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## Residents call foul on police and fowl

Suzanne Stewart  
 Staff Writer

The hear public input portion of the Marlinton Town Council meeting Monday evening turned into a heated discussion about law enforcement and its role within town limits.

Resident and business owner Kristy Lanier asked council what the town is doing about the lack of law enforcement in the town. Lanier said she has made several complaints to law enforcement and said that she is told by the officers that they can't do anything unless they catch people in the act of committing a crime.

Lanier said the officers told her that they were not going to waste their time arresting someone and taking them to Tygarts Valley Regional Jail in Randolph County when they will be released the next day.

Lanier said there is a drug issue in town and she has

video on her cellphone to prove that there is illegal activity going on in Marlinton, and she is willing to share the data with police if it will help.

Mayor Sam Felton said that the town police officer, Kendall Ober, is currently at the academy getting certified and will be back to work in early May.

Until then, Felton said the best course of action is to call 911 and make a complaint.

"We are somewhat at a loss ourselves because we're complaining," Felton said. "[Code enforcement officer Scott Gibb] and I have been dealing with some of these issues since the new [West Virginia State Police] sergeant arrived and, I confess, we had hoped for more with the new person in charge. I hope from his reports, maybe there soon will be.

"We haven't seen it yet either, so I hear what you're saying."

Councilmember Chris

Curry suggested asking law enforcement officers to come to a council meeting to discuss the issue further and have a conversation about what can be done in town.

"Can we not bring these guys in and have them explain?" Curry asked. "If this is really what they're saying, I'd like to hear it from them. If this is the case, they kind of owe us an explanation, too."

Adding to what Curry said, councilmember Gail Hyer suggested putting the issue on the agenda for the May and June meetings and invite law enforcement officers and a consumer representative from West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrissey's office.

Hyer also suggested looking into a writ of mandamus.

According to the Cornell Law School website, a writ of mandamus is "an order from a court to an inferior government official ordering the government official to properly fulfill their official

duties or correct an abuse of discretion."

A town resident asked if having a neighborhood watch would help with the issues in town and councilmember Joe Smith explained that there used to be a neighborhood watch that worked with the sheriff's department.

"We had a neighborhood watch for two years," he said. "The sheriff at the time gave us walkie-talkies so we could talk back and forth. Every time we reported something, the answer we got as a designated neighborhood watch through the sheriff's department was, 'if we don't see it, we can't do anything about it.' So it just folded."

Council agreed that the best course of action is to invite law enforcement to attend a round table discussion before the next council meeting in May.

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SNOWSHOE FOUNDATION EXECUTIVE Director Dave Black, shown above purchasing toys for the Dave Dekema Memorial Toy Drive, joined the foundation in September and is excited to be part of a growing organization that serves several communities. Photo courtesy of Dave Black

## Black finds joy with Snowshoe Foundation

Suzanne Stewart  
 Staff Writer

Although he grew up on a farm near Glenville in Gilmer County, Dave Black spent most of his career working out of state in the software industry. He was looking for a change of pace and a way to return home to West Virginia when the Snowshoe Foundation executive director position opened up last fall.

"I was just sort of looking for a change of career, I guess, and a good reason to come back to West Virginia," he said. "When I heard the director's job was open, I expressed interest in it, and here we are."

Black took the position in September 2022 and is enthusiastic to be working with the foundation and the counties it serves – Pocahontas, Randolph and Webster.

"This is brand new territory for me," he admitted. "I have a business background. I worked in software for most of the last twenty years, and this is my first experience at a non-profit. It's 'tiger by the tail' some days, but I really do enjoy it."

The Foundation hosts

three major events – the Autumn in the Alleghenies dinner which was formerly held in the winter and known as the Ice Dinner, the golf tournament and Treasure on the Mountain, both of which are in the summer.

The funds raised during those events are turned into grants and scholarships.

"We have a grant cycle in the fall, which is for smaller grants up to \$10,000 and we give away a significant number of those," Black said. "In the spring, in fact right now, we have a local scholarship program going on that we run. We offer scholarships up to \$3,000 for local high school kids. They're not just for college; they're for any kind of continuing education, technical school, anything like that."

"We also have a spring grant program which we generally fund one, sometimes two, larger grants," he added. "So in the spring you can apply for a grant up to \$20,000."

While this is Black's first time working with a non-profit, he has attended several of the Foundation's events in the past, so he

see Joy pg 10

## PMH is moving right along



CONSTRUCTION ON THE expansion of Pocahontas Memorial Hospital moved along at a steady pace during the winter. Now under roof, finishing work is underway on the interior. This new addition will house the Joe and Peg Greenlee Rural Health Clinic, and includes nine exam rooms, occupational and physical therapy areas, offices, an expansion of the current kitchen and dining area and more. The existing entrance is getting a face lift – but it's not over. The next phase of the expansion and improvement project will focus on the emergency department. Community support through donations will help ensure healthcare for the future. Mail your donation to PMH, 150 Duncan Road, Buckeye, WV 24924.



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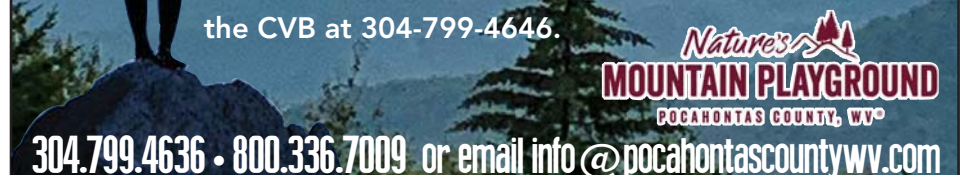


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# Schools recognized for service to students

Suzanne Stewart  
Staff Writer

During the special recognition portion of the March 28 Pocahontas County Board of Education meeting, Superintendent Terrence Beam reported that Pocahontas County Schools received the 2022 Heart of Giving Award from Youth Health Services.

Beam explained that, each year, YHS selects an individual or organization to receive the award for contributing to the mission and vision Youth Health Services has for the communities it serves.

Beam also recognized Pocahontas County High School senior Haley Spencer, who received the Greg Reed Memorial Leadership Scholarship.

Spencer, who is the board's student representative, explained that she met Reed at a leadership program this past fall in Charleston.

"He was a great person," she said. "He gave a lot of insight on how to be a peer leader. When he passed away, his wife and the WVS-SAC decided that they wanted to provide scholarships in his honor. They chose a female and a male senior who had attended that workshop in the fall. I'm very honored and appreciate the scholarship."

In updates:

- K-2 science coach Mary Sue Burns and K-2 social studies coach Shannon Rittenhouse gave updates on their progress working with the kindergarten and first and second grade teachers on

creating lesson plans that meet the content standards and add a little fun to their classroom.

Burns said they also included third, fourth and fifth grade teachers when schedules allowed and said that all the lessons they created are available online for the board to review.

Rittenhouse said she has focused on including reading in her social studies plans as much as possible because it is a nationwide issue of students struggling to learn to read.

The board thanked the coaches for their hard work and the update on what they have been doing this school year.

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# GVEDC seeks input for strategic plan

As part of its strategic planning process, Greenbrier Valley Economic Development Corporation will hold stakeholder sessions in Pocahontas, Monroe and Greenbrier counties in April.

"As we look forward in defining the work of the

Greenbrier Valley EDC in facilitating economic growth, it is imperative that we hear from the businesses and the communities we serve," executive director Ruthana Beezley said.

The Pocahontas County meeting will be held Wednesday, April 19, at the Marlinton Municipal Auditorium.

Existing businesses will meet from 10:30 a.m. – noon. Stakeholders – including community leaders, agencies, nonprofits, banks, realtors and other community members – will meet 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Individuals are asked to RSVP to info@gvedc.com

# Planned Power Outages

Mon Power will have a planned outage to upgrade facilities Tuesday, April 11. The outage will occur from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Approximately 300 customers will be affected in the vicinity of Dunmore.

Affected customers will receive an automated call to the phone number associated with their account of record.

A planned outage to upgrade facilities is scheduled for Wednesday, April 12. The outage will occur from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Approximately 1,600 customers will be affected in the vicinity of Slaty Fork and Snowshoe.

Affected customers will receive an automated call to the phone number associated with their account of record.

# Magistrate Court

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

In Magistrate Cynthia Broce-Kelley's court:

Brandilynn Nicole Armstrong, 39, of Dunmore, pleaded no contest March 24 to a charge of prohibitions – open dumps. Armstrong was assessed \$275.25 in court costs and fines.

Jacob Waile Bing, 38, of Marlinton, pleaded no contest March 6 to charges of driving while license suspended or revoked and no vehicle insurance. Bing was assessed \$650.50 in court costs and fines.

Jose O. Cardenas-Jimenez, 30, of Dundalk, Maryland, pleaded no contest March 24 to charges of failure to maintain control and following too closely. Cardenas-Jimenez was assessed \$390.50 in court costs and fines.

Logan Fedak, 19, of Bartow, pleaded guilty March 8 to two counts of battery – making physical contact of insulting/provoking nature/ causing physical harm to another. Fedak was assessed \$818.51 in court costs and fines.

William Gerald Martin, Jr., 53, of Buckeye, pleaded

guilty March 27 to charges of driving while license suspended or revoked and knowingly or intentionally possessing a controlled substance without a valid prescription. Martin was assessed \$550.50 in court costs and fines.

Roy Daniel Myers, 48, of Durbin, pleaded no contest March 21 to a charge of operation without certificate of inspection or failure to produce certificate. Myers was assessed \$195.25 in court costs and fines.

Darin S. Ramsey, 34, of

Marlinton, pleaded guilty March 27 to charges of vehicles must stop at through highway and driving while license suspended or revoked. Ramsey was assessed \$460.50 in court costs and fines.

