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## The music will live on

On February 14, old-time and traditional music suffered a great loss when one of its best-known banjo and fiddle players Dwight Diller passed away.

West Virginia musicians and musical organizations expressed their grief through posts on social media.

August Heritage Center, in Elkins, posted the following with a photo of Diller at an August Heritage workshop in the early 1980s.

“We are devastated by the passing of Dwight Diller. He was an incredible banjo player who embodied the very spirit of ‘passing it on.’ Because of his work documenting the Hammons family in Pocahontas County, new generations have access to the traditional tunes and songs of the West Virginia highlands. For his lifetime of work, he received the 2019 Vandalia Award, West Virginia’s highest folklife honor, from the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History.”

The West Virginia State Folk Festival remembered Diller for his contributions to the festival as well as his efforts to preserve the music of Pocahontas County.

“We are saddened to report the passing of Dwight



Diller, long-time member of the Folk Festival family and one of West Virginia’s most celebrated old-time musicians. Dwight was most well-known as a banjo player, but he was also a fiddler, ballad singer and a collector of traditional music. He was especially known for his documentation of the Hammons Family of Pocahontas, West Virginia. Dwight influenced countless old-time banjo players not only around West Vir-

A LIFETIME OF music – these photos are just two of the multitude of images capturing the musical career of Dwight Diller. Photos courtesy of the West Virginia Hall of Fame and Kim Johnson

ginia but also nationally and internationally. He spent more than 50 years as part of the West Virginia State Folk Festival.”

West Virginia Music Hall of Fame honored the memory of Diller with the following post.

“We’re saddened to share [the] news that revered Pocahontas County old-time

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## O’Ganian named National Merit finalist

Suzanne Stewart  
Staff Writer

Established in 1955, the National Merit Scholarship Corporation identifies and honors the top high school students throughout the country through its National Merit Scholarship Program.

Approximately 7,500 high school seniors are recognized as scholars each year by the organization. They receive a \$2,500 annual scholarship from the NMSC and are eligible for scholarships from universities and companies nationwide.

In early February, Pocahontas County High School senior Max O’Ganian learned he has been named a finalist in the program.

O’Ganian said he learned last year that he was named a semi-finalist due to his score on the PSAT.

“When you take the PSAT – the practice SAT test – everyone in the country gets automatically entered for it,” he said. “If you score in the top one percent in your state on the PSAT, you become a semi-finalist, which is what happened to me.”

Once O’Ganian was named a semi-finalist, he



Max O’Ganian

went on to fill out a rigorous application to be named a finalist. Now he is waiting to see if he has been named one of the 7,500 scholars in the final step.

“There’s still one more step to go,” he said. “So there are sixteen thousand finalist and then that gets cut down to seventy-five hundred. Then you become a scholar, and that’s where the scholarship money is, if you make that one more cut.”

O’Ganian has done all he can do; now he just has to wait for NMSC to announce the scholars sometime this spring.

In the meantime, he is focused on his senior year at PCHS, balancing classes,

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## Colonial Queen Bee

Melondy Phillips  
Staff Writer

Fairy Fire

Imagine living long ago and taking a relaxing night stroll through the woods. You are enjoying the stillness of the night air and the harmonious sounds of the night insects when you catch a glimpse of an unexpected light nearby. It’s too small to be someone’s fire. Maybe it’s someone’s lantern. Could it be the moon’s reflection in a predator’s eyes?

The thought ‘am I being hunted’ flashes through your mind and you freeze. What could it be?

Your heart starts to pound as you slowly turn to examine this in greater detail. As you perceive this curious sight, your heart slows and curiosity takes hold. Carefully inching closer, you identify this light, not as a reflection, but a glow.

How can this be?

A fire light without heat? The existence of foxfire, fairy fire, has not always been common knowledge.

The oldest recorded documentation of foxfire is from 382 B.C. when Aristotle referred to it as a cold fire; however the cause of the eye-catching illumination wasn’t discovered until 1823. Samples of wooden support beams from mines were studied and revealed that the glow came from fungal growth.

Sarah Fesmire, in her article for the University of Chicago Library news, posted March 21, 2015, <https://www.lib.uchicago.edu/about/news/foxfire-and-fungi-solving-a-2300-year-old-mystery/>, stated, “Currently, 71 different species of fungi have been identified as bioluminescent (capable of glowing in the dark), but scientists are still puzzling over the exact chemical properties

that enable this bioluminescence.” This number increased to 75 species as of 2020 and has now expanded to 80.

The oxidative enzyme Luciferase reacts with luciferin within the fungus as the quick growing cells feed on decaying hardwood. The resulting bioluminescence produced is affirmation of the fungus growth. The bioluminescence can remain for up to 50 hours after a healthy fungus has been clipped from its food source.

Foxfire can be found in damp, never dry, dead wood forests throughout Asia, Australia, Europe and North America. The ideal temperature for active bioluminescence activity ranges from about 40 degrees to around 77 degrees Fahrenheit. Once temperatures rise above the mid 80s, the bioluminescence shut down.

Although I was not able to locate any official reported sightings, many folks have happily discussed seeing Jack O’ Lantern and Armillaria mycelium mushrooms aglow throughout West Virginia in recent years. Could



A CLUSTER OF *Panellus stipticus*, or bitter oyster mushrooms. Image credit: National Geographic photographer Darlyne A. Murawski

there be more?

Hunting for foxfire can be treacherous. Any light can interfere with the ability to perceive the subtle glow of most species of foxfire. Some species can be more readily seen while others produce bioluminescence so dim that it is hard to see with the naked eye. Needing a night, void of all light, enhances the possibility of encountering one of many nocturnal forest critters and predators while looking for foxfire. Learning to recognize what they look like during the day will greatly increase your chances of spotting them at night.

If you do happen across this elusive spectacle let it keep growing or use sustainable harvesting practices so generations to come can also enjoy them.

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## BOE discusses school calendar

**Suzanne Stewart**  
**Staff Writer**

It was a short and sweet Valentine's Day at the February 14 Pocahontas County Board of Education meeting, which Superintendent Terrence Beam kicked off with the proposed 2023-2024 school calendar:

- First day for employees – August 10
- First day for students – August 16
- Holiday – November 10 for Veterans Day
- Thanksgiving Break – November 20 through 24
- End of first semester – December 20
- Christmas Break – December 20 through January 3
- Holiday – January 15 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Professional Learning Day/Faculty Senate Day – February 26
- Professional Learning Day – March 29
- Spring Break – April 1

through 5, unless school needs to be made up due to missed days

- Professional Learning Day – April 26
- Graduation – May 26
- Last day for students – May 23
- Continuing Education Day – May 24
- Last day for employees – June 7

The calendar is available for review on the Pocahontas County Schools website, where individuals can take a survey regarding the calendar. There will be a second calendar hearing at the next board of education meeting, after which the board will vote to implement the school calendar.

In miscellaneous management, the board approved the following:

- resignation of Morgan G. McComb as the Pocahontas County Board of Education representative on the Day Report Committee for the remainder of the 2022-2023 fiscal year, effective February 14.

• appointment of Rebecca L. Campbell as the Pocahontas County Board of Education representative on the Day Report Committee for the remainder of the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

• Jay Johnston of Johnston Logging Company to volunteer his time and equipment to reclaim the old logging roads and wood lot at Pocahontas County High School in order to make them more accessible for the high school forestry program.

• Cookbook fundraiser for Marlinton Elementary School.

• Parent and community volunteers for the 2022-2023 school year.

In personnel management, the board approved the following:

- unpaid medical leave of Joyce A. McLaughlin as cafeteria manager at Pocahontas County High School, retroactive to January 4, 2023, for a period of up to 12 weeks, as needed.

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## Senate Judiciary advances Securities Restitution Assistance Fund - SB 576

**By Autumn Shelton**  
**WV Press Association**

A bill designed to provide some financial relief for state residents who have become victims of investment scams is progressing through the legislative process.

