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## Museum celebrates history of Snow Sports

Suzanne Stewart  
Staff Writer

Located on the Appalachian Highway straight between Canaan Valley and Davis – with a breathtaking view of the Canaan Valley State Park ski trails, White Grass Ski area and Timberline Mountain ski trails – is the new Snow Sports of West Virginia Museum.

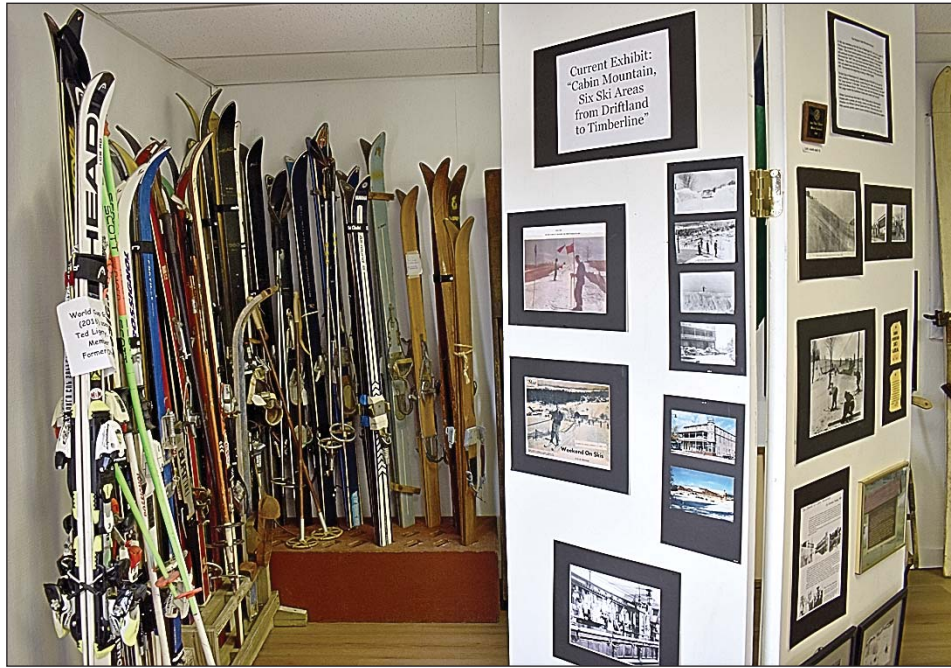
Founded in 2018, the museum was started by individuals who have been involved in the creation and operation of the many ski resorts in West Virginia.

One of those individuals is Andrew Snyder, who, for decades, has lived and worked at Snowshoe Mountain Resort and Canaan Valley.

Snyder and the museum board collected and curated items from their personal collections and their friends' to create the displays that show the history of snow sports in the state.

As the museum docent, Snyder takes visitors through the displays and gives a personal touch to the walk through resort history.

The walls of the display room are covered with framed brochures, advertisements and photographs from the 1950s through today, showing how the resorts in Pocahontas and Tucker counties grew through the



**THE SNOW SPORTS of West Virginia Museum, located between Canaan Valley and Davis, has displays of photographs, brochures, advertisements and, of course, skis, from the major and forgotten ski resorts in West Virginia. S. Stewart photo**

years. While Snowshoe Mountain Resort and Silver Creek Resort are well-known attractions in Pocahontas County, Snyder shared tidbits about lesser known ski trails and proposed resorts that never came to fruition.

"This was on the drawing board in Pocahontas County," he said, pointing to a framed brochure. "I'm sure you've never heard of Laurel Creek. It was about four or five miles west of Snowshoe."

Laurel Creek was the dream of Lewis Keller, Jr., of

Palm Beach, Florida, who assembled the Laurel Creek Club and, along with his father, Lewis Keller, Sr., and a small group of investors, purchased the 4,000-acre Laurel Creek site in 1975.

The resort was to have two mountains with a total of 50 ski runs accessed by 13 lifts. Work on the proposed resort began in 1985, but it never opened.

Laurel Creek is one of many resorts on the list of "lost and forgotten" ski areas. Another resort – Tory – which was located in Randolph County, was the

brain child of Dr. Thomas Brigham, who is the father of Snowshoe Mountain Resort.

Tory got further than Laurel Creek with trails actually cut into the mountain, but it, too, never opened.

Also located in Pocahontas County was the little known, temporary slope in Green Bank. Open for just 10 years, between 1965 and 1975, the slope was built for employees and visiting scientists at the National Radio Astronomy Observatory.

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## Bringing recovery services to Marlinton

Suzanne Stewart  
Staff Writer

St. Joseph's Recovery Center has been serving West Virginians in two locations – Parkersburg and Summersville – for years, offering recovery support services, therapy and medical services to those recovering from substance abuse issues.

While the facilities are open to serving all those in need, it is difficult for patients in rural areas to travel long distances once a week for those services.

That is why SJRC launched its Mobile Outpatient Clinics in 2020. Four vehicles were outfitted with a working lab, lab technician and a peer recovery support specialist who travel the state, offering the same services to residents in rural areas.

In October 2022, one of those mobile clinics began coming to Marlinton to serve the people of Pocahontas County.

Peer recovery support specialist Clayton Shaver said he learned from a

client how beneficial it would be for the mobile clinic to come to this area.

"We were in Rainelle for awhile and they decided if we could find a location to move to, we could," Shaver said. "That particular patient said, 'I think you all would do good up here' and he put me in contact with [Day Report Center director Reta Griffith] and we set things up."

Shaver and a lab technician bring the clinic to the Day Report Center in Marlinton on Tuesdays and see clients from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"To be part of our program there are certain obligations and requirements that you have to be able to fulfill," Shaver said. "We offer professional therapy. You can speak with one of our therapists through Telehealth. You have to have an hour of therapy a week."

Shaver added that if the client prefers face-to-face therapy, they can see local therapists, including those at Seneca Mental Health and MindEase Solutions.

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## Colonial Queen Bee



Melody Phillips  
Staff Writer

### My Greenhouse: Part 2 Another Use for a Greenhouse

The year after I got my greenhouse, I set up an apiary and started raising honeybees. Before the first honey harvest, we installed a drain in the greenhouse and poured a concrete floor. We also procured several metal shelving units from a local second-hand store.

When trying to decide how to complete a honey harvest without turning the entire house into a giant sticky pad, we thought about using the greenhouse.

The greenhouse proved to be the perfect place to harvest honey, and we've used it nearly every year since.

The greenhouse had a thorough cleaning before we harvested the honey. A shade cloth covered the roof so bees could not enter through the open vents – which had

to be open to release excess heat. We placed all required harvesting equipment and supplies in the greenhouse. A water hose and power cord ran through an open vent. Running these under the shade cloth and through the vent instead of the door insured the bees didn't have an open invitation to the inside.

In addition to the basic harvesting equipment, we included items such as a fan, a bowl of soapy water, extra towels and wash clothes, empty honey super boxes, extra honey buckets (better too many than not enough once sealed inside), a fly swatter to fend off any incursion from bees that slipped through the defenses, and even a cooler with some snacks – in case it turned into a long harvest.

Once all the needed items were present and accounted for, we closed the doors.

As soon as the greenhouse became a secure fortress

from the onslaught of flying dive boomers, we began robbing the honey boxes. As each frame came out of the hive, it received a gently brushing to remove all of the local occupants. The frame quickly jockeyed from the robber to the transporter who deposited it into a box inside the greenhouse and the doors were quickly closed again. This continued until all desired frames were inside the greenhouse.

We entered the stronghold and sealed ourselves inside for the duration of the heist.

The sun heated the inside of the greenhouse which allowed the honey to flow quickly, but this also made it uncomfortable for us as the temperature ranged from 95 to 110 degrees.

As soon as the first frame was sliced into, the smell wafted through the open vents, signaling any nearby bees to the new food reservoir. In less than half an hour, scouts had already started calculating possible entry points.

We worked quickly – partly because it felt like a sweatshop inside and partly hoping to finish before a



cloud of tiny swat teams descended upon us.

The harvest, being a great success, went smoothly. The empty frames had been placed into several honey supers. We scraped the honey remains from the extractor and hosed it out, closed all the honey buckets, covered the capping tub, and washed all the tools. My husband grabbed a full honey bucket and hurried it to the house while I suited back up and placed the empty frames back on top of each of the hives for them to clean up.

