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Thieves threaten continued recycling at Green Box sites

Tim Walker
AMR Reporter

At the March 29 Pocahontas County Solid Waste Authority meeting, it was announced that just a few days earlier, thieves stole the exit gate from the Marlinton Green Box site, forcing the authority to remove the recycling trailers from that site because they cannot be protected from being stolen or vandalized without a gate.

It was mentioned that there have been numerous thefts of parts off those trailers over the years, including wheels, tires and hitches. One member stated at the meeting that no effort has been made to enforce the laws regarding these thefts. This collaborates what one employee told us awhile back that at least

some of the people responsible for some of these thefts are known, but no action has been taken to charge them with any of the thefts.

It was previously reported, late last year, that thieves had broken open and damaged the gate at the Caesar Mountain Green Box site and stole one of the recycling trailers, valued at over \$5,000. Since that happened, all recycling trailers at that site have been removed since there was no way to lock the damaged gate. Even now, there is no recycling at Caesar Mountain since the gate remains unsecured.

It was suggested by one member, and endorsed by several other members, that the Solid Waste Authority remove the recycling trailers from all of the green

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Passing on the music

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

Grammy award winning fiddler Hunter Berry not only performed at the Pocahontas County Opera House last week, he also introduced a spark for bluegrass and old-time music in the children at Marlinton and Hillsboro Elementary schools.

Berry – who is also a member of the East Tennessee State University bluegrass, old-time and roots music department – talked to the students about his music career and how he started playing fiddle when he was nine years old.

“I wasn’t much older than most of the students, and I was the same age as some of the students, so that kind of puts it in perspective for them and gives them an opportunity to make a connection,” he said. “Then, I got into telling them the timeline of my growth in the bands that I have been in and about traveling on a forty-five foot bus since I was fifteen years old – in a different town every night.”



LAST WEEK, GRAMMY award winning fiddler Hunter Berry, center, shared his talent and love of bluegrass and old-time music with elementary school students and members of the community. Above, Berry plays a song for those taking part in his workshop held at the Pocahontas County Opera House. S. Stewart photo

Berry has performed in every state in the United States as well as in several European countries, Mexico and Canada.

“I’ve been playing bluegrass for the last twenty-five years,” he said. “But I also love old-time music. Bluegrass and old-time both have been cultivated in the Appalachian states for the last two hundred years, starting with the English coming

over here and settling, and the Irish and Scottish also coming over and settling.

“Literally, the bluegrass and old-time music locally is as much a part of the land and the culture and the people as the trees,” he continued.

“The music doesn’t stop growing, it just gets past on. Whether it be to family members or friends and other musicians that learn from one another. It’s something

that shouldn’t be taken for granted. Even though these kids may not end up playing music themselves – at least they have an open mind – and they might like it.”

Along with working at the elementary schools, Berry held a workshop Tuesday evening at the Opera House which was open to anyone interested in learning more

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Teter named first WV teacher apprentice

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

Pocahontas County High School senior Jazzlyn Teter has wanted to be a teacher for a very long time.

Now, thanks to the Grow Your Own program and the West Virginia Department of Education Teacher Apprenticeship program, she is closer than most high school seniors to earning her degree.

The Grow Your Own program through Glenville State University was started several years ago to encourage high school students to get a head start on their college education and become teachers in their home counties. Students who enter the program take college level courses while in high school and in turn earn their bachelor’s degrees a year early, allowing them to begin their teaching careers sooner.

After learning about the program her junior year – when Glenville representatives visited PCHS – Teter signed up and began her college career right away.

“I took the first class last semester, and I’m taking the second class now,” she said.



DURING HER SENIOR year at Pocahontas County High School, Jazzlyn Teter joined the Grow Your Own program where high school students take college courses toward a teaching degree. Teter has also been named the first West Virginia Teacher Apprentice. S. Stewart photo

“You’re supposed to take four of their classes and even though I didn’t finish the other two, I still have thirty-three credit hours with all my other college classes I took this year, so I still get to go for only three years to get a bachelor’s degree.”

As part of the program, Glenville will pay for all the college classes Teter took in

high school. She will have to return to Pocahontas County to teacher for five years or up to 500 hours after she graduates from college.

Teter went to Charleston in late March to be recognized for being in the Grow Your Own program and was surprised to learn she was also the first West Virginia Teacher Apprentice.

“I was recognized for that and then Glenville gave me a \$9,000 scholarship,” she said. “It was really exciting. It was heartwarming. I was like, ‘wow, all of my hard work paid off.’ I did put in a lot of hard work. I put in a lot of college credit hours and high school hours.”

On top of all her high school and college classes, Teter was also on the basketball team and worked four to five days a week at Alfredo’s in Marlinton.

All her hard work has definitely paid off and Teter is excited to get started on the next chapter at Glenville.

“I am supposed to go April 20 to tour and schedule my classes and all that,” she said. “I haven’t been [to Glenville before]. I was looking on the map, and I’m a little nervous for job opportunities when I get there, but the workforce program is going to help me get a job.”

Yes, that’s right. Teter plans to have a job while she is attending college, as well. She is a hardworking student who is ready to pass on her work ethic to the next generation of students who go through Pocahontas County schools.

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All bottled up



THESE BOTTLES FROM the Marlinton Bottling Company were shared with *The Pocahontas Times* by Bryan Vandigo, of Mountain Grove, Virginia. The bottles are reminders of the bottling company – also known as Mason Bottling Company – which bottled Coca-Cola and was the exclusive agency to sell Limko. A closer look at the green bottle shows that the logo was misspelled – with a “g” in Marlinton. If you have more information on the history of the bottling company, please contact Suzanne Stewart at sastewart@pocahontastimes.com

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Commission signs Handley Camping Area lease with WVDNR

Tim Walker
AMR Reporter

The Pocahontas County Commission signed the property lease agreement with the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) at its April 4 meeting.

The county will now manage about 20 acres of the Handley Wildlife Management Area, to include the camping area, picnic area, restrooms, lake access and water system. The DNR is leasing the site to the county for \$1 a year for an initial period of five years, and includes a mutual right to be renewed after that.

Following ratification of the lease agreement, the commission hinted about some ideas they have to improve the area for residents and tourists to enjoy. Commission President Walt Helmick said one question he had for the DNR was what their plans were for the old lodge building. Helmick said that building is not part of the leased area, however if it is the in-

attention of the state to tear down the old lodge, he would want them to add that building's site to the county leases, so that they could build a pavilion where the lodge was, and use the building's existing fireplace in the pavilion.

Helmick said the West Virginia Department of Highways is assessing the site to see if they can replace the stone on the entrance road and on the circle leading to the campsites. He also said the first year of the lease would be a construction phase in an attempt to improve the site for the use and enjoyment of the public, and the county would put stone on the individual RV campsites. In the past, the commission has also talked about putting in new picnic tables, fire rings and playground equipment. The commission is waiting to hear back from the Parks and Recreation Board as to whether they can handle managing the site.

Cara Rose, executive director of the Convention and Visitors Bureau, told

the commission that the Housing Task Force is moving forward to find solutions to the county's housing shortage.

She said they are focusing on work-force housing, since a lack there-of hampers businesses from moving new workers into the county. Rose also said the "Build West Virginia Act" will be bringing \$150 million to districts in the state, and the task force is trying to get Pocahontas County to be a designated district under that act.

During a discussion, Helmick and Sheriff Jeff Barlow laid out a preliminary plan to satisfy the West Virginia Supreme Court's concerns about the lack of security at the courthouse. It would involve closing all courthouse outside doors into the building except for the basement level handicap entrance, where they will install a security checkpoint complete with metal detectors and armed security personnel.

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MAKE YOUR OWN rain barrel at the Greenbrier River Watershed Association Earth Day event Saturday, April 22, at Lost World Caverns in Lewisburg.

GRWA Earth Day event

The Greenbrier River Watershed Association will host a large watershed celebration at Lost World Caverns in Lewisburg on Earth Day, Saturday, April 22, from 2 to 8 p.m.

Admission is a suggested \$10 donation and kids 12 and under are admitted free.

There will be free cave tours, kids activities, live music and a silent auction. Food will be available for

purchase.

A mini-macroinvertebrate workshop/display will be presented by Callie Sams of the WVDEP Save Our Streams Program, and GRWA educational materials will be available for discussion and to take home.

Through a grant from the Mountain Resource Conservation and Development, GRWA will also host a rain barrel workshop at 3p.m.

with a free rain barrel to take home by registered participants.

There is a limited numbers of barrels, so register early to save your spot.

Additionally, at 5 p.m., five beautifully painted rain barrels decorated by local students will be auctioned.

Celebrate Earth Day and support the ongoing projects to keep our beautiful Greenbrier River clean and healthy.

April Grand Jury returns indictments

Jaynell Graham
Editor

The April 2023 Grand Jury convened April 4 and handed up indictments against 13 individuals.

An indictment is not proof of guilt. All persons are considered innocent until deemed otherwise by their own admission or by a jury of their peers.

The following individuals will be arraigned April 19 before the Honorable Robert E. Richardson:

Steven K. Bennett, 47, of Green Bank – One Count, grand larceny, a felony; One Count, destruction of property, a felony; One Count, conspiracy, a felony.

Phyllis McCray, 43, of Belington – One count, grand larceny, a felony; One Count, destruction of property, a felony; One count, conspiracy, a felony.

Austin Carden, 22, of Dunmore – One Count, grand larceny, a felony; One Count, destruction of property, a felony; One Count, conspiracy, a felony.

Christopher M. Gibson, 45, of Buckeye – One Count, failure to register as a sex offender or provide notice of registration changes, second or subsequent offense, a felony.

Landon Gibson, 19, of Buckeye – One Count, petit larceny, a misdemeanor; One Count, grand larceny, a

felony; One Count, burglary, a felony.

Justin Arbogast, 33, of Valley Head – One Count, sexual assault in the first degree, a felony; One Count, sexual abuse by a parent of a child, a felony; One Count, incest, a felony.

The following individuals will be arraigned April 20 before the Honorable Judge Jennifer P. Dent. Incarcerated individuals will appear via Teams Meeting.

Brent Prouse, 33, an inmate at Mount Olive Correctional Center – One Count, attempted possession of a controlled substance by an inmate, a felony; One Count,

see Jury pg 6

AG offers tips to avoid scam calls

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey offered advice to consumers following multiple recent reports of scammers using robocalls to target West Virginians.

Scammers often use legitimate phone numbers to make incessant robocalls that swindle consumers out of their hard-earned money.

"Consumers need to keep their guard up and stay alert if they receive a suspicious call," Morrisey said. "Remember, don't panic, and don't give away any personal information. Our office remains committed to making progress in combating unlawful robocalls, and we will continue to fight these illegal and obnoxious scam calls."

If consumers receive a

scam call, they should:

- Hang up. Ending the conversation is the quickest way to stop a scam.

- Verify the call. If the caller claims to represent a particular government agency, hang up and call the main number for the legitimate agency to see if that agency was trying to reach you.

- Don't trust your caller ID. Scammers have been known to falsify or "spoof" calls to make them appear to come from a legitimate source.

- * Don't give in to the scammer. Scammers are hoping consumers will panic and surrender the informa-

tion or money they are asking for out of fear.

- Report the scam.

Consumers are urged to never share personal identifiable, financial and other sensitive information without verifying the legitimacy of the recipient. The same goes for never agreeing to send cash, wire money or provide numbers associated with a credit/debit card or bank account.

Anyone with questions or who believes they may have been a victim of a scam should contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at 800-368-8808 or visit the office online at www.ago.wv.gov

Kelly: Failure to address correctional officer vacancies "unconscionable"

By Steven Allen Adams
Special to The Journal

With vacancies of officers and staff at West Virginia's correctional facilities and regional jails remaining at an all-time high, Delegate David Kelly said Gov. Jim Justice and lawmakers need a special session to fix the issue.