Journey Elizabeth Robinson, 22, of Marlinton, pleaded guilty March 23 to charges of driving while license suspended or revoked and no vehicle insurance. Robinson was assessed \$650.50 in court costs and fines.

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# April is Alcohol Awareness Month

April is designated as Alcohol Awareness Month to raise awareness about the dangers of alcohol misuse and help those struggling with addiction find support and treatment. Alcohol misuse is the third leading preventable cause of death in the United States, with nearly 100,000 people dying from alcohol-related causes each year, according to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

Research shows that even moderate alcohol consumption significantly contributes to at least seven types of cancer, yet at least half of U.S. adults are unaware of this association. Additionally, alcohol use can lead to several other problems, including Alcohol Use Disorder. If you have any of these



signs of Alcohol Use Disorder, further screening is warranted.

- Drinking alone or in secret
- Drinking in the morning or at inappropriate times
- Drinking to cope with stress, anxiety, or depression
- Drinking to the point of blacking out or passing out
- Increasing tolerance to alcohol
- Neglecting responsibilities and obligations

Continuing to drink despite negative consequences such as problems at work, in relationships, or with the law

Engaging in risky behaviors while under the influence of alcohol, such as driving or unsafe sex

Having physical symptoms of alcohol abuse, such as shaking, sweating, or withdrawal symptoms when not drinking

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# 911 Center Report

Pocahontas County Homeland Security and Emergency Management director Michael O'Brien provided the following report of calls received by the 911 Center during the month of March.

The 577 calls were as follows:

## Nature of Call/Total Calls Received

- 911 ABD, open, hang-up – 26
- Abandoned vehicle – 1
- Accidental dial – 5
- Law – Animal control – 8
- Assist other agencies – 3
- Accident with injuries – 6
- Auto accident – 9
- Law – Breaking and entering – 2
- Fire – Brush – 4
- Law – Citizen assist/non-emergency – 25
- EMS – Citizens assist – 6
- Controlled burn – 4
- Destruction of property – 3
- DOA/unattended death – 2
- Law – Domestic – 7
- Law – Drug complaint – 1
- DVP violation – 4
- Fire – Alarm-elevator – 76
- Alarm – Fire – 8
- Fire other – 7
- Law – General alarm – 21

- Highway traffic hazard – 29
- Information/notice – 10
- Law – Criminal investigation – 2
- Theft of property – 8
- Law – General complaint – 66
- Law – Lost/found property – 2
- EMS – Medical – 87
- Fire – Medical alarm – 6
- Law – Mental hygiene – 2
- Missing/overdue person – 2
- Law – Paper service – 10
- EMS – Patient transfer – 37
- Fire – Secure landing zone – 7
- Law – Sex crime – 1
- Fire – Smoke investigation – 1
- Fire – Structure – 1
- Fire – Suspicious odor – 3
- System test – 4
- Law – Traffic complaint – 2
- Law – Traffic stop – 25
- Transferred to other agency – 2
- Law – Transport person – 1
- EMS – Trauma – 20
- Law – Trespassing – 3
- Law – Warrant service – 5
- Law – Welfare check – 11
- DNR – Wildlife management – 1
- Reckless driver – 1

# Circuit Court

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

A change of plea hearing was held in the case the State vs Ralph Jeffrey McLaughlin, 55, of Dunmore, wherein the defendant appeared by video from the Tygart Valley Regional Jail. McLaughlin is charged in the indictment

with one count of the felony offense of driving while license revoked for driving under the influence of alcohol, third offense; and one count of the misdemeanor offense of crashes involving personal injury. McLaughlin

pleaded guilty to driving revoked for driving under the influence, second offense, a lesser included misdemeanor. In return, the State agreed to dismiss Count II of

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**Women Spies**  
**Nancy Hart Douglas**

*“She was as deadly as a copperhead.” Perry Conley of the Confederate Moccasin Rangers*

I readily admit to having a short-lived retrospective infatuation with a Civil War spy; her name was Nancy Hart Douglas. Her shocking boldness and lethality caught the imagination of our country during the American Civil War.

Twenty years ago, I discovered that Nancy Hart Douglas, hereafter referred to as just Nancy Hart, was captured in a cabin near my home in Nicholas County.

Hers is the only marked gravestone in a slave cemetery high on Manning Knob near Richwood, West Virginia. At least it was on January 1, 2003, when I first visited her grave with a friend and found a foot of snow and ice on the ground.

The unmarked slave graves are mere depressions in the ground surrounding the fenced-in Nancy Hart gravestone. In 1987, the fourth-grade class at Beaver Elementary School in Craigsville, West Virginia, erected the headstone, marking Nancy Hart’s final resting place.

Author’s Note: The date of death on Nancy’s headstone is 1902. The year may be wrong because other sources claim she died in 1913, including two granddaughters interviewed in 1992 who remember attending Nancy’s funeral. Other reputable witnesses in Richwood remember Nancy Hart being around when Halley’s Comet was visible in 1911.

Although born in North Carolina, Nancy moved with her parents to Tazewell, Virginia, as an infant.

From there, the family moved to a farm in Roane County in present-day West Virginia when Nancy was seven. In this mountainous wilderness, Nancy honed her considerable skills at riding, shooting and tracking.

The Mata Hari of the mountains  
 Though illiterate, her con-

“brother against brother, and father against son” was accurate.

Living in this area during the war was exceptionally dangerous, particularly when Confederate raiding groups were

discussed in last week’s column. Both were ideally suited to a rugged life in the wilderness and could handle a gun and horse as well as any man.

Additionally, even their methods of spy-

tion at work.)

In Nicholas County, Nancy Hart would affect an escape from enemy capture that would put a price on her head for life and place her in the history books forever.

There are some inconsistencies in various sources in the telling of this story. With that in mind, I shall relate this vital chapter of Nancy’s life based upon testimony from those present and information from amateur historians in the Richwood area who have spent their lives studying hers.

To set the stage for Nancy’s capture and escape, we must return to July 1862 in Summersville, West Virginia.

The 9th West Virginia Infantry, commanded by Lt. Col. William C. Starr, occupied the town of Summersville, the county seat of Nicholas County. Food for his troops continued to be a problem as the various Confederate troops and raiders disrupted the supply chain from the north.

When Federal troops entered Summersville, the locals gathered all the vegetables from their gardens, and some even burned down their houses.

In response, Commander Starr and four others, including two orderlies, a Capt. Samuel Davis and a telegrapher, Marion Kerner, saddled up and searched for hardy root vegetables and other produce.

This scouting party had no intention of stealing the food or taking it by force; no sir, these were gentlemen soldiers. Instead, they offered something in return that was essential and in short supply – salt.

The party approached a

small cabin in the Mt. Nebo area and saw two young women grinding corn just outside the door. Hearing the approach of the soldiers, the two ran into the cabin. An elderly woman inside the place looked out through a small porthole and shouted, “The Yankees are upon us.”

Commander Starr politely knocked several times on the door, but there was no response. He went to a window and explained to the old woman inside that they intended to trade salt for food.

Upon hearing this, the door opened, and the soldiers left a generous amount of salt for the much-needed garden stock. Accounts confirm that the soldiers who entered the cabin noticed the comely young woman in a corner but didn’t realize at the moment she was the Nancy Hart that was on their most wanted list.

After the group mounted up in preparation for leaving, Starr pulled out a description of Nancy Hart and passed it around – all of the men shook their heads in the affirmative; the young woman was indeed Nancy Hart.

According to Kerner, Starr reentered the cabin and gently placed a hand on Nancy’s shoulder, saying, “Well, Nancy, at last we got you.”

The women put up little resistance, and because Nancy’s friend was abetting an enemy, she and Nancy were brought to the Union Headquarters in Summersville.

“Dainties” for the girls and a bullet for a boy.

The women were first held in a dilapidated house with soldiers posted outside. Marion Kerner, the telegrapher, petitioned Starr to place the two in accommodations more appropriate for two

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**PHOTOGRAPH OF NANCY** taken by an itinerant photographer during her capture. Her facial expression clearly shows her displeasure at being forced to wear the hat. This image is a large mural on the side of a building in Richwood, West Virginia, where she is widely revered as a heroine.

temporaries knew Nancy to be intelligent and articulate. Couple these traits with her firearm and equestrian skills, and you had the makings of the perfect scout and spy.

There was one other attribute recommending Nancy for the task of gathering information about the enemy – her remarkable natural beauty.

In researching Nancy Hart Douglas in 2003 at the Richwood Library, I found accounts from Union soldiers and officers describing Nancy.

There was liberal use of words like “voluptuous,” “alabaster skin” and “raven-black hair and black eyes.” Nancy apparently had no scruples about using her wiles and charms to obtain much-needed intel; those alluring qualities were occasionally lethal.

Fifteen-year-old Nancy had joined the ruthless Moccasin Rangers led by Perry Conley, a man described as a “6-foot-3 muscular menace.” She rode and fought with Conley, often leading charges.

Author’s Note: Many Melungeons settled in Virginia, where Nancy was born. Nancy’s facial features are consistent with many Melungeon women known for their beauty; high cheekbones, fair skin, dark eyes and hair.

Brother against brother, or as the case may be, sister against brother.

Virginia and present-day West Virginia was a region split in its sympathies toward the Union and Confederate causes. The adage that the American Civil War pitted

wreaking havoc with Union troops and native residents who supported the union.

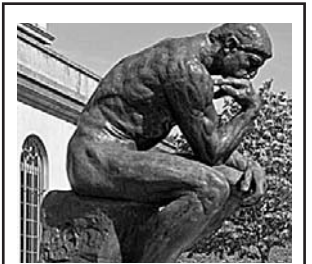
Nancy was but one of 13 children born to Stephen and Mary Hart. Two of Nancy’s brothers joined the Union Army early in the war. While visiting her sister’s home when she had a new baby, her brother-in-law, a Confederate supporter, was forcibly taken from his family for questioning in Spencer, West Virginia.