On Wednesday, SB 576 (Securities Restitution Assistance Fund), was advanced by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Championed by those with AARP-WV, the purpose of the bill, sponsored by Sen. Ryan Weld, R-Brooke, is to create the Securities Restitution Operating Fund. This fund would provide reimbursements to vulnerable victims, identified as those over the age of 65 or those with mental incapacitation, up to \$50,000 or 50% of their financial loss following investment scams. All other victims of such crimes would receive \$25,000 or 25% of their financial loss.

A similar House Bill (HB 3250) has been introduced by Del. Steve Westfall, R-Jackson.

According to Lisa Hopkins, general counsel and deputy commissioner of securities for the State Auditor's Office, money for the fund would come from al-

ready existing charges that are collected each year by the auditor's office.

"In West Virginia, every broker dealer, every investment advisor, every representative and agent of those entities . . . must be registered with us," Hopkins said. "For example, this past year, we had almost 205,000 registrations."

She said that a portion of certain financial transactions completed through these entities is ultimately placed into the state's general revenue fund.

"Last year we collected \$27 million in fees," Hopkins stated.

As the committee substitute of the bill was presented, at least 3% of those collected fees would be placed in the new Securities Restitution Operating Fund. However, an amendment proposed by Senate Minority Leader Michael Woelfel, D-Cabell, which was approved by the committee, upped the amount to at least 5%, meaning that the fund would contain about \$1.35 million to compensate victims instead of the original \$800,000 committee substitute estimate.

In addition to providing some financial relief for West Virginia residents who

become victims of securities scams, the act may also provide an incentive for victims to come forward and report that a crime, including those involving fraudulent crypto and gold and silver exchanges, has been committed, Hopkins explained.

"What we see in terms of fraud with the elderly is the tip of the iceberg," Hopkins said. "We really don't know the extent of losses that are out there because a lot of factors influence why . . . these folks don't come forward."

Hopkins stated that victims often feel "shame or embarrassment" and won't come forward out of fear that others will view them as "incompetent."

"I always say scam artists follow what's topical – follow the money," Hopkins continued. "We have seen a perfect storm over the course of our lifetimes where we transitioned from pension plans to 401[k]s. So, we have this whole generation of adults – and, you know, let's face it, West Virginia is aging – who are coming into this money that they have worked hard for their entire lives, and they don't really necessarily have the training or the knowledge or the ex-

**see Senate pg 6**

## Circuit Court

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

A pretrial status conference was held in the case the State vs Andrew Baybutt, 49, of Mechanicsville, Virginia, wherein the defendant waived his right to a speedy trial during this term of court. The state advised the court that the defendant has not yet been processed. Baybutt was indicted on two counts, sexual abuse by a parent of a child, a felony; two counts, sexual abuse in the first degree, a felony.

Derek Hannah, 36, appeared by video from the Southwestern Regional Jail for a change of plea hearing. Hannah tendered a written plea agreement to the court, via his defense counsel, wherein he pleaded guilty to the lesser included misdemeanor offense of possession of a controlled substance; the misdemeanor offense of possession with intent to deliver a Schedule V controlled non-narcotic substance; and two counts, misdemeanor offense of person prohibited from possession of a firearm. The court dismissed, with prejudice, Count II, misdemeanor offense of possession with intent to deliver a Schedule V controlled non-narcotic substance. Bond remains at \$10,000. The matter was referred to the probation department for a pre-sentence investigation report. Sentencing is set for April 5.

Charles Irvine, 49, of Marlinton, appeared by video from Tygart Valley Regional Jail for a preliminary hearing on a motion to revoke alternative sentence. Irvine admitted to the allegations in the petition. Defense counsel asked for home confinement so the defendant could attend a rehab program. The court sanctioned Irvine to 60 days in the regional jail. At the end of that time, he is to be released into the custody of a home confinement officer from Pocahontas County to be immediately hooked up

on home confinement and to attend a rehab program.

Angela Turner, 48, of Marlinton, waived her right to a speedy trial during this term of court. The pre-trial status report indicates the case will not be ready for trial until the August term. Defense counsel, citing staffing problems in their office, asked for a continuance of the motion hearing. Turner was indicted on one count, driving while license revoked for driving under the influence of alcohol, third offense, a felony.

Erick Shawn Romanello, 43, of Marlinton, waived his right to a speedy trial. Defense counsel asked for the matter to be continued due to short staffing in the public defender's office. The court will set the matter for the early part of April. Romanello was indicted on one count, driving while license revoked for driving under the influence of alcohol, third offense, a felony; one count, possession of a Schedule III controlled narcotic substance, Buprenorphine, a misdemeanor.

Spencer Combs, 20, of Marlinton, waived his right to a speedy trial. Motion hearing will be set in the next term. If the defendant finds employment out of state, he will be required to report his location and contact information to the court. Combs was indicted on one count, sexual assault third degree, a felony.

Tanner Lee Moore, 26, of

Marlinton, appeared by video from the Tygart Valley Regional Jail for a pretrial status hearing. The status report indicates the matter will not be ready for trial during this term of court and that discovery is still being provided. Moore waived his right to a speedy trial in this term. He was indicted on one count, first degree murder, a felony; one count, use or presentation of a firearm during the commission of a felony, a felony.

Nickolas Dale Bragg, 36, of Marlinton, appeared by video from the Salem Correctional Center for his pretrial status hearing. Defense counsel advised the court that they had not had time to talk with the client. The matter is continued to March 23. Bragg was indicted on two counts, possession of stolen goods, a felony; one count, possession of a Schedule II controlled non-narcotic substance, a misdemeanor.

A capias was issued for Shawn Barb, 33, of Marlinton, who failed to appear for his pretrial status conference. Barb was indicted on one count grand larceny, a felony; two counts, receiving or transferring stolen property, a felony; one count, obtaining property by false pretenses; one count, receiving or transferring stolen property, a misdemeanor; one count, petit larceny, a

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# ‘Voices of Appalachia’ Play Festival at GVT

Greenbrier Valley Theatre will host its first “Voices of Appalachia” Play Festival Friday and Saturday, February 24 and 25, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

More than 15 local performers will bring to life seven newly written, one-act plays, written by Appalachian playwrights. Jenna Sulecki, the Artistic Associate at GVT, is happy to be bringing stories to the stage that will resonate with the area.

“The people who live here are very passionate about Appalachia, about West Virginia, and about their community,” Sulecki said. “Having a festival that features stories about this region, written and performed by people from this region really is a celebration of what so many people here care about.”

Work for the play festival began in late 2022, when the theatre opened submissions to Appalachian playwrights. Dozens of new plays were submitted before a panel of judges narrowed the selections down to the seven being produced. Plays were selected based on their relevance to the region and the quality of their ability to tell a complete story.

Tickets for “Voices of Appalachia” are \$18 for general seating and \$15 for students and seniors. For more information about tickets, shows and the organization’s history, visit the theatre’s website: [www.gvtheatre.org](http://www.gvtheatre.org) or call the box office at 304-



645-3838.

Now entering its 56th season, Greenbrier Valley Theatre, is a mainstay and theatre destination in Lewisburg. The arts organization has been further recognized as a “West Virginia Jewel of the Hills,” awarded the Living the Dream Service Organization Honor Roll by The Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission, and is a multi-year recipient of Non-Profit Business of the Year. GVT boasts a robust series of year-round programming and educational offers with the goal to enlighten, enrich, and enliven throughout the region.

# Combes named Jansky Lecturer

Suzanne Stewart  
Staff Writer

In its first lecture since before the COVID-19 pandemic, the Green Bank Observatory welcomed Professor Dr. Françoise Combes as its 57th Annual Jansky Lecturer.

Through her lecture, “Symbiosis Between Black Holes and Galaxies,” Combes shared her research into black holes and their relationship to galaxies, including our galaxy, the Milky Way.

Combes was introduced by GBO director Jim Jackson, who shared Combes’ achievements in her field.

“Françoise is being honored for her significant contributions to the fields of galaxy formation and evolution, the interstellar medium, dark matter and radio astronomy,” he said. “Her expertise in a wide range of fields over the course of an outstanding scientific career has extended her influence to the entire field of astronomy.”

