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Student success is a community effort

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

At the annual Super Scholars event May 2, held in the Pocahontas County High School gymnasium, students in third through 12th grade were hailed for their achievements during the 2022-2023 school year.

As part of the ceremony, the County Teacher of the Year, Marlinton Elementary School's Kristie Smith, gave a speech of encouragement and praise to the students and families who have gone above and beyond to ensure this year was successful.

"As I look around in this gymnasium, I would invite you to consider the hard work that was necessary for these students to be sitting here tonight," she said. "Think of the number of hours in school, which is about 1,296 this year alone.

"We can only estimate the number of pencils that they've used to write notes, answer questions on tests and quizzes, write and rewrite essays and complete projects," she added. "The number of pencils they've lost? – we won't mention."

Smith addressed the students, as well as their parents and guardians – all of whom worked hard, stayed up late and continued to strive for greatness, no matter how hard the task at hand.

"Students, think about the information that you now know and the new skills you



POCAHONTAS COUNTY TEACHER of the Year Kristie Smith addresses the audience and students at the Super Scholars event, held May 2 at Pocahontas County High School. Smith attributed the students' achievements to their hard work, as well as the support and efforts made by the school staff, parents, guardians and community members who are invested in their education. S. Stewart photo

have," she said. "We applaud you in your efforts. The amount of time and effort that these children have applied to completing school work to the best of their ability is a testament to someone in their life being a good influence and inspiring them – whether it was a parent, guardian, grandparent or school staff.

"Parents and guardians, you have experience in numerous long evenings of homework and even nights you had to give up because it was time to rest to be ready to do it all again the next day," she continued. "We tip

our hats to you, as well. You are amazing and the backbone of support for your child and their teachers. Without you and your support, we would not all be here tonight. Thank you."

Smith then turned to her fellow school staff who work together to make school a welcome environment full of learning and love for the students.

"I'm so proud to be part of a group that cares so deeply about other people's children," she said. "It is truly inspiring. All these people have worked together this year to make gains for our

students and their future. Without their cooperation and ability to see what we are all capable of, we would not have seen the successes that these students have experienced. What an awesome group of people we have here in Pocahontas County."

In closing, Smith turned again to look at the students who were named Super Scholars.

"Looking at this large group of achieving students, we have a bright future, as well," she said. "Congratulations to all of you."

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ALEX NSENGIMANA VISITED Marlinton last Friday to share the story of his journey from being an orphan in Rwanda receiving a shoebox gift from Operation Christmas Child, to being a full-time employee of that organization. S. Stewart photo

One shoebox ~ one life changed forever

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

When Alex Nsengimana was seven-years-old and living in an orphanage in Kigali, Rwanda, he received a shoebox gift from Operation Christmas Child. Little did he know that years later, as an adult, he would become a full-time employee of the Operation Christmas Child program in North Carolina.

Alex shared the journey of his life with the community last Friday at the Community Wellness Center and again, later that evening, at the First Friday

event at the Discovery Junction, both located in Marlinton.

Alex was born in a small village in Rwanda, a country in the central eastern part of Africa. Rwanda is the size of Maryland and currently has a population of 12 million.

Alex explained that, when the country was colonized in the 1800s, the colonizers divided the people into tribes according to their physical appearance.

"They would say, 'oh, if you are very tall and you're very slim, you are Tutsi,' so they decided to take a ruler

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May Day ~ mayday!



WHILE SOME FOLKS celebrated May Day on May 1, folks at Snowshoe might have thought "mayday" was more appropriate. After a winter of very little natural snow, a late storm descended on the mountains May 1 and 2, leaving 16 inches at Snowshoe and a little more than 20 inches at Canaan Valley. Oddly enough, The Pocahontas Times reported a "refreshing snow" in May – 100 years ago. Photo courtesy of Tracey Valach



WINNERS IN THE first annual Life in the Quiet Zone writing contest at Green Bank Elementary-Middle School are pictured with Bob Sheets, who helped author Stephen Kurczy organize the contest. Winners are, from left: Duncan Sizemore, second place, Allyson Taylor, second place, and Nadiya Kerr, first place. S. Stewart photo

GBEMS students celebrated

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

The many achievements of Green Bank Elementary-Middle School students were celebrated last Friday at the school's annual Achievement Breakfast.

Green Bank resident and school volunteer Bob Sheets spoke about a new – and annual – writing contest established specifically for students at GBEMS.

Sheets explained that author Stephen Kurczy, who wrote "The Quiet Zone: Unraveling the Mystery of a

Town Suspended in Silence," wanted to sponsor a writing contest in which the students are prompted to write about what they thought when they first realized they lived in the National Radio Quiet Zone.

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She's a Superhero!



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Pocahontas County Ambulance Service passes state inspections

Tim Walker
AMR Reporter

At the May 2 Pocahontas County Commission meeting, Commissioner John Rebinski provided an update on the new county EMS Ambulance organization. He said the county ambulance service recently passed all its required state inspections, which were one of the last obstacles before they can actually begin providing ambulance response.

The very last obstacle is an approval letter from the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) which will authorize their medics to stock the ambulance with and use controlled life-saving or pain-relieving drugs when they respond to an emergency medical call. Rebinski said he cannot predict when the DEA will provide this written authorization, but hopes it will be soon.

In addition, at this meeting, the commission ap-

proved its revised agreement with the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for the county to lease the campground at the Handley Wildlife Management Area. The commission previously approved a copy of the agreement sent to them by the DNR, however that copy did not include the required statement that it had been approved by the State Attorney General, so at this meeting, the commission needed to approve the revised agreement.

Commission President Walt Helmick explained the improvements already done to the county's part of the Handley property, as well as some planned future improvements. He said they have improved and installed site numbers to the 15 original RV campsites and improved the road into and around those sites; they relocated the ballfield; and have been working on improving the water system. Future

projects include having the DNR continue to monitor water conditions at the lake; the county will put stone and gravel on the roads; and they plan to have the campsites ready for occupancy by the end of May. They will also set up a self-service box style camping fee collection system.

Helmick explained why the commission chose to move ahead with these improvements to the Handley property themselves rather than wait on a decision from Parks and Recreation as to whether that organization could handle the added responsibility of administering the property. Helmick said they decided that the commission could move faster on this.

The commission also:
• approved the request of County Prosecutor Terri Helmick to hire Jamie Hill to fill a vacant position. Hill will begin work May 31
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COVID-19 Public Health Emergency ends May 11, 2023

The U.S. Public Health Emergency (PHE), that was declared three years ago as COVID-19 spread around the world, is set to expire Thursday, May 11.

According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) most tools, such as vaccines, treatments, and testing, will remain available. However, the CDC's ability to collect and share certain data will change.

Access to COVID-19 vaccines will generally not be affected for now. The U.S. government is currently distributing free COVID-19 vaccines for all adults and children.

COVID-19 at-home tests may not be covered by insurance.

Insurance providers will no longer be required to waive costs or provide free COVID-19 tests.

Treatments will remain available.

Medication to prevent severe COVID-19, such as Paxlovid, will remain available for free while supplies last. After that, the price will be determined by the medication manufacturer and your health insurance coverage. Check with your healthcare provider if you need early treatment to prevent severe COVID-19.

The Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) released information concerning changes within that agency due to the ending of the Public Health Emergency. Among those changes are:

Bureau for Medical Services – Medicaid and WVCHIP

During the PHE, Medicaid and WVCHIP initiated continuous eligibility, suspending the eligibility redetermination process and allowing coverage to continue regardless of changes

in situation or eligibility group.

The Medicaid and WVCHIP continuous eligibility provision was separated from the PHE declaration in December 2022, signaling that the traditional redetermination process would be reinstated.

Medicaid and WVCHIP eligibility unwinding began in April, with the first benefit closures effective May 1, 2023.

Bureau for Family Assistance – SNAP

The work requirements for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) for Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWDs) resume state-wide starting July 1, 2023. SNAP is a program of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and administered by
see COVID pg 10

PCSWA to hold Public Stakeholders' Meeting

The Pocahontas County Solid Waste Authority will hold a Public Stakeholders' Meeting to discuss the future of solid waste management in our county on Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 6 p.m. in the Circuit Court Room at Pocahontas County Courthouse.

Local government leaders, commercial haulers, and other interested parties will be participating. The meeting will be moderated by Mark Holstine, Executive

Director of the West Virginia Solid Waste Management Board.

Join by Zoom at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84119837789> or by calling 1-253-205-0468 (Meeting ID: 841 1983 7789, Passcode: 113059)

911 Center Report

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

The 523 calls were as follows:

Nature of Call/Total Calls Received

- 911 ABD, open, hangup – 31
- Abandoned vehicle – 3
- Accidental dial – 10
- Law, animal control – 11
- Assault/battery – 3
- Assist another agency – 9
- Accident with injuries – 7
- Auto accident – 10
- Law, breaking and entering – 2
- Law, BOLO [Be on the Lookout] – 2
- Fire, brush – 8
- Law, citizen assist/non-emergency – 31
- EMS, citizen assist – 8
- Controlled burn – 5
- Destruction of property – 3
- DNR, violation complaint – 2
- DOA/unattended death – 1
- Law, domestic – 4
- DVP violation – 1
- Fire, alarm – elevator – 12
- Alarm, fire – 12
- Fire other – 4
- Law, fraud – 2
- Law, general alarm – 23
- Information/notice – 27

- Highway traffic hazard – 16
- Law, criminal investigation – 14
- Theft of property – 6
- Law, general complaint – 69
- EMS, medical – 54
- Fire, medical alarm – 2
- General notice – 1
- Law, paper service – 13
- EMS, patient transfer – 31
- Law, pursuit – 1
- Fire, secure landing zone – 5
- Fire, smoke investigation – 4
- EMS, stand-by – 1
- Theft of vehicle – 3
- Fire, structure – 3
- Fire, suspicious odor – 2
- System test – 8
- Law, traffic complaint – 1
- Law, traffic stop – 16
- Transferred to another agency – 2
- Law, transport person – 4
- EMS, trauma – 14
- Law, trespassing – 2
- VIN verification – 1
- Law, warrant service – 8
- Law, welfare check – 7
- DNR, wildlife management – 2
- Reckless driver – 1

Circuit Court

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

Kimberly Waid, 48, of Marlinton, waived her right to an extradition hearing and agreed to return to Bath County, Virginia, on charges there. The court holds the matter in abeyance (suspension) until the defendant is released on bond or disposition is made in other charges pending in Raleigh County.

The court found probable cause that Phillip Dean, Jr, 50, of Marlinton, violated the terms and conditions of his alternative sentencing. Dean waived his right to a preliminary hearing. The matter is continued to May 10. Dean was indicted by the December 2018 Grand Jury on one count, attempted murder; five counts, wanton endangerment involving a firearm; and one count, person prohibited from possessing a firearm.

In the case the State vs Charles Irvine, 49, of Marlinton, the court granted a defense motion for the defendant to enter a long-

term recovery program. Irvine was sanctioned to 120 days in the regional jail for violating the terms of his alternative sentence. The sanction was suspended as he will be furloughed from home incarceration to the St. Joseph's Recovery Center in Parkersburg. If he fails to complete the program, he will be returned to the Tygart Valley Regional Jail to serve out the remaining sanction. If he completes the program, he will return to home confinement.

A three-day jury trial is set for September 9, for William Scott, 62, an inmate in the Huttonsville Correctional Center. Scott was indicted on one count, sexual assault in the second degree.

The court granted a defense motion to reduce bond for Patrick Butler, II, 36, an inmate in the Tygart Valley

Regional Jail, to a personal recognizance bond with the condition that he is to reside with his parent in Braxton County and is to have no direct or indirect contact with the alleged victim. Butler was indicted on one count, strangulation; one count, domestic battery.

In the case the State vs Adam Harwell, 36, of Marlinton, defense counsel advised that the parties anticipate resolving the matter prior to the next scheduled hearing and plea negotiations are in the works. Harwell was indicted on one count, unlawful assault; one count, wanton endangerment involving a firearm; one count, use or presentation of a firearm during the commission of a felony.
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Corrections

The Farmers Market at Linwood is held Thursdays, 3 to 6 p.m., June 8 through September 28.

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AFNHA to host annual meeting at Carnegie Hall

Did you know that you live in West Virginia's newest National Heritage Area? The Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area invites the public to attend its annual Stakeholder Meeting to learn how the AFNHA can support you, and to network with partners across the National Heritage Area.

The meeting will be held at Carnegie Hall in Lewisburg from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, May 22.

