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Batman shares life lessons at GBEMS

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

Understanding that Green Bank Elementary-Middle School has had a rough few years – with the loss of students Braelynn Peteete and Kaiden Stull – West Virginia’s very own Batman visited the school February 23 to lift the spirits of the students and teachers, as well as share life lessons of dealing with grief and loss.

Batman began by sharing his condolences with the students and teachers for their losses and asked students to share their favorite memories of their classmates.

“It’s sad this happened, but I’m going to make you a promise,” he said. “Your friends have a front row seat to the rest of your life. What that means is, they’re able to sit back and watch everything that happens from this point forward. It’s actually a beautiful thing because now they can see more of your life. Just because they’re gone physically and you don’t see them, doesn’t mean that they’re not still there and they’re not still with you.”

Batman explained that he is not the Batman from the movies, but is in fact one of many Batmen around the world who have taken it



WEST VIRGINIA’S BATMAN, from Huntington, visited Green Bank Elementary-Middle School February 23 to share several life lessons with the students and staff to help them turn their sadness and anger into something positive. *S. Stewart photo*

upon themselves to be heroes to the people of their communities. For nearly 11 years, West Virginia Batman has served his state and has spread hope to students around the state, country and world.

He shared the history of how Batman was created and how he suffered losses, which made him stronger and helped him realize he wanted to help others.

“What have we learned from Batman?” he asked. “Let me sum it up so you can fully understand it. When we

go through tough things, the tough things are designed to make us stronger. When we lose special people in our lives – we can’t get them back unfortunately – but we can live our lives in their honor, serving others, and that’s the way we keep them alive, too.”

Batman said it is easy to let sadness and anger from loss take control and make you do bad things and take your emotions out on people, but it can also help you become a better person. You can take that sadness and

anger, and turn it into hope and greatness.

“I learned the secret,” he said. “I figured out the secret is to take your pain and use it as a fuel to turn it into something powerful. I will teach you how to do it.”

Batman has four life lessons that he shared.

First – Never Give Up.

“No matter how tough it gets, no matter how tough it is and no matter how tough it was, never give up,” he said. “Treat your life like riding a

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Commission revises H/M tax distribution and hires three EMS employees

Tim Walker
AMR

Several citizens spoke up during the Hear Callers portion of the February 21 Pocahontas County Commission meeting. The were there in support of the Pocahontas County Artisans Co-op as to its continued receipt of Hotel/Motel Tax money. The issue had been questioned at previous meetings by Commissioner John Rebinski, as he felt that the Artisans Co-op was using tax money to subsidize artists’ private businesses by using the money to rent studios in which local artists displayed and sold their art.

Dr. Cyla Allison, speaking as a member of the Art Guild, said that the Artisans Co-op has been a financial supporter of the Art Guild, which has never asked for or received any county money. She said the Co-op helps the Guild operate an arts teaching center in the McGlaughlin Cabin, and if

the Co-op lost its Hotel Occupancy Tax money, the Guild would not be able to continue teaching art to prospective new artists.

Nichole Wilfong also spoke up, saying that the Art Guild has become an important part of her life since suffering from the effects of a debilitating automobile accident.

Charlotte Slagle, a member of the Artisan’s Co-op said the arts help drive the hospitality industry, which is the engine that drives tourism, which produces the Hotel/Motel Tax funds. She also said the Co-op’s Tax-Exempt charter, approved by the IRS, includes providing space for artists to display and sell their art.

After discussing this issue during a number of previous meetings, the commission decided that further discussion about changing the manner in which the very lucrative county Hotel Occupancy Tax receipts are distributed

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Colonial Queen Bee



Melondy Phillips
Staff Writer

My Greenhouse Part 3

Not everything I use nor everything I do in a greenhouse will work for everyone. Each grow zone and even micro-environments within a grow zone can be different. We now live in an area that experiences high winds, so during our greenhouse research – high wind stability was a priority. Our old greenhouse would never have survived the first wind storm at our new home.

Variants such as wind, sun, location, county ordinances, slope of land, space, personal needs, etc. all play a part in determining the best type of greenhouse for you.

First recorded greenhouses

Around 40 AD, during the time of the Emperor Tiberius, Roman gardeners planted some crops inside a barrel on wheels so that the plant could be easily transported into the sun during the day or

inside to keep it warm at night. The barrels were stored under frames covered with oiled cloth or selenite.

Korea, in the 1400s, utilized a structure with an ondol – direct heat from wood smoke passing under a floor – and covered with oil hanji, which is traditional handmade paper from Korea. This allowed light penetration to grow Mandarin orange trees throughout the winter.

It is believed that in the 1800s, Charles Lucien Bonaparte, a French botanist, created the first practical working greenhouse. With the study of botany on the rise at that time, greenhouses started popping up at universities all over – but they were far too expensive for the average citizen.

There are many different styles of greenhouses with a variety of roof and wall configurations.

Here is a list of the main types of coverings for extending the growing season.

Basic greenhouse types

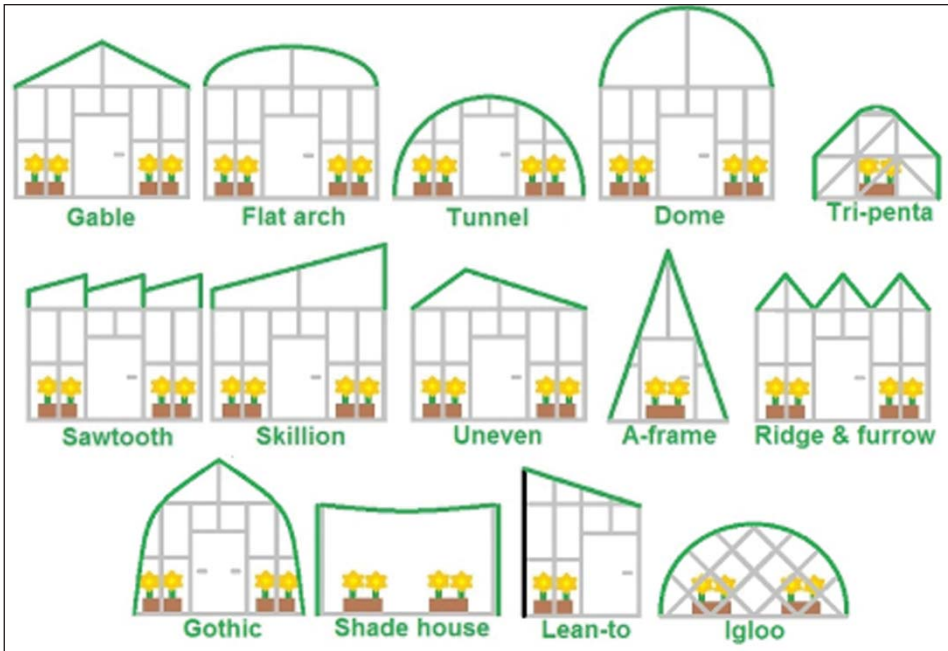
Cold frames are unheated greenhouses. Small, cold frames are common in home gardens around the world; a simply built frame covered with plastic or glass to protect crops from frost. Cold frames are prevalent for commercial growers on a large scale, having standard widths up to 48 feet wide and as long as they need them. Another name for this type of cold frame is a high tunnel.

A hotbed is an individually heated small, cold frame. In a cold frame, the sun is the only source of heat whereas in a hotbed, sunlight is supplemental heat. There are many ways to heat a greenhouse. I plan to cover some in a future article.

A hothouse is a greenhouse generally maintained at a minimum of 55 degrees Fahrenheit.

An even-span is a self-supported structure with equally sized rafters. The most common even-span structure is a traditional gable.

An uneven-span is the opposite. Uneven-span structures are not always self-supporting. They have rafters that are not equal in length and are usually found built



THERE ARE MANY different styles of greenhouses to choose from. *Image credit: globalspec.com*

on hillsides.

A lean-to is attached to another structure, such as a south-facing wall of a home or shed. It may look like half of a greenhouse that has been cut lengthwise. The ridge of the lean-to is attached to the building. This type is ideal for those with little space. A lean-to can utilize stability and radiant heat from the building to which it is attached.

An abutting greenhouse is

similar to a lean-to. The difference is that the building the greenhouse is attached to forms the end of the greenhouse and not a side wall; the greenhouse is perpendicular to the building and the roof slopes to either side. An abutting installed in front of a home’s door makes a nice sunroom.

Conventional detached or stand alone greenhouses

These types of greenhouses are mainly defined by

the style of the roofs. In colder climates, the north wall, and part of the roof on the north side, should be insulated to help retain heat.

A gable style has straight walls with a triangle sloping roof. This style roof allows plenty of room to move around inside, maximizes sunlight and, depending on its rise, helps prevent too much snow build up.

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Commission faces controversial decisions

Tim Walker
AMR

This spring will be a critical time for controversial decisions by the Pocahontas County Commission. Faced with an imminent crisis as the lack of EMS-trained volunteers to staff ambulances across the county threatens their response time to emergency calls, the commission has been forced to consider controversial funding issues.

During recent meetings, Commissioner John Rebinski, who himself is an EMS responder with the Cass Volunteer Fire Department, has pointed out that the county needs to establish a paid ambulance service, made up of EMS trained providers and ambulance drivers, to ensure the timely arrival of medical care to citizens and visitors who need it.

How such an ambulance service will be started, how it will be funded and how it will be maintained are some of the decisions the commission is wrestling with.

Regarding funding, so far, the commission, by a two to one vote, revamped the way the lucrative Hotel/Motel Tax is distributed, setting aside for this year an additional \$200,000 for the ambulance service start-up.

While doing this, they also approved controversial revisions to the tax distribution, which had been proposed by Rebinski.

These approved revisions change the percentages of that tax received by various organizations, reducing slightly the percentages received by Preserving Pocahontas, the Arts Council, Parks and Recreation and the Libraries, while slightly increasing the percentages received by Historic Landmarks and Dramas, Fairs and Festivals, and eliminating entirely any Hotel/Motel Tax funding of the Artisan's Co-op.

Even more significantly, these changes put a monetary cap on the six organizations still receiving percentages of the tax funds. Rebinski felt that without a cap, if the Hotel/Motel Tax receipts continue to rapidly increase as they have for the past few years, the percentage system will continually increase the amount of money going to those organizations beyond what they actually need – however if the money is there, it will be spent, needed or not.

The changes also included providing five percent, plus any additional money saved because of the caps, to a new category called the Commis-

sion Hotel/Motel Tax fund. At Helmick's insistence, the first \$200,000 of that new category will be set aside to ensure that PMH is able to make its monthly payments on its \$5 million USDA expansion loan, while any money in that fund above that amount can be distributed to either the existing six organizations or to other qualifying non-profit organizations who apply for it to meet special or emergency needs.

Rebinski and Helmick voted for this proposal, rejecting Commissioner Jamie Walker's proposal to simply add \$200,000 off the top for the start-up of an ambulance service, without changing the percentages for the organizations and without cutting out the Artisan's Co-op or placing caps on the funds. Walker said that either way, the commission will need to come-up with another \$800,000 to cover the first year of paid ambulance service for the entire county.

Hard and controversial decisions that remain to be made include:

- Will the ambulance proposal be started initially as a dayshift only service in the northern end of the county, followed later by expansion
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First Energy donation



WAYNE POLLARD, REPRESENTING First Energy Foundation, recently presented a \$10,000 check to the Watoga State Park Foundation. Accepting on behalf of Watoga was Foundation secretary Maureen Conley, left, and Mary Dawson, on behalf of Dark Skies.

Senior vouchers return

The West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) announces the return and expansion of the West Virginia Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP).

SFMNP is designed to get fresh, local fruits and vegetables to low income senior citizens. Seniors sign up for

the vouchers used to purchase the fruits and vegetables from local producers at their county level senior center. Senior applications will be available after June 1 at the local senior centers.

Farmers wishing to participate in the program should note that applications are now available and due March 31. Late applications

will not be accepted.

Information and applications can be found at Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program : West Virginia Department of Agriculture (wv.gov)

For more information, contact SeniorFarmersMarket@wvda.us or Angel Wallace awallace@wvda.us 304-558-2110.

Guidelines for responsibly collecting ramps on national forest

Digging and eating ramps in the spring is a traditional activity throughout Appalachia, especially in Monongahela National Forest's gateway communities. While collecting ramps for personal use is permitted on the Forest within established limits, commercial harvesting of ramps in the Forest, including reselling ramps collected for personal use, is prohibited. Personal use is defined as two gallons per person in possession at any one time, about the amount that fits in a typical plastic grocery bag. This equals about 180 whole plants, including roots and leaves. Individuals may not collect ramps on behalf of someone else.

We encourage people who are taking advantage of these early spring-like conditions and already collecting ramps

in the Forest to follow these guidelines to ensure abundant ramps in the future:

- Collect ramps only in patches with more than 100 plants.
- If you find a patch that has already been harvested, move on to another area.
- When collecting ramps from a large clump, take only one-fifth of the plants. Leaving behind most of the plants will allow them to mature and go to seed, and the patch will recover faster.
- If digging bulbs, use a soil fork or a small hand trowel and a knife rather than a large shovel. Shovels disturb the root system of neighboring ramps and other plants much more than these smaller tools. To dig ramps, loosen the soil with the soil

fork or hand trowel and use the knife to cut the ramp roots beneath the bulb.

- After you dig a ramp, cover the bare soil with leaves. This will reduce the likelihood of invasive species taking root.

By following these guidelines for harvesting ramps, we can ensure that our children and grandchildren can enjoy ramps for generations to come. Learn how to grow ramps on your property here: <https://www.srs.fs.usda.gov/compass/2017/04/12/grow-your-own-ramps-2/>

For more information about the ecology of ramps in Monongahela National Forest contact Education Specialist Amy Lovell at amy.lovell@usda.gov or 304-413-6675.