“She has authored, co-authored more than twelve hundred papers,” he continued. “Extraordinarily prolific, she has received more than thirty-four thousand citations in scientific literature, which is also very impressive. In her side time, she has also managed to write twenty

books.”

Combes received her PhD in astrophysics from the École Normale Supérieure in Paris, France, and is currently a professor at the Collège de France, where she is the chair of the galaxy and cosmology department.

In addition to receiving the 2023 Karl G. Jansky Lectureship, Combes has received several awards in the astronomy field, including the gold medal for the French National Center of Science and Research, a fellowship in the American Astronomical Society, the R.M. Petrie Prize of the Canadian Astronomical Society, the Tycho Brahe Prize from the European Astronomical Society, the L’Oréal-UNESCO International Prize for Women in Science and is an honorary member of the Royal Astronomical Society.

“Her reach is truly international,” Jackson said. “She has performed exemplary service to the astronomical community through her career, including vice president of French Science Academy, president of the French Astrophysical Society, long time editor of Astronomy and Astrophysics – a top ranked journal in the field – and she has taken on key ad-

visory roles for the Atacama Large Millimeter Array, the Square Kilometer Array, the Hubble Space Telescope and the International Astronomical Union.”

The Karl G. Jansky Lectureship was first awarded in 1966 in honor of the father of radio astronomy.

“He was the first person to discover radio waves from celestial objects,” Jackson said. “A replica of his antenna sits out on the lawn here. He was working for the telephone company trying to figure out a new technique – a crazy idea – of transmitting voice sounds with radio waves and was looking for sources of interference with that radio. He found that lightning was a source of interference, but he found this other hiss – and this other hiss turned out to be the center of our Milky Way.”

“We owe our legacy to the work of Karl Jansky,” he added.

The Lectureship is awarded to a distinguished astronomer who, like Jansky, has made significant advancements in radio astronomy. It was established by the trustees of The Associated Universities, Inc. and the National Radio Astronomy Observatory.



YOUNG MEMBERS OF the AWANA Club at First Baptist Church of Huntersville put their creativity on display with their colorful race cars for the Grand Prix Race.

# AWANA Grand Prix Races through Huntersville

First Baptist Church of Huntersville AWANA Grand Prix was held Sunday, with 27 participating young people, 25 supporting adults and the AWANA leaders and helpers in attendance

AWANA Clubs developed from a children’s program at the North Side Gospel Center in Chicago in 1941. The program became such a huge success that in 1950 Latham and Rorheim founded AWANA as a parachurch organization to support churches in specialized programs and ministry that they might not be able to do on their own.

The AWANA program is currently used by approximately 100 different denominations in 104 countries, and actively reaches those in prisons, refugee camps, slums and other hard to reach places around the world.

Inspired by the Pinewood Derby wooden car race, Ken Starett at First Baptist Church in Elyria, Ohio, had an idea of how to involve the dads who rarely came to AWANA events. Ken thought, “If I sent that (block of wood) home with a kid, a dad would get his carving knife out and start whittling on this thing, and he might show up at our race.”

That idea led to the first wooden cars racing down the track of the AWANA Grand Prix in 1964.

The AWANA Grand Prix is now one of the most popular AWANA events with more than 200,000 partici-

pates each year.

First Baptist Church of Huntersville began its AWANA ministry four years ago, and the Grand Prix event a year later. A church member built the original track, and last year an AWANA family donated a collapsible track that is easier to store.

At Sunday’s event, excited children eagerly awaited their turn to see how well their car would do in the race.

Cubbies, ages three to five, started off the races with Arianna Turner taking first place for her division.

Zachary Canoy sped into first place in the Sparks division, K-second grade.

Gabby Shape’s car pulled ahead in the second half, to take first place for T & T, third through sixth grade; and Cloe Woody finished off with the win in the youth group.

The winner of each division then battled one more time. The final heat was close, but Zachary Canoy jumped with excitement as his car took fastest overall.

The prize for most stickers on their car went to Zakry Woody. Cloe Woody received a prize for most cre-

ative; and the best sportsmanship award went to Lucy Moore.

The Huntersville Baptist Church AWANA program is an outreach program serving Marlinton and surrounding communities with a van ministry for transportation to and from AWANA.

AWANA is held every Sunday evening from 5 to 7 p.m., running mainly with the school year. Children have a time of Bible study, game time and a free meal.

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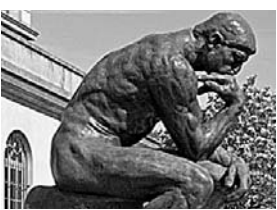
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2. She brought French cuisine to the American public with her debut cookbook, “Mastering the Art of French Cooking” and her TV show, “The French Chef.” Who was she?

3. In the Bible, Samson, that long-haired strong man, performed super human feats. He wiped out the entire Philistine army, while holding “this weapon” in his hand.

4. Talk about herd mentality. There is a small rodent, found in the Arctic Tundra, that a pop-culture, long-standing myth states that they jump off cliffs and commit mass suicide. What are they?

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## Marlinton Mayor's Corner

By Sam Felton

If Marlinton's Main Street could talk, it would be saying, "where is the contractor who made this mess nearly four months ago and left town?"

Answer: The DOH District Office in Elkins said they should be back to finish in about two weeks. That is another story, but it got me thinking.

The Main Street of any town speaks of its present economic state to everyone who passes by. The passerby may not be listening, but you can bet Main Street is speaking. The years following the '85 flood spoke of setback in Marlinton. The years follow-

ing the '96 flood seemed to say, "let's wait and see what happens now"? While waiting, businesses closed and buildings fell into disrepair. Main Street was crying out for help for fear of looking totally abandoned. Flooding had basically shut down any growth in Marlinton – and Main Street said it all.

On the other hand, have you been through Main Street in White Sulphur Springs lately?

Yes – some would say, they have the Greenbrier Hotel, a railroad, an interstate and an airport. But they had all that before the flood and Main Street didn't look so good. Ironically, the dev-

astating flooding of 2016 opened the hearts of generous millionaires who initiated the considerable out-of-town investments taking place there. Without a doubt, the generosity of those individuals catapulted WSS forward, and Main Street is speaking loudly. Admittedly, having out-of-town millionaires investing on opposing sides of the street has sped up things considerably. Their individual, private investments have revitalized WSS and Main Street is telling all who will listen – "Success breeds Success."

Any Mayor wants to see their town grow and prosper. Most small towns seldom see the type of investment like the city of WSS is experiencing. But Marlinton is seeing success, too. Private investment is making a significant difference here. Enough people have stepped

forward to encourage others to do the same. Presently, I see one side of Marlinton's Main Street saying, "I am on the mend and getting better." The other side is saying do not count me out "I am prepared for the next step and ready to add to the success of Main Street."

Let there be no doubt. Revitalization is always a challenge and especially in a floodplain. But current and planned investment will contribute to a thriving Main Street and sustain the downtown area. The malls have their day. I see people wanting to investigate small towns. We just need a little more success to keep the Revitalization Ball rolling. More of the right people need to take a second look at Marlinton and listen to what our Main Street is saying.

## Poetry Corner

"Oh, father, dear father, come home with me now.  
The clock in the kitchen struck eight  
And mamma is waiting for you with a stick,  
It's so gloomy, so dark, and so late.

"The supper's all eat, and the victuals are cold,  
And mamma is mad, and says, how  
She ain't going to give you nothing to eat,  
Till you go and hunt up the cow.

And water the horse, and lay up the fence,  
And cut her a big pile of wood,  
Oh, father, come home, quit fishing right now,  
And do up the work and be good."

~ Andrew Price from *Dreams and Other Subjects*

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## What's Cookin'?

The Art of Cooking in Marlinton

### Diabetic Cake

Louise Beard

2 cups water  
2 cups seedless raisins  
1 cup unsweetened applesauce  
2 eggs  
2 Tbsp. liquid sweetener  
3/4 cup cooking oil  
1 tsp. baking soda  
2 cups flour

1 1/4 tsp. cinnamon  
1/2 tsp. nutmeg  
1 tsp. vanilla  
Cook raisins in water until all the water is absorbed.  
Add applesauce, eggs, liquid sweetener and oil.  
Mix well.  
Mix together and blend in soda, flour, cinnamon, nutmeg and vanilla.

