of KIMOTHY M. GIBSON is unknown. It is hereby ordered that KIMOTHY M. GIBSON serve upon the Circuit Clerk's Office, whose address is 900-D Tenth Avenue, Marlinton WV 24954, an Answer including any related counterclaim or defense you may have to the Petition for Divorce and filed in the action on or before March 2, 2023. If you fail to answer the Petition for Divorce and Allocation of Custodial Responsibility, a judgment may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the petitions.

A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her office.
Entered by the Clerk of said Court February 1, 2023.
Connie M. Carr
Circuit Clerk of Pocahontas County
By Cindy D. Beverage, Deputy
2/9/2c

ORDER OF PUBLICATION IN THE FAMILY COURT OF POCAHONTAS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

MISTY DAWN VIAR, Petitioner vs Civil Action No. 22-D-34 TRAVIS WAYNE VIAR, Respondent

THE OBJECT OF THIS SUIT IS TO OBTAIN A DIVORCE

To the Above Named Respondent: TRAVIS WAYNE VIAR. It appearing by affidavit filed in this action that the address of TRAVIS WAYNE VIAR is unknown. The Court orders the parties to appear on the 28th day of March 2023 at 12:00 p.m. at the location of Family Court, 818 10th Avenue, Marlinton, WV, where a hearing will be held on the Petition for Divorce, at which time you may appear to protect your interests.

A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her office.
Entered by the Clerk of said Court February 1, 2023.
Connie M. Carr
Circuit Clerk of Pocahontas County
By Cindy D. Beverage, Deputy
2/9/2c

ORDER OF PUBLICATION IN THE FAMILY COURT OF POCAHONTAS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

ROBERT E. CAIN, Petitioner vs Civil Action No. 22-G-03 R. C., JEANNEA CAIN, POLLY MOORE, MARY KALISZEWIKI, JOEY CAIN, DEBRA BEITEL, CYNTHIA VEGAL, GREGORY CAIN, LISA SIEFRING, TIMOTHY CAIN, Respondents

THE OBJECT OF THIS SUIT IS TO OBTAIN APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN/CONSERVATOR

To the Above Named Respondent: TIMOTHY CAIN. It appearing by affidavit filed in this action that the address of TIMOTHY CAIN is unknown.

The court orders the parties to appear on the 3rd day of March 2023 at 1 p.m. at the location of Law Offices at 820 10th Avenue, Marlinton, WV, where a final hearing will be held on the Petition for Guardian/Conservator, at which time you may appear to protect your interest.

A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her office.
Entered by the Clerk of said Court January 27, 2023.
Connie M. Carr
Circuit Clerk of Pocahontas County
By: Cindy D. Beverage, Deputy
2/2/2p

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, MICHAEL C. DOSS, Special Commissioner, pursuant to the terms of that certain Order of the Circuit Court of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, entered on the 30th day of January, 2023, in that certain Civil Action styled, "Roy A. Jordan, et. als. v. William P. Moore, et. als., Civil Action No. 21-C-19(R)", will offer for sale and sell at public auction to the highest responsible bidder on the 10th day of March, 2023, at 2:00 p.m., at the front steps of the Pocahontas County Courthouse in the Town of Marlinton, Pocahontas County, West Virginia, the premises, conveyed thereby, being and consisting of the following:

All of those two certain tracts or parcels of real estate situate on the waters of Dry Branch of Elk River in the Edray District of Pocahontas County, West Virginia and is more particularly described as follows:

LOT #2
Beginning at the North post of a gate at the intersection of Dry Branch road with the Marlins Bottom and Huttonsville pike (old road) corner to Lot 1 thence leaving Lot 1 and running E 1.3 poles to the center of the old road and with same S 11 W 11.4 poles, S 13.45 W 9.6 poles, S 20 E 18.2 poles, S 65 E 15 poles, S 11-15 E 6 poles, S 56-30 W 15 poles, S 75-30 W 6 poles, S 6 W 19 poles, S 24 E 10.75 poles, N 3-30 E 12 poles, N 54 E 14 poles, S 10 W 14.6 poles, S 1-30 E 11 poles, S 17-30 W 10 poles, thence leaving the road and with H.W. Doyle's line S 41 W 34 poles to an Oak on top of Middle Mountain corner to Pat Vandevender, and with his line W 15.7 poles to a stake by a wire fence corner to Lot 3 and with same N 1-00 W 160 poles, to a stake on the south side of Dry Branch in a line of Lot 4, and with same N 62 E 24.25 poles passing a double Locust at 15.65 poles to a stake on the south bank of Dry Branch, in the first line of Lot 1 and with same S 18-45 E 44.75 poles to the beginning, containing 35.2 acres, more or less.

LOT #3
Beginning at a stake on the South side of Dry Branch, corner to Lot 2 and in a line of Lot 4 thence with Lot 4 S 62 W 5.15 poles to a stake, S 80-45 W 31.2 poles at 13.5 poles passes a bunch of Locusts marked as a corner, to a stake on South bank of Dry Branch, said stake bears S 68 E 30 1/2 feet from a Locust pointer on the North bank of the creek and S 65-30 W 17 feet from a small Sugar on South bank of the creek, S 73-15 W 8.6 poles to a set stone on the South bank of creek, thence, leaving the creek S 1-00 E 156 poles to a stake in Pat Vandevender's line, and with said line, N 60-45 E 13.6 poles to a stone pile S 89 E 20.2 poles to a stake corner to Lot 2 and with same N 1-00 W 160 poles to the beginning, containing 41.6 acres, more or less.

All as shown as Lot # 2 and #3 on the partition of Hugh A. Jordan Estate of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 73, at page 2, and identified as Parcels 5 and 6 of Tax Map 5 in the 2022 Land Book for the Edray District of Pocahontas County, West Virginia.

The above-described real estate shall be sold subject to any restrictions, covenants, conditions, matters of record and encumbrances against the same. The title shall be conveyed by the Trustees, with covenants of special warranty. The 2023 real estate taxes shall be the responsibility of the purchaser and all taxes thereafter due and assessed against the said property shall be the responsibility of the purchaser.

METHOD OF SALE: Each tract shall be offered individually at auction with the bids reserved. Then both tracts shall be sold as a whole. Whichever method brings the highest total bid shall be presented to the Court for approval.

TERMS OF SALE: Ten Percent (10%) of the highest bid shall be deposited with the Special Commissioner immediately at the conclusion of the auction, which will be applied to the amounts due from purchaser at closing. The deposit is non-refundable unless the Special Commissioner for some reason beyond his control cannot deliver special warranty of title or if the Court does not approve the bid or bids, as the case may be.

CONDITION OF SALE: Said property shall be sold to the highest responsible bidder subject to the approval of the Circuit Court of Pocahontas County, West Virginia.

CLOSING: Closing shall take place within fifteen (15) days after the Court's approval of said bid or bids, as the case may be.
Given unto my hand on this the 2nd day of February, 2023.
Michael D. Doss
Special Commissioner
2/9/4c

Cass Scenic Railroad State Park Restaurant RFP

The West Division of Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Section, will receive proposals from qualified prospective vendors for the operation of a restaurant concession located at Cass Scenic Railroad State Park.

Inquiries and requests for copies of the Request for Proposal should be directed to Superintendent Marshall Markley at 304-456-4300.

Deadline to request proposal is Saturday, February 11, 2023.
2/2/2c

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The Pocahontas County Commission is accepting applications for the following part-time and full-time positions for Pocahontas County Ambulance:

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Pocahontas County Commission
2/9/3c