Kelly, R-Tyler, is chairman of the House Jails and Prisons Committee. In a Facebook post Thursday, Kelly criticized lawmakers for ending the 2023 legislative session March 11 with no bills to recruit or retain correctional officers and staff.

"We have to do something. We cannot keep ignoring the problem and think it's going to change," Kelly said. "We cannot pretend it doesn't exist. The numbers don't lie."

According to the Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation, the overall vacancy rate for the division is 1,037, with 28% of positions unfilled as of March 31. That's up slightly from 27% around March 9. The correctional officer vacancy rate alone is 748. The 33% vacancy rate for officers has remained static from earlier in March.

More than 10,100 inmates are in the state's correctional system, spread out in 11 prisons, 10 regional jails, 10 juvenile centers and three

work-release sites.

Justice has declared a state of emergency twice over the past six years for the prisons and regional jails due to severe staffing shortages, including in August 2022. The West Virginia National Guard was ordered to assist with staffing needs until this August. Since last August, the vacancy rates have only increased. The state of emergency beacon on top of the Capitol remains lit.

"The light above the Capitol dome remains on today to remind us that we are in a state of emergency for one reason: We have failed to come through for the brave men and women in our jails and prisons," Kelly said. "They are being forced to work 60, 70 or 80 hours a week, because we failed them. Is this the message we really want to send? Can we hold our heads high and take a victory lap knowing that we have done nothing to stop this madness?"

Several bills were recommended for passage by Kelly's House Jails and Prisons Committee, but none of the bills were taken up by other committees or considered by the full House of Delegates.

House Bill 2879 would have given corrections employees with three years of service a \$6,000 bonus beginning July 1. New jail and

corrections employees hired on or after July 1 would have received a \$3,000 sign-on bonus, as well as a \$3,000 bonus once they accumulate three years of service. House Bill 2895 would have granted a cost-of-living stipend to correctional officers employed by the Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation of up to \$10,000 per year at the discretion of the commissioner.

"We looked at measures that would address recruitment and retention, as well as attempting to deal with the need to address higher costs of living in certain areas of the state. Nothing happened during the session," Kelly said. "We left the Capitol at the end of 60 days and did nothing to provide relief."

"It is unconscionable that we, as a state, would place such a low level of importance on the men and women that are charged with protecting us from the worst of our society," Kelly continued. "Our failure to come through for them in their time of greatest need can leave little doubt in their minds as to what the government thinks of them."

Justice has been a vocal supporter of locality pay for correctional officers, increasing pay in areas of the state seeing the highest vacancy

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Earth Day program at Hillsboro Library

The Hillsboro Library Friends have an event scheduled for Earth Day, Saturday, April 22, at the Hillsboro Branch of the Pocahontas County Public Library. The guest speaker will be Michael M. Barrick, author of “Fractured Sanctuary: A Chronicle of Grassroots Activists Fighting Pipelines of Destruction in Appalachia.”

The event will begin with a reception at 5 p.m. with the program following at 6 p.m.

Barrick will facilitate a community discussion regarding community preparedness and disaster management in the context of grassroots organizing and activism in Pocahontas County and throughout Appalachia. Barrick has extensive experience in emergency management. A native of Clarksburg, he has worked as an EMT/paramedic in Charlotte, North Carolina, and has served as the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator and Safety Officer for two hospitals – Frye Regional Medical Center in Hickory, North Carolina, and Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital in Weston. A 1984 graduate of Glenville State College with a B.A. in English and history, he also holds a post-graduate Certificate in Community Preparedness and Disaster Manage-

ment from the University of North Carolina Gillings School of Global Public Health. He is owner of the online periodical, the Appalachian Chronicle.

Among his responsibilities at the hospitals was serving on Local Emergency Preparedness Committees. As such, he has served on several, including the Lewis-Upshur LEPC, and several counties in North Carolina. He developed a Reverse 911 website notification system that was deemed a “Best Practice” by the Triad Regional Advisory Committee (Winston-Salem, N.C.).

Applying the lessons learned by grassroots activists that are profiled in his book, Barrick will facilitate an Open Forum on Community Preparedness and Disaster Management in Appalachia. The desired outcome of the gathering is to share information and answer questions about how grassroots activists can assist their local emergency and public health officials in developing plans for community preparedness and disaster response. Barrick says, “It is my mission – in life and in my book, ‘Fractured Sanctuary’ – to empower activists with solid knowledge to make sure their communities are as prepared as possible for any potential disaster that might befall them.”



The Morel of this story is delicious

When I sense winter’s end, hear the raucous Spring Peepers, or smell the pungent and fertile forest duff again, another delight immediately comes to mind – the morel.

One of my favorite cartoons depicts three morels conversing. One says, “I haven’t seen one human yet.” Another responds, “It’s too early; they’re not out yet.”

When I began my morning Thursday, I would have usually considered the 6th of April as too early for morels to be up. And, in most years, it would be a bit early.

However, we received some rain and a few days of 70-degree weather earlier in the week. I decided, therefore, to ditch my usual hiking route and visit one of my favorite morel honey holes on the odd chance that one or two Morchella elata may have bravely poked their heads up through the dead leaves.

My efforts were rewarded with a half-dozen perfectly fresh black morels. They are currently residing in the vegetable bin of my fridge, awaiting a coating of seasoned cornmeal and the frying pan.

When crispy but not overcooked, these babies will grace the top of another spring ritual of the Appalachians, a ramp feed. My ramps will find their way into a casserole comprised of alternating layers of chopped ramps, sliced potatoes, and sausage topped with sharp cheddar cheese. Crowning this casserole will be the butter-fried morels.

Are you wondering what wine might go with morels and ramps? It depends on your personal preference, but you can’t go wrong with a good sauvignon blanc. When the perfect wine mingles with morels, your taste buds veritably scream “culinary indulgence.”

The addition of the ramps only further titillates the taste buds.

So, what is it about morels that overshadows all the other edible mushrooms that populate our forests here in Pocahontas County?

It is not that people are merely fond of morels; they are howl-at-the-moon crazy about them, and with good reason. The flavor of this ephemeral mushroom is incomparable to any other wild edible, often described as woody and nutty.

Mere words do not adequately describe the taste of the morel; the flavor is ineffable. Most people are hooked at the first bite, setting off a lifetime love affair with this strange-looking mushroom.

There are those rare individuals who do not appreciate the exquisite flavor of the morel. It is generally assumed that these unfortunate people have suffered physical damage to their taste buds at some point.

Perhaps the mutilation of the taste buds was incurred by sticking their tongues on a frozen flagpole one sub-zero winter day. But then again, these individuals are relatively rare and tend to believe that the Earth is flat and that unicorns romp about in the moonlight.

Serious morel hunters refer to their favorite spots as “honey holes” – these special locations are closely guarded secrets. They may reveal their favorite ramp patch to their brother-in-law or that wooded ridge where they always find clusters of Chicken of the Woods to a close relative. But the location of their morel honey holes goes to the grave with them.

I once had a bountiful morel honey hole, and I only made the mistake of revealing its location once, and that was to my ex-wife when we were still married. Afterward, she beat me to my honey hole every spring. Even worse, she began leaving index cards hanging from tree branches, saying things like “Thanks Big Mouth”



MORCHELLA ESCULENTA (YELLOW morel) with tender pokeweed shoots. K. Springer photos



MOREL PO'BOY WITH a crisp IPA.

and “Don’t blame me, you’re the one who broke the cardinal rule of morel lovers.”

Not only did she have a penchant for morels, but she was fiercely competitive, greedily jumping in front of me if she saw me stooping over to pick a morel, grabbing it, and putting it in her basket. After a few years of fungal abuse, I divorced her, and my honey holes have been top secret ever since.

If I told you that the word “morel” can be used in the same sentence with deathbed confessions, bribery, and drive-by poaching, you may not believe me, but read on.

My 87-year-old father was on his deathbed at his home in Florida in 2007. My siblings and I stood by his bed one by one and talked to him privately before he passed on.

During my turn, I asked him if there was anything left undone in his life or anything he would like to do one more time. I thought he would undoubtedly lament that he never returned to Australia, where he had spent a month of R&R during World War II. He would get dreamy-

eyed when speaking of this time and always muttered something about “Those delightful Aussie gals.”

Instead, he drew me nearer to his face and said in a weakening voice, “Those morels you overnighted to me last April to share with the family; I ate them all.” Good Lord, I thought, an actual deathbed confession involving a morel.

I bet that doesn’t happen every day, or maybe it does!

He said that if he could have anything he wanted, it would be one more plate of morels fried in butter. Well, there cannot possibly be a more honest statement than one made at the very end of one’s life, and it also speaks volumes about his passion for the morel.

My friends, Jim and Beth Bullard, tell a delightful story of being out early one spring morning on Thorny Creek Road in Pocahontas County.

They were birding when a 60-ish man in a white pickup truck stopped beside them and inquired, “Are you

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TRIVIA – a little something to think about

Courtesy of Chuck Cornell

1. Edison, Inc., in 1889, was the first company to manufacture these machines. Wurlitzer, Seeburg and Rock-Ola followed in producing them. What is this machine?
2. If your hair had that “radiantly alive look,” you may have used this item from the “HABA” aisle. The 1970s ad showed a pearl slowly sinking to the bottom of the container. Name the product.
3. What natural weather phenomenon transported Dorothy to Munchkinland?
4. Pattie Boyd, a blue-eyed blond, British model and photographer knew the right guy to marry – make that the two right guys to marry. Who were her husbands?



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Marlinton Mayor's Corner

By Sam Felton

This week, I am just talking TRASH. Online payments can be made by going to the Town of Marlinton Homepage.

In addition, the following ordinance and/or others can be found by going to the Town of Marlinton Homepage.

For further information regarding the official version of any Code of Ordinances or other documents posted on this site, please contact the town office at 304-799-4315.

§ 92.029 Special Pick-Ups:

(A) The town will offer two special pick-ups per year for large items and rubbish that is too large for the garbage truck: one - the sec-

ond week in April and one - the last week of October. The homeowner, renter or business will be assessed an additional fee set by the Town Council from time-to-time per pick-up based on the quantity of rubbish.

Note: Additional fees are \$20-25, based on the town paying \$72.25 per ton at the landfill.

(B) The town will furnish leaf bags to residents and businesses and pick up the same at no additional fee or cost.

(Prior Code, § 7-110) (Ord. passed 9-10-2012)

§ 92.030 Dumpsters:

(A) There may be times the town will, at its discretion, place a dumpster at a location, due to health reasons

or safety factors affecting citizens or employees and will follow the guidelines of the classes of garbage for rates.

(B) At the council's discretion, the town may place a dumpster in certain areas of the town to accommodate several businesses and/or residences from one holding area. In these instances, each business and/or residence will be assessed individual fees based on their classification.

(Prior Code, § 7-111) (Ord. passed 9-10-2012)

§ 92.031 Residential Garbage Fee:

From and after the effective date of this subchapter, the residential garbage collection fee is set by Council from time-to-time per bi-monthly billing (every two months). Note: The Town will consider a rate increase when Landfill charges increase.

(Prior Code, § 7-112) (Ord. passed 9-10-2012)

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.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Greenbrier Valley Board of Realtors seven-hour continuing education class Tuesday, April 18, at the WVSOM Student Center. For more information or to register, call 304-645-1811 or email realtors@gvbor.com

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 at the Pocahontas County Courthouse Friday, April 28, 2023, at 2 p.m. For more information, call the County Clerk's office at 304-799-4549.

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 carnegiehallwvu.org, call 304-645-7917, or stop by 611 Church Street in Lewisburg.

Hillsboro Library Friends Earth Day Open Forum about grassroots involvement in Local Community Preparedness, Saturday, April 22, at Hillsboro Library. Reception at 5 p.m. Program at 6 p.m. with speaker Michael M. Barrick, author of "Fractured Sanctuary, A Chronicle of Grassroots Activist Fighting Pipelines of Destruction in Appalachia."