His bullet-riddled body was found along the road several days later. This unnecessary violence only strengthened Nancy’s hatred for the Union Army. Further encouraged to do whatever she could to help the South-

giner cause, it was now “sister against brothers” in the Hart family.

She continued riding with the Moccasin Rangers until Conley was killed, and the group disbanded. Shortly afterward, Nancy joined the Confederate Army under Stonewall Jackson as a guide and spy.

Burning Summersville  
 Our Civil War Nancy Hart had some things in common with the Revolutionary War spy, Nancy Morgan Hart,



**TRIVIA**  
 – a little something to think about  
 Courtesy of Chuck Cornell

1. “I see trouble on the way... I see earthquakes and lightning’... I see those times today... So, don’t go around tonight, it’s bound to take your life...” Name the song. Name the band.

2. This state quarter, issued in 2003, shows a lady seated in a chair, a long-leaf pine branch and magnolia blossoms. Her name appears on the coin in raised standard print and in Braille. Name the lady. Name the state.

3. You just received an invitation with the four Ws – who, what, when and where. They also want to know, ASAP, if you plan to attend, and they want you to know they will not be providing alcohol. What are these two four-letter abbreviations?

4. He was a pretty big guy – more than 300 pounds. He was the first U. S. President to own an automobile; the first to serve on the U. S. Supreme Court; and the first to be buried in Arlington National Cemetery. Who was he?

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Poetry Corner

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At dusk the rider reined his horse, The mailman left his posthaste course, A traveler who walked alone Scraped muddy boots upon a stone,

The fire roared loud as songs were sung, The cider keg popped out its bung And flowed along the stream of wit; Wild pheasant roasted on the spit;

Louise McNeill from Gauley Mountain – A History in Verse



Marlinton Mayor's Corner

By Sam Felton

I hate even being a part of the process, but with more federal dollars flowing than we have ever seen before, I began the first of March with an earmark webinar with Senator Joe Manchin.

The last six months has included meetings with DARRE representatives, GVEDC and others, working toward a total evaluation of the "Peacock Building" on the corner of Main Street and Second Avenue.

move forward – or not – will take place later in April. Stay tuned.

Providing Letters of Support for grant applications has been routine. The flow of ARPA funding has created another issue. There are so many projects in progress in our state that finding CPAs for audits has delayed progress with the Town's Combined Water/Sewer/Storm Project.

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What's Cookin'?

With Sally Cobb

Poppy Seed Cake

Sally Cobb

- 1 cup butter
1 1/2 cups sugar
2 1/2 cups flour
1 tsp. baking soda
2 tsp. baking powder
2 cups buttermilk
2 oz. box of poppy seeds
2 tsp. vanilla
4 eggs separated
1/4 cup brown sugar
1 tsp. cinnamon
Soak poppy seeds in buttermilk for 15 minutes.

Cream together butter and sugar. Add egg yolks. Sift dry ingredients together and add alternately with buttermilk.

Beat egg whites until very stiff. Fold into mixture. Pour 1/2 of the batter into a well-greased bundt, angel food or spring-form pan.

Sprinkle with a mixture of brown sugar and cinnamon. Pour in the remaining batter.

Bake 1 hour at 350°.

Apple Snack Cookies

Lib Faulkner

- 1 cup brown sugar
1 egg, beaten
2 1/2 cups flour
1/4 tsp. salt
1 cup chopped raisins
1/4 tsp. nutmeg
1/2 cup soft butter
1 cup thick apple sauce
1 tsp. soda
1 tsp. cinnamon
1/4 cup chopped pecans or walnuts.

Cream butter and sugar; add egg. Combine with applesauce.

Sift flour with soda, spices and salt. Add to first mixture and blend well.

Stir in nuts and raisins. Drop by tsp. on greased cooking sheet.

Bake at 375° for 15 minutes. Makes about 3 dozen.

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decision to register as an organ, eye and tissue donor.

Finally, tell others about the need in our community, and how every person can make a difference. One person has the potential to save eight lives through organ donation and enhance 50 more through cornea and tissue donation.

Visit donatelifewv.org to learn more about donation and to register online.

Community Calendar

OPERA HOUSE

"The Lady and the Empress" Saturday, April 15, at 7:30 p.m. This stage play celebrates the life and music of the legendary blues singer, Bessie Smith, also known as the Empress of the Blues. Tickets, \$10, are available at 4th Avenue Gallery, online at pocahontasoperahouse.org and at the door the night of the performance. Children 17 and younger are admitted free.

at the Pocahontas County Courthouse Friday, April 28, 2023, at 2 p.m. See details in legal ad on page 12.

Green Boxes hours Sundays from 1 to 6 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

EVENTS

John Jorgenson Quintet, Friday, April 14, at Carnegie Hall in Lewisburg. Tickets start at \$28.

WVU Symphony Orchestra Wednesday, April 19, 7:30 p.m. at Carnegie Hall in Lewisburg. Tickets, \$15/adult and \$7/students. For more information, visit carnegiehallwv.org, call 304-645-7917, or stop by 611 Church Street in Lewisburg.

day, April 8, 1 p.m. Eaden in the Alleghenies Campground at Huntersville. Fun for all ages.

Easter Egg Hunt at Bartow Ranger Station Saturday, April 8, noon. Age groups for walking to 10 years old. Sponsored by BFD Fire and Rescue.

Easter Sunrise Service, Sunday, April 9, 7 a.m. Mt. Olivet Church on Droop Mountain. Everyone welcome.

Easter Sunrise Service at Mountain View Cemetery Sunday, April 9, 7 a.m., followed by breakfast at Marlinton Presbyterian Church.

MEETINGS

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

PARKS AND REC

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

A four-week Chess Learning Series begins Thursday, April 6, 3:30 to 5:30 pm. All levels are welcome for play and instruc-

tion. Learn, practice, sharpen your skills. Ages 7 to 14. No charge, but registration is required. Call 304-799-7386 to save your space.

New six-week walking group begins Monday, April 10, at the Wellness Center and Thursday, April 13, at Durbin Library, 5:30 p.m. Call 304-799-7386 for more details.

Spring Cleanup/Litter Sweep along Greenbrier River Trail from Wellness Center to Stillwell Park, Tuesday, April 11, at 1 p.m. Gloves and bags provided. Come out and help Make Marlinton Shine!

Skateboard Clinic at Stillwell Skate Park Wednesday, April 12, 2:30 p.m. All ages and skill levels welcome.

Power Yoga class Mondays 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. This style of class is for intermediate/advanced students.

Chair Yoga Hybrid at Green Bank Observatory/Old Touring Center, Tuesday, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Call 304-799-7386 to reserve space.

see Calendar pg 13

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pocahontas County Landfill and Solid Waste Office will be closed April 7 in observance of Good Friday.

The Pocahontas Times will be closed Friday, April 7, in observance of Good Friday.

Justin Arvon, a consumer outreach and compliance specialist with the West Virginia Attorney General's office, will be at Marlinton Town Hall, 709 Second Avenue, Wednesday, April 19, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to discuss consumer-related issues and answer questions.

The Pocahontas County Deputy Sheriff's Civil Service Commission will conduct competitive examination testing for entry level Deputy Sheriff position(s). The written test will be given

EASTER SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Thursdays, April 6, 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion Service at Marlinton Presbyterian Church with Oak Grove Presbyterian Church and Marlinton area United Methodist churches. Everyone welcome.

Good Friday Service, Friday, April 7, 5 p.m. at Old Mt. Zion Church in the Hill Country. Everyone Welcome.

Easter Egg Hunt, Satur-

Pasta Dinner

Saturday, April 8, 4 to 8 p.m.

Kris' Roadhouse, Durbin. \$10/ person. Silent auction and more.

Fundraiser for the Jessica Acosta family who lost their home to a fire.

Good Friday Service April 7 at 5 p.m. Old Mount Zion Church, Gordon Dille Road in the Hill Country. Everyone welcome!

