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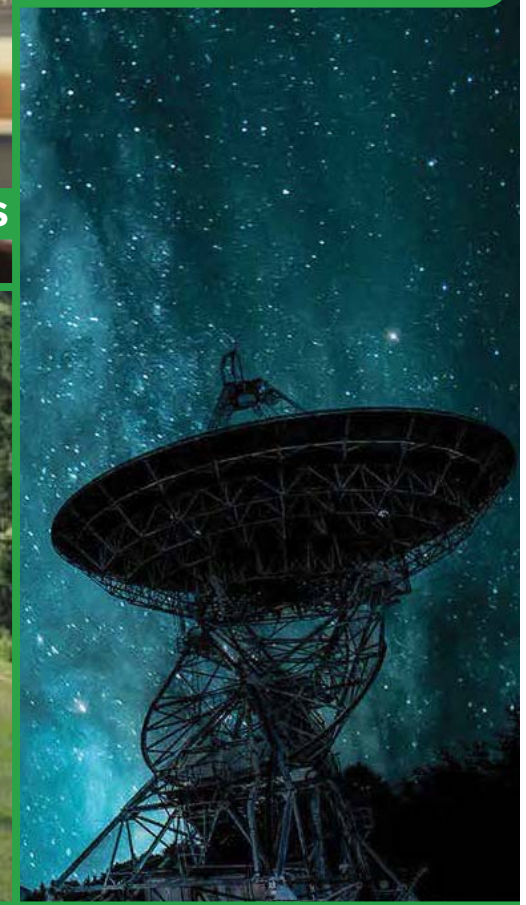


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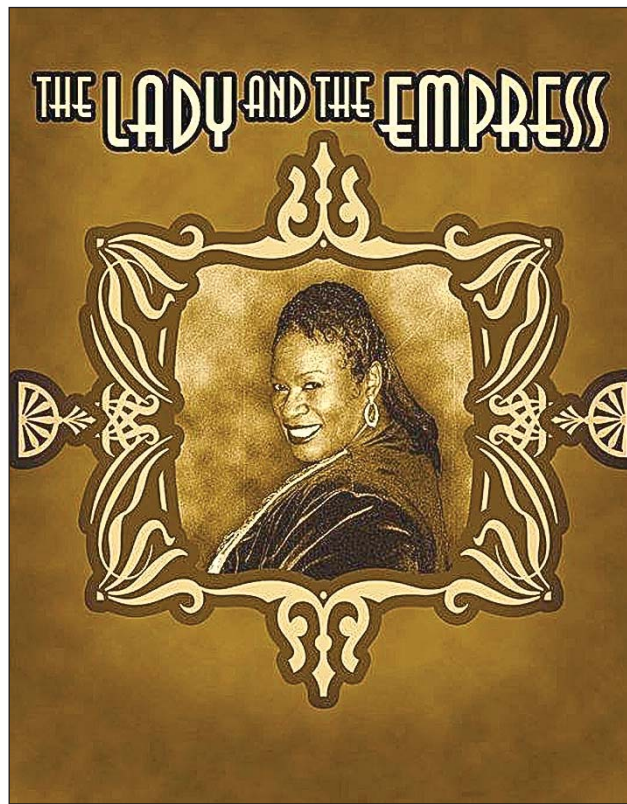
The stage comes alive at Opera House

The Lady and the Empress
Saturday, April 15
7:30 p.m.
\$10

The Pocahontas County Opera House is thrilled to announce the upcoming performance of “The Lady and the Empress” coming to its stage Saturday, April 15, at 7:30 p.m. This one-woman show, written and performed by the talented Doris Fields (Lady D), is a stage play that celebrates the life and music of legendary blues singer Bessie Smith, also known as the Empress of the Blues.

Featuring many of Smith’s most beloved songs, such as “T’ain’t Nobody’s Business If I Do” and “Nobody Knows You When You’re Down and Out,” the show runs for approximately 90-100 minutes, including a 15-minute intermission.

Fields brings the spirit of Bessie Smith to life in her performance, creating



Doris Fields

a fully realized character that bridges past and present, old and new.

Set in Bessie’s boudoir, surrounded by her fashionable clothes and accessories, the show covers the

Jim Crow era, the Harlem Renaissance, and the Great Depression, weaving together a captivating

narrative that captures the essence of the larger-than-life character that was Bessie Smith.

Join us for this unforgettable celebration of West Virginia’s rich cultural heritage through the timeless art of traditional music and dance. Get your tickets now and experience the enchanting performance of “The Lady and the Empress.”