MEETINGS

Arbovale Cemetery Association Annual Meeting Sunday, April 16, 2 p.m. at

the Arbovale Community Center. Everyone welcome.

PCARSE Wednesday, April 26, noon, at the Wellness Center in Marlinton. Speaker: Bill Milam.

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.

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

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

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

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Hillsboro Mayor's Corner

By Gail Siers

Little did I know four years ago what I was getting myself into. I have always been one who likes to help the community however I can. Hillsboro Council needed a new member. My wife talked me into sitting in on a few council meetings. I soon realized the town needed many things replaced and or upgraded. From sidewalks raising up to the old bank building needing to be demolished, and water and sewer systems needing to be rebuilt after 40 years of no upgrades.

I asked to become a council member and was voted in.

The Mayor at that time was not going to run for another term. I talked with council and they said they would like for me run for Mayor. I had no experience at all in government. First thing I did was call and set up a time that I could talk with Sam Felton. Sam was very helpful, but I was still lost.

Region 4 called me and asked if we needed additional sewer or water lines run for the town of Hillsboro. I said we needed a lot

maintenance work done on our water and sewer systems. Region 4 personnel came and looked at our water/sewer system and said we needed a complete new sewer system.

When I ran for Mayor, I had two things in mind. The first was a new sewer system along with upgrading our water system; and the second was to demolish the bank building.

I started applying for grants. We received a grant June 4, 2021 to demolish the bank building. It has been very frustrating for me, because the money is there, but hasn't been released. Word is that bids will go out soon.

We have received a grant to build a completely new lift see Hillsboro pg 11



What's Cookin'?

Deviled Cheese

- Alice Moore
- 1 pkg. cream cheese
- 1 triangle of Roquefort or blue cheese
- 2 dollops of catsup or chili sauce
- 1 dollop of Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tsp. grated onion.
- Mix well and serve on crackers.

Beets Royale

- Alice Waugh
- 1- #2 can pineapple chunks
- 2 Tbsp. cornstarch
- 1 - #3 can diced or very small beets
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 Tbsp. vinegar
- Blend cornstarch with 1/2 cup pineapple juice.
- Add beet juice and cook until thickened.
- Add vinegar, salt, pineapple and beets.
- Heat thoroughly.

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Super Crossword RECORD PLAYING

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Hammerhead worms in West Virginia

Melody Phillips
Staff Writer

Hammerhead worms, *Bipalium*, are a genus of large predatory land planarians and are an invasive species native to Southeast Asia. The hammerhead worm, like the hammerhead shark, received its nickname due to the shape of its head. They generally have a flattened body, earth colors, may have one or more strips, rings, spots or other markings, and may grow up to 20 inches long. The first flatworms traveled to America in the roots of plants distributed from greenhouses for landscaping. The first reported sighting of a hammerhead worm was in Texas, and there have been reported sightings of them across America since 1980. Land planarians, or flat worms, are restricted to very specific environments due to their lack of water-retaining capability. This makes them very sensitive to their environment so they have a tendency to reside in tropical and subtropical areas or other humid locations. Crossing arid regions and becoming established in new locations may be as simple as hitching a ride in the soil of someone's plants.

What do hammerhead worms do?

Flat worms do not like being touched and will produce a slimy film when handled.

The compound tetrodotoxin, which is found in Fugu pufferfish, is also present in the hammerhead worm. James Murphy, an agriculture agent with UGA Extension in Rockdale, Georgia, said that you would

likely need to ingest the worm for any poison to enter your body and possibly a lot of them to be severely poisoned. With this being said, some people may be more sensitive to skin contact than others and might develop a rash, so gloves are recommended when handling them. Illness may develop in some animals if they eat these worms in large quantities; however, most animals find them distasteful and will ignore them.

Hammerhead worms use the slimy and sticky mucus they produce to first paralyze the victims they wrap around. They then use special enzymes, released in the mucus, to digest their prey while it is outside of their body. After the digestive juices have liquefied their prey, they consume it by using tiny hairs, called cilia, to move the dissolved mass into the mouth on their belly. They use these same microscopic hairs to travel as they guide themselves over a trail of mucus they secrete from their underside. The head and part of the neck are held in the air and move side to side as they "crawl."

What do hammerhead worms eat?

Hammerhead worms are carnivorous in nature and can even be cannibalistic. Being sensitive to light, they mainly feed during the night on such things as snails, earthworm, slugs, some small insects, and other soft bodied invertebrates. One of their primary food sources is the earthworm. Hammerhead worms do not aerate and fertilize the soil like earthworms do. If the population of hammerhead worms grows too large in an

area and they consume too many native earthworms, the soil fertility can dwindle, causing crop shortages due to poor soil conditions. This is not only a concern for farmers but should also be disconcerting for anyone who eats produce. Besides the devastation they create by eating the beneficial soil fauna they also transmit harmful nematode parasites in their wake; having the ability to affect people, plants, and animals.

How do hammerhead worms reproduce?

Hammerhead worms are hermaphrodites, containing both the male and female reproductive organs, and are also able to replicate through fission. Fission is similar in concept to mitosis, but instead of only making more cells for the body, fission is a way to clone or replicate another whole organism. Because of the ability to do this, they will multiply in numbers when cut in half.

A possible up side to flatworms

Erin Davies, of the National Institutes of Health's Cancer and Developmental Biology Laboratory, began research on the adult pluripotent stem cells (PSCs) in the flatworms for the possibility of "tumor suppression or other facets." "Planarians are a remarkable model system," said NCI-CCR Scientific Director Tom Misteli. "Its arrival in the intramural program offers a powerful new tool to study regeneration, differentiation, and stem-cell biology, all processes that are highly relevant to many diseases including cancer." The



THIS SMALL HAMMERHEAD worm was found stalking a much larger earthworm. The hammerhead wraps around a victim and secretes a neurotoxin to paralyze it to keep it from getting away. M. Phillips photo

full article can be found at <https://irp.nih.gov/catalyst/28/5/using-flatworm-regeneration-to-study-stem-cells>

Personal experience

I have read many statements, by people throughout West Virginia, saying they are glad that these worms are not here; sadly, I can testify that this is not the case. Although this region is not as friendly to the hammerhead worms as other parts of the county, it is still important to vigilantly be on the lookout for, and to capture and report these invaders.

What to do if you find a hammerhead worm?

When you find a hammerhead worm, first take a

picture of it. Do not cut up the worm; instead, use gloves or another item to pick up the worm and place it into a baggie or jar. Contact your local extension office to report the finding; this will help them track the location of this invasive species. Ask if they want it for testing or if you should dispatch it. If they say to dispatch it then cover the worm with salt, vinegar or alcohol.

One way to rid hammerhead worms from the soil is to use boric acid about every two weeks. This creates an acidic environment, which they cannot live in. Be advised that using boric acid and making the soil acidic can affect the ability to grow

certain crops in that soil; it is also harmful to many beneficial insects and worms.

The take-away

1. Being vigilant, along with due diligence, is advised when stumbling upon one of these unusual looking creatures since there are some reasons for concern.

2. Parts of the world have habitats in which the hammerhead worm will proliferate; however, most of the United States' environment will keep them at a slow crawl.

3. These little pests have been around for a long time and are not going to come after you while you sleep or poison you if you accidentally step on one.

Teter, from page 1

As the first Grow Your Own and Teaching Apprenticeship member, Teter said she would highly recommend taking advantage of

the opportunities given to students by the program, especially to those wanting to be educators in the future.

"I would recommend this program, for sure," she said. "If they want people to be by their side, it gives you a lot of guidance and there's people by your side – helping

you get through it. It helps with money as well, because you only have to go for three years. They can also get their credit hours paid for while they're in high school, so I would tell them they need to take as many college credit hours in high school as they can."

Music, from page 1

about fiddle playing and bluegrass and old-time music.

Berry worked with a small group of kids and adults who brought their instruments in hopes of learning a new song from the talented musician and teacher.

Berry said he enjoys traveling around and sharing his story with communities, and hopefully sparking an interest in playing bluegrass or old-time music in those he meets.

"Old-time and bluegrass are two of the few genres that focus on the instrumentation as much as the vocals," he said. "In most other genres, vocals are highlighted and the instruments are just supporting, and that's

not the case in our music. I think it's cool.

"All the friends and fellow musicians that I've come across, are good people, and it's a fun community to be a part of," he added.

Berry completed his visit to Pocahontas County with a performance at the Opera House, which included a special appearance by some of the students he worked with earlier in the week.

"I worked with them on 'You Are My Sunshine,'" he said. "I told them if they got really good, I would have them come up and sing at the workshop or come on stage and sing with me."

This is not Berry's first time sharing his music in Pocahontas County. He has been a bluegrass fiddle instructor at Allegheny Echoes for the past three years.

Sites, from page 1

box sites, and simply provide a set of recycling trailers at the landfill for use of anyone in the county who wishes to recycle. No decision was made about this because the authority has to get approval from the DEP REAP Grant authorities in order to do that, but they will discuss this with them.

Regarding the possible purchase of the current landfill, this item had been discussed in closed Executive Sessions at several regular and special Solid Waste Authority meetings without any decision being reached. It was understood that there had been an offer made by the owner of the landfill, and a counter offer made by the authority.

At the March 22 Solid Waste Authority special meeting, after another lengthy closed session, the members came back into regular session and took action on this. Member Jamie Walker moved that, with the changes to the deed discussed with the SWA's attorney, the SWA will offer the original price for the purchase of \$3,200 per acre for the 42.18-acre property, minus two lease payments totaling \$18,000, leaving a total of \$116,976 to be paid. A decision is required from the sellers by April 7, 2023. David McLaughlin seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-1 with David Henderson voting against it. When we learn if this offer is acceptable to the seller, we will inform you.

The first item on the agenda for the March 29 regular meeting was a public

hearing about the green box fees. No members of the public offered any comments; however, members of the public still had 10 days from that meeting to send in written comments.

In other matters at the March 29 regular meeting, the authority:

- approved its financial statement; Purchasing Card statement; and payment of monthly bills.
- agreed to apply for the maximum \$25,000 from the Solid Waste Board Grant.

This will be used to pay for electricity and telephone expenses. The authority is usually only awarded \$12,000 to \$15,000 through this grant.

• was informed by the Podesta Company, who samples and inspects ground water wells, that they need to replace all four well pumps which collect the samples. They voted to purchase four plastic pumps at a total cost of \$824.

• went into an executive session to discuss personnel salaries.

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Obituaries

William Blake

William Jacob "Billy" Blake, 82, of Green Bank, died Saturday, April 8, 2023, at White Sulphur Springs Nursing Home.

Born April 1, 1941, at Cass, he was a son of the late Richard and Eula Stimeling Blake.

Billy was a retired logger. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Carolyn Bennett; brothers, Bobby Blake, Granville Blake, Richard Blake, Edward Blake and Guy Stimeling.

He is survived by his daughter, Nancy Propst; sons, David Allen Blake and Billy Blake; four grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held Thursday, April 13, 2023, at 2 p.m. at Ruckman Cemetery, near Mill Point, with Pastor Tim Scott officiating.

Arrangements are being handled by VanReenen Funeral Home.



Sharon Gibson

Sharon Pansy Warwick Gibson, 68, of Warm Springs, Virginia, passed away Sunday, April 9, 2023, at Carillion Roanoke Memorial Hospital in Roanoke, Virginia.

Born June 9, 1954, in Hot Springs, Virginia, she was a daughter of the late Robert Nelson Warwick and Mary

Ann Pauline Head Warwick. On June 30, 1972, she married her husband of 50 years, Stephen Douglas Gibson.

