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Farmers Market ready for a crop-filled summer

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

While the Pocahontas County Farmers Market had two markets in February and March, as part of the new winter season markets, the full fledged 2023 market season will kick off at the First Friday event, Friday, May 5, at Discovery Junction on Third Avenue and Ninth Street in Marlinton.

"We have decided to do First Friday," market president Melia Thompson said. "We were afraid we wouldn't have enough, and we still might not have much produce, but we'll have lots of baked goods, lots of jellies, jams, that type of items. We said, 'why wait to start building momentum? Let's go ahead and get out there.'"

The summer schedule includes four locations – Green Bank at the BFD Station, Wednesdays, 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. from May 17 to October 11; Linwood Market at the Linwood Pavilion, Fri-



DOUG BERNIER, RIGHT, sells plants at the Pocahontas County Farmers Market at the BFD fire department in Green Bank. The 2023 summer markets will begin May 5 at Discovery Junction in Marlinton. Other markets – Linwood, Hillsboro, Durbin and Green Bank will open later in the season. Melia Thompson photo

days, 3 to 6 p.m., June 8 to September 28; Hillsboro Market, across from ParMar in the yellow building, Wednesdays, 3 to 6 p.m., June 7 through September 27; and Marlinton at the Dis-

covery Junction, each First Friday, 3 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to noon, May 5 through September 30. A few changes were made to the schedule due to requests made by customers,

Thompson explained.

"With Marlinton, we had comments from customers last year, asking that it be moved back to Saturday,"

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First Fridays ~ welcome back

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

It's time again to head to downtown Marlinton and enjoy the sights and sounds of First Fridays at Discovery Junction. The summer fun kicks off Friday, May 5, from 5 to 7 p.m. with the theme "Celebrating the Youth."

The stage will be filled with student musicians of all ages. The Marlinton Middle School band – which recently got a perfect rating of 1 – will wow the crowd with their impeccable skills. The Pocahontas County High School drumline will keep the beat going with its rhythmic stylings and Marlinton and Hillsboro Elementary students will play recorders and ukuleles.

Marlinton Elementary School will host a school carnival on the street with games, activities and concessions provided by the school's PTO.

For those who also want

to celebrate Cinco de Mayo with a little Latin flair, the Brushy Flats 4-H Club will be selling walking tacos.

Joining in the fun and educational evening will be Operation Christmas Child, which will share information about the program and how the community can get involved.

A couple First Friday sponsors – The Pocahontas County Prevention Coalition and Pendleton Community Bank – will have booths set up with information and goodies.

In conjunction with all the First Friday fun, the Marlinton Woman's Club will host its annual Evening with the Arts at the Pocahontas County Opera House. The performance space will be transformed into an art gallery featuring work by county students in several mediums.

It's all about the kids and their talents at the first of many wonderful First Fridays to be held this summer.

Camp Thornwood gets much needed upgrades

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

Four-H is more than a club. It's a family you join and are part of for the rest of your life. That sense of family was never felt more by the Pocahontas County 4-H clubs than on March 22 during West Virginia University's Day of Giving.

All organizations associated with WVU participated collected donations all day for specific projects through the help of social media posts. WVU Extension Agent Luci Mosesso posted donation suggestions and monitored those that came in and was astonished by the amount of support Pocahontas County 4-H received.

"We were blown away," she said. "I was hoping we would make about five thousand dollars that day. We actually had one donor who gave us a ten-thousand dollar donation."

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FOR THE WEST Virginia University Day of Giving on March 22, Silas and Victor Dean, sons of Nate Dean and Luci Mosesso, showed their disapproval for the old mattresses at Camp Thornwood. By the end of the day, the WVU Extension Office in Pocahontas County had raised \$19,000 in donations – with an additional award of \$6,000 from WVU – to replace the mattresses. Photo courtesy of Luci Mosesso

Jobs and Hope ~ a path to recovery

Erin Gaertner
Transition Agent
Jobs & Hope WV

Pocahontas County is challenged by a drug epidemic, transportation, lack of robust full-time livable wage employment, childcare providers, and other issues that are present across West Virginia but exasperated by Pocahontas County having the lowest population density in the state where services can be hours away, even when available in the county. However, there have been some ongoing and recent developments in the county to support residents with access to resources, primary and secondary prevention, treatment, behavioral health, education and training, and alternative sentencing through County Commission supported Community Corrections.

Parenting in Recovery is a weekly support group led by Jobs & Hope participant Melanie Cosner, hosted by



JOEY TAWNEY, MELANIE Cosner and Reta Griffith participated in Recovery Day at the West Virginia State Capitol March 9.

Pocahontas County Day Report Center for the community including those that may be a part of day report,

DHHR, or other various programs and those who want a

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Commission hears options for PMH water and sewer

Tim Walker
AMR Reporter

At the April 18 Pocahontas County Commission Meeting, Dave Sharp, an Engineer with Potesta and Associates presented the commission with additional options for the Pocahontas Memorial Hospital Water and Sewer Projects.

Sharp had previously presented three options for water and three options for sewer at the hospital.

The three original water options were:

1. Run a line connecting the Town of Marlinton's water system to the water tower up on the hill by PMH. Which would cost about \$2.13 million.

2. Upgrade the existing water system, which would require a new well.

3. Do nothing, keep the existing system as it is.

The third water option was eliminated because the existing system will not provide the water needed for the hospital expansion and other additions such as the new 911 center or possible future expansion to Marlinton Middle School.

The three original sewer options were:

1. Connect to the Town of Marlinton's sewer system by installing a gravity sewer pipe from the hospital down to the town, an estimated \$2.94 million plan.

2. Relocate the existing water treatment plant, which needs to be replaced and relocated, to the bottom of the hill where it would discharge into Swago Creek.

3. Relocate the treatment plant to Buckeye where it would discharge into the Greenbrier River.

Sharp said that Commissioner Jamie Walker had asked him for additional options which could provide water and sewer services to both Buckeye and the houses along Buckeye Road, which could possibly serve up to 30 homes in Buckeye and 55 to 65 along Buckeye Road.

To do that, Sharp estimated that would cost \$5.1 million for water and \$6.4 million for sewer, since sewage would require several pump stations

along the way.

Sharp said that if the commission only wanted to provide sewer to Buckeye, and not to the houses along Buckeye Road, where most residents already have functional septic systems, the cost would come down from about \$6.4 million to about \$4 million.

The option for water would be to hook Marlinton's system to the existing water tower near PMH but run it from there to about 50 customers on Beard Heights and to the 80 to 95 customers in Buckeye and along Buckeye Road.

The commission wants to discuss these options more in depth at a future special meeting.

Also at the meeting, Alice Arbuckle suggested the commission set aside a "rainy day fund" from the Hotel/Motel Tax receipts. Commission President Walt Helmick said the commission's intention is to set aside \$200,000 a year from the Hotel/Motel Tax to ensure the hospital can pay off its expansion loan.

In other business, the commission:

- laid the 2023-2024 Tax Levy, at Class I - \$12.690; Class II at \$25.380; and Classes III & IV at \$56.76.

- awarded the only bid received for the purchase of a pick-up truck to be used for Home Confinement by the Sheriff's Department to Mitchell Chevrolet for a 2023 1500 Double cab pickup truck at a cost of \$47,300 minus a rebate of \$6,300 for a net cost of \$41,000. The Sheriff's Department already has that money in their budget.

- voted to re-bid the reconstruction of the old County Clerk building in Huntersville. When it was originally bid, the one bid received was too high, however they now believe it is a better time to receive more bids.

- agreed to hire Karen Hill and Elizabeth Jeffries as part-time paramedics for the County EMS Ambulance Service at \$18 per hour.

- voted to advertise for a company to clear trees and brush off the site of the new 911 Center behind PMH.

- held an executive session with Sheriff Jeff Barlow concerning Courthouse Security.

President Gee and administration looking at ways to make WVU a smaller, more efficient institution

By Don Smith
WV Press Association

West Virginia University's President Gordon Gee and his administration have a vision of the future:

WVU will be a small institution with fewer employees and fewer programs.

The reduction is a reality and has started; however, the details of the plan — the final who, what and where — have not been determined, or at least shared.

Only the "why" is clear: a decline in student enrollment and the related revenue loss.

Vice President for Strategic Initiatives Rob Alsop, who gave the budget update following President Gee's recent announcement of a \$35 million budget deficit, said it wasn't the administration's predetermined goal to make WVU a smaller university and that the decisions being made are based on projects of declining enrollment and revenue over the next decade.

"We take no joy about planning to be a smaller institution with fewer employees and fewer programs, but it is something we need to do," Alsop said during his budget update.

"Our model shows ... that WVU needs to adjust our margin by at least \$75 million over the next five to seven years ... if we see the potential enrollment decline of 5,000 over the next decade."

The administration is focused on those projections, knowing WVU has already experienced a 5,000-student drop in enrollment: The university had more than 31,000 students in 2014. This year, that enrollment number is down to just over 26,000.

Gee said WVU must face re-

ality and make tough decisions.

"We have to always be realistic about where we are ... When there are fewer number of students, you have to deal with that reality," Gee said, explaining the administration is developing a plan to allow the university to better serve a smaller student population.

"We know fundamentally we'll have fewer programs and fewer people, but we will have a stronger institution. That is the issue," Gee said.

Details of WVU's "Management Improvement Plan" — a \$35 million reduction in expenses for 2024 — have not been released.

In terms of 2023, Alsop said, "We are leveraging some one-time monies to fill our budget gap that are not available on a sustainable and ongoing basis for FY '24 and beyond. We think, best case ... we will deploy about \$19 million of our cash reserves in fiscal year 2023. ... If we do nothing for fiscal year 2024 to reduce our expenses, we are looking at a loss somewhere around \$30 million in cash for next year, and we do not have the reserves to burn through that amount of money in cash."

WVU had already put a spending freeze in place. This month, it announced the University's Information Technology Services and Health Sciences Information Technology Services would merge by July 1. Additionally, university employees were told they could no longer purchase copiers, printers, and related supplies independent of WVU's managed print program.

There has been no indication when the entire management plan will be released.

"We still are working through many aspects of our modeling



Dr. Gordon Gee

and projections; however, we are committed to engaging with our campus community throughout the process and will share more in the coming weeks regarding Fiscal Year 2024, Alsop said. "Fiscal year 2024 will be a transitional year. We can't snap our fingers and reduce \$35 million of expenditures overnight."

While changes, personnel cuts and job losses aren't clear, Alsop said changes would be strategic, and not just across the board cuts with each department asked to make the same cuts.

Alsop made it clear that WVU needs to address more than just the budget deficit.

"We need to generate monies to make strategic investments in our people so that our faculty have great pathways, and we appropriately resource our programs moving forward. Our goal is not only to have a balanced budget where, if one thing goes wrong, we're talking about cutting or not able to invest, but we want to have the ability to consistently make new strategic investments of around \$15 million

see WVU pg 8

Circuit Court

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

Charles Irvine, 49, of Marlinton, appearing by video from the Tygart Valley Regional Jail, waived his right to a preliminary hearing on a motion to revoke his alternative sentencing. Irvine admitted to the allegations in the petition, and the court found probable cause that the defendant had violated the terms and conditions of his alternative sentence. An evidentiary hearing is set for May 1.

An in-person arraignment was held in the case the State vs Brent Prouse, 34, of Huntington, wherein bond was set at \$20,000, personal recognizance, with the special condition that the defendant completes the Lighthouse program in Huntington. Prouse, who was indicted on 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, pleaded not guilty to all counts.

Bond for Kristina Shingleton, 52, of St. Albans, was set at \$20,000, 90% PR and 10% cash/surety. Shingleton,

who was indicted on One count, attempted delivery of a controlled substance to a correctional facility, a felony; One Count, transportation of a controlled substance onto the grounds of a correctional facility, a felony; One Count, conspiracy to commit a felony, pleaded not guilty to all counts.

Jessica Dawn Snelson, 41, of Durbin, pleaded not guilty to One Count, grand larceny, a felony. Bond was set at \$7,000 cash/surety with the special condition of no contact, physical or verbal, direct or indirect, with the victim.

Clifton Summerfield Jr., 40, of Hillsboro pleaded not guilty to One Count, person prohibited from possessing a firearm, a felony. He remains on a previously set PR bond of \$5,000.

Kevin Ray Curry, 34, an inmate in the Mt. Olive Correctional Center, pleaded not guilty to 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. Bond was set at \$20,000, a blanket bond for all charges.

A capias was issued for William Steven Feury, 29, of Marlinton, who failed to appear for his status hearing. It was noted that the defendant did not appear for the last hearing. Feury was indicted on One Count, entry of a building other than a dwelling, a felony; One Count, attempted grand larceny, a felony.

Angela Turner, 48, of Marlinton, asked that her trial be held in this term of court. The matter is set for Jury Trial July 19. Turner was indicted on one count, driving while license revoked for driving under the influence of alcohol, third offense, a felony.

A status hearing was held in the case the State vs Erick Shawn Romanello, 23, of

Marlinton, wherein the state advised that the matter is ready for a change of plea. Romanello was indicted on One Count, driving while license revoked for driving under the influence of alcohol, third offense, a felony; One Count, possession of a Schedule III controlled narcotic substance, Buprenorphine, a misdemeanor.

The case the State vs Spencer Combs, 20, of Marlinton, is ready for a change of plea. The matter is set for May 16. Combs was indicted on One Count, sexual assault third degree, a felony.

David W. Mace, 37, of Marlinton, appeared by video from the TVRJ for a status hearing, wherein defense counsel advised the court that the parties are

nearing an agreement. Mace was indicted on Three Counts, strangulation, a felony; Two Counts, wanton endangerment involving a firearm, a felony.