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Dr. Pat Browning
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Pride Survey Results for Pocahontas County 2022

The Pocahontas County Prevention Coalition and the Board of Education purchased the Pride survey for students in grades four through 12. The purpose of the survey was to determine drug use and attitudes about drug use in that population. The survey was administered by the staff of each schools in 2022.

Here is a brief summary of the findings for grades nine through 12. Much of the data has been compared to that of the national average for youth in the same grades. There were 184 surveys submitted.

Past 30 Days – Use of Any Illicit Substance

The percentage of Pocahontas County High School students using any illicit substance was 5.4%. The national average was 12.8%.

Past One Year – Use of Any Illicit Substance

PCHS: 8.6%
National Average: 22.8%

While these are encouraging numbers, illegal substances are still all around us. The last Pocahontas County Grand Jury Indictments totaled 29 and 12 were drug related.

In Greenbrier County, there were 74 total indictments and 25 were drug related. Fourteen were for methamphetamine.

National data for the past 30 years shows the most commonly used substance has been alcohol, followed by tobacco. More recently, nationally, marijuana has overtaken tobacco.

When and Where Substances Are Used as Reported by PCHS Students Who Have Used in the Past 30 Days

Place	Percentage
Home	65.0%
Friend's House	52.5%
Other	37.5%
Car	22.5%
At school	5.0%

When	Percentage
Weekends	90.0%
After school	40.0%
Week nights	27.5%
Before school	17.5%
During school	10.0%

Nationally, the most popular answer was "friend's house."

It is important to secure prescription medications, al-

Types of Drugs Used By Students Who Reported Past 30-Day Use		
Type	Percentage	Number
Cigarettes	4.8	<10
E-cigarettes	10.9	18
Alcohol	15.9	26
Marijuana	4.9	<10
Prescription	0.6	<10
Over the counter	0	<10
Inhalants	1.3	<10
Opioids	0	<10
Methamphetamine	0.6	<10

cohol and other substances of abuse in your home. Also, know where your children are visiting and make sure they are safe.

The less students believe a substance is harmful and risky to use, the more they are likely to try it. When asked about how harmful smoking one or more packs of cigarettes per day and how harmful vaping and e-cigarettes are, they responded that the latter was less harmful. That coincides with the higher percentage of reported vaping use.

Research has shown that parents play an influential role in discouraging sub-

stance use in adolescents.

Students were asked how disapproving they think their parents are about teens using alcohol and marijuana.

Only approximately 73% of students in ninth and 10th grades think their parents disapprove of students drinking alcohol. In comparison they think their parents are more disapproving of marijuana use, 84% and 79% respectively.

But in 11th and 12th grades approximately 92% of them believe their parents disapprove of underage drinking and marijuana.

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Being a Dog**

Driving along Russell-Scott Road recently, I looked over at the 24-pound creature sitting beside me and asked myself, “What do I really know about how this species, which I consider a family member, experiences life?”

As it turns out, not nearly as much as I presumed.

He, and his 800 million brothers and sisters scattered around this planet, were the first domesticated animal. This was 23,000 years ago, and now the dog is not only regarded by some as a pet, but often considered a full member of our households.

These beautiful creatures are now dependent upon us. So, what do we get in exchange for being their caretakers? A lot more than you might imagine.

Dogs have served humanity well, far beyond those we use to hunt and control livestock. Dogs have served valiantly in battle; some are highly decorated for saving lives on the front lines.

Their exceptionally keen sense of smell can locate valuable truffles, missing people, recover bodies both alive or dead, bombs, drugs

and even invasive plants and animals.

Dogs now serve as seizure-alert companions for those who have epilepsy. This lovable and loving species helps those with autism and people with PTSD and can detect cancer and other diseases before we know we have them.

We are only now at the threshold of understanding what this single animal species can offer humanity. And what we are learning from recent studies will prove that a dog’s life is much richer than we could ever previously have imagined.

If there is an angel on this Earth, it will undoubtedly have four legs and a tail that wags when we come into view.

Fido@e-smell.com

I hike every day in one of our fine West Virginia state parks. I strive to walk 10,000 steps daily, which is approximately five miles, according to my pedometer. I do the first 5,000 steps with my dogs, Bongo and Daisy; the final half of the hike is done alone for sustained aerobic exercise.

Although my pace is consistent throughout the five

miles, it takes three times as long to do the first half of the hike than the solo portion.

Why?

Yes, as all dogs do, they spend time peeing on trees and pooping. But the more significant portion of their time is spent eagerly and meticulously smelling downed branches and other protrusions along the margins of the trail.

What they are experiencing is something that science is just beginning to understand.

What dogs possess in terms of senses, particularly smell, may seem supernatural at first glance. Yet, these abilities are natural in all respects, a tip of the hat to adaptation.

I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but how we perceive reality is a pale ghost of how the animal kingdom senses its surroundings.

Yes, we probably have the rest of the animal kingdom beat when doing mathematical equations or writing a new TV sitcom. Still, our feeble senses of sight – we can’t even see in the ultraviolet spectrum – touch, taste, hearing and smell rank well below many insects, let alone the rest of the animal kingdom.

Their senses likely offer a much richer experience of being alive than ours.

Imagine getting up in the morning, grabbing that first cup of coffee, and sitting at your laptop to check your email. Maybe we look forward to our email to obtain information from family, friends and co-workers – data is important to us, yes?

Now imagine your spouse

grabs you by your collar and drags you away from your laptop before you have a chance to read all of your emails. You would likely be pissed at this overt act of rudeness.

So, maybe we shouldn’t be too hasty in dragging our dogs away from their e-smell. Dogs, like humans, need and thrive on stimulation and their sense of smell provides an abundance of this.

Your dog’s prolonged sniffing around trees, signposts and fireplugs is a method of obtaining information, much like you do from your phone or laptop. One researcher referred to this behavior as the canine version of social media.

The amount and type of information your dog derives through their sophisticated olfactory system is quite detailed and of great interest to the dog. The next time you are out with your canine buddy, and they are sniffing vigorously at the base of a tree – be patient and give them some time.

All manner of data taken



BLOODHOUNDS HAVE BEEN documented tracking a scent for more than 130 miles. Photo courtesy of WIKI Creative Commons

in by the canine nose at a “sniff site” is being mentally processed. Your dog’s scrutiny is picking up on the age, sex, mood and even availability for mating of the depositor.

You’ll note that your dog will often leave a message of

his own before heading down the trail. The next dog to come along will gladly open up your pooch’s e-smell and walk away knowing a lot about your dog without ever meeting her.

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Tribia

1. He’s called a COB – Chief of the Boat – the most senior enlisted crewperson on a US submarine. But, if you are a birdwatcher, you know what a COB is. He is an adult male of what species.

2. A 1989 biographical anti-war drama about USMC Sgt. Ron Kovic. Tom Cruise portrayed Kovic. Oliver Stone won an Oscar for Best Director. What was the film?

3. Martin Crane drank Ballantine beer and sat, with his Jack Russell Terrier, in an old raggedy, pea green recliner in his son Frasier’s fancy apartment. In what city did this happen, and what was the dog’s name?

4. Road Trip! If we’re headed to this town, we must be going “back to the basics of love.” The town holds the Guinness World Record for 1,868 guitar players pickin’ at the same time. Population of this town in 2006 was – three people. Name the town.



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~ Frances Brill Eskridge,
from A Poetic Portrait of My Family and Me

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Educational Dinner Meeting

The WVU Extension office will host an Educational Dinner Meeting Tuesday, March 14, at 6 p.m. in the Marlinton Municipal Building.

Guest speaker Ben Goff will discuss the most common overlooked management needs of pasture systems and provide several simple tips for changes producers may make to change the grazing mentality and increase profitability.

Attendance will be worth three (3) pesticide applicator recertification credits for categories 11, 12 and PA.


To attend the meeting you must RSVP by calling the Pocahontas County Extension Office at 304-799-4852 by Friday, March 10. For those who would like dinner, there will be a \$5 charge to help cover the cost.

Energy Express

Energy Express service opportunities for the 2023 Marlinton Elementary Energy Express Site for Mentor and Community Coordinator positions. To learn more about how to become involved or to request an application, call the WVU Extension Office at 304-799-4852 or visit the Energy Express website at extension.wvu.edu/youth-family/youth-education/energy-express/get-involved

4-H Photo, Poster and Writing Contest

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What's Cookin'?

With Sally Cobb

Chicken Jambalaya

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3/4 cup green onion tops
1 Tbsp. finely minced garlic
3 Tbsp. finely minced fresh parsley
1/2 cup finely chopped lean baked ham
1 pound lean pork, cut into 1/2 inch
1-2 pounds smoked sausage, sliced 1/2 inch thick
3 1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. freshly ground black pepper
1/4 tsp. cayenne pepper
1/2 tsp. chili powder
2 whole bay leaves
1/4 tsp. dried thyme
1/4 tsp. dried basil
1 1/2 cup long grain rice
3 cups water or chicken broth

In a heavy 7-8 quart pot or kettle, heat the oil over high heat. Brown the chicken parts in the hot oil, turning frequently with tongs to en-

sure even browning. As the chicken pieces brown, remove them to a platter. Once the chicken is removed, add the vegetables, parsley, ham and pork to the pot.

Reduce the heat to medium and cook for 15 minutes, stirring frequently until the vegetables and meats are browned.

Add the sausage and the seasonings and continue cooking and stirring for 5 more minutes. Add in the reserved chicken, rice and water or broth. Mix gently. Raise the heat to high until the liquid begins to boil. Cover the pot and turn the heat to very low and cook for 45 minutes, uncovering every 10-15 minutes to stir. Uncover during the last 10 minutes and raise the heat to medium. Stir gently and often as the rice dries out. Serve immediately. Serves 4.

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

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Letter to the Editor

To the Editor;

Watoga State Park and Droop Mountain Battlefield State Park along with Calvin Price State Forest became West Virginia's first International Dark Sky Parks. These special places join an elite group of communities, parks, reserves, sanctuaries and planned developments that have met the program's rigorous standards. The name Watoga actually comes from the Cherokee word for "starry waters." Since their

dark sky designation in 2021, these public lands have drawn amateur and professional astronomers and photographers who enjoy the quiet and clear skies.

But the peace and tranquility we get from these remote parks and forests are in jeopardy, as are our other state parks and forests throughout the state. The Senate Outdoor Recreation Committee was considering provisions that would open

our state forests, including Calvin Price State Forest Dark Sky Park, and possibly other state lands, to off-road vehicles.

With off-roading would come all the noise, mud, dust and damages to our streams and habitats, not to mention disruption of the peaceful nature and dark skies that these areas offer. Anyone who values the peace and serenity offered by our state public lands in the Nature's Mountain Play-

ground - looking up at the night sky in wonder, listening to the birds and wind rustling the leaves - should thank our Senator Hamilton who introduced Senate Bill 468 with a provision that prohibits expansion of off-road vehicles in special places like Calvin Price, Watoga and Droop.

Louanne Fatora
Frankford
Coordinator for the
Greenbrier River
Watershed Association



Marlinton Mayor's Corner

By Sam Felton

Last week, I commented on what Main Street is speaking daily to our residents and the travelers who pass by. Last week, the emphasis of the Main Street story was mainly from an economic standpoint. Not emphasized were the contributing factors that have both pro and con effects on the local economy, and they are worth considering. The associated factors with a negative effect can produce devastating outcomes, when left unaddressed.

The Main Street of our town and every town either speaks of the pride of the community, or lack thereof. Main Street can speak directly to the local desire to improve conditions. Locals who have skin in the game must believe and see what we can do to build on what

we have. This produces the capacity to make a difference. So, this week, the real question is - What do you say?

I know that residents and many who live out of town want to see positive change. I know that, because I hear from them. I am currently working on project schedules for the springtime - mostly cleanup. We have to have a central plan to maintain themes and overall appearance.

Hospitality is another component to expanding every local business. If you are a gift shop, grocery store, convenience store or a dollar store, we are all in the tourism business. The level of Hospitality received makes a huge difference when people are deciding to return for a repeat visit or

recommending others to come visit our area.

REMEMBER: Fresh paint in the right place and removal of trash fits every theme.

What do you say about what we can do together to make things better?

Send your ideas and concerns to my attention at townofmarlinton@frontier.net and share your idea for a project. If you belong to a club or work by yourself and need help from others, make a request and we may be able to match you with another. If the same project comes from more than one group, both can work together and finish in half the expected time. Working together is what gets the job done.

I would like to spread projects to benefit as many as possible. Already, I have scheduled one group to take care of US 219 in the Riverside area, from Stony Creek to the Greenbrier River bridge.

We live in a competitive

world and our ability to work together can benefit our community in visual ways that others may not understand.

We are in the most rural county of a rural state. Friends helping friends is why we have stayed.

Efforts to improve our town will take the participation of town government, local businesses, community organizations and residents.

The month of April is being proclaimed as Make Marlinton Shine. The town will focus on the cleanup of streets, alleys and town rights-of-way.

Additional help is needed from the Marlinton community as a whole.

During the week of April 10 through 14, the Town of Marlinton will provide free pick-up of debris that clutters personal property.

Our community efforts to Make Marlinton Shine will certainly help promote our town as a good place to live, play and do business.

Sam

Community Calendar

OPERA HOUSE
The Pocahontas County Opera House continues its annual tradition with The Bing Brothers Featuring Jake Krack Saturday, March 11, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, \$10, are available at 4th Avenue Gallery, pocahontasoperahouse.org and at the door the night of the performance. Ages 17 and younger admitted free.