Pansy worked as a private caregiver. She was a member of the Mountain Grove United Methodist Church where she served as the church treasurer and participated in the Ladies United Methodist Women's group. She was a member of the Mountain Grove Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary and was very active with the Mountain Grove Community Center. She was a volunteer for the American Red Cross. Pansy loved her flowers and her "critters," including her cats, dogs, chickens and ducks. She was a special caregiver to Terry Snead who was very dear to her heart. She was a loving wife and a friend to all.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Warwick; four sisters, Charlotte Loughner, Janet Friel, Lucille Plogger and Mary Gibson

She is survived by her husband, Stephen Gibson, of Warm Springs; her "girls," Mandy Dean, and husband, Shay, of Marlinton, Liddy Lowry, and husband, Andy, of Hot Springs, Virginia; sisters, Eleanor Fisher, Mildred Lowry and Nell Broce, all of Hot Springs, Virginia; dear friends, Carol and Jerry Phillips, of Mountain Grove, Virginia; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

A funeral service will be held 2 p.m. Friday, April 14, 2023, at Mountain Grove Methodist Church with Pastor Sam Felton officiating. Interment will be in Mountain Grove Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Jon Trees, Craig Buzzard, Willie Jenkins, Bedford Sharp, Steve Hiner and Clyde Cutlip. The family will receive

friends at the church from 1 p.m. until time of service.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mountain Grove Cemetery Fund, c/o Janice O'Farrell, 5792 Mt. Valley Road, Warm Springs, Virginia 24484; or Mountain Grove UMC, c/o George Kevin Chestnut, 198 Ashwood Drive, Hot Springs, VA 24445; or Mountain Grove Volunteer Fire Department, c/o William "Willie" Jenkins, P.O. Box 312, Warm Springs, Virginia 24484.

Arrangements are being handled by McLaughlin and Young Funeral Home. Online condolences may be shared at www.mclaughlinandyoung.com



Carolyn Hook

Carolyn Jane Hook, 75, of Marlinton, died Sunday, April 2, 2023, at Pocahontas Center in Marlinton, where she had resided for the past two years.

Born July 12, 1947, in Alexandria, Virginia, she was the daughter of the late Francis Wade Hook and Grace Kinsson Hook.

Carolyn was raised in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and graduated from Penn State University. She practiced interior design in Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania, for three years. She later graduated from the Carnegie Mellon University Masters of Architecture Program, and pursued a career as a registered

architect in Pennsylvania, practicing in the Pittsburgh area. For several years, she concurrently worked as Assistant Professor of Interior Design at La Roche College in Pittsburgh.

Carolyn moved to Marlinton around 2005. A devout Lutheran, she became active with the New Hope Church.

Carolyn was fiercely independent, an avid reader and lover of dogs. A favorite memory of hers was a trip to Spain where she experienced the many works of her favorite architect, Antoni Gaudi.

She is survived by her son, Nathan Hruby; and a brother, Paul Hook.

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, 2023, at Mountain View Cemetery with Rev. David A. Lee officiating.

Donations in Carolyn's memory may be made to the New Hope Lutheran Church, c/o 726 Seneca Trail, Hillsboro, WV 24946.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.kimblefuneralhome.com

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Kimble Funeral Home in Marlinton, West Virginia.



Carolyn Phillips

Carolyn Rae Phillips Phillips, 81, of Green Bank, formerly of Fairmont, passed

away at home Tuesday, April 4, 2023, with her family by her side.

Carolyn and her twin sister, Karen, were born June 21, 1941, at Keyser, and were the daughters of the late D. Raymond Phillips and Rosalie Armentrout Phillips, who were formerly of Fairmont and Elkins.

She graduated from East Fairmont High School and attended Fairmont State College. Carolyn owned and operated the Boyer Motel, Restaurant and Campground in Boyer from 1977 to 1994.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, George Fredrick Phillips, Jr.; and brother-in-law, Robert S. Whinnie (Karen), and brother-in-law, Joseph Connors (Janet).

Left to cherish her memory are her three children, Amy Lehmann, and husband, Richard, of Frostburg, Maryland, George Raymond (Jody) Phillips, and wife, Pattarin Chinakul, of Scott Depot, and Karen Murphy, and husband, Mike, of Boyer; five granddaughters, Amanda and Brent Meixsell, of York, Pennsylvania, Julianna and Cody Taylor, of St. Albans, Michelle Murphy and Melissa and Dalton Walker, all of Hillsboro, and Jasmine Phillips, of Morgantown; five great-grandchildren, Bryce and Miles Meixsell, Josi and Ari Taylor and Huk Walker; her twin sister, Karen Whinnie, of Fairmont, sister, Janet Connors, of Hillsborough, North Carolina; brother, Dr. Danny Phillips, and wife, Sandy, of Roxboro, North Carolina; nephews, Robert "Bobby" Whinni, of Fairmont, and Dr. Christopher Phillips, of Paducah, Kentucky; niece, Melissa Haines, of Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

The funeral service was held in the Ford Funeral

Home Ford Chapel in Fairmont Monday, April 10, 2023, with Pastor Julian Ritzenhouse presiding.

Interment was in Rest Haven Memorial Gardens. Online condolences may be extended to the family at www.fordfuneralhomes.com



Karen Shearer

Karen Louise Shearer, 72, of Marlinton, died Friday, April 7, 2023, at Davis Memorial Hospital in Elkins.

Born July 12, 1950, at Marlinton, she was a daughter of the late Henry and Lorraine Shaver.

Karen was a homemaker. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Cheryl Shearer; sister, Dorothy Bennett; brothers, Leon Cricket and John Henry "Sonny" Shaver.

She is survived by her husband, Robert L. Shearer; daughter, Lisa L. Williams (Shawn); sister, Doris Woods; grandchildren, Karen Hartwell (Amos), Ashley Shearer (Jason Parker) Kayla Waid, William Waid (Cheyenna); 10 great-grandchildren; and several nieces, whom she loved very much.

A graveside service was held Monday, April 10, 2023, at Mountain View Cemetery with Pastor Sam Felton officiating.

Arrangements were handled by VanReenen Funeral Home.

Failure, from page 2

rates. The Senate Government Organization Committee recommended Senate Bill 464 for passage during the session, authorizing locality pay to correctional officers working at facilities having critical staffing short-

ages, but that bill also didn't make it to the Senate floor.

Justice has said he is willing to call a special session on correctional officer pay but is waiting to hear from legislative leaders as to whether there is consensus around a bill or multiple bills to address the issue.

"I challenge the governor and both houses of the Leg-

islature to begin the work of coming to the aid of these heroes," Kelly said. "Let's roll up our sleeves and work together to fix the problem and turn the light off."

Steven Allen Adams can be reached at sadams@newsandsentinel.com

Article provided by the West Virginia Press Association.

Jury, from page 2

offense committed by an inmate, a felony; One Count, conspiracy to commit a felony, a felony.

Roger Drake, 33, an inmate in the FCI, Butner, North Carolina – One Count, attempted possession of a controlled substance by an inmate, a felony; One Count, offense committed by an inmate, a felony; One Count, conspiracy to commit a felony, a felony.

Kristina Shingleton, 51, of St. Albans – One count, attempted delivery of a controlled substance to a correctional facility, a felony; One Count, transportation of a controlled sub-

stance onto the grounds of a correctional facility, a felony; One Count, conspiracy to commit a felony.

Jessica Snelson, 40, of Durbin – One Count, grand larceny, a felony.

Christopher Waybright, 37, of Arbovale – One Count, grand larceny, a felony; One Count, grand larceny, a felony.

Clifton Summerfield Jr., 39, of Hillsboro – One Count, person prohibited from possessing a firearm, a felony.

Kevin Ray Curry, 33, an inmate in Mount Olive Correctional Center – One Count, escape from custody of the Commissioner of Corrections, a felony; One Count, offense by an inmate, a felony; One Count, grand larceny, a felony.

Area, from page 2

Marlinton Mayor Sam Felton told them that at the Marlinton Town Meeting this week, about 17 citizens showed up complaining about the prevalence of drug crime and the lack of law enforcement action. Felton said they will be meeting with the Sheriff and State Police to discuss this. The same thing happened at a commission meeting last summer.

Emergency Management Director Mike O'Brien told the commissioners that the Green Bank Observatory has issued RFPs to modernize their "Quiet Zone." This promises to help both emergency radio service and cell service in the area.

In other actions:

- The commissioners signed off on the new Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) bylaws.

- Commissioner John Rebinski provided some details about the proposed new 911 Center/EMS Building. It will be a conventional metal building, "L" shaped, and will sit on a two acre lot near the hospital. He said the title search has been done and they are about to do a site survey, and advertise the job of clearing trees and brush off the site.

- The commission also ratified an agreement between the Cass Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company and the new county ambulance serv-

ice for the county service to borrow a fully equipped ambulance from the Cass VFD. Rebinski recused himself from voting on this agreement, which was drawn-up by the County Prosecutor. Rebinski did say the new county EMS service is scheduled for a state inspection later this month. He also said they have hired two part-time paramedics, Karen Hill and Elizabeth Jeffires, who will receive \$18 per hour with no benefits, to be fill-in personnel.

- The commission approved purchasing a new

Mitel telephone system upgrade at a cost of \$36,000. This will replace the outdated Frontier service which is no longer supported.

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I want to thank my neighbors and friends for coming to my home and helping extinguish a fire that started from a broken power line.
Special thanks to **Darin and Angela Wilfong, Ricky and Logan Mann, Jason Sharp, Marlinton Fire Department and Dave and Anita Mallow** and anyone else that I may have missed.
Most of all, I thank God for giving me caring neighbors who come when needed and for all those who stopped by, called or messaged me later.
Reba Arbogast Russell Arbogast, Jr.

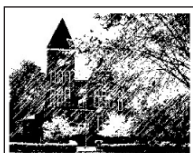
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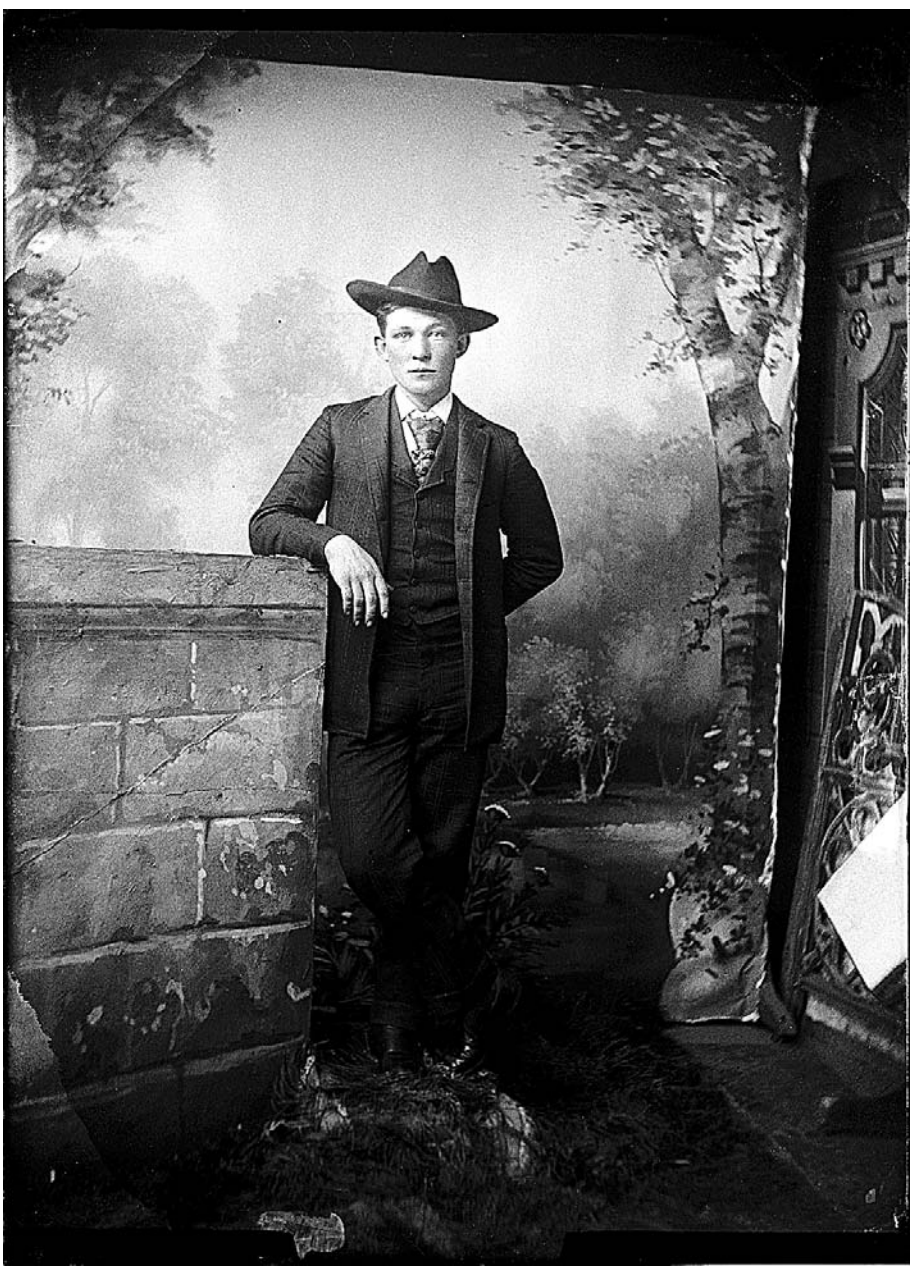
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Walkup Man at Beard – circa 1902



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100-Years-Ago in The Pocahontas Times

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, April 12, 1923

A good deal is going on in this town this week. The big court is in session. The steam shovel is injuring the trailing arbutus along the Seneca Trail, and the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse was given at the theatre.