Bake in a floured loaf pan at 350° for 45 minutes or until done.

### Chopped Apple Cake

Pearl C. Ward

4 cups chopped apples  
2 cups sugar  
3 cups flour, sifted  
2 tsp. soda  
2 eggs  
2 tsp. vanilla  
1 cup Wesson oil  
1/2 cup nuts  
1/2 cup raisins, white  
1 tsp. salt  
Pour sugar over chopped apples. Let stand 1 hour.

Add eggs and oil together and beat well.

Mix sifted flour, soda and salt together.

Add to apple mixture.

Add nuts and raisins.

Bake at 350° for 45 -50 minutes for bread pan or 1 hour in a tube pan.

### Glaze

1/2 cup brown sugar

1/2 cup softened butter

Blend thoroughly and spread on cake while hot.

Sprinkle with nuts.

May use caramel icing in place of glaze.

## Community Calendar

### OPERA HOUSE

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### MEETINGS

**NA meeting** Tuesdays, 6 to 7 p.m. at Hillsboro Library. Call 681-418-1484 for more information. Everyone welcome.

**Pocahontas County Solid Waste Authority** regular meeting Wednesday, February 22, at 7 p.m. at the courthouse.

**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](mailto:jvmiller2008@gmail.com) for Zoom connection info.

**Allegheny Post 117** Tuesday, March 7, 6 p.m. at Arboreale Community Center. Annual elections will be held.

### EVENT

**FREE Community Dinner** Thursday, February 23, 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Marlinton Presbyterian Church. Sponsored by area churches and community volunteers.

### PARKS AND REC

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

**Old-Time Square Dance with live music by Juanita Fireball and the Continental Drifters,** Saturday, March 4, 8 p.m. at Dunmore Community Center. \$5 suggested donation. Refreshments available. Everyone welcome. No experience necessary.

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see Calendar pg 10

## Super Crossword

TOTALLY  
OUT OF IT

<b>ACROSS</b>	<b>DOWN</b>	<b>ACROSS</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
1 Four-string guitar	50 It fills la mer	102 Square yardage, e.g.	6 Leave for a short time
5 Bits of land in el agua	51 Riddle, part 3	103 Instant replay option	7 Spy novelist
10 Luca Brasi in "The Godfather," e.g.	57 Becomes familiar with anew	104 Expressive rock genre	8 Exhibit works
16 Soft infant food	59 Per-unit price	105 — Leppard (rock band)	9 "... or — told"
19 Life — know it	60 Morise insertion	106 Mythical man-goat	10 Drag racer
20 New Mexico or Colorado county	61 Ambulance VIPs	109 "In the red," e.g.	11 New York home of Cornell
21 Useless	62 Decorative dashboard finish	111 Division of history	12 Relative of a stickpin
22 Division of history	66 Chain in biology	115 Concorde, e.g., in brief	13 Raging crowd
23 Start of a riddle	67 Riddle, part 4	116 Riddle's answer	14 PDQ's cousin
26 Mantra syllables	73 China's Chou En- —	120 Grassland	15 Emperor after Claudius I
27 Old-time cleaning cake	74 Like many soda bottles, volume-wise	121 Henner of "Taxi"	16 City on the Illinois River
28 Tennis's Satin	75 Purposely ignore	122 — Island (Providence's state)	17 Ralph Lauren competitor
29 Not skilled in at all	76 Book of charts	123 Old TV's — May Clampett	18 Pale hue
31 Heavy weight	79 IRS form IDs	124 Work unit	24 Address Skye
32 All — sudden	80 "— is a virtue"	125 Workout wear	25 Main parts of churches
35 Spoken	84 Riddle, part 5	126 Planned	30 Fuel rating
37 French movie theater	87 In honor of	127 Some deli loaves	33 Galas
38 Riddle, part 2	89 Small river		34 On the Red, e.g.
44 President Biden	90 —mutual betting		36 Former senator Trent
45 Speaks	91 Oxygen-requiring bacterium		38 Open slightly
46 Singer Turner	93 Start for center or Pen		39 City in Alaska
47 Tell el — (Nile excavation site)	94 End of the riddle		40 Four-piece band
			41 Writer Capote, to pals
			42 Org. in many spy novels
			43 Make a ski mask, maybe

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# Girls sectional play is underway

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**PCHS V.....60**  
**Richwood V .....38**

When Pocahontas County High School played at Richwood on January 26, the Lady Warriors won the game 44-26 by winning the second and third quarters by a sum-total of 29 to 10. The four quarter scores were (PCHS-RHS): 4-4, 17-5, 12-5, and 11-12. This recent Senior Night game at PCHS, a 60-38 win on February 8, was another victory for PCHS (now 6-14) by taking the second and third quarters by a combined 41-15 effort. The quarter scores were: 7-8, 20-9, 21-6, and 12-15.

Senior Kelsi Taylor grabbed a game-high 11 rebounds and 3 blocks while scoring 3 points. Senior Talisa Arbogast nailed a three, 4 rebounds, a steal and a deflection. Senior Haley Spencer contributed 5 rebounds, 3 steals, 3 deflections, 2 assists and 1 two. Senior Mackenzie Moyers nailed a two, a three, 2 rebounds, 1 steal and 1 deflection. The other PCHS scorers (9 of 14 players scored) were: Riley Pollack - 14 points, 5 assists, 4 deflections, and 4 rebounds; Shayla Bennett 12 points plus

sinking 2 of 2 threes; Olivia Vandevender - 10 points, 5 assists, 5 deflections, 4 steals, 4 rebounds and 2 blocks; Mackenzie Taylor - 9 points, 4 steals and nailing 4 of 4 twos; and Andrea Alderman - 2 points (only played for one period).

PCHS committed more fouls, 21 versus 12 for RHS, but PCHS hit 67 percent of its foul shots, while RHS nailed only 46 percent. Only seven Lumberjacks played, and six scored. Juniors Chloe Cox and Carlie Dillard scored 14 and 10 points respectively. PCHS out-rebounded RHS 40-32 and committed fewer turnovers, 25-31. No. 4 seed RHS (now 4-11) will have played at No. 1 seed Greenbrier West (#4 ranked) on Tuesday in Region III Section 2, and No. 3 seed Meadow Bridge (#11 ranked) will have played at No. 2 seed Webster County (#5 ranked). Section 1 includes only No. 2 seed River View at No. 1 seed James Monroe (#6 ranked) on Wednesday.

**PCHS V.....30**  
**Pendleton Co. V .....59**

PCHS had a much better 11-11 first quarter at home for this recent February 11 Pink Out game as opposed to their dismal 5-22 first quar-

ter at Franklin on January 10 (27-66 game loss). The Wildcat margin of victory fell from 39 to 29 points in this recent game. PCHS high scorers were: Vandevender - 12 points and Kynlee Wilfong - 8 points. Senior Wildcat Ariana Young was game-high with 23 points (7 less than the last game), 7 of 7 (100 percent) free throws, 6 steals, and 5 turnovers. Wildcat sophomore Avery Townsend tallied 13 points and a game-high 8 rebounds. The Warriors were called for 17 fouls and hit 1 of 7 (14 percent) free throws versus 9 fouls while hitting 10 of 15 (67 percent) foul shots for the Cats. The Cats (now 12-3 and ranked #9) out-rebounded PCHS, 46-35, and PCHS had more assists, 12-7 (Calli Propst - game-high 5 assists). Pendleton County is the #1 seed in Class A Region II Section 2 and gets a bye until the Friday, March 24, Section 2 Championship matching them with the winner of #2 seed Pocahontas County and #3 Tygarts Valley.

**PCHS V.....23**  
**James Monroe V .....86**

PCHS traveled to #6 ranked James Monroe in Lindsie on February 16, and the Mavericks scored

their second-most points this season - 86. Trail won at Montcalm 91-26 on January 24 for their top effort. PCHS lost a home game 22-81 to Class AA #1 Summers County (now 17-4) on January 27, so 86 points is the worst defeat this season. JMHS was dominant in every quarter: 24-3, 23-13, 20-4h and 19-3. PCHS committed 43 turnovers to only 16 for JMHS. The Mavericks won the steals contest - 35 to 9, rebounding - 40-23, and assists 19-6.