NOTICE TO REDEEM

2021-S-00000030 - Pocahontas County - H3LLC
To: WILLIAM W. THOMAS, JR., TRUSTEE, THE THOMAS FAMILY TRUST, CAROL HOLLIDAY, WILLIAM W. THOMAS, JR., TRUSTEE, CAROL HOLLIDAY, PENLETON COMMUNITY BANK TRUST DEED 244/270 - POCAHONTAS COUNTY, MICHAEL C. DOSS, TRUSTEE TRUST DEED 244/270-POCAHONTAS COUNTY, or heirs-at-law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT: EDRA Y MAP: 9999 PARCEL: 0300 5732
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on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-00000030, Oil, Gas, and/or Other Minerals, Stoney Creek, 2.01 AC, located in EDRA Y, which was returned delinquent in the name of THOMAS WILLIAM W JR TRUSTEE, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the Sheriff of Pocahontas County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 20th day of October, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2023, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 31, 2023. \$ 100.01
Amount of subsequent years taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2023. \$ 4.74
Amount paid for Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2022, following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023. \$ 865.30

Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023. \$ 264.28
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Jeff Barlow, Sheriff and Treasurer of Pocahontas County. \$1,234.33
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor. \$ 35.00
You may redeem at any time before March 31, 2023, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.
Return this letter and both certified funds to the WV State Auditor's Office, County Collections Division, 1900 Kanawha Blvd, East, Building 1, Room W-114, Charleston, West Virginia, 25305.
Questions, please call 1-888-509-6568, option 2.
2/9/3c

NOTICE TO REDEEM

2021-S-00000036 - Pocahontas County - WVTJ LLC
To: DELBERT COSNER JR, DELBERT COSNER JR, DELBERT COSNER JR, DELBERT COSNER, DELBERT COSNER JR, DELBERT COSNER JR, DELBERT COSNER JR, DELBERT COSNER JR, DELBERT COSNER JR, OCCUPANT, IRS ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs-at-law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT: GREENBANK MAP: 76 PARCEL: 0026 0000
You will take notice that WVTJ LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-00000036, HENCHES RUN 1 AC, located in GREENBANK, which was returned delinquent in the name of COSNER DELBERT R JR, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the Sheriff of Pocahontas County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 20th day of October, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2023, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 31, 2023. \$ 618.42
Amount of subsequent years taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2023. \$ 430.92
Amount paid for Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2022, following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023. \$ 1028.25

Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023. \$ 529.27
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Jeff Barlow, Sheriff and Treasurer of Pocahontas County. \$2,606.86

Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor. \$ 35.00
You may redeem at any time before March 31, 2023, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.
Return this letter and both certified funds to the WV State Auditor's Office, County Collections Division, 1900 Kanawha Blvd, East, Building 1, Room W-114, Charleston, West Virginia, 25305.
Questions, please call 1-888-509-6568, option 2.
2/9/3c

NOTICE TO REDEEM

2021-S-00000011 - Pocahontas County - WVTJ LLC
To: ROBERT DEAN CLEVINGER, TOP OF THE WORLD CONDOMINIUM AT SNOWSHOE OWNER'S ASSOCIATION ATTN: TOM ROAT, BOB OWENS, POCAHONTAS COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT, SNOWSHOE MOUNTAIN, INC, LEATHERBARK CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, ROBERT DEAN CLEVINGER, ROBERT CLEVINGER, OCCUPANT, IRS, ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs-at-law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT: EDRA Y MAP: 8W PARCEL: 0001 0033
You will take notice that WVTJ LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-00000011, TOP OF THE WORLD CONDO 205A .8929% INT IN .63 AC, located in EDRA Y, which was returned delinquent in the name of CLEVINGER ROBERT DEAN and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the Sheriff of Pocahontas County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 20th day of October, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2023, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 31, 2023. \$ 525.12
Amount of subsequent years taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2023. \$ 396.89
Amount paid for Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2022, following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023. \$ 1,139.68

Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023. \$ 845.70
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Jeff Barlow, Sheriff and Treasurer of Pocahontas County. \$2,907.39

Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor. \$ 35.00
You may redeem at any time before March 31, 2023, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.
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DISTRICT: EDRAY MAP: 34 PARCEL: 0013 0000
You will take notice that WVTJ LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-0000018, SCHOOL LOT .50 AC 171X182 IRR, located in EDRAY, which was returned delinquent in the name of HOOVER TIMOTHY (LIFE) CASSANDRA; BETHANY ETALS, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the Sheriff of Pocahontas County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 20th day of October, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2023, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 31, 2023. \$ 276.63
Amount of subsequent years taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2023. \$ 168.68
Amount paid for Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2022, following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023. \$ 1,181.56
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Jeff Barlow, Sheriff and Treasurer of Pocahontas County. \$2,417.56

Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor. \$ 35.00
You may redeem at any time before March 31, 2023, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.
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NOTICE TO REDEEM

2021-S-0000005 - Pocahontas County - WVTJ LLC
To: JAKE BURSACK, KIMBERLY BURSACK, STEVEN HARDMAN, TURSTEE LAW OFFICES OF BOWLES RICE MCDAVID GRAFF & LOVE PLLC, JAKE BURSACK, KIMBERLY BURSACK, USAA FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK (USAA FSB), OCCUPANT, IRS ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs-at-law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT: EDRAY MAP: 8T PARCEL: 0002 0017
You will take notice that WVTJ LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-0000005 POWDERIDGE CONDO 74K .0076% INT IN 1.01 AC FEE, located in EDRAY, which was returned delinquent in the name of BURSACK JAKE S & KIMBERLY A, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the Sheriff of Pocahontas County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 20th day of October, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2023, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 31, 2023. \$ 1,032.57
Amount of subsequent years taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2023. \$ 809.84
Amount paid for Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2022, following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023. \$ 1,044.60
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Jeff Barlow, Sheriff and Treasurer of Pocahontas County. \$3,650.57

Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor. \$ 35.00
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NOTICE TO REDEEM

2021-S-0000010 - Pocahontas County - WVTJ LLC
To: ROBERT DEAN CLEVENGER, TOP OF THE WORLD CONDOMINIUM AT SHOWSHOE OWNER'S ASSOCIATION ATTN: TOM ROAT, BOB OWENS, POCAHONTAS COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT, SNOWSHOE MOUNTAIN, INC, LEATHERBARK CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, ROBERT DEAN CLEVENGER, ROBERT CLEVENGER, OCCUPANT, IRS, ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX

DEPARTMENT, or heirs-at-law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.
DISTRICT: EDRAY MAP: 8W PARCEL: 0001 0032
You will take notice that WVTJ LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-0000010 TOP OF THE WORLD CONDO 204A .8929% INT. IN .63 AC, located in EDRAY, which was returned delinquent in the name CLEVENGER ROBERT DEAN, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the Sheriff of Pocahontas County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 20th day of October, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2023, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 31, 2023. \$ 525.12
Amount of subsequent years taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2023. \$ 396.89
Amount paid for Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2022, following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023. \$ 845.70
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Jeff Barlow, Sheriff and Treasurer of Pocahontas County. \$2,907.39
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor. \$ 35.00
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DISTRICT: EDRAY MAP: 8W PARCEL: 0001 0062
You will take notice that WVTJ LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-0000017 TOP OF THE WORLD CONDO 306A .8929% INT. IN .63 AC, located in EDRAY, which was returned delinquent in the name HASSEL AMY MORGAN, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the Sheriff of Pocahontas County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 20th day of October, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2023, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 31, 2023. \$ 578.45
Amount of subsequent years taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2023. \$ 446.04
Amount paid for Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2022, following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023. \$ 902.29
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Jeff Barlow, Sheriff and Treasurer of Pocahontas County. \$2,207.49
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor. \$ 35.00
You may redeem at any time before March 31, 2023, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.
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NOTICE TO REDEEM
2021-S-0000016 - Pocahontas County - WVTJ LLC
To: SHARON HARDMAN, SHARON HARDMAN, OCCUPANT, IRS ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs-at-law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.
DISTRICT: EDRAY MAP: 8Z PARCEL: 0347 0000
You will take notice that WVTJ LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-0000016, RIMFIRE UNIT 347 BLDG 2 .0063% INT 1.398 AC (1 BED), located in EDRAY, which was returned delinquent in the name HARDMAN SHARON, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the Sheriff of Pocahontas County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 20th day of October, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2023, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 31, 2023. \$ 851.48
Amount of subsequent years taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2023. \$ 687.00
Amount paid for Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2022, following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023. \$ 280.71
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Jeff Barlow, Sheriff and Treasurer of Pocahontas County. \$2,207.49
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor. \$ 35.00
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January 1, 2022, following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023. \$ 918.03
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023. \$ 284.28
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Jeff Barlow, Sheriff and Treasurer of Pocahontas County. \$2,740.79
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor. \$ 35.00
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NOTICE TO REDEEM