A status hearing was held in the case the State vs Joshua Ray VanReenen, 35, of Hillsboro, wherein defense counsel advised the court that they had not been able to contact the defendant.

The state related that not all discovery had been provided and asked for the matter to be continued. VanReenen was indicted on One Count, malicious assault, a felony; One Count, wanton endangerment involving a firearm, a felony; One Count, use or presentation of a firearm dur-

ing the commission of a felony, a felony.

Austin Carden, 23, of Dunmore pleaded not guilty to One Count, grand larceny, a felony; One Count, destruction of property, a felony; One Count, conspiracy, a felony. Bond was set at \$7,500 and the defendant is to have no contact with the victim or the victim's properties.

Christopher M. Gibson, 46, of Buckeye, pleaded not guilty to One Count, failure to register as a sex offender or provide notice of registration changes, second or subsequent offense, a felony. Bond was set at \$10,000 PR.

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Marlinton Mayor's Corner

By Sam Felton

This Saturday, April 29, is the Annual Great Greenbrier River Race (GGRR).

I want to take the opportunity to welcome all participants, their teams, family members and other visitors to Marlinton.

Also, I want to thank all the organizers – past and present – sponsors, volunteers and vendors who, year after year, have devoted time and energy to make this fun event happen. There are too many of you to name. You know who you are, and the Town of Marlinton thanks you for making this event another unique feature of our Town.

The triathlon starts in Marlinton with a run to the Greenbrier River Trail and going north to a turnaround point before returning into town. Participants then jump in their canoe or kayak and paddle down the river to the

bridge at Buckeye, where they run to their bikes and ride south on the GRT to a turn-around point before returning 10-miles north, all the way back to Eighth Street in Marlinton to finish the race.

While the race is a competition, the atmosphere of the event is best described as fun and family- oriented. The biggest question mark is what the water level in the Greenbrier River will be on race day. Two weeks ago, it was just right. Hopefully, this past weekend's rain will help.

Many racers have been returning for years. I remember hearing about one gentleman who had competed every year since 1991. Newcomers this year will begin a tradition of their own. The main idea is to have fun, be safe and enjoy your time in Marlinton and Pocahontas County.

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Pocahontas County 4-H Camp needs T-shirt sponsors. For a \$50 donation, your company name will be featured on the back of the T-shirts given to each camper. Please make payment to the WVU Extension Office by May 14.

Dramas, Fairs and Festivals grant applications are due May 1. Contact the Extension Office for an application.

Pocahontas County 4-H camp registration goes live Monday, May 1, and closes May 14. Registration can be found online at 4h.zsuite.org



What's Cookin'?

With Sally Cobb

Rice Pudding
3 cups cooked rice -brown or white
3 cups milk, 2% or whole
1/3 cup sugar or maple syrup

1/4 tsp salt
4 eggs, well beaten
1 cup milk
1 tsp vanilla
1 tsp cinnamon
1/3 cup raisins, craisins or other dried fruit, if desired

Put rice, milk, sweetener and salt into a 3 quart saucepan and cook on medium high heat for 30 minutes, stirring often. Reduce heat as needed.

Whisk the eggs and add milk. Whisk until combined.

Add a cup or so of the rice mixture to the egg mix and stir well. Now add this mix back to the rice and milk in the pan. Stir well. Add dried fruit, cinnamon and vanilla. Pour into greased baking dish. Bake in 350 degree oven 45 minutes or until knife inserted halfway be-

tween center and edge comes out clean.

Cool slightly. Serve warm or cold.

Apricot-Nut Bread
1 pkg. apricots
1/2 cup boiling water
1 cup pecans, chopped
1 egg, beaten
3/4 cup sugar
2 cups flour
2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. baking soda
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 cup orange juice
2 Tbsp. melted butter
Chop and soak apricots in 1/2 cup boiling water for 30 minutes.

Measure flour into mixing bowl. Add sugar, baking soda, baking powder and salt to flour. Mix well.

Add beaten egg to orange juice. Add melted butter.

Add apricots and soaking water. Let set 15 minutes

Bake in a 350 degree oven for 45 minutes.

PMH Flag Ceremony recognizes Donate Life Month

Pocahontas Memorial Hospital held a Flag Ceremony April 20 to recognize National Donate Life Month. Across the country, 115,000 people are waiting for an organ transplant, including 2,500 in western Pennsylvania and West Virginia. At least 20 people will die each day without receiving the transplant they desperately need. Someone is added to the transplant waiting list every 10 minutes.

For several years, Pocahontas Memorial Hospital has partnered with Donate Life West Virginia to help save lives by educating our community about the importance of organ, eye and tissue donation and increasing the number of registered donors.

Jeremy Zieders, a representative from the Center for Organ Recovery and Education, was on hand to speak about the importance of



PICTURED, L TO R: Trish Hughes, Michelle Deeds, Jeremy Zieders (CORE), Lori Riggsby, Sara Casto, Bobbie Friel, Kevin Roy, Becky Hammer, Deborah Hayhurst and Kristi Shisler. Photo courtesy of Susan Wilkins

organ and tissue donation with specific statistics about PMH. In 2022, PMH had two tissue donors. Just these two had the potential to enhance 150 lives by tissue transplant. In addition, four people received the gift of sight from two cornea donors.

Zieders also displayed a

beautiful donor quilt, made up of quilt squares of deceased individuals from across the state whose organs went on to save lives. A PMH employee personally knew one of the men featured on the quilt, saying he made the best biscuits she had ever eaten in her life.

Traditionally, a Donate

Life flag is raised on the flag pole; but due to PMH's current construction project, the flag pole was removed. The flag is now displayed on the construction barrier fence surrounding part of the front of the hospital.

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

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor;

On Monday, May 1, the Marlinton Town Council will meet for their regular monthly meeting. One item on the agenda will be a discussion on a proposed exemption to the town ordinance against having chickens on a residential property.

During a previous meeting it became clear that members of the council are conflicted over the wishes of the citi-

zens of Marlinton. One council member stated "no-body wants chickens...", while another stated "everybody wants chickens..." Obviously the true fact is somewhere in the middle and the council members need to hear from the residents of Marlinton to make an informed decision. I would ask that the residents come to this meeting and voice their opinions, both for and

against the concept of changing the town ordinance to allow animals to be kept, such as "backyard chickens."

One concern many have is the "slippery slope," which says if we allow one thing, then others will follow. If we allow chickens, then why not goats or pigs or cows on residential lots in the town? That is a reasonable concern, but it can be easily controlled by using a standardized for-

mula called the "lot size to animal type/size calculation." As an example, it is recommended that a chicken coop should have a minimum of 5 square feet of space for each chicken and an enclosed run should have 10 square feet per bird, but a further recommendation is twice that. These calculations cross all animal types.

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Community Calendar

OPERA HOUSE
Brooklyn-based klezmer band Michael Winograd and the Honorable Mentshn will bring Saturday, April 29, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, \$10, are available at the 4th Avenue Gallery, online at pocahontasoperahouse.org or at the door the night of the performance. Ages 17 and younger admitted free.

PUBLIC NOTICE
A public meeting will be held at McClintic Public Library Thursday, April 27, at 2 p.m. to discuss broadband access and obstacles within Pocahontas County. See details in legal ad on page 13.
Green Boxes hours Sundays from 1 to 6 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

EVENTS
FREE Community Dinner Thursday, April 27, 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Marlinton Presbyterian Church, sponsored by area churches and community volunteers. Menu: Ham, brown beans, cornbread.
Great Greenbrier River Race, Saturday, April 29, be-

ginning on Main Street in Marlinton at 11 a.m.

Buffalo Lake Fishing Derby for ages two to 13, Saturday, May 6. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. For more information, contact the Forest Service at 304-456-3335 or Parks and Recreation at 304-799-7386.

Hillsboro High School Alumni Association will host an informal reception for all HHS Alumni Saturday, May 27, from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at the Oak Grove Presbyterian Church pavilion. Light refreshments. No reservations required. Please join us for an afternoon of fellowship.

MEETINGS
Pocahontas County Solid Waste Authority regular meeting Wednesday, April 26, 7 p.m. at the courthouse.
Allegheny Post 117 Tuesday, May 2, 6 p.m. at Arboreale Community Center. All members are encouraged to attend.

Pocahontas County Vietnam Veterans of America meets the fourth Wednesday of each month, 7 p.m. at McClintic Library.

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

LIBRARY EVENTS
Game Night at Linwood Library, Friday, April 28, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Video, board and card games, snacks pro-

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Sam Felton

To all Marlinton Citizens:
My name is Sam Felton. At the end of June 2023, I will have served as the mayor of Marlinton for the past eight years. With major projects in process and a measurable concern for the future, I agreed to run for a 3rd term as mayor. My intent at filing was simply to provide voters with an alternative to whomever else would run.
No Mayor or Council can accomplish much without the support of the people. Progress requires community efforts. Community volunteers made success possible these last eight years. Good people continue working toward goals that benefit Marlinton and the county at large. Volunteers work with the beautification committee

toward keeping our town as clean and presentable as possible. At the local level, success is in the air and there is a renewed sense of Hope and Optimism. Projects take longer than we like, but a shared vision, hard work, and persistence does pay off.
Since becoming Mayor, the town has equipped department staff with essential tools needed to do their respective jobs, including a new garbage packer truck, new backhoe, and stand ready to bring a newly certified police officer into service with a significant upgrade of police equipment. Code enforcement is more consistent and effective.
DEP regulations will require attention until system improvements are complete. The water loss rate remains a work in progress. Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) progress will continue as new sections of sewer line are installed. Refurbishing the water plant is complete. In 2022, we celebrated with an Open House, and another is planned for May. First Fridays at Discovery Junction are routine and expected each year.
Abandoned and dilapidated buildings took most of six years to make noticeable

progress. The progress made these last two years earned Marlinton an All-Star Community Award from the State Municipal League and The Spirit of WV Award from the Governor's Office, in 2022. A municipal court system and police department are reestablished. Town ordinances and an e-file codification system are in place and can be accessed from a town webpage. A town seal identifies equipment. The Planning Commission will soon have to consider an update for the Comprehensive Plan.
Since July 2015, I have regularly attended Economic Development meetings, networking with people and agencies that can help direct the future of our Town and Region. Filling the Edray Industrial Building remains a challenge. Broadband to that location will make the difference. So, we keep working. The Recreation Economy Initiative is providing small-business opportunities and advancing our local economy.
My eight years as Mayor have included serving on five local boards and as Chairman of three regional boards: The Region 4 Planning and Development

Council Board, The Regional Optical Communications Board (ROC), and The Mon-Forest Towns Partnership Board.
If any of this resonates with you and you believe the Town is moving in the right direction, I ask for your vote, on June 13th.



Jodi Zickefoose

My name is Jodi Gragg Zickefoose. I am a candidate for Mayor of Marlinton. For those of you who may not know me: I was born and raised in Marlinton, I am the daughter of Jenny Gragg and the late James E. Gragg of Marlinton. I am the mother of an amazing 16-year-old son, Bailey. I have worked in one aspect or another of community action for the last eleven years and will obtain my bachelor's degree in so-

ciology from Concord University this May.
I often get asked why I would want the job of being Mayor of Marlinton. There is no divine intervention that led me to run for Mayor that I could tell them about, no secret agenda as to why I would want the job as mayor.
At first, I would tell them that I wanted to see Marlinton return to the town I grew up in. In ways Marlinton is still that town, I still have neighbors that would drop what they are doing to help each other out, and people still say hello when our paths cross. As well as many other things.
Sadly, Marlinton has also changed in many ways, people no longer feel safe in the place they have lived in all their lives, nor do they feel they have a say in the things that concern their town. Some residents no longer take pride in the way visitors view Marlinton when they first arrive. (Big thank you to the people who have worked to clean up dilapidated houses as well as overgrown, trash-ridden properties around town.) These are only a few things that have been brought to my attention. I also know as mayor these are things that I cannot change

on my own.
What I can do is change the way the residents of Marlinton feel about seeking help with an issue they may be having or the way they feel about sharing an idea they feel will make Marlinton a better place for everyone.
I want the business owners of Marlinton to share their ideas, concerns, and even complaints with me so we can work together to improve Marlinton. This isn't just my town, this is our town, and it takes all of us to make changes happen.
In no way am I bashing anyone in a current position such as mayor or council. I have no ill intentions in saying these things, I am only sharing the things I would like to offer if I am elected as Mayor. If citizens bring concerns up to me, I will address them with professionalism and integrity. I want to win honestly and fairly, not by putting others down for doing a job I've never done.
I am asking for your vote because I feel a change is what Marlinton needs, and together we can make Marlinton a better place to live, work and enjoy.