Anyone interested in forestry, conservation, cultural heritage, tourism or community development is welcome to attend. Attendance is free and includes lunch, networking opportunities, and presentations from AFNHA and local or-

ganizations from Greenbrier County. The meeting will be followed by optional guided tours of the North House Museum and historic sites in downtown Lewisburg. To register, full agenda, or more information visit <https://www.appalachianforestnha.org/>

The Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area conserves, interprets, and promotes forest heritage to enhance landscapes and communities in the highlands of West Virginia and Maryland.

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The Spy with a Spatula
Julia Child and other food stories

OK, readers, you're correct; the title is a bit misleading.

That Julia Child was purported to be a spy during World War II is untrue. Or is it? We'll get back to this interesting tidbit later.

"I think every woman should have a blowtorch." ~ Julia Child

A hand-painted sign over the entrance to an exquisite family-run Filipino bakery in Honolulu states: "Those who enjoy eating are making the most out of one of life's necessities."

In the 1980s, I worked with a tall, gangly young man named Don, who rarely joined the rest of the office gang when we went out for lunch. He wasn't in the least unsociable and was quite pleasant to talk with. And, with two tours in Vietnam under his belt, he had experiences to draw upon in any conversation.

One day, I asked Don why he never dined with his colleagues. His answer floored me as it was due to an unfortunate condition I never knew existed.

Don had avoidant restrictive food intake disorder or ARFID, and he suspected exposure to Agent Orange had something to do with it.

"Actually, Ken, for several years, I have had no desire to eat," he flatly pronounced. "I don't like food anymore."

"You don't like ice cream?" I asked. "Everybody loves ice cream."

"Nope - nothing," was his reply.

There are so few sensual pleasures in life that not having an appetite, nor enjoying food, leaves little else.

Yes, there are one or two other earthly pleasures, but being a G-rated column,

we'll not venture further along that path; we'll leave that to the tabloids.

This column will discuss food in all its variations, derivations and ethnicities. The



JULIA CHILD'S 20-SECOND French omelet with a West Virginia twist - finely chopped fresh ramps and sautéed morels on a baguette. K. Springer photo

spirit of Julia Child will also haunt this article for one fundamental reason - she made cooking fun and rewarding with her vibrant personality and unbridled sense of humor.

Her hilarious and sometimes outrageous quotes will season this series just right. So, expect many appearances by Julia in this series on food.

And the trait that most of us remember with a smile and chuckle was Julia's distinctive voice, variously described as a warble, near-hysterical and undulating.

The New York Times once reported her entry into post-war France as "a gangly Californian with a preposterously fluty voice stomped into Paris on size 12 feet."

Julia was tall at 6' 2", although her sister Dorothy had three inches on her. And, with a 6'4" brother, Julia's mother often said, "Oh my, I have made over 18 feet of children."

"Always remember: If you

are alone in the kitchen and you drop the lamb, you can always pick it up, who will know?" Julia Child

Eating, if we are to survive, is, as the Filipino sign states, one of life's necessities, along with water, oxygen and our dear old sun.

Every living thing needs nourishment, which is sought at the very moment when life begins, and must be maintained until death.

Food consists of minerals, vitamins, carbohydrates, proteins and lipids in its most elemental form. Physiological imperatives require appetite

tential ingredients.

We often desire specific side dishes to accompany the main entrée - baked potato with steak, chips with fish, and red wine with pasta dishes.

Flavor was the very thing that sent the then food-ambivalent Julia Child on the road to changing how Americans think about food.

During a meal of oysters and sole meuniere with her food-loving husband in a French restaurant in the 1950s, she said she was grateful for the flavor that "opened up the soul and

and taste buds to keep us coming back for more and the magical qualities of saliva to get the whole digestion process going when the food enters the mouth.

Science Note: Science is only beginning to understand the complexities and interactions that constitute digestion in humans. It has been a long-held assumption that the stomach was the original brain.

Recent research suggests that saliva, 99% water, may have a much more significant role in digestion than previously believed.

The sensuosity of food resides in something we call taste and flavor, two entirely different things. Taste buds provide the sweet, sour, salty and bitter sensations. (I would add "umami" to this list, "savory" for those not fluent in Japanese.)

Flavor describes the overall experience of eating. Flavor arises from cooking techniques, food pairing and infinite combinations of po-

spirit for me."

Julia credits her husband, Paul Child, for her sudden passion for food. She grew up in a household with a cook and said she was never interested in food. "I just ate it," she said

We have survived for many millions of years because we figured out what is safe to eat through trial and error. We can thank the 9,000 taste buds residing in a location that food and drink must pass over on the way to digestion.

Dogs, on the other hand, have only 1,700 taste buds. Our canine buddies are as happy with a hamburger as they would be with a bowl of Foie Gras and a side of Perigord truffle shavings on a French omelet.

Their dearth of taste buds may partly explain why they gobble down food with no apparent savoring in the process. And there's an in-

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TRIVIA - a little something to think about

Courtesy of Chuck Cornell

1. A volunteer in this program works abroad for two years, providing technical assistance to people to help them better understand the American culture. It was started by JFK in 1961.

2. From November 1979 to January 1981, 52 American diplomats and citizens were held hostage 444 days when the US Embassy was overtaken by Islamic Extremists. In what country?

3. This was the first Asian auto manufacturer to produce cars in the U. S. starting in 1982. The company was

located in Marysville, Ohio. 4. This weekly magazine, first published in 1936, developed into a photo mag. Every U. S. president had been on the cover. Jackie K. was on the cover 26 times. Its final issue was May 2000.

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The gardener's daughter...
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**Safe Drinking Water Week
May 7-13, 2023
Proclamation**

WHEREAS, water is our most valuable natural resource; and
 WHEREAS, drinking water serves a vital role in daily life, serving an essential purpose to health, hydration and hygiene needs for the quality of life our citizens enjoy; and
 WHEREAS, tap water delivers public health protection, fire protection, support for our economy and the quality of life we enjoy; and
 WHEREAS, the hard work performed by the entire water sector, designing capital projects, operators ensuring the safety and quality of drinking water or a member of a pipe crew maintaining the infrastructure communities rely on to transport high quality drinking water from its source to consumers' taps; and
 WHEREAS, the coronavirus pandemic has shone a light on the importance of drinking water for health, hydration and hygiene needs; and
 WHEREAS, we are all stewards of the water infrastructure upon which current and future generations depend; and
 WHEREAS, the citizens of The Town of Marlinton are called upon to help protect our source waters from pollution, practice water conservation, and get involved with their water by familiarizing themselves with it;
 NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that by virtue of the authority vested in me as
 Mayor of The Town of Marlinton, and in accordance with the WV Rivers Source Water Protection Communities designation program, I do hereby proclaim May 7-13, 2023 as Safe Drinking Water Week.
 Sam Felton, Mayor

Poetry Corner

First Train

At every stile and hitching post
 Uneasy horses champ and rare.
 Hill folk from twenty mile around
 Are crowded on the depot square.
 The upper island is a-work
 For there the oxen barbecue,
 And there are stacks of bakery bread
 And kegs of foaming lager brew.

New loafers by the water tank
 Thumb-stretch their galluses and spit
 Tobacco juice a half foot short
 Of marks they squirt upon to hit.
 For through the tunnel mouth she comes
 With bellowings of fire and steam,
 She grinds the rails, she splits the wind
 With filings from her iron scream!

So grab your young'uns, clear the track!
 Today old engine Number Nine
 Pants into town and opens up
 The running over Gauley line!
 So, while the grub comes easy, eat,
 And drink while spigots flow with beer
 To the biggety bugs of the N&W
 Who sent regrets they can't be here.

Louise McNeill ~ from Hill Daughter



What's Cookin'?

With Sally Cobb

Spanish Rice

- 1 Tbsp. olive oil
- 1 Tbsp. butter
- 1 cup rice
- 1 cup chicken stock
- 1 cup tomato sauce
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1 1/2 tsp chili powder
- 1 tsp. cumin
- 1/2 tsp. oregano
- 1/4 cup diced tomatoes
- 1/2 cup onion, diced
- 1/2 cup bell paper, diced

In medium saucepan over medium heat, melt butter with olive oil. Add veggies and cook 2 to 3 minutes. Add rice and stir to coat. Cook stirring often 2-3 minutes until rice is toasted. Add chopped garlic and stir in rest of ingredients. Increase heat to high and bring to a boil, stir well. Reduce heat to low and cook until done and liquids are absorbed. If you have a rice cooker, you can transfer to cooker after all ingredients have been added. Rice cooker will cut off when rice is done.

Enchilada Sauce

- 1 Tbsp. olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 15 oz. tomato sauce
- 3/4 cup veggie or chicken broth
- 2 Tbsp. chili powder
- 1 1/2 tsp. cumin
- 1/2 tsp. onion powder
- 1/2 tsp. garlic powder
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- Pinch cayenne pepper, optional

Heat olive oil in medium saucepan over medium heat. Add minced garlic and stir for 30 seconds. Stir in tomato sauce, broth and seasonings. Bring sauce to simmer then reduce to low. Dimmer 10 minutes. Cool. Use within 4 days or freeze for up to 3 months.

Enchiladas

- 1 Tbsp. olive oil
- 1 cup onion, finely chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 cups cooked, chopped or shredded chicken
- 15 oz. can black beans,

rinsed and drained
 4 oz. can chopped green chilies
 1 tsp. chili powder
 1 tsp. ground cumin
 1/2 tsp. dried oregano
 1/2 tsp. salt
 1 1/2 cups enchilada sauce, canned or fresh
 12 oz (3 cups) shredded cheese - cheddar, Mexican blend, Monterey Jack
 8- large flour tortillas
 Toppings: Fresh cilantro, guacamole, sour cream or green onions.
 Heat olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add onion and cook until it begins to soften, about 2 or 3 minutes. Add garlic and cook 30 seconds. Turn off heat and add cooked chicken, beans, green chilies and seasonings to pan. Add 1/2 cup enchilada sauce and stir until well blended.
 Spread 1/2 cup enchilada sauce over bottom of greased 9x13" baking dish. Take one flour tortilla and put 1/2 cup of chicken mixture down middle. Top with 1/3 cup of cheese. Roll up as tightly as possible and put enchilada seam side down in baking dish. Roll the rest of the flour tortillas and place in baking dish. Top with last of enchilada sauce and cheese. Bake in preheated 350-degree oven for 20-25 minutes. Let rest 5 minutes before serving.

Letter to the Editor

Open Letter;

Believe it or not, 2023 marks 60 years since the opening of the Pocahontas County Museum and 62 years since the formation of the Pocahontas County Historical Society. This may very well be the year of the museum's closure.
 If you are, or are not, a descendant of the original 40+ founders, or of the hundreds

of donors over the years who entrusted us with county treasures or, like me, an implant history lover from far away – step up. Or, perhaps, you live far away and value your connections with the Birthplace of Rivers.
 I volunteered at the museum the summer of 1976 when I moved here and for the last several years have been the only person to con-

duct tours of this unique historical gem. Of course, I love it, but I am now 82 years old. I cleaned it by myself and weeded the Price Family cemetery and cleared out a vast pile of tree limbs last year alone.
 As well as money, we need physical action, energy, support and ideas. We few have used ours up. I would hate to see the museum close and

the collection redistributed away from its home here. We have many rare items dating back to prehistoric times – thanks to the Price family and other county collectors.
 Suggestions are a first step, but I am asking for your time, labor and money.

Dr. Denise McNeel
 Box 453
 Marlinton, WV 24954



Marlinton Mayor's Corner

By Sam Felton

We should all agree that our very existence depends on a clean and abundant water source. Water is our most valuable natural resource. This week, May 7-13, is recognized as Safe Drinking Water Week. You will see a Mayoral Proclamation in this week's edition of *The Pocahontas Times*. Ironically, this

is the week I felt a need to address the current issue for water customers in the Brush Country/Central Union area.
 As water customers in that area know, the system experienced a water line break April 12. The break was repaired within the first 24 hours, but created a boil water advisory for the next week. The mandatory testing was completed, and the advi-

sory was dropped. However, air entered the system during the period of the water break. The flushing of hydrants in the system has helped to a point, but certain customers are still experiencing a milky discoloration when water is first turned on. The problem remains because air remains within portions of the system. For lack of a better explanation, the Town is still chasing sections of water to remove the air. The main thing to know is that the water is safe for consumption.
 In other water business, May 12 is perfect timing for

another public Open House at the municipal water plant, on Ninth Avenue.
 Tours will be conducted at the beginning of each hour, starting at 1 p.m. Friday and ending at 4 p.m.
 As there is no school that day, Pocahontas County Parks and Rec Director Lauren Bennett has organized another fishing derby for the youth, for Friday, May 12, as well. The general plan will be the same as last year, starting at 1:30 p.m.
 Refreshments are being worked out as I write this.
 Sam

Community Calendar

PUBLIC NOTICES

The Pocahontas County Solid Waste Authority will hold a Public Stakeholders' Meeting to discuss the future of solid waste management in our county Thursday, May 18, 2023, at 6 p.m. in the Circuit Courtroom at Pocahontas County Courthouse.