Hosing out the extractor

kept the bees from fighting, becoming stuck, and sinking into the thick honey once contained inside. The empty frames were divided among, and placed on top of, the hives. This allowed the ladies to peacefully relocate any honey droplets without having to fight bees from other hives.

While the bees were busy with housecleaning, we hurried the rest of the honey buckets, the capping tub, and the cooler back into the house, turned off the hose and fan, opened up the doors to the greenhouse and relin-

quished the remains to any scavengers for the next 24 hours.

Since that day, we've completed one honey harvest in our kitchen. By far, I prefer the greenhouse harvest. It's amazing how one drop of stepped in honey can spread everywhere and take days to discover and clean up.

For my video on one of these honey harvest check out this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K3Lcqwj43uw>

Or check out my other videos on YouTube @QueenBee1755.

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# Commission considers priorities and proposals for Hotel/Motel Tax

**Tim Walker**  
Allegheny Mountain Radio

The discussion at the February 7 Pocahontas County Commission meeting centered around the commission's proposed project priorities. At the work session which followed the regular meeting, several proposals were considered to change the way Hotel/Motel Tax revenue is distributed.

During the regular meeting, Commissioner Jamie Walker laid out his views:

"From the input I have gotten from the community, there isn't a shadow of a doubt that the EMS is number one," Walker said. "The water and sewer coming from the hospital through the Buckeye-Beard Heights area, is definitely, in my opinion, number two. The 911 Center, with the storage area for the ambulances, is definitely number 3. And the annex is put on the bottom at number four. That's my input from the county."

Commission President Walt Helmick immediately jumped in and said he agreed the ambulance crisis and staffing county ambulances

is a very important project, but he seemed to dispute that the courthouse annex should be the lowest priority, and still sees supporting the hospital as the most important priority for the commission.

"There is money to do the Annex – two or three different ways, and I just don't feel prepared to explain this," Helmick said. "We have the money for it, but we could also shift that money to the hospital, if necessary. The reason we are talking about the annex is the State Supreme Court is going to require us – and they need to come here and explain it – but they are going to require us to change a lot of this building. Coming in this building you're not going to be able to come through that main door. We're going to funnel everyone through one section, which is probably down here on this side lane. They will funnel everybody through there; it is near the elevator, but there will be nobody coming through the front door."

Helmick went on to say this was being required by the State Supreme Court for safety from potential gun violence and also fire safety. He said this will mean there

is a need to move the Magistrate's office and courtrooms from their present location in the basement of the courthouse and he wants to move them into the proposed new courthouse annex. He said the new annex would also house the Family Court, which is now located across the street, as well as housing offices for the sheriff's deputies. Helmick said the annex could also be used to store the County Clerk's records and deeds, as they are running out of space for them in the main courthouse.

Immediately after the regular meeting, the commission opened a work session to discuss proposals for distribution of Hotel/Motel Tax revenue.

Commissioner John Rebinski offered his proposal, which includes the following fixed amount payments which would be subtracted from Hotel/Motel Tax receipts after the Convention and Visitors Bureau receives its state-required 50 percent:

- \$170,000 from the remaining Hotel/Motel Tax Revenue to start the Pocahontas County Paid Ambulance Service.

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# Unanimous, bipartisan support for Senate Tax Plan

**Brittany Carowick**  
Assistant to the Minority Caucus  
WV State Senate

The Senate met Wednesday to consider meaningful tax relief for West Virginians.

The Senate plan would result in an immediate 15% personal income tax cut, plus rebates for personal vehicle taxes, small business equipment and inventory taxes, and homestead property taxes for service-disabled veterans. In out years, a 105% improvement of sales tax revenue over the previous year would trigger additional income tax cuts.

"The House of Delegates' version of the tax plan relies on unfounded financial assumptions. Russian invasion of Ukraine has triggered a

skyrocketing of coal and natural gas severance tax revenues. There is no rational basis to predict this level of revenue will be sustained."

said Senate Minority Leader Mike Woelfel (D-Cabell). "West Virginia has been showered with one-time federal CARES Act Money and ARPA money. The influx of these millions provides the mere illusion of prosperity in our future. I fully support the Senate legislation."

Senator Mike Caputo (D-Marion) raised objections to the fast-tracking of the plan. "We still have 30+ days of Session left. I don't see why we had to suspend rules and pass the bill the day it's originated in committee. I voted for the bill because it's the best plan we've seen, but I would have liked to have given it a more thorough re-

view. A bill of this magnitude concerns me; I would have preferred the Republican leadership would have chosen not to fast-track it so I could have had more time to hear from my constituents. I am, however, happy to vote for a tax cut for the people."

Senator Robert Plymale (D-Wayne) agreed that the bill is the best plan Democrats have seen put before them. "Tying further income tax reduction to sales tax income is smart," he said. "Sales tax is a good indicator of true growth, and I appreciate that we are considering much-needed relief in a responsible manner. This strengthens West Virginia's position for future economic development growth."

The committee substitute for Senate Bill 424 passed the Senate unanimously.

# In the House of Delegates for the week ending February 10, 2023

**Ann Ali**  
Communications Director

Members of the West Virginia House of Delegates voted overwhelmingly to increase the support given to adoptive families.

House Bill 2002, which passed February 9 by a vote of 88-8, would increase the current adoption tax credit from \$4,000 to \$5,000. It also would allow for adoptive children to participate in the state's early intervention services, such as Birth to Three, Right from the Start and Drug Free Moms and Babies. The measure also

would establish the Support for Mothers and Babies Pregnancy Support Program within the West Virginia Bureau for Public Health, to establish a mechanism for state funds to go to pregnancy support organizations. A pregnancy help organization would be required to meet a host of standards, including registering as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

"We have a unique oppor-

tunity to help adoptive families by raising their one-time tax credit ... and that goes a long way toward helping with the expenses involved in and through adoption," said House Finance Committee Chairman Vernon Criss, R-Wood. "I believe that this will help and encourage families to take that step to enjoy adoptive children."

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# CAMC establishes new service in Marlinton

**Tim Walker**  
AMR

There is a brand-new medical service in Pocahontas County, which allows patients to be examined and treated by a specialist physician who is located at Charleston Area Medical Center (CAMC) without having to leave Pocahontas County, much less have to travel to Charleston.

To learn more about this, I spoke with Abby McClanahan, a CAMC Registered Nurse, who lives here in the county and works for the new CAMC Telemedicine Center located in Pocahontas Memorial Hospital's Pulmonology Clinic.

"I work with CAMC's Telemedicine I Pocahontas," McClanahan said. "CAMC's Telemedicine Center here in Pocahontas, which allows residents in the surrounding areas to see their specialists closer to home. With this resource, they don't have to travel to Charleston, it allows us to deliver care so they can see their specialist here in our center. We can do vital signs; lab work; imaging. They get the same kind of care they would receive in Charleston, but without the long drive, without having to take as much time off from work."

"We offer more than 40 specialties for providers and their patients. They are able to see their specialist through our telemedicine with a secure video log. It is nice to bring care close to home."

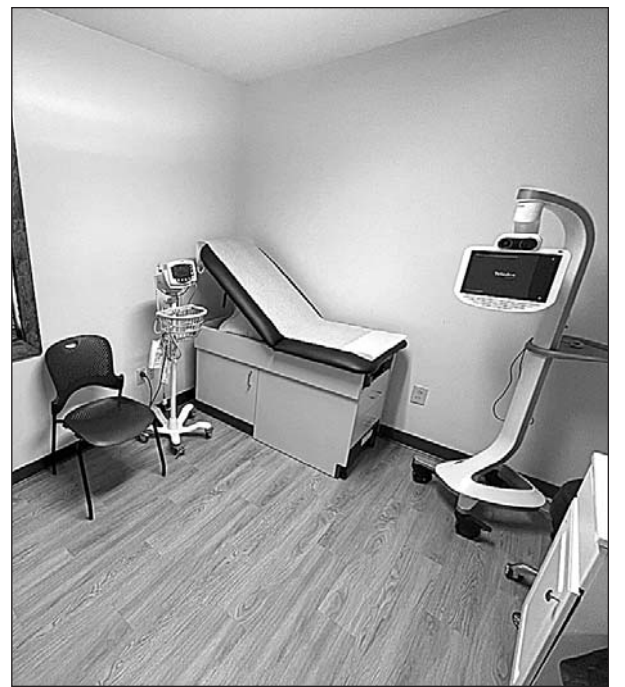
Can specialists who are not associated with CAMC be seen through this service?