Candidates for Recorder ~ Town of Marlinton



Mary Clendenen

Hello, I'm Mary Clendenen, candidate for Recorder for the Town of Marlinton.
My husband, Joe, and I are lifelong residents of the Marlinton area. We have operated a family-owned business, SecuriTech, LLC, for many years. We have two adult sons, Jordan and Jared, and have recently become grandparents to a beautiful granddaughter.
I am a 1986 graduate of Pocahontas County High School and studied at Marshall University. My career background is in finance and administration, most recently serving as Office Administrator for the Pocahontas County Solid Waste Authority since 2008.
I feel strongly about preserving Marlinton's history and charm, while also preparing for the future needs of the town. We have to ensure that we have the needed infrastructure to serve our citizens, businesses, and visitors in the years to come. Keeping our town beautiful, safe and inviting, and encouraging development of businesses and services for residents and tourists are also essential.
I believe, with a spirit of cooperation, the council can accomplish these goals.
I would appreciate your support in the Municipal Election on June 13th.

ipal documents and records of the town and acts as the certifying officer of all official documents. The Recorder maintains the system for filing and archiving town records; gives notice and attends all meetings of Council and keeps the journal of its proceedings; records and indexes all ordinances and resolutions; and keeps all such records available for public inspection. The Recorder also oversees the Town Election.
During my two terms as Recorder I have served on the Planning Commission, on the Personnel Committee, and as Parliamentarian.
I have supported many initiatives that have improved the quality of life in our community. Working with town residents and the WVU Law Clinic the Town of Marlinton wrote a Comprehensive Plan which was adopted in 2019 to provide guidance to the community for 10 to 15 years.
Discovery Junction provides an outdoor space, complete with splash pad, for public enjoyment. A new, state-of-the-art water treatment facility provides safe, clean drinking water. Marlinton is now recognized as a "Mon Forest Town," a designation that will enhance the economy and quality of life for those who live, work, and vacation here.
On the government side of things, our town employees are now offered health insurance with the town picking up the lion's share of the cost. The town now has a Facebook Page and a modern up-to-date website where the public can find ordi-

nances, meeting agendas and minutes, forms, applications, and Bill Pay. As Town Recorder I coordinated the project which codified the Town Ordinances. This new Code of Ordinances is now searchable on-line and can be found on the Town's website. New ordinances are added as they are passed by the Town Council.
There are a number of priorities that I plan to support if I am re-elected. They include the Sewer Improvement Project which has been approved and is in the funding stage; continuing the hard work of removing dilapidated and abandoned buildings; enforcing all of the town ordinances while treating all residents equally and fairly; finding options to increase law enforcement; and addressing the need for affordable housing. All of these things address the vision stated in the Comprehensive Plan that calls for a safe and healthy community.
In my everyday life I am the Preservation Officer for Preserving Pocahontas. I am a documentary filmmaker and was named West Virginia Filmmaker of the Year in 2005. I serve as President of the Pearl S. Buck Birthplace Foundation and Vice-President of the Pocahontas County Historical Society. And I have been active with the Shepherd's Center of Greenbrier Valley for 17 years.

Serving as your Marlinton Town Recorder has been an honor and I will appreciate your vote for re-election on June 13th.

Candidates for Marlinton Town Council



Caleb Barkley

My name is Caleb Barkley, and I am running for the office of Town Council Member for the Town of Marlinton.
I have lived in the Town of Marlinton with my wife, Tina, and three children, Sarah, Liberty and James, for the last nine years. I am a lifelong resident of Pocahontas County. I am the pastor of Grace Baptist Church of Marlinton, and I am employed as a custodian for the Pocahontas County BOE at Hillsboro Elementary School.
My two main reasons for running for Town Council are: (1) to provide a voice that would defend religious expression in our town and encourage it; (2) to attempt to make Marlinton a safer place for our citizens and many visitors.
As a husband and father I am genuinely concerned about the safety of our families on the streets of Marlinton.
When filing for election I was concerned that there would not be enough good people running for this office. After seeing the list of candidates, that no longer concerns me. With several

good options I do not promise to be the best candidate. I do promise to be a candidate focused on the protection of our religious liberty, and the safety of our community.

Caleb J. Barkley



J. L. Clifton

My family enjoys living in Marlinton and we want to see Marlinton thrive and serve the families and businesses here, as well as everyone visiting. We live in the old "Rexrode" house on 3rd Avenue. Kim has a baking business, Stone House Salt Rising, specializing in Salt Rising Bread. Jarrell and Noah attend MES and our daughter, Julia, starts kindergarten this year. Our children are active in sports, 4-H and a new group, Families in Action.
I currently work for Wootton, Davis, Hussell & Johnson law firm and have served this community for many years. I am the Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees for Pocahontas Memorial Hospital, and I have served on the Hospital Board since 2014. I fill the pulpit at the Edray United Church two Sundays a month. I have served on the Local School Improvement Council for MES for the past six years

and I coach 4th/5th grade basketball and have coached Soccer for the past six years.
I have served in the military, worked in public works, owned and operated a local business, been a police officer in Marlinton, and practiced law here in numerous capacities. I believe governing entities must represent the interests of everyone they serve, and my background will provide the much-needed insight to serve you all.
The Town of Marlinton must prioritize the health, safety, and well-being of everyone living, working, and visiting here. Furthermore, the Town must understand the needs of our families, households, and businesses in Marlinton. Whether you are providing for your family, seeking affordable fast internet, growing your business, all while feeling safe, our governing body should lead the way in assuring that each household sees, each family appreciates, each visitor feels, and each business realizes the benefits of being in the Town of Marlinton. All of this, and more, can be accomplished by knowing who we are and what we can do together. I will be a Council member that you can count on to hear what you have to say.

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B. J. Sharp-Gudmundsson
I am B.J. Sharp-Gudmundsson and I am a candidate for re-election as the Marlinton Town Recorder. I was born in Marlinton, grew up on Second Avenue, attended the Methodist Church, and graduated from Pocahontas County High School.
The Town Recorder is the chief custodian of all munic-

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Candidates for Marlinton Town Council

Serving on various boards in our community has given me the knowledge and understanding needed to effectively serve you now. My volunteer service has provided me with a unique perspective of the needs and hardships faced by citizens and families in our community.

You can rely on me to help facilitate an efficient, yet thorough, navigation of Town business while attending to all concerns brought before the Council. I will put my experience to work for you, providing a well-rounded approach to Town matters.

Moreover, I seek your vote because I love Marlinton and want our Town to cultivate a strong sense of community, embrace our strengths, identify our weaknesses, and make improvements where needed. Give me the opportunity to provide sound advice and a level-headed voice on your Council.

I am 17th on the election ballot, please take the time to find me so we can work together to make Marlinton the best it can be for everyone.

Peace & Blessings,
JL Clifton



Chris Curry

My name is Chris Curry, and I am currently a member of the Marlinton Town Council and will be seeking re-election in June of this year.

I am a native North Carolinian but have been blessed to call West Virginia home for the last fifteen years. I have worked here in Marlinton for the majority of that time and have been a town resident for almost ten years.

My history with Marlinton goes back much further than that, though, as I used to visit my great-grandparents, Cecil and Marlie Curry, as a child when they lived on 9th Avenue. I remember this town fondly from that time, my most vivid memories being of sitting on my great-grandparents' front porch watching the Pioneer Days parade proceed past their home. Back then, the main street through town seemed so much more full of life, cars parked in front of the many businesses, people of all ages walking up and down the streets - even at a young age, I really loved this place and couldn't wait to get back for the next visit.

Unfortunately, we seem to have strayed from that version of town over the last few decades, for reasons both in and out of our control. There has been some progress made, but there is obviously still much more work to be done. My hope is to be able to continue to work towards seeing that happy, safe version of Marlinton come back to be again.

I don't have all the answers as to how we get there, but I look forward to collaborating with like-minded individuals toward the goal of recapturing those good days, creating a town where people want to move, set down roots and call Marlinton home.

Thank you for your support these past four years, and whatever the outcome of this upcoming election may be, I hope God blesses our great town.

Thank you.

Amanda Dean

My name is Amanda Dean, or Mandy to most people.

I graduated from PCHS in 1992 and have an associate's degree from New River Community and Technical College. I grew up just outside of Marlinton in Thomas Town. I have lived in town for twenty-two years.

My husband, Shay, and I have raised five children here and two have graduated from

PCHS and are currently enrolled in in-state colleges. They were also blessed to have a job at the Wellness Center while in high school, and Emma still works there during college breaks.

I have seen both good and bad developments during my time living on Third Avenue.

The Wellness Center and Campground have been the good, and the increased drug traffic and resulting issues from such are the bad things.

I believe there is so much potential for growth in both tourism and private business if everyone works together.

I'll be the first one to admit I know very little about town government, but I am willing to learn.

One of the reasons I decided to run was because everyone is always saying someone needs to do something, but no one ends up doing it.

I'm willing to be someone to help.

God bless,
Mandy Dean



Olivia Dean

Most of you may already know who I am, however, I would like to formally introduce myself to those who can't quite put the name with the face.

I have decided to run for Marlinton Town Council in the upcoming election and would like to ask for your support.

I am a 2016 Pocahontas County High School Graduate and also attended Fairmont State University. I've been working for the Town of Marlinton as a receptionist/police clerk since October 2021. Although I work full-time for the Town, I also own and manage Airbnbs (rentals) within the Town of Marlinton.

I have a 16-month-old daughter, Lakyn, and two stepchildren, Layne and Lincoln.

My workload may seem heavy, but I can assure you that I am dedicated to all of my jobs, Mother, Business Owner, Employee and, hopefully, your soon-to-be elected councilmember.

I am not only a Town resident, but a business owner within the Town, and a Town employee.

If anyone is able to recognize the needs for this Town without being completely 1-sided, it is me.

In the past couple of months, I have presented the current council with new policies. One being a Deferred Payment Agreement Policy, in which the Town allows you extensions on your utility bills in the instance a hardship may occur. The other two policies, Water Leak Adjustment Policy and Swimming Pool Adjustment Policy, refer to adjustments being made on your water bill in the instance you have a water leak and generate a high bill, or if you plan to fill your pool, we are now able to adjust the sewer charges off of your bill. I plan to continue to bring new and improved policies

before our council to better serve our Town residents, business owners and Town employees.

A vote for me will ensure a brighter future for our Town. I would appreciate your support this June election.

Thank you,
Olivia



Scott Gibb

Dear Marlinton Residents, My name is Scott D. Gibb and I have been on the Marlinton Town Council for the past six years. I am asking for your vote to re-elect me this June.

I have been employed with the Town of Marlinton for the past year as the Code Enforcement officer.

I have worked with numerous property owners and to-date have overseen 14 dilapidated houses torn down and cleaned up along with three outbuildings. I am currently working on several more.

A vote for me would help to ensure the continued clean up of the Town.

I graduated from PCHS and raised my four boys in Marlinton.

I take pride in everything I do for the Town.

I have always voted for progress and assisted new business and development in Town.

Although, there is more work to be done, I think we have made great strides this past year and I hope to continue this clean up process and I ask for your vote this June election.

Thank you,
Scott



Caleb Gragg

Hello, my name is Caleb Gragg. I am running for Town Council and hope to win your votes.

As a native of Pocahontas County, I am grateful for all this county has to offer and the prospects of what it can be!

My reason for running is to help our current and upcoming leadership with new ideas and initiatives. Throughout my life I have always enjoyed helping others and doing what's right for the future of our county and children.

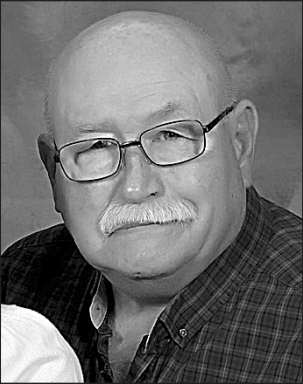
I attended Mountaineer Boys State in high school as well as a National Young Leaders State Conference. These experiences have provided me with the insight towards opportunities of goal setting and improvements.

If elected to the Town Council, I plan to improve the communication and involvement of the citizens with town matters and ensure that the focus is set on future developments and goals.

Pocahontas County has been my home and will be for many years to come!

Please give me your vote, and I can't wait to see what lies ahead!

Thanks,
Caleb Gragg



Bill McMann

My name is Bill McMann, and I am married to Susie McMann for 38 years. We have two girls, Natasha and Brittany.

I have been on the Marlinton Town Council for the last few years and would like the opportunity to support the people of Marlinton once more.

I have been involved in the community my entire life; from helping with the Church to being active with community functions.

While my girls were in school, you could see me making popcorn at football games to working the door at basketball games. Most know me from being your mailman for 34 years before my retirement.

If elected again to the Marlinton Town Council, I will be sure to represent the people of Marlinton to the best of my abilities. I have lived here all of my life. I am here to work for the community and its best interest. Please re-elect me to the town council I would appreciate your vote.



Ashley L. Moore

Hello City of Marlinton, Friends, Family and Neighbors,

My Name is Ashley L. Moore and I'm currently a Group Manager for Snowshoe Mountain West Virginia. I have worked for the Food and Beverage Industry in several different roles (including management) for over 20 years.

I have lived in Marlinton, WV for my entire life and love the area we call home. I earned my Education of Science Degree at Bluefield State College graduating with honors in 2005. I was a part of the graduating class of Pocahontas County High School in 2002.

I have completed several management trainings which include Management Essentials (Alterra University), Servsafe Management Certification, Taps Series training, Parenting Classes, and I enrolled in the Foster Home parenting services in 2019. I received awards in Outstanding Achievement in 2009, and worked together with my coworkers to achieve a Financial Driven Certificate of Achievement in 2017.

Since finishing my education and entering the work field, I have discovered that hard work, dedication, perseverance, accountability and adherence have all played an important part in ending with a successful solution. I also have found that in order to make a difference, one must be a part of the solution (one of my many reasons for running for Town Council).

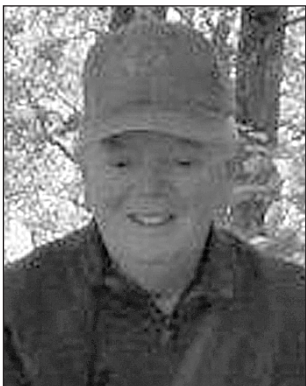
Change is the only constant that you can depend on, and in order to help create something you want to succeed you must be open to all ways of life. I have chosen to run for Town Council of Marlinton to Even Equality for all who live in the city. I look forward to seeing the change that this election (no matter the end result) will have on Marlinton. I'm extremely excited about the opportunity that presented itself to me, and the ability to learn and experience something different for such a wonderful community.