Justin Arvon, a consumer outreach and compliance specialist with Attorney General Patrick Morrissey's office, will be at the Marlinton Municipal Building Thursday, May 18, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to meet with residents to discuss consumer-related issues and answer any questions.

Farmers Markets – Green Bank: Wednesdays, 2:30 to 5:30 p.m., May 17 through October 11; **Linwood:** Thursdays, 3 to 6 p.m., June 8 through September 28; **Hillsboro:** Wednesdays, 3 to 6 p.m., June 7 through September 27; and **Marlinton:** First Fridays, 3 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to noon.

Green Boxes hours Sun-

days from 1 to 6 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

EVENTS

Free Clothing Giveaway - Friday, May 12, 2 to 6 p.m. at Discovery Junction. Sponsored by NRCTC AND program.

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.

The Pocahontas County Veterans Honor Corps will perform at Mountain View Cemetery at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, May 28, in honor of our veterans, and at 2:30 p.m. at Arbovale Cemetery following the service at Arbovale United Methodist Church.

In celebration of Memorial Day, May 29, and Flag

Day, June 14, please replace your torn, tattered or stained U.S. flags with new flags for these special days. Old flags may be disposed of at the Honor Corps disposal sites at IGA in Marlinton and Par-Mar in Green Bank.

LIBRARY NEWS

Pocahontas County Libraries now offers a Tech Help hour to assist you with your computer, smart phone, printer, email or general help and guidance. AmeriCorps member Chris Baber will be at the following locations from 3 to 4 p.m.: Mondays, McClintic Library; Tuesdays, Hillsboro Library; Wednesdays, Green Bank Library; Thursdays, Linwood Library; and Fridays at Durbin Library.

MEETINGS

Pocahontas County Opera House, Thursday, May 11, 6 p.m. at the opera house. The public is invited.

Pocahontas County Democratic Executive Committee 6 p.m. Monday, May 15, at McClintic Library in Marlinton. Open to the public and available via Zoom. Contact Jay Miller at jvmiller2008@gmail.com for info for the Zoom connection.

Riverside Lodge #124 Cass - annual Ramp Dinner Sunday, May 21, 5 p.m. Masons and their family and friends are welcome to attend. If possible, please bring a covered dish or dessert. For more information contact Joe Judy at 304-456-4704.

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.

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Super Crossword

BOOK OPENINGS

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|---|--|---|---|
| ACROSS | DOWN | ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 "Billy —" (1991 gangster film) | 52 Prayer opener | 102 Billy portrayed by Brad Pitt in "Moneyball" | 6 Poking tool |
| 9 Certain line on a weather map | 53 "Chances —" (1957 hit) | 104 Swelled head | 7 Earthy colors |
| 15 God of love | 54 Dept. of Justice div. | 105 Los Angeles neighborhood | 8 One who used to be in the club |
| 20 It'll make a walking surface shine | 56 Vatican VIP | 109 Tranquilize aier, for short | 9 Dogma suffix |
| 21 Sterling or Shannon of the NFL | 57 Not distributed, as cards | 115 Brazilian berry in juices | 10 "Homeland" aier, for short |
| 22 Cartoon art of Japan | 59 One working to take control | 116 "Eat — eaten" (law of survival) | 11 Rowing tool |
| 23 Washington monument | 65 Actress — Dawn Chong | 117 Lister's abbr. | 12 Of a wedding |
| 25 Tasty morsel | 66 Mean Amin | 119 "How Do I Live" singer | 13 Southwestern tribe |
| 26 Devoured | 68 Lucy's Desi | 120 Mint family herb | 14 Past artifact |
| 27 Stitch | 69 Dog types | 122 What the first words of eight long answers in this puzzle are | 15 Panther, e.g. |
| 28 Caesar's 604 | 70 City west of Lake Superior | 127 Crawl | 16 Not fully aged |
| 30 "Othello" villain | 72 Narrative at the start of the Bible | 128 Ready to go | 17 Hot-and-cold dessert |
| 31 Flung | 85 Sportsperson | 129 Thorn in one's side | 18 PR concern |
| 33 Belief that one is destined to be a savior | 88 Ship's frame | 130 Ibsen's "Gabler" | 19 Juice |
| 38 Call to cop cars, in brief | 89 Cry on "The Simpsons" | 131 Family tree females | 24 She-sheep |
| 40 Weasel look-alike | 90 Biblical verb ending | 132 Have faith in | 29 Render null |
| 41 Concept | 92 Big blood line | 133 Have faith in | 32 Quarterback |
| 42 Singer of the 1984 hit "Too Late for Goodbyes" | 93 Sinuous fish | 134 Family tree females | Marino |
| 48 Hwy., e.g. | 94 Small pellets for air guns | 135 Famous 1804 duel | 34 IRS datum |
| 49 Von Sydow of "The Exorcist" | 96 Famous 1804 duel | 100 High-school jrs. exam | 35 — Paulo |
| | | | 36 "Son of," in Arab names |
| | | | 37 Rx writers |
| | | | 39 With 42-Down, restaurant dish of the day |
| | | | 42 See 39-Down |
| | | | 43 Forearm part |
| | | | 44 Store of ore |
| | | | 45 State of rage |
| | | | 46 Nabokov title heroine |
| | | | 47 Born, to Gigi |
| | | | 48 Trunk bone |
| | | | 50 Copied |
| | | | 51 Boomers' kids |
| | | | 54 "The Nanny" star Drescher |
| | | | 55 Grooved ring holding a gem |
| | | | 56 Supplication |
| | | | 58 "My Girl Tisa" star Palmer |
| | | | 60 Dramatist David |
| | | | 61 First-class |
| | | | 62 Central bingo square |
| | | | 64 First subway line in NYC |
| | | | 67 "— usel!" ("I give up!") |
| | | | 70 Tuning knob |
| | | | 71 Final: Abbr. |
| | | | 72 "Pipe down!" |
| | | | 73 Hideous foe of Popeye |
| | | | 74 Dull pain |
| | | | 75 Factual |
| | | | 76 Skillfully executed |
| | | | 79 Impudent |
| | | | 80 Sgt. Snorkel's pet dog |
| | | | 81 Phase out nursing |
| | | | 83 Takes too much, in brief |
| | | | 84 "— out!" (ump's cry) |
| | | | 86 "Bali —" |
| | | | 87 Cyber-chuckle |
| | | | 91 1978 Stephen King book |
| | | | 94 Cove relative bingo square |
| | | | 95 First-column |
| | | | 96 Scrooge's cry |
| | | | 97 Prefix with lateral |
| | | | 98 Clergyman's sub. |
| | | | 99 Year divs. |
| | | | 101 Covered with gunky stuff |
| | | | 102 Brand of pizza crust |
| | | | 103 Swimmer |
| | | | 105 Emerge from an egg |
| | | | 106 Earthy colour |
| | | | 107 Instrument with pipes |
| | | | 108 Spearheaded |
| | | | 110 Uneven, as leaf margins |
| | | | 111 Long sofa |
| | | | 112 Alter formally |
| | | | 113 Verizon, e.g., for short |
| | | | 114 German city |
| | | | 118 Sleuth's lead |
| | | | 121 Federal ecology org. |
| | | | 123 Top-left PC key |
| | | | 124 Neckline type |
| | | | 125 Cheez- — (crackers) |
| | | | 126 Puppy's bite |

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Snow on the mountain



ANOTHER SPRING, ANOTHER snowstorm. Curtis Pritt, of Hillsboro, stands in the plowed road at the old Kellison place on Jacox Mountain - April 1964. Photo courtesy of Curtis Pritt

Success, from page 1

Educators named Teacher of the Year at each school were: Leah Shinaberry, Green Bank Elementary-Middle School; Greg Morgan, Hillsboro Elementary School; Sherman Taylor, Marlinton Middle School; and Chris Sutton, Pocahontas County High School.

Director of transportation, Ruth Bland recognized the county's Service Personnel of the Year - bus driver Silas Sattler.

"Silas Sattler, a native of Clay County and a graduate of Glenville State College, began as a bus driver here in 2012," Bland said. "In 2015, he took a different career path, but he knew that he had to come back and, in 2019, he returned to us as a bus driver. Mr. Sattler runs that Allegheny Mountain run every day and you can set your clock to Mr. Sattler's schedule."

Bland said Sattler is devoted to the youth of Pocahontas County, not only as a bus driver, but also as a 4-H leader and coach for little league.

Service Personnel of the Year at each school were: Kristin Kinnison, Hillsboro Elementary School; Kim Beverage, Marlinton Elementary School; Karen McCoy, Marlinton Middle School; and Sarah Cover, Pocahontas County High School.

Retirees were also recognized for their service to Pocahontas County Schools - Ruth Bland, Cora Lee Carpenter, Becky Evans, Ron Hall, Jan Jonese, Karen McCoy, Julian Rittenhouse and Dondi Stemple.

Superintendent Terrence Beam recognized Haley Spencer for serving as the Pocahontas County Board of Education student representative, and the county Golden Horseshoe winners, Baylee Nelson and Thomas Arbogast of GBEMS.

To be named a Super Scholar, students in third through eighth grade must achieve an overall cumulative average of at least 80 percent at the end of the third nine weeks in the core subjects of English/language arts, mathematics, science and socials students. Pocahontas County High School students must maintain a 3.75 average in all core subjects and must also have at least a C average in other non-core subjects.

The 2022-2023 Super Scholars are:

Hillsboro Elementary School

Fourth grade - Levi Irvine, Hunter Hefner and Jackson Tankersley.

Fifth grade - Kya Arbogast, Autumn Hively and Ryan Withrow.

Marlinton Elementary School

Third grade - Grayson Barlow, Savannah Barnes, Kylor Brock, Penelope Buzard, Victor Dean, Brayden Diller, Crickett Gregory, Konrad Lowe, Serenity Lycans, Shelldon Maitland, Aurora Phillips, Olivia Shoemaker, Abigail Stewart, Arabella Wade and Emma Wilfong.

Fourth grade - Jonathan Burgess, Draydon Cassell, Jaxon Cassell, Layne Dunbrack, Ayla Fanning, Wade Goldizen, Austin Harrell, Nebraska Long, Elizabeth McClure, Isabelle McClure, Jaelyn Moore, Carson Oscar, Alivia Penno, Kaidee Sewell and Phoenix Shinaberry.

Fifth grade - Blake Alderman, Alana Bennett, Joshlynn Burgess, Makiya Burns, Jarrell Clifton, Brantley Cox, Ava Fields, Bailey Goodwin, Ace Gregory, Natalie Irvine, Karis Lowe, Hunter Lundmark, Brantlee Moore, Hunter Moore, Easton Smith, Samantha Walton and Maggie Wilfong.

Green Bank Elementary-Middle School

Third grade - Madalynn Brock, Rufus Morgan, Braxton Pugh, Brayden Ray and Jennifer Taylor.

Fourth grade - Madeline Rittenhouse.

Fifth grade - Marcus Bauserman, Karliana Boyd, Eva Edwards, Reed Garber, Ethan Jones, Skyler McLean, James Monico, Alivia Morgan, Bayla Plaugher, Noah Sharp, Palmer Simmons, Brayden Smith, Liam Sutton, Kendall Taylor and Aiden Wimer.

Sixth grade - Nora Evans, Payden Kerr and Trey Sattler.

Seventh grade - Nadiya Kerr, Mazie Monico, Duncan Sizemore and Tristan Sizemore.

Eighth grade - Thomas Arbogast, Morgan Beverage, Charleigh Halterman, Kaylee Hershman, Haley Moore, Baylee Nelson, Sierra Nelson, Allyson Taylor and Griffin Taylor.

Marlinton Middle School

Sixth grade - Chloe Annett, Eli Beezley, Ezra Bond, Madeleine Burns, Silas Dean, Zara Fanning, Tyler Friel, Khloe Gainer, Hailey Goldsberry, Mallory Koerber, Sydney Slifer and Kylie Underwood.

Seventh grade - Reeanna Alderman, Ryllyn Barlow, Lexie Burdette, Willa Hardy, RT Hill, Tessa Johnston, Brom Koerber, Madalynn Landis, Eli Lee, Smma Sacca, Natalee Sewell, Savana Sharp, Harmony Thompson, Taylor Trainer, Ahna Valach and Irelyn Withers.

Eighth grade - Cash Beers, Damien Blankenship, Kaidence Cutlip, Riyan Gladwell, Aiden Jordan, Gavin Jordan, Kenslee Lane, Catherine Lucabaugh, Erin Rider and Tanner Smith.