2021-S-0000013 - Pocahontas County - WVTJ LLC
To: S GIBSON, STUART GIBSON, STUART LEE GIBSON, STUART LEE GIBSON, STUART LEE GIBSON, ROBERT THOMAS GIBSON, ROBERT THOMAS GIBSON, ANN ELIZABETH GIBSON, ANN ELIZABETH GIBSON, PHYLLIS GIBSON WALKER, PHYLLIS GIBSON WALKER, OCCUPANT, IRS, ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs-at-law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT: EDRAY MAP: 18 PARCEL: 0004 00003003
You will take notice that WVTJ LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-0000013, OLD FIELD FORK ELK 136 AC (1/3 INT), located in EDRAY, which was returned delinquent in the name GIBSON S, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the Sheriff of Pocahontas County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 20th day of October, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2023, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 31, 2023. \$ 228.15
Amount of subsequent years taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2023. \$ 124.18
Amount paid for Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2022, following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023. \$1,059.74
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Jeff Barlow, Sheriff and Treasurer of Pocahontas County. \$3,088.48
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor. \$ 35.00
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NOTICE TO REDEEM

2021-S-0000035 - Pocahontas County - WVTJ LLC
To: KAREN COOK, PHILLIP COOK, OCCUPANT, IRS ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs-at-law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT: GREENBANK MAP: 28A PARCEL: 0016 0000
You will take notice that WVTJ LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-0000035, BRUSHY LICK RUN 2.5 AC, located in GREENBANK, which was returned delinquent in the name COOK KAREN & PHILLIP, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the Sheriff of Pocahontas County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 20th day of October, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2023, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 31, 2023. \$ 231.17
Amount of subsequent years taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2023. \$ 109.15
Amount paid for Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2022, following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023. \$ 918.03
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Jeff Barlow, Sheriff and Treasurer of Pocahontas County. \$1,482.63
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor. \$ 35.00
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## Shelter News

Animals from the Pocahontas County Animal Shelter, located at 300 Second Avenue in Marlinton, are spayed or neutered and have had their rabies shots. The shelter is open for adoptions Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The shelter is also in need of kind-hearted volunteers who want to spend a little time playing and petting the fur babies. There aren't enough hours in the day to keep them all fed, cleaned as well as played with and petted. Volunteers are also welcome come in from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. Call the shelter, 304-799-4209, to schedule some cuddle time and help with these furry inmates.



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6412 - Caldwell. Lot 82. A 25.17 acre parcel located in a peaceful and private gated community. Close to a state park and just a 10-minute drive to Lewisburg and White Sulphur Springs. - \$60,000



6466 - Rimel. 3BR/1BA cabin on 0.46 level acre. Just steps from national forest. Near Greenbrier River, Anthony and Knapps creeks and Watoga and Seneca State parks. - \$79,000



6487 - Sutton, Braxton County. Older home that needs repairs, with garage and large lot. Near lake. - \$27,500



6215 - Mill Point. 13.37 rolling acres. Nicely wooded ridge top building site. Private location. - \$52,000



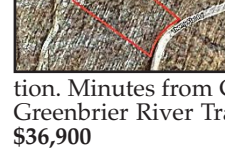
6411 - Marlinton. 3BR/2BA brick ranch home with finished basement and attached two-car garage on 0.70 level acres. Two porches. Two fireplaces. Out of the floodplain. - \$168,000



6467 - Caldwell. 0.72 acre with house in need of significant repairs. City water available. Great location just out side of Lewisburg. Near Greenbrier River and Trail. - \$16,500



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