Super Crossword

ACROSS 1 One of Chrysler's K-cars... 21 Imaginary... 22 Lack of refinement... 23 Golf format... 24 Part of an internal-combustion engine... 25 Take an ax to... 26 Ornate wardrobe... 28 Nice 'n Easy product... 29 Shin locale... 30 Stumblebum... 33 Austrian cake... 34 Up on the latest... 37 "Binary" singer DiFranco... 39 S. Amer. country... 40 Much like... 41 Calculus pioneer Leonhard... 42 Hot temper... 43 Scanned ID in a market... 44 Cartoon pic... 45 Twist, as in a hose... 47 Dark deli loaf... 48 City haze... 49 The Browns, on sports tickers... 50 Volunteer's response... 52 Star pitchers... 54 Getz of jazz... 55 List-curtailling abbr... 56 Brief letter... 57 Roofing material... 59 Like an old apple's consistency... 60 Bit of a script... 61 Fear greatly... 63 Longtime operating system... 64 Spanish pot... 65 Blackthorn fruits... 66 Supplement... 67 Word that can precede the starts of the answers to the five starred clues... 69 Trousers... 70 Car navig. aid... 72 Owner of WordPerfect... 73 Cato's "I love"... 75 Brainteaser... 79 Sacred spots... 81 Soviet spacecraft series... 86 "Lord Jim" novelist Joseph... 87 Buyer's final figure... 88 Membrane covering a lung... 89 Creole cooking pods... 90 Temporarily stylish thing... 91 Take to court... 93 Leash, e.g... 94 Tony winner Schreiber... 95 Roofing material... 96 "It's so-so" genre... 99 Winter illness... 101 Director Preminger... 102 Roof part... 103 Mine car load... 104 Yoko of art... 105 Shark part... 106 Sped... 107 Genesis twin... 109 Small stream... 111 "Smooth Operator" singer... 113 Vessel for crustacean fishing event... 117 Removes tenderly, as a lover's tears... 122 City in central Illinois... 123 Hawaii's nickname... 124 Super-comy... 125 Occupancy levies... 1 Talk smack to... 2 Like official public statements... 3 Freed from federal restrictions... 4 Give off light... 5 "Look, micel"... 6 Ripen... 7 Lil Jon's genre... 8 Around H'wood, e.g... 9 French card game... 10 Actress Jane... 11 One asked to attend a party... 12 Less remote... 13 Eye creepily... 14 Thanksgiving mo... 15 Summer, to Jeanne... 16 Form a lap... 17 Tough... 18 Many a virtual bidding event... 19 Ork, Krypton or Melmac... 20 Lion's home... 27 Paris airport... 29 "Righteously" singer Williams... 30 Desk wood... 32 Pseudonym for devotees... 34 Vast Asian mountain system... 35 Satirical device... 36 Tent secluder... 38 Straight up, in a bar... 46 Reeves of "The Matrix"... 48 Fair booth... 51 Straight up, in a bar... 53 Sutured... 54 Like altruists... 55 Singer Fitzgerald... 58 Obtain by threatening... 59 Singer Rita... 62 Church teachings... 65 Film holders... 68 Rock's Clapton... 71 Launching platform... 74 Star athlete, for short... 75 Place to learn, in Lyon... 76 Smartphone company... 77 The opposite way... 78 Cemetery plot... 79 Animal trap... 80 Pack full... 82 Information group for analysis... 83 Big name in car cleaning products... 84 Speechify... 85 "Thwack!"... 90 Remote... 92 Moniker for a Yale student... 95 Coverer of a bald spot... 96 Unlike gods... 97 Brian of Roxy Music... 98 Pipe with a flexible tube... 100 Open, as a Ziploc bag... 108 Band blasters... 109 Renegé (on)... 110 Drug bust unit... 112 Mgr.'s helper... 113 "Wait a —!"... 114 "In your face!"... 115 Actor Saget... 116 Singer Rita... 118 Topping sort... 119 That girl... 120 Supped... 121 "Definitely!"

Easter Sunrise Service Sunday, April 9, at 7 a.m. Breakfast to follow service. Everyone welcome! NEW HOPE CHURCH OF THE BROTHERN Rt. 92, Dunmore

CUT OUT & COLOR ME! HE IS Risen Color this picture (make copies as needed) and bring it to Mountain View Assembly on Easter Sunday, April 9, at 11 a.m. for a prize! We'll have an Easter Egg Hunt for all ages immediately following the Church Service. Mountain View Assembly of God 21742 Seneca Trail • Rt. 219, Edray • 304-799-7326 Sunday Worship 11 a.m. • Wednesday 6 p.m. • Friday Prayer 10 a.m.

# Cultivating Stewardship and Sustainability

**Cara Rose**  
Executive Director  
PCCVB

Pocahontas County is the third largest county in West Virginia with more than 60 percent held in public lands. The tourism economy is one of the strongest in the state. With \$144 million directly spent in Pocahontas County by travelers in 2021, travelers are a vital component to our local economy, one that we as a community recognize as highly valuable with future growth potential that can facilitate improved quality of life for residents.

With that, ensuring sustainable growth and maintaining the very essence of why visitors travel to our destination is complementary to tourism, to other industry economic development and for living in Nature's Mountain Playground. This is why as a destination made up of communities, embracing a unified, holistic approach to sustainability that does not compromise common community values can be a way to better define what economic development looks like and preserve our place for the future.

From a tourism standpoint, destination stewardship is a process by which local communities, governmental agencies, and the tourism industry take a multi-stakeholder approach to maintaining the cultural, environmental, social, economic, and aesthetic integrity of their country,

region or town. Public land managers, organizations, businesses and individuals in our community are actively participating in stewardship and sustainability that will make our place a better place to live, work and visit. How can industry, community, businesses and individuals be better stewards of our place and implement sustainability practices? Sustainability and stewardship can be complex with diverse factors that impact how destinations define economic development. Here are some strategies to consider as we become more aware of our role in stewardship of our place:

- Planning for growth – infrastructure. Organic growth will happen with opportunity so it makes sense to plan for it when factors indicate growth
- Build sustainability and stewardship values into planning
- Foster a commitment to maintain authenticity, small town culture through thoughtful design and planning strategies
- Promote sustainable development practices to stakeholders. Communities are better positioned to attract businesses with the same values when they have established sustainability best practices
- Partner with professionals that share the same stewardship and sustainability values
- Understand Partner and Stakeholder plans and objectives related to stewardship and sustainability

• Foster environmental best practices – residents and visitors alike influence impacts on our great outdoors

- Promote litter free communities
- Awareness: community involvement
- Cultivate appreciation for our place
- Deliver hospitality at every level, by everyone, every time, everywhere
- Be prepared for challenges
- BUILD STRONG RELATIONSHIPS

This kind of community-based stewardship and sustainability awareness is good for all economic development especially in rural destinations where communities have deeply rooted ties to the place and have a deep vested interest in the success of future generations. All economic development brings challenges to communities. With stewardship and sustainability at the top of mind, our communities can be better assured the integrity of our special place we love will be preserved.

The key is facilitating economic growth that enhances quality of life while balancing community stewardship and sustainability values. Pocahontas County as a community does have a common value, we all love our place, and being cognizant of stewardship and sustainability values is a common ground for the future success of the economy.



## Weather Recap March

by Jason Bauserman

March came in like a lamb and it went out like a lamb. Sorry, there is no other answer.

Precipitation and snow were way below average. Temperatures were very close to normal.

The first and last 10 days were well above normal with no snowfall. The middle 10 days were controlled by a slow moving Nor'easter crawling up the Atlantic coast and spinning down cold and moisture from Canada.

Only 4.8 inches of snow was measured in the middle of March. That snowfall was 8.5 inches below average for March. Every month this winter season has been way below average. We are now nearly 50 inches below normal. Total snowfall for the season is only 13.6 inches. My least snowiest winter in 32 years of records occurred in 2019-2020 with 22.6 inches. In my opinion, this

should be an all time record for low snowfall at Bartow. Last year, April had six inches, so I will have my final snow comments at the end of the month.

Precipitation was only 2.09 inches. Normal precipitation for March is 4.17 inches. That is just 50% of normal.

The average high temperature was 48 degrees and the average low temperature was 25.5 degrees. The high temperature was 0.9 degrees above normal and the low temperature was exactly the

normal low of 25.5 degrees. The mean was 36.8 degrees and that was 0.5 degrees above normal. That mean in February was 36.9 degrees. In my 32 years of records, that is only the fifth time March was colder than February.

The highest temperature was 71 degrees on March 23. The lowest temperature was 10 degrees on March 19.

The following are the lowest temperatures for each month this winter. November 10, December 11, January 11, February 2, March 10. January often has the lowest temperature of the winter. The 11 degrees for January was my highest low temperature in my 32 years.

Enjoy April when spring really comes alive.

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## Town, from page 1

In other action, council:  
• heard from town resident Dave Bethany, who requested a temporary variance to the chicken ordinance due to a misunderstanding he had with the town. Bethany said he contacted the town office in December 2022 and asked if he could have chickens at his home. He was asked if he would have a rooster; when

he said no, he said he was told he could have chickens.

He spent money and more than six weeks of his time putting together a coop for his chickens, and two days after he got his three chickens, code enforcement officer Scott Gibb came to his house and told him he was not in compliance with the town ordinance.

Council said it could not vote on a variance at this meeting because it was not on the agenda as a variance

request. Bethany was told he could be on the May agenda.

- approved the Marlinton Utility Adjustment Policy.
- approved the town's Disturbing the Peace Ordinance.
- approved poll worker appointments.

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

## Month, from page 2

• Developing health problems related to alcohol abuse, such as liver disease or high blood pressure

Last year, 873 helpline callers cited alcohol as their primary drug, according to HELP4WV, the state's mental health and addiction helpline. The only drugs cited more frequently were heroin and methamphetamine.

Although treatment for Alcohol Use Disorder may include in-patient withdrawal management and residential treatment, many people can find recovery through lower-level intervention, including medication assistance, outpatient counseling and sup-

port groups.

If you or someone you know is struggling with Alcohol Use Disorder, free, confidential support is available by calling or texting 1-844-HELP-4WV or chatting online at HELP4WV.com

### Governor issues Proclamation ~ National Alcohol Awareness Month

The West Virginia Alcohol Beverage Control Administration (WVABCA) is pleased to report that Governor Jim Justice has officially recognized April as Alcohol Awareness Month in West Virginia. In issuing a proclamation, Justice emphasized the need to increase public awareness and understanding about the dangers associated with underage alcohol use and adult alcohol misuse. Since 1987, the National

Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence has recognized April as Alcohol Awareness Month. According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) every year in the United States approximately 95,000 people die from alcohol related causes. Alcohol Use Disorder (AUD) affects about 15 million adults in the United States, (National Institute for Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism-NIAAA). The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) reports that about 2.3 million adolescents aged 12 to 17 in 2019 drank alcohol in the past month, and about 1.2 million of these adolescents binge drank in the last month.

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Tuesday, April 11  
1 p.m.

**Spring Clean-up**

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Wednesday, April 12  
2:30 p.m.

**Skateboard Clinic**  
Stillwell Park Skate Park



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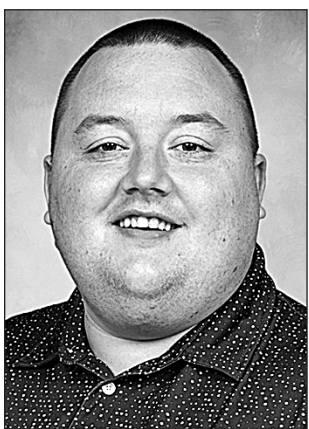
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# Obituaries



## John Gibb

John Carl Gibb, 31, of Ocala, Florida, formerly of Marlinton, passed away unexpectedly Tuesday, March 21, 2023.