Pocahontas County High School

Ninth grade - Allison Friel, Ramona Hardy, Heidi Jordan, Madison Jordan, Dylan Keller, Nolan Street, Joseph Van Meter and Cammi Warner.

10th grade - Jade Arbogast, Florian Baudler, Ellena Bauserman, Trenton Brock, Brianna Cochran, Dillon Dunz, Kirsten Friel, Miranda Gum, Shaylee Landis, Ella Markl, Easton Nelson, Willie O'Ganian, Ryleigh Parker, Riley Pollack, Kaylee Pritt, Gracie Sisler, Eden Smith, Addisyn Waddell, Courtney Waugh and Kaydence Waybright.

11th grade - Jessica Armstrong, Mileya Bircher, Cameryn Boggs, Clayton Burns, Cheyenne Dean, Elizabeth Friel, Taylor Hoke, Katie Jack, Coreanna Jordan, Ben Lambert, Jadyn Lane, Sabina Leyzorek, Madeline Ray, Cierra Sharp, Kimberly Underwood, Olivia Vandevender and Kynlee Wilfong.

12th grade - Isabella Bauserman, Grace Beverage, Melinda Beverage, Olivia Bickford, Amanda Burns, Christy Casey, Caitlin Mallow, Max O'Ganian, Robert Pritt, Sydney Puffenbarger, Emma Riffe, Emily Rimm, Mason Solliday, Haley Spencer, Jazzlyn Teter and Samuel Williams.

Students, from page 1

Kurczy, Sheets and English/language arts teacher Erin Baldwin judged the essays and Sheets said they were really well written and made it difficult to pick the top three.

"They were crafted well," he said. "They said some interesting and fun things. When it came down to the winner, we were able to make that decision quite unanimously. When it came down to second and third, it was a difficult choice because we had two finely crafted pieces."

In the end, Kurczy said there would be a tie for second place - with each student receiving \$250 - for their work. Those essays were written by Allyson Taylor and Duncan Sizemore.

The first place essay was written by Nadiya Kerr and she was awarded \$1,000 from Kurczy.

Nadiya Kerr was also recognized by the Seneca Woodlands Woman's Club for her social studies fair project about CJ Walker. Club member Mali Minter explained that the club selects a student who does a project about a woman or women's issues and presents a monetary prize to them. Kerr also received a framed photo of herself with her project at the county fair.

GBEMS principal Shana Alderman recognized students who were named Academic Achievers for the 2022-2023 school year.

To be named an Academic Achiever, students in third through eighth grade must have a 3.5 gpa and no Ds or Fs on their report card.

Third grade - Abigail Arbogast, Madalynn Brock, Rufus Morgan, Braxton Pugh, Brayden Ray, Briley Reed, Natalie Sisler and Jennifer Taylor.

Fourth grade - Halayna Blechl, Liz Dickenson, Madelyn Rittenhouse, Lucas Sutton and Boone Tallman.

Fifth grade - Clarissa Barb, Marcus Bauserman, Karliana Boyd, Gemma Brewer, Ava Edwards, Reed Garber, Eva Hyrtsanenko, Ethan Jones, Skylar McLean, James Monico, Alivia Morgan, Bayla Plaugher, Noah Sharp, Palmer Simmons, Brayden Smith, Liam Sutton, Kendall Taylor and Aiden Wimer.

Sixth grade - Naiven Brown, Peyton Friel, Norah Evans, Payden Kerr, Dorothy Murray, Makayla Plaugher, James Smith and Trey Sattler.

Seventh grade - Johnna Bennett, Julia Dennison, Faith Dilley, Nadiya Kerr, Mazie Monico, Duncan Sizemore, Tristan Sizemore, Coleton Taylor and Keiara Vandevender.

Eighth grade - Thomas Arbogast, Nathanael Barkley, Morgan Beverage, Claire Buzzard, Zoe Good, Charleigh Halterman, Kaylee Hershman, Diana Hyrtsanenko, Haley Moore, Baylee Nelson, Sierra Nelson, Katelyn Stull, Allyson Taylor and Griffin Taylor.

Students were also recognized for their achievements in county, region and state competitions.

Math Field Day, county - Allyson Taylor, first place; Charleigh Halterman, first alternate; and Tristan Sizemore, second alternate.

Young Writers Contest, county - Madelyn Rittenhouse, first place; Thomas Arbogast, first place; Nadiya Kerr, second place; and Trey Sattler, honorable mention.

Literature Fair, county - first place: Harlow Brown; Alivia Morgan and Colton Propst; Madelyn Rittenhouse; Jenifer Taylor; Marcus Bauserman; Skylar McLean and Karliana Boyd; Trey Sattler; Griffin Taylor; Haiven Brown; Austin Price; and Allyson Taylor.

Literature Fair, region - Skylar McLean and Karliana Boyd, first place.

Science Fair, county - first place: Moriah Thompson; Madelyn Rittenhouse; Jennifer Taylor, Cora Baldwin and Aaliyah Lawson; Thomas Arbogast, Morgan Beverage and Steven Queen. Second place: Charleigh Halterman, Baylee Nelson and Sierra Nelson. Third place: Karliana Boyd, Kendall Taylor and Ivy Moore; Noah Sharp; Saige Arbogast, Jacob Clemmer and Nathanael Barkley.

Science Fair, region - first place: Madelyn Rittenhouse; and Thomas Arbogast, Morgan Beverage and Steven Queen. Second place, Moriah Thompson.

Science Fair, state - first place: Madelyn Rittenhouse. Third place, Thomas Arbogast, Morgan Beverage and Steven Queen.

Social Studies Fair, county - first place: Noah Foe Peyton Friel, Nadiya Kerr, Bayloee Nelson, Sierra Nelson, Trey Sattler, Coleton Taylor and Keiara Vandevender. Second place: Cora Baldwin, Tanner Baldwin, Clarissa Barb, Ariana Cassell, Jase Bryant, Grace Faubert, Ryan Kloeker, Mazie Monico, Torrie Price and Tristan Sizemore.

Social Studies Fair, region - first place: Nadiya Kerr and Trey Sattler. Second place: Coleton Taylor and Keiara Vandevender.

Social Studies Fair, state - honorable mention: Nadiya Kerr.

Spelling Bee, county - second place, Nadiya Kerr. **Golden Horseshoe** - Thomas Arbogast and Baylee Nelson.

Guidance counselor Ira Brown recognized members of both the girls and boys basketball teams for not only winning the county tournament, but also winning the academic trophy which is also presented at the tournament.

Girls - Charleigh Halterman, Baylee Nelson, Sierra Nelson, Mazie Monico and Allyson Taylor. Brown said Taylor is the fourth GBEMS girl to be selected for the All-Star Team all three years of her middle school career.

Boys - Thomas Arbogast, Morgan Beverage, Griffin Taylor, Trey Sattler and James Smith.

GBEMS also recognized the school's Teacher of the Year Leah Shinaberry and its Service Personnel of the Year, Silas Sattler.

The school also thanked the many volunteers and businesses who have given their time and shared their skills with the students this past year - Whitney Beverage, Lori Warner, Cristina Young, Nancy Egan, Valerie Monico, Emily McLaughlin, Diane Hoover, Deborah Johnson, Amy Henry-Morgan, Jane Coleman, Rudy Marrujo, Jessica Thompson, Marty Bloss, Becky Petete, Melissa Nelson, Amy Lovell, Chad Baldwin, Chasity Taylor, Rachael Taylor, Laura Solliday, Susan Ray, Lauren Bennett, Melia Thompson, Pat Browning, Caleb and Holly Arbogast, Kelly Andrews-Meck, Brandy Wayne, Angela Olivera, Sarah Damery, Howard and Nancy Burnette, Green Bank Observatory, Mitchell Chevrolet, Southern States, Allegheny Disposal, Susan Herold, Judy Fence Craft, Elkins Building Supply, Lesa McCarty, Mike Garber, Moore's Ready Mix, Chris Taylor, George Murphy, Kay Blackshire, Kendra Taylor, Brittany Propst, Cory Rexrode and Bob Sheets.

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Obituaries

Charles Taylor

Charles Taylor, 84, of Arbovale, passed away Tuesday, May 9, 2023.

Funeral service will be Friday, May 12, 2023, at Wallace and Wallace Funeral Home in Arbovale with Rev. Julian Rittenhouse officiating.

The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. until time of service.

Interment will be in Arbovale Cemetery.

Online condolences may be shared at WallaceandWallacefh.com

Full obituary in next week's edition of *The Pocahontas Times*.

Harold Turner

Harold Turner, 67, of Marlinton, died Monday, May 8, 2023.

Visitation will be from 6 to 7 p.m. at Wallace and Wallace Funeral Home in Arbovale with the funeral service at 7 p.m. with Rev. David Rittenhouse officiating.

Online condolences may be shared at WallaceandWallacefh.com

How much are you carrying?

By Bryan Golden

You wouldn't be able to lift a 55-gallon drum filled with water. Although you could easily pick up a cleaning bucket filled with water, you really wouldn't want to hold it for a long time. If you tried, it would feel as if it were getting heavier rather quickly.

Holding a cup filled with water is a cinch. Anyone can do it. But how long can you hold it? The longer it's held, the heavier it seems. At some point in time, you would need to put it down.

Just as a seemingly light object becomes heavier the longer it's held, so do the burdens you carry around with you on a constant basis. An issue that initially appears minor grows in significance the longer you hold onto it.

The weight increases steadily as you clutch onto numerous concerns. You become bogged down even faster with the cumulative mass of your collected burdens. Your stress level rises while your energy and enthusiasm drop. Because the progression is gradual, it's not readily noticeable until it starts to become overwhelming.

Every time you pick up a minor burden it appears to be no big deal. It gets added to your load without much thought. Since the mental weight increases gradually, you adjust to it and incrementally adjust to the growing load.

Each issue alone may be relatively insignificant. Even though you may not be consciously aware of its presence, you are still subconsciously affected. Since the weight you are carrying rises so gradually, you accept the increasing burden as normal and tolerable.

As such, you don't readily perceive the incremental additions to your stress level. Although you may feel anxious, more irritable, less energetic and less patient, there is no one obvious culprit you can identify. This fact further compounds your frustration.

Over time, you forget exactly why you are carrying many of the burdens. The details fade, leaving behind only emotions or bad feelings. You become weighed down by accumulated mental debris that is no longer identifiable.

Worry makes things

worse. It intensifies whatever you are carrying. Worry drains your energy without accomplishing a thing.

Worry doesn't help you in any way.

There is not one good reason to accumulate mental issues. It's a bad habit that needs to be corrected as soon as possible. In order to accomplish this, you must change your approach.

Let's consider an alternative scenario. Each time you pick up a small burden, you let it go rather than carrying it. It's that simple. With this approach your burden never grows. This works because there's no point dragging problems around with you.

Here's how you deal with new issues. For each, ask yourself the following questions: Does this really matter? If not, let it go. Is this worth my energy? If not, let it go. Do I have any control over the issue? If not, let it go. If yes, take the appropriate action and then let it go.

Also, stop worrying. It's OK to be concerned and take action when and where appropriate. When you let your burdens drop, it's easier to release the accompanying worries, as well. Constant worrying is deleterious to your mental and physical wellbeing. Furthermore, it causes you to hang onto those very things you should be letting go of.

Stay vigilant. Be aware of what you are picking up. It's too easy to revert back to your old pattern. As you empty your mental load, you'll feel lighter. You will quickly realize how pointless it is to pick things up in the first place.

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Hillsboro Store Company

This photo comes from Thomas "Tom" Walker, of Huntington and Hillsboro.

His grandfather, William Thomas "W. T." Walker, purchased the Hillsboro Store Company from William K. Good in March 1925.

Gas lights, seen in the photo, were used to illuminate the interior. A flyer hanging on the wall to the right an-

nounces an upcoming football game between Hillsboro and Green Bank.

Pictured, l to r: Okey Kinison, a long-time employee who lived upstairs over the store; William Thomas "W. T." Walker, owner; and his only son, Archie F. "A.F." Walker, Milton Vaughn, of Lobelia, is leaning on the showcase/counter.

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And the sun has set for me
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Why cry for a soul set free?

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And with your head bowed low,
Remember the love that we once shared,
Miss me, but let go!

For this is a journey we all must take
And each must go alone.
It's all a part of a bigger plan,
A step on the road to home.