PUBLIC NOTICES
Green Bank Public Library will host a Seed Swap in March, if you are interested in participating, please call the library at 304-456-4507 or email greenbankseedswap@gmail.com
Green Box winter hours: Wednesdays and Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sundays, 1 to 4 p.m.

MEETINGS
Pocahontas County Farmers Market Vendors Meeting Monday, March 6, 6 p.m. at the Wellness Center in Marlinton.
NA meeting Tuesdays, 6 to 7 p.m. at Hillsboro Library. Call 681-418-1484 for more information.

Everyone welcome.

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

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.

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

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

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

Yoga - three locations, Tuesdays 5 p.m. at Durbin Library; Fridays, 5:30 p.m.

at Cass Community Center; Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. at the Community Wellness Center in Marlinton

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, March 8: "Woman, behold your son." (John 19:26-27) Dr. Sue Hollandsworth, ALP

SPRING CLASS OFFERINGS AT HILLSBORO CLASSROOM

Cooking French Omelets
Sunday, March 12, 2 - 4 p.m. Blair Campbell, Instructor

Building Face Mugs (hand-built pottery)!
Friday, March 24 • 1 - 3 p.m. Cris Bartlett, Instructor

Hot Tamale Cooking Class
Saturday, April 1 • 2 - 4:30 p.m. Sally Gates Cobb, Instructor

Growing a Medicinal Garden
Saturday, May 27 • 1 - 3p.m. Kayde Deardorf, Instructor

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The 63rd Highland County Maple Festival

It's Virginia's sweetest event of the year. Nestled in the peaceful, rural mountains on the western border of the Commonwealth, travelers can take a step back in time for a cultural and culinary adventure at the county-wide Highland County Maple Festival during the second and third weekends of March.

This year marks the 63rd event, set for March 11-12 and 18-19.

Local sugar camps have even expanded to include syrups infused with fruits and spices or even aged in spirit barrels. Other tree syrups can be found at the festival as well, including hickory, birch, and black walnut. Ten local sugar

camps will be open on Saturdays and eight on Sundays this year.

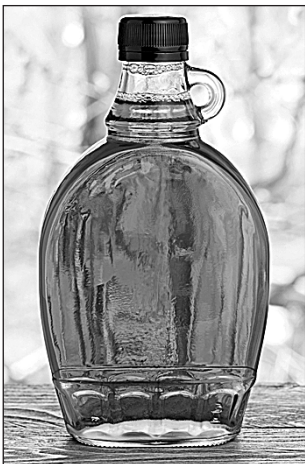
Local civic clubs and organizations will be bringing back their delicious food offerings, including those famous fresh maple doughnuts, pancake and buckwheat cake meals with sausage and gravy, trout sandwiches, pork rinds, funnel cakes, and just about anything maple-flavored.

More than 100 juried arts and crafts vendors will be available in Monterey and McDowell, providing one-of-a-kind treasures, tasty treats and special gifts.

Each day of the festival will feature at least two live shows at The Highland Center

The Highland County Maple Festival is coordinated by the Highland County Chamber of Commerce and made possible with the help of countless volunteers and organizations. Top sponsors include The Springs Nursing and Rehab with Kissito Healthcare, the Monterey Inn, Summit Community Bank, The Highland Center and WDBJ7.

Traditional hours of the festival include Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., though visitors can get a jumpstart to the day with maple doughnuts being served at 6 a.m. and pancake meals starting as early as 7 a.m. Full details on all the



festival happenings can be found at www.hIGHLANDCOUNTY.org/maple-festival, with posts highlighting the festival available at www.facebook.com/HighlandCounty and www.instagram.com/highland_county_va

The Lady Warriors move on to Regionals

Bruce McKean
Contributing Writer

PCHS V53
Tygarts Valley V41

Two of the three Class A girls basketball teams playing this season minus Harman in Section 2 of Region II opened sectional play February 22. #1 seed Pendleton County (Pen) (13-6 and #9 AP Poll) received a sectional first round bye. #2 seed Pocahontas County (PCHS) (6-16) hosted #3 seed Tygarts Valley (also 6-16), and the two teams had played twice during the regular season. PCHS won by 12 points, 48-36, at home on December 21, and TVHS also won by 12, 54-42 at home on February 1.

The Lady Warriors played their best game of the season in front of the biggest home crowd of the season and won again by 12 points. TVHS even brought their cheerleaders to the game. The last lead for the Bulldogs was when the score was 5-2 TVHS. The first quarter was the lowest scoring quarter for both teams and ended (PC-TV) 11-6. The last three quarters were (PC-TV): 13-10, 16-16 and 13-9. TVHS cut the PCHS lead to 2 points twice in the second frame with a 7-0 run cutting our lead to 16-14 and then to 18-16. TVHS cut our lead to 4 points twice in the third frame to 41-37 (a 5-point run) and then to 43-39.

PCHS was called for 23 fouls and made 19 of 30 (63 percent) foul shots, and 14 of those 30 attempts were in the fourth quarter (6 of 14 made). The top-three PCHS foul shooters were: Shayla Bennett – 6 of 6, Olivia Vandevender – 5 of 9 and Kelsi Taylor – 5 of 10. Isabella Shumate made 8 of 14 of TVHS's foul shots. TVHS was called for 21 fouls and they made 20 of 35 (57 percent) foul shots. TVHS grabbed the most rebounds, 38 versus 31, but PCHS had fewer turnovers, 24 versus 28. PCHS hit 11 of 44 (25 percent) two attempts and 4 of 13 (31 percent) three attempts and 15 of 57 (26 percent) total field goal attempts. PCHS made the most field goals in the third quarter, 6 of 14 (43 percent) and the least in the second, 3 of 16 (19 percent).

PCHS two game-high scorers were Vandevender – 13 points, hit 3 of 8 (38 percent of field goals), 2 treys, 3 deflections, and 4 assists, and Calli Propst – 13 points, hit 6 of 16 (38 percent of field goals), 1 trey, and 4 blocks. TVHS two high scorers were Shumate and Summer Lewis-Smith – 10 points each. Scoring in every quarter were: Kelsi Taylor, Propst and Lewis-Smith. Three Warriors made 7 game-high rebounds: Bennett (also 8 points), Kelsi Taylor (also 9 points) and Haley Spencer (also 3 points). Riley Pollack had 5 team-high assists, 5 points

and 1 trey.

This PCHS win sent them into the Region II Section 2 Championship at #1 seed Pen February 24.

PCHS V30
Pendleton Co. V76

PCHS fans and a PCHS student bus headed to Franklin to support the Lady Warriors (7-16) in the Section 2 Championship vs Pen (13-6). Pen had defeated PCHS twice this season, first by 39 points, 66-27, on January 10 at Franklin and then by 29 points, 59-30 February 11 at Dunmore. Pen started strong and took the first quarter 26-7, and PCHS had their best effort in the second, losing it 13-19. Wildcat senior Ana Young, the second highest scorer in all 4 West Virginia classes on MaxPreps, scored 16 points in the first quarter (including 3 treys and 5 of 5 foul shooting), and she scored 25 of her game-high 28 in the first half. Pen hit 11 treys in the game. Pen took the third and fourth stanzas 16-4 and 15-6 and won the game by 46

points, 76-30.

PCHS high scorers were Pollack and Adelyn Warner with 6 points each. Both teams had 9 players scoring. Two sophomore Wildcats were also in double digits, Avery Townsend – 13 and Lizzie Alt – 11.

PCHS committed 10 more turnovers, 14 versus 4, and grabbed 10 fewer rebounds, 26 versus 36. Warrior Warner had team-high rebounds of 5, and no "other individual Stats" not including scoring were higher than 1. PCHS did better on foul shooting, 13 of 22 (59 percent) vs 11 of 20 (55 percent). PCHS was also called for fewer fouls, 17 versus 20.

Pen (14-6) will now host the loser of the Section 1 Championship, Union (11-12), on March 2, and PCHS (7-17) will travel to the Section 1 champion, Tucker (18-2), March 2 and play at 7 p.m. The winners in the two Region II Co-finals will head to States. #2 ranked TCHS is hoping to make an unprecedented 19th straight state tournament appearance.

Opera House welcomes The Bing Brothers featuring Jake Krack

The Pocahontas County Opera House continues its annual tradition with The Bing Brothers Featuring Jake Krack Saturday, March 11, at 7:30 p.m. This high-powered old-time string band distills their Appalachian roots into a foot-stompin' good time that is not one to miss.

The Bing Brothers started coming to Pocahontas County to fish in the early 1970s with their father. After buying some red worms from Sherman Hammons, they eventually discovered that he played music. They were eager to learn traditional music and started visiting the Hammons Family to learn directly from the source.

For more than 40 years, they have been traveling the world, sharing the songs and traditions they picked up from the Mountain State. Individually and collectively, they have won numerous awards, including one of West Virginia's highest folk life honors, the Vandalia Award.

While most of the band lives outside of Pocahontas County, Mike Bing and

Jake Krack are locals. Mike Bing is one of the founders of the acclaimed musical instruction camp Allegheny Echoes. The weeklong traditional music and art festival is in its 27th year.

The Bing Brothers are working on a new album featuring many of their favorite musicians and friends, and their latest album, *Just In Time*, was released in 2021 and is available now.

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

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

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Ounce, from page 2

Perhaps parents start talking to their children about substance abuse later in their high school years. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration recommends that parents talk to their children about drugs starting in elementary school.

In a previous Pride Survey in our county, there was a correlation seen between parents who have discussions with their children with set rules and consequences about using drugs and less drug use in teens.

Alcohol, tobacco and marijuana are considered Gateway Drugs leading to experimentation and use of other substances. During the brain's development in the preteen and teen years the learning, memory and judgment centers can be affected

by use of alcohol, marijuana and other substances. This is why there is such an effort to educate families and communities to discourage drug use in their children.

In a section of the survey on mental health, an alarming number of students reported having thoughts of suicide.

Percentage of Students Reporting Thoughts of Suicide

9th	32.7%
10th	24.6%
11th	30.4%
12th	10.0%


It is imperative that we all know the signs of depression and seek help for our children.

This is only a small part of the results in the Pride Survey. If you or your organization would like more information contact the Pocahontas County Prevention Coalition at pocahontasprevention@gmail.com

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Community Dinner Planning Meeting
March 9, 5:30 p.m.

Community Dinner March 23, 5 - 6:30 p.m.

LENTEN MIDWEEK SCHEDULE
Noon each Wednesday
Brown bag lunch and fellowship follows.

March 8: "Woman, behold your son."
(John 19:26-27)
Dr. Sue Hollandsworth, ALP

March 15: "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" (Matthew 27:46)
Pastor David Moore, Trinity Baptist Church

March 22: "I thirst!" (John 19:28)
Rev. Andy Rice, Oak Grove Presbyterian Church

March 29: "It is finished!" (John 19:30)
Fr. Arthur Bufogle,
Pocahontas Roman Catholic Parish

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

April 6: Maundy Thursday Communion Service, 7 p.m.

Rev. David Lee, Pastor
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Cochran Creek Baptist Church

Rt. 92 - Rimel

Pastor Roger Frame

Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Psalms 25:4 Shew me thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths.

Obituaries



Lewis Arbogast
Lewis Ray Arbogast, 70, of Bartow, passed away Thursday, February 23, 2023, at home.
Born March 26, 1952, in Durbin, he was a son of the late Green and Dorothy Ryder Arbogast.
Lewis was blessed with a large family that dearly loved him. He married his best friend and biggest supporter. Lewis was a pillar to his family, always making time for questions, lending support in the best and hardest milestones in their lives. Without fail they could always count on his support. Lewis was an avid outdoorsman, mechanic, baker and all around handyman. He will be remembered by all who knew him for his boisterous sense of humor. He will be greatly missed by all.
In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Laura; and a brother, Glenn Arbogast.
He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Diana Kay Sheets Arbogast; sons, Lewis Ray Arbogast II, and his wife, Leatha, of Durbin, and Michael Lee Arbogast, and wife, Kelly, of Morgantown; grandchildren, Elizabeth Arbogast, and companion, Jacob, Kurt Arbogast, and companion, Tresten, Sallie Arbogast, and companion, Wesley, Jacob Arbogast, Joey Arbogast, Abigail Arbogast, Tyler Arbogast, Brandon Arbogast, Kayley Arbogast and Matthew Arbogast; great-grandchild, Keagen Arbogast; sisters, Linda Arbogast, Diana Matheny and Carol Tacy; brothers, Jimmy, Garry and Tom Arbogast;
Graveside service was held Sunday, February 26, 2023, at Boyer Cemetery with Pastor William Vande-

vender officiating.
Online condolences may be shared at WallaceandWallaceFH.com

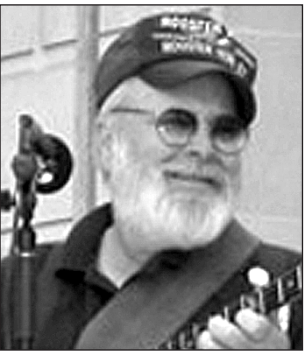


James DeHaven
James Kawika DeHaven, 15, of Durbin, passed away Saturday, February 25, 2023, at home.
Born December 6, 2007, in Elkins, he was a son of Shawn and Casey DeHaven.
Arrangements are incomplete at this time.