"These are providers through CAMC," replied McClanahan. "And we have physicians that participate with this. We also have nurse practitioners and physician assistants who can see the patients, too."

Would a patient need a referral from their primary care doctor to use your center?

"Their doctor or nurse practitioner will place a referral, and then send that to me by fax, or they can call our center here," McClanahan said. "We have the phone and fax information available on our website. That is CAMC.org/telemedicine"

"At that site, they can see all the current telemedicine centers that we have, as well as contact information with phone, fax and map



Telemedicine Exam Room at PMH

and directions. Currently we have CAMC Telemedicine in Pocahontas. We also have facilities in Lewisburg, and in Jackson County in Ripley. There's one in Summersville and Princeton, as well."

Let's assume I was a patient of a specialist at CAMC that was referred to you. Can you walk me through what would happen?

"Upon getting your referral, I would call you on the phone to do a pre-planning worksheet, or intake form, where we talk to you about your symptoms, the reason for the referral, your medications, your history, any surgeries you've had, pre-existing conditions, or anything like that," McClanahan said. "I would ask you, of course, if you are interested in the referral, making sure you do want to come, making sure you knew your provider placed the referral and why. We always want to have the patients informed and keep them involved in their care and explain the process. We pick a date and time that works for the patient, as well the provider, so they can be seen when it is convenient for them. And on the day of your appointment, you show up here. We get you registered and check you in; go through all your insurance information with you; and we would have you sign some consent forms; and, go through a full set of vital signs – check your blood pressure and heart rate and all those things; and then, depending on your specialist, if you need EKGs or pictures of your heart, X-rays, things like that, we can get that done. And then we have you

connect with our Camera Doc connecting camera two. So, you can see your provider, and they can see you in real time. We are able to do heart signs, breath sounds, check your pulse, and other assessments."

You showed me the room; it is almost like the exam room at the provider's office'

"Right, it does have a lot of the same things," McClanahan said. "Anything that you would need that we don't have physically here, we could send you to Pocahontas Memorial Hospital next door for that."

You're a registered nurse and you would be with the patient, so if the doctor asks for something to be done could you take care of it?

"The whole time, we're with them, from start to finish. We check the patients in, remain for the duration of the appointment, help them check out, and on their way."

Is there anything else you would like to add?

"It's a newer program," McClanahan said. "It's definitely a newer location here, and we are excited for all we can offer Pocahontas. Some big ones that we have a lot of patients for are: Cardiology; we do a lot of Endocrinology and Diabetes specialty; Gastroenterology; we do some weight loss clinics; Neurology; and, of course, we are in the Pulmonology Building, so a lot of patients will be seen through Pulmonology. Rheumatology is another big one that we do, as well. We have 46 – I believe that was the last count – specialties we can do here."

The Telemedicine Center at PMH opened January 23.

# Candidates for Durbin Town election

According to the Welcome to Durbin WV website, the following candidates have filed to run for office in the June 6, 2023 Municipal Election.

**Mayor:** John Osborne and Michael Vance.

**Recorder:** Jennifer Samples and Charity Vance-

Varner. **Council:** Mark Kane Sr., Steve Queen, Kenneth "Buster" Varner, Matthew Donald Peck, Shirley Tracy, Varner and Mark Walton.

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The Foreign Landers

# The Opera House presents The Foreign Landers

Saturday, February 23  
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Pocahontas County, West Virginia is about to experience a unique and captivating musical performance like no other, as the Pocahontas County Opera House presents the first-ever performance of The Foreign Landers. This dynamic folk duo, consisting of David Benedict on the mandolin and Tabitha Agnew Benedict on the banjo, are joined by a stand-up bass player and fiddle player, adding even more depth and dimension to their already impressive sound.

Drawing from their international heritage, The Foreign Landers have crafted a sound that seamlessly blends the traditional with the contemporary, resulting in a fresh and invigorating musical experience. With their debut album, "Travelers Rest," they take listeners on a personal journey, exploring themes of hope, change, and the longing for home.

The authenticity and originality of their songwriting, exceptional multi-instrumental skills, evocative vocals, and unique transatlantic touch have earned them recognition

from *Bluegrass Unlimited*, who warned, "be forewarned...The Foreign Landers have arrived." This is a performance that should not be missed by anyone looking for a unique musical experience.

Don't miss the chance to see The Foreign Landers in their first-ever performance at the Pocahontas County Opera House. Embrace their music, which is like reuniting with an old friend, and prepare to be transported to a different place and time through their truly memorable performance.

Tickets for the performance are available for a \$10 donation for adults, with anyone 17 years old and younger admitted for free. Tickets are available at the 4th Avenue Gallery, online at pocahontasoperahouse.org, or at the door the evening of the performance.

The Opera House Performance Series is made possible through the support of the West Virginia Division of Culture and History, the West Virginia Commission on the Arts, Pocahontas County Dramas, Fairs, and Festivals, and the Pocahontas County Convention and Visitors Bureau.



Xiao Ming  
Fever, Snakes, and Tragedy.

"Even as a small child I understood that women have secrets, and that some of these were only to be told to daughters. In this way we were bound together for eternity." Alice Hoffman

After a long and tearful embrace, Xiao Ming stepped back an arm's length from Lao Taitai. Holding her mother by the shoulders, she looked deeply into Lao Taitai's eyes and asked a simple question - a sincere query that only Lao Taitai could answer, "Weisheme?" Why?

The aging mother seemed to lose what was left of her crumbling composure. Perhaps Lao Taitai was unprepared for this moment, or maybe she feared it more than most of us can understand.

Lao Taitai responded by saying that this crowded room was not the place to talk about a matter of such import. Instead, she and Xiao Ming must walk together in areas where they could be alone and unheard.

And indeed, this is what I witnessed numerous times over the next week. With my modest insight into Chinese culture, I can make an educated guess as to what transpired in those long walks to the graves of Lao Taitai's and Xiao Ming's ancestors.

The most obvious is that Xiao Ming never knew, or was never told, why her mother left her behind in 1949. As Ricky always said to Lucy, "You got some splainin' to do."

Yet, it was clear that both mother and daughter were delighted to finally be reunited after four decades of total and unintended estrangement.

While Lao Taitai and Xiao Ming were enjoying each other's company, I was having some adventures of my own. Some of which were awe-inspiring - and others,

shocking.

Very early in the week, I began exploring the village, never alone, but with my two keepers whose presence stifled my sense of adventure.

I found out later that the two young people, an overbearing young man and a fetching young woman, were assigned by Lao Taitai to ensure I didn't get into trouble.

The generosity and friendliness of the provincial people go beyond anything previously experienced. So much so that total strangers grabbed me as we walked the narrow cobblestone streets and dragged me into one household after the other. Once inside the home, they always insisted that I dine with them.

According to my journal, I was force-fed five times in a row in one six-hour outing. If I was in any real danger among these wonderful people, it was lethal over-indulgement.

In one home, the heavily



THIS VENOMOUS SNAKE gave up its spleen to cure my headache and its meat for my dinner.

laden table had a roast duck as its centerpiece. The steaming duck was sliced thinly and placed on rice pancakes with a dab of fragrant plum sauce on top.

As I attempted to grab a bit of that duck, I was told, "no," they had a special treat for me. To these generous people, the roast fowl did not befit a special guest, foreigner that I was.

Instead, the oldest man in the family directed his wife to put a steamed creature called a sea cucumber on my plate with a side of white rice, looking all the world like a giant prickly slug.

Although everything I had eaten in China to date was sublime, this delicacy was like eating a chunk of tractor tire that every dog in the village had peed on.

To further complicate matters, the village had only one

lavatory, if you could call it that.

The toilet was comprised of two horizontal bamboo poles. One was about 20 inches above the ground and was for sitting on. The other, a few inches off the ground, was used to hook your feet under for stability.

I understood the simplicity and practicality of the bamboo toilet and would have been quite comfortable using it if not for the fact that there was no enclosure around it.

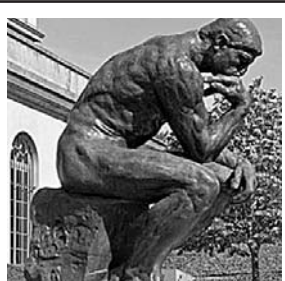
You just had to accept that half the village was watching when relieving yourself.

One morning, an older man with a long beard and smoking a pipe showed up to further my education about the village. He first took me to the very outskirts of the hamlet, where we came upon

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XIAO MING'S WONDERFUL family, including her mother.