And when you are lonely and sick of heart,
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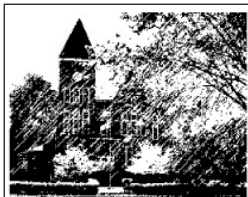
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Pleasant Valley School at Hills Creek



PER REQUEST, THIS undated photograph of the Pleasant Valley School at Hills Creek shows the one-room school built by a Mr. Isbell near Lobelia, W.Va. It was in use by sometime in the 1890s and it closed in 1942. A search of *The Pocahontas Times* gives this description by Editor Calvin W. Price in the April 28, 1938 issue: "The Hills Creek school house is the last log school house that I know of in Pocahontas County. I believe the official name is Pleasant Valley School. If so, I say it is well named. High-forested mountains hem in three sides of the narrow green valley, with the rocky bed of a swift flowing trout stream but a few yards from the school house door." (Photo Courtesy of Lakie McMillion, ID: PHP00357)

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Seventy-Five Years Ago

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, May 13, 1948

Golden Horseshoes

The eighth-grade pupils from Pocahontas County winning Golden Horseshoes for proficiency in West Virginia History are Loren Paul Anderson, of Hillsboro, James Davis, of Marlinton, and Dora Lee Simmons, of Hillsboro, and William Lindsay, of Greenbrier Hill School, Marlinton.

BROWNSBURG NEWS

The graduation exercises of the schools of Pocahontas county will be held at the Pleasant Green Methodist Church, May 16, at 7:30 p.m. Graduates are: Kenneth Nicholas, Billy Lindsay, Mary Joe Boggs, Gale Boggs, Vivian G. Morris and

Betty Jo Church. Mother's Day dawned bright and beautiful.

A beautiful program was solemnized at Wilson's Chapel and Rising Mt. Zion Baptist Church. There was a very successful Rally at Stewarts Chapel that night.

On Friday night the Pastoral Reception will be held at the school house at Seebert Lane.

Mrs. Mabel Boggs, Mrs. Ethel Stewart and Miss Mamie Wheeler visited Hubbard Wheeler in Cumberland, Maryland.

FIELD NOTES

Along in April or early May every year or so, report comes to me of a full grown crow acting the baby and bumming meals of his fel-

lows, with all the fussing so common when young crows are fed. I put the interesting item to the paper. Then comes word from other close observers who have seen and heard the same thing in their communities, at different times, many miles apart. Then an older man will come in to say he has observed this crow feeding business most every spring for the past thirty years. He believes it is the same bad actor who has learned more shortcuts to a living than a crow should know. And it all sounds reasonable to me. Crows do have sense like horses and fore knowledge like hogs. Crows range widely and are known to live twenty-five years and more.

Here is what the late John Burroughs, scientist and extraordinary and illuminating writer has to say of this crow feeding business:

"Walking in the naked woods of April, I presently heard what appeared to be

the voice of a young crow in the treetops not far off. This I knew to be the voice of the female, and that she was being fed by the male. She was probably laying, or about to begin to lay eggs in the nest. Crows, as well as most of our smaller birds, always go through the rehearsal of this act of the parent feeding the young many times while the young are yet a long way in the future. The mother bird seems timid and babyish, and both in voice and manner assumes the character of a young fledgling. The male brings the food and is more than solicitous about its welfare. Is it to conserve her strength or to make an impression on the developing eggs? The same thing may be observed among the domestic pigeons, and is always a sign that a new brood is not far off."

As usual with the darkening
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100-Years-Ago in The Pocahontas Times

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, May 10, 1923

A fine, refreshing snow-storm in Pocahontas Wednesday.

Local weather observer S. L. Brown reports as follows upon the weather for the month of April: Coldest, 4 degrees on the 1st; hottest, 74 degrees on the 27th. Total rainfall, 4.31 inches. No snow. Killing frosts 18 days of the month. Sleet on the 14th.

HOUSE REFUSES TO PASS MEASURE AGAINST POLICE

Charleston, W. Va. — Proponents of the measure brought in the House of Delegates in the West Virginia legislature to abolish the

state police force went down to an overwhelming defeat recently, when, by a vote of 55 to 27, the bill was not only killed, but any future effort to have the proposed legislation reconsidered by the delegates was thwarted effectually. Thus, the life of the Public Safety Department, which has proved its effectiveness in the enforcement of the prohibition laws and policing rural districts, has been prolonged.

Heated and prolonged debate between opposing forces on the floor of the House marked the advent and final disposition of the bill.

Delegate T. S. Scanlon, of Cabell county, who had listened to several other speakers decry the troopers as

industrial police, took the floor and dramatically asserted:

"We need the state police to enforce all the laws. They were not created for the mining industry. We need them for road work and for all law enforcement work where fearless police officers are needed."

Persons from every walk of life appeared before the judiciary committee at its hearings in an effort to have the Sutphin bill defeated and spoke earnestly for the retention of the state police. They came from all over the state. Miners mingled with sheriffs, prosecutors and other county officers and with newspaper men and business men who came to make a plea for the state police before the committee.

RHODODENDRON SHIPPERS

Frank S. LaBar, of LaBar's Rhododendron Nursery, of Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, is here this spring as usual, shipping out carloads of rhododendron. He also takes an occasional car of azalia (honeysuckle) and sometimes dogwood and other ornamental shrubs and plants. He expects to ship 30 or 40 cars from the Greenbrier Valley this year, and when it is considered that it takes a crew of ten men and two teams a week or more to collect a carload, it can be readily seen the amount of money it brings here, and how big an industry it is.

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Fifty Years Ago

Jane Price Sharp, Editor

Thursday, May 10, 1973

They Did It Again!

Rick Wooddell, Mike Smith and Philip Horne, the three-man team from Pocahontas County High School, won for the fifth time on Classroom Kwiz Monday. After a shaky start, they won two bonus questions and ended with a score of 200 to 160 for Holy Cross School of Lynchburg. Next Monday they will meet William Fleming High School of Roanoke.

440 yard dash. The 880 yard relay team composed of Jim Rose, Tom Moore, Richard Akers and Matt Withers, set a new record while finishing 5th in the meet. The other new school record was set by Matt Withers in the 180 yard low hurdles.

School records tied were by Mark Beverage in the 220 yard dash and the 440 yard relay team, composed of Mark Beverage, Danny Cain, Jim Rose and Matt Withers.

Pocahontas Belle

Mrs. Arnot McNeill, of Marlinton will represent the county as a Belle at the State Folk Festival in Glenville June 14-17.

Mrs. McNeill is the mother of four children, grandmother of eight and great-grandmother of six.

She has been active in the Edray Home Demonstration Club for 37 years and a member of the W. S. C. S. for 46 years.

WEATHER

Minimum temperature, 15 degrees on the 13th and 14th. Maximum temperature, 80 degrees on the 22nd. Rainfall, 7.73 inches. Snowfall this month, 8.6 inches. Note: Highest April snowfall since 1959, which was 13 inches.

PCHS TRACK

The Warriors finally had another track meet last Wednesday at Lewisburg. Eleven schools were competing and PCHS finished seventh. The points were pretty evenly spread.

The Warriors broke four school records and tied two.

In a record shattering performance, the mile relay team made up by Gary A. Cassell, Tom Moore, Dave Moore and Richard Akers, finished first. In the pole vault a one, two, was scored. Bary Sharp placed first and John Wilfong second. Gary A. Cassell set a new record while finishing second in the

WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Jack G. Miller, of Elkins, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their only daughter, Diana Sue, to Douglas Glen Morrison, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom D. Morrison, of Frank.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Churchwell, of Buckeye, a daughter, named Kyleanna Rae.

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Footsteps through History

The Pocahontas Times
Andrew Price, Editor

Thursday, May 13, 1898

The great Manilla naval engagement took place Sunday, May 1, and it was not until Sunday, May 8, that news which had come from the American fleet was printed in the morning papers in the United States. The news of the whole week had been gathered and concocted from the dispatches sent to Madrid by the Spaniards before the cable was cut. The cutting of this cable has caused the news loving American public to grind its teeth and curse the Spaniards for spoiling sport. It now turns out that Dewey cut the cable so that the Spaniards could not claim the victory.

For Spain to have claimed a victory, with sixteen noble ships sunk in the bay, would have been too ghastly. Counting the cost of steam ironclads in comparison to sailing vessels, the amount of property lost must have approximated the loss of the Armada.

The official report was received at Washington last Saturday. Not one American was killed. Estimated loss of Spain was 2,000 men killed. This battle was as one-sided as the loss of the Maine

EDRAY

A few of the farmers are shearing sheep. The Sunday School at Hamlin Chapel is starting up

with a large enrollment. We hope much good will be done by it.

The weather is fine, and news is scarce on account of everybody staying at home and working. The wet weather put everybody back with their corn planting.

William Cochran has bought a fine horse from B. M. Rayburn, of Marlinton.

BUCKEYE

Rain, snow and mud. The war talk is the order of the day.

Amos Courtney was in this part Sunday to see his sweet Rose.

George McCollam and George Kellison have finished their potato patch.

Glendorous Duncan was a stepping four feet in a circle Sunday with his girl.

W. McClintic has stopped work at camp at present, but expects to go to work the 1st of June again.

Mr. McKeever says he thinks Willis is about to give up getting married, if he don't stay more than three days out of the week when he goes to see his girl now.

TOP OF ALLEGHENY

George Varner tore his store shirt the other day it's a boy.

J. D. Wilmoth has employed Ed Woods to build his house.

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This year's winners were Marlinton Elementary School in the third and fourth grade division, Marlinton Elementary School in the fifth and sixth grade division, and Eli Beezley in the seventh and eighth grade division.



FRONT ROW, L TO R: Jaxon Cassell, Autumn Hively, Madalynn Rittenhouse, Hunter Hefner, Elizabeth Dickenson, Kya Arbogast, Mackenzie White, Jonathan Burgess, Victor Dean. Middle row: Rayna Kerr, Harlan Key, Levi Irvine, Rufus Morgan, Brysen Cox, Sheldon Maitland, Fenna Marks, Brayden Ray, Braxton Pugh. Back row: Karis Lowe, Kaidence Cutlip, Silas Dean, Abbi Taylor, Eli Beezley, Bailey Goodwin, Jarrell Clifton, Brantley Cox, Wade Goldizen.


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and measure the length of your nose,” he said. “Things they made up. They would say if you were very short and you were muscular build, you are a Hutu.

“Hatred is created among the people of Rwanda and the people who colonized Rwanda were teaching the Hutus to hate the Tutsis,” he continued. “So, a seed of hatred was planted in the lives of the Tutsis and the Hutus. That tribalism was made up because Rwanda was originally one people. Rwanda is one of two countries that I know that only speaks one native language, that’s Rwanda and Burundi.”

The hatred between the two tribes grew through the decades and by the 1960s, the government was made up of members of the Hutu tribe. The seed of hate grew to maturity in 1994 when the Rwandan president was assassinated.

The assassination of a Hutu president led to a three-month long genocide of nearly one million Tutsis, from April 6, 1994 to July 4, 1994.

“At that time, there were seven million people and a million of them were wiped out and many more fled to other places, other countries,” Alex said.

Alex, who was six-years-old, was living with his grandmother, uncle, brother and sister. His mother passed away from HIV/AIDS when he was little and he never knew his father.

“I remember on April 7, we woke up in the morning and we were hearing noises from a distance,” Alex said. “We had no idea what had happened the night before, but our neighbor came to us and said, ‘hey, the president of Rwanda was assassinated last night; they are looking for Tutsis, so you need to hide.’”

The family hid, but returned to their home in the afternoon and was attacked by a Hutu militia. The militia killed Alex’s grandmother, and although his uncle hid under a bed and was safe for a short time, the militia came back and found him, taking his life, too.

Alex and his siblings went to live with another uncle, who used all his money to bribe the militia to stay away. Once the money was gone, the uncle sent the children to live with an aunt in Kigali, an hour-and-a-half walk away.

The children did not stay long with the aunt because things kept getting worse in the city. They left again and were on the run for a total of two months until the genocide was over.

Alex said it was during this time that God performed one of his many miracles for him.

“I remember one of the most vivid moments that God saved my life,” he said. “He did so many miracles, but one of them that sticks with me every day, shows the humor of how He works.”

Rwanda is known as the land of a thousand hills and Alex said he and his brother were running into a valley and they got caught in the middle of a fight between the militia and refugees.

“As I was running, I hear this noise coming from a distance and I’m wondering what that noise was and all of a sudden, I slipped in something and fell down to the ground,” he said. “When I fell, it was that moment that I got away from the noise I was hearing. Me and my brother, we’re young, we’re running to find out what just happened.

“We run and we look on the ground and we find out that that noise that just missed me was actually a bullet that had missed my head because I had slipped and fell in a cow pie,” he continued, chuckling. “That’s what God used to save my life. That’s the humor that God used a cow pie to save my life.”

In July 1994, after the genocide was over, Alex and his brother and sister lived with their aunt for some time

before she put them in an orphanage. She passed away three months later due to illness.

It was at that orphanage the following year that Alex was first introduced to the Samaritan’s Purse and Operation Christmas Child.