The time of the court the first week was taken up with the subjects of moonshine and murder, an unhappy pair, which the devil has joined together. The juries passed on six whiskey cases the first week in which three verdicts were guilty and three were not guilty. One man interposed the defense that a barrel of matter set in his back yard near the gate was hog feed and not mash for the manufacture of whiskey. A jury of farmers mostly inspected the samples and brought in a verdict of guilty. In these trials at the courthouse the distilling cases which are felonies require a stage setting. The apparatus is set up in the open space before the jury box and the legal battle is waged around the still. The unfortunate manufacturer sees his plant under new conditions and, in most cases, he refuses to recognize it.

LIFE SENTENCE

William Dudley, aged about 45 years, was found guilty Saturday evening of murder in the first degree with recommendation by the jury of a sentence for life in the penitentiary.

He was charged with the murder of Bascom McFall in the town of Cass on the night of December 19, 1918. With him was indicted at the March 1923 grand jury, Samuel Davis, a lumberman, and Charles James, known as

“Jellyroll.” Davis will be tried at June Court, and “Jellyroll” is serving time in the penitentiary for shooting a woman in Cass, on the morning following the killing of McFall. He was to have been brought to Marlinton as a witness in the trial of Dudley, but went insane and is now in an asylum...

OFFICERS WERE SHOT AT

Acting under a moonshine warrant, a party of officers went to the Sinks country last Sunday to arrest Melvin Gawthrop. The party was composed of Capt. R. F. Beasley, deputy U. S. Marshall, L. W. Cochran, Sergeant of Cass, E. W. Cochran, Constable, and B. B. Beard, Sheriff. J. L. Warwick went with them in a car as far as the road ran. The sheriff is still disabled with a sprained ankle received in the engagement of Buffalo Mountain two or three weeks ago.

The party of officers were walking on the trail leading to the extreme headwaters of the East Fork of Greenbrier...

Arriving at the Gawthrop homestead, the house was locked and apparently deserted. Across the front door was a bed, and it afterwards appeared that this was not a special barricade against the officers, as that was the customary place for the bed, the front door being dispensed with as an entrance. The back door was secured by a wooden button on the inside. An alarm being made at the door there was no answer. The officers prepared to go in. Capt. Beasley saw some signs of contraband through one window and he opened it, and was looking in when Mrs. Gawthrop came into the

room and the officer halted her. Just at this time, L. S. Cochran put his shoulder to the door and broke it open. In the house were Gawthrop and his wife, and a man named Barclay and his son. The officers found signs of mash and moonshine. No still being in the house, a search was begun by circling the premises, and just then, someone or more persons on the mountainside opened fire upon the officers and the bullets fell around them, and one shot wounded Capt. Beasley in the hand, making a bloody, but not necessarily serious wound....

Gawthrop was brought to jail. He will probably be taken to the federal court at Charleston for trial...

MRS. PETER HILL

AT 8:00 a.m. on the morning of March 16, 1923, death came to the relief of Mrs. Margaret J. Hill, wife of Peter Hill, of Jacox.

On January the 9th, Mrs. Hill was paralyzed in her left side and later the right side of her body, except her arms, became helpless and during the intervening weeks she lay in a semi-conscious state and never regained entire consciousness of her surroundings.

She was given medical attention and the best of sympathetic care by her children, but all was of no avail.

She completed her 78th year on January 11, two days after she was stricken.

Before her marriage, Mrs. Hill was Miss Margaret J. Whiting, daughter of Ebenezer and Sallie McMillion Whiting...

Mrs. Hill had been the wife of Mr. Hill for almost

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Fifty Years Ago

Jane Price Sharp, Editor

Thursday, April 12, 1973

The service trees were in bloom Saturday, April 7.

Ollie Tacy reported a white egret in a tree at Cass. The big winged bird with long legs flew around some and then rested, with his long neck and head tucked under a wing. Mr. Tacy, who is quite a “bee” man, reports the cold weather got the early bloom of the soft maple, and important source of nectar for the bees in early spring.

TV WINNERS

Pocahontas County High School came through their first appearance on Classroom Kwiz Monday night with flying colors. With 180 points they outscored George Wythe High School, and

they will return to the TV show on WDBJ next Monday at 7 p.m.

U. N. PILGRIMAGE

Odd Fellowship 24th annual United Nations Pilgrimage will be held in July 1973. A student is selected who has made the highest grade on a test provided by the United Nations Committee.

Mike Smith, of Arbovale, a junior in Pocahontas County High School, was the winner for 1973, with alternates Kandy Simmons, of Hillsboro, and Philip Home, of Green Bank...

BIRTH

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Burr, of Warren, Ohio, a daughter, named Christina Lynn.

DEATHS

Percy Franklin “Bus”

Long, 59, of Marlinton, died early Thursday, April 5, 1973, in Emmett Memorial Hospital at Clifton Forge, Virginia.

“Bus” was the Marlinton Railway Agent and had worked for the C & O Railway since he was 18, for many years at Cass and Marlinton. He was also ticket agent for the Cass Scenic Railroad on weekends during the summer...

He was a son of the late Benjamin Franklin and Mary Susan Cameron Long. He was born April 30, 1913, at Bartow.

Surviving him are his wife, Mrs. Ursula Gorrell Long; three sons, Captain Jerry Dwayne Long, of Aurora, Colorado, Norris Franklin Long, student at West Virginia University, and Thomas Edward Long, of Weirton...

Funeral service was held Sunday afternoon in the Marlinton Presbyterian Church...

Burial in Mountain View Cemetery.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, April 15, 1948

Each year, I watch the surrounding hills for the first sign of the white flag of service tree bloom. This year it came on April 7. I have noted it as early as March 20.

The service tree in the old country is a cultivated fruit tree. However, I have never heard of it ever being introduced in America. On the Atlantic, the service is often referred to as the shad berry, as it blooms at the time the shad fish run from the ocean up the fresh water streams to

spawn. On the Pacific coast, the tree is called the salmon berry because it is in bloom at the time of the salmon fish run.

Inquiries are coming from all around, what about bear stories? The reply is the pesky varmints are not moving around, and as long as they are quiet in their dens they make no news. The sign that bears are on the pad is to see the warty toads a hopping around. And no toads on the move have been reported as yet this spring. Bears and hop toads run on

the same schedule.

WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Sandy C. Rose, of Marlinton, announce the marriage of their daughter, Betty Faith, to Crawford C. Conrad, son of Clayton Conrad, of Mingo...

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Layman Davis, a son, named Lawrence Hevener.

Born to Rev. and Mrs. Roger P. Melton, a son, named Lawrence Caldwell.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest O. Long, of Marlinton, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Broyles, a daughter, named Diane Carol.

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Footsteps through History

The Pocahontas Times
Andrew Price, Editor

Thursday, April 15, 1898

DRS. CUNNINGHAM and Price went to Buckeye Tuesday to amputate Mrs. Jonathan McNeil’s arm. She is afflicted with cancer and the physicians, though acceding to the wish of her and her friends, consider the operation hopeless.

THE DOGS of this town have become a great nuisance. A man cannot walk the principal street without being bayed by them in great numbers. They have also ruined the nervous constitutions of a number of worthy cows. Last week, poison was put out and a number of them ate it, but only one died. We may add that he was the only decent dog in the place. The reason is, he belonged to the writer. The rest are worthless curs.

SHAWNEETOWN, a hamlet in Illinois, is today a lake. The levee broke April 3 and the inhabitants had to get away as fast as possible. One or two hundred people were drowned. The people lost everything. They are suffering from hunger and cold, but help has arrived.

A RUNAWAY accident occurred at the Fortifications above the Greenbrier Bridge Sunday morning. W. W.

Tyree was driving a double team. B.N. Rayburn and J. D. Pullins were driving behind in a buggy drawn by a single horse. The team in front was hitched too long and the pole dropped out of the yoke. The horses started up hill in a run. Tyree tried to jump and landed on his head. He was hurt about the head and badly bruised, but was able to be around Monday. The team ran to the stable. The horse behind started to run, and it was with difficulty that the horse was pulled over the road so as not to drive over the body of Tyree, who was unconscious. The buggy was broken a little, but the horses were not harmed.

COURT INDICTMENTS

No one has been able to remember a term of the court when as many as four convicts were sent to the penitentiary from this county before. Three confessed and Wilfong was tried.

There were thirty-three indictments returned by the grand jury. Four of these

were for felonies. The others were for minor offenses, directly or indirectly connected with liquor.

Charles Beverage, the witness of last court, who refused to divulge the name of the man of whom he bought moonshine whiskey, and who was let out on his own recognizance to come back and testify, again refused in his quixotic manner to give evidence and the Judge sent him to jail for an indefinite length of time and adjourned court without releasing him or fixing his sentence.

DUNMORE

And it snowed again. Sid wants to know why good church men cannot haul whiskey as well as other men.

C. O. Arbogast bought a wagon load of chairs and rockers from the Dunmore Furniture Shop.

Miss Alice McLaughlin spent a few days at home. She has been in the sinks so long that she looks like somebody’s dear.

Col. S. C. Pritchard is going to have his mill repaired by Ed Mullenax. Mr. Mullenax is considered the best mill-wright in the state.

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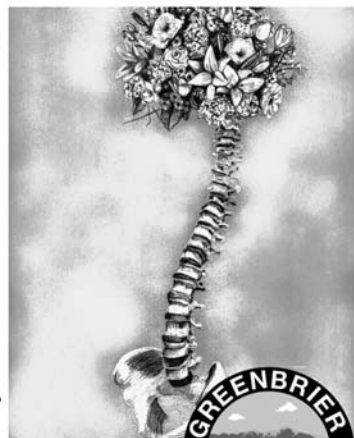
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If an objection is not filed timely, the objection is forever barred. Any claims against an estate must be filed within 60 days of the first publication of this notice in accordance with West Virginia Code 44-2 and 44-3A.