Pamela Dill
Pamela Kay Dill passed away Sunday, January 29, 2023.
Born October 14, 1958, she was a daughter of Eleanor Joyce Dill, of Providence Forge, Virginia, and the late Robert Eugene Dill.
In addition to her mother, she is survived by her son, Robert Wilton Causeway; brother, Kenneth Dill; and sister, Cynthia Shearer.
Pam attended New Kent High School and Rappahannock Community College and was a member of United Memorial Methodist Church.
She enjoyed the beach, the mountains, the Green Bay Packers and had a passion for animals.
A Memorial Service will be held at a later date.
The family requests that memorial donations be made to New Kent County Animal Shelter, 6301 Olivet Church Road, Providence Forge, VA 23140.

Online condolences may be made at www.vincentfh.com



Dwight Diller
Dwight Hamilton Diller, 76, of Marlinton, passed away Tuesday, February 14, 2023, in Roanoke, Virginia.
Visitation for friends and family will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 4, 2023, at Lantz Funeral Home in Buckeye.

Richard Jones
Richard Lee Jones, 85, of Elkins died Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at his home.
Richard was a retired owner of a motor trucking company. He was a Mason, a U. S. Marine veteran and a member of the Church of God.
Born March 15, 1937, at Elkins, he was a son of the late Richard A. and Sylvia Miller Jones.
In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Lillian Frances Jones; daughter, Ivy Jones; sisters, Lilly Burgess, Edna Sharp, Opal Woods and Ruth Ann Jones; and brother, Oscar Jones.
He is survived by his son, James Jones (Kimberly); grandchildren, Crystal Shoemaker (James), Alisha Rosier (CeCe), and Christopher Rosier; great-grandchildren, Anna, Nina and Michael Shoemaker, Kiera and Christopher Rosier; brother, Steve Jones; sisters, Freda Woody and Doris Vandevender.
Funeral service was held Sunday, February 26, 2023, at VanReenen Funeral Home with Rev. Fred Goldizen officiating.
Burial was in Cochran Cemetery.

Darrell Jordan
Darrell Richard Jordan, Jr., 37, of Woodrow, died Thursday, February 23, 2023, at his home.

Landmarks' percentage to 6% from 5%, capping it at \$50,000.
• Increase Dramas, Fairs and Festivals' percentage to 22% from 20%, capping it at \$175,000.
• Reduce Parks and Recreation's percentage to 31% from 33%, capping it at \$250,000.
• Reduce the Libraries percentage to 30% from 32%, and capping it at \$255,000.
• Add a new beneficiary – The County Commission Hotel/Motel Projects, which will receive 5% plus any money left over above the caps to the other organizations. At Helmick's insistence, the first \$200,000 of this category will be held by the commission in a special fund to guarantee that Pocahontas Memorial Hospital is able to make its USDA loan payments. What remains in the account can be distributed to other Hotel/Motel Tax qualified organizations based on their needs.

Also at this meeting, commissioners Rebinski and Walker sparred with each other over the new County Ambulance Service. Walker

Born January 15, 1986, at Elkins, he was a son of Darrell Richard and Sabrina Joyce Long Jordan.
Darrell worked for Walmart and was a truck driver for a number of years.
He was a graduate of Pocahontas County High School and attended Whites Chapel Church.
He was preceded in death by his daughter, Kristen Grace Jordan; and a son, Jesse Jordan.
In addition to his parents, he is survived by his wife, Betsy Williams Jordan; son, Richard Layton Jordan; stepsons, Christopher, Nathaniel and Connor Morrison; sisters, Pamela June Burns and Angela Nicole Williamson.
Arrangements are being handled by VanReenen Funeral Home in Marlinton, where the family will receive friends Friday, March 3, 2023, fro 5 to 7 p.m.
Funeral service will be Saturday, March 4, 2023, at 1 p.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Sam Felton officiating.
Burial will follow in Cochran Cemetery.
In lieu of flowers, memorial may be made to VanReenen Funeral Home.

years. He enjoyed tractor pulling, farming, fishing, hunting, camping and raising cattle. He was gifted in his ability to fix any kind of motor or equipment and weld the crack of dawn. Bob enjoyed socializing with his friends at the liars' table at breakfast.
In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his former spouse, Mary Sandra Thompson Sharp; and grandson, Hunter James Sharp.
Bob is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and Tom Bergman; and son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Jenny Sharp, all of Troy, Ohio; grandchildren, Ryan (Taylor) Bergman, Maggie Bergman, Miranda Sharp, Sam (Kelsey) Bergman, Abbey (Zach) Overholser and Adam (Samantha) Bergman; and great-grandchildren, Anna Marie Overholser, Max Overholser, Payton Bergman, Ellie Bergman, Claire Taylor and Oliver Taylor.
A funeral service will be held Sunday, March 5, 2023, at 1 p.m. at Mt. Zion Church on Gordon Dilley Road, with burial to follow in the Sharp Family Cemetery.
Memorial contributions may be made to the Hunter Sharp Memorial Fund, c/o Pathways Federal Credit Union, 175 Campbell St., Dayton, OH 45417.
Online condolences may be shared at www.bairdfuneralhome.com



Linda Teter
Linda Kay Malcomb Teter, 65, of Marlinton, died Sunday, February 19, 2023, at her home.
Linda worked in customer service and as a cashier for several businesses.
Born June 22, 1957, at Richwood, she was a daughter of the late Milo Sr. and Rhoda Hammons Malcomb.
In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Glenda Louise Teter; sisters, Alice Legg and Cassandra Sue Malcomb; and brother, Buddy Malcomb.
She is survived by her husband, James Gary Teter; daughters, Donna Jean Myers (Oscar), Melinda Gayle Nutter, Jamie Darlene Kramer (Josh), and Chashna

Dawn Green; sister, Debbie Nevin (Bob); brothers, Gilbert Malcomb (Rhonda), Timmy Malcomb, Milo Malcomb, Jr. (Dottie), and Billy Jo Malcomb (Tony); 13 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.
Funeral service was held February 25, 2023, at VanReenen Funeral Home with Pastor Sam Felton officiating.
Burial was in Mountain View Cemetery.

Lola Vanscoy
Lola Pearle Martin Vanscoy, age 91, of Marlinton, departed this life Thursday evening, February 9, 2023, at Pocahontas Center with her daughter by her side.
Born Thursday, December 3, 1931, at Parsons, she was a daughter of the late Ottis Otha and Sopha Pearle Isner Martin.
In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Chester Dorman Vanscoy.
She is survived by her daughter, Barbara A. Vanscoy Circosta, and husband, Donald, of Marlinton; two sons, Randall K. Vanscoy, and wife, Kelli, of Kernersville, North Carolina, and Jeffrey C. Vanscoy, and wife, Carrie, of West Virginia; sister, Violet Faye Bennett, and husband, Denver, of Fredericksburg, Virginia; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.
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would be pointless. Commission President Walt Helmick had initially suggested that further discussions about this be held in a work session or two.
“We’ve been talking about it for what, three months - December, January, February – almost three months,” Rebinski said. “The way the Hotel/Motel Tax and the changes that we are looking at and proposing out there, we’ve gotten all the input I think we need.”
Commissioner Jamie Walker agreed.
“Yea, I don’t think you’re gonna get anything that you haven’t already heard,” Walker said.
Walker had his own proposal for the Hotel/Motel Tax distribution, which was: not changing anything in the current system except for taking a lump sum of \$200,000 from the tax for the new county ambulance service and reducing the lump-sum payment to the Bricks and Mortars fund from \$30,000 to \$25,000. His proposal was not voted on.
The commission passed Rebinski’s newest proposal on a two to one vote, with Walker voting against it.
The new Hotel/Motel Tax distribution will make the following fixed contributions from the remaining tax receipts after the CVB gets half of the gross amounts

from the tax as mandated by state law:
• \$200,000 will be used to start up the Pocahontas County paid ambulance service.
• A fixed payment of \$120,000 will be given to the Fire Board.
• Keep the current fixed payments to the Pocahontas Memorial Hospital, \$75,000, and to Emergency Medical Services, \$50,000.
• Bricks & Mortars Fund - the fixed payment would be reduced to \$25,000 from the current \$30,000.
• Provide \$50,000 one time for a cruiser and trailer for the Pocahontas County Sheriff’s Department.
With regard to the remaining money distributed to organizations, the commission approved the following:
• Eliminate the 3% that the Artisans Co-op receives entirely; for a new total of 0%.
• Reduce Preserving Pocahontas to 2.5% from 3%, and capping it at \$21,000.
• Reduce the Arts Council’s percentage to 3.5% from 4%, capping it at \$28,000.
• Increase the Historic

Landmarks’ percentage to 6% from 5%, capping it at \$50,000.
• Increase Dramas, Fairs and Festivals’ percentage to 22% from 20%, capping it at \$175,000.
• Reduce Parks and Recreation’s percentage to 31% from 33%, capping it at \$250,000.
• Reduce the Libraries percentage to 30% from 32%, and capping it at \$255,000.
• Add a new beneficiary – The County Commission Hotel/Motel Projects, which will receive 5% plus any money left over above the caps to the other organizations. At Helmick’s insistence, the first \$200,000 of this category will be held by the commission in a special fund to guarantee that Pocahontas Memorial Hospital is able to make its USDA loan payments. What remains in the account can be distributed to other Hotel/Motel Tax qualified organizations based on their needs.
Also at this meeting, commissioners Rebinski and Walker sparred with each other over the new County Ambulance Service. Walker

did not like that the ambulance service, as proposed by Rebinski, would start first in the northern end of the county, saying the commission should treat the county as a whole, and start it county-wide on a 24-7 basis. Rebinski countered that the northern end already has an ambulance donated by Cass Volunteer Fire Department, and if the commission authorizes him to hire the first three county employees, the program could possibly start with day-shift coverage in about a month in the northern end.
Herb Barlow, of the Marlinton Fire Department, said his members are concerned about donating an ambulance that they had worked so hard to raise the money to buy and then they would not be able to use it if they donated it.
“In giving this ambulance to the county and letting

them use it, it is going to be strictly county-use,” Rebinski said. “It’s not going to be blended back and forth, because that gets too confusing with insurance, fueling, stocking – the whole works. It’s gonna be given over, and then hopefully, as time progresses, the county will be working on getting their own ambulance, where that ambulance will be returned back to the organization.”
Because of all the suggestions and criticisms being offered, a very frustrated Rebinski offered to back out of the entire project to let someone else take over if they think they can do a better job than him.
Seeming to be frustrated at the sparring between the two commissioners, Helmick suggested putting the entire

discussion off until a work session could be conducted.
Rebinski argued against that, explaining that he needed to hire three people at this meeting to be able to move forward with the program. He offered a motion to hire as county employees of the new paid ambulance service, three applicants he had already interviewed and approved:
1. Whitney Fedak – EMT @ \$15.00 per hour.
2. Keith Boehmer – Driver @ \$13.00 per hour
3. Shelia Varner – EMT @ \$15.00 per hour
The motion passed unanimously, although Walker declined to second the motion, he joined the other two in passing it after Helmick seconded the motion.



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Ricky Curtis Galford

on his birthday, March 4, 1963 - January 19, 1991

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Parents, Calvin and Nellie Galford; brothers, Joe and Doug Galford; sister, Debra Galford; and niece Kim Shea Galford



Preserving Pocahontas

B. J. Gudmundsson, Preservation Officer

Dock Robert Hannah – circa 1935



THIS PORTRAIT OF Dock Hannah was taken by local photographer Cal Gay at the Gay Studio in Marlinton. Dock Robert Hannah was born July 11, 1901 in Slaty Fork, W.Va. His father was Samuel David Hannah and his mother was Amanda Margaret Moore. He was one of seven children. The Hannah family lived in the Elk Valley area in what is called “the old field.” Dock Hannah married Thelma Pearl Newman in 1935. They had no children. Mr. Hannah was a former school-teacher in Pocahontas County and a prominent banker with the Bank of Marlinton. He died on July 7, 1988 and is buried at Mountain View Cemetery in Marlinton. The notation with his senior picture in the Edray District High School yearbook reads: “Brief of speech, slow to act, but an accomplisher of great things.” (Courtesy of Laura Defibaugh McLaughlin, The Eula Gibson Collection, ID: PHP000886)

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

Footsteps through History

The Pocahontas Times
Andrew Price, Editor

Thursday, March 4, 1988

FIVE YEARS pass away, an eventful five to that part of the world branded as Marlinton. Where once stood a howling wilderness, now stands the county seat. A great wave of improvement has swept over the place.

Where once was heard the thunderous voice of the Judge sentencing the criminal to the penitentiary, now is heard the pleasing hum of the carpenter’s saw; our bowling alleys turned into grinding mills, and everywhere are footprints that instead of terrifying the Pocahontas Robinson Crusoe, agitate his mind with hope, the footprints of the railroad engineer.

A MAN and woman passed through Marlinton last Thursday, who are believed to be an eloping couple. Wednesday, under the guidance of William Fay, a backwoodsman, who lives near Cowen, they walked up Williams River, a distance of about 15 miles, on a bridle path through the forest. They cut trees across the river whenever it was necessary to cross. They arrived at H. Nathan’s where they stayed all night. Nathan was acquainted with the man, and he introduced the woman as his wife. She was apparently a girl in her teens and was poorly and thinly clad. She was a very pretty woman. The man represented himself to be a nephew of Senator Camden. They hired a team from Nathan to go to the depot at the Hot Springs.

MONDAY MORNING at 4 a.m., Jailer Sharp was aroused by shouts of the prisoners, and rushing into the

corridor found it full of smoke. The disturbance was caused by an insane man, who is confined there temporarily, who had set fire to his bed. While the fire was in progress, he had thrown a paper shotgun cartridge into the blaze and had an explosion.