I look forward to running for Marlinton Town Council and appreciate everyone who comes out to support me, to-

gether we can see what Equality truly means.

Thanks so Much for Your Time,

Ashley L. Moore



Roger Trusler

Roger is a graduate of West Virginia Wesleyan [BA Degree-Education]; West Virginia University [MA Degree-Counseling & Guidance]; and Marshall University [MA-School Administration]. In July, 2006, Roger retired from Pocahontas County Schools after thirty-three years of service as teacher-counselor, Director of Special Education, Director of Federal Programs, School Transportation and Food Services, Director of Special Projects and Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent.

In addition to Roger's commitment to education, he has a commitment to community service. He is a forty-three year member Pocahontas County Parks and Recreation Board having served as Chairman, Secretary and is a founding Board Member; 25 years Pocahontas County Family Resource Board Member; a forty-nine year member of the Rotary Club of Marlinton; and has served eight year terms on the Marlinton Planning Commission and Pocahontas County Chamber of Commerce Board.

Everyone who knows Roger, knows of his unbounded energy in the pursuit of the betterment of the community, county and all who live here. He has been instrumental in bringing the New River Community and Technical College degree program classes to PCHS, initializing the development of the One Room University and working to fund and build the Community and Wellness Center in Marlinton. He serves cooperatively with others, always searching for that next possibility to enhance the lives of children, youth and adults who live in this County. He is a strong proponent of education for opening opportunities and constantly strives to find the means to provide to this community those things which most communities take for granted. In 2014, the Chamber of Commerce recognized Roger with the Individual of the Year Award.

From his eight-year service on the Planning Commission to develop the Ten-Year Comprehensive Plan, Roger recognizes several of the Town's accomplishments addressing the health, safety and welfare of the community: New water plant providing 200,000 gallons of extra capacity; Expansion of cell phone service; Increased public safety via removal of dilapidated buildings and increased law enforcement; Increased recreation opportunities via Discovery Junction and improved Mini-Park facilities; and Established partnership with Mon Forrest Towns to increase efforts to promote local business and recreation economy. If elected to Marlinton Town Council, Roger will work cooperatively with others to further implement the Comprehensive Plan, especially as it relates to matters concerning health and safety, broadband, sidewalks, streets and sewer, storm water and waterline issues.



Caroline Sharp

I am Caroline Sharp, and I am running for one of the five open seats on the Marlinton Town Council. I was born and raised in Marlinton and like a lot of people I moved out of the state to work, a choice that ended up providing me with opportunities and life lessons that no textbook or classroom can offer. After college, I lived in Chicago and Kansas City working in retail management, returning to Pocahontas County in 1995. I worked at our community radio station for 17 years, which gave me the opportunity to understand our community even better including the challenges we have. I served on the Pocahontas County Parks and Recreation Board for 13 years including serving as treasurer during the building of the wellness center.

I have prioritized attending the Town Council meetings as well as the Pocahontas County Commission meetings since moving to town in 2017. As I researched the many issues we are dealing with, I recognized that it is essential to have realistic plans for the future.

Community engagement is needed for our town to succeed, and every voice must be heard.

Transparency is essential for community engagement. I will work to have the town's boards and committees active with working members who provide minutes to the public and regular updates to council.

I want to update the town's comprehensive plan that was adopted in 2019, and use it to bring in more community voices. Is our plan here to help us create the town's future? Is it here only because it's a prerequisite for something else? Is it just a marketing tool? I have a series of posts discussing the comprehensive plan on my Facebook page "Out and About With Caroline."

The mayor, recorder, and five council members constitute the governing body of the Town, in accordance with WV Code and ordinances. Authority for the annual budget, staffing and employee concerns, oversight of committees and commissions, development of the Town, and other issues of town governance lie with the Town Council in its democratic mandate to serve the community.

If I am one of the five people elected to sit on town council, I pledge: to represent all citizens and business owners evenhandedly; to manage the town's finances responsibly; to promote efficient and effective management systems; to be consistent when making decisions based on public policy; to be concerned with the long-term future of the town, avoiding short term gains at the expense of long term losses; to be transparent with my fellow governing members and town staff; to learn all I can about the town; to keep all channels of communication open; and to promote responsible planning and development.

Thank you for considering me for Marlinton Town Council. Look for my name at the bottom of the list of Town Council candidates on your ballot, June 13.

“Every election is determined by the people who show up.”

~ Larry J. Sabato

Pendulum Swing

Obituaries



Kenneth Cassell
Kenneth “KC” Jeffery Cassell, 62, of Cass, passed away Sunday, April 23, 2023.
Born August 16, 1960, in Marlinton, he was a son of Caroline S. Tacy and the late Dana “Brown” Cassell.
KC was a talented carpenter with an incomparable work ethic. When he was not working, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, cooking, playing terrible air guitar to ACDC, and riding his motorcycle with his buddies. He was funny and quick-witted, and his humor has undoubtedly inspired endless stories that will be shared around bonfires for generations to come.
KC was preceded in death by his father, Brown Cassell, in 2017.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his daughter, Brandy Cassell, of Marlinton; two sisters, Rejetta Wilfong, and husband, Gene, of Cass, and Michell Baxter, and husband, Jeff, of Edray; two nephews, Clay Baxter, and his wife, Bogi, and Brandon Wilfong. In addition to his family, he leaves behind countless friends who will dearly miss him.
A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 6, 2023, at Wallace and Wallace Funeral Chapel in Arborevale with Pastor David Rittenhouse officiating.
The family will receive friends one hour prior to the memorial service.
Online condolences may be shared at www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com

Ross Boggs
Ross Jackson Boggs, 88, of Roncerverte, formerly of Hillsboro, died Saturday, April 22, 2023, at Greenbrier Valley Medical Center.
Born September 23, 1934, at Hillsboro, he was a son of the late Gilbert and Lemma Hill Boggs
Ross was a farmer.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brothers, Kenneth, Eugene, Paul and Edsel.
He is survived by his sister, Juanita Cane; and brothers, Tommy, Wayne and Glenn Boggs.
A graveside service was held Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at Sunset Cemetery at Jacox.

Donald Hoke Jr.
Donald “Donnie” Ray Hoke Jr, 63, of Marlinton, passed away Monday, April 17, 2023, at Pocahontas Memorial Hospital.
Born October 22, 1959, he was a son of Naomi June



McMillion Alderman and the late Donald Ray Hoke Sr.
Donnie was a self-employed carpenter.
In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by his three brothers, Darrell Lynn Hoke, Dale Edward Hoke and Dennis James Hoke.
Donnie is survived by his mother and step-father, Glen and Naomi June McMillion Alderman, of Marlinton; two sons, Daniel (Keri) Hoke, of Washington, D.C., Jesse (Elizabeth) Hoke, of Morgantown; three daughters, Brandy Ewing, of Ashtabula, Ohio, Alicia Dawn Hoke and Britany Joy Kincaid, both of Hillsboro; and two sisters, Deloris (Frank) Triplett, and Brianna Oscar, both of Marlinton.
A graveside service was held Monday, April 24, 2023, at Morningside Cemetery with Mr. Roger Eisenhuth officiating.
Online condolences may be made at Lantzfuneralhome.com

Carol Rhodes
Carol Mae Rhodes went to her heavenly home Tuesday, April 11, 2023.

She was born January 14, 1938, and was a daughter of Earl and Stella Tallman.
She was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Charles R. Rhodes; a brother, Dale “Buck” Tallman; and special niece, Windy Long.
She is survived by five brothers; two sisters; a daughter, Tracey White, of Wyco; son, Jason Rhodes, of Mullens; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.
In keeping with Carol’s wishes, the body will be cremated and a memorial service will be held at a later date.

Otis Underwood
Otis Edward Underwood, 91, of Buckeye, passed away Friday, April 14, 2023, at Pocahontas Center.
Born July 26, 1931, in Mt Lookout, he was a son of the late William and Gertrude Christ Underwood.
Otis went to Cleveland in the early 1950s and worked at Ford Motor Company until he retired in 1982. He moved to Pocahontas County and worked as a handyman for many folks

and made snow at Snowshoe for seven years. He loved to garden, and his favorite day of the year was the day the seed catalogs arrived in the mail.
Otis was a member of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witness in Marlinton.
In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Ricky Underwood; and daughter, Tina Underwood.
He is survived by his beloved wife, Latricia Legg Underwood; brother-in-law, Barry Legg (Linda); three dear to his heart grandchildren, Jason Underwood (Melissa), of Odessa, Texas, Jamie Underwood, of Lubbock Texas, and Jennifer Schade (Jeff), of Gainesville, Georgia; 10 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-granddaughters.
A service will be held at a later date.
In keeping with his wishes, the body will be cremated.
Online condolences may be shared at Lantzfuneralhome.com



Senior Legal Aid

Deb Miller, JD Volunteer

Lots of people “forget” to have a will prepared.
Others believe that if they don’t do a will, the state will get everything anyway, but that’s not true.
When a person doesn’t leave a will, West Virginia intestacy law and beneficiary designations on financial accounts or property will control what happens next.
Intestate succession, meaning the deceased left no effective will, is not always a simple process. Whether there were multiple marriages with children is just one factor in determining how things will be handled and distributed.
Beneficiary designations are contractual and govern the after-death transfer of financial accounts and life insurance benefits when a person or nonprofit organization is named as beneficiary.
If only living children survive the deceased person who did not have a will, the children will receive equal shares.
That may or may not be a great idea, especially when one or more of the children may not have been a positive part of the parent’s or family’s life. If some helped a lot and others caused problems galore, a person may decide to give more to some than to others. The traditional way to

assure that result is through completing a will, but it’s not the only way and may not be the best way.
Especially in situations where one or more of the children will serve as the caregiver, the intent of the parent may be to pass the family home to the primary caregiver.
For that to happen, a will is no longer needed. A new type of West Virginia property transfer called a transfer on death (TOD) deed can make sure that one or more specific persons will receive ownership of the home and property at a future time.
Having an attorney prepare the transfer on death deed is needed.
Under the terms of the deed, the property ownership will not change until you pass away and then the transfer to the new owner(s) will be automatic without any probate activity.


Also, the TOD deed is unique because it can be revoked if you change your mind.
Another option considered by some is a life estate arrangement which gives one or more persons the right to live in the home for the rest of their lives after you pass away. When the heir’s life estate ends, others will inherit the property.
While this sounds workable on paper as a way to benefit the caregiver or others, generally the lack of funds to maintain the property often guarantees this will be a difficult arrangement. If the person living in the house has little income or doesn’t want to spend their

money for needed work, such as a new roof or plumbing repairs, they may not do it. They will be required to pay the taxes and insurance on the property, but may not be able to afford the expense.
Another direction for helping certain children is through checking, savings, stock and retirement accounts. Having an after-death beneficiary listed on each account can make sure the right person receives the funds. The same is true of beneficiaries on life insurance and annuity plans.
Specifying beneficiaries for accounts is done with a form supplied by the company managing the account.

It’s not the same as making a person or a nonprofit organization a co-owner.
Adding the beneficiary is easy to do and can be removed if needed. No change in control of the account occurs until you pass away. This method gets around the need for a will for such assets and funds.
Some believe that verbal instructions about who gets what or a letter of instructions is as good as a will.

That’s definitely not true. Such instructions have no legal effect at all.
Alternatives to a will can work and avoid the need for probate if you understand what is involved and plan well.
For those West Virginia residents, age 60 and older, who have legal issues and want to speak with an attorney at no cost, call the West Virginia Senior Legal Aid hotline at 800-229-5068.

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CCC Company 1525, Camp Watoga - 1933



THIS BEAUTIFUL PANORAMIC photograph of Camp Watoga, Civilian Conservation Corps Company 1525, was taken by Cal Gay in 1933. Watoga is the largest of West Virginia’s state parks at 10,100 acres. Watoga is also among the oldest, dating back to the first land acquisitions by the West Virginia Game and Fish Commission in the 1920s. An initial 4,546 acres of former lumber company land was purchased from Watoga Land Association in January 1925 to create Watoga State Forest. The state purchased an additional 5,107 acres in August 1934 from the Maryland Lumber Company. (Photo Courtesy of Tom Shipley, Watoga State Park Collection; ID: PHP002435)

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Seventy-Five Years Ago

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday,
April 29, 1948

Registered Voters

Returns just completed in the County Clerk’s office give registered voters as 4,025 Democrats; 3,084 Republicans; and 81 others.

The Big Trout

Dear Mr. Price:
A bunch of trout fishermen who were myself, Verl Pyles, Virgil Gladwell, Ralph Goode, Bland Kershner and others were just getting ready to start home from fishing on Locust Creek. It was dark of the opening day of the trout season, and a car drove up from up stream and the driver, the only occupant of the car, called out as he stopped, and said, “Is this fish legal?”

He held up a big fish and with some hesitancy allowed me to take the fish around the car to the lights and lo! an 18-inch Rainbow trout – and a beauty!

Pyles called to the man, “guess that would be the biggest trout caught in Poca-

hontas county on the opening day.” So it looked as if it was up to the lucky angler to set up the drinks.

The man answered, “I’m sorry, Sir, I can’t do that, as I’m a Minister.”

The lucky angler proved to be my friend, the Rev. Griffin Callahan, of Ronceverte. So, for the benefit of the record, credit him with an 18 inch, or better, rainbow trout caught in Locust Creek on the opening day.

No scales were available to get the weight of the fish but it sure was a “honey,” and was the Parson pleased? And how!

Sincerely,
J. G. Hamrick
Beard, W. Va.