Born March 31, 1991, in Fairlea, he was a son of Scott D. Gibb and Melissa S. Gibb.

John was a 2009 graduate of Pocahontas County High School. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Print Journalism at Marshall University and his Master of Science degree in Mass Communication at the University of Southern Mississippi. Prior to his passing, he was pursuing a Master's in Educational Leadership with the American College of Education.

John was a Journalist for the *Charleston Daily Mail* prior to moving to Florida in 2016. Once in Florida, he began substitute teaching, which ignited his passion for teaching and kick-started his career as a full-time educator for Marion County Public Schools at Lake Weir High School. During his seven-year tenure there, John taught Pre-IB English, Journalism, AICE General Papers and English. He was recognized as the Rookie Teacher of the Year in 2018. In 2023, he was recognized as a Golden Apple Teacher finalist for Marion County Public Schools, a highly esteemed and prestigious recognition. In addition to serving as an educator, John was a mentor teacher, Yearbook Advisor, Speech and Debate Coach, Student Government Co-Advisor and Freshman Class Sponsor.

John's passion for education and teaching was immeasurable. He had a unique

way of connecting with students that changed perceptions of the traditional teacher. Beyond that of an educator, John was a mentor, friend and a guiding light for countless students. Through his unwavering dedication, he inspired a love of learning and instilled values that will continue to shape the lives of children for generations to come. While speaking at the 2023 Golden Apple Gala in February 2023, John shared a quote that he lived by, "Whatever you do in life, make sure it is meaningful and purposeful." John truly embodied this as he lived each day with intentionality and purpose, always inspiring those around him to do the same. His passion and love for life, his students and his family was evident as he strived to make a positive impact on the world around him.

John was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, James (Jim) Gibb.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his brothers, Tim Gibb (Katie), and David Gibb, all of Marlinton, Andrew Gibb (J.T. Robinson), of Orlando, Florida; beloved nephew, Christopher Gibb, of Marlinton; maternal grandparents, Freddy and Linda Gravely, of Marlinton; and paternal grandmother, Linda Gibb, of The Villages, Florida.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, April 8, 2023, at 1 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Buckeye with Pastor David Moore officiating.

Per John's wishes, the body will be cremated.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Lake Weir High School to the attention of the John Gibb Memorial Fund, 10351 SE Maricamp Rd., Ocala, FL 34472-2517.

This memorial fund, founded in John's name, will help serve as a lasting tribute to John at Lake Weir High School and will ensure that his legacy lives on.

Friends and family wish to extend their gratitude to Marion County Public Schools, the Public Education Foundation of Marion County, colleagues and stu-

dents for the joy, love and kindness you brought to John's life.



## Julian Gillispie

Julian L. Gillispie passed away Sunday morning, March 26, 2023, at Paramount Healthcare in Fayetteville, Pennsylvania.

Born in 1935, in Arbovale, he was a son of the late Delbert and Mae Gillispie.

He was the oldest child of a large family, and took a lot of pride in both his siblings and his home state. He remembered growing up on a farm with a lot of fondness and a lot of responsibilities. It also instilled in him a desire to plant things and watch them grow. He was the owner of a well-cared for and abundant garden.

He was married to Joyce Gillispie from 1963 until her death in 2020. They had two children, Belinda and Tim, and two grandchildren, Carolyn and Justin.

Julian did many different things in his life, and liked working with his hands, building things and tinkering. After high school, he tried college but didn't think it was right for him. He was employed for a few years by the Forest Service in Idaho, working around the woods and the trees and working with his hands and building things. He went into the Army with the hope of being a helicopter pilot, but color blindness told him to try other areas, so he did. He retired from the US Army in 1979, and from Federal

Service in 1998, in Fort Ritchie, Maryland. For many years, while in the military and in federal service, he worked as a part-time handyman for people in the Fairfield area. After his second retirement, he became a certified electrician.

During his time in the military he served in Vietnam from 1967 to 1969, and was also stationed in Korea, France, Germany, Alaska, California and Maryland. He liked that he had seen a lot of the world, and said he was proud to have been in 49 states in the U.S. He wouldn't say which one he hadn't been in.

A graveside service was held Friday, March 31, 2023, at Fairfield Union Cemetery with Rev. Christopher Frye officiating.

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

## Christina Kimble

Christina Lee White Kimble, 39, of Frank, passed away Friday, March 17, 2023.

Born August 7, 1983, in Elkins, she was a daughter of Sara Lou Vandevender and David Arnold White, of Frank.

Christina was a homemaker and loving mother of two daughters. She had a passion for the outdoors and loved to go hiking and swimming, but mainly she enjoyed traveling to find new and favorite destinations. She also had a love of music and enjoyed attending concerts whenever possible. However, nothing compared to the love she had for her daughters and spending pre-

cious family time with the two of them.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by her daughters, Taylor Alderman, of Durbin, and Olivia Kimble, of Frank; sister, Melissa White Rexrode, of Durbin; brothers, Shawn White, of Frank, and Michael Knight, and wife, Megan, of Elkins; nephews, Kaden, Aaron and Will Knight and Dakin Rexrode.

A private memorial will be held at a later date.

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2023, at Davis Medical Center after a short illness.

Born July 8, 1931, in Dunmore, she was a daughter of the late Ora Buzzard Galford and Paul Galford. She graduated Marlinton High School in 1950. She held various jobs throughout Pocahontas County, but the one that brought her the most joy was being a homemaker and a mother.

She was married to Robert Morgan for 56 years until his death in 2011. From this union, she and Bob had two sons.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a brother, Buck Galford; sister, Bertha Galford; and two infant brothers.

She is survived by her sons, Mark Morgan (Bev), of Scott Depot, and Todd Morgan (Lisa), of Moore, Oklahoma; eight grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; sister, Maxine Moore, of Dunmore; brothers, Steward Galford, of Hillsboro, Ralph Galford, of Twin Falls, Idaho, and Johnny Galford, of Kimberly, Idaho.

A small graveside service will be held at a later date.

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



## Wilma Gray Morgan

Wilma Gray Morgan 91, of Arbovale, entered eternal rest Wednesday, March 29,

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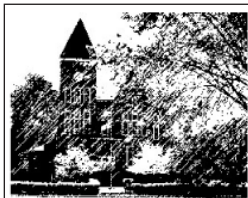
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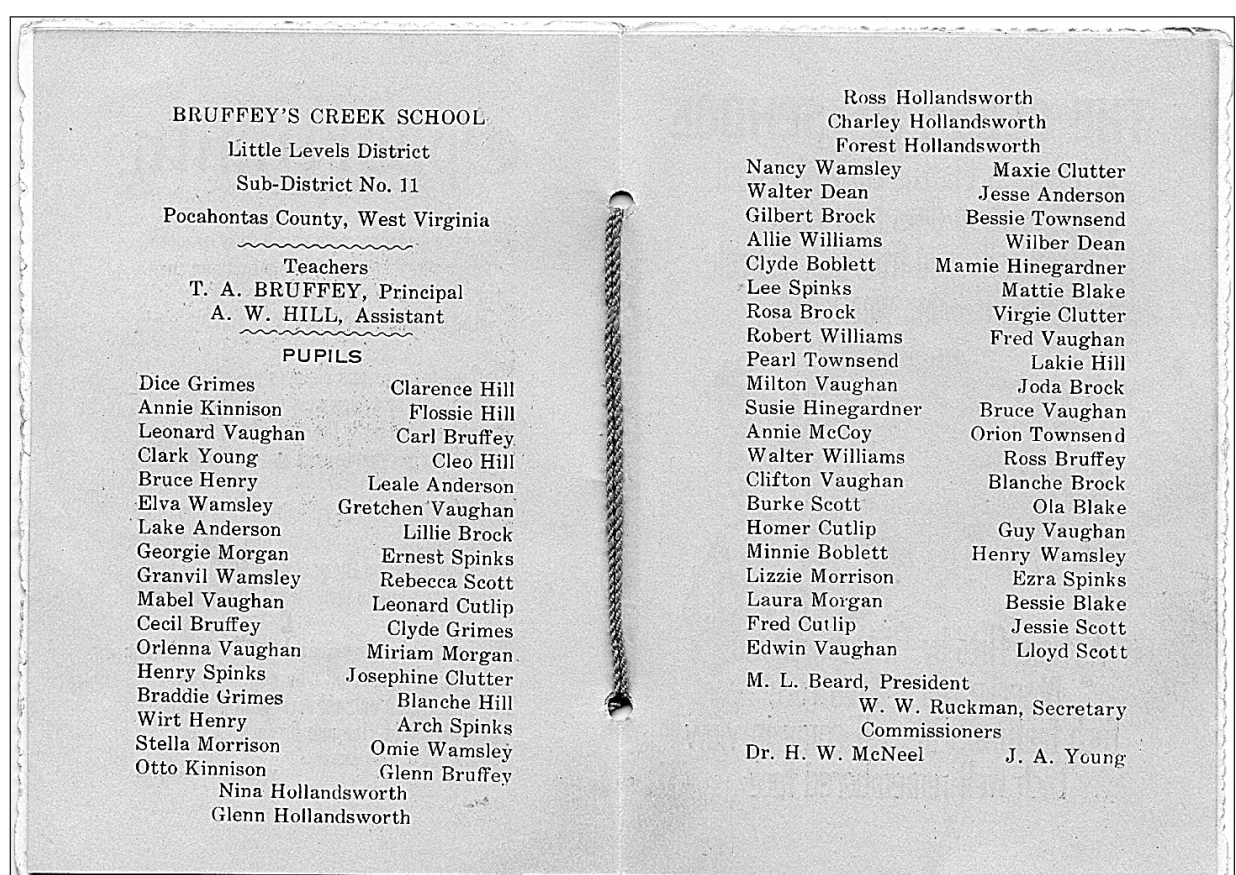
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## Bruffey's Creek School Souvenir Book - 1910



THIS SOUVENIR BOOKLET from the Bruffey's Creek School, for the school year 1910, lists 81 students. This is not a typo! Eighty-one students were enrolled in this school when its doors first opened in 1910 with teachers T. A. Bruffey as Principal and A. W. Hill as Assistant Principal. The school was located next to the Emmanuel Methodist Church in the area of Hills Creek and Lobelia in southern Pocahontas County. It served the Bruffey's Creek community until it was closed in 1935. The building was torn down in 1940. (Courtesy of Sam Taylor; PHD000115)

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## Seventy-Five Years Ago

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, April 8, 1948

Normandy...