GREENBRIER RIVER ROUTE

Captain Bartholomew, who had charge of the surveying corps in this county last summer, arrived here Friday with an assistant engineer, Mr. Hayes, for the purpose of examining the Greenbrier River route from Marlinton to Ronceverte. They waited here until Monday morning. A boat was built for them and they embarked for Ronceverte in the care of B. M. Yeager and Captain E. A. Smith. Captain Smith knows the river thoroughly, having driven logs the length of it every year for many years. He is much interested in the new railroad. The party is expected to be on the river for four days...

HOUDYSHELL ARRESTED

Ervine Houdyschell, who escaped with Roberts last June from the County Bastile, has been retaken and is now in jail. He is indicted

for the burglary of a shoe shop. He was put into the steel cell with George Roberts, who had nearly killed his wife by cutting her with a knife. The cut a hole in the case-hardened cage and dug through the brick wall.

E. M. Arbogast, Sheriff of Highland county, located Houdyschell at Pond Gap, Augusta county. He arrested him on suspicion. He was going by an assumed name. He broke down, shed tears and confessed to his identity. Houdyschell says that he and Roberts, after they had made their escape, went by the most direct route to the state line, avoiding the county road, but traveling parallel to it. At Henry White’s near Driscoll, Houdyschell got enough food to do them for several days. He told them he was a sanger...

NORTH FORK

It rains, snows, the sun shines warm, and Joe Buzard works away in his blacksmith shop.

The good people of Anthony’s Creek made up a wagonload of corn, bacon, sugar, etc., for Napoleon Perry on Douthards Creek.

Charles Rider killed a large catamount a few days ago which measured three feet, and a wildcat about two feet. E. B. Vaughan, our schoolteacher, bought the pelts. We suppose he wants to make rugs to sit on when he gets old.

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Fifty Years Ago

Jane Price Sharp, Editor

Thursday, March 1, 1973

May we never again ask for identification of a picture in the paper. It gets too complicated. At least the big log picture did.

Bob Hall’s barn was on the Hall Place between the Hall House and Merritt Kellison’s house in Hillsboro, says Henry McNeel. The bridge that was broken was the old Seebert bridge, opposite the steel graveyard.

Monk Small says Wiz McClintic, 50 years ago, told his father the big log – it measured out 1,900 board feet – was a big poplar cut on the McClintic land, the people are the same Mike Cutlip, Bill Adkison and Henry Miller, but it is the McClintic Barn, and it was a bridge up Swago someplace that broke down.

The moral is, write names and dates on the back of all pictures.

Post Offices Closed

The Beard post office is being discontinued as of February 28, as Postmaster C.M. Dorman reached retirement age. The post office was established in 1901.

The Huntersville post office is scheduled to be discontinued March 2. Moody Moore promised a story on this.

FIREMAN OF THE YEAR

Tom Dunbrack was named Fireman of the Year by the Marlinton Volunteer Fire Department at the Firemen’s annual banquet January 30. He has been a member of the Fire Department since 1968. Tom works for the Na-

tional Radio Astronomy Observatory at Green Bank as an electronic technician. He is the son of Mrs. Virginia Dunbrack, of Marlinton, and the late Winters Dunbrack. His wife is the former Patricia Dixon, and they have one son, Shawn...

Firemen and their offices are: Fred C. Burns, Jr., Chief; Tony Ricottilli, Assistant Chief; Tom Dunbrack, Deputy Chief; Reed Wilfong, Captain; Robert Mann, Lieutenant; Richard Barlow, Lieutenant (Sergeant at Arms); Johnnie Nelson, President; David Hicks, Vice President; Paul Gladwell, Chaplain; Joseph Smith and Don Rogers, Executive Committee; Robert Barlow, Charles Calhoun, William Clendenen, Doug Dunbrack, Roger Helton, Clifford Kessler, William McCloud, William McNeel, Keith Moore, David Peacock, Ronnie Peacock, Dale Sheets, William Sparks and James VanReenen.

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Seventy-Five Years Ago

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, March 4, 1948

OLD VIOLIN

My young friend, Layton R. Shelton, of Beard, reports the possession of an ancient violin made by the famous Italian master, Stradivarius. It is marked “Antonius Stradivarius, Cremonensis Facebat, Anno 1736 (X.A.S.)”

The instrument came to young Shelton from his mother’s people, the Hammond Family. They had it for several generations. Inquiry has been made to several music stores, but so far none of them has shown any interest. All of us have heard tell of great values placed upon violins of this great maker, and here is hoping this is one

which merits big money.

I see in the book that Antonio Stradivati lived in Italy, 1649-1737.

FIELD NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Alden Bird were over from Mountain Grove one day last week. They took the risk of admitting to their household the weekly visits of this Pocahontas Times. Last fall, during the deer season, Mr. Bird came upon the partially eaten carcass of a deer which had been killed and covered up by some varmint. The deer had been killed by a bite across the back of the neck. Mr. Bird proceeded to set some traps and he caught two big wildcats. The larger one was gray, with tufted

ears, and was listed as a Canada lynx. The other one had the well defined markings of the bay lynx or wildcat or bobcat, all to common in these parts.

They tell me a sure way to tell the difference between the Canada lynx and the bay lynx is by the black tip on their tails. The Canada lynx has the black solid all the way around; the wildcat has a streak of white to divide the black.

Last Wednesday, Will Perry was up from Renick to prove for bounty a big wildcat. He had found the body of a spike buck killed by a varmint near the fire tower on Anthonys Creek. It had been killed by a bite across the back of the neck. There was wildcat sign around and a track led to a famous wildcat den in a cliff of rock not far distant. Mr. Perry set a

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100-Years-Ago in The Pocahontas Times

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, March 1, 1923

A short review of the world and the foolishness thereof. The subject has been somewhat neglected of late in this column, and pur-

posely so, for it seems to me that the most trivial happening at home is more important to us than things that shake the world. But as the New York man remarked on his first trip beyond the city limits, “There are signs of human life everywhere you go...”

So even as the minister, when he is at a loss for other subjects to speak upon, gives them hell and the horrors thereof, I give you the subject, the world.

One of the greatest space fillers for a time has been the grave robbing expedition to

Egypt where they have broken into the tomb of one of the Pharaohs, an ancient king of Egypt by the name of Tutankhamen, hereinafter referred to as Amen.

There is some sort of a theory that it is all right to dig up the body of a pagan, but the Christians are not to be disturbed. The old books tell us that many years ago the country people of the Nile would break up the mummies and sell the fragments to perfumers so that the ladies could walk gay. And then came the time that the museums got so full of these melancholy symbols of mortality that it was quite an undertaking to dodge that department...

Then the conscience of the world awoke, and the latest news is that they are going to

look and come away and leave Amen where they found him, and little he’ll reck if they let him sleep on in the grave where his family laid him. This was an English expedition headed by a tombster by the name of Lord Carnarvon, and a gentleman got up in Parliament and wanted to know if they proposed to dig up the kings of England after they got through digging up the kings of Egypt...

On last Thursday, the home of L. O. Simmons was discovered to be on fire. Help arrived before great damage was done. Heavy wind had blown out a flue stop and set fire to the ceiling.

The home of Abram Pritt, on the Renick place near Hillsboro, was destroyed by fire Sunday. Little was saved. The fire started while the family was gone.

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

If an objection is not filed timely, the objection is forever barred. Any claims against an estate must be filed within 60 days of the first publication of this notice in accordance with West Virginia Code 44-2 and 44-3A.

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

First Publication Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023
Claim Deadline: Monday, May 1, 2023

ESTATE NUMBER: **14452**
ESTATE OF: **DANIELLE C. GOODING**
ADMINISTRATRIX: Donna Gooding
996 Dry Branch Road
Slaty Fork, WV 26291-9054

ESTATE NUMBER: **14475**
ESTATE OF: **CHARLES EDWARD SHEETS**
ADMINISTRATRIX: Melinda Shay Moore
1105 Second Avenue
Marlinton, WV 24954-1011

ESTATE NUMBER: **14492**
ESTATE OF: **BRENDA JOYCE SUMNER**
EXECUTOR: Robert E. Sumner
14389 Seneca Trail
Buckeye, WV 24924-2402

Subscribed and sworn to before me on February 27, 2023.
Melissa L. Bennett
Clerk of the Pocahontas County Commission
3/2/2c

NOTICE TO HEIRS
ADDRESS UNKNOWN

To: TORI LYNN SHEETS
CHARLES JOHN SHEETS
Notice is hereby given that the following estate has been opened for probate in the Pocahontas County Clerk's Office at 900 C Tenth Avenue, Marlinton, WV 24954-1333

According to West Virginia's law of intestate, you are listed as an heir of this estate.

Please contact Melinda Moore or the County Clerk of Pocahontas County.

ESTATE NUMBER: **14475**
ESTATE NAME: **CHARLES EDWARD SHEETS**
EXECUTRIX: Melinda Shay Moore
1105 Second Avenue
Marlinton WV 24954

Subscribed and sworn to before me on February 17, 2023.
Melissa L. Bennett,
Clerk of the Pocahontas County Commission
By S. Erin Boone, Deputy
2/23/2c

NOTICE OF ANCILLARY FILING WITHOUT ANY
ADMINISTRATION TO CREDITORS,
DISTRIBUTEES AND LEGATEES

Notice is hereby given that the following foreign will or affidavit of heirs has been filed in the Pocahontas County Clerk's Office at 900 Tenth Avenue Suite C; P. O. Box 209, Marlinton, WV 24954-0209, and no appointment or administration is being made pursuant to the provisions of West Virginia Code 44-1-14b.

An interested person(s) objecting to the filing of the foreign will or affidavit or objecting to the absence of appointment or administration being made in this state must file a statement with the Pocahontas County Commission through the County Clerk's Office at the address listed above within 60 days after the date of first publication or 30 days of service of the notice, whichever is later. If an objection is not timely filed, the objection is forever barred. The Pocahontas County Commission, upon receiving any timely objection thereto, shall schedule a hearing or hearings thereon and order relief, if any, it considers proper including, but not limited to, an order directing that full and complete ancillary administration of the estate of the nonresident decedent be made in this state.

First publication date: Thursday, February, 23, 2023.

ESTATE NAME: **THOMAS MERRICK PATTERSON**
154 Lipe Thompson Road
Old Fort, NC 28762-7678
ANCILLARY ADMINISTRATRIX CTA: Phyllis S. Fitzgerald
154 Lipe Thompson Road
Old Fort, NC 28762-7678
Subscribed and sworn to before me on February 17, 2023.
Melissa L. Bennett
Clerk of the Pocahontas County Commission
2/23/2c

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that the **Town of Marlinton will sell at a public auction to the highest bidder**, the following hereinafter described real estate, together with any buildings, structures and other improvements located thereon (the "Real Estate") on: **Wednesday, March 29, 2023 at 1:00 p.m., at the Real Estate located at 18353 Seneca Trail.**

REAL ESTATE DESCRIPTION:

All of that certain parcel of real estate situate on the West side of the Greenbrier River in the Edray District of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, near the town of Marlinton, West Virginia, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a state at the low water mark on the Greenbrier River corner to lot sold to Hammond Mann and with his line up the hill N 56 ½ W crossing U.S. Route 219 to the Quarry Road then with the Quarry Road in a northerly direction to a stake 50 fee measured at right angles from the first named course; then down the mountain S 56 ½ E to a stake at low water mark at the river; then down the river 33 ¾ W feet to the beginning.

Being the same property conveyed to the Town of Marlinton by W.D. Sharpe, Jr., and Mary Ann Sharpe, husband and wife, via deed dated September 7, 1989, as more particularly described and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 204 at Page 487.

A complete legal description as surveyed is available upon request.

TERMS OF SALE:

Sale of the Real Estate will be made by the Town by public auction to the highest bidder. **The Town has set a minimum bid of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$ 7,500.00).** At the conclusion of the sale, the successful bidder will be required to tender a deposit of ten (10) percent of the sale price by cash, certified check, or cashier's check at sale, the balance in cash or by certified check due and payable within thirty days after the date of sale, by mailing or delivering the same to Marlinton Town Hall, 709 Second Ave., Marlinton, WV 24954. If the successfully bidder fails to deliver the total purchase price within the prescribed time, the deposit shall be deemed forfeited and the Town may proceed to resell the property or, at the discretion of the Town, convey the property to the next highest bidder if such bidder will honor his bid. The Town reserves the right to reject any bid that in its opinion is inadequate. The Town reserves the right to accept or reject such other terms as to payment or delivery of payment as may be made or be agreed to by the Town and the bidder in advance of the sale.

The Town also reserves the right to continue the sale of the Real Estate from time to time by oral proclamation, which continuation shall be in the sole discretion of the Town. Should the Town not appear at the time appointed for the sale and there is no notice posted of a continuance, please contact the office of the Town to make further inquiry. Please direct any inquiries or objections to the sale to the Town in writing at the following address Marlinton Town Hall, 709 Second Ave., Marlinton, WV 24954. Any sale may be conducted or adjourned by the designated agent of the Town.

Conveyance will be made by Deed, subject to all governmental charges and assessments, utility charges, easements, covenants, rights-of-way, conditions and restrictions of record. Every lot or parcel of the Real Estate, and any improvements located thereon, are sold in "AS IS" condition. The Town does not make any representations or warranties as to the physical condition of the Real Estate. Risk of loss or damage will be the purchaser's from and after the sale. All settlement fees, costs of conveyance, examination of title and recording charges shall be at the expense of the purchaser. The Town makes no representations regarding the state of title to the Real Estate. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of

the transfer taxes imposed by Article 2 of Chapter 11 of the West Virginia Code. Additional terms and conditions shall be announced at sale.