## TRIVIA

— a little something to think about

1. According to Ben Franklin, what is it that makes a man "healthy, wealthy and wise?"

2. This salt-free seasoning was introduced in 1983 - herbs and spices in a small plastic shaker bottle. It has a "garden of flavor" instead of salt. What is it?

3. Jackson Browne wrote the song back in 1972. The Eagles took it to #12 on the charts. What state is mentioned in the song, "Take it Easy?"

4. Cher's 1989 music video for "If I Could Turn Back Time" takes place on a U. S. Navy battleship. MTV first banned the video, later only played it after 9 p.m. This, at one time, was an important battleship. Name it.

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# Obituaries

### Allen Chamelin

Allen Folger Chamelin, of Annapolis, Maryland, passed away Saturday, February 11, 2023.

Born April 26, 1934, at High Point, North Carolina, he was a son of the late Earle Martin Chamelin and Esta McLaughlin Chamelin.

Folger served as a Rank Corporal in the United States Marines from 1953 to 1957.

He worked as a coal miner, a Trailways bus driver and over the road 18-wheeler truck driver. He retired from Giant Food.

As a young man, he became interested in airplanes and motorcycles. He had his pilot's license and bought a Piper Cub. He loved to make model airplanes and also built his own sailboat.

He liked Bluegrass music and learned to play the banjo.

He was a member of the National Skeet Shooters Association for more than 40 years, and he loved to shoot muzzleloaders.

Folger could do almost anything he wanted to do.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Janie and Nancy.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Opal Clutter Chamelin; children, Martin Folger and Lori Chamelin Smith; five grandchildren, Sam, Emily, Zac, Nathan and Tracy; and 14 great-grandchildren.

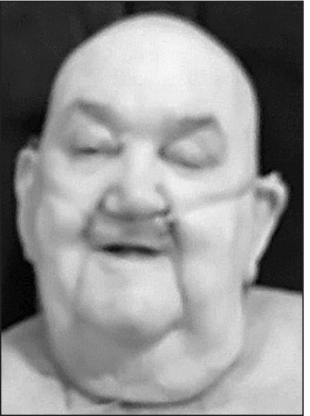
Folger loved his family very much and enjoyed every one of them.

He was a loving man and loved his God. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Funeral service will be held Friday, February 17, 2023, at 1 p.m. at VanReenen Funeral Home with Pastor Sam Felton officiating.

Burial will be in Mountain View Cemetery.

Friends may call one hour prior to the service.



### Franklin Curry

Franklin "Frank" Austin Davis Curry, 81, of Durbin, passed away Saturday, Feb-

ruary 11, 2023.

Born October 10, 1941, in Durbin, he was a son of the late Harry Emerson and Virgie Nottingham Curry.

He was a retired line foreman with Penn Line Enterprises.

Frank will be loved and in our hearts forever, and sorely missed until we meet again.

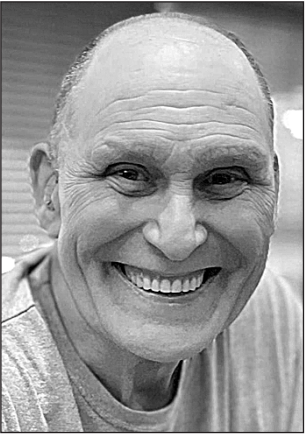
In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Frankie E. Curry; sisters and brothers-in-law Georgie Nelson, Pearl and Frank Mace, Arlene "Toot" and Tripp Fitzgerald, Maxine and Sam Lantz, and Opal and William Moore; and a brother, Leonard (Lucy) Curry.

He is survived by his daughter, Melondy Hebb, and husband, Charles; grandchildren, Wendy Bowman, and her husband, Paul "Petey" Bowman Jr., and Kelsey; great-grandchildren, Timmy Lee Cutright, Damien Ray Cutright and Loretta Rose Bennett; daughter-in-law, Linda Curry; sisters, Diane (Larry) Holstead, of Falling Waters, Sandra (Dale) Mullenax, of Hagerstown, Maryland, and Eloise (Ed) Hinchman, of Charleston; many nieces and nephews whom he dearly loved; and a special friend, Timothy Arbogast, who helped take care of Frank when he was at home.

Per Frank's wishes, the body will be cremated and there will be no service.

Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Arbovale is in charge of arrangements.

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



### Larry Dockery

Larry Eddie Dockery, 74, of Green Bank, passed away Friday, February 10, 2023, at home surrounded by his family. He lost his battle with prostate cancer. He was in Hospice.

Born August 1, 1948, in Murphy, North Carolina, he was a son of the late William and Ellen Dockery.

Larry was a retired welder

and a US Army Vietnam Veteran, having achieved the rank of Green Beret.

In addition to his parents, Larry was preceded in death by his wife, Terry Lynn Varney Dockery, in 2019; and a brother, James Dockery

He is survived by his daughter, Jennifer Lynn Dockery, and her life partner, David Friend, of Elkins; sons, Timothy "Adam" Dockery, of Mineral Bluff, Georgia, and Matthew Willard Dockery, of Murphy, North Carolina; granddaughter, Taylor Morgan Dockery, of Colorado; brother, Tommy Vaughn Dockery, of Murphy, North Carolina; half sister, Norma Jean Dockery, of Murphy, North Carolina; half brothers, Jim Lance, of Marble, North Carolina, and Perry Lynn Lance, of North Carolina.

A Memory of Life service will be held at a later date.

Per his wishes, the body was cremated.

Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home is serving the Dockery family.

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



### Ivaloo King

Ivaloo Hughes King, 93, an almost lifelong resident of Nicholas County, entered her heavenly home to join her loving husband of 59 years, Jenkins C. King, on the 8th day of February 2023.

She was with her daughter, DeEtta, in Charlottesville, Virginia, when she suddenly left her earthly home.

Born August 11, 1929, Ivaloo was the daughter of the late Willard and Lyda O'Dell Hughes.

She graduated from Nicholas County High School in 1947 (skipping a couple of grades along the way) and Mountain State Business School in Parkersburg. Ivaloo and Jenkins operated the Mt. Nebo General Store for more than 40 years as well as King Knob Farm, which she continued to oversee until her untimely death. Her first job was at age 15 in

the Mt. Nebo General Store, owned by her father. She worked for several years for the Army Corps of Engineers in both Huntington, and Cleveland, Ohio. She served in many roles at Gilgal United Methodist Church, including President of Gilgal UM Women, Kindergarten teacher for 40 years and Communion Steward for 50 years. She enthusiastically spearheaded the installation of the stained glass windows. She was a longtime Tupperware distributor, cake decorator and taught lingerie sewing classes at the store. Ivaloo was a member of the Nicholas County Farm Bureau for many years. (The Lady that was not going to marry a farmer). She enjoyed doing Calligraphy, baking and cooking for many. She also loved looking out her picture window describing God's beauty to everyone.

While able to live at home until God called her, she had loving angels daily to assist her: Cindy Proskin, Sherry Kelly, Ariel Williams and the late Evie Auxier.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Macel H. Backus; brothers-in-law, Blumefield Backus and Billy D. Thompson; and sister, Doris H. McLaughlin.

She is survived by her sister, Mattie H. Thompson, of Charleston; and brother-in-law, James (Bud) McLaughlin, of Summersville. She was the proud mother of four daughters, DeEtta King Hunter (J. Steven), of Lewisburg, Karen L. King, of Mt. Nebo, Krista King Mendelson (Zachary), of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Karla R. King (Suzanne Gregory), of Winchester, Virginia. In addition, she is survived by grandchildren, Izaak T. Mendelson (Mara), of Berkeley Heights, New Jersey, and Yale Mendelson (fiancée, Kennedy Moser), of Wilmington, Delaware, Stephanie Smith and Katie Rylant, both of Summersville; great-grandchildren, Emma M. Hunter, of Morgantown, Alexa Lee Speilman, of Lewisburg, Maverick and Lucas Smith, of Summersville, Jensen Lee Mendelson, of Berkeley Heights, New Jersey, and Klairalee Phillips, of Summersville; a host of nieces, nephews and cousins as well as friends and neighbors.