FIELD NOTES

Last Wednesday, an early morning hurry-up call came to Austin and Oscar Sharp to bring their bear dogs and come to Anthony’s Creek. A big bear had been raiding the valley below Neola. One night, he took ten lambs on one farm. Hounds were put on the trail, but lost all ac-

count of the bear down in the Blue Bend and Gun Powder Ridge country.

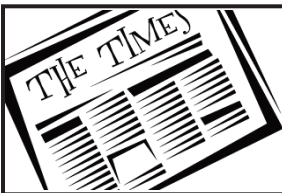
In a night or so, the bear was back to kill a sheep. Then the next night, he returned to kill a calf on an adjoining farm.

Austin Sharp and Gilbert Jack responded to the call with a pack of five bear fighting dogs. They started their trailing dogs on the sign fairly early in the day, but they never were able to put the bear up. The bear had eaten his fill, and then proceeded to leave the country before lying down... The next day’s training was equally fruitless.

Not far from where the killed calf lay, the dogs did put up a big wild cat. While a bobcat might kill a calf, it does not pick up such a big kill and carry it over fences. That cat was just hanging around for to get his fill of meat after his betters.

Since the foregoing was written, that bear came back Friday night and killed another sheep. Jack’s Taxi station was called and the Sharps responded. They got there by ten o’clock, and in less than an hour the bear was dead.

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Fifty Years Ago

Jane Price Sharp, Editor

Thursday,
April 26, 1973

The rain stopped a while and we had the most beautiful weather for Easter weekend. The fishermen were lined from near White Sulphur up to Rimel and down Knapps Creek. They said Williams River looked like New York City...

Greenbrier River is so clean and pretty now and people are beginning to use it more for boating and floating.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Balister and family returned recently to Pocahontas County

for a visit accompanied by Commander Shaw from the British Royal Navy. They toured the caving country south of Hillsboro and spent the night at Dallas McKeever’s and on Sunday visited the Balisters’ farm on Back Mountain.

Commander Shaw has traveled all over the world and thought that the Pocahontas scenery was some of the prettiest he has seen anywhere.

They Did It Again!

Pocahontas County did it again! Monday night on Classroom Kwiz, Mike Smith, Rick Wooddell and Philip Horne scored 180 to

Randolph Henry High School’s 130, after a shaky start. Next Monday, they will meet Appomattox County High School...

New Owners

The Marlinton Journal is now The Allegheny Journal. Paul Frank, of Elkins, a former reporter for the Inter Mountain, is editor, Valerie Zuonzo, of Parson, is advertising manager, Phil Smith, of Elkins, is business manager, Dianne MacMurry, of Elkins, is reporter. The two men and Jim Cooper, sanitarian in Randolph County, formed a corporation, Human Services, Inc. to purchase the paper last Friday from Mrs. Paul Haddock.

They plan to have area news of both Pocahontas and Randolph.

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Footsteps through History

The Pocahontas Times
Andrew Price, Editor

Thursday,
April 29, 1898

TALK OF WAR

WHILE THE American army is campaigning in Cuba, every soldier will be required to take a drink of whiskey before breakfast and a quinine pill. We regard this as a deep laid scheme to get men to enlist.

ALL ABLE bodied men between the ages of 18 and 45 belong to the United States Army, and are liable to be called upon for service.

THE CABINET has been put on a war footing. Secretary of State Sherman has resigned, as being too old for war, and is succeeded by Judge Day...

THE PRESIDENT’S proclamation calls for 125,000 volunteer troops to be concentrated at Washington, Richmond and Atlanta.

THE DEPARTMENT has decided to send arms to the Cuban insurgents at once.

ENGLAND HAS acted. She has declared her neutrality, and ordered our ships from her ports. Other European nations will be compelled to follow suit. In doing so, England has done

all we could have asked of her.

“NINETY-EIGHT percent of genius is hard work,” says Thomas A. Edison, and he adds, “As for genius being inspired, inspiration is in most cases another word for perspiration.”

As the foremost example in the world of one type of genius, Mr. Edison is an authority on the subject, and his aphorism corroborates Johnson’s often-quoted definition of genius, “the infinite capacity for taking pains.”

GENIAL BOB BURDETTE echoes the lament of a vast number of people when he says, “Every day I am sorry for something I did

yesterday, and live in a chronic state of remorse and hair-shirt. I only hope the day after I die I shall not be sorry I did it.”

THE MEMBERS of the Hinton Republican Company have fallen out and a lawsuit is pending as to who shall issue the paper. It is wonderfully strange what small things cause lawsuits at times. We once heard of a man suing another for trespass because the latter’s horse poked his head out of the stable window six inches over on his land. But the Hinton people are fighting over a smaller thing than that.

ORIN W. SLAVIN

Orin Watts Slavin was born in Pocahontas County January 29, 1875. He departed this life April 11, 1898, age 23 years, 2

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100-Years-Ago in The Pocahontas Times

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday,
April 26, 1923

Edgar Sharp of this county confessed to operating a moonshine still and was sentenced by Judge McClintic of the Federal Court to two years confinement in the penitentiary at Atlanta on Monday.

A big forest fire raged on Laurel Creek Sunday and Monday.

Bark peeling has commenced in the hemlock and chestnut oak forests.

The mills of the West Virginia Pulp & Paper Co. at Cass and Spruce area running day and night. They have announced a general raise in wages of 10 percent on common labor taking effect on April 23.

Fire got out in the woods on Stony Run last Sunday and burned a good part of the Kee Flat between the Saddler place and Buckeye.

Pocahontas County has two in the list of those who

will graduate at the University this year, Miss Alethe Alice Collins as a Pharmacist, and Ralph Barnette Buckley, with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture. Also, Miss Pauline Richardson Spangler with the degree of A. B.

There is but one road to Buckeye, so when strange engineers come along and put up detour signs on that road, it naturally raises the question, how peremptory instructions can be carried out... We had heard of detours for years. Persons would return from wandering all over with a new set of tales of a traveler, commencing sometimes like this: “I saw the sign to detour but I kept right on and there is where I broke an axle.”

But when they make a path to your door and put up a detour sign then it is that you begin to take notice...

For a time, I could not figure out anyway to detour to Buckeye, but finally remembered that there was a sort of road that led up Stony Creek and from there to the top of Buck’s Mountain and along

GREENBANK SCHOOL DAY

Last Friday was the biggest day in Greenbank since the big muster of ’61. The occasion was district school day, and it was the greatest of the merits of five public school days to be held in Pocahontas this year. It also was the greatest school day to be held so far in the whole state of West Virginia. This statement is based on information from a man who has attended those days in many parts of our state.

To begin with, the attendance was over two thousand people. There were more than a thousand school children in the parade. The procession was led by nearly one hundred fine girls and boys from the District High School at Greenbank...

There were literally acres of children. Naturally the

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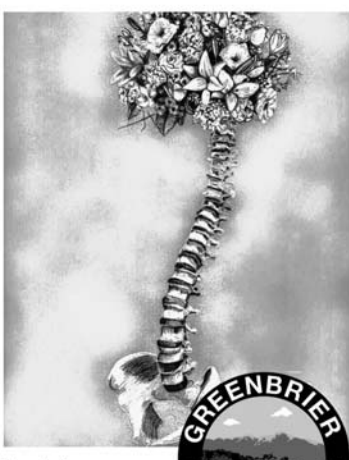
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Melondy Phillips
Staff Writer

Childhood Camping

During the summer when school was behind me, I spent most of my time outside. This included the nights. I fell asleep under the stars listening to the night symphony of crickets chirping, owls hooting, whippoorwills and bobwhites, raccoons chittering, and the occasional coyote yipping and howling in the distance.

Some nights, I spent in the fort I built on top of an old shed just inside the tree line. The cover of tree branches and leaves swayed with the gentle evening breeze allowing the stars to play peek-a-boo. Other nights I camped out in the woods. On those nights, I rarely had a fire going but would on occasions when the fire danger was very low. However, most nights I just set up camp in the back field near the tree line, but still in the open area so I could enjoy a nice roaring camp fire.

Before I could afford a tent or a sleeping bag I used what I had – a lot of blankets on the ground. A few cinderblocks set up in a U shape with an old grill placed on

top made a nice cooking area and contained the small fire keeping it from reaching the nearby blankets.

I gathered what food I could from the kitchen – hotdogs, bologna or a can of beans were usually the only options, but now and then I lucked out and could get some hamburger. About once a month or so I was able to get marshmallows and a few times during the summer, I got some chocolate bars so I could make s'mores.

I also needed wood for the fire so I took an axe into the woods and chopped enough downed wood for the night and stacked it nearby. While I was at it, I found a few nice sticks and whittled them down to a point on one end. The thrill of achievement escalated whenever I found that perfect two or three prong stick that aligned for roasting more than one hotdog or marshmallow at a time.

Out in the country where we lived, light pollution was never even a thought and the only sounds you heard were from nature encompassing the night. Cars rarely drove up the road after about 7 p.m. and not many before that.

Airplanes only soared overhead about twice a month. I remember lying on the ground as a young child and watching them in amazement while they passed by high in the sky.

While setting up camp and the sun still shone high in the sky, Dad enjoyed questioning me about what time of the day it was or having me point in a certain direction, for example north by north west, by only using the position of the sun. If there were any animal tracks around, he pointed to them and asked what made the tracks, about how old they were, and had me see how far I could track them within our yard. Animal poop was another learning opportunity in the life of a young country girl. Telling the difference between doe and rabbit poop, for instance, and understanding how old it could be would indicate if that animal was possibly nearby.

As the sun went to bed, leaving a crisp clear sky and the soothing sounds of the harmonious night critters, Dad would sit down and teach me about the stars, the Milky Way, and the constellations. He showed me how the Big Dipper was a part of Ursa Major and how it pointed to the North Star, Polaris, which was a part of the Little Dipper, which in turn was part of Ursa Minor. He mapped out Orion the

Hunter and how his belt points to Sirius, the Dog Star, being the brightest star and a part of the Big Dog constellation.

Dad took the time to make sure I could always find my way home and how to take care of myself on the trip there; like finding water when there didn't seem to be any around or how to field dress a wound when deep in the woods.

I am so glad my childhood was filled with the wonder and excitement of seeing and knowing real life things instead of being flooded with overwhelming screen projected images and videos. Videos can never replace the feeling of waking up at the crack of dawn by the dripping of condensation from the inside of a tent onto your face. Or trying to be completely quiet so you don't scare off the "hide-a-behinds" in order to catch a glimpse of one. That was Dad's way of teaching a young child to be silent while walking through the woods - LOL.

There were no computers, no cell phones, and no electronic game devices but we did have cards and a few board games. Playing card games turned interesting when you knew from the backs which cards were which because of all the bends and nicks they received over the years. Miss-

ing pieces from a checkers or chest set opened the board to substitutes of sticks and rocks, whose meaning had to be remembered throughout the game.

When the night finally settled and eyelids become heavy, my dog and I staggered to the pile of blankets not too far from the fire as

Dad headed back to the trailer. My dog curled up into a ball beside me and allowed me to use him as a warm soft pillow. Our minds faded into dreamland by the sounds of the crackling fire and the hoot owls and crickets; with the occasional rising of a dog's ear as he heard a distant coyote.

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AND PASTEL DRAWING

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instructor Pat Paxton • June 17, 1 - 4 p.m.

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MEDICINAL USES AND FOLKLORE

instructor Kayde fen Deardorff • June 25, 1 - 2:30 p.m.

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a year, investing in our people and our programs to keep WVU vibrant. ... If we starve every program with across-the-board cuts and no investments, we will be doing a disservice to this institution."

Speaking with WV Press, Gee said recognizing program, faculty and staff value to the university is a key in securing WVU's future.

"There is always a balance. Being an institution that supports multiple roads for making sure that people are successful ... is exactly what we are about. I think that we need to reward our faculty differently. I believe those who teach and teach well should be rewarded accordingly."

Gee said a structured approach of recognizing and rewarding faculty might not be the best system. "We want each of you, as an individual, to be recognized for all the wonderful things you are

doing and the value you bring to the university."

Gee said WVU has a chance to be a university that finally values its faculty for "what you are, not simply what you do in some sort of structured approach that has existed."

In terms of declining enrollment and financial challenges, both Gee and Alsop pointed out that all universities are facing the same issues. Several universities have announced similar enrollment and financial situations.

Earlier this month, Penn State University President Neeli Bendapudi shared a memo with college and campus leaders detailing Penn State's current financial situation and the challenges facing units across the University as it works through the difficult fiscal environment.

Bendapudi said Penn State currently has a \$140 million structural budget deficit within its \$3 billion Education and General (E&G) Funds budget.

A Letter to our Customers

There has recently been a lot of discussion within our local communities regarding a can of Bud Light that was produced for a social media influencer.

We want to provide some clarification to our local business partners and friends as there is currently an abundance of unclear and false information circulating about this topic. AB is our largest supplier with a very large media presence, including hundreds of influencers. The recent Bud Light influencer campaign that has gone viral was not a political statement, nor was the can intended for market distribution and it's not "for sale to the public." It wasn't produced in an AB brewery but rather a "third party agency." This particular can design decision circumvented the proper approved channels and this lack of oversight is being addressed.

A large percentage of our operating budget goes to supporting local businesses, organizations and events throughout our market, consisting of charitable donations, gun bashes, golf tournaments and others. In fact, 25 cents per case for every case of Busch Light sold is donated to support the agricultural industry.

We ask that you continue to support our brands and our business, as we have supported you and our communities throughout the years. Please don't let a viral video made by an influencer from far away erase the friendships we have built and all the good we have been able to do together in our communities.

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Lake Buffalo Fishing Derby

It's time for the annual Lake Buffalo Fishing Derby. The derby will be held Saturday, May 6, at Buffalo Lake, located off of Rt. 28, north of Bartow. The event is sponsored by the U. S. Forest Service, Pocahontas County Parks and Recreation and the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources.