Town of Marlinton
2/23/2c

NOTICE OF
SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

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

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

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

LOT #3
Beginning at a stake on the South side of Dry Branch, corner to Lot 2 and in a line of Lot 4 thence with Lot 4 S 62 W 5.15 poles to a stake, S 80-45 W 31.2 poles at 13.5 poles passes a bunch of Locusts marked as a corner, to a stake on South bank of Dry Branch, said stake bears S 68 E 30½ feet from a Locust pointer on the North bank of the creek and S 65-30 W 17 feet from a small Sugar on South bank of the creek, S 73-15 W 8.6 poles to a set stone on the South bank of creek, thence, leaving the creek S 1-00 E 156 poles to a stake in Pat Vandevender's line, and with said line, N 60-45 E 13.6 poles to a stone pile S 89 E 20.2 poles to a stake corner to Lot 2 and with same N 1-00 W 160 poles to the beginning, **containing 41.6 acres, more or less.**

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

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

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

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

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

CLOSING: Closing shall take place within fifteen (15) days after the Court's approval of said bid or bids, as the case may be.

Given unto my hand on this the 2nd day of February, 2023.
Michael D. Doss
Special Commissioner
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NOTICE TO REDEEM

2021-S-00000025 - Pocahontas County – WVTJ LLC
To: ROBERT DEAN CLEVENGER, TOP OF THE WORLD CONDOMINIUM AT SNOWSHOE OWNER'S ASSOCIATION ATTN: TOM ROAT, BOB OWENS, POCAHONTAS COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT, SNOWSHOE MOUNTAIN, INC, LEATHERBARK CONDOMINIMUM ASSOCIATION, ROBERT DEAN CLEVENGER, ROBERT CLEVENGER, CANDY OWENS, CANDY OWENS, ROBERT OWENS, E. HOTCHER CRENSHAW TR, BLACKBURN CONTE SCHILLING, W. E. SINGLETON C/O STEPHEN C. CONTE, BLACKBURN CONTE SCHILLING, OCCUPANT, IRS ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs-at-law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT: EDRAY MAP: 8L 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-00000025, LEATHERBARK CONDO 208B, .02009% INT IN 2.89 AC FEE, located in EDRAY, which was returned delinquent in the name OWENS ROBERT E & CANDY; CLEVENGER ROBERT D**, 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 11, 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, April 10, 2023, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to April 10, 2023. **\$1,059.90**
Amount of subsequent years taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to April 10, 2023. **\$ 444.60**
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 April 10, 2023. **\$1,261.39**
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to April 10, 2023. **\$1,780.69**
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. **\$4,546.58**

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 April 10, 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.

3/2/3c

NOTICE TO REDEEM

2021-S-00000043 - Pocahontas County – ERLETIMES LLC
To: JASON VANDEVENDER, JASON VANDEVENDER, JASON VANDEVENDER, POCAHONTAS COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY, JASON VANDEVENDER, ROY DAVID ARINGTON TRUSTEE, MICHELLE VANDEVENDER, MICHELLE VANDEVENDER, GRANT COUNTY BANK, OCCUPANT, IRS. ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX

DEPARTMENT, THE GRANT COUNTY BANK, MICHAEL C. DOSS, TRUSTEE, 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: GREEN BANK MAP: 23A PARCEL 0022 0000
You will take notice that ERLETIMES LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, **Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-00000043, LT 2-3, BLK 29 BARTOW 80 X 120 FEE, located in GREEN BANK**, which was returned delinquent in the name VANDEVENDER, JASON L. 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 11, 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, April 10, 2023, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to April 10, 2023. **\$ 213.93**
Amount of subsequent years taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to April 10, 2023. **\$ 109.60**
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 April 10, 2023. **\$1,165.70**

Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to April 10, 2023. **\$ 616.41**
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. **\$2,105.64**

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 April 10, 2023, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

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Questions, please call 1-888-509-6568, option 2.

2/23/3c

NOTICE TO REDEEM

2021-S-00000042 - Pocahontas County – ERLETIMES LLC
To: JASON VANDEVENDER, POCAHONTAS COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY, JASON VANDEVENDER, JASON VANDEVENDER, JASON VANDEVENDER, 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: GREEN BANK MAP: 23A PARCEL 0021 0000
You will take notice that ERLETIMES LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, **Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-00000042, LT 1 BLK 29 BARTOW 40 X 120, located in GREEN BANK**, which was returned delinquent in the name VANDEVENDER, JASON L. 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 11, 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, April 10, 2023, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to April 10, 2023. **\$ 140.96**
Amount of subsequent years taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to April 10, 2023. **\$ 39.09**
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 April 10, 2023. **\$1,006.12**

Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to April 10, 2023. **\$ 354.99**
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Jeff Barlow, Sheriff and Treasurer of Pocahontas County. **\$1,541.16**

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 April 10, 2023, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

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POSITION AVAILABLE

The Town of Marlinton is seeking a Full-Time Building Inspector/Floodplain Manager. Qualified candidates must be certified by the State Fire Commission as a Building Code Inspector and must possess a Certified Floodplain Management certificate, or will obtain and maintain such Certificates within 18 months of beginning employment. Candidates must have a high school diploma or equivalent and a valid West Virginia driver's license. Must pass a background check.

Salary range is \$33,000 to \$42,000 based on experience and qualifications. Benefits will be provided. 40 hour week, Monday - Friday, weekends as needed. Employee is subject to 24-hour call and must respond in a timely manner during an emergency.

The position will remain open until filled.
Submit applications/resumes to: Town of Marlinton, 709 Second Avenue, Marlinton, WV 24954; or Email townofmarlinton@frontiernet.net

For more information call 304-799-4315.
The Town of Marlinton is an equal opportunity employer.

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WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways, through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia, until **APRIL 11, 2023 10:00 A.M.** (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project (s):

CALL: 012; CONTRACT: 2020000973; STATE PROJECT: U338-219-0.00 00; FEDERAL PROJECT: NHPP-0219(387)D; DESCRIPTION: PEDESTRIAN/BIKE FACILITIES; POCAHONTAS ADA RAMPS + 2; POCAHONTAS ADA RAMPS + 2; COUNTY: POCAHONTAS, RANDOLPH.
DBE GOAL: 4% OF CONTRACT BID AMOUNT. BIDDER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCE OF MEETING GOAL ON FORM IN PROPOSAL.

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

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

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award.

West Virginia Department of Transportation
Division of Highways
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Batman, from page 1

bicycle. When we were learning to ride that bicycle, we learned the most when we fell. We didn't quit.

"We go through the tough things to get to the great things so we can do good things."

Second – Always Do The Right Thing.

"You want to make sure you don't allow anger to cause you to make bad choices," he said. "You want to make your life about good choices. You want to make sure that even though you're going through tough things and you lose friends or you lose family members along the way, you still make good choices."

"However, when you make bad choices – which does happen – you want to turn the bad stuff into good stuff."

Batman said it is a lot like

baking a cake. Not all cake ingredients taste good on their own. Flour, for example, is not good alone, but mixed with the rest of the ingredients, it makes a tasty cake. He added that if the flour is left out of the cake, then the cake would be different and not be as good. So in a way, life needs the bad and the good to make a balanced outcome.

"When it comes to the grand scheme of life, the final outcome is the most important product," he said. "The ingredients aren't meant to be tasted by themselves. All of them have some sort of purpose to the final product."

Third – Help Other People. "You all are like soldiers," he said. "Soldiers go through the toughest training, the hardest obstacles, so that they can be inserted into the worst situations and get people out. I am here to rally you like troops. I know it's been tough. I know it hurts to lose your friends. I know that the

past few years have been tough and I know that more tough things are going to come into our lives, but here's the other thing I know. These tough times are preparing you to do more good things for others."

Fourth – Never Be A Bully. "Sometimes when kids go through tough times, sometimes if they don't talk about their feelings, they might start taking it out on other people," he said. "It's not because they're bad kids. It's just because they're allowing sadness and anger to take over. We have to learn to take the bad stuff in our lives and put it to work to get good."

"We've got to treat people well," he continued. "We've got to treat each other well." Batman said if the students and teachers both follow these four life lessons, it will help them take their tough times and turn them into good for others.

"I will make you a promise," he said. "If you will do

these four things every day, you can be as great as you want to be and you can push through the toughest time in life, but we have to do all four of these."

During his presentation, Batman noticed that there were tears as students and teachers thought about Braelyn and Kaiden. He shared his sympathy again for the loss of the two students, but reminded everyone that it is important to take that sadness and find a way to turn it into good to honor Braelyn and Kaiden.

"What they want more than anything is for your life to be full of happiness and joy and purpose," he said. "The last thing that they want is to look down and see your life wrecked because of something that happened to them. It's about purpose now."

To close the assembly, Batman had everyone repeat after him, "Fly high, Kaiden" and "Fly high, Braelyn."

Faces, from page 2

to the rest of the county, as proposed by Rebinski, or as Walker wants, be started as quickly as possible in the entire county on a 24/7 basis?

• Where will the needed extra money, above the initial \$200,000 from the Hotel-Motel Tax come from. Will it be paid for by applying for grants, which can take a while to be approved? By using some of the \$1 million from the American Rescue Act, which they have available, but which so far Rebinski and Helmick want to use to build a new courthouse annex? Or will they be able to rush through an ordinance establishing an EMS fee to be paid by all county taxpayers, which might take awhile to generate the needed money? Or by some

other means we do not know about?

• Will volunteer fire departments in the rest of the county be willing to provide, on a loan basis, a fully equipped ambulance for the exclusive use of the paid County Ambulance Service, as Cass VFD has done for the northern end of the county.

• Will they be able to hire enough paid EMS personnel to crew the new county service?

• How will the commission prioritize their proposed upcoming projects, which include the creation of the paid ambulance service; building a courthouse annex; building a new 911 Center near the hospital; and installing new water and sewer systems to serve PMH, Marlinton Middle School and possibly residents of Buckeye?

The commissioners certainly have their work cut out for them.

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RETAIL
RETAIL - Almost Heaven Smokehouse. 480 Cass Road, Slaty Fork. 681-202-7139. Smoked meats and wild game. Meat by the platter or pound. Sandwiches, Sides and More! We smoke anything. See menu on Facebook. Dine in/Carry out. Open daily from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
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RETAIL - Buckeye Home, Farm and Garden Center. Rt. 219, Buckeye. Irish Setter hunting and work boots. 304-799-0860. Monday - Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and Sunday, noon to 2 p.m.
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RETAIL - Emma Grace Foothills Boutique. Women's clothing, shoes and accessories. Located in the Green Bank Gallery building. Open Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Shop online, too: emmagrace.com 3/2/fwmp

RETAIL - The Kickin' Chicken and More! Dine in/carry out. Roasted chicken, soups, salads, hoagies, sides and more. 598 Cass Road, Slatyfork, across from the Inn at Snowshoe. 304-572-4444. Open Tuesday - Saturday, noon to 8 p.m. Weekly specials on Facebook.
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RETAIL - Selling/installing water systems and well parts. Rowan Well Supplies. 304-636-5055 or 304-940-6544. WV004493.
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RETAIL - Sunflower Fabrics, LLC. 805 Second Avenue, Marlinton. 681-318-0767. Monday - Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. New spring fabrics, quilting fabrics, notions and thread.
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RETAIL - The Mtn. Shop, 600 Wesley Chapel Road, Green Bank. Unique gifts, décor, coffee, baked goods. Tuesday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. 240-217-4303. Find us on Facebook.
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POSITIONS AVAILABLE
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POSITIONS AVAILABLE - Watoga State Park is taking applications for Summer and Seasonal Housekeepers, Park Attendants, Seasonal Office Clerk, and Campground Attendants. Applicants may apply at the park office. Park Office contact number is 304-799-4087.
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POSITION AVAILABLE - Looking to join an organization with a friendly, considerate and hard-working staff that will allow you to serve your community while expanding your skills? Allegheny Mountain Radio is hiring for a Station Coordinator for its WVMR studio in Dunmore, WV. Duties include day-to-day operation of the station, on-air broadcasting, underwriting sales, public interaction, and more. For a full job description and application instructions, see our website at AlleghenyMountainRadio.org Allegheny Mountain radio is an Equal Opportunity Employer, including disability and veterans.
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POSITIONS AVAILABLE - SEASONAL/SUMMER - Seneca State Forest is recruiting for full-time and part-time seasonal and summer positions. The following positions are available: cabin cleaner, office clerk and maintenance worker. Start dates vary. For additional information or to apply contact Superintendent, Seneca State Forest, Dunmore, WV. 304-799-6213.
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POSITION AVAILABLE - Seasonal Caretaker position available at Pocahontas County 4-H Camp. Duties include building maintenance, cleaning, mowing, weed eating, and opening and closing camp when necessary. Class D water operator preferred but not required. Up to 20 hours/week. Please contact Pocahontas County Extension Office to apply. lmosesso@mail.wvu.edu or 304-799-4852.
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HELP WANTED
HELP WANTED - Looking for a Correctional Officer job? Testing will be offered at the Denmar Correctional Center, Hillsboro, WV, on a daily basis. Interested parties should contact Human Resources at the facility at 304-653-4201 to schedule an appointment.
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SERVICES
SERVICES - A-1 Pumping. Septic tank installation, inspection, repair and pumping. Prices start as low as \$375. Durbin. 304-456-4505 or www.varners.net
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SERVICES - Almost Local Business Hub, 204 Eighth Street, Marlinton. Offering office rental, color/BW copies, fax service and Notary services. 304-799-7355.
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SERVICES - Auto Value Parts Store, Durbin. Inspections, tires,

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SERVICES - Barber Stop - Hot lather, straight razor shaves; haircuts and trims. Two locations: Next to Why Not Shop, Slaty Fork - Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call for Saturday availability. Main Street, Marlinton - Wednesdays 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. 304-816-9072.
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SERVICES - Beverage Tire & Auto Repair, Inc., 315 Buffalo Mountain Road, Arbovale. Tire repair, major/minor engine repair, oil changes, brakes, AC repair. We sell tires, batteries and wipers. Call to schedule an appointment: 304-642-3383.
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SERVICES - Burgess Construction. Top notch craftsmanship at a reasonable price. 304-799-6143 WV048016.
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SERVICES - General auto repair, tires, alignment, state inspections, towing. **F & F Service Center, LLC.** 304-799-6431.
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SERVICES - Frankford Veterinary Hospital - Marlinton Office. 410 Second Avenue, in Humane Society Building. Monday and

Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. 304-799-6181. Julie Gibson, DVM, and Payton Mann, DVM. Small/Large animals and farm calls. 3/2/fwmp

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SERVICES - J & P Furniture. Furnishings and accessories for the way you live. Showroom and warehouse, 616 First Avenue, Marlinton. 304-799-6235.
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SERVICES - All types of backhoe, excavator and dozer jobs. Dump truck services and more. **M & L Miller Excavating, LLC.** 304-799-2339 or 304-646-6695. WV058103.
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SERVICES - Mr. Painter, LLC - Commercial and Residential Painting. Billy Dunz, owner/operator. 304-799-7152 or 304-618-9420 or mrpainter25@frontier.com

LAND WANTED

Private individual seeks acreage with or without home within a 10-mile radius of the Green Bank area. Contact Donnie, 718-381-0190.