High scorers for JMHS (now 17-5) were: sophomore Maggie Boroski - 24 points and 9 steals, senior Adyson Hines - 22 points and 9 rebounds, sophomore Ava Dunlap - 14 points and 7 rebounds, and junior Mary Beth Meadows - 11 points and 7 assists. Four other Mavericks scored from 3 to 6 points. Nine Lady Warriors (now 6-16) scored from 2 to 6 points. Kelsi Taylor grabbed 8 rebounds. James Monroe is the #1 seed in Class A Region III Section 1 and plays #2 seed River View on Wednesday. The four Section 2 teams will have played on Tuesday - #4 seed Richwood at #1 seed Greenbrier West and #3 seed Meadow Bridge at #2 seed Webster County.

**PCHS JV.....39**  
**Richwood JV .....10**

Richwood played at PCHS for a shortened two-quarter game February 8, and the Lady Warriors won both quarters 16-2 and 23-8. High PCHS scorers were: Brooklyn Moyers - 10 points and 4 deflections; Mileya Bircher - 6 points, 2 assists and 2 rebounds, Propst - 6 points, 4 steals and 3 assists; Bennett - 5 points and 3 rebounds; Mallori McCoy - 11 rebounds, 3 steals and 3 points; and Ramona Hardy - 4 points, 2 steals and 2 assists. Junior Lilly Bragg scored 6 points for Richwood.

**PCHS JV.....43**  
**James Monroe JV .....46**

The 43-46 loss at James Monroe on February 16 was a pleasant surprise after PCHS had lost 26-47 at home on January 06. The four quarter scores were (PC-JM): 8-14, 4-8, 19-12 and 12-12. JMHS led 22-12

at the half, but Propst, Bennett, Alderman and McCoy hit threes in the third quarter to cut the JMHS lead to 34-31 at the end of three. The fourth frame was marked by lead changes and ties, and Bennett hit 9 of her team-high 16 points in the last quarter with her second three at the buzzer. McCoy scored all 10 of her points in the second half. PCHS hit 8 threes including a three from Bircher in the first stanza while the Mavericks only nailed one three. JMHS freshman Aliyah Clarkson was game high-scorer with 29 points including 14 twos and hitting 1 of her 5 foul shots and was the only player to score in all four quarters (scored 6 or more points in each frame). PCHS hit 7 of 13 (54 percent) foul shots while JMHS hit 9 of 22 (41 percent). PCHS was out-rebounded 38 to 23. Propst hit two threes and had 5 assists. The PCHS JV ends the season with a 13-6 record.

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## Thomas Cassell

Thomas Lee Cassell, 73, of Cass, died Sunday, February 19, 2023, at Pocahontas Center.

Born June 20, 1949, at Marlinton, he was a son of the late Donald and Ruth Bennett Cassell.

Thomas was a retired lumber stacker.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Joyce Cassell; brothers, David Cassell, Wilbur Cassell, Freddie Biggs and Terry Biggs; and special niece, Melissa Cassell.

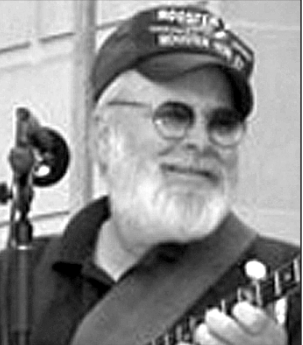
He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Linda Ray Cassell; daughters, Margaret Ellen Taylor and Christina Dawn Taylor; sisters, Dorie McLaughlin, Debbie Paugh (Gene), Pam Scott (Tad), and Patty Tallman; brothers, Dale Biggs (Joyce), Gary Biggs, Jerry Biggs, Jimmy Biggs, Ronnie Biggs, Mitchel Kramer and Bill Cassell; grandchildren, Destiny Faith Varner, Xnobia Hope Varner, Thomas Edward Varner (Chara); and great-grandchildren, Artreus Varner and Valkyrie Varner.

Arrangements are being handled by VanReenen Funeral Home in Marlinton, where the family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, February 23, 2023.

Funeral service will be at VanReenen Funeral Home at 1 p.m. Friday, February 24, 2023, with Rev. David Ritzenhouse officiating.

Interment will be in Ryder Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to VanReenen Funeral Home.



## Dwight Diller

Dwight Hamilton Diller, 76, of Marlinton, passed away Tuesday, February 14, 2023, in Roanoke, Virginia.

Born August 17, 1946, in Charleston, he was the son of

the late Vernon Diller and Faith Wooddell, and stepfather, Eugene Dilley.

Dwight was a renowned musician and teacher, well-known for his contributions and preservation of West Virginia Old-Time music and the Hammons Family Legacy. He was an alumnus of West Virginia University where he received a Master's degree in Horticulture and, later, a second Master's degree from Eastern Mennonite University.

In addition to his parents and step-father, he was preceded in death by his sister, Nancy Diller Burks.

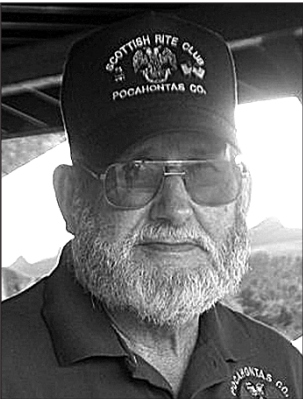
He is survived by his son, Caleb Diller, and wife, Ashli, of Marlinton; daughter, Susanna Diller-Yoke, and husband, Blair, of Louisville, Kentucky; two grandchildren, Brayden and Koda; longtime friend, Catherine Rowe; and his faithful companion, Pug.

Visitation for friends and family will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 4, 2023, at Lantz Funeral Home in Buckeye.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Allegheny Echoes Student Scholarship Fund in memory of Dwight. Contributions can be sent to 4407 Frost Rd, Marlinton, WV 24954 or call 304-799-7121.

Online condolences may be shared at lantzfuneralhome.com



## James VanReenan

James "Jim" Stanley VanReenan, 78, of Buckeye, passed away Thursday, February 16, 2023, at Pocahontas Center.

Born July 20, 1944, in Marlinton, he was a son of the late Arnold Lee and

in college.

"I'm going into mechanical engineering somewhere," he said. "I haven't decided where, yet. I'm hoping to graduate with my Bachelor's and go out and work awhile, but eventually, I want to go back and get my Master's so I can work in design with mechanical engineering."

O'Ganian is the son of Paul Marganian and Karen O'Neil, of Dunmore.

Marie Chappell VanReenan. Jim was raised by his aunt and uncle, the late John and Wilda Chappell.

Jim was a welder and woodworker, a Vietnam Army Veteran, president of the Pocahontas County Scottish Rites, member of Marlinton Lodge 127 AF & AM and Order of the Eastern Star Chapter #97.

Jim helped build Lantz Funeral Home and enjoyed standing around talking to everyone who came in after it opened.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, William "Wimpy" VanReenan and Harold "Hum" VanReenan; sister, Mary Kathleen "Katty" Biller; and close family member, Catherine "Granny" Rimel.

Jim is survived by his companion of 17 years, Marietta Harrison, of Marlinton; two sons, Jared (Beth) VanReenan, of Huntington, and Jamie (Jackie) VanReenan, of Bridgeport; daughter, Beverly VanReenan, of Salt Lake City, Utah; three grandchildren, Parker, Avery and Ross VanReenan; extended family, Melissa Fisher, Kristina Harrison, Bobby Fisher, Courtney Fisher, Brook Fisher, Michael Pope and Lillian Pope; and a close friend, Carolyn Ann Landis.

Service will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, February 25, 2023, at Lantz Funeral Home in Buckeye with Libby Gasko speaking, followed by an Eastern Star service and a service by the Scottish Rite.

Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. until time of service.

In keeping with Jim's wishes the body will be cremated.