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, April 13, 2023
Claim Deadline: Monday, June 12, 2023

ESTATE NUMBER: **14469**
ESTATE OF: **TIMOTHY G. HEVENER**
CO-EXECUTRIX: Bethany Bateman
2230 Blue Bell Lane
Grove City, OH 43123-8784
CO-EXECUTOR: Adam Hevener
14558 Walnut Creek Pike
Ashville, OH 43103
FIDUCIARY COMMISSIONER: J. Michael Anderson
474 Main Street
Rainelle, WV 25962-1239

ESTATE NUMBER: **14505**
ESTATE OF: **CHRISTINA LEE KIMBLE**
ADMINISTRATOR: David A. White
5800 Staunton Parkersburg Trnkp.
Bartow, WV 24920-8001

ESTATE NUMBER: **14507**
ESTATE OF: **BETTY JEAN OXIER**
EXECUTRIX: Anna M. Kane
P. O. Box 225
Durbin, WV 26264-0225

ESTATE NUMBER: **14508**
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ESTATE NUMBER: **14510**
ESTATE OF: **GERALD FRANKLIN DAVIS**
ADMINISTRATRIX: Linda Sue Davis
40 Shinaut Dr.
Marlinton, WV 24954

Subscribed and sworn to before me on April 7, 2023.
Melissa L. Bennett
Clerk of the Pocahontas County Commission
4/13/2c

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF POCAHONTAS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

TO: MICHAEL STEWART Magistrate Court Case No.: 23:D-20
Address: Unknown Family Court Civil Action No.: 23-DV-14
Date of Birth: January 19, 1980

ORDER OF PUBLICATION PROTECTIVE ORDER/HEARING DATE

The object of this suit is to obtain protection from the Respondent.

The object of this publication by Class I legal advertisement is to notify Respondent of the **PROTECTIVE ORDER prohibiting the above-named Respondent from having contact with certain individuals.** The Order may affect property and other rights of the Respondent. Violating this Order may subject the Respondent to criminal sanctions. The Respondent is strongly encouraged to obtain a copy of this Protective order and Petition from the Circuit Clerk of the county listed above.

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

If appearing by evidence duly taken in this action that you could not be found in or that you have left the State of West Virginia, you are hereby notified of the ORDER referenced above, a copy of the Petition and Order may be obtained at the Pocahontas County Circuit Clerk's office.

This PROTECTIVE ORDER will remain in effect until April 25, 2023.

A Final Hearing is scheduled for the 25th day of April 2023 at 11 a.m. before the Pocahontas County Family Court.

Issued this 4th day of April 2023 at 1:58 p.m.

Connie M. Carr, Circuit Clerk
By Cindy D. Beverage, Deputy
4/13/1c

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, MICHAEL C. DOSS, Trustee, by virtue of that certain Deed of Trust executed by Michael Hughes, and bearing date the 8th day of November, 2019, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book 384, at page

see Legal Advertisements pg 9

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY AGENT

The Pocahontas County Public Service District, located in Pocahontas County, West Virginia, is in the process of obtaining services to assist with obtaining easements for its Thornwood Water Extension project.

The objective of the competitive process is to objectively select a firm or individual who will provide the highest quality of service at a realistic fee.

Please mail the requested information to the Pocahontas County Public Service District, Attn: Mark Smith, Chairman, PO Box 250, Durbin, West Virginia, 26264 no later than 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 3, 2023. It is the responsibility of the respondent to ensure the receipt of the proposal by the date and time specified.

Attention is directed to the fact that the proposed funding for the project may include HUD Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), DEP Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF), the West Virginia Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council (JDC), USDA Rural Development (USDA - RUS), Drinking Water Treatment Revolving Fund (DWTRF), US Economic Development Administration (USEDA), US Army Corps of Engineers or other potential sources. All work will be performed in accordance with the regulations issued by any funding agency and the State of West Virginia appertaining hereto.

The selected firm or individual will be required to comply with all regulations including, but not limited to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Executive Order 11246 and the provisions of Executive Order No. 10925 as included therein, Section 109 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1974, Conflict of Interest Statement of Access to Records provision.

The proposed work to be performed may be subject to the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701u (Section 3). The purpose of Section 3 is to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by HUD assistance or HUD-assisted projects covered by Section 3, shall to the greatest extent feasible, be directed to low-and very low-income persons, particularly persons who are recipients of HUD assistance for housing.

The project sponsor will afford full opportunity for disadvantaged business enterprises to submit a show of interest in response to this invitation and will not discriminate against any interested firm or individual on the grounds of race, creed, color, sex, age, handicap or national origin in the contract award.

This contract will be awarded to the responsible offerer whose proposal is within the competitive range and determined to be the most advantageous to the project sponsor, price and other factors considered.

Pocahontas County PSD
4/13/2c

POCAHONTAS COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT ~ PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Pocahontas County Public Service District, a public corporation and political subdivision of the state of West Virginia, has constructed a sewer extension project for the Frank and Bartow areas of Pocahontas County to serve approximately 106 new customers. NOTICE is hereby given that sewer service is now available for those approximately 106 new customers in the Frank and Bartow areas of Pocahontas County. **NOTICE is hereby given that the Pocahontas County Public Service District will begin charging for sewer service on June 2023 as authorized by West Virginia Code § 16-13A-9 and West Virginia Sewer Rule 150 CSR 1, § 6.3.** NOTICE is hereby given that W. Va. Code §16-13A-9 authorizes the district to petition the circuit court to compel connection to the sewer system. NOTICE is hereby given that the telephone number of the Pocahontas County Public Service District is (304) 456-3127 and its address is Post Office Box 250, Durbin, West Virginia 26264. NOTICE is hereby given that the Pocahontas County Public Service District will charge those customers for whom sewer service is available, but who have failed to connect to the system charges based on Schedule I or II below, based on customer location. NOTICE is hereby given of the following rates for providing sewer service.

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5 Bedroom	\$ 108.98	per month
6 Bedroom	\$ 127.15	per month
Hot Tub	\$ 8.62	per month

Usage Charge for metered commercial customers: \$12.72 per thousand gallons

MINIMUM CHARGE

No bill will be rendered for less than \$59.94 per month. An Efficiency is defined as a one room unit with kitchen and bathroom facilities.

Lofts, Bunkrooms, or other rooms used for sleeping quarters (other than living rooms) in Residential Units will be counted as Bedrooms.

Hot Tub is defined as any Hot Tub, Jacuzzi, Hydra Spa, or other similar type tub that is larger than a standard bathtub in either length, width or depth. Jacuzzis that are similar in size to a standard 5-foot bathtub but have water jets will not be subject to this additional charge.

DELAYED PAYMENT PENALTY

The above schedule is net. On all accounts not paid in full when due, ten percent (10%) will be added to the net current amount unpaid. This delayed payment penalty is not interest and is to be collected only once for each bill where it is appropriate.

DISCONNECTION/RECONNECTION/ADMINISTRATIVE FEES

Whenever water service has been disconnected for any reason, a disconnection fee of \$25.00 shall be charged; or in the event the delinquent sewer bill is collected in the field, an administrative fee of \$25.00 shall be charged. Whenever water service which has been previously disconnected for any reason is reconnected, a re-connecting fee of \$25.00 shall be charged.

TAP FEE

The following charges are to be made whenever the utility installs a new tap to serve an applicant:

A tap fee of \$25.00 will be charged to customers applying for service before construction is complete adjacent to the customer's premises in connection with a certificate proceeding before the Commission. This preconstruction tap fee will be invalid after the completion of construction adjacent to an applicant's premises that is associated with a certificate proceeding.

A tap fee of \$350.00 will be charged to all customers who apply for service outside of a certificate proceeding before the Commission for each new tap to the system

RETURNED CHECK CHARGE

A service charge equal to the actual bank fee assessed to the sewer utility up to a maximum of \$25.00 will be imposed upon any customer whose check for payment of charges is returned by the bank due to insufficient funds.

LEAK ADJUSTMENT

\$3.41 per 1,000 gallons of water is to be used when a bill reflects unusual water consumption which can be attributed to eligible leakage on the customer's side of the meter. This rate shall be applied to all such consumption above the customer's historical average usage.

SECURITY DEPOSIT

Not to exceed two-twelfths (2/12) of the average annual usage of the applicant's specific customer class or fifty dollars, whichever is greater. This fee may be changed by applicable statutory provisions.

SCHEDULE II

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all customers except the Snowshoe, Silver Creek Lodge and Silver Creek Ski Resort customers treated at Slaty Fork Wastewater Treatment Plant.

AVAILABILITY

Available for residential, commercial, governmental, industrial, and resale sewer service.

RATES

Residential	\$ 59.94	per month
Hot Tub	\$ 8.62	per month
Usage charge for meter commercial customers	\$12.72	per thousand sand.

Hot Tub is defined as any Hot Tub, Jacuzzi, Hydra Spa, or other similar type tub that is larger than a standard bathtub in length, width or depth. Jacuzzis that are similar in size to a standard 5-foot bathtub but have water jets will not be subject to this additional charge.

MINIMUM CHARGE

No bill will be rendered for less than \$59.94 per month.

DELAYED PAYMENT PENALTY

The above schedule is net. On all accounts not paid in full when due, ten percent (10%) will be added to the net current amount unpaid. This delayed payment penalty is not interest and is to be collected only once for each bill where it is appropriate.

DISCONNECTION/RECONNECTION/ADMINISTRATIVE FEES

Whenever water service has been disconnected for any reason, a disconnection fee of \$25.00 shall be charged; or in the event the delinquent sewer bill is collected in the field, an administrative fee of \$25.00 shall be charged. Whenever water service which has been previously disconnected for any reason is reconnected, a re-connecting fee of \$25.00 shall be charged.

TAP FEE

The following charges are to be made whenever the utility installs a new tap to serve an applicant:

A tap fee of \$25.00 will be charged to customers applying for service before construction is completed adjacent to the customer's premises in connection with a certificate proceeding before the Commission. This pre-construction tap fee will be invalid after the completion of construction adjacent to the applicant's premises that is associated with a certificate proceeding.

A tap fee of \$350.00 will be charged to all customers applying for service outside of a certificate proceeding before the Commission for each new tap to the system.

RETURNED CHECK CHARGE

A service charge equal to the actual bank fee assessed to the sewer utility up to a maximum of \$25.00 will be imposed upon any customer whose check for payment of charges is returned by the bank due to insufficient funds.

LEAK ADJUSTMENT

\$3.41 per 1,000 gallons is to be used when a bill reflects unusual water consumption which can be attributed to eligible leakage on customer's side of the meter. This rate shall be applied to all such consumption above the customer's historical average usage.

SECURITY DEPOSIT

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SCHEDULE III

SURCHARGE FORMULA TO BE APPLIED IN CASES WHERE SURFACE DRAINAGE IS CONNECTED TO THE DISTRICT'S SANITARY SYSTEM AT THE SLATY FORK WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

APPLICABILITY

Whenever the District has discovered that a customer's roof drain, downspout, storm sewer or similar facility conducting surface water has been connected to the Utility's sewer system and such customer has failed to take appropriate action within thirty (30) days of the demand by the Utility in accordance with the Rules of the Public Service Commission, to eliminate such connection, a surcharge will be imposed upon the customer calculated on the basis of the following formula:

S	= A x R x .0006233 x C
S	= The surcharge, in dollars
A	= The area under roof and/or the area of any other water collection surface connected to the sanitary sewer, in square feet
R	= The measured monthly rainfall, in inches
.000623	= A conversion factor to change inches of rain x square feet of gallons of water
C	= The District's approved rate per thousand gallons of metered water usage

The Utility shall not impose the surcharge unless and until the customer has been notified by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by hand delivery, that it has been established by smoke testing, dye testing, or on-site inspection that rain or surface water is being introduced into the sanitary sewer system at the customer's location, and that the customer has not acted within thirty (30) days from receipt of such notice to divert the water from the sanitary sewer system.

The surcharge shall be calculated and imposed for each month that said condition continues to exist. Failure to pay the surcharge

and/or correct the situation shall give rise to the possible termination of water service in accordance with the Rules of the Public Service Commission of West Virginia.

SCHEDULE IV

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all Frank and Bartow customers treated at the town of Durbin Treatment System.

AVAILABILITY

Available for residential, commercial, governmental, industrial, and resale sewer service.