The derby is open to all children ages 2 to 13. A section of the lake will be netted off and stocked with trout. Participants will be allowed to catch up to 2 fish. Prizes will be awarded for most pounds caught in each age group. Special prize drawings will also be held. There is no entry fee.

Due to limited shoreline, each age group will fish at the following designated times: ages 2 and 3 from 9 to 9:30 a.m.; ages 4 and 5 from 9:40 to 10:10 a.m.; ages 6 and 7 from 10:20 to 10:50; ages 8 and 9 from 11 to 11:30; ages 10 and 11



from 11:40 a.m. to 12:10 p.m.; and ages 12 and 13 from 12:20 to 12:50 p.m. Additionally, anyone who didn't catch a fish will be allowed to fish for 30 minutes after the last group before the net is pulled.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and will be ongoing throughout the event.

In addition, for the safety of the children participating in the fishing derby, the boat ramp will be unavailable for use from 9 p.m. Friday, May 5, until 3 p.m. May 6.

For more information, contact the Forest Service at 304-456-3335 or Parks and Recreation at 304-799-7386.

Shelter News

BOOGER IS AN older gentleman with soft eyes and he is a bit set in his ways. He is shy, but friendly after he gets to know you. He is looking for a great retirement home. He likes to rub against your ankles for a bit of loving and lounge around while looking regal.



TRIVIA – a little something to think about

Courtesy of Chuck Cornell

1. Name the bluish-purple flowering plant with the sharp prickly leaves. In the U.S., we consider it a nuisance weed, but it is the floral emblem of Scotland.
2. Two Prime Ministers – one from Great Britain and one from Israel – both were called “Iron Ladies.” Strong willed and straight talking. Who were these gals?
3. Another strong willed, straight talking gal was known for this line, “Is that a gun in your pocket, or are you glad to see me?” Who was she?
4. He was an American inventor, entrepreneur and naturalist. He is considered to be the founder of the modern frozen food industry – starting with vegetables and fish in the 1920s. Who was he?



A Blast from the Past

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The Raven's Locket Part Two

“Wasn't it Nancy Reagan who famously said, ‘Men are not the solution to our problem, men are the problem?’ “Maybe not, but she should have.” Myrna Malloy

Things Found

On a crisp, clear October morning, Myrna Malloy sat on the stump of her toppled and truncated oak. She carefully examined the old locket, turning it over and over in her hands.

After cleaning the object with her shirttail, she held it up where a morning sunbeam illuminated it. The gold sparkled so brilliantly that she couldn't help but think it held something mysterious – a clear invitation from fate to open it up, explore its secrets, and see where they would lead.

Although, at the moment, she could not open it up. Many decades of exposure to the elements had sealed the seam with corrosion. She took the locket back to the house and gently placed it in her curio cabinet alongside arrowheads, musket balls, clay marbles, an ivory hair comb, and other treasures found on her mountainside farm.

That evening, after going to bed, Myrna found it hard to sleep, knowing that the contents of the locket were still unknown. After an hour of tossing and turning, she gave up on any quality shut-eye and retrieved the locket, bringing it back to her bed for another look.

Myrna carefully slid the sharp blade into the seam using her small pen knife and gently twisted it. After several attempts, she finally felt the closure give slightly.

Holding it under the lamp on her nightstand, Myrna carefully slid the blade deeper into the locket, causing it to open. For the first time in more than 150 years, sunlight illuminated the images of a young woman and an equally young soldier.

Myrna gasped when further examination of the locket revealed a small chamber behind the soldier's picture. Inside was a folded piece of yellowed paper. She anxiously but carefully opened the delicate note and held it closer to the light.

Putting on her glasses, Myrna saw the following:

“Meine liebste Frau, ich habe diese Notiz einem Freund anvertraut, der sie Ihnen so schnell wie möglich zurücksenden wird. Ich bin verwundet und fürchte, dass ich dieses Schlachtfeld als Sterblicher verlassen werde.

Bitte weiss, Glenna, dass du die Liebe meines Lebens bist und ich bis zu meinem letzten Atemzug an niemand anderen denken werde. Oberleutnant Austin Springer, 28 Ohio-Infanterie.“

(Author's Note: The German note is translated to English in the credits at the end of this episode.)

“Oh my,” Myrna sighed, “this is becoming a real mystery.” She loved to read crime novels. She now had the entire library of Agatha Christie novels, “Animal, Vegetable, Mineral” by Barbara Kingsolver, and recently started reading Adrienne Kennedy.

She knew the note was in German but didn't have enough fluency to completely understand it. Although she picked up on enough German she learned in high school to know it reflected love between a man and his wife and that it had a sense of urgency about it.

Why did this undelivered and vital message come to Myrna in the oddest and most impractical way imaginable?

The answer was clear to her; it was meant to be, or so she hoped.

She was to have the best sleep in many years that night. Myrna Malloy was now as free as the raven that delivered the locket to her. And she now had a mission.

Flying out of the cage – October 2015

Although Myrna's controlling husband had died nearly two years ago, it took months to shrug off the hold he still had on her. When the Stockholm Syndrome wore off, she embraced her freedom enthusiastically and purposefully.

She remembered a canary she tried to free as a child because she thought it was lonely and should be with other birds. She took the birdcage outside and opened the door. Yet, despite all that lay outside that door, the lit-



FIRST LIEUTENANT AUSTIN Fischer of the 28th Ohio Infantry. Public domain photo



AUSTIN FISCHER'S WIFE, Glenna.

tle bird wouldn't budge.

Myrna walked right through her cage door, and a year after her old oak fell, she had expanded her social life immensely. Her newfound freedom included attending the Catholic Church in Marlinton. And possessing such a beautiful voice, she often sings a cappella, to the congregation's delight.

The first thing Myrna did, when the winds of fate slowly removed the fog of abuse, was to proceed

straight to the animal shelter. She wanted to take all the dogs home but ended up with two whose eyes said it all – unconditional love.

Bonnie and Clyde, a Scottish Elkhound and a mixed-breed rascal became Myrna's dynamic and faithful duo. It wasn't long before the two dogs patrolled the farm together and became Myrna's well-toothed defenders.

In August, Maggie made a see Your pg 11



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Market, from page 1

she said. “We are still at that the Discovery Junction location because the city is offering that to us, and it’s the perfect location.”

“At Linwood, last year, midway through the year, we changed it to Fridays,” she continued. “It used to be Thursdays. Customers, as well as a lot of visiting people, wanted us to change it to Fridays because they’re coming in on Fridays.”

Another addition to the Linwood Market is the use of the new, aptly named

Linwood Market, located in the Linwood Center. Any products left over from the farmers market will be available at the indoor market, which shares the same hours as the library.

Market managers this year are Phil and Laura Macklem, Phil and Sally Cobb and Erin Nyer.

“Those are the people you want to see if you want to join a particular market,” Thompson said. “They are the one who will help you set up and get your fees.”

The fee to participate in the market is \$5 for every time you set up, up to \$40, which is the annual mem-

bership fee. Once an individual reaches \$40, they can participate in any and all of the markets throughout the summer.

“That forty dollars – it helps us cover our insurance, makes sure we can continue to have flags and we’re able to have advertising,” Thompson said. “It also makes you a member of the Pocahontas County Farmers Market, meaning you can vote at any of our elections. Of course, we’ll let anybody’s voice be heard because ideas are ideas, and the more ideas we have, the better off our market is going to be.”

The markets will feature all the staples found each summer with the addition of a few new items from new members.

“Sounds like we will have a kombucha vendor this year,” Thompson said. “We have a few new bakers. We have some herbal lotions and salves. We also have a lady that is making herbal teas. Looks like we will have everything from vegetables, fruits, meat, eggs, plants, bath and body goods, baked goods, teas, coffees. We’re going to have a very large array this year.”

The markets will also have some entertainment

lined up this summer, with live music and crafters.

“We’ll still have our musicians and our crafters coming in, thanks to the Dramas, Fairs and Festivals grant,” Thompson said. “Those will be staggered throughout the summer.”

The farmers market is a great place to get locally sourced produce and handmade goods, as well as a

place to visit with fellow community members and enjoy the beauty that summer brings.

“When I think of a farmers market, it’s like a feeling,” Thompson said. “It’s not just a place I go to visit. “It’s a sense of community. At the farmers market, there’s so much going on and it’s just a cool little feeling.”

Upgrades, from page 1

At the end of the day, the total came to more than \$19,000.

“A lot of our donors are 4-H alumni who grew up in Pocahontas County and moved all over the country,” Mosesso said. “When I look at the list of where all these donations were coming from, it literally spanned the United States. There were donations from California that went into our account. So being able to reach that huge audience was incredible.”

So incredible, in fact, the Pocahontas County 4-H program had the third highest number of donors of the day. For that accomplishment, the program was awarded an additional \$6,000, which brought to total to \$25,000.

“I just think it speaks volumes for the number of people who have that love of Pocahontas County 4-H Camp and have some connection to it,” Mosesso said. “They really wanted to do it for our kids and our veterans. We have the Project Healing Waters fly fishing group. They definitely were a very

active part of that day. They were getting their donors in there, as well.”

The project Pocahontas County 4-H was collecting for was to replace the mattresses at Camp Thornwood. Mosesso said she can’t find any record of the last time mattresses were purchased but knows that she and her mom both slept on the current mattresses when they were 4-H campers.

“We’re really, really excited to have new mattresses for all the campers,” she said. “More comfortable, easier to clean, all of those things are a big deal.”

With a camp that will be 80 years old in 2024, there are always projects and upgrades that need to be made, and Mosesso said she was thrilled that the funding not only covered the purchase of all new mattresses, but will also go toward a new dishwasher for the kitchen.

“Last year we had a pretty difficult time with the dishwasher,” she said. “So we are going to get a new dishwasher for the kitchen that will auto-feed and take a lot of work off folks.”

With two major projects down, there is always more on the plate that needs to be prioritized. After a recent

wind storm, a tree fell onto the pump house, but David Smith is already in the process of repairing that.

The next large project will be getting connected to the public water line through the Public Service District.

“We’re working on a water infrastructure project and the Public Service District is going to bring us water, so we’ll be on the public line moving forward, but right now, we’re still on our own water system,” Mosesso explained. “Once they bring the water to us, we are going to replace all of the old plumbing infrastructure at camp because it was galvanized lines and there’s a lot of rust and things. We’re looking for that to be finished in 2025.”

After that project, Mosesso said there are future plans to fix and replace the bath-houses.

“It would be nice to clean them up a little,” she said.

In the meantime, the camp is getting ready for a busy summer. First up is the Project Healing Waters fly fishing weekend which will be the first weekend in June.

Next up is 4-H camp, with a team leader overnight on June 11 and camp taking place June 12-16.

“It is a Mystery in the Mountains, so a 4-H mystery,” Mosesso said. “We have some great partners getting lined up. We’re working with the FBI Center out of Pittsburgh to come in and do some CSI type investigation. We have the observatory coming to do some mysteries of the universe. West Virginia cryptids will be featured one day and a magician will be at camp one day.

“So all different types of mysteries for the week,” she added.

Directly after 4-H camp is the return of the National Youth Science Camp which will be here in June and July. It is the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic that the camp will be held in person.

Mosesso said she is hoping that Pocahontas County High School band camp will return this year.

“We’re excited for a full summer.”

The 4-H camp is open to everyone, ages nine through 21 and registration will be May 1 through 14 online at 4h.zsuite.org

Those interested can create a profile on the website and click on Pocahontas County 4-H Camp to get registered.

Hope, from page 1

network of support as they navigate their recovery and parenting journey. Melanie has been able to facilitate referrals for direct service, coordinate treatment beds when needed, and provide connections to other programs and partnerships for meeting attendees. Parenting in Recovery is for any parents or caregivers—those with or without custody, those with young or adult children, single parents, those who may have had a child pass away or have experienced pregnancy loss, as well as those that are in recovery that have a child in active use. This ongoing opportunity for support is able to fulfill an unmet need of peer support for those in recovery navigating parenting challenges, court orders, and other barriers while maintaining and growing in their personal recovery. In six months, Melanie assisted with treatment bed placements for 15 residents, in a county with less than 8,000 people. She is also disrupting the drug trade in the county by helping establish capacity for evidence-based treatment offered through St. Joseph’s Recovery Center Mobile Clinic now available in Marlinton. Melanie has been an exemplary participant in good standing with Jobs & Hope WV since February 2020. During this time, she has completed training through Blue Ridge Community and Technical College and received her state Peer Recovery Support Specialist certification as well as CPR/First Aid through Adult Education. Melanie successfully completed term employment through Equus Workforce Solutions and Region 1 Workforce Development Board hosted by Pocahontas County Commission and Pocahontas County Day Report Center.

Additionally, Melanie, along with support from Seneca Health Services Lead Peer Recovery Coach Scott McGee and Pocahontas County Libraries and Information Centers, has been able to start general recovery meetings in the Hillsboro and Durbin areas. Hills-

boro’s weekly meeting is led by Jobs & Hope participant Joey Tawney. This meeting has weekly attendance of 10-12 folks in a town of less than 200.

Established by Governor Justice and the West Virginia Legislature, Jobs & Hope WV aims to address the Substance Use Disorder Crisis through a statewide collaboration of agencies to provide linked services to participants.

Melanie has been an exemplary Jobs & Hope participant, demonstrating the possibility and vision for West Virginians in recovery in every county.

Jobs & Hope, established in 2019, has been able to work statewide to get residents connected to training

and the workforce. Melanie’s achievements extend beyond career, as she’s given back to Pocahontas County Community and West Virginia in numerous ways. The support of Pocahontas County Commission and Pocahontas County Day Report Center have made Melanie’s and Jobs & Hope’s successes possible.