Michael Winograd and the Honorable Mentshn
Saturday, April 29
7:30 p.m.
\$10

Brooklyn-based klezmer band Michael Winograd and the Honorable Mentshn is bringing its unique sound to the Pocahontas County Opera

House Saturday, April 29, at 7:30 p.m. This event is part of the Opera House Performance Series, which showcases a diverse range of talented musicians and

performers. Klezmer, a traditional celebratory music style of the Eastern European

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corporates traditional melody, ancient folk tunes, Yiddish poetry, Hebraic ritual and Greek and Ottoman influences. The style was established as the

secular, vernacular music of the community by the 1880s and arrived in the United States with the wave of Jewish immigration around the turn of the century. The klezmer revival that began in the 1970s has produced a new generation of master musicians, with Michael Winograd and the Honorable Mentshn at the forefront of this movement.

Tickets for these shows are a \$10 donation for adults and free for anyone 17 years old and younger. Tickets can be purchased at the 4th Avenue Gallery in Marlinton, pocahontasoperahouse.org and at the door on the evening of the performance.

**Opera House
Season Preview Party
Friday, June 9
5 p.m.
Free**



Michael Winograd

The Pocahontas County Opera House Preview Party is scheduled for Friday, June 9, from 5 to 7 pm. The event, which is free, will feature the announcement of the 2023-

24 performance series, which promises to be one of the most exciting and diverse seasons yet.

Guests will be treated to light hors d'oeuvres and drinks provided by local restaurants and board members. Attendees will also have the opportunity to socialize and network with other members of the community who share a passion for the arts.

"We are thrilled to host this event and reveal our upcoming performance series," said Brynn Kusic, Operations Manager of the Pocahontas County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

worked hard to bring a variety of acts to our stage that will appeal to a wide range of audiences, and we can't wait to share them with our community."

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

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Info and registration: hillsboroclassroom.com

All classes, except cooking, will be held at Sydenstricker Cabin at Pearl S. Buck Birthplace, 8129 Seneca Trail (Route 219), Hillsboro, WV. All art classes are suitable for beginners as well as more experienced students.

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instructor Sally Cobb • April 1, 2 - 4:30 p.m.

INTRO TO ENERGY MEDICINE:

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instructor Mollie Silver • April 2, 2 - 3 p.m.

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instructor Jacque Minarik • starting May 1, 2 - 3 p.m.

(four sessions on consecutive Mondays)

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instructor Lisa Gandy • May 11, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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Spring ~ The gateway season to getting back outside

Mike Moore
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As a young man growing up in West Virginia, I had dreams of someday traveling the world. And while I've lived in a couple neighboring states, visited Oregon, and spent a week in Canada, I have yet to leave this continent to visit another. But it's a dream I just can't shake, and honestly don't want to. So, as an armchair traveler (for now), I dream, make sure my passport is still where I put it, and watch my fair share of travel shows. For example, a few weeks ago I happened upon a program tailored to those giving thought to relocating to Hawaii. I settled in for the ride reasoning with myself, "Who doesn't indulge in the occasional wintertime daydream of pulling up stakes and moving to a sun-soaked beach somewhere in Maui?"

The program touched on the practical side of making the move. The cost of living, job opportunities, and dealing with



Watoga Lake. Photo courtesy of Laurel Hill Photography

tourists were all part of the expected offerings. But one topic that I hadn't considered was weather. More to the point, the lack of diversity in the weather. The narrator revealed that a high percentage of Hawaii's new residents eventually moved back to the mainland sometime after the end of their first year in paradise. The number one reason given for this change of mind – they missed the change of seasons. I guess 365 consecutive days of sunshine

and warm, tropical breezes are just too much for some folks.

This unexpected tidbit of information caused me to think. I realized I've never lived anywhere where I did not experience the passing of the seasons. The more I thought about it, I eventu-

ally came to the conclusion I, too, would probably miss the different seasons, as well.

So, back to West Virginia

in general and Pocahontas County in particular. Even though our winter of 2022/2023 appears to be going into the record book as a nearly snowless winter, we still, nevertheless, get to experience the change of seasons here. And while fall is my go-to answer if asked for my favorite time of year, I must admit, spring runs a close second place in my mind.

For me spring marks a renewal – an awakening of sorts. The winter months bring with them gray skies and barren mountainsides. Winter feels as if everything lies dormant; in a time-honored state of patiently waiting for warmer weather. But with the coming of spring, things begin to change.

The gray skies begin to brighten. The dull brown

of the mountains slowly changes to a lush green. It's almost as if a shroud is being pulled back and everything from the weather to the woods is reborn, fresh and new.

Here, in Pocahontas County, spring marks that time of year to start getting back outdoors. To feel the warm sun on your face, to see flowers blooming and hear the birds singing. It's time to dig out the old fishing rod and make your first return to that secret fishing hole; less concerned with catching anything and more concerned with just getting back out there.