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# Music, from page 1

musician, instructor and historian Dwight Diller has passed. Diller learned from the extended family of 2020 WVMHoF inductees The Hammons Family and was particularly skilled at the old-time clawhammer style of playing banjo. He was an important link to beginnings of West Virginia traditional music and passed his knowledge on to many younger players. Dwight also starred in a film about Appalachian music titled 'The Fifth String' and released the DVD, 'West Virginia Mountain Music,' showing the seasons of Pocahontas County

set to old-time banjo and fiddle music. Dwight and John Morris contributed the title track to the WVMHoF's 2008 tribute to Blind Alfred Reed, 'Always Life Him Up and Never Knock Him Down.'"

One of Diller's last performances was in the second season of the Pocahontas County Opera House's *Story Sessions*. Diller played both his banjo and fiddle, sharing tales of learning tunes from the Hammons family and how God led him to take up the fiddle later in life.

The Opera House shared the following post about Diller.

"We're heartbroken to learn about the passing of Dwight Diller, a true pillar in

our community. His love of history, music and faith always shone through his beautiful banjo and fiddle playing. We were fortunate to spend several hours with him last spring during a *Story Session* recording. In that time, we learned so much about Dwight's life, his time with the Hammons family and how they helped him find his way out of the darkness. We hope that he rests in peace on his final journey home. Dwight will be deeply missed."

Diller has joined the Angel Band and while the music of Pocahontas County and beyond has suffered a broken string, Diller's legacy will live on for the benefit of future generations.

# Court, from page 2

misdemeanor; one count, destruction of property, a misdemeanor.

In the case the State vs David W. Mace, 37, of Marlinton, the court reduced the

defendants bond to \$10,000 cash/surety with the condition of Home Incarceration Program of Pocahontas County. He has to be released into the custody of the home confinement officer and be hooked up before immediately going to Anchor Point. As a condition, he is to attend long-term rehab at

Anchor Point. If he leaves the program, he is to immediately contact the home confinement officer. Mace waived his right to a speedy trial. He was indicted on three counts, strangulation, a felony; two counts, wanton endangerment involving a firearm, a felony.

# Senate, from page 2

pertise as to what to do with it."

AARP-WV State Director Gaylene Miller added in her testimony before the committee that scammers are becoming more sophisticated, and will often promise their victims "a once in a lifetime guaranteed return on your investment."

"The bad guys are good at what they do," Miller continued. "They know how to push the right buttons and, unfortunately, folks fall for those lines."

In response to a question from Committee Chairman Charles Trump, R-Morgan, about what scams this act

will provide restitution for, Miller responded that certain scams like "romance scams" are becoming very common, "but this particular piece of legislation targets securities fraud directly."

"Some of those other kinds of scams and frauds, I don't think, would fall into the purview of this legislation, but there's certainly other things that this legislature has done in terms of definitions, in terms of penalties, as it relates to financial exploitation – particularly of vulnerable adults – to help address this situation," Miller said.

Following Miller's testimony, Sen. Mike Stuart, R-Kanawha, added, "I think it's a great bill."

"These crimes go so

under-reported," he continued. "We have no idea the scope and scale of these because, in many cases, folks are embarrassed that, 'I'm a lawyer or I'm a doctor or I'm a judge's wife or whatever,' they don't report them because they're so embarrassed by it. Perhaps West Virginia could now be a leader in terms of being able to quantify, at a national scale, just the extent of the damage from this type of thing."

"I'd say we need to find the bad guys and drain them of their resources to pay back what they stole," Stuart concluded.

The committee substitute version of SB 576 is now headed to the Senate Finance Committee for further consideration.

# Merit, from page 1

athletics and clubs. He was on the boys soccer team this fall and the Robotics team this winter. This spring, he will return to athletics as a member of the track team.

O'Ganian is a member of the STEM Club and National Honor Society and plans to pursue an engineering degree

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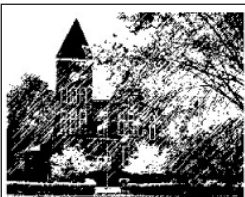
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### Brownsburg School – circa 1965



**CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY Month.** There were five schools for black students in Pocahontas County prior to the desegregation of public schools in 1954. They were Cass School, Frank School, Greenbrier Hill School, Brownsburg School and Seebert Lane “Pleasant Green” School. Students in these schools had to leave the county to attend high school.

It is believed that the first school for black children was located in Jerico Hollow near Marlinton, but there are no written records. From 1953 until 1957, Marie Goodwin and Mary Clayton conducted classes for black students at Denmar Sanitarium. By 1966, all schools in the county were integrated.

Pictured here is the Brownsburg School north of Marlinton. The school in Brownsburg was in use by the 1880s, originally named McDowell, the name changed in 1907. For at least three years, 1908-1910, there were two Brownsburg schools. Some of the teachers were E. Leola Lewis, Nicy A. Morris, Lila M. Powell, C. H. Bundy, Georgianna Hill, Glova Carter, Ida Sue Brown Choice, and Faye D. Truss. The school closed in 1953. (Pocahontas County Historical Society Collection, ID: PHS003432)

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### Seventy-Five Years Ago

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday,  
February 26, 1948

On last Thursday afternoon, an immense boulder broke loose from Kee’s Rock and rolled many hundred feet down Price Hill, landing in the road just as Basil McLaughlin was passing with a truck load of coal. The cab and body of the truck were damaged. The boulder would easily weigh 10 tons.

#### FIELD NOTES

Hubert Pyles, of Seebert, reports a covey of 23 quail feeding regularly at his home. It might be that a couple dozen quail wintering

through is an item of small or no interest to some, but to my simple mind, this is news really worth printing. You know, we had just about run out of quail in this Greenbrier Valley.

George Gay reports seeing a couple of robins on the Crooked Fork of Elk on Ground Hog Day. This beats me a couple of weeks. I saw my first robin February 17.

Mr. Gay reports a flock of six turkeys coming safely through the six weeks’ snowstorm. At another place, he saw where another flock of wild turkeys had dug deep in

the snow to feed well on wild cherries. He noticed where turkeys had been going on the crust, picking the gray moss off trees and rocks.

Now, J. O. Kellison, of Boggs Run, tells a new one to me. He says wild turkeys do not eat the apples of the white thorn – hawthorn. Bear, deer and grouse like this usually plentiful food supply, but Mr. Kellison says the wild turkey passes it by.

Sugar trees began to run last week. The severe cold and the large amount snow makes for a heavy run of sweet water.

Henry Baber, who resides on Baber Mountain, has a wildcat story that would put one of Editor Cal Price’s wildcat stories to shame.

One day last week, Henry

went out to feed his chickens, all 123 of them. As he opened the door to the chicken house, he came almost eye-to-eye with a wildcat. Hurriedly stepping outside, he shut the door and called to his wife to bring the rifle.

Mrs. Baber, hearing his cry, rushed a 22 caliber out to him. He leveled down on the animal and ended his life, but the damage had been done. The wildcat had evidently gotten into the house sometime in the night and had killed 121 chickens. Each had a slit at their throat, grim evidence that Mr. wildcat knew where to strike the fatal blow. — Nicholas Republican

#### BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beverage, of Marlinton, a  
**see 75 pg 11**

#### DIED

J. Howard Clark died at his home in Hillsboro, February 12, 1923, of a cerebral hemorrhage. His wife preceded him to the grave 14 years ago. Three years later, Charles C. Clark, the younger of his two sons, was drowned at Gauley Bridge while working in the C & O Railroad office. He is survived by three children: one son, Glenn F. Clark, of Rawlins, Mrs. Charles LaRue and Miss Frances Clark...

Charles Burr died at the home of his brother, H. S. Burr, February 1, 1923, of pneumonia or some kindred ailment. He had been sick only a few days and his death was unexpected and came as a shock to our community. He was 71 years of age, and had lived a consistent Christian life for many years and will be greatly missed in the church where he always took an active part... His body was laid to rest in the Burr cemetery near his old home.