The Pocahontas County Community Corrections Program (PCCCP) has been in operation since 2016 and is used by the court system as an alternative sentencing option. The Pocahontas County Community Corrections Day Report Center is an on-site cognitive restructuring program designed to change adverse thinking patterns, provide education and job

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23 Oakland baseballer’s footwear?
25 Boarded, as a train
26 Langston Hughes poem
27 Stuff hitting an umbrella
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30 Calamari prepared by a San Francisco baseballer?
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38 Son of Isaac
39 Watch slyly
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45 “Scorpio” co-star Delon
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51 Detroit baseballer’s Easter flowers?
54 Vaping item in a 2018 designer von Fürstenberg film
56 Like many tiny headphones
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59 Oomph
63 Gold lumps
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68 Tether again
69 Actor Quinn
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71 What a Minnesota baseballer sleeps on?
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Pocahontas County Health Department 2023 FOOD HANDLERS CLASSES

Date	Time	Location
May 12	11 a.m.	Marlinton Wellness Center
May 23	11 a.m.	Marlinton Wellness Center
May 23	3 p.m.	Marlinton Wellness Center
May 31	10 a.m.	Durbin Library
May 31	1 p.m.	Durbin Library
June 1	1 p.m.	Old Spruce Brewery Silver Creek
June 7	11 a.m.	Marlinton Wellness Center
June 7	1 p.m.	Marlinton Wellness Center
June 14	11 a.m.	Marlinton Wellness Center
June 14	1 p.m.	Marlinton Wellness Center
July 6	11 a.m.	Durbin Library
July 6	1 p.m.	Durbin Library
July 12	11 a.m.	Marlinton Wellness Center
July 12	4 p.m.	Marlinton Wellness Center
July 19	11 a.m.	Marlinton Wellness Center
Aug. 3	11 a.m.	Marlinton Wellness Center
Aug. 3	3 p.m.	Marlinton Wellness Center
Aug. 25	3 p.m.	Old Spruce Brewery Silver Creek

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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.

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Your, from page 9

In August, Maggie made a surprise visit with several members of Myrna's family from Ireland. She was thrilled to meet people she had only heard stories about from her mother.

Among the visiting family members, there was a cousin, Fiona Malloy, who taught anthropology at Queen's University in Belfast. One afternoon, Myrna noticed Fiona looking at her curio cabinet with great interest.

Myrna explained that the items were all found on the farm over many years. She invited Fiona to open the cabinet and examine them closer if she wished.

She watched Fiona's hand lightly touching one curiosity after the other, stopping at the locket. She turned the gold locket over and over in her hands.

Fiona looked at Myrna and said, "May I open it."

"Of course," replied Myrna.

Fiona never took her eyes off the locket, even as she and Myrna walked to the kitchen table to discuss her find. Myrna explained that the two individuals were probably married, although she didn't know for sure.

Coming from a country that knows civil unrest well, Fiona asked if Myrna thought the locket was of American Civil War vintage. At that, Myrna remembered the folded note secreted in the small chamber behind the presumed husband's photograph.

"Oh, you must look at this, Fiona; it's in German and I don't understand it's full meaning, but I think the locket was lost during a military engagement on Droop Mountain." The entire Malloy family had visited this battlefield, now a beautiful state park, on the previous day.

Fiona, who knew little German herself, suggested contacting a professor she

knew at Xavier University in Cincinnati and planned to visit before returning to Belfast.

"Even better," she said, "Why don't the two of us jump in your auto and head up that way together?"

Myrna thought momentarily and said, "I have not been anywhere in such a long time. But, I would be thrilled to go on a road trip with you, particularly when our journey will be a quest to solve a mystery."

Fiona smiled and replied, "Yes, dear, I did notice all of those Agatha Christie books in your library. This will be so much fun. When shall we leave, Detective Poirot?"

Very early the following day, the two loaded their luggage into the boot of Myrna's old Subaru and headed to Cincinnati, a place neither had previously visited.

Arriving at the Xavier campus in the early afternoon, Myrna and Fiona found the office for urban anthropology and knocked on the door.

Dr. Stephanie Meyer, a second-generation American of German descent, was much younger than Fiona expected, in her late 30s at the very most. The two had collaborated on a project to locate forgotten cemeteries and early settlements in the Belfast and Cincinnati areas.

"Steph, just call me Steph," she told Myrna when addressed as Dr. Meyer. "I understand you found a gold locket with a note inside; it doesn't get any better than that," Steph said, smiling widely.

Myrna removed the locket from a blue Crown Royal whiskey bag and handed it to Steph, explaining all about the old oak tree and the raven's nest. Steph's eyes widened, and she said, "Oh my, this just keeps getting better and better; may I open it?"

Steph wordlessly examined the locket with a magnifying glass for several minutes before opening it.

Myrna and Fiona sat across a table from Meyer and anxiously awaited her appraisal.

Another long silence ensued while she opened the locket and stared at each image for some time before asking about the note.

"It's in a hollow area behind the photo of the man," Myrna told her.

"Oh, Wow, how incredible that the note or the pictures survived considering their exposure to the elements," Meyer declared.

Myrna said that the locket was at the very bottom of a Corvid nest that could be well over a century old, maybe older.

"The nest material was well compacted, and very little moisture made it to the location of the locket," Myrna explained.

Dr. Meyer handled the note like an ancient manuscript with latex gloves and care. She read the letter several times before looking at Myrna and Fiona.

"What you have here is a message from a soldier to his wife saying that he was injured in the battle. He expressed his deep love for her and assured her he was thinking of her," said Steph.

After a moment, she continued, "As for the urgency you mentioned? Yes, he apparently entrusted someone with the locket, possibly another soldier, hoping it would get to his wife."

"As for their identities, the soldier signed off the note with his name, rank, and company," Steph concluded.

Touching Myrna's arm, Fiona declared, "Myrna, my dear, you better get your inspector's hat on; you now have a clue, and, in my opinion, a responsibility."

Myrna smiled broadly and replied, "Well, where do we go from here?"

"If I may make a suggestion. I know a recently retired Xavier history professor who wrote a book about how the Civil War affected Cincinnati and Covington, Kentucky, just across the Ohio River. He is also an

avid genealogist, currently writing a book on the subject. Would you like to start with him? I can arrange it, maybe even this afternoon," said Steph.

"That would be wonderful, let's do it," said Myrna.

Steph called her friend and arranged a meeting at a Starbucks near the stadium for three p.m. She told the women it was an easy and beautiful walk along the Ohio River, with lots of great architecture and scenery. The two women readily agreed.

Myrna and Fiona thanked Steph for all her help. As they walked to the door to leave, Steph said, "Oh, there is one thing you should know about Ian Doyle. In addition to being a serious scholar, he is extraordinarily charming and handsome. He looks like that guy on the beer commercials, but not that Bud Light guy."

"You mean the Dos Equis guy?" Myrna replied.

"That's the fellow," said Steph, "So you two are forewarned. Be careful, or the both of you may fall in love with Ian and forget the locket. If Ian was 20 years younger, or I was 20 years older, I would go after him. Hell, ten years either way would do it."

"Not likely, but if we both fall for him, I guess we'll just have to flip a coin," Fiona said laughingly.

The conclusion to Myrna's locket mystery will be in next week's edition of *The Pocahontas Times*.

Ken Springer
Ken1949bongo@gmail.com
German to English translation of note found in locket.

"My dearest wife, I have entrusted this note to a friend who will return it to you as soon as possible. I am wounded and fear I will not leave this battlefield as a mortal man."

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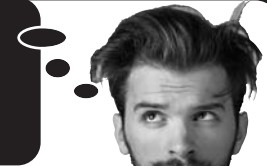
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Letter, from page 4

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Costs and permits. This is an area that should exist, after all we have to permit a dog, why not a chicken or goose. We can easily use the rules that have been developed by other communities to regulate this. This helps protect the animal and the residents.

Localities all over the country, from the largest cities to the smallest hamlets allow backyard animals. We

allow gardens because we like to grow some of our own food. It isn't cheap to do this, lets face it, getting eggs from your own chickens is not cost effective, but they do taste better and we know exactly where the egg comes from.

People of all ages have begun focusing on living better. We often say that our youth have no idea how things were when we were their age. Perhaps they should learn about where our food comes from, isn't that what 4-H and FFA are all about? If a person is considering moving to Marlinton, they might be shocked to learn that a very small town in the middle of a National Forest forbids the raising of backyard chickens. Most important, they may want to know that the voices of the residents matter to the governing bodies.

Or perhaps the response is "No" to all of this, and if that is the desires of the residents of Marlinton, then that too must be followed.

Please come to the May council meeting and let your opinion be heard, whether for or against.

Dave Bethany
Marlinton

Court, from page 2

Justin Arbogast pleaded not guilty to 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. Bond was set at \$25,000, 90% PR and 10% cash/property/surety, with the condition of home confinement in Randolph County with GPS monitoring and no contact of any

kind with the victim.

Landon Matthew Gibson, 20, of Buckeye, pleaded not guilty to One Count, petit larceny, a misdemeanor; One Count, grand larceny, a felony; One Count, burglary, a felony. He remains on previously posted bond, which shall be a blanket bond for Count I of the indictment.

Phyllis J. McCray, 44, of Belington, pleaded not guilty to One count, grand larceny, a felony; One Count, destruction of property, a felony; One count, conspiracy, a felony. She remains on

previously posted \$10,000 bond, which shall be a blanket bond for Count II of the indictment.

Steven Kelley Bennett, 48, of Green Bank, pleaded not guilty to One Count, grand larceny, a felony; One Count, destruction of property, a felony; One Count, conspiracy, a felony. He remains on a previously posted \$10,000 PR bond, which shall be a blanket bond for Count II of the indictment.

An evidentiary hearing was held in the case the State vs Shawn Barb, wherein the

defendant waived his right to the hearing. The court found that Barb had violated his bond, and it was revoked. Barb was indicted on One Count grand larceny, a felony; Two Counts, receiving or transferring stolen property, a felony; One Count, obtaining property by false pretenses; One Count, receiving or transferring stolen property, a misdemeanor; One Count, petit larceny, a misdemeanor; One Count, destruction of property, a misdemeanor.

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fine old native stock predominated. But it was apparent that the great melting pot is boiling in Pocahontas too, for there was a sprinkling of children of foreign born parentage... In the lot were Americans, Austrians, Russians, Italians, Poles and Hebrew children...

DIED

Another valuable citizen of Pocahontas county passed out of the world when Mr. Adam C. Moore went into the great beyond last Saturday morning, April 21, 1923, at his home on Brown's Creek... His age was 71 years, 2 months and 13 days.

Mr. Moore was a lifelong member of the M. E. Church South, the church has

lost a loyal member, the home a kind and loving father and the county a most valuable citizen.

Those left to mourn his loss are one son, Moody, two daughters, Mrs. Mollie McLaughlin and Miss Allie, one sister, Mrs. Gabbert. His wife having preceded him to the grave 17 years ago.

Funeral service was conducted at Bethel church in the presence of a host of friends.

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In accordance with Code § 11-8-14, as amended, the Council proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by levy of taxes for the current fiscal year, and does determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:

The amount due and the amount that will become due and collectible from every source during the fiscal year INCLUDING THE LEVY OF TAXES, is as follows:

REVENUE SOURCE

Committed Fund Balance	34,230
Property Taxes - Current Expense	27,198
Gas & Oil Severance Tax	491
Excise Tax on Utilities	1,890
Wine & Liquor Tax	368
Animal Control Tax	130
Licenses	893
Building Permit Fees	142
IRP Fees (Interstate Registration Plan)	11,700
Private Liquor Club Fee	16
Refuse Collection	24,301
Charges to Other Funds	63,735
Gaming Income	11,300
Video Lottery (LVL)	250
Miscellaneous Revenues	26,750
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (GENERAL FUND)	\$ 203,394

COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUND

REVENUE SOURCE

Assigned Fund Balance	\$ 3,860
Coal Severance Tax	388
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (COAL SEVERANCE FUND)	\$ 4,248

	General Fund	Coal Severance Fund
ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES		
Mayor's Office	2,205	-
City Council	3,150	-
Recorder's Office	1,260	-
Treasurer's Office	3,623	-
Finance Office	840	-
City Auditor	4,000	-
Personnel Office	38,130	-
Purchasing Department	3,528	-
Custodial	1,103	-
Regional Development Authority	200	-
Data Processing	2,625	-
City Hall	1,890	-
Electrical Services	525	-
Complaint Department	8,000	-
Fire Department	1,000	-
Streets and Highways	6,670	-
Street Lights	5,565	1,000
Snow Removal	840	840
Central Garage	4,515	-
Sidewalks	-	2,408
Garbage Department	10,500	-
Landfill/Incinerator Department	10,815	-
Water & Sewer	835	-
Sewer - Source of Supply	63,735	-
Parks & Recreation	876	-
Fair Associations/Festivals	24,654	-
Beautification Programs	1,260	-
Cemeteries	1,050	-
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	\$ 203,394	\$ 4,248

MUNICIPALITY OF DURBIN, WEST VIRGINIA
Regular Current Expense Levy
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2023 - JUNE 30, 2024

	Certificate of Valuation Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
CLASS I			
Personal Property	\$ 0	12.47	\$ 0
Public Utility	0		0
Total Class I	\$ 0		\$ 0

CLASS II			
Real Estate	\$ 2,607,620	24.94	\$ 6,503
Personal Property	46,248		115
Total Class II	\$ 2,653,868		\$ 6,618

CLASS IV			
Real Estate	\$ 1,587,600	49.88	\$ 7,919
Personal Property	2,419,802		12,070
Public Utility	642,089		3,203
Total Class IV	\$ 4,649,491		\$ 23,192

Total Value & Projected Revenue \$ 7,303,359 \$ 29,810

Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes 5.00% 1,491

Less Tax Discounts (use Total Projected Revenue to calculate) 2.00% 566

Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing (if Applicable) 0

Total Projected Property Tax Collection \$ 27,753

Less Assessor Valuation Fund 2.00% 555

(Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)

Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes \$ 27,198

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

COUNTY OF

POCAHONTAS

MUNICIPALITY OF

DURBIN

I, JENNIFER SAMPLES, Recording Officer of said municipality, do hereby certify that the foregoing are true copies from the record of the orders made and entered by the council of the said municipality on the 14 day of March, 2023.