Spring brings with it opportunities. Unless you're a skier, you've more than likely spent winter bundled up waiting for things

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THE LADY AND THE EMPRESS



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April
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MICHAEL WINOGRAD & THE HONORABLE MENTSHN

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April
29

SAVE THE DATE

2023/24

Opera House Preview Party
June 9 at 5 p.m.



These programs are presented with financial assistance from Pocahontas County Drama, Fairs and Festivals along with the following:



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to warm back up so you can get out of the house and enjoy the outdoors once again. Well, with the coming of spring, that wait is over.

With five state parks, two state forests, and more than one third of the Monongahela National Forest calling Pocahontas County home, you have access to more than 500 miles of hiking and biking trails just waiting to be explored and a wide variety of campsites to be enjoyed.

The lakes at Watoga State Park and Seneca State Forest, as well as the Greenbrier River offer canoeing and kayaking outings as well as the



The Lake at Seneca State Forest. Photo courtesy of familydaysout.com

possibility for a little fishing and sightseeing along the way. And if you're not a fan of being on the water but like being around it, you can try a springtime bike ride on the Greenbrier River Trail. At 78 miles long and a one per-

cent grade, there's no better way to spend a laid-back, sunny spring day than a little biking along the banks of Greenbrier River. For those who like to get out and play in the dirt, spring is the time of year to get that garden

underway. My father was a gardener. He always looked forward to spring and putting in a big garden; growing more than we could ever use and happily sharing the bounty with others. In my mind, a garden is the quintessential symbol of the end of winter and the beginning of spring – a clear display of moving from an inactive state to new life.

So, whether it's gardening, hiking, biking or camping, or just about any other outdoor activity you can come up with, spring is the gateway season to getting back outside and enjoying all that Pocahontas County has to offer. So, get out there and enjoy spring!

And as far as world traveling goes and that sunny beach in Maui – well the world isn't going anywhere. I'll keep making my plans to get out there and see all of it I can. But while I'm here in the mountains I call home, I'm going to enjoy as much of Pocahontas County as possible. And down the road? Who knows?

I hear Scotland is nice this time of year.

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Saturday, April 8, 3 to 5 p.m. at High Rocks Lodge 195 Thompson Road, Hillsboro.

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Thursday, April 13, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Ruby Grow Farm in Hillsboro

Seed to Skillet: Tour the Ruby Grow high tunnel

and learn about growing your own food. Please call 304-653-4891 to register for this free event.

Friday, April 15, 3 to 5 p.m. at High Rocks Lodge 195 Thompson Road in Hillsboro.

Morel Mushroom Workshop: An afternoon of food, fellowship and fun as you walk through the forest and share and/or learn tips on identifying morel mushrooms.

Friday, April 21, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at The Hub in Lewisburg.

Pepperoni Rolls: Food of our people. Learn to make this delicious West Virginia specialty from scratch.

Friday, April 28: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at The Hub in Lewisburg.

Appalachian Apple Baking: Baking with apples Appalachian style.

Saturday, May 6, 3 to 5 p.m. at High Rocks Lodge 195 Thompson Road in Hillsboro.

Gather around the campfire and share tips and tricks and set yourself up for success when planning a campfire meal – and, of course, eat.

Saturday, May 13, 3 to 5 p.m. at High Rocks Lodge, 195 Thompson Road, Hillsboro.

Inoculating Mushrooms: Plant your own shiitakes and learn how to grow edible mushrooms on a log.

Full Pink Moon Hike ~ Saturday, April 8

Head to Cass Scenic Railroad State Park Saturday, April 8, 8 to 9 p.m. for a guided hike along the Greenbrier River Trail to view the Full Pink Moon. The hike will begin at the visitors center, and is free and open to the public.



Learn how to create delicious meals, identify and grow your own mushrooms, and more at the High Rocks Folk Arts and Culture Workshop Series.

April's full moon is known as the Paschal Full Moon: the first full moon of spring, which began with the spring equinox on March 20, 2023. The Paschal Full Moon is an important moon to those who celebrate Easter, since Easter's date depends on the date of the Paschal Full Moon.

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of the Blues. The performance features many of Smith's most popular songs such as "T'ain't Nobody's Business If I Do" and "Nobody Knows You When You're Down and Out."

Tickets are \$10 at the door or in advance at the 4th Avenue Gallery or online at pocahontasopera-house.org

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Wildflower Festival at Yew Mountain ~ Saturday, April 22

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Wild Edible and Medicinal Walk ~ Friday, April 21

Yew Mountain, 9494 Lobelvia Road, Hillsboro
Join herbalist Kayde fen Deardorff for a gentle walk to find spring edible and medicinal plants.