RATES

Usage charge	\$12.72 per 1,000 gallons per month
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MINIMUM CHARGE

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SECURITY DEPOSIT

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SCHEDULE V

SURCHARGE FORMULA TO BE APPLIED IN CASES WHERE SURFACE DRAINAGE IS CONNECTED TO THE DISTRICT'S SANITARY SYSTEM AT THE SLATY FORK WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

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Pocahontas County Public Service District
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494, the maker, having defaulted in payment of the note secured by said Deed of Trust as provided by the terms thereof, and the beneficial holder of the said note, Workman Properties, LLC, having declared the whole of the indebtedness thereunder to be due and payable; and having demanded the undersigned in writing to make sale of the real estate described in said Deed of Trust, the undersigned **Trustee will offer for sale and sell at public auction to the highest responsible bidder on the 18th day of April, 2023, at 4:00 p.m., at the front steps of the Pocahontas County Courthouse in the Town of Marlinton, Pocahontas County, West Virginia**, the premises, being and consisting of the following:

All of that certain lot, tract or parcel of real estate, including the improvements, appurtenances and easements thereunto belonging, and being more particularly described as follows:

- Lot C7, Little Mountain Retreat
- All of that certain lot, tract or parcel of real estate containing ± 5.66 acres, lying in the Little Levels District of Pocahontas County, West Virginia.
- Commencing at the intersection of U.S. Route 219 and WV Route 39 at Mill Point, WV;
- Thence, westerly along WV Route 39 for ± 2.0 miles to a private drive on the left;
- Thence, leaving WV Route 39 and with said drive for ± 0.4 mile to a Railroad spike found in the centerline of said drive, a corner to that property conveyed to Sam Roberts at Deed Book 342, Page 650, Tax Parcel #13-11.1, the point of beginning.
- Thence, leaving said drive and with Roberts N 55-47-57 W 498.39' to a Railroad spike found;
- Thence, leaving Roberts and with the centerline of said drive for nineteen new lines through Workman Properties, LLC, Tax Parcel 13-11, N 38-13-15 E 29.01' to a point;
- Thence, N 56-42-21 E 35.63' to a point;
- Thence, N 66-21-02 E 42.82' to a point;
- Thence, N 65-00-57 E 46.80' to a point;
- Thence, N 64-05-04 E 66.64' to a point;
- Thence, N 63-35-40 E 31.41' to a point;
- Thence, N 63-35-40 E 50.51' to a point;
- Thence, N 63-01-12 E 45.22' to a point;
- Thence, N 67-42-38 E 69.96' to a point;
- Thence, N 72-30-19 E 48.03' to a point;

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Thence, N 74-16-46 E 88.08' to a point;

Thence, N 80-29-09 E 36.80' to a point;

Thence, S 87-32-55 E 44.74' to a point;

Thence, S 86-40-34 E 42.11' to a point;

Thence, N 75-38-59 E 81.33' to a point;

Thence, N 84-52-01 E 88.37' to a point;

Thence, S 89-28-34 E 14.68' to a point;

Thence, S 79-15-51 E 18.42' to a point;

Thence, S 63-51-05 E 17.29' to a rod found;

Thence, with the centerline of said drive partly with that property conveyed to Paul Sinnott at Deed Book 342, Page 687, Tax Parcel #13-11.11, partly with that property conveyed to Paul H. Sinnott at Deed Book 312, Page 522, Tax Parcel #13-11.7, and partly with that property conveyed to the Hamilton Family Living Trust at Deed Book 356, Page 56, Tax Parcel #13-11.6, and continuing with the centerline for sixteen lines as follows:

Thence, S 46-09-11 E 14.45' to a point;

Thence, S 26-22-40 E 14.43' to a point;

Thence, S 08-01-58 E 25.66' to a point;

Thence, S 17-32-46 W 35.55' to a rod found;

Thence, S 28-35-36 W 53.10' to a point;

Thence, S 37-18-15 W 74.60' to a point;

Thence, S 37-41-43 W 61.46' to a point;

Thence, S 40-13-25 W 87.16' to a point;

Thence, S 39-36-49 W 59.08' to a point;

Thence, S 46-23-07 W 51.60' to a point;

Thence, S 57-18-36 W 67.77' to a point;

Thence, S 66-08-42 W 47.09' to a point;

Thence, S 69-07-18 W 55.12' to a point;

Thence, S 56-20-02 W 32.85' to a point;

Thence, S 30-37-43 W 25.36' to a point;

Thence, S 06-40-22 W 29.58' to the point of beginning, containing ±5.66 acres, as surveyed by Brian L. Beverage, Professional Surveyor #2112, on October 27, 2019, and as shown on a plat of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pocahontas County, West Virginia.

And being the same lot, tract or parcel of real estate as acquired by Michael Hughes, by the provisions of a Deed of Conveyance from Workman Properties, LLC, said Deed bearing date the 29th day of October, 2019, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County

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Commission of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 382, at page 672.

The above-described real estate shall be sold subject to any claims, liens, assessments, taxes, restrictions, covenants, conditions, and encumbrances against the same.

The Trustee shall convey title with covenants of Special Warranty. The purchaser shall pay all taxes due and payable against the said property and all taxes hereafter due and assessed against the said property.

TERMS OF SALE: Cash in hand on day of sale or prior approved credit.

CONDITION OF SALE: Said property shall be sold to the highest responsible bidder, with the right reserved to the said Workman Properties, LLC, to bid at said sale and to continue the said sale by declaration from time to time, as they may choose.

Given unto my hand this the 23rd day of March 2023.

Michael C. Doss, Trustee
921 Tenth Avenue
Marlinton, WV 24954
3/30/23

ACCEPTING BIDS FOR MOWING

The Town of Hillsboro is accepting written bids for mowing areas in the town, including sewer lift station, lagoon, town streets, town office, water tank, water building and water well areas.

The bid will take into consideration mowing and weed-eating three (3) times a month during the months of April, May and June; and two (2) times per month during July, August and September, each year of the contract.

This will be a three (3) year contract.

Invoices must be submitted on a monthly basis to the Town Treasurer for payment.

Bid must be submitted to the Town of Hillsboro, P. O. Box 88, Hillsboro, WV 24946 and postmarked no later than Monday, April 17, 2023.

Please contact Gail Siers, 304-488-1893 or 304-653-4005, to schedule a time to view the areas for mowing.

Town of Hillsboro
4/6/23

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FOR SALE

FOR SALE - 2020 Jay Flight camper, sleeps 10. Excellent condition. \$13,500/firm. Call 304-646-5653. 4/13/2p

FOR SALE - John Deere 135 Lawn mower. 304-456-4775. 4/13/1c

CAMPER FOR SALE - 2000 Nomad, 27', located in Green Bank. \$3,100. Reason for selling, medical. 804-912-3681. 4/6/2p

FOR SALE - 1988 Chevrolet pickup, approximately 135,000 miles. Runs. \$1,900. 804-912-3681. 4/6/2p

FOR SALE - Registered Angus Bulls, 14 to 24 months, fertility tested, priced for today's market, free delivery. Discounts for repeat buyers, multiple purchases and haul your own. Ginseng Angus 540-474-5137. 3/30/4c

WANTED

WANTED TO BUY - Copy of History of Pocahontas County - 1981. Call 707-523-3303. (West Coast number). 3/23/4p

HELP WANTED

HELP WANTED - Now hiring Front Desk Associate, Housekeeping and Cook. Apply in person at Marlinton Motor Inn. 4/13/4c

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. 1/19/tfnc

SERVICES

SERVICES - Affordable Tree Care. Trimming, removal, stump grinding and underbrushing. Tony Garretson. 304-799-6543. 6/23/tfnp

SERVICES - Ron's Tree Service, LLC. Complete tree care and removal. Free estimates. 304-799-2476. 1/19/tfn

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NOTICE

NOTICE - Accepting Bids For Mowing: The Town of Hillsboro is accepting written bids for mowing grass in the town, including at the sewer lift station, lagoon area, town

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streets, town office, water tank, water building and water well areas. See full details in legal ad above. 4/6/2c

YARD SALE

YARD SALE - April 14, 15 and 16, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., 241 Old Campbelltown Road, Marlinton. Household electronics, camping and more. 4/13/1p

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FREE - Newspaper for your garden or pets. The Pocahontas Times. Call 304-799-4973. 12/15/tfn

Highland County Department of Social Services

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Family Services Specialist I/II

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Human Services Assistant III

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Duties, requirements and applications may be accessed under each link. EOE-AA

WAGNER AUCTION COMPANY

Bill Wagner - Auctioneer #2907 - Tel. 540-480-1993
Bill Bratton - Auctioneer #3091 - Tel. 540-969-8120 or 540-914-6390

TRACTORS, FARM EQUIPMENT, CARPENTRY TOOLS

SATURDAY, APRIL 22 • 10 a.m.

Directions: 1.4 miles N. of Monterey on Rt. 220 (Potomac River Road) -110 Hilltop Drive. WATCH FOR SIGNS.

TRACTORS: 354 International w/loader; 674 International; 1086 International w/Allied quick-attach loader; 706 Farmall 3,600 hours; 3000 Ford diesel; 9N Ford.

TRUCKS: 1973 F-750 dump bed; 1972 Ford 600 flat bed.

FARM EQUIPMENT: Krone 7' disc mower; 275 N.H. sq. baler; N.H. 256 hay rake; Krone 250B round baler; N.H. 488 9' cut hay bine (2015 like new); Vicon 4-star hay tedder; hay elevator on wheels (no motor); Cultivator; Generator PTO driven; 5' bush hog; spring tooth harrow; M.F. double plows; 3 pt. hitch: spray rig, single plow, fertilizer spreader, 2 round bale spears, wood/post splitter, hay unroller; 6' rear blade; 6' snow blade; 20' pull behind trailer; 12' metal flatbed; PTO shafts; hydraulic hoses; fuel tank with pump; tractor chains; 4 hay wagons; platform scales; sq. kerosene tank w/pump; scythe.

CARPENTRY TOOLS: Metal toolboxes; Milwaukee tools including: hammer drill, rt. angle drill; 2 contractor tool boxes; tinning tools; Skil jigsaw; Makita skill saw; Wysong brake shear; 5' metal brake; Rockwell sander; 8x4 metal table; lock former; utility tool boxes for pickup; pipe threader and cutter; pipe stand; cases of cherry stain; 30' alum. ext. ladder; duct work; bolt bin; cross-cut saw.

MISCELLANEOUS: 2x6 wood-fired maple syrup evaporator (brand new); 35 8' locust posts; Pallet brick; 2 turkey house fans; turkey waterers on track; turkey feeders; stove mat; pig pole; iron butchering kettles; P. Bradley & Sons kettle stove; garden tillers inc. Troy-Bilt rear tine tiller; electric sewer snake; air conditioner; Snapper carburetor kits; Craftsman air compressor; 4' chest freezer; Christmas decorations; small refrigerator; tank racks; 5 antique Snapper lawn mowers; gas kitchen range; 2 Warm Morning wood stoves; stove mat; Siegler oil stoves; 3 wooden mallets; water pump. Other items too numerous to mention.

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BOARD SEAT OPENINGS

The Pocahontas County Convention and Visitors Bureau has Board of Director seat openings for three year terms beginning June 22, 2023 - June 17, 2026. Seats coming available include:

- One at-large position - may be filled by any person registered to vote in Pocahontas County, WV
- One representative for the lodging sector
- One representative from ski industry sector

Nominees must be registered to vote in Pocahontas County, WV, and have an interest in promoting and developing tourism in Pocahontas County. Each representative must be knowledgeable about the specific area or industry for which they would represent and must be able to attend monthly board meetings. This is a volunteer position and nominees must attend the annual board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 21, 2023.

Those interested may submit a letter of interest or may be nominated by another individual registered to vote in Pocahontas County, WV. Mail nomination letters to: Pocahontas County CVB, PO Box 275 Marlinton, WV 24954. For questions, please call 304-799-4636. Please submit nominations letters of interest by May 5, 2023.