“For the very first time in my life, I got to receive an Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift,” he said. “That was a gift that I will never forget. When all 250 of us – in that orphanage – are lining up and being told ‘don’t open your present’ until all of them were handed out, it was so exciting. I will never forget the excitement we had. I was seven years old at that time. Now imagine telling a seven year old to hold a Christmas present for five minutes. That’s a long time.”

Alex recalled that the orphanage filled with screams of delight as the children opened their gifts and were in awe of all the items they received.

“I looked through the shoebox and I saw the school supplies; I saw the hygiene items; the toys, all these fun little coloring pencils and coloring books that we could create new memories with,” he said. “It was such a special moment that I will never forget.”

Deep inside Alex’s box were two gifts that stood out to him the most. The first was a brush/pick combo that he enjoyed using to brush his hair and a white and red sweet he had never seen before – an item that is no longer allowed in the shoebox gifts due to restrictions.

“It was red and white, and it smelled good,” he said. “It was so hard. I had no idea what it was, so I ate it and halfway through it, I realized it was wrapped in plastic. That was my encounter with a candy cane.”

Regardless of what is in the boxes, Alex said they were life changing gifts for the children because the gifts reminded them of the joy and simplicity of being a child.

“At that time in the orphanage, I didn’t need anything big,” he said. “We needed something simple, something small, to remind us to be children again and that is something the genocide had taken away from us. As six year old boys and girls, we were running for our lives, looking for shelter. Maybe some of us were separated from our family members, but to have that little gift to remind us to be children was so special that I will never forget.”

Along with the shoebox gifts, Alex said the Operation Christmas Child gave the children another life-changing gift in the gift of faith.

“The shoebox gift planted a seed of hope and love of Jesus Christ in my life,” he said. “A little pilot light was lit.”

Later in his childhood, Alex left Rwanda for Uganda and joined the African Children’s Choir. During this time, he was learning the stories of the Bible and getting answers to the questions he had. He did not understand, if God loved him, why did He allow bad things to happen? That was when he looked back on his life and saw all the miracles God did to lead him to where

he was. Alex said he realized God had been with him from the day he was born. As the child of an HIV/AIDS positive mother, Alex should have been passed the virus, but he was not. Then, when his grandmother and uncle were taken away from him by the militia, it was done with him watching through a window. Although he and his siblings were there, the militia did not harm them.

And again, the humorous miracle that night when Alex was running and slipped on a cow pie, with a bullet speeding by over his head.

“For the first time, I saw God’s presence along the way, that He was with me from the day I was born,” he said. “I didn’t want Him to touch a specific part of my life. It was so deep. Inside of that deep part of my heart, it was full of bitterness and anger and rage, and I did not want Him to come in there. I had accepted Him in my life, but I didn’t want Him to clean out all the junk that was in my heart. So, I struggled for the longest time because I was so full of bitterness.”

Alex carried a hatred for the men who took his grandmother and uncle; a hatred so deep, he wasn’t sure if he would ever be able to forgive them.

Despite that hatred, Alex continued traveling with the choir and spreading God’s message around the United States.

During that tour, he stayed with a host family in Minnesota which would later become his adoptive family in 2000. Alex joked about going from Rwanda, where the coldest temperature he remembers experiencing was 55 degrees, to Minnesota, where the temperature could get to 55 degrees below zero.

Although it was a drastic change, Alex settled into life in Minnesota and while attending high school, he said the students were encouraged to do a project that got everyone involved. One student suggested Operation Christmas Child and Alex wondered what that program was.

“All they did was show me the logo and my eyes were this big,” he said, showing that his eyes grew very wide. “I told the whole high school [my story] – this was in 2004 – and then we decided to pack shoeboxes every single year.”

When Alex attended college in Rochester, Minnesota, he became an OCC project leader and got students on campus involved in packing parties each year, continuing to create more and more shoeboxes for children.

In 2009, Alex was invited to a processing center for OCC in Minneapolis, Minnesota. That was the same year the program started sending the book, “The Greatest Journey,” with the shoeboxes. When shoeboxes are sent, there is an option to add \$6 to the box to have the book given along with the gift.

“Since 2009, when ‘The Greatest Journey’ was developed, more than seventeen million children have accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and that’s because someone in a small community – all over the country of the United States and eleven other countries that pack shoeboxes – because they chose to pack one box, one child has learned the gospel.”

After graduating college, Alex got involved even more and started an internship at the OCC office in North Carolina.

In 2013, Alex’s story came full circle, when he returned to Rwanda to the orphanage where he grew up.

“That was the third time of me going back to Rwanda since moving to Minnesota, but this time was special because I got to deliver shoeboxes to the same orphanage I grew up in,” he said. “I stood in the same place that I got to receive my shoebox, handing out a shoebox gift. It was so special.”

As for that deep part of his heart that held so much bitterness and hatred – Alex got yet another miracle that helped take away those negative feelings. Alex was able to meet with one of the two men who took away his grandmother and uncle, and he was able to find peace.

“He had answered a prayer I had been praying for a long time,” Alex said, of God. “He gave closure to me.”

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has served 200 million children and continues to provide shoeboxes to children in more than 170 countries and territories. To learn more about the organization, visit www.samaritanaspurse.org/operation-christmas-child

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DHHR’s Bureau for Family Assistance.

This requirement impacts SNAP recipients ages 18-49 without children or other qualifying dependents, and who lack an identified condi-

Passes, from page 2

full-time benefits.

- appointed Teresa Sheets to fill the North Central Community Action’s Public Sector Seat.

- reviewed and approved the deed received from the Pocahontas Memorial Hospital and from the County Building Commission for two acres of land behind the hospital. This will be the site on which the new 911 Center/EMS facility will be built. Now that the lease has been approved, it can be recorded

tion that would prevent them from participating in a qualifying work, volunteer, or education activity.

All potentially impacted individuals will receive a letter in mid-May with more information. Those who believe they should be exempted from this requirement are encouraged to speak with their caseworker.

by the County Clerk’s Office.

- approved and issued a resolution to proceed with the Court Security Grant.

- appointed Tiffany Long as a County Coroner. She is an EMT and attended nursing school.

- voted to approve Ann Walker’s contribution request on behalf of Experience the Arts, a non-profit organization. The commission contributed \$4,500 which will be used to support the sixth annual Art in the Park event at Watoga State Park to be held Labor Day weekend.

Court, from page 2

In the case the State vs Daniel C. Good, 32, of Durbin, defense counsel advised that the parties anticipate resolving the matter prior to the next scheduled hearing and plea negotiations are in the works. In addition, the defendant would like to participate in Drug Court. He is currently in a Recovery Center and will be eligible for a plea hearing June 7. Good was indicted on one count, grand larceny; one count, destruction of property; one count, receiving or transferring stolen property.

In the case the State vs Frances Darlene Fisher, 29, of Marlinton, defense counsel advised that the parties anticipate resolving the matter prior to the next scheduled hearing and plea negotiations are in the works. Fisher was indicted on one count, grand larceny. In the case the State vs Skylar Tinchler, 24, of Buckeye, defense counsel advised that the parties anticipate resolving the matter prior to the next scheduled hearing and plea negotiations are in the works. Tinchler was in-

dicted on one count malicious assault; one count, attempted murder; one count, use or presentation of a firearm during the commission of a felony.

In the case the State vs Steven K. Bennett, 48, of Green Bank, defense counsel advised that the parties anticipate resolving the matter prior to the next scheduled hearing and plea negotiations are in the works. Bennett was indicted on one count driving while license revoked for DUI.

Roger Teter, Jr, 49, of Dunmore, did not appear for his pre-trial status hearing. A family member said that he was out of town. Since Mr. Teter was not made aware of the change of the date of the hearing, the court rescheduled it for May 10. Teter was indicted on one count, possession with intent to deliver Methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled non-narcotic substance; one count, possession with intent to deliver a Schedule III, controlled narcotic substance, Buprenorphine.

Jerry Schoolcraft, 61, of Buckeye, waived his right to a speedy trial in this term of court. Schoolcraft was indicted on four counts, sexual assault in the second degree.

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BOE approves probationary, continuing contracts

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

The following employment contracts were approved at the Pocahontas County Board of Education meeting held on April 25.

Employment – Probationary Contract – Service – 2023-2024

- Stephanie A. Ames, 200 days, cafeteria manager for Marlinton Elementary School.
- Janessa K. Bell, 200 days, cafeteria manager for Hillsboro Elementary School.
- Katie L. Broce, 200 days, itinerant special education aide/classroom aide/bus aide at Pocahontas County High School.
- Tabatha J. Ellis, 200 days, itinerant licensed practical nurse/aide for Pocahontas County Schools.
- Christopher L. Irvine, 261 days, general maintenance/truck driver/groundsman/sanitation plant operator/heating and air condition-

ing mechanic II for Pocahontas County Schools.

- Loretta L. Irvine, 220 days, custodian III at Marlinton Middle School.
- Tomma J. Johnson, 200 days, itinerant special education aide/classroom aide/bus aide at Green Bank Elementary-Middle School.
- Kimberly I. Jordan, 215 days, secretary II/accountant II at Marlinton Middle School.
- Joseph M. Judy, 200 days, school bus operator for Pocahontas County Schools.
- Travis J. Keatley, 261 days, mechanic for Pocahontas County Schools.
- Forrest L. Mullenax, 200 days, school bus operator for Pocahontas County Schools.
- Joseph P. Rose, 220 days, custodian III at Pocahontas County High School.
- Arthur J. Sharp, 261 days, custodian IV/sanitation plant operator at Pocahontas County High School.
- Michael D. Sharp, 220 days, half-time custodian III at Hillsboro Elementary School and half-time custodian III/truck driver/

groundsman for Pocahontas County Schools.

Employment – Continuing Contract – Service – 2023-2024

- Kimberly A. Beverage, 200 days, itinerant special education aide/classroom aide/bus aide at Marlinton Elementary School.
- Dottie L. Chestnut, 200 days, itinerant special education aide/classroom aide/bus aide at Green Bank Elementary-Middle School.
- Cynthia J. Landis, 200 days, itinerant special education aide/classroom aide/bus aide at Marlinton Elementary School.
- Jessica M. Oxier, 200 days, itinerant licensed practical nurse/aide for Pocahontas County Schools.
- Tammy S. Rider, 200 days, itinerant licensed practical nurse/aide for Pocahontas County Schools.

Employment – Probationary Contract – Professional – 2023-2024

- Kristin A. Baer, 200 days, teacher of multi-sub-

jects at Green Bank Elementary-Middle School.

- Eleanor L. Bell, 200 days, teacher of science at Green Bank Elementary-Middle School.
- Justin M. Dilley, 200 days, teacher of science at Pocahontas County High School.
- Andrew M. Friel, 240 days, teacher of agricultural education at Pocahontas County High School.
- Kristi A. Hamons, 210 days, technology systems specialist for Pocahontas County Schools.
- Darla J. Huddle, 200 days, teacher of preschool/preschool special needs at Green Bank Elementary-Middle School.
- Charlie M. Hughes, 200 days, teacher of mathematics at Marlinton Middle School.
- Melissa K. Jordan, 240 days, principal at Green Bank Elementary-Middle School.
- Kaylea N. Kelley, 200 days, teacher of multi-sub-
- Krystal D. Lewis, 200

days, itinerant teacher of special education (multi-categorical/autism) at Marlinton Middle School.

- William F. Meehan, Jr., 200 days, teacher of English/language arts at Pocahontas County High School.
- Michelle R. Murphy, 200 days, teacher of multi-subjects at Marlinton Elementary School.
- Amy R. Robertson, 261 days, director of secondary education/CTE.
- Chloe L. Schaffner, 215 days, assistant principal at Green Bank Elementary-Middle School.
- Cynthia L. Solak, 200 days, teacher of science/biology at Pocahontas County High School.
- Melissa S. Walker, 200 days, teacher of multi-subjects at Marlinton Elementary School.

Employment – Continuing Contract – Professional – 2023-2024

- Christine J. Campbell, 220 days, assistant principal/assistant career and technical education director at

Pocahontas County High School.

- Dana A. Cutlip, 200 days, itinerant school social worker at Hillsboro Elementary School.
- Tessa M. Himelrick, 200 days, itinerant teacher of special education (multi-categorical/autism) at Green Bank Elementary-Middle School.
- Erin K. Murphy, 200 days, teacher of English/language arts at Marlinton Middle School.
- D. Jonathan Paul, 200 days, site coordinator of the "Community in Schools" program at Green Bank Elementary-Middle School.
- Lois A. Wilfong, 200 days, site coordinator of the "Community in Schools" program at Marlinton Middle School and Pocahontas County High School.
- Anita G. Workman, 200 days, teacher of social studies at Pocahontas County High School.