Funeral service will be at Gilgal United Methodist Church in Mt. Nebo at high noon Saturday, February 18, 2023, with Rev. Dr. Ken Ramsey officiating. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to noon preceding the service. Pallbearers will be her sons-in-law, J. Steven Hunter and Zach Mendelson; grandsons, Izaak and Yale Mendelson; great-grandson, Maverick Smith; and longtime friend, Steve Brown. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to King Gilgal Cemetery Foundation in Ivaloo's memory or to Jenkins C. King United Methodist Church Scholarship Fund held by the Conference to which Ivaloo's name will now be added, PO Box 70, Mt. Nebo, WV 26679. White Funeral Home at Summersville is in charge of the arrangements. Condolences may be made to the family at our website [www.whitefuneralhomewv.com](http://www.whitefuneralhomewv.com)

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Condolences may be made to the family at our website [www.whitefuneralhomewv.com](http://www.whitefuneralhomewv.com)



### Betty Woodford

Betty Lou Mullenax Woodford, 91, of Greensboro, North Carolina, passed away Saturday, February 11, 2023, at Camden Place nursing home in Greensboro.

Born August 30, 1931, in Durbin, she was a daughter of the late Howard and Bernice Mullenax.

Betty worked for the Pocahontas County Convention and Visitors Bureau. She was a loving mother and grandmother and will be missed by all.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, William Patrick Woodford; son and daughter-in-law, David Bradley and Donna Marie Woodford; sisters, Kathleen Colaw and Mildred Mullenax.

She is survived by her son, William "Bill" Patrick Woodford, Jr., and wife, Rebekah, of Durbin; grandchildren, Brandy Woodford, and husband, Steve Cauthen, of

Greensboro, North Carolina, Sherri, Samantha, Stacy and Stephanie Woodford, of Warren, Ohio, and Patrick, of Durbin; great-grandchildren, Mitchell, Carmen and Ellie, of Greensboro, North Carolina, Bennett, Jacob, Alana, Alex and Bradley, of Warren, Ohio; brother, Howard Newton Mullenax, and wife, Carol Ann, of Durbin; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be held Saturday, February 18, 2023, 2 p.m. at Arbovale Community Center with Pastor William Vandevender officiating. Burial will follow in the Arbovale Annex Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. until time of service.

Online condolences may be made at [lantzfuneralhome.com](http://lantzfuneralhome.com)

### Brenda Sumner

Brenda Joyce Sumner, 77, of Buckeye, passed away Saturday, February 11, 2023, at the Pocahontas Center in Marlinton.

Born August 10, 1945, in Romney, she was a daughter of the late Calvin and Violet Keckley Davis.

Brenda worked at Denmar when it was a nursing home, and was a phlebotomist at Pocahontas Memorial Hospital.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Jeffery Davis.

She is survived by her husband, Robert Edward "Bob" Sumner; three sons, Robert Stephen Sumner, of Queensberry, New York, Michael Allen Sumner, of Cary, North Carolina, and David Carl Sumner, of Chattanooga, Tennessee; six grandchildren, Abigale, Catalina, Autumn, Emma, Hanna and Amelia; three sisters, Mary Ellen Davis and Sue Kay Davis, both of Romney, and Donna Rae Fitzgerald, of Capon Bridge; and two brothers, Stephen Davis and Bobby Dale Davis, both of Romney.

In keeping with her wishes, the body will be cremated, and there will be no service.

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## Snow, from page 1

"My daughter found information online and sent an email to someone in Pocahontas County," Snyder said. "They put her in touch with somebody who's in public relations at Green Bank. That's why it was built, because there were a lot of Europeans that came over to work at the observatory, and they discovered a natural abundance of snow."

Of course, along with the information on the Pocahontas County resorts, the museum also has photos and history from the resorts in Tucker County - Canaan Valley State Park, Timberline, White Grass and Blackwater Falls State Park.

Along with the permanent displays, the center of the

museum will have rotating exhibits. The current exhibit is "Cabin Mountain: Six Ski Areas from Driftland to Timberline."

The museum also has historical objects on display, including one of the original snowmaking guns from Snowshoe Mountain Resort and a collection of skis.

Some of the skis are for sale to benefit the museum, while a large collection is just for show. Skis from the 1960s through today are included in the collection and were owned by skiers like Ted Ligety, who was a member of the United States Ski team and Olympic gold medalist.

In the main area of the museum is a collection of scrapbooks, copies of "Snowshoe News," a newspaper published by Snowshoe Mountain Resort and more artifacts in a display case.

The museum wouldn't exist without the people who put their blood, sweat and tears into the snow sports of West Virginia and to honor those people, the organization has a Hall of Fame.

The museum is open Thursdays through Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sundays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, visit [snowsportsmuseumwv.org](http://snowsportsmuseumwv.org)

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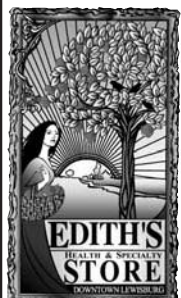
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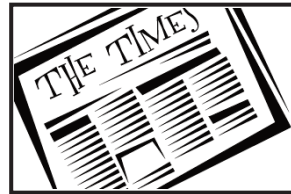
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# Fifty Years Ago

Jane Price Sharp, Editor

Thursday,  
February 15, 1973

**Donkey Basketball**  
Men versus Donkeys. That's right – men versus donkeys. The donkey basketball game scheduled at PCHS will pit the faculty against talented citizens of Pocahontas in a game that will be filled with "laffs," thrills, spills and fun galore. We say "men versus donkeys," because players on both teams will have their problems moving the stubborn donkeys toward the basket. They'll have trouble staying on the donkeys, and this will bring much laughter to the fans... New cowboy stars will be born during the game...

Playing against the faculty will be Bob Mann, Jim Reep, Gene Simmons, Dr. Ernie Shaw, Charles Young, Tom Campbell and Phillip Cain. These men offered themselves as martyrs to the cause...

## Know Your State Government Day

Marie McLaughlin, of Dunmore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee McLaughlin, and Philip Becker, of Arbovale, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Becker, will represent Pocahontas County High School next Monday, in Charleston, at "Know Your State Government Day..."

## Boys and Girls in Service

Major Edward L. Faulkner returned home Friday from a year of duty in Korea, and will be stationed at Fort Meade, Maryland.

Among the 10 men enlisted in the U. S. Air Force through the Beckley recruiting office was James Robert Wade, Hillsboro; omitted from the December enlistment was Rudolph C. Larson, Jr., of Green Bank, who

will depart for active duty March 28.

Michael Sharp, of Marlinton, was sworn into the U. S. Air Force in Beckley Tuesday and will report to Lackland AFB, Texas, March 2.

## EAGLE SCOUTS

David Eddy and James Calhoun received their Eagle Scout Badges at a ceremony at Buckskin Scout Reservation on Pocahontas Day. David had 21 merit badges and James had 29.

Both are members of Marlinton Scout Troop 33; Richard Eddy is Scoutmaster.

David and James are both 17 and are juniors at Pocahontas County High School. David is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Eddy and James is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Calhoun, all of Marlinton

## BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Gossard, of Bartow, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James Carpenter, of Dunmore, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, IV, of Charleston, a son, named Charles Percy Rockefeller.

## DEATHS

Mrs. Hallie A. Vanosdale, 76, of Boyer; born at Dunmore, a daughter of the late William H. and Victoria Nottingham Taylor. Burial in Arbovale Cemetery.

Mrs. Myrtle L. Johnson, 76, of Marlinton, a daughter of the late Squire F. and Maggie Hevener. Burial in Mountain View Cemetery.

Nelson P. Simmons, 72, of Hillsboro, a son of the late Jordan and Susan Cutlip Simmons. Burial in Sunset Cemetery at Jacox.

John Bern Friel, 64, of Cass.

# Footsteps through History

The Pocahontas Times  
Andrew Price, Editor

Thursday,  
February 18, 1898

THREE riders raced on the broad highway – The devil, a woman, a man – And, spurring his steed, laughed the devil gay, "Come, follow me, ye who can!" Three riders raced, and the stakes were sin, Over the broad highway, And the devil was second in coming in – For the woman led the way. – Life

LATEST – Just before going to press, we received a line from a prominent man in New York City, which says we can be sure that the Greenbrier Rail Road will be built.

WE have recently had the hottest February day in many years.

FAMINE is bringing war to an end in Cuba. The mere loss of the island will not be half the punishment Spain should be made to suffer for her inhumanity.

WITH Alaska claiming our surplus population on one side, and on the other fighting Spain, will make more room for the rest of us, if we go to war over the patriots who are trying to get the inestimable blessings of liberty, which we enjoy – and grumble.

AN examination was held by Justice Bird last week to inquire into the sanity of Andrew Smith, who was dis-

missed from the Hospital at Weston last year as cured. It was decided that he is insane, and he was placed in jail to remain until he can be taken to the hospital.