Jennifer Samples
(Signature)

RECORDER/TREASURER
(Official Title of Recording Officer)

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Snowshoe RAD 2024 Fiscal Year Budget

	FY24 Budget
Income	
Late Fees	
MTA Contributions	
Resort Rental Fees	547,130
Resort Service Fee	1,313,665
Total Income	1,860,795
Expense	
Administration	
Administration - Member Communi	5,000
Insurance	6,378
Misc Expense (Travel, Stipends	10,000
Office FF&E	1,000
Outside Services - Accounting	10,000
Outside Services - Admin	-
Outside Services - Legal	30,000
Total Administration	62,378
Law Enforcement	
Payroll	65,000
Training	2,000
Cruiser/Cruiser Equipment	-
Uniforms/badge/PPE	5,000
Fuel/Maint on Cruiser	3,500
Benefits	18,000
Lease Space	-
Telephone Setup & Annual Cost	-
Other cost of Ranger program	40,000
Total Law Enforcement Total	133,500
Expenses	
Capital Reserve Study	
Beautification	100,000
Contingency	19,000
District Sponsored Comm Events	14,000
Education/Training	2,500
Office Expense	15,000
Projects Approved by Board	-
Rent	18,000
Road Repair	-
Shaver's Fork Fire Rescue	900,000
Total Expenses	1,068,500
Payroll	
Payroll - Life Ins Company Pd	270
Payroll FUI Expense	840
Payroll Health Insurance Exp	8,025
Payroll IRA Expense	3,162
Payroll SS and Med Expenses	8,063
Payroll SUI Expense	522
Salary	105,400
Workers Comp	4,637
Total Payroll	130,919
Total Expense	1,395,297
	465,498
25% Reserve Acct Funding	465,199
Adjusted Net Income	299
Funds coming from Reserves	
Back Country Signage	45,000
Other Projects	30,000
SFFR Transition	30,000
Bus Stops	25,000
Total from Reserves	130,000

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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS

BEGINNING at a point, set a steel rod, from which a found steel rod bears S 76-07-13 E 476.79 feet, a corner to the farmhouse lot, thence with a new line of division through Slatyfork Village, Inc. S 82-04-17 W crossing a 40.00 foot wide right-of-way in all 358.86 feet to a point on the eastern bounds of the railroad, set a steel rod, thence with said bounds for one line N 7-55-46 W 165.54 feet to a point, set a steel rod in a drain, thence leaving said railroad and with two new lines of division through Slatyfork Village and a drain N 87-35-55 E recrossing a 40.00 foot wide right-of-way in all 276.88 feet to a point, set a steel rod, thence S 35-44-48 E 157.02 feet to the beginning containing 1.08 acres, as surveyed by James T. Carr, PS #920 in June 1997. Tax Map 6C, Parcel 59. Commonly known as #2 Hillside Section, Slatyfork Farm. Being the same parcel or tract of real estate acquired by Gregory Thomas and Anne Marie Thomas, by deed of Slatyfork Village, Inc., a West Virginia corporation, dated the 7th day of October, 1998, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pocahontas County, West Virginia in Deed Book 256, at Page 422. And further being part of the same parcel conveyed to Slatyfork

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS

Village Inc. by Elk River Land Company Limited Partnership in October 1990 as recorded in the Office of the County Commission of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 211, at Page 132. Being the same property conveyed to Gillian McGinn by the Deed dated October 26, 2004 and recorded in Deed Book 292, at Page 131, in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pocahontas County, West Virginia. **TERMS OF SALE:** 1). The property will be conveyed in an "AS IS" physical condition by Deed containing no warranty, express or implied, subject to the Internal Revenue Service right of redemption, all property taxes, prior Deeds, liens, reservations, encumbrances, restrictions, rights-of-ways, easements, covenants, conveyances and conditions of record in the Clerk's office or affecting the subject property. 2). The Purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the transfer taxes imposed by the West Virginia Code § 11-22-3) The Beneficiary and/or the Servicer of the Deed of Trust and Note reserve the right to submit a bid for the property at sale. 4). The Trustee reserves the right to continue sale of the subject property from time to time by written or oral proclamation, which con-

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS

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Estate of Harold Cochran

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Please email résumé and cover letter along with three references to pocahontascountychamber@gmail.com or email for more information.



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Pendleton County Health Department Job Vacancy - Epidemiologist 1

Regional position covering 11 counties. Duties include, but not limited to the following:

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- consultation on reportable disease issues with local health department personnel, hospital, and long-term care infection preventionists, health care providers and other public health partners
- provide education to public health personnel on case investigations and reporting an outbreak determination,
- communication with health department personnel and other public health providers, including colleagues in bordering states, concerning cluster and outbreak issues,
- prepare surveillance reports on diseases for individual counties and the region,
- travel to all counties in the region quarterly or as needed,
- attend trainings and conferences as required,
- timely submission of required monthly, quarterly, and annual reports to the Bureau for Public Health, Office of Epidemiology and Prevention,
- adhere to the Statement of Work duties as outlined in the annual grant agreement.

Minimum Qualifications:
Training: Master's degree in epidemiology, public health, biology, physical, behavioral, natural, or veterinary sciences from an accredited college or university.
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Substitution: Bachelor's degree in biology, physical, behavioral or natural sciences from an accredited college or university AND two years of full-time or equivalent part-time paid experience in conducting epidemiology, including disease investigation, risk assessment or environmental epidemiology may substitute for the required training.

Applications/Résumés may be submitted to:
Pendleton County Health Department
Amber Hedrick, Administrator
P.O. Box 520
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WEDDING

Mabel Beverage Kramer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clawson Beverage, Sr., became the bride of Angus Irvine, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Levi Irvine, Thursday afternoon, April 5, 1973, in the Presbyterian church at Warm Springs, Virginia.

BIRTHS

Born to Sergeant and Mrs. David H. Collins, of Hampton, Virginia, a baby girl... The mother is the former Diana Grogg, of Arbovale.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Lester, of Marlinton, a daughter, named Michelle Lynn.

DEATHS

Rev. George W. McCune, 58, of St. Marys, died Tuesday, April 3, 1973, at his home. He was the former

minister at the Marlinton Methodist Church.

Mrs. Nell Maupin Young, 74, of Marlinton, died Thursday, April 19, 1973, at Denmar State Hospital... Born in Marlinton, a daughter of the late Harvey Maupin and Flora Bernard Maupin Johnson. She was a member of the Marlinton Presbyterian Church and was a retired clerk for the U. S. Forest Service... Burial in Mountain View Cemetery.

Mrs. Mary Warner Bennett, 93, of Bartow, died Sunday, April 22, 1973, at Denmar State Hospital... Funeral service in the Boyer Church; burial in the family cemetery near Bartow.

Willie Kenneth Lambert was killed in a car accident near Anniston, Alabama, April 10, 1973, on his return from the Masters Golf Tournament held in Augusta, Georgia... He was the 24 year old son of Delbert Lam-

bert, formerly of Green Bank, and Martha Bridges Lambert... and the grandson of Mrs. Maggie Lambert of Marlinton...

Cecil Wilson Woofert, 61, of Montgomery, died April 18, 1973... He was a graduate of Marlinton High School and Coyne Electronics School in Chicago, Illinois. He was a cousin of Mrs. Mabel White McNeel, of Hillsboro. Funeral service was held in the VanReenen Funeral Home Chapel. Burial in the Mountain View Cemetery.

John David Barrett, 84, of Clintwood, Virginia, a native of Pocahontas County and a son of the late A. J. and Susan Hannah Cochran Barrett... Funeral service was held in the Clintwood Methodist Church with burial in the Columbus Phipp Cemetery.

Frank McCarty, 57, of Frost, a son of the late Lanty

McCarty and Tabytha Bow-ers McCarty. Funeral service was held in the Frost Methodist Church... Burial in Mt. Zion Cemetery.

TRIVIA ANSWERS: (1). Thistle (2). Margaret Thatcher and Golda Meir (3) Mae West (4). Clarence Birdseye

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months, 9 days. He was the oldest son of Winfield and Annie Slavin. He was a young man of promise, gifted mind, genial manners, well informed on the topics of the day. When only a boy, he was employed in the Times printing office and, afterwards, he and Mr. S. B. Scott published the Pocahontas Herald. He was full of hope and gave promise of doing something in the world.

Last spring brother Orin's health began to decline, and he went to Kansas expecting the change to restore his health, and there he intended to go into business. Instead of improving he grew worse and, seeing that his end was near, he came back to the old home...

On Wednesday at 10 a.m. his funeral service was conducted at Marvin Chapel by his pastor... He was laid to rest in the Ruckman graveyard. The trailing arbutus

was in full bloom close by his grave. It had been awakened from the sleep of winter to beauty and fragrance. Our brother's body shall also awake and be glorified.

DEATH OF MRS. LIGON

At 2 o'clock Monday morning, Mrs. Sally Gatewood Ligon, wife of Dr. John Ligon, of Clover Lick, peacefully passed away surrounded by her loved ones...

We cannot refrain at this melancholy time from endeavoring to pay a tribute to the memory of the deceased, tho in doing so we realize how hopeless it is to express what we feel. Hers was a refined, sensitive, Christian spirit, and the effects of her influence will never die out. Her life lay in pleasant places, and she made such a home and reared such a family that even the casual visitor looked back on a visit to that household as one of the bright places in his life. The refining influences of her life were not confined to her own family, by any means. She

had an instinctive dread of all that was low, evil or unbecoming, and her intellectuality enabled her to make this predominant feature of her nature very impressive... She was a loving wife, a devoted mother, a generous friend, an interesting companion, a famous housekeeper, as well as homemaker; and she is justly entitled to all the attributes.

At the time of her death she was in her fifty-sixth year. She was the daughter and only child by the first marriage of the late John W. Warwick. Almost her entire life was spent at Clover Lick, the most beautiful farm in Pocahontas County. She leaves surviving her husband and seven daughters...

Mrs. Ligon was a member of the Episcopal church, and was buried from the beautiful church erected on the home place by herself and her husband. Long will she live in the memory of those who knew and loved her as one of the kindest, brightest and best women who ever lived...

James Buchanan Lambert, of Greenbank, aged 95 years, died at a Ronceverte hospital April 23, 1948. On Monday afternoon the funeral service was held from the Greenbank Methodist church... His body was laid in the Arbovale Cemetery.

ANDY E. HEFNER

Private First Class Andy E. Hefner, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Hefner, was born August 21, 1918, and died June 9, 1944.

Andy enlisted in the Infantry of the United States Army in March 1942. Later he was transferred to the 82nd Airborne Division, 325 Glider Infantry as a machine gunner. On the first day of the Normandy invasion, his outfit was dropped about fifteen miles behind the German lines. Three days later, June 9th, about 9 o'clock in the morning, he was killed.

At the time of his death, his buddy, Don Taylor, of Terra Alta, whose life Andy had once saved, was with him. The family is glad that Andy could save his buddy's

life, so that he could return to his home and live in peace and happiness with his wife and little daughter.

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BIRTH

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Nelson, of Cass, a daughter, April 24, 1948.

DEATHS

Peter Washington Simmons, aged 92 years, passed away at his home on Droop Mountain April 14, 1948. His body was laid to rest in the Whiting Cemetery, the service being held at the Mt. Zion church... He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Oliver Wiley, of Droop, and Miss Nettie, at home...

Mrs. Willie Kelley Ryder died Tuesday, April 13, 1948, aged 55 years... On Thursday afternoon the funeral service was held at the Wesley Chapel Church of Dunmore and the body was laid to rest in the church cemetery. The deceased was a daughter of the late Clete and Lucy Rogers Kelley, of Huntersville...



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6530 – Slaty Fork. Four wooded acres in Eagles Nest Subdivision, within a mile of the eastern entrance to Snowshoe. Near Cass Scenic Railroad, Greenbrier River and Trail. – \$70,000

MORE LISTINGS



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



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



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



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



6519 – Arbovale. 2BR/1BA camp on 1.10 acres near national forest. Close to Deer Creek, Greenbrier River Trail, GBO, Cass Scenic Railroad and Snowshoe. – \$93,900



6362 – Huntersville. 8.88 level, partially cleared acres with good access. Room for a few horses. Close to Watoga State Park, Greenbrier River Trail and Knapps Creek. – \$69,000



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



5175 – Beaver Creek. 2.03 level to rolling acres of woodland. Lot 4. Nice building sites. Near Watoga State Park, Greenbrier River and Trail and Knapps Creek. Seller wants offers. – \$29,900



6201 – Mill Point. 71 acres with small stream, spring and small pond, large hay field, nice views and easy access. – \$249,000



6297 – Snowshoe. 2.30 wooded acres in Sunset Mountain, a protected community. Building site and potential views. – \$7,500



6386 – Huntersville. 3BR/2BA home on 11+ acres bordering national forest land. Great potential. – \$292,000



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