The United States Army Transport, the John L. McCarley, is due at New York at the end of this month with the bodies of 2,619 Americans who died in the struggle for the liberation of Europe. Aboard the vessel are the remains of 65 being brought to the United States under the provisions of a 1946 congressional act at instructions of next of kin residing in West Virginia.

Virtually all the remains aboard the "McCarley" are being returned from the "D-Day" military cemeteries at Saint-Laurent-sur-Mer, Blossville and La Cambe,

Listed among those to be returned to loved ones in West Virginia was Pfc. Andy E. Hefner, of the U. S. Army, son of Mrs. Bertha O. Hefner, of Marlinton.

### FIELD NOTES

All winter long there has been a big varmint hanging out in the big laurel patch on Spruce Flat. Tracks in the snow were big enough for a chunk of a panther. In recent weeks, the varmint has been killing lambs on Spruce Flat and across Dry Creek on Bucks Mountain. Lambs and sheep are killed by a bite on the back of the neck at the base of the skull.

One day last week, Oscar Sharp took his bear dogs and some pups for to chase out the varmint. For four hours there was one grand chase. Finally the cat fooled all to hide away in one of the many rock cliffs on the Swago side.

Oscar got one good look at the varmint. It was one powerful big wildcat, probably a Canada Lynx. He could tell it was a wildcat by its bob tail.

The redbird's function in life is obviously to make this a better world to live in. A more beautiful world, one with more delight to the ear and eye. His whistled song can light up a dark gray sky and bring brightness to a dull morning. His color itself, one of the richest reds in the whole bird kingdom, can lift the heart and make it sing.

The redbird, or cardinal, is no migrant, though individu-

als may wander north and south for some distance. Traditionally a bird of the south, it has been relatively common as far north as New York City for a good many years; and its range seems to be spreading steadily northward. Whenever it chooses an area for its home, it can be seen there all year round, whistling eagerly from the top of a leafless sycamore in December, exploring the apple trees in gray March, swaying in the top of a tall, old elm in June...

Why there should be so many crows, so many blue-jays, and so few redbirds, is a question nobody seems to have answered. But the fact remains that when a redbird takes up residence in an area, that area is fortunate indeed, for he is a good neighbor as well as a delight to see and hear.

see 75 pg 14

## 100-Years-Ago in The Pocahontas Times

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, April 9, 1923

In a little free for all at Madison Wilson's restaurant Sunday night, Richard Stewart, a section hand, was shot through the leg with a 38 pistol, and Madison Wilson got busted over the head with the butt of a gun. Wilson was put under bond for the grand jury.

The community was shocked to hear of the death of Esty C. Kershner, which occurred at Frankford Sunday morning. He was on the roof of the Methodist Church putting out a fire. He asked his nephew to relieve him as he was exhausted and felt sick. He fell in a faint on the roof and thence to the ground, a distance of nearly twenty-five feet. He died immediately. His age was 52 years, and he is survived by his wife and seven children.

Mr. Kershner was well known in Marlinton, where he has often worked at his

trade as a carpenter. For the past ten months he had been employed on the new Marlinton Methodist Church as head carpenter.

W. R. Sutton, of Hosterman, was in the Levels this week and bought some pure-bred Herefords from J. S. McNeel. He got four head, two yearling bulls and two yearling heifers. The herd was driven to Marlinton Monday evening.

The house of John Adkison, on the head of Swago, burned down last Saturday. Fire caught in the roof, and the high wind prevailing, nothing could be done to save it. Just a few pieces of furniture could be gotten out. The family of the late J. W. Loudermilk lived with Mr. Adkison and they, too, lost their belongings.

Local weather observer S. L. Brown recorded a temperature of four degrees above

zero on Sunday morning, April 1.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hawkins, at Warwick, April 1, 1923, a daughter.

### HONEYSUCKLE

The other day at the Marlinton station there was a whole carload of "garden" honeysuckle roots and stems. Inquiry brought the information that it had been shipped in by the railroad to be planted on sliding banks along the right of way. A great deal of it had been used in this way, and it was proving highly satisfactory in preventing landslides. The foliage covers the scarred ground and through the summer the strong sweet odor of the flowers scents every passing breeze... Our woods honeysuckle is not honeysuckle, but azalea, and there are three or more kinds of azaleas in this region.

### DURBIN

The community was shocked by the death of Miss Emma Burner.

The funeral of Mrs. India Cassell was largely attended. J. B. Nottingham has



## Fifty Years Ago

Jane Price Sharp, Editor

Thursday, April 5, 1973

### Pocahontas County High School 1973-74

Fredric W. Smith, Principal; Steven V. Barksdale, Harold L. Crist, Anna Lee Dean, Charles W. Fauber, Elmer C. Friel, Nancy R. Galford, Richard E. Grose-close, Walter D. Helmick, Earl R. Herndon, Linda S. Hevener, Lyla C. Howell, David C. Huttenpiller, Alice R. Irvine, Dolan W. Irvine, Johnnie L. Kinnison, Francis H. McElwee, Orr Lee McMann, Kenneth K. Nottingham, Nancy A. Hennis, Fay T. Moore, Grace Jane Moore, Reta M. Rose, Donna C. Rountree, Virginia C. Shafer, Pamela S. Sharpes, David E. Smith, Peggy Smith, Quentin R. Stewart, Raymond G. Tracy, Gladys A. Vance, Kenneth E. Vance, Sharon O. Vance, Miriam VanNostran, Lawrence T. Workman, Arch G. Wooddell

announce the engagement of her daughter, Diane Eleanor, to Randy Warren Wilfong, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wilfong of Elk Route.

Miss Billie Jean Sutton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sutton, of Marlinton, became the bride of Keith Edward Beverage, of Marlinton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe W. Beverage, Saturday, February 3, 1973, in the Marlinton Nazarene Church.

### BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. David Crickenberger, of Hillsboro, a son, named Thomas Earl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ray P. Warren, Jr., of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, a daughter, named Lori Ann.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Allen Stimeling, of Silver Spring, Maryland, a son, named Timothy Wayne.

### DEATHS

Lee Gibson, 66, a son of the late Levi and Lottie Gibson. Burial in the Gibson Cemetery.

### ENGAGEMENTS/ WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Beckwith, of Slaty Fork, wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Vicki Darlene, to Charles Edward Woods, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Woods, of Marlinton.

Mrs. Eleanor Arbogast, of Marlinton, wishes to an-

Mrs. Mary Martha (Mamie) Ginger, of Chattanooga, Tennessee, formerly of Huntersville, a daughter of the late George and Nola Moore Ginger. Service and burial were in Tennessee.

## Footsteps through History

The Pocahontas Times  
Andrew Price, Editor

Thursday, April 8, 1898

COL. LEVI GAY brought his cattle home from Rockbridge the other day. He will continue to rent his farm there to be farmed on the shares.

WAGONERS have been delayed on account of high waters in Back Creek and Jackson's River. If Bath had the enterprise of Pocahontas, these streams would be bridged at once.

### MAIL CARRIER DROWNED

Unacquainted With the Dangerous Suck of the Ford Below Mt. Grove, He Ventured In and His Feeble Mail Horse Was Swept Over the Falls Below the Ford.

A tragic story of the drowning of a mail boy comes from Mt. Grove. Frank Coyner, a youth of twenty, came from Parkersburg to carry the mail on the route between Mt. Grove and Warm Springs, a distance of thirteen miles. He made daily trips leaving Mt. Grove in the morning and returning there in the evening. He crossed two swift, dangerous streams in going and returning - Back Creek and Jackson's River...

There had been a heavy rain Monday night, and on Tuesday, he left his boarding place with every prospect of high waters to cross. He placed a letter he had written home behind the clock, remarking that if he did not get back, the people could write to his father that he had found a watery grave. This was not an unnatural remark under the circumstances...

He made the trip and had got back to the ford on Back Creek, two miles below Mt. Grove, where he was drowned. There were no witnesses of the accident...

His horse was rescued from an island and taken to Mt. Grove...

The fate of the boy was known when the search party reached John Darnell's house situated about a mile below the ford... The first two days the searchers did not go down the stream far enough, but on Friday, at a point nearly three miles below the ford, they found the body on the rocks on the edge of the stream...

### NEW YORK NEWSLETTER

Two Maine hunters were see History pg 14

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# Regional Math Field Day results

Pocahontas County students participated in two separate regional Math Field Day competitions this year.

Attending the third through ninth grade regional competition were:

Marlinton Elementary School – Jonathan Burgess, Jaxon Cassell, Jarrell Clifton and Easton Smith.

Hillsboro Elementary School – Levi Irvine and Autumn Hively.

Marlinton Middle School – Eli Beezley, Madeleine Burns, Ezra Bond, Willa Hardy, Irelyn Withers, RT Hill, Tanner Smith, Cash Beers and Camden Gregory.

Pocahontas County High School – Paul Jordan, Gavin Malcolm and Wade Garber.

Winners were:  
Fifth grade: second place, Jarrell Clifton.