THE body of Deputy Game Warden Wilbur Teeter was found in the woods near Harman, on Dry Fork, Randolph county. There were two wounds, one in the hip and the other through the heart. It is supposed that Teeter, who had made many enemies by informing upon violators of the game laws, was shot while tracking someone through the woods. His body, discovered by a dog, was lying beside a log and was covered over with bark.

## MAPLE SUGAR

The weather lately has been ideal sugar weather. Hard freezing weather yielding to bright, clear days makes the sap to flow. Last Monday a large sugar tree was cut down near Marlinton, and the tree "bled until the ground was soaked." The discovery that sugar could be manufactured from this tree was not made until the 18th century. It was a prime necessity in those days when the pioneer raised everything he used on his farm.

## ACADEMY

Miss Susie Simmons has gone to Lewisburg. Our village loses an excellent dressmaker.

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# Preserving Pocahontas

B. J. Gudmundsson, Preservation Officer

## Main Street Durbin – circa 1939



MAIN STREET BUSINESS Section in Durbin, W.Va. Bruce Eugene "Gene" Lawton owned and operated the Amoco Gas Station in the photo and was mechanic in the garage. He married Geraldine Kisner on December 27, 1941, and they lived upstairs over the station. She was the second child of Lloyd Kisner, Sr. and his wife, Edna, who owned L. E. Kisner General Merchandise in the neighboring town of Frank. To the left of the gas station is The Durbin Mercantile Company and the three-story building to its left is the Hotel Wilmoth. The truck parked below the Amoco sign belongs to the Pocahontas Lime Co. of Durbin. (The Kisner Collection, Courtesy of the Kisner Family; ID: PHP004755)

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# Seventy-Five Years Ago

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday,  
February 19, 1948

Again, for the sake of the record, let it be put down that the ice broke up on last Saturday, Valentine's Day. There was high water and a big flow of heavy ice, but all moved out with no damage nor inconvenience.

My friend, Will Boggs, was home over the weekend from Shavers Cheat, where he works on the railway. Stepping off the track into the regular snow last week, his jacket pockets filled with snow. I asked what could a man do on the track anyway?

Why, clean off the snow for more to fall in!

## Politics

Glenn Shinaberry has filed with the Circuit Clerk his intention of seeking the Democratic nomination for House

of Delegates from Pocahontas County. He is a successful teacher and saw much service in World War II.

Squire W. R. Pierson, of Huntersville, came in to tell me he is now of a mind to seek the Republican nomination for House of Delegates.

On Saturday, Elmer Workman, of the Levels District, filed with the Circuit Clerk, Grady Moore, his intention of offering for the Republican nomination for Sheriff of Pocahontas County. His deputies are Williard Kelly, of Frost, office; Howard McElwee, of Marlinton, Jailor; Norman H. Alderman, of Huntersville, and Harry Wanless, of Cass, field deputies.

## BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Golden Arbogast, of Dunmore, a daughter, named

Madonna Guinn.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Gayle A Hoover, of Hillsboro, a son, named Laverne Gayle.

## DEATHS

Miss Lena McLaughlin, aged 38 years, died at the home of her brother, Don McLaughlin, in Ravenna, Ohio. On Saturday, her body was laid to rest in the Dunmore Cemetery...

Mrs. Virginia Bell Johnson, aged 79 years, died at her home in Cass. On Saturday, her body was laid to rest in the Wanless Cemetery...

Roy Albert Snyder, aged 67 years, died at his home in Durbin. His body was laid in the Bethel Cemetery near Durbin on Friday afternoon. For 28 years, the deceased had been janitor of the Durbin School.

Arlie Rexrode, aged 60 years, died at his home at Arbovale. Burial was in Arbovale cemetery. He is survived by his wife and a large family of grown children.

## FIELD NOTES

Up to date, I have heard of four head of beavers taken this open season. Two 30 pounders were caught at the head of the Greenbrier River by a state trapper. Then Lawrence Workman, down Burnside way, caught two 70-pound beavers in the Greenbrier. The ice has been so thick on most streams the beavers have been living on winter stores, without coming out for logging operations, to get caught in traps set in their skidways.

Since the above was written, a State trapper was in town with three beavers he trapped on Cranberry.

Cousin Charlie Cleek used to tell of an experience as a boy and his brother with a couple of yearling bears found sleeping under a rock cliff in the Alleghanies not far from Mountain Grove. Colonel Given Cleek was called in as consulting expert. Each boy grabbed a bear. Before cousin Charlie's bear got away, it had ripped

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Warn Lumber corporation at Raywood; the A. D. Neill & Son at Cloverlick; the Marlinton Lumber company at Marlinton; the Spice Run Lumber company at Locust. Each of these plants supports a village, operates a railroad and their combined daily output is near a half million feet of lumber...

## Agriculture

This writer is of the old school that holds that farming and stock raising constitute the real wealth of a country, and in the industry of agriculture, Pocahontas County surely shines. It has a natural bluegrass soil. Remove the trees, let in the sun, and bluegrass comes space. In the days of export cattle, bullocks from the Greenbrier Valley went on the boat without ever having been primed with an ear of corn. And, as for sheep, the mutton produced in this highland used

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## DOMINION OF POCAHONTAS

The Largest and Richest County in Natural Resources in West Virginia

Pocahontas is known particularly as a lumber producing region. Perhaps no county east of the Mississippi River has cut more timber than Pocahontas county in the past twenty years. At present the big lumber output is largely confined to the big plants of the West Virginia Pulp and Paper company at Cass, the North Fork Lumber company at Nottingham; the

means beyond human comprehensiveness in its expansiveness. An expenditure of about thirty million dollars will be required in the immediate development of the site. Even after the first dam is built, the total expenditure will have been but partly made. The development will presage the expenditure in the New River valley, Hinton and Gauley of not less than a hundred million dollars...

## GREAT POWER PROJECT

The Virginian Power company is making formal application to the Federal water power commission for privilege of constructing a hydroelectric plant at the junction of the New and Bluestone rivers, about five miles above Hinton. The project is immense. It

# 100-Years-Ago in The Pocahontas Times

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday,  
February 16, 1923

Not to be outdone by the groundhog, a big black rattler came from his winter quarters last Monday and was basking in the sunshine when Byron Beverage came along, and now his ten rattles are on exhibition at the post office. Byron was cutting brush and felt something strike his high-topped rubber shoe. When it hit the third time, he looked and discovered the snake. It is supposed that it had crawled from a groundhog burrough nearby. Mr. Beverage says that he was fully aroused from his stupor, but found the gum shoe too tough for "chewing," or possibly not of the desired flavor. – Highland Recorder.

There was a nine foot tide in Elk river Thursday of last

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“Apart from the therapy, our services include weekly medical evaluations, medication management by a legitimate nurse practitioner, medicated assisted treatment

— which is Suboxone and Vivitrol,” he said. “They get peer recovery services while they check in to the mobile on Tuesdays. We have a full service laboratory on board.”

The mobile clinic also has same day appointments and tries to take walk-ins as the schedule allows.

During the assessments,

Shaver said he works with the clients to discuss their care and if they feel the outpatient services aren’t enough, they can ride in the mobile clinic with him to the Summersville facility, if there is a bed available.

Since the mobile clinic began offering its services in Marlinton, Shaver said they

have served between 17 and 20 clients who have been more compliant than those at any other site.

As a recovering addict himself, Shaver said he understands how difficult it can be to get transportation to recovery centers, so he is pleased to be part of the mobile clinic that can come to

the clients instead.

“Lots of people have transportation issues and that’s our goal with the mobile clinics,” he said. “We have patients that go through our residential program and need to follow-up somewhere. We have four [mobile clinics] and they all go places. We have two out of

Parkersburg and two that run out of Summersville, so in total, we’re in 16 different places throughout the state.”

For more information on the SJRC mobile outpatient clinics, contact the Summersville office at 304-362-0295 or the Day Report Center at 304-799-6650.

## Your, from page 3

a large granite basin that collected water off the tile roof.

Pointing down to the basin, he told me this is where newborn females were drowned, usually by the husbands. Although drowning was the preferred method of infanticide, suffocation and starvation were also employed.

In some instances, they placed a wrapped infant female in the crotch of a tree, where it died of exposure.

Even though female infanticide is now prohibited, the government’s former “one-child” policy served to increase these deplorable acts.