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### Fifty Years Ago

Jane Price Sharp, Editor

Thursday,  
February 22, 1973

Additional “Reknown Citizens” players for the upcoming Donkey Basketball game are Roy Beverage, Joe White and Mike Cain.

#### Up in the Air

‘Twas nothing new, I know, for many, but I took my first airplane tour of the Greenbrier Valley Saturday, and it was most exciting. Son John and his family from Michigan flew into the Greenbrier Airport and invited me to take a little ride before coming on home, so up we went.

The Greenbrier was very green, with mush ice showing white; I never realized it twisted so. Concentrating on the river, I hardly comprehended we were moving so fast, – there wasn’t time to look at everything. There was the big loop in the river, the tunnel, then ahead was the Denmar Hospital, Hillsboro, got to looking at the mountains and missed Buckeye, and then quickly, Marlinton. Next we took a circle around the Buckleys, looking over the Huntersville side down to Watoga. Back over Marlinton again and on up the river. Over the old airport, a little aside to Edray, up to Clover Lick, Stony Bottom, Cass, the slanting saucers of the Observatory at Green Bank. The thin covering of snow made things

show up clearly, without blanketing the landscape

Then up over Cheat Mountain! The stark uprights of the outlook on Bald Knob stood out in the deserted winter fastness – the few ghostly remains of the town of Spruce. The spruce trees were half covered with whipped snow and to the north all the trees were white against the blue from the frozen clouds of a few days before. It was beautiful!

Roads and trails showed clearly everywhere; they would lend themselves to cross country skiing.

Soon, over the Dry Branch area, then over Sharp’s Knob. The cover of winter snow was kind to strip-circled mountains. Williams River, then the long ribbon of the Scenic Highway, with not a track showing.

The crowning delight was to see the glades in one full sweep. My first visit many long years ago was made by climbing up the mountain-no road then – and struggling through the thickets, but never getting the whole layout clear. No camera and not near enough time to get all the looking I’d liked.

Over Droop once more and soon down again, with just about an hour elapsed. It was an experience not soon to be forgotten by me, but the grandchildren quietly slept through it all.

**see 50 pg 11**

### Footsteps through History

The Pocahontas Times  
Andrew Price, Editor

Thursday,  
February 25, 1898

HENRY GRADY said of the demon, liquor: “It is the moral enemy of peace and order, the despoiler of men and the terror of women, the cloud that shadows the faces of children, the demon that has dug more graves and sent more souls unheralded to judgment than all the pestilences that have wasted life since God sent the plagues to Egypt, and all the wars since Joshua stood beyond Jericho.”

SUNDAY EVENING, a number of people had gathered for preaching at the upper church on Swago, Bill Hefner arrived drunk and disorderly. He tried to pick a fuss with Howard Kellison who went home. Bill then let off some steam by firing his revolver several times. Later, he was still hunting trouble, and he and Mart Barnes had a fight in which Bill’s head was cut open. He gets on a spree in Marlinton occasionally. When under the influence of liquor, he lets off all manner of howls, and makes a noise that can be heard a mile. Owing to the absence of the minister, there was no preaching, but the pillars of the church had their hands full managing the disturbance.

AN IMPENDING slander suit was adjusted last Friday by a conference of parties at the courthouse. George Allen and L. D. Sharp had a difference of one dollar in a settlement, and Sharp wrote in his haste to Allen and accused him of changing the receipt. This being damaging to the character of Allen, he threatened suit and secured L. M. McClintic as attorney. Sharp employed H. S. Rucker, and the matter was compromised by Sharp paying Allen \$75. This is a very happy ending of the matter for a slander suit is the most disagreeable task ever undertaken by our courts.

THE MONROE Watchman says that a young lady, aged 16 years, whose parents were fatalists, recently died in that county. The daughter was not necessarily sick of an incurable disease, but the parents deciding by some occult means that their daughter was to die, refused to give the medicine prescribed and furnished by the attending physician, tho the patient begged them to do so. If there is proof sufficient, the grand jury of Monroe County should indict these people as a warning against the practice of fatalism that may sometimes prove fatal.

**see History pg 11**

### 100-Years-Ago

### in The Pocahontas Times

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday,  
February 22, 1923

Pocahontas enjoyed a spell of real winter last week. The coldest at Marlinton was six below on Sunday morning. Fine skating ice on ponds, but the creek and river had too much water to freeze.

Four inches of snow at Marlinton Tuesday morning.

L. S. Cochran was over in Bath County last week and helped the local authorities clean up Thackers Draft, a notorious moonshine center. Seven men were arrested and taken to jail at Covington.

Influenza, measles and chicken pox are very prevalent at this time, and many cases of pneumonia or near pneumonia.

Ollie Smith, of Edray, was bitten in the leg by a dog Monday. A large vein was severed and he almost bled to death.

H. Lee White’s house near Minnehaha Springs caught on fire last Saturday morning. Some damage was done to the roof before it could be put out.

#### Editor Times:

In answer to the question, “Who has the oldest Bible in Pocahontas county?”

I have one that belonged to my grandmother, Mrs. Mary Arbogast Nottingham. Publisher’s date on the title page of the New Testament is 1742, proof that this book is 181 years old. On the flyleaf is the name of Susanna A. Hugg, born October 1725. Mrs. Bland Nottingham Dunmore, W.Va.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT

A well-attended meeting of the Marlinton Volunteer Fire Department was held on Saturday night. Some money was found in the treasury and it was decided to have a Fireman’s Banquet on Saturday,

March 17...

The Town Council was requested to have the ordinance against stove pipes without flues enforced; to appoint a flue inspector and put him to work; to stop the custom of piling ashes against wooden buildings; and to put in a couple of fire plugs on lower Camden avenue...

The Council was asked to provide some necessary equipment including gum boots and coats.

The Marlinton Volunteer Fire Department is getting to be an old organization with a most honorable record as fire fighters...

#### BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George S. Smith, a daughter, Sunday, February 18, 1923.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Menefee, February 18, 1923, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miller, of Buckeye, February 21, 1923, a daughter.



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**THE GREEN BANK ELEMENTARY-Middle School Eagles** swept the annual County Middle School Tournament, held at Pocahontas County High School February 14.

The Boys team, above: kneeling, from left: Coleton Taylor, Joey Arbogast, Julian Den-nison, Zachary Wimer, Trey Sattler, James Smith and Dawson Deputy. Standing, from left: Noah Friel, James DeHaven, JD McCray, Griffin Taylor, Morgan Beverage, Colton White, Thomas Arbogast and Austin Price.

The Girls team, at right: kneeling, from left: Mazie Monico, Allyson Taylor, Sierra Neslon, Hayden Waddell, standing, from left: Johnna Bennett, Amber Defibaugh, Charleigh Halterman, Baylee Nelson and Riley Cassell.

## GBEMS Eagles win county tournament

Chasity Taylor  
Contributing Writer

The Green Bank Eagles took on the Marlinton Copperheads in the County Middle School Basketball Tournament February 14 at Pocahontas County High School.

These two teams were the first ones to battle it out on the court. It was a tight game for the first half, but the Eagles were able to defeat the Copperheads 34 to 25.

High scorers for the Eagles were Griffin Taylor with 13 points, and Ben Workman, for the Copperheads, with 10. Three All tourna-

ment players were chosen for Green Bank including Griffin Taylor, Austin Price and Morgan Beverage; as well as two from Marlinton, Logan Keatley and Luke Taylor.

Eight players from each team saw playing time, with six Green Bank boys and four from Marlinton scoring.

The second game between the Lady Eagles and the Lady Copperheads was close in the first quarter, but the Lady Eagles were able to pull away in the second to defeat the Lady Copperheads 29 to 15.

High scorer from Green Bank was Allyson Taylor with 19 points and Erin



**ALL TOURNAMENT TEAM, from left: Austin Price, Morgan Beverage, Griffin Taylor, Logan Keatley and Luke Taylor.**

Ryder with six for Marlinton.

Three All Tournament players were chosen from Green Bank, Baylee Nelson, Allyson Taylor and Riley Cassell; as well as two from Marlinton, Rya Barlow and



**ALL TOURNAMENT TEAM, from left: Baylee Nelson, Allyson Taylor, Riley Cassell, Rya Barlow and Alexis Arbogast.**

Alexis Arbogast.