Ninth grade: third place, Gavin Malcom; fourth place,



**REGIONAL MATH FIELD Day winners, from left: Paul Jordan, Gavin Malcolm, Wade Garber, Jarrell Clifton and Eli Beezley. Not pictured: Max O’Ganian and Timmy Shiflett.**

Wade Garber; and fifth place, Paul Jordan.

Eli Beezley was named the estimating champ.

Attending the 10th through 12th grade regional

competition were: Sabina Leyzorek, Sammy Williams, Zac Miller, Max O’Ganian, Timmy Shiflett, Dillon Dunz, Eden Smith, Rachel Felton, Ramona Hardy and

Willie O’Ganian.

Winners were: fourth place, Max O’Ganian; and fifth place, Timmy Shiflett.

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**PICTURED, FRONT ROW, l to r: Owen Sattler, Aydrien Jackson, Levi Kerr, Kensley Rexrode and Landyn Rexrode. Back row: Darren Deputy, Kendall Taylor, Kaylee Hershman and Dalton White. Not pictured: Olivia Kimble.**

## GBEMS ~ March Students of the Month

**A**ydrien Jackson is the preschool Student of the Month at Green Bank Elementary-Middle School. Aydrien’s guardians are Ricky and April Friel. Aydrien likes to play outside and eat cereal. His favorite thing about school is getting to play with toys. Aydrien hopes to be a policeman when he grows up.

Kensley Rexrode, daughter of Cory and Alisha Rexrode, is the kindergarten Student of the Month. Kensley likes eating and playing outside with her sister. Her favorite foods are berries and Oreos cookies. Her favorite part of school is recess time. Kensley hopes to be a cheerleader when she grows up.

Owen Sattler, son of Silas and Nicole Sattler, is the first grade Student of the Month. Owen likes to go to Great Wolf Lodge and also likes to drive his lawnmower. His favorite foods are pepperoni pizza and spaghetti with meatballs. Owen’s favorite part of school is recess. When he grows up, Owen would like to be a mechanic, school bus driver and a farmer.

Levi Kerr, son of Justin Kerr and Crystal Keatley, is

the second grade Student of the Month. Levi’s hobbies are watching YouTube and playing football. His favorite foods are pizza and hot dogs. Levi’s favorite part of school is recess. When he grows up, Levi wants to be a bull rider and a farmer.

The third grade Student of the Month is Darren Deputy. Darren is the son of Lynette Doolittle and John Deputy. His hobby is playing football. He likes to eat deer meat and steak. Darren’s favorite part of school is recess and he wants to be a logger when he grows up.

Landyn Rexrode is the fourth grade Student of the Month. He is the son of Cory and Alisha Rexrode. Landyn’s hobbies are playing video games, basketball and sleeping. His favorite food is chicken wings. Landyn’s favorite parts of school are math, recess and lunch. When he grows up, Landyn wants to be an NBA All-Star.

Kendall Taylor, daughter of Chris and Melissa Taylor, is the fifth grade Student of the Month. She likes working with cows, riding four-wheelers and her favorite food is steak. Her favorite part of school is talking with her

friends and she wants to be a vet.

Dalton White, son of Dustin White and Christina Giese, is the sixth grade Student of the Month. He likes looking for deer rubs, hunting and fishing. His favorite foods are tacos and deer meat. His favorite part of school is math. Dalton would like to be a mechanic when he grows up.

Olivia Kimble is the seventh grade Student of the Month. Olivia is the daughter of the late Danny and Christina Kimble. Olivia likes to sleep and ride her four-wheeler. Her favorite food is pizza. Olivia’s favorite part of school is science class. She would like to be a veterinarian when she grows up.

Kaylee Hershman is the eighth grade Student of the Month. She is the daughter of Ellen Hershman and Casey Hershman. Kaylee’s hobbies are softball, riding four-wheelers, and hanging out with her friends. Her favorite foods are Takis and ramen noodles. Her favorite part of school is spending time with her friends. Kaylee would like to be a veterinarian when she grows up.

## MMS Academic Achievers

**H**onor Roll for the third nine weeks of the school year.

Marlinton Middle School congratulates the following students:

**Sixth Grade**  
Principals List: 4.0 GPA – Madeleine Burns, Silas Dean, Zara Fanning and Hailey Goldsberry.  
Honor Roll: 3.75-3.99 – Chloe Annett.

**Seventh Grade**  
Principals List: 4.0 GPA – Reanna Alderman, Rya Barlow, Lexie Burdette, Sa-

vana Sharp, Willa Hardy and Irelyn Withers.

Honor Roll: 3.75-3.99 – Eli Lee, Taylor Trainer, Madalynn Landis, Halleigh Teter, Carly Robinson.

Merit Roll: 3.5-3.74 – Kayla Long, Emma Sacca, Natalee Sewell, Adele Fruciano, Tessa Johnston, Paisley Lane, Harmony Thompson, Riley Keffer

**Eighth Grade**  
Principals List: 4.0 GPA – Cash Beers, Rivan Gladwell and Kaidence Cutlip.

Honor Roll: 3.75-3.99 – Damien Blankenship, Avery Beverage, Aiden Jordan, Catherine Lucabaugh, Tanner Smith and Ben Workman.

Merit Roll: 3.5-3.74 – Natalye Burdette, Emileigh Friel, Gavin Jordan, Leanne

Green, Kenslee Lane, Jacob Moore, Alexis Arbogast, Kylie Casey, Cyle Kelk, Erin Rider, Avona Oney and Dixie Schoolcraft.

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# The Pocahontas Times will be closed April 7, in observance of good Friday. have a blessed easter weekend.

## Joy, from page 1

knew what he was getting into when he took the job. It can be hectic at times, especially on the day of the big events, but Black said he is really enjoying his role with the organization.

"I really enjoy every day," he said. "I enjoy seeing what the foundation is able to do in the community and I really enjoy being a part of that. I think we do a lot for a small town in West Virginia, and we know what people struggle with and how much need there is for stuff in our communities, so it feels great

to wake up every day and go to work, and be a part of some good things going on in those communities."

The foundation is operated by Black and a board of directors, but it also takes a lot of volunteers to help with the fundraisers. Along with needing volunteers to set up and work the day of the three major events, there is also a need for volunteers to help sell Treasure on the Mountain tickets.

"We always need volunteers," Black said. "There are things that people in the community can do. One good example is selling Treasure on the Mountain tickets. We have a ticket partner program so if you

sell our tickets for the organization, you can get a commission for every ticket you sell and fundraise for your organization."

Black welcomes any and all community members who wish to help with the Foundation's events, saying that donation of service is just as important as monetary donations.

"I certainly would like people to know that we're a very inclusive organization, and there's plenty of opportunities to get involved," he said. "We welcome all comers."

For more information on Snowshoe Foundation, visit snowshoefoundation.org

## Schools, from page 2

In miscellaneous management, the board approved the following:

- Agreement for legal services with The Webb Law Centre, PLLC, for social media litigation.

- To partner with Game ChangerUSA.org to promote substance misuse prevention to all middle and high school students in Pocahontas County utilizing the "One Pill Can Kill" platform.

- To acquire integrated video capture, editing and distribution solution services developed for athletic teams by Agile Sports Technologies, Inc. dba Hudl for a three-year contract, totaling \$24,000.

In personnel management, the board approved the following:

- Resignation of Shana M. Alderman as principal at Green Bank Elementary-Middle School, effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school year.

- Consent to change Kristin A. Baer as teacher of multi-subjects, first grade, at Green Bank Elementary-Middle School to teacher of multi-subjects, second grade, at Green Bank Elementary-Middle School, effective for the 2023-2024 school year. Term of employment shall remain 200 days.

- Requested transfer of Shonda E. Carr as itinerant teacher of special education (multi-categorical)/autism at Marlinton Elementary School to teacher of multi-subjects at Marlinton Elementary School, at state minimum salary based on degree and experience plus equity, effective for the 2023-2024 school year. Term of employment shall be 200 days.

days.

- Employment of Stephanie A. Ames as cafeteria manager at Marlinton Elementary School, at state minimum salary, effective for the 2023-2024 school year. Term of employment shall be 200 days.

- Requested transfer of Kimberly I. Jordan as secretary II/accountant II at Marlinton Elementary School to secretary II/accountant II at Marlinton Middle School, at state basic salary, effective for the 2023-2024 school year. Term of employment shall be 215 days.

- Consent to change Lynne R. Bostic as director of curriculum, instruction and federal programs for Pocahontas County Schools to director of Elementary Education (Preschool to fifth grades) and federal programs, including special education and Title programs, effective the 2023-2024 school year. Term of employment shall remain at 261 days.

- Consent to change Julia A. Shiflet as director of child nutrition and food service /truancy diversion specialist to director of child nutrition and food service, attendance and homeless liaison, effective for the 2023-2024 school year. Term of employment shall remain at 261 days.

- Employment of Amy R. Robertson as director of secondary education/CTE for Pocahontas County Schools, at state minimum salary based on degree and experience in accordance with Pocahontas County administrative salary schedule, effective April 3, for the remainder of the 2022-2023

school year. Term of employment is 65 days. Term of employment shall be 261 days each year thereafter.

- Requested transfer Ollie C. Barkley as custodian IV at Marlinton Middle School to executive secretary/accountant III at the central office, at state basic salary, effective for the 2023-2024 school year. Term of employment shall be 261 days.

- Employment of Jazzlyn Teter as Grow Your Own West Virginia Teacher Apprenticeship, salary pursuant to GYO WV Teacher Apprenticeship Wage Schedule provided by West Virginia Department of Education, effective March 30, for the duration of the GYO WV Teacher Apprentice program, up to five years and serving a probationary period of 500 hours.

- Employment of Deborah L. Miller as substitute secretary/accountant for Pocahontas County Schools, at state basic pay, for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year, as needed.

- Resignation of Bradley S. Carpenter as seventh and eighth grade head football coach at Pocahontas County High School, retroactive to March 10.