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, May 16, 6 p.m., at the board of education conference room.

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

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

First Publication Date: Thursday, May 11, 2023
Claim Deadline: Monday, July 10, 2023

ESTATE NUMBER: 14477
ESTATE OF: **DOUGLAS BARLETT CHADWICK**
EXECUTRIX: Maureen Conley
16 Arlington Court
Charleston, WV 25301-1802
FIDUCIARY COMMISSIONER: J. Michael Anderson
474 Main Street
Rainelle, WV 25962-1239

ESTATE NUMBER 14487
ESTATE OF: **FRANKLIN AUSTIN DAVIS-CURRY**
EXECUTRIX: Melody L. Hebb
154 Spruce Street
Parsons, WV 26287-1230

ESTATE NUMBER: 14495
ESTATE OF: **JAMES STANLEY VANREENAN**
EXECUTOR: Douglas Lantz
16792 Seneca Trail
Buckeye, WV 24924-9046

ESTATE NUMBER: 14518
ESTATE OF: **VIRGINIA MAE REXRODE**
ADMINISTRATOR CTA: David C. Rexrode
123 3rd Street
Durbin, WV 26264-1105

ESTATE NUMBER: 14519
ESTATE OF: **CAROLYN RAE PHILLIPS**
EXECUTRIX: Karen Murphy
12745 Potomac Highland Trail
Durbin, WV 26264-8513

ESTATE NUMBER: 14523
ESTATE OF: **ROSE MARIE GALFORD**
ADMINISTRATRIX: Amanda R. Galford
5462 Staunton Parkersburg Turnpike
Bartow, WV 24920-8002

Subscribed and sworn to before me on May 5, 2023.
Melissa L. Bennett
Clerk of the Pocahontas County Commission
5/11/2c

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First Publication Date: Thursday, May 11, 2023
Claim Deadline: Monday, July 10, 2023

ESTATE NUMBER: 14522
APPOINTMENT DATE: May 1, 2023
ESTATE NAME: **CHARLOTTE MAXINE SHULTZ**
ANCILLARY ADMINISTRATRIX: Sherry S. Sullenberger
8854 Mill Gap Road.
Monterey, VA 24465-2460

Subscribed and sworn to before me on May 2, 2023.
Melissa L. Bennett
Clerk of the Pocahontas County Commission
5/11/2c

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF POCAHONTAS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

TOP OF THE WORLD CONDOMINIUM AT SNOWSHOE UNIT OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., and LEATHERBARK CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.,
Plaintiffs
v.
Civil Action No.: 20-C-28
Judge: Robert E. Richardson

ROBERT EDWARD OWENS, a/k/a Bob Owens, CANDY L. OWENS, ROBERT DEAN CLEVENGER, ESTATE OF W.E. SINGLETON, ESTATE OF E. HATCHER CRENSHAW, JR., and POC-AHONTAS COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT,
Defendants.

NOTICE TO SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE
Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Order of the Circuit Court of Pocahontas County, West Virginia in the above-styled matter, entered on the 30th day of June, 2022, I, as **Special Commissioner** of said Court shall, on the 27th day of May, 2023, commencing at 1:30 o'clock p.m., proceed to sell, at the front steps of the Pocahontas County Courthouse located at 900

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10th Avenue, Marlinton, West Virginia 24954, at public auction to the highest responsible bidder, the following described three (3) tracts of real estate:

PARCEL ONE: All of Unit No 204-A of Top of the World Condominium, as the same is laid out and shown upon a Declaration, including the accompanying Exhibits thereto, of Top of the World Condominium, dated October 15, 1982, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 167 at page 496, Exhibit 3 Bylaws of the Top of the World Condominium at Snowshoe Unit Owners Association, Inc., together with a 0.8929% undivided interest, as an All of in common in and to the common elements which are assigned to said Residence Unit as described in the aforementioned Declaration pursuant to Chapter 36A of the Code of West Virginia of 1931, as Amended.

And being the same property conveyed to Robert Dean Clevenger by Robert E. Owens, by Deed dated February 28, 2011, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pocahontas County, West Virginia in Deed Book 330, Page 678.

PARCEL TWO: All of Unit No. 205-A of Top of the World Condominium, as the same is laid out and shown upon a Declaration, including the accompanying Exhibits thereto, of Top of the World Condominium, dated October 15, 1982, and recorded aforesaid, together with a 0.8929% undivided interest, as a tenant in common in and to the common elements which are assigned to said Residence Unit as described in the aforementioned Declaration pursuant to Chapter 36A of the Code of West Virginia of 1931, as Amended.

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PARCEL THREE: All of Residence Unit No. 208 in Building B of Leatherbark Condominium, as the same is shown on a Declaration Plan entitled: "MAP SHOWING DECLARATION PLAN FOR LEATHERBARK CONDOMINIUM A DEVELOPMENT OF SNOWSHOE COMPANY," dated September 15, 1978, made by Edward M. Gwaltmeyer, Jr., Registered Architect and Hannah & Associates, Inc., and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, in Plat Book 2, at page 46-49, (hereinafter called "Declaration Plan").

Together with a 2.0096% undivided interest, as tenants in common in and to the common elements which are assigned to said Residence Unit as described in a "Declaration Establishing A Plan For Condominium Ownership of a Multi-Unit Area Known As Leatherbark Condominium, A Condominium In The Snowshoe Resort, Edray District, Pocahontas County, West Virginia. Pursuant to Chapter 36A Of The Code of West Virginia of 1931, as Amended," (also known as the Unit Property Act), (hereinafter called "Declaration"), which said Declaration is dated the October 1, 1978, as is of record in the aforementioned Clerk's Office as hereinafter set forth.

And being the same property conveyed to Robert Edward Owens, Candy L. Owens, and Robert Dean Clevenger, by B.A. Compton, by Deed dated November 8, 1996, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 243, Page 286.

Said parcels will be sold separately. The sale shall be made with a special warranty of title and subject to all reservations, exceptions, covenants, restrictions, easements, limitations, conditions, mineral rights, rights-of-way or easements, and other servitudes, if any, made, retained, or otherwise created by deeds or other instruments constituting the record chain of title to the real estate aforesaid.

The sale shall be made subject to any and all liens and encumbrances affecting the real estate, to all unpaid or any accrued real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

The Special Commissioner reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Conveyance of the real estate shall be made by a Special Commissioner Deed in the form prescribed by W.Va. Code 38-1-6, subject to any and all effective and enforceable exceptions, reservations, conditions, covenants, restrictions, limitations, assessments, easements, rights of way, mineral severances, and other encumbrances as have been created with respect to and/or imposed upon said real estate by the Grantor or its predecessors in interest in title prior to the recording of the Deed in the aforesaid Clerk's office. All real estate, and any improvements located thereon, are sold in "AS IS" condition and are FINAL. The Special Commissioner does not make any representations or warranties as to the physical condition of the real estate. Prospective purchasers are responsible for inspecting the title to the real estate prior to the Special Commissioner Sale. Any and all legal procedural requirements to obtain physical possession of the real estate after the sale are the responsibility of the purchaser(s). Anyone interested in purchasing the subject real property should review the contents of this case file (Pocahontas County Civil Action No. 20-C-28), of record in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Pocahontas County. Risk of loss or damage will be the purchasers from and after the sale. All outstanding taxes, assessments, and utility charges will be the responsibility of the purchaser(s). All settlement fees, costs of conveyance, examination of title, title fees, and recording charges will be at the expense of the purchaser(s). Special Commissioner makes no representation regarding the sale of title to the real estate.

Purchaser(s) shall bear the responsibility and risk of any inspection of the real estate and shall take title to the real estate subject to any existing leases, land contracts, or other agreements recorded and unrecorded affecting the real estate. The purchaser(s) shall be responsible for the payment of the transfer taxes imposed by Article 2 of Chapter 11 of the West Virginia Code. Sale is made subject to the right of the Internal Revenue Service to redeem the real estate as provided by Section 7425 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Additional terms and conditions shall be announced at the sale.

TERMS OF SALE: Ten percent (10%) of sale price, cash in hand on the day of sale, with the remainder due within thirty (30) days of sale. All sales are subject to confirmation by the Circuit Court of Pocahontas County, West Virginia.

Robert P. Martin
Special Commissioner

I, Connie Carr, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, do hereby certify that bond with surety approved by me as sufficient and in the sum provided by the Judge of the Circuit Court of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, has been given by the Special Commissioner.

Connie Carr,
Pocahontas County Circuit Clerk
5/4/4c

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CITY OF PARSONS BAD BUILDINGS DEMOLITION PROJECT – PHASE ONE TUCKER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

Sealed bids for the BAD Buildings Demolition Project – Phase One will be received by the City of Parsons, 341 Second Street, Par-

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sons, Tucker County, West Virginia, until 2:00 p.m., L.P.T., on Wednesday, May 31, 2023; at which time bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The scope of work to be bid upon is as described as follows: Demolition of the structures located at 193 Main Street, 170 Spruce Street, and 110 Pennsylvania Avenue, Parsons, Tucker County, West Virginia.

Work shall include asbestos testing, asbestos abatement, demolition, grading sites for positive drainage, and seeding and mulching the disturbed areas. Contractor is responsible for all traffic control, all necessary federal, state, and local permitting, removal of debris to a licensed landfill, coordinating for the disconnection of all utilities, and any other miscellaneous necessary for the demolition of said structures.

The contract will have a construction time limit of ninety (90) calendar days with liquidated damages of one-thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars per day. Asbestos abatement must be performed in accordance with West Virginia Division of Health Legislative Rules Title 64 Series 63, OSHA Asbestos Construction Standard 29 CFR 1926.1101 and the EPA Asbestos NESHAP guidelines 40 CFR 61, Subpart M. A Notice of Abatement, Demolition or Renovation form must be submitted to the proper agencies, and a 10-day notice given prior to the commencement of abatement on this project.

Bidding documents may be obtained and/or examined at the City Code Enforcement Officer's Office, City of Parsons, 341 Second Street, Parsons, West Virginia 26287.

A bidder may not withdraw their bid for a period of thirty (30) days after the date set for the opening of bids.

Bidders must hold a current West Virginia Contractor's License on the date of bid opening.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the Charles W. "Bill" Rosenau Municipal Building located at 341 Second Street, Parsons, Tucker County, West Virginia, on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at 10:00 a.m., L.P.T.

Bids received after the scheduled closing time for the reception of bids will be returned unopened to the bidders.

The City of Parsons reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities.

Bruce A. Kolsun, Acting Mayor
City of Parsons
5/11/2c

PUBLIC NOTICE

Forest Service Invites Public Input on Special Use Permit Authorization

The Marlinton Ranger District on the Monongahela National Forest is proposing to authorize a special use permit, MAR261, to construct, maintain, and utilize a permitted use access road 20 feet wide and approximately 70 feet in length for passenger vehicle ingress and egress to a part of the landowner's farmland that is currently inaccessible. The requested access road location will be tied into an existing unimproved road running through the landowner's property on the north side of the requested access road. The property is located East of the Greenbrier River trail in the Huntersville district of Pocahontas County, West Virginia.

We anticipate this proposal to be categorically excluded from documentation in an Environmental Assessment (EA) or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under 36 CFR 220. 6(e) Category 3: Approval, modification, or continuation of special uses that require less than 20 acres of NFS lands.

Project information is available online at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/sopa/forest-level.php?110921>. Hard copies or additional information regarding this project can be requested from Sarah Dezelin, NEPA Planner, at Sarah.Dezelin@USDA.gov or 304-846-2696.

As a result of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2014 (Public Law No. 113-76) and the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Farm Bill, Public Law No. 102-381), the Forest Service will no longer offer appeal opportunities for categorically excluded projects. However, we will continue to offer public involvement opportunities for these projects and will take public comments into consideration before final decisions are made. Therefore, we welcome your involvement and encourage your comments on this proposal. Comments received, including names and contact information of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposed action and will be available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, anonymous comments will not provide the agency with the ability to provide the respondent with subsequent environmental documents.

Written comments concerning this proposal will be accepted until May 25th, 2023.

Electronic comments including attachments must be submitted in a format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), portable document format (.pdf), or Word (.doc or .docx) to Comments-eastern-monongahela-gauley@usda.gov. Written comments must be submitted to: USDA Forest Service, Attn: Sarah Dezelin, 932 North Fork Cherry Road, Richwood, WV, 26261. The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered comments are: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Please state "Special Use Permit MAR261" in the subject line when providing electronic comments, or on the envelope when replying by mail.