Genetic Alliance BULL SALE

Saturday, March 11
1:00 pm
Pendleton Community Building
Franklin, WV

Bulls will not be located at sale site. Call to schedule a time for viewing.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Brookwood Farms
John McCoy
304.668.1751

Terri McCoy
304.668.1752

Glenfield Farm
Tom Simmons
304.668.0647

Tammy Simmons
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Bee, from page 1

Flat arch roofs look like smushed hoops. This style roof is not ideal in areas that receive a lot of snowfall.

Tri-penta greenhouses were developed by the Phyto-Engineering Laboratory, USDA, in 1971. It has five sides of connecting triangles permitting maximum light and inside area with minimum framework. Fifteen equilateral triangular surfaces with 25 edges made of 10-foot long 2x4s are built by starting at the base and proceeding to the crown in five sections. These provide maximum inside area, but can be difficult to keep cool in the summer. Since the walls are all triangles, custom building support beams for adding fans, vents, etc. would be necessary. Another option for using this type in the summer would be to remove the plastic coving and install wire mesh, such as poultry wire, to the frame. Vertically grown plants such as beans and tomatoes could grow up the wire support. This creates shading for vegetables such as lettuce, which benefit from the cooler areas.

Ridge and furrow greenhouses are most commonly used by commercial growers. Multiple like sized even-span greenhouses are connected together along their lengths with the interior walls removed. This maximizes interior space on a commercial scale. These are also referred to as gutter-connected greenhouses.

Gothic is a hybrid between a gable and A-frame. The walls – like the curve of an egg – gently curve inward toward the top, forming a ridge point like a gable. This type easily sheds rain and snow.

An A-frame has long sloping sides that go all the way to the ground; forming a tall triangle. This style is easy to build with a minimal amount of supplies. It maximizes

sunlight but can be difficult to work in since space is limited.

Quonset styles include hoophouses, igloos, domes and high tunnels. Simple Quonset style greenhouses and cold frames are easy to build with minimal supplies. Although the shape of these look like the wind would blow smoothly over the top, without properly anchoring them and using heavy duty materials, they can be prone to wind damage.

A sawtooth greenhouse has a split roof length-wise with one side higher than the other. Windows are usually installed here to help with extra ventilation and heat release. If this split runs East to West, reflective material can be placed along the back wall for added sunlight. Another option may be to store a thermal mass, such as water barrels, along the back wall where sunlight hits them, storing up heat for the night.

Skillion greenhouses have a flat angled roof. This type may be useful when the north wall is insulated, built into a hill, or made of some other solid construction.

A hybrid of a walipini, of my own design, is my next greenhouse build. Walipini greenhouses are dug into the ground, also called pit style. When built correctly, they are able to take advantage of the natural geothermal heat and large thermal mass of the surrounding earth and rock. Cooling in the summer can be just as important as warmth in the winter. Having this pit style greenhouse helps to regulate the inside temperature with milder fluctuations. Maintaining a moderate temperature fluctuation reduces stress on the plants.

Proper drainage and ventilation are more of a concern for pit style greenhouses. Not getting enough sunlight is another concern. Planning out all of the details before starting on a walipini is essential.

Do not believe all the hype about a walipini only costing

\$100 to build. While it may be true that a hole in the ground can be dug out and a covering placed over it for less than \$100, a well planned out, functional walipini may cost considerably more. If this is your choice, completely research the pros and cons and plan out everything before starting on it, including how deep the frost line is in your area.

Shade houses are not greenhouses, but are generally used in warm to hot climates to protect light sensitive plants from sunburn or from drying out too quickly. Shade houses can have as many different shapes and styles as greenhouses, but they utilize a shade cloth to cover the supporting structure instead of glass or plastic. Air-flow is essential in a shade house. This type of structure is popular over outdoor hydroponic systems in warm climates.

Screen houses are covered with screen instead of glass or plastic. Mostly used in warm and hot grow zones, screen houses buffer the effects of severe storms as well as damage from insects and vermin.

One of the most common American greenhouses is an even-span freestanding traditional gable.

Grow zones range from 1 to 13, with the United States falling mainly among zones 2 to 10. This is a rough guide, which is based on an area's long-term average annual extreme minimum temperatures.

Personal

I have had unheated, free standing, traditional gable, polycarbonate greenhouses. I have also built many small cold frames, both outside and inside the greenhouses.

I usually place some type of cold frame or hoop over my lettuce and other crops before the first freeze. Lettuces are cold hardy and can recover from some freezing but I still like to protect them.

TIP: When lettuces, and many other crops, get hit by a frost or freeze, go out to them with cold water before the sun hits them. Gently pour the cold water over the crop, completely drenching it, a water hose works well. The cold water melts the frozen cells. When the sun hits frozen leaves, the effects of the sun are intensified and can cause irreversible cell damage within the plant. If it is going to be a bright sunny day after thawing the crop, cover it with a very light weight cloth, such as gossamer or other frost cover, until after the sun has past its zenith. Each sequential freeze may weaken the plant. I have been using this trick since Granddaddy taught to me when I was a young child, and it has worked about 75% of the time.

My greenhouse

My current 13x20 foot greenhouse, located in grow zone 5, is not heated, and is divided into four separate sections.

One section has a long bench for starting seeds and potting with room to store supplies under it.

Another area has a shelving rack with covered seed trays sitting on temperature controlled heating mats.

The third section is the center row. It consists of raised beds for cold hardy plants such as kale, cabbage, etc. This center row has a simple frame over it to support a single layer of plastic during the winter, when temperatures are near or below 0 degrees Fahrenheit.

The fourth area in my greenhouse has raised beds running the full length down one side. This area is for my warm climate plants. Although I live in zone 5, I have several zone 8 to 11 plants in this area. A few of these are: turmeric, galangal, avocado, lemongrass, etc. I also put tender herbs such as basil and a tomato or two in these beds over the winter. I will cover how to grow these heat loving plants in zone 5

in a future article.

Things to consider

- How much space do you have for a greenhouse?
- What is your budget?
- Are there any county or city ordinances that may limit what you can have?
- Do you have the skills and equipment to build one from scratch or do you need to purchase a kit?
- What zone do you live in? How hot does it get in the summer and cold in the winter?
- Will the primary use be for starting seeds, extending growing period a few weeks, growing plants year around, or as a sunroom?
- What type of plants will you grow in the greenhouse? If you want to grow trees inside then consider how tall and wide they will be at maturity.
- Will you need to heat it? If so, how far from the house will it be? What type of heat will you use? If using geothermal heating, plans need to be made before digging starts.
- Is your property mostly

flat or does it have steep slopes?

- How much rain and snowfall do you get each year?
- How will you get water into the greenhouse – a water hose from house, is there a nearby creek that flows year round, gutter system to collect and store?
- Will you need drainage around the foundation? Look at where rain water puddles.
- What kind of foundation will you have? Dirt, concrete, gravel, masonry?
- If you plan to heat the greenhouse, the higher the roof, the higher the heating cost may be.

As you transverse through these general questions, do more questions come to mind? If so, write them down and consider them, as well.

In part 4, I will cover heating. Although it may seem like the foundation is the place to start, knowing how the greenhouse will be heated should come first.

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History, from page 7

TOP OF ALLEGHANY

Bring forth another horse, ye traders.

W. J. Taylor made a flying trip to Klondike last week.

J. E. Lunsford saw another bear Sunday night. He says he is over half done traveling after dark.

The weather at this writing is just a shade too wet for sugar making, but we hope for something better.

BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

THE ancestor of the Varner relationship in our county was Joseph Varner. He came from Pendleton County very early in the century and settled on the crooked branch of Elk, on property now in the possession of William M.

McCallister, Esq. Mr. Varner's parents, it is believed, came from Germany to Pennsylvania, thence to Pendleton County, among the earliest settlers of that county. The given names of these parents seem to have been forgotten. The father lived to the age of 112 years and died in Pendleton. The widowed mother came to live with her son Joseph on Elk, and died there. Her reputed age was 114 year, the oldest person that ever lived in this region.

Joseph Varner's wife was Susan Herold, sister of Christopher Herold. They were the parents of four sons — John, Adam, Eli and Samuel. Their four daughters were Elizabeth, Alice, Susan and Amanda. The Varner sisters seemed to have been ladies by nature, and were remarkable for their beauty, sprightliness, attractive manners and tidy housekeeping...

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CIRCLES TO MEET

Regular circle meetings of the Marlinton United Methodist Women will be Monday. All circles meet at 8 p.m.

Edith May's Circle will meet at the home of Misses Fleeta and Mabel Lang. Mrs. Edward Stemple will be the program leader.

Mrs. Lee McMann will be the hostess for her Circle with Mrs. Maynard Crawford presenting the program.

Mrs. Forrest Rhea's Circle will have Mrs. James Martin, II, presenting the program. They are to meet with Mrs. Edward Rexrode.

The hostess for Mrs. D. W.

Williams' Circle will be Mrs. Harvey Hamrick, with Mrs. Paul Haddock presenting the program.

DEATHS

Lemuel Ruben Vance, 82, of Baltimore, Maryland; born at Onego, a son of the late Isaac Perry and Ellen Arbogast Vance. Burial in the Arbovale Cemetery.

Cecil Aldridge, 70, of Buckeye, a son of the late James E. and Matilda Moran Aldridge. Burial in the Kee Cemetery.

Mrs. Sarah Ann Cromer, 79, of Marlinton; born at Cass, a daughter of the late William H. and Elizabeth Collins. Burial in the Gum Cemetery on Back Mountain.

George See Smith, 90, of Mar-

linton; born at Mingo, a son of the late Jacob and Angeline Rhea Smith. Burial in Mountain View Cemetery.

Mrs. Vallie Mae Greathouse, 66, of Durbin; burial in the Gum Cemetery on Back Mountain.

Mrs. Willa Alma Taylor, 74, of Boyer; born at Dunmore, a daughter of the late William H. and Victoria Nottingham Taylor. Burial in the Arbovale Cemetery.

Mrs. Nora Plantz Smith, of Charleston, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lillian Morris in Dunmore. Burial in the Childress Cemetery at Ruth.

Mrs. Myrtle Sherwood Arbogast, 79, of Ronceverte, formerly of Pocahontas County. Burial in the Riverview Cemetery at Ronceverte.

Your, from page 3

Visual thinking and dogs

Temple Grandin, a highly functional autistic herself, is a professor of Animal Science at Colorado State University. Dr. Grandin is best known for her work in designing livestock handling equipment that reduces stress on the animal.

Considered an autistic savant, Grandin is also outspoken on animal rights and strives to create humane living conditions for all domestic animals.

In a recent Ted Talk, Dr. Grandin discussed her new book, *Visual Thinking: The Hidden Gifts of People Who Think in Pictures, Patterns and Abstractions*. She excitedly mentioned a recent Cornell University study demonstrating that the canine olfactory system has a "trunk line" to the visual cortex.

The anatomy of the canine nose

The Cornell study offers compelling new insights into how dogs experience smell. The implications are staggering because smell and vision suggest that dogs are visual thinkers.

This ability is something that humans may have a hard time conceptualizing. It is difficult for us to imagine how the dog is experiencing this connection between smell and the visual cortex.

Does the dog actually see what it is smelling? Further studies may answer this question.

It is hard for the human brain to conceptualize those things that fall outside of our three dimensions — length, width, and height. Einstein proposed time as the fourth dimension but also regarded linear time as purely an illusion.

In fact, time is quite malleable. That is, the passage of time for an individual depends on velocity and gravity. Time is passing slower for someone in a jet than it is for someone on the ground, time is therefore relative. *

This is difficult for our brain to make sense of; this is true even for theoretical physicists.

So, if we cannot truly understand the relativity of time, we will likely fall short of conceptualizing how smell and vision intermingle in the canine brain. For now, only mammals with this special connection know what this means. And they aren't talking!

Because of our appreciable cognitive abilities, we may have missed the boat on those senses possessed by dogs and other creatures, things like echolocation or using the Earth's magnetic field to navigate.

Some scientists believe that we may have had more powerful senses at one time,

now dormant or vestigial.

Visual thinking aside, the canine nose is the pinnacle of evolutionary success for alternate ways of obtaining vital information. Remember, a puppy is born with the eyes temporarily closed, hearing is still developing, and smell is one sense it is born ready to use.