Wild Edible and Medicinal Walk at Yew Mountain Center with herbalist Kayde fen Deardorff.

Great Greenbrier River Race – Saturday, April 29

The annual Great Greenbrier River Race is a fun, family friendly event/triathlon consisting of a three mile run, four

kayak or canoe, and a 10-mile bike ride. The Great Greenbrier River Race is for the young and old alike, no matter your physical fitness level, just come join in the fun – even if you're just a spectator. The race begins at

11 a.m. on Main Street in Marlinton.

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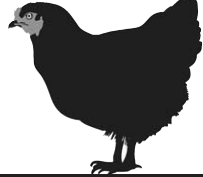
Full Flower Moon Hike ~ Saturday, May 6, 8 p.m.

Head to Cass Scenic Railroad State Park for a guided hike along the Greenbrier River Trail to view May's Full Moon. The hike will begin at the visitors center and is free and open to the public.

The Full Moon in May is known as the Flower Moon. Other names include Planting Moon and the Milk Moon, while some call it the Hare Moon. The Flower Moon

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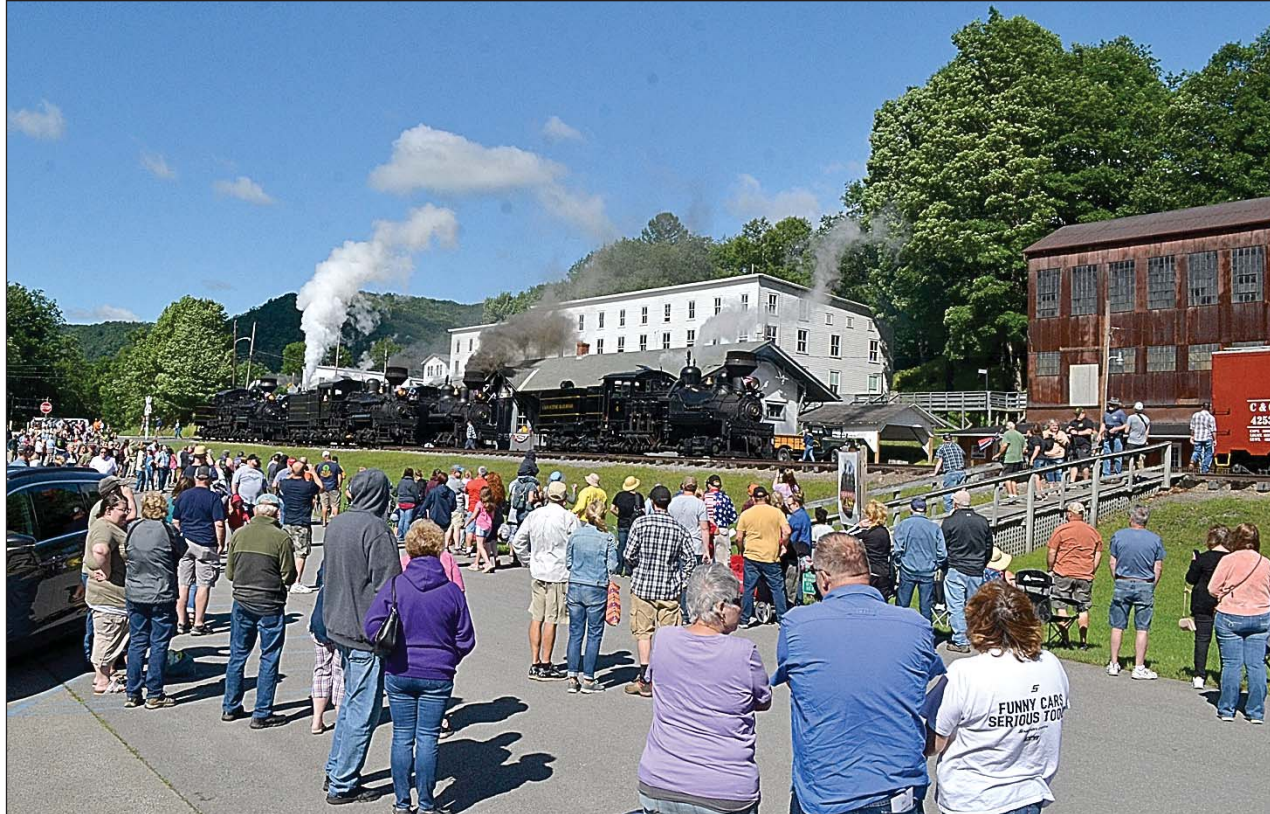
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is named after the abundant flowers that grow in the month of May.