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PUBLIC MEETING

The Pocahontas County Solid Waste Authority will hold a Public Stakeholders' Meeting to discuss the future of solid waste management in our county on Thursday, May 18th, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Circuit Court Room at Pocahontas County Courthouse. Local government leaders, commercial haulers, and other interested parties will be participating. The meeting will be moderated by Mark Holstine, Executive Director of the West Virginia Solid Waste Management Board.

Join by Zoom at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84119837789> or by calling 1-253-205-0468 (Meeting ID: 841 1983 7789, Passcode: 113059)

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stinctive need to scarf down vittles before other dogs acquire the food in the immediate vicinity. You may have observed your dog furtively glancing around while eating. (I lived in one foster home where the food on the table was quite good, comfort food, if you will. But, the food was not in plentiful supply, causing us kids to shove the food in our mouths as quickly as possible so that we might get a second helping. We also glanced around, but not so furtively.)

Dogs, like humans, can distinguish between sweet, sour, salty and bitter. They have enough taste receptors that they can demonstrate a preference for certain foodstuffs over others:

Bongo loves carrots and sweet potatoes, and Daisy detests them.

“You don’t have to cook fancy or complicated masterpieces – just good food from fresh ingredients.” Julia Child

In 1999, I spent a couple of weeks in a French village an hour or so from Paris by train. Vic Sur was typical of most small towns in France; you walked from shop to shop to get all the ingredients needed for a given meal and did this daily.

Does that sound too much of a hassle for you? Allow me to point out the upside to this system for procuring food.

My epiphanal moment in food, when hamburgers and pizza slid down my culinary totem pole, was when I tried my high-school French in one of Vic Sur’s delightful shops.

“Ou est le fromage?” I asked the shop attendant. I was surprised when she understood my pitiful attempt at French, but she led me to the cheese department.

She helped me find several kinds of cheese that were for-

eign to me, pardon the unintended pun. I returned to the rented cottage with croissants, two baguettes, and the cheeses.

Having lived in an area with a large Amish population and many cheese shops, I thought I knew my cheeses.

But, after one bite of the French camembert, I pushed my chair back and exclaimed to all around the table, “Why have I not known that anything, let alone cheese, could be so utterly delightful?”

I soon learned from my well-traveled ex-wife from Venezuela that cheeses outside the U.S. are made with raw milk. The bacteria provide the exquisite flavor.

For several days afterward, I considered staying in France and asking for culinary asylum.

“If you are afraid of butter, use cream.” Julia Child

Michael Pollan warned us in his book, *The Omnivore’s Dilemma*, to avoid the middle aisles of grocery stores.

“That’s where they put the stuff that never goes bad. That’s the processed food that really gets you in trouble,” says Pollan.

He further advised us not to eat anything your grandmother wouldn’t recognize as food.

So, how did we get to this point of trading away nutrition and freshness for shelf life and chemically treated food? How did this food-induced epidemic of obesity, high blood pressure, and diabetes become an emblem of America’s approach to dining?

Well, that is where we will pick up in next week’s *For Your Consideration*.

I’ll leave you with this quip from the queen of cooking, Julia Child.

“The best way to execute French cooking is to get good and loaded and whack the hell out of a chicken. Bon appetit.”

Ken Springer
Ken1949bongo@gmail.com

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PARKS AND REC

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

Chess Learning Series Thursdays 3:30 to 5:30 pm. All levels are welcome for play and instruction. Learn, practice, sharpen your skills. Ages 7 to 14. No charge, but registration is required. Call 304-799-7386 to save your space.

Zumba Fitness is offered Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 5 p.m. with instructor Kelly bringing us an hour of cardio, energy, and fun

Chair Yoga Hybrid 4-Week Introductory Series Tuesdays 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. \$25. Space is limited, call 304-799-7386 to reserve space.

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

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

Fishing Derby on Knapps Creek,

Friday, May 12, 1 to 4 p.m. at the water plant on Ninth Avenue in Marlinton. Ages 13 and younger. Tours of water plant, too.

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, Thursdays, 7 p.m.

Cochran Creek Baptist Church, Rimel – Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m.

Campbelltown Church, Marlinton – Worship 10 a.m.; Sunday School 11 a.m.

Cook Town Community Church, Rt. 219 – Sunday Service 10 a.m.

Edray United Church – Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m.

Marlinton Church of God, Beard Heights – Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m. Wednesday Night Bible Study 6 p.m. Evangelistic service 6 p.m. Sunday May 21.

Trinity Baptist Church, Rt. 219 Buckeye Hill – Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m.; Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. Pastor David Moore.

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As usual with the darkening of the woods by reason of the opening up of the leaves, bears are on the pad. And there are more than enough of them this year, too. Over in the Black Forest, Howard Mullins tells me there is bear sign almost everywhere. And with bears on the move again, they are eating sheep wherever they can come upon them.

At Elmer Sharp’s big farm, on Jerico Road, two miles from Town, a bear got five lambs and one ewe last week.

On the head of Stony Creek, a bear raided the flock of Leonard Sharp. This bear was routed out on Little Spruce by Fred Galford and Fred Sharp.

Over on Elk, a big bear came out of Gauley to kill sheep for the Vandevenders and the Sharps. The Sharp twins and their dogs were called for. The bear crossed Elk River just below Slaty Fork. The river was at flood stage and the dogs turned back. Up in Greenbank District, a big old

bear came out of the Alleghanies to kill sheep for Wade Galford. Wade overlooked no bet to get his bear, so he set a trap and sent for bear dogs. When he took the dogs to the place of the kill, he found the bear in the trap.

Three bears came out of the Alleghany to kill sheep for Arch Galford. This was a she bear and two lusty twins. One of the young bears was killed in a day’s chase. The next day the other two bears were tracked to the Virginia State line.

The Sharp twins, Austin and Oscar, and Gilbert, killed a big bear on Laurel Run, Gauley Mountain last Saturday afternoon. The night before this bear had killed a sheep for Barny Showalter.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Moore, Jr, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Mace, a son, Leo William, Jr.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cassell, of Cass, a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Orvil Dodrill, Jr., of South Charleston, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Dale Updike, of Mill Creek, a daughter, named Carlon Frances.

DEATHS

Robert B. Miller, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Miller, died at the age of 85 years. His body was laid to rest in the Ruckman Cemetery.

Mrs. Mary Caroline Galford Tacy, aged 93, widow of the late George Tacy, died at the home of her son, Dallas, at Cass. Her body was laid to rest in the family cemetery. She was a daughter of the late Allen and Nancy Cassell Galford, who lived on Deer Creek.

Mrs. Early Virginia Galford, aged 73 years, of Cass. Her body was laid in Wesley Chapel Cemetery.

Penick Ryder, aged 69 years, of Millpoint, a son of the late William and Alcinda Alderman Ryder. His body was laid in the Ruckman Cemetery.

James Byrant Cassell, age 50, of Cass, was killed in an accident on the log train. He is survived by his wife and six children. He was a son of Samuel and Martha Hevener Cassell.

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HELP WANTED - Looking for a Correctional Officer job? Testing will be offered at the Denmar Correctional Center, Hillsboro, WV, on a daily basis. Interested parties should contact Human Resources at the facility at 304-653-4201 to schedule an appointment. 1/19/tfnc

POSITION AVAILABLE

POSITION AVAILABLE - Cass Scenic Railroad State Park is looking for an evening Park Aide. Pay is up to \$12/hour. Please call 304-456-4300 for more information. 5/4/2c

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

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INDOOR/MOVING SALES

INDOOR YARD SALE - Saturday, May 13, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Marlinton Wellness Center. Brand name clothes, sheets, curtains, house-

wares, knives, books, WVU memorabilia, hunting supplies, weed-eaters, electrical supplies and much more. 5/11/1p

MOVING SALE - Saturday and Sunday, May 13 and 14, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., 1081 Brush Country Road. Complete Lee reloading equipment, canning supplies, quilting frames and more. 5/11/1p

MOVING SALE - May 12 and May 13, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Seneca Trail, Marlinton, (Across from Senior Center in Edray). Furniture, an-

tiques, clothes, holiday décor, glassware, trailer hitch, knives, toys, baked goods, etc. Rain or shine. 5/11/1p

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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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POSITION AVAILABLE

The Office of the Pocahontas County Clerk is now accepting résumés for the position of Probate Clerk/Deputy Clerk. Résumés will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. Friday, the 19th day of May, 2023.

Job Description:

The Estate/Probate Clerk will be responsible for the estate process. This shall include qualification of fiduciary, explanation of estate process and recording of estate documents. This position will also have the responsibilities of Deputy Clerk in recording legal documents, assisting the public, preparing daily deposits, answering telephone, assisting with county elections and performing daily office duties.

Qualifications:

Applicants must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Applicant must possess good oral and written communication skills and be willing to work with the public and other co-workers in a polite and acceptable manner. A background check and drug test will be required prior to employment.

The starting salary for this position will be determined by experience and will include PEIA Health Insurance, Public Employees Retirement, vacation and sick leave.

You may apply by filing a résumé with the County Clerk:

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Walton graduates

Mark and Leslie Walton, of Dunmore, are proud to announce the graduation of their daughter, Jessica D. Walton, from Davis and Elkins College, Class of 2023. Jessica earned her Bachelor's Degree in History with a minor in Art History. She will continue her education in a Master's program for Library Sciences at Emporia University in Emporia, Kansas.



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DEATHS

Walter Boyd Byrd, 50, of Huntersville, formerly of Cass. He served in the Marine Corps during World War II. Burial in Arbovale Cemetery.

Edward Lee Barkley, 85, of Cass, lifelong resident, a farmer and a woodsman. Burial in the Arbovale Cemetery.
Mrs. Allie Williams, 76, of Charleston; born at Hillsboro, a daughter of the late George M. and Sara T. Williams. Burial in the Perry Cemetery at Quick.
Mrs. Carrie Bell Jack, 79,

of Marlinton; born in Augusta Springs, Virginia, a daughter of the late Mack and Adeline Fridley. Burial in August Springs Cemetery.
Richard Dick Eye, 55, of Newark, Delaware, formerly of Franklin. Born at Arbovale, a son of the late Daniel T. and Jennie Catherine Hinkle Eye. Burial in the Cedar Hill Cemetery at Franklin.

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Formerly the LaBar's got their supplies of rhododendron in the forests of New York and Pennsylvania, but about fifteen years ago, Elmer Burner, of Cass, heard that there was a demand for second growth rhododen-

dron and, having a lot of it, he got in communication with the LaBars. They came, they saw and dug, and they have been coming every year since. In that period, they have shipped about 600 cars of rhododendron from Pocahontas County.
The original growth of rhododendron is no good. They look for thrifty, well

formed, young plants that are to be found in fields, burned over woods and cut over land. The taking of these plants is an advantage. When the diggers get through, the land is pretty well grubbed, and can be put in condition for cultivation or, if let alone, the land will soon reproduce a better crop of rhododendron than before.

History, from page 7

A few days ago, a calf belonging to W. L. Wilmoth disappeared and was found in a cave where they keep potatoes.

Messrs. Howard and Ashby Slaven, Cam Arbogast and others, of Monterey, and Glen Maury, of Hightown, passed here Wednesday enroute for Greenbrier river on a fishing expedition.

DUNMORE

Will Wooddell has a bike. Seventy bushels of corn at the Dunmore mill for sale, from Bath.

J. B. White, we understand, will go to Hillsboro to take charge of the McElwee & Taylor store.

There was frost enough this morning to track a Spaniard two hours after the sun was up.

Several wagons were water-bound at Travelers Repose from Friday till Mon-

day. Bridges are needed. Unless the roads are worked in Pocahontas, the bicycling business will play out.

Sol Davis, the Jewish merchant, returned from Spain by the way of New York and Baltimore and landed a carload of goods in Green Bank Saturday. He can supply the people with anything from a goose's fat up to the hull of a boat with the tariff off.

THE LOGICAL RETORT

Dr. Furness, of Philadelphia, tells a characteristic story about Wendell Phillips: "Several clergymen," he says, "boarded a streetcar in Boston one day, and one of them learning it was intimated that Wendell Phillips was in the car, got up and asked the conductor to point him out. The conductor did so, and the minister, going up to the orator, said, 'You are Mr. Phillips, I am told.'"

"Yes, sir," he answered. "I should like to speak to you about something, and I

trust, sir, you will not be offended."

"There is no fear of it," was the sturdy answer, and then the minister began to ask Mr. Phillips earnestly why he persisted in stirring up such an unfriendly agitation in one part of the county about an evil that existed in another part.

"Why," said the clergyman, "do you not go South and kick up this fuss and leave the North in peace?"
Mr. Phillips was not in the least ruffled, but answered smilingly: "You, sir, I presume, are a minister of the Gospel?"

"I am, sir," said the clergyman.

"And, your calling is to save souls from hell?"

"Exactly sir."

"Well, then, why don't you go there?"

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