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4-H AND FFA Ham, Bacon and Egg Show and Sale participants, from row, front left: Noah Sharp, Coleton Taylor, Abigail Taylor, Makiya Burns, Levi Hill, Trey Sattler, Cade Wagner, Noah Dilley, Silas Dean, Kya Arbogast, Tyler Friel, Natalie Sisler, Madalynn Brock, Victor Dean, Ethan Armstrong, Sienna Hamons, Charity Morrison, Riley Hamons, Elizabeth Friel, Jessica Armstrong and Jarrell Clifton. On Stairs, from top: Layne Dunbrack, Lane Wilfong, Traves Lewis, Macaden Taylor, Jaryd Friel, Kelsi Taylor, Trenton Brock, Kirsten Friel, Breanna Cochran, Leanne Green, Luke Taylor and R.T. Hill. Not pictured: Amber Defibaugh and Emma Riffe. Photos courtesy of Luci Mosseso

4-H and FFA Ham, Bacon and Egg Show and Sale

The 2023 4-H and FFA Ham, Bacon and Egg Show and Sale was held April 1 at Pocahontas County Opera House, a new venue sponsored by Mitchell Chevrolet.

Thirty-five county youth showcased their many hours of hard work as they exhibited and sold hams, bacons and eggs they produced as projects in 4-H and FFA.

Twenty-nine hams, 28 bacons and 13 dozen eggs were sold.

The Grand Champion Ham, weighing 27.78 pounds, was exhibited by Jessica Armstrong and purchased by Southern States for \$1,055.64.

The Reserve Champion Ham, weighing 24.10 pounds, was shown by Victor Dean and sold to VanReenen Funeral Home for \$819.40.

Ethan Armstrong exhibited the Grand Champion Bacon, which weighed 8.0 pounds and was purchased by Dairy Queen of Marlinton for \$808.

The Reserve Champion Bacon, weighing 5.92 pounds, was exhibited by Cade Wagner and sold for \$337.44 to Southern States.

The Grand Champion Eggs, shown by Noah Dilley, sold for \$350 to Robin Mutscheller. Kelsi Taylor's Reserve Champion Eggs were purchased by Paul Hill Farms for \$225. The Pocahontas County High School FFA Scholarship Ham weighed 19.44 lbs. and was purchased by Southern States for \$1,594.08.

In addition to the Grand and Reserve Champions and the scholarship ham, bidders attending the auction had a chance to buy 14 Prime hams, 12 Choice hams, 19 Prime bacons, 7 Choice bacons, 9

Grade AA eggs, and 2 Grade A eggs shown by 4-H and FFA members. Members selling these products included Kya Arbogast, Ethan Armstrong, Jessica Armstrong, Madalynn Brock, Trenton Brock, Makiya Burns, Jarrell Clifton, Brianna Cochran, Silas Dean, Victor Dean, Amber Defibaugh, Noah Dilley, Layne Dunbrack, Elizabeth Friel, Kirsten Friel, Tyler Friel, Leanne Green, Riley Hamons, Sienna Hamons, Levi Hill, RT Hill, Traves Lewis, Charity Morrison, Emma Riffe, Trey Sattler, Noah Sharp, Natalie Sisler, Abigail Taylor, Coleton Taylor, Kelsi Taylor, Luke Taylor, Macaden Taylor, Cade Wagner, Jaryd Wilfong and Lane Wilfong.

Support from businesses in and out of the county created a sale volume of \$42,272.45.

The following businesses and individuals supported the event: Southern States, Pocahontas Veterinary Services, Murphy's Body Shop, Mitchell Chevrolet, NAPA-Burnsville, WV, Robin Mutscheller, Jacob and Malinda Meck, Beckwith Lumber Company, Pendleton Community Bank, S & S Enterprises, Glades Building Supply, Appalachian Aggregates, Jim Riggs, VanReenen Funeral Home, Interstate Hardwoods Company, Dairy Queen of Marlinton, Johnston Logging, J & A Trucking, Liggett's Supply, Travis Taylor Contracting, Jennifer Rose/Anderson Ag Service, Jean Taylor, Mike Doss Law Office, Fran Madison, Clifton Farms-Jerry and Linda, James Jordan, CTM Trucking, Pocahontas Memorial Hospital, Citizens Bank of WV, Paul Hill Farms and Country Meadows Greenhouse.

Support and assistance was also



GRAND CHAMPION HAM: Jessica Armstrong. Ham purchased by Southern States.



GRAND CHAMPION BACON: Ethan Armstrong. Bacon purchased by Dairy Queen of Marlinton.



GRAND CHAMPION EGGS: Noah Dilley. Eggs purchased by Robin Mutscheller.



RESERVE CHAMPION HAM: Victor Dean. Ham purchased by VanReenen Funeral Home.



RESERVE CHAMPION BACON: Cade Wagner. Bacon purchased by Southern States.



RESERVE CHAMPION EGGS: Kelsi Taylor. Eggs purchased by Paul Hill Farms.

provided by Auctioneer Ben Wilfong and Show Judges Howard Henderson and Annaliese Henderson-Yost. Pocahontas IGA pro-

vided free slicing and bags for the sale. City National Bank and Mosseso Agency provided donations for project premiums to be di-

vided equally among all participants.

The 4-H and FFA members involved greatly appreciate the continued support of the community.

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CHURCH NOTICES
Marlinton Presbyterian Church – Sunday School, 9 a.m. Worship 10 a.m.
Arbovale United Methodist – Worship 11:15 a.m. Sundays; Bible Study 6 p.m. Thursdays.
New Hope Lutheran – Minnehaha Springs – Worship 8:45 a.m.
First Baptist Church – Huntersville – Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday night service 7 p.m.
Seebert United Methodist Church – Sunday School every Sunday 9:20 a.m.; Worship second and fourth Sundays at 10 a.m.
Catholic Mass: St. John, Marlinton – Sunday 9 a.m.; **St. Mark, Bartow** – Sunday 11:30 a.m.
Liberty Presbyterian, Green Bank – Worship at 11 a.m.
Dunmore United Methodist Church – Worship 10 a.m. Adult Bible Study via Zoom 8 a.m.
Marlinton First Church of the Nazarene – Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11

a.m.; Wednesday night Bible Study 7 p.m.
Marlinton United Methodist Church – Worship at 11 a.m.
New Hope Church of the Brethren, Worship at 9:30 a.m. and Bible Study Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.
Pine Grove Church of the Brethren, Arbovale – Sunday School 10 a.m., Worship 11 a.m.; Bible Study, Thursday, 7 p.m.
Cochran Creek Baptist Church, Rimel – Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m.
Campbelltown Church, Marlinton – Worship 10 a.m.; Sunday School 11 a.m.
Cook Town Community Church, Rt. 219 – Sunday Service 10 a.m.
Edray United Church – Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m.
Marlinton Church of God, Beard Heights – Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m. Wednesday Night Bible Study 6 p.m. Evangelistic service 6 p.m. Sunday, April 26.
Trinity Baptist Church, Rt. 219 Buckeye Hill – Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m.; Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. Pastor David Moore.

Your, from page 3

m'rellin?" He said it fast, and they were unsure what he said, so they asked him to repeat his question. He repeated, "Are you m'rellin?" Seeing the quizzical looks on Jim and Beth's faces, he finally asked, "Are you hunting for morels?"
 They told him that they were birding. At that, he

headed on down the road in his truck. He returned a short while later and showed them a bag of big white morels.
 He then explained that he was "m'rellin" from his truck and told them he did his "m'rellin" at 20 miles per hour. He proudly added that he had an uncle that could do his "m'rellin" at 40 miles per hour. That's some speedy m'rellin for sure.
 The Bullards have never forgotten that incident on Thorny Creek Road, and

their eyes twinkle with humor each time they recount that story.
 Finally, the value placed on morels has even made it onto a TV series. The Dutch series, "Lord and Master" on Amazon Prime, has an episode where the protagonist attempts to bribe a bad guy who is about to kill him by offering a kilo and a half of morels. The deal was struck, and his life was spared.
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Hillsboro, from page 4

station for our sewer. Construction is scheduled to start in April this year. This grant was for \$664,000. The bid came in lower than \$664,000.
 We have also received a grant to update and rebuild our lagoon area. This grant was for \$484,000. Bids have not gone out on this project at this time.
 We just received a grant for \$100,000 to design new sidewalks.
 We have been working hard to upgrade the town of Hillsboro. Our town is small

and can fall through the cracks sometimes. We just have to keep trying. We should have a Dollar General Store opening soon along with the reopening of the restaurant.
 I want to thank our council for all the support they have given me these past four years. Without them, I could do nothing. I also want to thank the people who work for the town. I would not survive without our treasurer who has taken on a lot of additional responsibilities. Our operators who are out there every day doing their jobs to keep our water safe to drink as well as keeping the sewer flowing.

Anytime we need something, people in Hillsboro will step up and help in any way they can: Chris Rose's Excavating, LLC, Hillsboro Fire Department, Justin Taylor, Al and Jane Huppert and

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History, from page 7

Auctioneer Swecker got wound up at the Boggs sale of goods and before he ran down, it took six people to get the goods to him.

Swecker says he hopes that the devil and the two wool blankets that were

stolen from him at the Hively sale will keep the fellow warm the balance of his days.

SUNSET ITEMS

J. A. and Peyton Moore have been to The Levels for flour.

Several lots of cattle are being fed on the creek and some hay hauled off, and still some farmers have an abun-

dance.

Ellis McCarty, Esq., recently put up a handsome monument for his father, brother and sisters in the Harper graveyard. Who will follow his example? This burying ground has been long neglected.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lantz, a daughter. Also to Dr. Barnett and wife, a daughter.

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DEATHS

Edward Howard Patterson, aged 74, died Friday, April 9, 1948... On Sunday afternoon the funeral was held from the Marlinton Methodist Church, with interment in the family plot in Mountain View Cemetery...

Pall Bearers were: T. D. Moore, Bay McElwee, Beecher Meadows, French Johnson, John Bessling and Calvin W. Price. Flower bearers were: Mrs. Lura Brill, Mrs. Mabel Hudson, Mrs. Walter J. Mycka, Mrs. French Johnson, Mrs. Ward Wimer, Mrs. B. E. Smith, Mrs. Beecher Meadows and Mrs. Jane P. Sharp.

The deceased was a son of the late J. H. and Margaret

Slavin Patterson.

He married Miss Carrie Scales, who survives. Their son is Robert Patterson and their daughter is Mrs. Helen McMann...

John Wesley Coffman, aged 81, died Sunday morning, April 11, 1948. On Tuesday, his body was laid in the family plot in Mountain View Cemetery, the funeral being held from the Marlinton Presbyterian Church...

The deceased was a native of Garrett, Maryland, a son of the late Andrew Coffman. He came here many years ago to work as a locomotive engineer...

Jacob McLaughlin, aged 79 years, died at his home near Dunmore April 6, 1948... On Thursday afternoon, his body was laid to rest in the McLaughlin fam-

ily cemetery, the service being held from the home...

The deceased was a son of the late Hugh and Nancy Ratliff McLaughlin... Mr. McLaughlin married Miss Grace Scruggs, who survives. Their children are Clyde, Earl and Junior; Mrs. Janice Dunn, Mrs. Ellet Gragg and Opal.

R. L. Nottingham, aged 84, son of Adam and Henrietta Nottingham, lifelong residents of Pocahontas County, died Thursday, March 25, 1948, of a heart attack in Columbus Ohio, at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Arta L. Chappius, with whom he had lived for several years.

He was loved by all who knew him, especially the children in the neighborhood where he lived in his last

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56 years and had spent all but a few months of their married life at their home at Jacox, and by hard work, and self-sacrifice had built up a good home and prospered financially and many a person can testify to Mrs. Hill's financial help during some time of need.

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