Full Strawberry Moon Hike ~

Saturday, June 3, 8 p.m.

Cass Scenic Railroad State Park will offer a guided hike along the Greenbrier River Trail to view the Full Strawberry Moon. The hike will begin at the visitors center and is free and open to the public. According to the *Old Farmer's Almanac* the name, Strawberry Moon, has been used by Native American Algonquin tribes that live in the northeastern United States as well as the Ojibwe, Dakota, and Lakota peoples to mark the ripening of "June-bearing" strawberries that are ready to be gathered. The Haida term Berries Ripen Moon reflects this, as well. As flowers bloom and early fruit ripens, June is a time of great abundance for many.



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Parade of Steam ~ Saturday, June 17

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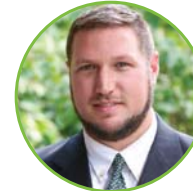


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Handmade WV Market ~ A one stop shop for specialty items

—Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

Going to market used to mean getting milk, eggs, cheese and other essentials for the week ahead. The market was the place for all your daily needs and a sweet treat or two for the kiddies. Keeping with the tradition of markets, Handmade WV Market, in Buckeye, has a little bit of everything. The shop, owned and operated by Anne Walker, has handmade gifts by West Virginia artists, as well as locally sourced food items such as honey, maple syrup, bread and produce. Walker first opened her shop in May 2021 on Droop Mountain, but moved to Buckeye in February of this year for better visibility and

to expand what she has to offer. The shop features items made by nearly 50 different artisans in mediums ranging from stained glass, wood and leather, to fabric, yarn and beads. “We’re the only place in the county that still has Cindy Sandeno’s jewelry,” Walker said. Sandeno was the district ranger for the U.S. Forest Service in Marlinton before moving to the state of Washington for a new job. While here, she was a member of the art community as a jeweler and needle felter. “I have a lot of people who are on the retirement end of their craft career,” Walker said. “I have Ron Swanberg’s inventory, but that’s all he’s doing. But then, I have Judy Gum and

Peggy Owens on the stained glass and mosaics. Sandy Simmons, from Droop, does the wreaths. Janet Barker, a retired RN, loves to sew, so she makes these adorable stuffed animals.” Along with featuring artwork by others, Walker has her own work, which she has been doing for many years. “I’ve done arts and crafts my whole life, but I’m self-trained in sewing. I’ve never really taken a sewing class. No one has ever really sat me down with the exception of a 4-H project at nine or ten, to say ‘this is how you use a sewing machine,’” she said. “When I became a mother – I started in 2007 making diaper bags because I made my own.” Walker had a store-bought diaper bag that fell apart within a week of purchase



West Virginia made maple syrup, honey, coffee and cornmeal are just a few of the food items available at the market. Walker said she hopes to expand the food section at the market to include produce and locally sourced meats.



Retired RN Janet Baker makes these whimsical and cuddly stuffed animals which are for sale at Handmade WV Market in Buckeye.

and said she knew she could not make something better. “I started on that and made one for myself,” she said. “From there, it snowballed. I did a lot of arts and crafts festivals in Pocahontas County and was a stay at home mom. Then, in 2013, it really kind of ballooned because I joined the Pocahontas County Artisans Co-op. Everything I had in inventory sold in the first month because it was not just a craft fair, it was thirty days of selling.” Walker makes and sells bags, aprons and coloring tote bags, just to name a few. She also has food items – she’s famous for her homemade jams and jellies – and she has expanded to include maple candied pecans and chocolate bark at the market. She is also a novice bread



Anne Walker has curated a collection of artwork, crafts and food items by more than 50 West Virginia individuals and businesses to sell in her shop, Handmade WV Market. The market is located on Seneca Trail – Rt. 219 South – in Buckeye.

maker and has bread for sale, too. “We will hopefully be able to purchase local produce,” she said. “If they have excess garden, if they get a bumper crop of something. Eventually this will be a mixture of art and food.” This spring and summer, Walker said she will have a produce stand outside the building in the parking lot and has dreams to expand even further when she moves her shop to Marlinton. “This location is slated to be a temporary location,” she said. “The ultimate goal for my business is to move to Marlinton. In that new facility, once I get that secured, it will have a commercial kitchen. I want to offer seasoned flours and some baked goods.” Walker envisions having a market similar to an Amish market, with fresh produce and meats for sale.

“That’s our plan,” she said. “I’m going to try to find local sources for chicken, pork, beef – that type of thing – and then be able to have small chest freezers so that people can come in and do grocery shopping and shop for artwork, too.” For now, the shop in Buck-

eye is perfect to show off the artwork of the talented West Virginians Walker has brought together under one roof. “We just do a whole variety,” she said. “We take everybody. If it’s handmade, I want it in my market.” The Handmade WV Market is open Wednesday

through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is located on Seneca Trail Rt. 219 South – in Buckeye. For more information or to keep up-to-date on available items, check the Facebook page at Handmade WV Market.