The nose of your adorable puppy also has a thermal sensor, called a rhinarium, that helps the youngster find its way to the mother's teat. The canine nose comes fully equipped for all situations.

The anatomy of the canine nose maximizes every available chemical message. Please take a good long look at your dog's nose; it is a marvel of evolution and sensory perception and very different from our noses.

The prominent slits you see on the side of a dog's nose are reserved for exhalation only. These slits allow the scent molecules and particles to be retained in the nose's interior for as long as the dog wishes. He can expel them at any time with a muscular contraction similar to a sneeze; something you've probably heard him do.

The two chambers of the canine nose work independently to bring in scents and retain them in the nose through an abundant supply of mucus. This feature allows the dog to determine the direction of travel taken by another animal by aging the scent.

So, even without the newly discovered link between the canine nose and the visual portion of the brain, their olfactory system would be a marvel of sensory perception compared to our puny system of smell.

The amplitude of canine smell directly corresponds to the number of smell receptors; this is where we fall short. We have about six mil-

lion of these little guys in our noses. And, though that may sound like a lot, consider that a dog has up to 300 million smell receptors or fifty times more receptive area than we do.

Comparatively, that would be about the size of a postage stamp for humans and an unfolded handkerchief for a dog.

Also, unlike humans, a dog can pick up a scent of just one part per trillion. That is equivalent to detecting a teaspoon of sugar in a volume of water amounting to two Olympic size swimming pools.

Winnie, a Welsh Corgi, belonging to Jim and Beth Bullard of Pocahontas County, is functionally blind. Her ability to navigate the Bullard's house and estate is not the least diminished by her handicap.

Winnie's magnificent olfactory system provides everything she needs to run narrow trails and even negotiate a doggy door. Knowing this should give those whose dogs lose their eyesight some comfort that they can still function normally and enjoy their lives.

What's love got to do with it?

In a future column, we will discover how science has determined that our dogs truly love us. Or, as scientists prefer to call love, "An interspecies oxytocin mediated positive loop."

Come on science nerds; we know our dogs love us without using those fancy words.

Do something with your curiosity today; you'll not regret it.

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The Warwick post office will be discontinued March 15. The Marlinton post office will receive and account for the mail thereafter.

Editor Times: I would like to say to my cousin O. P. McNeil, of Huntersville, that I have a Bible that belonged to my great-grandfather that was printed in 1800, and one that belonged to my great-great-grandfather, David Ruckman, that was printed in Edinburgh in 1793.

Maggie Ruckman Millpoint, W. Va.

GREENBANK FARMERS

George Hannah has his icehouse full this year, for the first time in several years. He is getting ready to use his tractor in doing a lot of spring plowing.

Mrs. Cora Wooddell is having some old rail fence removed on her farm and replaced with new wire fence.

Mr. Goodsell is plowing for spring wheat. Winter wheat is looking good at this time and gives promise of a fair crop.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Buzzard, of Huntersville, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Hoover, of Campbelltown, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Theodore May, of Marlinton, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs.

Henry Miller, of Buckeye, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Mason M. May, of Marlinton, a son.

DEAD

Joseph William Loudermilk was born in Greenbrier county November 3, 1859. In recent years he moved to Pocahontas county first living on Ison Waugh's farm. Later he moved to the mountain at the head of Swago Creek. He was taken suddenly ill Monday night with pneumonia, and after days of intense suffering he passed to his reward Sunday morning, February 25th. The body was laid to rest in the McNeill burying ground below Buckeye. A wife, three children, a father of 95 years, one brother and one sister are left to mourn his departure. Mr. Loudermilk was known for his sterling character...

On February 20th last, the death angel came into the home of Bedford Shinaberry, of Clover Lick, and claimed the only child. Funeral service was conducted at the home and the remains were laid to rest in the Grimes graveyard...

A. E. Irvine of near Seebert, died in a Ronceverte hospital Sunday, February 25, 1923, of pneumonia. His age was about 58 years. He is survived by his wife, who is a daughter of the late Allan R. Kennison. Burial was in the Oak Grove cemetery.

Mrs. Jennie Jordan Gilmore, of Mill Gap, High-

land county, died Sunday morning at the home of her son, Mack Gilmore, aged 86 years. She was the widow of the late Captain Samuel Gilmore, who died last summer. Dr. E. G. Herold, of Marlinton, is one of her grandsons. The deceased was native of Pocahontas, raised in the Levels, her maiden name being Jordan.

H. D. Hiveley, an aged and respected citizen of Thorny Creek near Frost, died at his home Monday night, February 26. He had been in failing health for the past year or more. Burial Wednesday near his late residence. The deceased was a native of Pendleton county. He is survived by a number of grown children.

Miss Creola Sharp died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Sharp at Slaty Fork, Sunday night, February 25, 1923. Her age was about 19 years. For a week she had been desperately ill with blood poisoning following an attack of tonsillitis. Burial at the family burying ground at Slaty Fork.

Miss Creola was a general favorite in Marlinton where she attended high school. She was a member of the senior class of Edray District High School and would have graduated this year.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Vandevender, of Arbovale, died Saturday, February 24, of pneumonia. The bereaved have the heartfelt sympathy of the people of this section.

Super Crossword

TORCHBEARERS

ACROSS

1 Bell sounds
6 Headwear for the slopes
12 Dinner, e.g.
16 Truckload
19 Politico Palin
20 14th-century sculptor
21 Impala, e.g.
23 Pairs figure skater who won 10 consecutive world titles [2014]
25 Frozen cube producer
26 Figure skater Michelle
27 "Hack My Life" channel
29 Pooh creator
30 Stimulus for a reaction
34 "The Greatest" boxer [1996]
36 Spanish gold
37 Alley Oop's girlfriend
40 "Please reply" abbr.
41 Barrett of Pink Floyd
42 Australian sprinter who specialized in the 400 meters [2000]
46 Fabled man?
50 Confounded
51 Tiny division of a min.
52 First female figure skater to land a triple axel in competition [1998]
56 Sportscaster Bob
59 Nearly dried-up sea
61 Shot glass
62 Uninteresting
65 Prefix with athlete
66 Imitator
67 Opponent
68 Peace activist Yoko
69 What this puzzle's featured athletes did in the years indicated
74 "As I see it," to texters
75 O'er and o'er
76 Stared at
77 NHLer Bobby
78 "It comes — surprise ..."
79 It's hit in a fiesta
81 Lavish dance
82 "Up in Smoke" persona
84 Phoenix Suns point guard who was the 2005 and 2006 NBA MVP [2010]
86 Not on time
88 Pope's crown
92 Trial excuse
93 1950s-'60s champion decathlete [1984]
96 Here, in Paris
99 Icelandic literary saga
101 Some jazz combos
102 Solder metal
103 Alpine skier voted Canada's female athlete of the 20th century [2010]
108 Salad endive
111 Go places
112 Monte —
115 Physically fit
116 All by oneself
118 Hockey player voted Canada's male athlete of the 20th century [2010]
123 Windshield condensation clearer
124 Major South Korean airline
125 Twinkie filling
126 Suffix with Japan
127 Award for Mel Brooks
128 Hankered
129 Braga of film

DOWN

1 Sorority letter
2 Musical gift
3 Meyers of TV
4 Sri —
5 Wrap over the shoulders
6 Financial backer
7 Joke around
8 Lacks entity
9 What fur is (by the year)
10 Per —
11 Flawlessly
12 — tai
13 Slept in lents
14 Top players
15 Helping theorem
16 Writer Alice B. —
17 Not in private
18 Water nymph
22 Placed
24 Like a — sunshine
28 VCR format
30 — Cola
31 "I smell —!"

32 Little children (in vain)
33 Thing at the end of a foot
35 To no —
38 Reduced by
39 "Botch- —" (1952 hit)
43 "Notorious" screenwriter Ben
44 Ex-Rocket Ming
45 Without instrumental backup
47 Stay a while
48 Large bay window
49 Porker
52 Artist Chagall
53 Some horror film helpers
54 Mortise insert
55 Maine city
57 Singer Gwen
58 Jogging gait
60 Actress Tara
62 Radar spots
63 Ceiling
64 Make up for
66 — nitrite (vasodilator)
67 Game similar to baccarat
70 Ritz or Hilton
71 "You bel!"
72 Social circle
73 Singer Bobby
80 Director DuVernay
81 Back of a 45
82 Suffix with prank or mob
83 Orinal suffix (in vain)
85 Scottish port on the North Sea
87 Sternward
89 Concerning
90 Muddy up
91 Diarist Frank
93 Skedaddled
94 Voicer of Olaf in "Frozen"
95 Award for Mel Brooks
96 Not outdoors
97 Brings about
98 Wages
100 Nov. follower
104 251, to Ovid
105 Malzo's lack
106 Arrive at
107 Wipe clean
109 Baldwin and Waugh
110 Back in style
113 "You ain't —!" ("Amen!")
114 Put — act (vasodilator)
117 Uninteresting
119 Arizona-to-Kansas dir.
120 Budhist sect
121 Chiang — -shek
122 Singing Sumac

Gibb receives Golden Apple

John Gibb, of Ocala, Florida, was selected as one of the top five finalists for Marion County Teacher of the Year. With more than 3,000 teachers in the county, to be named in the top five and to receive a Golden Apple is quite an honor.

Gibb teaches Pre-International Baccalaureate English to ninth and tenth graders. His seven years of teaching have all taken place in MCPS classrooms.

The five finalists learned of their Golden Apple status when they received surprise classroom visits from members of the Marion County Board of Education, Public Education Foundation Board members, including Superintendent Dr. Diane Gullett, district leaders and community residents.



The Golden Apple recipients participated in the Golden Apple Gala February 4 at the Reilly Arts Center in Ocala, Florida.

Gibb is a 2009 graduate of Pocahontas County High School. He is the son of Scott and Melissa Gibb, of Marlinton.

TRIVIA ANSWERS:
(1) Swan (2). Born on the Fourth of July (3). Seat-
le; Eddie (4). Lucken-
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Shelter News

We are happy to announce that eight kitties have been paroled and have been relocated to their new homes just last week.



MY NAME IS Jessie. I was found while trying to get out of the cold. I'm only

about seven months old, a little scared but friendly, and looking for a warm home.



BILLY IS JUST a kid, seven or eight months old. He's a little shy, but warm-

ing up to affection and would love to be sprung.



TOMMI IS A smoke and clouds boy at almost a year old. Life in a cage has made him a bit shy – but he is longing for love.

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trap and caught a big bobcat. He reports that in an area to perhaps ten square miles he found the remains of no less than four deer which had been killed by varmints this winter.

When Mr. Perry drove up with his wildcat, one of the bystanders was E. C. Bell, of Bridgewater, Virginia. In commenting on the way a wildcat killed a deer by a bite in the back of the neck, Mr. Bell said he had seen in the Shenandoah Mountain where bears had killed cattle by biting them across the back of the neck. In the Greenbrier Valley, it is most unusual for bears to kill cattle. Here the sheep range the woods for easy killing so the bears do not have to kill cattle. Mr. Perry recalled that he once had seen where a steer had been killed by a bear. The bear had jumped down a steep bank, caught the steer and bit it across the back of the neck.

I recall having heard many years ago of a bear killing a steer belonging to the McClintics back of the High Rocks at the head of Stampington Creek.

Fred Sharp, of Stony Creek, reports five foxes and one wildcat so far this year.

He got the wildcat on the mountain above Edray. One day last week, Mr. Sharp joined up with Fred Galford, to check on how the bears were resting in Black Mountain. It was a water haul as far as locating inhabited bear dens was concerned. The dogs did put up a varmint for a long chase to Cranberry. Mr. Sharp's hound is still among the missing.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Grover W. Wright, of Cass, a daughter, named Karen Kay. Born to Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Pryor, of Marlinton, a son, named Raymond Giles. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Gladwell, of Beard, a son, named George Daniel. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Kramer, of Seebert, a daughter, named Charlotte Ann.

DEATHS

Mrs. Mary Gay Gum, aged 93 years, widow of the late M. F. Gum, died at her home in Marlinton February 27, 1948, of the infirmities of age.... Her body was laid to rest in the family plot in Mountain View Cemetery. She was a daughter of the late William and Martha Duffield Gay, of Stony Creek...

Loretta Jane Taylor, aged 5 years, 4 months and 19 days, daughter of Mrs. Donna Cas-

sell, of Cass... The little body was laid to rest in the Wanless Cemetery close to Cass...

Arle William Curry, aged 54, years, of Richmond, Virginia, died February 23, 1948. His body was laid in Forest Lawn Cemetery on Wednesday afternoon, after service at the Broad Street Methodist Church. The deceased was a son of the late Ellis N. and Alice Rock Curry, of Greenbank...

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6200 – Mill Point. 105 +/- acres bordering Rt. 39 and just steps from huge section of national forest. Nice mountain views. Near Cranberry Glades and the Highland Scenic Highway. – \$235,000



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6447 – Seebert. 2BR/1BA cottage with wraparound deck and covered front porch. Sits on 1.5 acres, within 1/2 mile of the Greenbrier River and Trail. Near Watoga State Park and Lake. – \$109,000



6367 – Hillsboro. Small, rustic 3BR cabin with outhouse on two private acres. Short drive to area attractions, such as Cranberry Glades, Watoga State and Beartown State parks. – \$68,000



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



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



6325 – Rainelle. 92 acres of woodland with some timber. The property is located at the end of a peaceful farm valley and backs up against the Meadow River Wildlife Management Area. – \$255,000



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



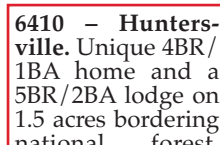
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