Seven players from Green Bank and 10 players from Marlinton saw playing time with six Eagles and four Copperheads scoring.

Green Bank Eagles and

the Green Bank Lady Eagles also brought home both Academic trophies this year, as their cumulative GPA was higher for the season.

Eagles coaches are Tom Dennison, Chasity and

Derek Taylor, Melissa Nelson, Melissa Taylor and Becky Peteete.

Copperhead coaches are Ken Beezley, Shannon Arbogast, Nevin Lucabaugh and Jeff Barlow.

## Calendar, from page 4

**LENTEN SERVICE**  
Mid-week Lenten Service, hosted by the Marlinton Presbyterian Church, beginning at noon; 30 minute service. Bring a brown bag lunch and stay for conversation in the fellowship hall.

**Wednesday, February 22:** "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." (Luke 23:34) Pastor Dave Lee, Marlinton Presbyterian Church

**Wednesday, March 1:** "You will be with Me in paradise." (Luke 23:43) Pastors Jason and Jessica Felici, New Hope Lutheran Church  
**Wednesday, March 8:** "Woman, behold your son." (John 19:26-27) Dr. Sue Hollandsworth, ALP  
**Wednesday, March 15:** "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" (Matthew 27:46) Pastor David Moore, Trinity Baptist Church

**Wednesday, March 22:** "I thirst!" (John 19:28) Pastor Andy Rice, Oak Grove Presbyterian Church  
**Wednesday, March 29:** "It is finished!" (John 19:30) Fr. Arthur Bufogle, Pocahontas Roman Catholic parish

**Wednesday, April 5:** "Father, into Your hands I commend My spirit." (Luke 23:46) Pastor Lee Bailey, Huntersville: First Baptist Church

**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 Wed-

nesdays 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.

## BOE, from page 2

- employment of Stephen T. Simmons as assistant girls track coach at a supplement of \$562.50 and assistant boys track coach at a supplement of \$562.50, for the 2022-2023 athletic season.

- employment of David L. Moore and Maxine A. Solli-day as substitute teachers for Pocahontas County Schools, at state basic pay, based on degree and experience, for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year, as needed.

- employment of Sharon A. Owens, Priscilla L. Shoemaker and Maxine A. Solli-day as substitute aides for Pocahontas County Schools, at state basic pay, for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year, as needed.

- employment of Sharon A. Owens as substitute secretary/accountant for Pocahontas County Schools, at

state basic pay, for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year, as needed.

- resignation of Thomas J. Madison as substitute school bus operator for Pocahontas County Schools, effective January 30.

- resignation of Kathleen Holzman-Henry as substitute

aide for Pocahontas County Schools, effective January 31.

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, March 7, beginning with a calendar hearing at 5:30 p.m., immediately followed by the regular meeting, at the board of education conference room at 404 Old Buckeye Road.

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**A WINTER THUNDERSTORM**  
THE THUNDERSTORM last Sunday was as pronounced as those of summer. All the forenoon, the air seemed saturated with moisture. About two o'clock the rumbling of distant thunder was heard. Some of the reports resembled the sound of a horn. The thunder became louder and the flashes of lightning could be seen. The redness of the flashes was peculiar. One flash observed was that rare phenomenon, known as "globe lightning." In the west, a globe of light, about the size of the sun, seemed to drop from the clouds, and remained stationary for a perceptible length of time and burst into thousands of flashes, accompanied by a tremendous clap of thunder. It was the color of red-hot iron. The rain began then, and in a few minutes the most severe hailstorm, which has ever visited this county was in progress. The hailstones were about as large as peas, and were falling so thick that objects a few yards distant were to-

tally obscured. All the while, the thunder was rolling and crashing. The storm continued for about a quarter of an hour.

**FATAL ACCIDENT**  
The greatest sensation this village has ever experienced was the killing of Harvey Maupin while at work in the woods about a mile from town last Tuesday evening about 3 o'clock. He was working with Thomas Courtney and sons, Amos and Wilson, on the north side of Buckley mountain opposite the Laden Bottom. The men were engaged in getting out-rail-cuts. The ground was very steep and frozen hard. The logs had been cut and were being slid down the hill. The deceased was working without calks in his shoes. A small chestnut lay across and two large red oaks had caught on it. He went to the lower end and was cautioned by Thomas Courtney who told him that there was danger in loosening up the logs as they lay. He remarked that he thought he was able to take care of himself.

When the logs started, he was thrown down by his cant hook directly in front of one of the large logs. He was

born back in a sitting position for fifty yards down the mountain. At the bottom the logs went clear and he was found lying apart from them...

The deceased resided at the old Price place. He was 26 years old, and leaves a wife and one child. He was a man of most exemplary character and a sincere and consistent Christian...

He seemed to have a premonition of his death, as he remarked to one of the men who was working with him as they passed the graveyard a few hours before his death that he felt like he might be "buried there tomorrow."

In connection with this, Mrs. Maupin, a few nights before, had a dream that was out of the ordinary. She saw her husband with Wilson Courtney and heard him say, "Take care of Flora and the baby." There was such an indefinable feeling of impending separation in it all that she awoke and the terror of the dream impressed her so that she was afraid to mention it to her husband but thought of it constantly until the body of her husband was carried home.

The interment will be at Green Bank Thursday.

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**DEATHS**  
Mrs. Mary McClintic Hench, 82, of Marlinton; born at Huntersville, a daughter of the late Lockhart and Allie Slavens McClintic. Burial in Mountain View Cemetery.

Mrs. Nannie Emma McMillion, 70, of Renick; a daughter of the late James

Calvin and Martelia Rose Williams. Her husband, Jesse James McMillion, preceded her in death.

Mrs. Cora Lou Bonnell, 88, of Hillsboro; born in Doddridge County, the daughter of the late Daniel and Mary Ann Pitts Williams. Burial in the Center Point Church cemetery in Doddridge County.

Frank Patterson Slaven, 82, of Cass, a son of the late Ernest McClintic Slaven and Lula Johnson Slaven. Burial

in the Hefner Cemetery at Neola.

Mrs. Zena Susan McMillion, 72, of Kieffer; born at Renick, a daughter of the late Luther and Mary McMillion. Burial in the Wallace Memorial Cemetery at Clintonville.

Nelson Anderson Bruffey, 75, of Aberdeen, Maryland; born at Hillsboro, a son of the late William and Martha Kerns Bruffey. Burial in the Bel Air Memorial Gardens in Havre de Grace, Maryland.

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son, named Roger Carl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Porter Robinson, of Marlinton, a daughter, Phyllis Ann.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Sprouse, of Frost, a son, named Leroy David.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus B. Stalnaker, a son, named Allan Ray.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie B. Hill, of Lobelia, a daughter, named Phyllis Ann.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Leon Ervin, of Arbovale, a daughter, February 21, 1948.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ward R. Kelley, of Huntersville, a baby girl, February 22, 1948.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Dowden, of Holley, New York, a son, named David Edward. The mother is the former Irene Jordan, of Marlinton.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Simpson, of Anderson, South Carolina, a daughter, named Cynthia Ann. The mother is the former Miss Helen Spitzer.

**DEATHS**  
Mrs. Salina Wamsley, aged 86 years, died at her home on Caesars Mountain. On Monday afternoon her body was laid to rest in Emmanuel Church Cemetery near Lobelia. The deceased was the widow of the late James Wamsley. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Gilbert Brock and Mrs. Delbert Clemons.

George M. Williams, age 80, of Hillsboro, died February 18, 1948. Some days before he had suffered a paralytic stroke. On Sunday afternoon his body was laid in Emmanuel Church Cemetery near Lobelia... Mr. Williams is survived by his wife and three children by a

previous marriage, Robert Williams, Walter Williams and Mrs. Allie Williams.

Thus is marked the passing of a good citizen and a useful man.

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**Keely, center, is pictured with, l to r: brother, Wylie; her dad, Scott; brother, Brady; sister, Addie; and her mother, Marcy.**

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