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Fading Fireflies

Melondy Phillips
Staff Writer

Every summer, when I was a child, our yard would be filled with the dazzling display of thousands of fireflies. I loved catching about 40 or 50 of them every night. I placed them in a glass jar with holes in the lid and added some grass and small twigs for them to climb on. I sat the glowing jar on the tiny table by my bed as my nightlight. The next morning, I let them all go and repeated the process.

Over the years, I have noticed a decline in the number of fireflies I see.

The West Virginia Department of Natural Resources stated, "West Virginia's 40 species of fireflies have declined in number due to habitat loss, pesticide use and other environmental causes such as light pollution."

Female fireflies live mostly in the ground, so anything from raking leaves to mowing the yard can damage or kill them. Having several natural habitats around the yard – left undisturbed or lightly manicured – may give them a safe haven for mating and laying eggs. These protected areas could be perennial herb or garden beds or a stack of old logs and rocks with plants such as Creeping Phlox placed amid the nooks and crannies. Fireflies, often found mating near streams and even birdbaths, also like moist shady areas such as under thick shrubs and ground covers.

Fireflies have a chemical process called bioluminescence. This process emits a light, or glow, to attract prey and mates. Outside artificial lighting can make it difficult for mating pairs to find each other. Since adult fireflies



only live for a few days to weeks, this is a crucial time frame for insuring the next generation will be produced. Limiting the amount of artificial outdoor light during the time fireflies are out is critical to their mating. If a lot of outdoor light is a must, try using red filters over the lights since fireflies are not as sensitive to red wavelengths.

Chemical pesticides are not only harmful to our fireflies, but also to most of our other insects such as honey bees, green lacewings, praying mantises, lady beetles and more. These chemicals create an imbalance in nature's ecology.

Fireflies are not only mesmerizing to watch but

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 are also beneficial insects. Fireflies are nocturnal beetles, which feed on slugs

and snails. Community Resources launched a citizen science project to track and report firefly sightings.

In 2019, the West Virginia Department of Nat-

ural Resources launched a citizen science project to track and report firefly sightings.

During 2019 and 2020,

more than 2,000 reported sightings of fireflies, including the rare Synchronous Firefly (photinus carolinus) that had its last documented sighting in 1930.

The female photinus carolinus synchronizes her light-flashing pattern with nearby potential mates to attract them.

Besides tracking the

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Learn about recreating safely and responsibly on your national forest at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/visit/know-before-you-go/responsible-recreation>. Opening dates for recreation sites on the **Marlinton-White Sulphur Ranger District in the Marlinton area**, 304-799-4334:

- Day Run Campground – April 7
- Highland Scenic Highway – Road opens when snow-free; toilets open April 7, weather permitting
- Pocahontas Campground – April 14
- Rimel Picnic Area – April 7
- Tea Creek Campground – April 7

- Williams River Developed Dispersed Campsites – opens when snow-free; toilets open April 7

- Williams River Fishing Pier – opens when snow-free; toilet open April 7

Opening dates for recreation sites on the **Gauley Ranger District in the Richwood area**, 304-846-2695:

- Bear Run Dispersed Camping (Forest Road 223)

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- Cranberry Glades Boardwalk – Boardwalk open year-round; toilets open April 13

- Cranberry Mountain Nature Center – April 13

- Cranberry River Developed Dispersed Campsites – Area opens when snow-free; toilets open April 7

- Falls of Hills Creek – opens when snow-free; toilets open April 7

- North Bend Picnic Area – April 7

- Summit Lake – Lake open year-round; toilets



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- Summit Lake Campground – April 7
- Third Bridge and North Bend Dispersed Camping (State Route 55) Williams River Developed

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'OLD FIELDS'

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Old Field Fork and Old Field Ridge in Pocahontas County were so called because of the existence of clearings thought by the early settlers to have been left by the Indians. The remains of Indian villages near many of these "old fields" leave little doubt as to their origin.

NATURAL MEADOWS AND GLADES

In addition to "Old Fields" which resulted from Indian activity and

were very temporary in nature, there were many areas where the condition was apparently natural and of indefinite duration. These areas, popularly known as glades or bogs, are of two general types – the grass-sedge meadows and sphagnum bogs. Both of these areas represent poorly drained mountain valleys and can be considered successional stage in the development of the climax forest. Cranberry Glades is the best developed of these.