- Creation of position director of maintenance, transportation and safe schools for Pocahontas County Schools, at state minimum salary in accordance with Pocahontas County Administrative Salary Schedule, commensurate with experience and educational level, effective for the 2023-2024 school year. Term of employment is 261 days.

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In Magistrate Jennifer Dunz's court:

Amanda L. Bennett, 37, of Marlinton, pleaded no contest March 15 to a charge of knowingly or intentionally possessing a controlled substance without a valid prescription. Bennett was assessed \$225.25 in court costs and fines.

Larry Bennett, 62, of Buckeye, pleaded no contest March 15 to a charge of

knowingly or intentionally possessing a controlled substance without a valid prescription. Bennett was assessed \$225.25 in court costs and fines.

Hannah Persic, 26, of Slaty Fork, pleaded no contest March 30 to a charge of accident involving damage to vehicle. Persic was assessed \$230.31 in court costs and fines.

Miguel Antonio D. Turner Robinson, 20, of Akron, Ohio, pleaded guilty March 6 to a charge of knowingly or intentionally possessing a

controlled substance without a valid prescription. Robinson was assessed \$225.25 in court costs and fines.

Samuel Matthew Swartz, 20, of Buckeye, pleaded guilty March 14 to a charge of driver must be licensed. Swartz was assessed \$195.25 in court costs and fines.

Michael C. White, 66, of Bartow, pleaded guilty March 6 to a charge of mandatory disposal - provide proper proof of proper disposal. White was assessed \$225.25 in court costs and fines.

## Circuit, from page 2

the indictment with prejudice. The matter proceeded to sentencing at the same hearing. The defendant was sentenced to the maximum of one year in the regional jail and given credit for time served. He was fined \$3,000 and is to pay restitution to the victim in the amount of \$7,855.14.

William Steven Feury, 29, of Marlinton, failed to appear for his status hearing. Defense counsel advised the court that he believes his client is "wandering to different areas and does not have a home." He has been unable to contact him and asks for a competency evaluation to be performed when he is found. The State did not ask for a capias, but asked that the hearing be continued. Feury was indicted on one count, entry of a building other than a dwelling, a felony; one count, attempted grand larceny, a felony.

In a status hearing in the case the State vs Jeremy

Self, 33, of Durbin, defense counsel related, as to Counts I - IV of the indictment, the indictment fails to state specific dates that the alleged offenses occurred. Self waived his right to a speedy trial. A five-day jury trial is set to begin October 30. Self was indicted by the April 2021 Grand Jury on three counts, sexual abuse in the first degree, a felony; one count, sexual abuse by a custodian of a child, a felony.

Nickolas Dale Bragg, 35, of Marlinton, waived his right to a speedy trial. Defense counsel made a request for more discovery and related that several motions are outstanding. A four-day jury trial is set to begin June 29. Bragg was indicted on two counts, possession of stolen goods, a felony; one count, possession of a Schedule II controlled non-narcotic substance, a misdemeanor.

A status hearing was held in the case the State vs Kyle Michael Miller, 27, of Dumore, wherein the defense attorney asked for a continuance to allow the new public defender time to take this

case. Miller waived his right to a speedy trial. Miller was indicted on one count, entry of a building other than a dwelling, a felony; one count, attempted petit larceny, a misdemeanor.

A jury trial is set for June 9 in the case the State vs Roy Myers, 48, of Durbin. Myers was indicted on one count, child neglect resulting in serious bodily injury, a felony; one count, child neglect creating a substantial risk of death, a felony.

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### BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Everette J. Welder, of Marlinton, a baby girl, named Patricia Ellen.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Gardner, Jr., of Clover Lick, a son, named Rodney William.

### DEATHS

Mrs. Minnie Golden, widow of Paul Golden, died at her home in Marlinton Tuesday morning, April 8, 1948. For more than fifty years, this good woman had

lived in Marlinton. Mrs. Paul Overholt is her daughter.

Russell Gilmore Chestnut, aged 62 years, died Thursday, April 1, 1948, after a long illness. On Saturday afternoon his body was laid in the family plot in Mountain View Cemetery. The funeral service was held from the Frost Church.

The deceased was a son of the late Anderson Chestnut and was reared in Mill Gap, Virginia. He married Miss Blanche Bussard. She and their six children, John Marshall, Marie, Minnie Sue, Ronnie, Carol and Nancy, survive.

Matthew Cook, of Seebert, aged about 75 years, died Thursday, April 1, 1948, after a long illness. On Sunday afternoon his body was laid in the Seebert Cemetery.

Funeral service for Mrs. C. R. Shrader was held Tuesday afternoon, March 23, in the Cass Presbyterian Church, of which she was a longtime member... Mrs. Shrader was born in Union February 17, 1883, the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. G. S. Weiford. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Sharder, one of whom preceded his mother in death.

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Monday night. The old question of fencing odds and ends of streets in Marlinton was revived in an acute form.

On motion, the order of record of April 3, 1922, was reaffirmed, and in addition thereto, it was ordered that every part of street or alley under fence be thrown open within thirty days from date. The motion was carried with one dissenting vote...

Main Street ordered to be put in repair at the earliest practical time for inspection by the State Road Commission with a view to taking it over as part of the State road system.

### KINER-HAMRICK

On Thursday afternoon March 29th at 2:30 p.m. Ward A. Kiner and Mary Jemima Hamrick, of

Woodrow came to the Presbyterian Manse and were united in matrimony by the Rev. H. H. Orr. Misses Ida May Burgess and Bertha M. Barlow with Lloyd Woods witnessed the ceremony.

### DEATHS

On Friday night, March 16, at about midnight, Mrs. Virginia Clark Burner, of Durbin, passed out of this life after being ill for several days with bronchial pneumonia... She was married September 11, 1866, to Allen E. Burner.

To this union were born five children, all of whom survive her, C. L. C. Burner, Mrs. Lula M. Blackhurst, Miss Emma P. Burner, Elmer D. Burner, Dr. Allen E. Burner, with whom she was living at the time of her death.

Mrs. Burner's husband died several years ago. She was a woman of intelligence and culture and of high

ideals... Her body was laid to rest in the Bartow Cemetery.

Mrs. Abigail Curry Smith passed to her heavenly home February 19, 1923. On May 9, 1865, she was married to Joseph S. Smith and for fifty-six years they lived most happily together. Brother Smith's going away was just eighteen months before her.

She was the mother of five children, who survive her: Mrs. C. L. Clark, Mrs. Perry Bosworth, Mrs. Sandy Auldridge, Mrs. Ewell Kramer and Marvin C. Smith.

For years, brother and sister Smith lived near Mill Point, where their home was known as a home of love, hospitality and prayer. Their home was the preacher's home and the stranger was not turned away... J. D. Pope

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trampled to death by an infuriated moose. Both skulls were fractured and the skin stripped off of their faces. A bull moose is a terrible animal when cornered and fights to the death.

A well-known society woman in New York has tired of fashionable life and has started a typewriter office. She has made a success, business increasing to such an extent that four assistants are necessary. Her name is Elizabeth Markoe Marquand, and she is a very wealthy and religious woman. May others follow in her footsteps.

A thief, while trying to effect his escape on the house-tops the other day, fell down an air shaft to the distance of 8 stories on to a stone pavement and was killed instantly. It is needless to say that the policeman who was chasing him did not follow, but came down the usual way by the stairs.

### BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

FOR the past seventy-five or eighty years, the McLaughlin name has been a familiar one among our people.

For this reason, the relationship so long identified with our county history deserves special mention. This relationship may be considered in groups as it is so numerous and widely distributed and derived from a varied tho related ancestor.

John McLaughlin, the ancestor of several Pocahontas families of that name, was a native of Ireland, and settled on Jackson's River, seven or eight miles south of Monterey, and was one of the pioneer settlers of that vicinity previous to the Revolution...

His family consisted of six sons and five daughters. In reference to these persons, the following particulars have been mainly learned from Mrs. Morgan Grimes, one of the descendants by the

third or fourth removed.

Margaret McLaughlin became Mrs. William Carpenter and lived on Deer Creek. Nancy McLaughlin was married to John Carpenter and lived on Thomas Creek, near Dunmore. Jane McLaughlin became Mrs. Alexander Benson, and settled in Illinois. Mary McLaughlin married John Beverage and lived on Straight Creek near Monterey.

Susan McLaughlin became Mrs. Kyle Holcomb and lived in West Virginia. Abigail married Thomas Galford and lived near Dunmore.

Major Daniel McLaughlin, upon his marriage with Mary Carpenter, settled on Deer Creek... He was much respected and a very hard-working man. He almost wore himself out clearing lands. He was a major of the militia and was a fine-looking officer on the parades that came off annually.

Hugh McLaughlin, of John the Irish immigrant, married Sally Grimes, daughter of Arthur, of Felix Grimes, the pioneer. He lived near Huntersville.

Samuel McLaughlin married a Miss Wright and lived on Jackson's River.

Robert McLaughlin, another son of John, the pioneer, died in early manhood. He is reported to have been a young man of much promise.

James McLaughlin settled in Illinois soon after his marriage. His wife's name is not remembered. He was enthused by the gold excitement of 1849 and crossed the plains to California in search of wealth. He was in a measure successful...

John McLaughlin was widely known for this jovial ways and amusing expressions, and was also somewhat eccentric in his ideas. When about to be overcome by disease and the infirmities of advanced age, he pointed out a spot overlooking his dwelling that is well-nigh inaccessible and gave positive orders to have his body buried there... It was his boast that when he was alive he generally came out "on

top" and so he seemed to wish to be on top when not alive.

His friends saw to it that his wishes should be complied with to the letter. A more unique burial scene never witnessed in that region. The pallbearers on their knees and holding to the bushes and rocks with one hand and the coffin handles with the other, and the procession following on all fours, compose a scene the like of which may never be witnessed while the world stands.

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