The Chinese were not the only culture to commit infanticide. Korea, India, Pakistan and even parts of ancient Polynesia practiced these reprehensible population control methods.

Culturally and historically, the Chinese favor boys over girls because they will maintain the family bloodline and take care of aging parents.

On another walk with the village elder, we climbed a trail to the top of a nearby hill. What first appeared to be a natural rock exposure, turned out to be a plastered stone wall. The wall was covered with pock marks.

He explained that during the Japanese occupation in the 1930s, random villagers were routinely marched to the wall where they were summarily shot. This was a warning to the local Chinese to not step out of line.

I quickly learned that when asked by villagers my

opinion of the Japanese, to unhesitatingly state that the “riben ren” (Japanese) are “huai de” (evil).

The villagers always responded with a smile and sometimes a slap on the back. Can you blame them?

Early one morning, an hour or so before daylight, I heard squeals outside my window. I stayed in bed, not wishing to investigate further, and eventually, the pitiful sounds ceased. Then, I was intrigued enough to look out the glassless window.

Down on the street was a hog whose slashed throat was bleeding into a cooking vessel. In honor of the return of Lao Taitai, the villagers were butchering their only hog.

This seemingly ritualistic killing preceded a day of feasting and celebration.

Arriving at the breakfast table a few hours later, more dishes graced the table than usual. Some food items were recognizable, while others were new to me. With the notable exception of sea cucumbers, I am open to all cuisines, a food adventurer, if you will.

I dug into what I thought was tofu covered with a fermented black bean sauce. Although I had never seen red tofu, I found the dish quite tasty. When I inquired as to why the tofu was a wine red, I was informed that it was not tofu but congealed hog blood.

After the ceaseless feasting, Xiao Ming, Lao Taitai, and her older siblings set about preparing for a visit to their parent’s graves.

I grabbed my pack and walked down to the river,

where we boarded a sampan.

About 20 minutes downstream, we pulled onto a gravel shoal at the junction of a smaller stream. Two other boats were already there; the people onboard were family members and friends.

We followed a path along the stream for a few hundred yards, arriving at a small cemetery set back into a carved-out hillside. First, Lao Taitai and her siblings bowed before their mother and father’s graves.

This act of respect was followed by the presentation of a hog’s head on a platter to the deceased by Lao Taitai’s brother. Immediately after the food offerings, somebody set off long strings of firecrackers.

Afterward, fake currency was burned at the foot of the grave as an offering to the spirits. All in all, it was a beautiful ceremony.

While Lao Taitai and her immediate family walked further upstream to visit with friends, I returned to the river with the remaining group.

As soon as we arrived at the river, the party set about making a lunch of fish, rice, and vegetables that was quite good. After a quick cleanup of the makeshift kitchen, Lao Taitai’s brother-in-law directed me to one of the boats that was not going back upstream but downstream.

So, I thought, “What the hell; it’s all just an adventure.”

Somewhere along our way down the river, the boatman went ashore to have a brief discussion with another man.

While the rest of us waited onboard, a couple of youngsters brought us a big bowl of grapes, grapes as large as North Carolina muscadine.

They were sweet and delicious but probably washed in the river: A river containing bacteria my gastrointestinal system had no natural resistance to.

But I didn’t know that then, so I went merrily on my way downriver.

Several hours after arriving at another small village, I started to feel sick. As the day progressed, I developed a fever and nausea. One of the families onboard the boat gave me a bed to sleep in.

The following morning a local medical practitioner referred to as a “barefoot doctor,” and indeed, he did not wear shoes, roused me from a feverish slumber. I have only a hazy memory of the treatment I received that morning.

The practitioner gently lifted me from my bed, so I was sitting on the edge. He set a porcelain basin on the floor and began making small cuts on my wrists, both sides of my neck, and forehead. He observed the blood dripping into the vessel.

I remember telling myself to pay attention to what was happening.

When the blood in the basin reached a specific volume, the doctor applied a tarry substance to the cuts, and the bleeding stopped immediately, an effective coagulant for sure.

He left and returned some hours later to check on me, and, indeed, I was feeling much better except for a hor-

rendous migraine. Seeing that I was steady, the kind doctor led me to his little stone house.

A woman I assumed was his wife walked to a corner of the room where a wooden barrel sat with several granite rocks on the lid. She removed the stones and cover and, using a long stick with a loop of rope on one end, plunged it into the barrel, retrieving a colorful writhing snake.

I asked him if the snake was dangerous. He indicated it was deadly; he now had my full and undivided attention.

While his wife held the snake, the doctor cut open its abdomen and carefully removed an organ that appeared to be the spleen. He rolled the organ in coarse brown sugar and asked me to open my mouth. Warning me not to bite into the snake’s spleen, he placed it in the back of my mouth and gave me a cup of lukewarm tea to wash it down.

I cannot say for sure that this unusual treatment was responsible for curing the headache, but in a very few minutes, it was gone.

Later that evening, he arrived at the house where I was staying with a covered dish. It was none other than the snake cooked in herbs and spices and was quite tasty.

In short, I stayed in the village among these caring people for several more days. But, alas, I am running out of column space, so the Readers Digest condensed version follows.

I made my way back to Beijing alone by riding an uncomfortable “hard-seat”

train for 30 hours straight, making it back before my visa ran out.

Lao Taitai returned to Beijing several days afterward, bringing with her five members of her immediate family, including Xiao Ming.

We had a delightful time in the days leading up to our departure back to the United States. It was clear that none of her family had been out of Zhejiang Mountains before. None of them seemed to appreciate the dangers of crossing streets in a large city, especially in China, where the pedestrians had no right of way whatsoever.

Lao Taitai and I had just returned to the States when we got the news that Xiao Ming was struck by a truck while jaywalking. The family carried her to a hospital, but because they did not have the proper credentials and travel papers, she was refused treatment and bled to death on the hospital’s steps.

Postscript: Although struck by the tragedy, I soon started feeling guilty. I told myself that if I had not agreed to this venture, Xiao Ming might still be alive.

My guilt was assuaged when I met with Lao Taitai shortly before her death. Her view of Xiao Ming’s death was entirely different than mine. In Eastern belief, all things are meant to be. In other words, it was destiny that the mother should be with her daughter one last time.

Readers, I thank you for your indulgence in this long series about an experience in a truly ancient culture.

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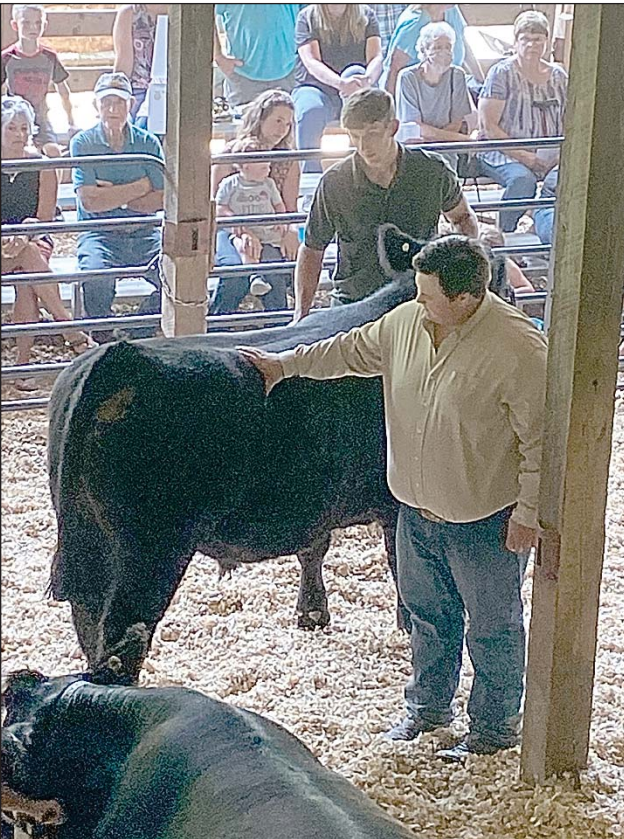