BALDS

The existence of "balds" in the Southern Appalachians has long intrigued ecologists. The

famous areas on Roan Mountain, North Carolina and other southern peaks have been thoroughly studied. However, the possibility of the existence of "balds" in West Virginia has not been thoroughly considered. There is some evidence for believing that there were certain areas on or near mountaintops, in this area, that are devoid of timber and even of shrub growth when the first white men arrived and were thus termed "balds."

At least one spot – Bald Knob – was bald when the first settlers arrived at Arbovale about 1770. This particular spot was denuded of trees long before

the surrounding timber was cut in the early part of the 20th century. It still persists decades after the original lumbering while surrounding areas are grown up in a thick secondary growth. It is quite evident that certain eco-

logical factors are present here that inhibit the establishment of trees in the area.

BALD KNOB

Bald Knob, the second highest point in West Virginia at 4,848 feet, merits

special attention. Here the summit is covered by beautiful second growth red spruce with none of the stunted aspects of Spruce Knob only 25 miles to the northeast.

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However, a few hundred feet below the summit on the eastern side is an exposed area of about 50 acres that was formerly devoid of trees; hence the name of the knob. The history of the area dates back to 1770 when the

first settlers to see the knob from the east beheld the shining bald. Above it, the dark green spruce reached to the horizon; below it, giant hardwoods clung to the steep slope. There it stayed through the next 150 years until the surrounding trees were cut by lumbermen,

and fire swept through. The location of this "bald" is in an ecotonal position between red spruce that comes down the slope to the upper reaches of the bald area and the deciduous forest which is established below the bald spot. It is being invaded by members of

both types. The altitude of the bald spot on Bald Knob is 4,808 feet, which is well above the lower limit of spruce in West Virginia. However, spruce is not found at lower altitudes along Back Allegheny Mountain, of which Bald Knob is part, for several

miles both north and south of this spot. This restriction of spruce to the higher elevations here is possibly explained by the fact that the tops of the mountains in this region are capped by rocks of the Pottsville Conglomerate Series. Red Spruce seems to have a very close affinity to soils derived from this series throughout its bald spot in question is found at the very lower

limit of Pottsville stone on this mountain. Soils further down the slope are derived from rocks of the Mauch Chunk series. Outcroppings of Greenbrier Limestone are found on the front slope of Bald Knob below 3,200 feet. The origin of this bald remains a mystery, but its persistence may possible be attributed to its ecotonal position between spruce and hardwood forest.

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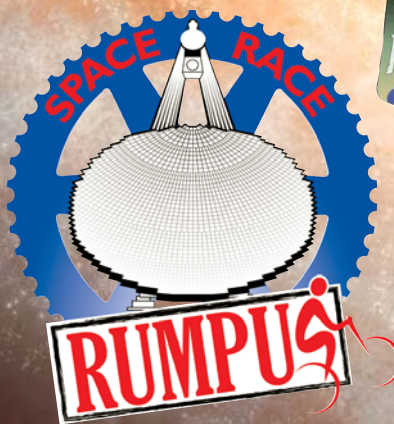
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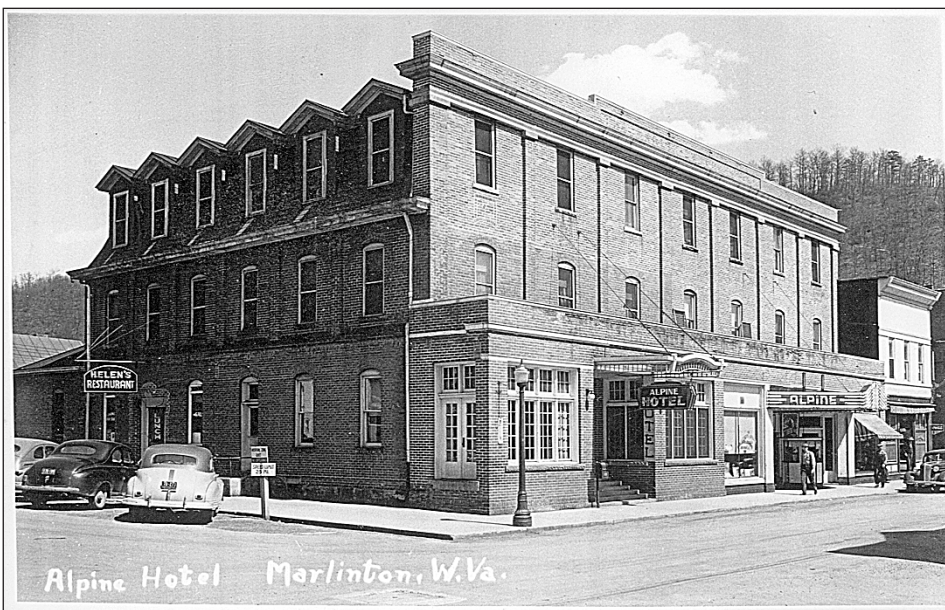
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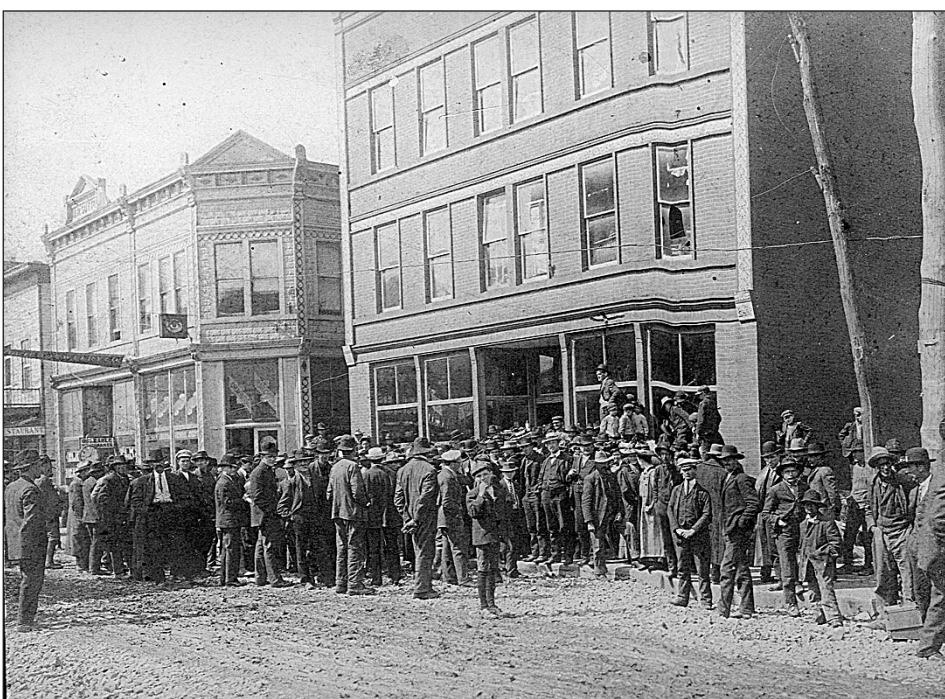
Nothing says spring like “knuckling down” with your best “shooter” in a game of marbles. The gentleman, overseeing the game, appears to be longtime Marlinton Graded School Principal J. Z. “Zach” Johnson. Marlinton High School is in the background to the left, and the Marlinton United Methodist Church is to the right.



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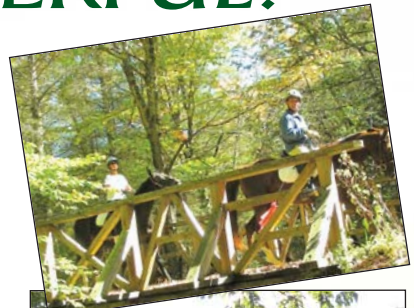
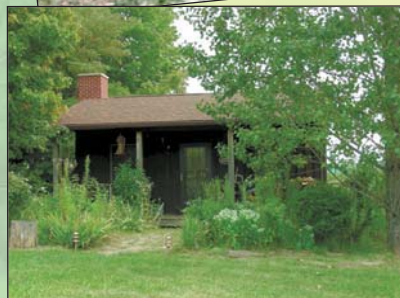
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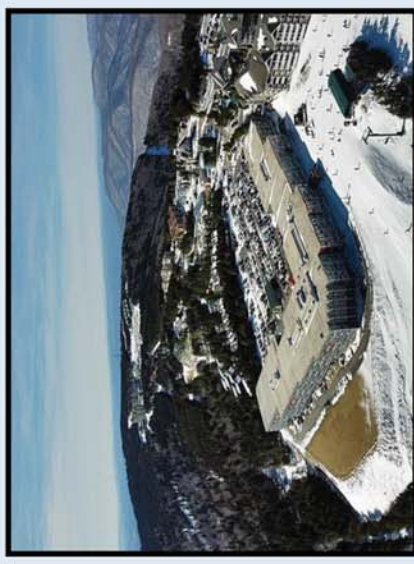
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MAY 27-29	Memorial Day Weekend Celebrations	JULY 28-29	Blues & Brews Festival
MAY 27	Taste of the Mountain	AUG 5	Treasure on the Mountain
MAY 28	Ruff Race	AUG 13	Community Appreciation
JUNE 9	Snowshoe Foundation Golf Tournament	AUG 19-20	Pickin & Pedalin
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