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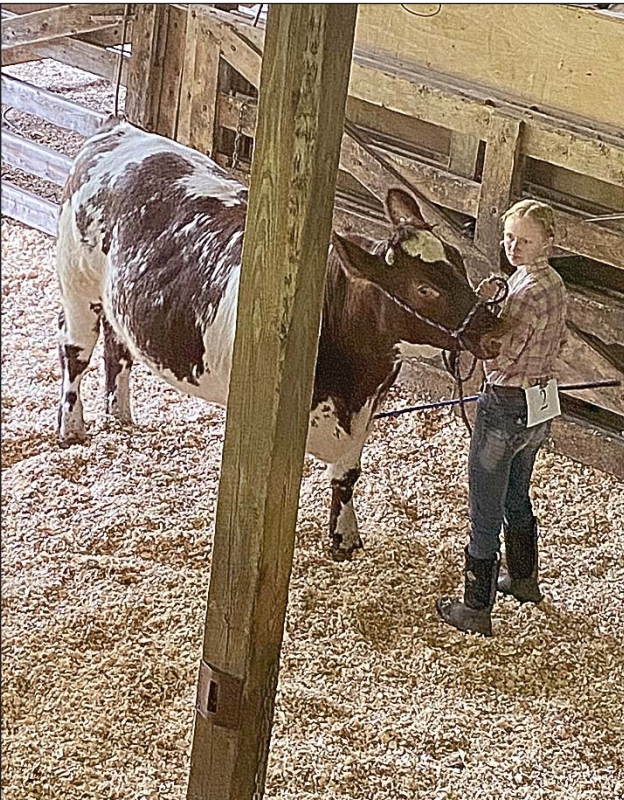
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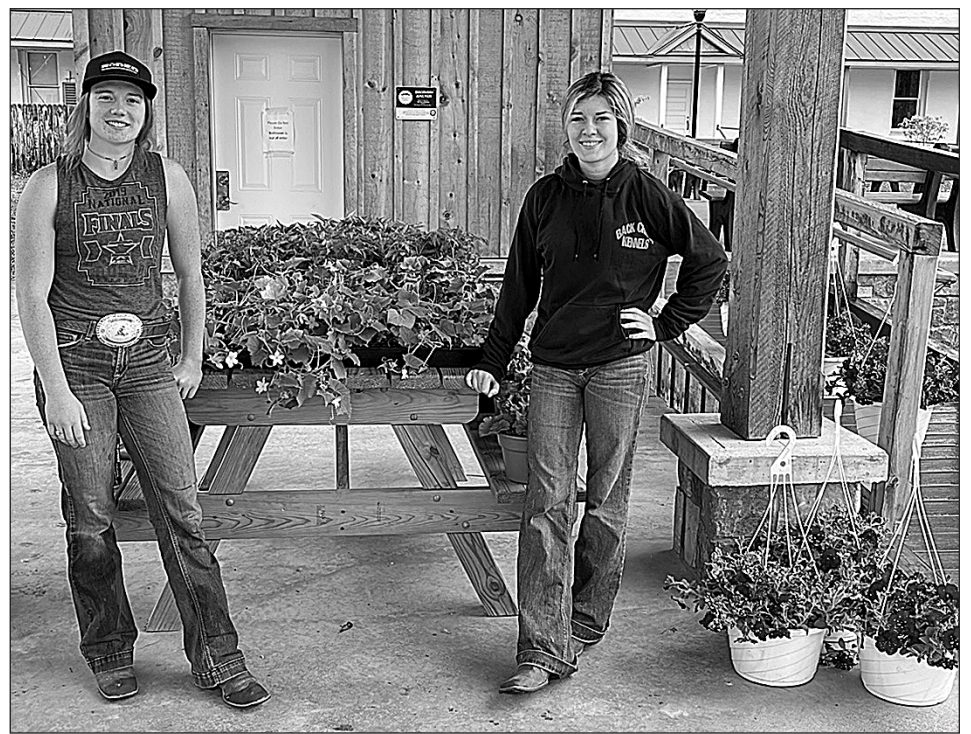
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**To: CITY NATIONAL BANK OF WEST VIRGINIA, MARLINTON BRANCH, TIMOTHY HOOVER, CASANDRA HOOVER, BETHANY HOOVER, DAN KENNEDY, TODD TAYLOR, TRUSTEE, BETTY HOOVER, CITY NATIONAL BANK OF WEST VIRGINIA ATTN: RETAIL PRODUCTION, TIMOTHY HOOVER, MEGAN RENEE HOOVER, ELAINA MAE FAITH HOOVER, ATTALYNNE BREANNA PAIGE HOOVER, ROBERT MARSHALL ALLEN HOOVER, OCCUPANT, IRS ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, CITY NATIONAL BANK OF WEST VIRGINIA, MARLINTON BRANCH, TIMOTHY HOOVER, 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: EDRAJ 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-00000018, SCHOOL LOT .50 AC 171X182 IRR, located in EDRAJ**, 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**  
 Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023. **\$ 790.69**  
**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.**  
 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.

### NOTICE TO REDEEM

**2021-S-00000005 - 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: EDRAJ 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-00000005 POWDERIDGE CONDO 74K .0076% INT IN 1.01 AC FEE, located in EDRAJ**, 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**  
 Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023. **\$ 763.56**  
**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. \$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**  
**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-00000010 - Pocahontas County - WVTJ LLC**  
**To: ROBERT DEAN CLEVINGER, 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 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: EDRAJ 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-00000010 TOP OF THE WORLD CONDO 204A .8929% INT. IN .63 AC, located in EDRAJ**, 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. **\$ 1,044.60**  
 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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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**  
 Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from 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**  
**You may redeem at any time before March 31, 2023, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.**  
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 Questions, please call 1-888-509-6568, option 2.

### NOTICE TO REDEEM

**2021-S-00000016 - 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: EDRAJ 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-00000016, RIMFIRE UNIT 347 BLDG 2 .0063% INT 1.398 AC (1 BED), located in EDRAJ**, which was returned delinquent in the name of **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. **\$ 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**  
**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-00000013 - 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: EDRAJ 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-00000013, OLD FIELD FORK ELK 136 AC (1/3 INT), located in EDRAJ**, which was returned delinquent in the name of **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**  
 Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023. **\$1,676.41**  
**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**  
**You may redeem at any time before March 31, 2023, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.**  
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## Shelter News



**TOBY IS** A two-to-three year old male. He is ready to be sprung so he can start a barn coup against renegade rodents.



**ASH, A TWO-to-three year old male, would love to run free around the farm and may be willing to exchange some "gifts" for a little attention.**



**BOOMER LOVES ATTENTION** so much he may not want to let go at first. He needs a place to run and pounce so he can show off his thunderous personality.

## History, from page 7

Col. George A. McNeel sold his lot of fine cattle to Cary Nickell, of Monroe county. The Colonel always reaches the top figure.

Washington Spence, who contracted to put the logs cut on the Overholt place across the river, has got the logs within a half-mile of the river. He expects to splash them into the Greenbrier with the waters of Rock Island Run.

Mr. Editor: Being first duly sworn, we meet the famous fish stories of Marlinton and the snake stories of the upper end by the biggest fish story of 1898. Miss Belle Burnside, on her way to school, was crossing the Greenbrier River in a canoe. She saw a large catfish and killed it with the pole with which she navigated the canoe. The fish was 24 inches long and weighed 17 pounds. She says she was not out fishing, nor was it a good day for fishing either. In matching this story, bring forth nothing but true tales.—BUMBLEBEE

### ANCIENT AND MODERN

And Jacob said unto his sons, Why go ye away to Egypt to buy corn? Go ye

down to Buckeye, West Virginia, and buy your corn, flour and bacon of John N. Adkison, for he even giveth to the poor. And they said unto him, We know not of this man. And he answered them saying, If ye had done wisely and subscribed for The Times, you would know all such things.

Haec fabula docet: That people read advertisements in The Times.

### NEW YORK

EIGHT thousand men are at work in New York City removing the snow. Many of these men are starving. Every big snowstorm is a God-send to them.

ALL the ocean steamers arriving are a sight to behold. They are one mass of ice from bow to stern. The rigging is frozen. The life on the ocean wave these days is a hard one.

A FISHERMAN'S boat was picked up off of Staten Island last week, with two occupants. One man was dead—frozen—and the other was dying; the lower part of his body being frozen to the boat.

IT IS estimated that over 100,000 men are idle in New York City at the present time. The poor of this city are suffering terribly this winter, as the cold has been unusually severe. The station houses,

alms houses, hospitals and all charitable institutions are over crowded. Every thing is done that can be done by charitable people for the relief of these unfortunates.

INSTEAD of the churches taking up collections for foreign missions, they should devote the money to the poor of their own country. Instead of missionaries to India, etc. they should be sent to the tenements and do some good work among the poor and downtrodden.

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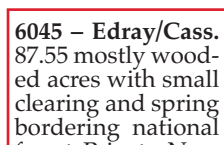
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