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## Greenbrier Express makes inaugural run

Suzanne Stewart  
Staff Writer

For the first time since the 1985 flood, which demolished a large portion of track, a passenger train departed from Cass on a journey to Durbin. Prior to its official inaugural run, which took place last Saturday, the train carried West Virginia Department of Transportation and Division of Highways staff, dignitaries, tourism personnel and more to the Trout Run bridge for a dedication of the new Cass to Durbin ride.

Shay No. 5, with Noah Barkley as its engineer, pulled four passenger cars and a caboose along the Greenbrier River on new tracks – a journey that was 10 years in the making. Fittingly enough, Barkley's great uncle, Artie Barkley, was one of the passengers. He was also the last engineer to take trains from Cass to Durbin prior to the '85 flood.

When the train arrived at the Trout Run bridge, the passengers disembarked and watched as Shay No. 5 broke through a ribbon, performing



**LOCOMOTIVE SHAY NO. 5 breaks through a ribbon on the Trout Run bridge during the Greenbrier Express inaugural run last Friday. The run, which connects Cass to Durbin, has been a decade in the making and was completed thanks to a collaboration between Durbin Greenbrier Valley Railroad, West Virginia Department of Transportation and the Division of Highways. S. Stewart photo**

a "ribbon cutting" on the new bridge, making the new run official.

Before returning to Cass, those responsible for the newly restored track and new bridge were honored by Durbin and Greenbrier Valley Railroad president John Smith, West Virginia Divi-

sion of Natural Resources director Brett McMillion, West Virginia Department of Transportation Division of Multimodal Transportation Facilities Commissioner Cindy Butler and West Virginia Department of Transportation Secretary of Transportation Jimmy Wriston.

"We wanted to reconnect Cass with Durbin to give more options at Cass other than summertime rides," Smith said. "So hopefully this blossoms out into something. In the meantime, to get here, it was easier said than done."

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## Gett ~ guest speaker at Arbovale Memorial Day Service, May 28

Charles Sheets,  
President  
Arbovale Cemetery Association



**Terry Gett**

The Arbovale Cemetery Association invites members of the community and especially family and friends of loved ones who were laid to rest in the Arbovale Cemetery during the past year, to the annual Memorial Day Service Sunday, May 28, 2 p.m. at the Arbovale United Methodist Church.

Over the past years, it has been a tradition during the service to honor those who were interred during the year by calling their name and presenting a flower in their honor to a family member or friend. We are requesting that family and friends of the deceased be present to designate a person to accept the flower and place it

in a basket which will be taken to the cemetery following the service.

The Pocahontas County Honor Corps will complete the program with a flag ceremony at the main gate of the cemetery following the memorial service. They will also acknowledge approximately 400 veterans who are interred in the Arbovale Cemetery by placing a flag at the grave of

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*'You get a line, and I'll get a pole'*



**THERE WERE LOTS of smiles at the Knapps Creek Fishing Derby Friday at the Marlinton Water Plant. The event was sponsored by Pocahontas County Parks and Recreation. The Town of Marlinton offered tours of the water plant and WV Rivers Coalition joined the fun, providing information, youth activity packets and refreshments. Special appreciation to the WVDNR Edray Trout Hatchery for providing fish for the derby.**

Shown above, Noah Alderman had the biggest catch of the day. Photo courtesy of Parks and Rec

## Kusic named Tourism Person of the Year

Suzanne Stewart  
Staff Writer

It was fitting that the Pocahontas County Convention and Visitors Bureau Tourism Summit was held at the Pocahontas County Opera House last Tuesday considering the fact that facilities operations manager Brynn Kusic was named Tourism Person of the Year.

CVB executive director Cara Rose introduced the award and recipient by sharing comments from the two nominations for Kusic she received.

"I cannot think of anyone who is more deserving of the honor," Rose read. "Anyone who meets Brynn very soon becomes aware of her dedication to this wonderful old building and all that goes on there. Her enthusiasm for this marvelous gem is contagious."

"Not only is Brynn a large part of the reason the Opera House continues to thrive, but her involvement with the development and implementation of the Discovery Junction – the space right outside – has been significant," Rose continued.

The second nomination from Opera House Foundation board president Leslie McLaughlin, who com-



**POCAHONTAS COUNTY CONVENTION and Visitors Bureau executive director Cara Rose, left, presented the 2023 Tourism Person of the Year award to Pocahontas County Opera House operations manager Brynn Kusic, right, at the annual Tourism Summit last Tuesday. S. Stewart photo**

mended Kusic's more than 10 years of dedication to the old theater house.

"One truly does not know the amount of time and work that Brynn puts in to make Pocahontas County Opera House flourish," Rose read. "As the president of the Pocahontas County Opera House Foundation board, I

can tell you that we are truly blessed to have Brynn in our wonderful organization."

"Through and with Brynn's amazing people and job skills, she brings the arts, music and theater to our community and schools," Rose continued. "Brynn is able to connect people and events to bring us amazing

performances here in Pocahontas County. What an outstanding person of quality and integrity we have in Brynn. She goes above and beyond to help create entertainment in the county.

"Brynn's gift of servitude and her sweet sparkling presence

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# How does the state regulate artificial intelligence?

By Autumn Shelton  
WV Press Association

Regulating artificial intelligence (AI) is something that West Virginia's legislators must begin to consider, at least according to some experts.

On Monday, members of the interim Joint Standing Committee on the Judiciary heard from three experts on how AI is being used, and how it may be used in the future. All of the experts shared the same message: It is important to determine how AI should be legislated now before the technology grows.

The first expert to testify before the committee was West Virginia native Scott Swann, CEO of ROC.ai.

"It's inevitable, at some point in time, that you need to start thinking about rule-making in this space," Swann said, adding that world leaders have begun to think about this issue more, especially with the arrival of Chat GPT, an AI chatbot developed by OpenAI.

According to Swann, legislators should focus on the "origin of the artificial intelligence," and "the damage it could do."

To illustrate his point, Swann provided a worst-case scenario involving a self-driving car that has been programmed to stop at a stop sign. While the pro-

gramming should have been written ethically for this function, he said that a person could write code which would cause the car to "accelerate and turn right causing an accident" if there was a "yellow sticky note on the stop sign."

He said this type of "poison AI" leads to a black box where experts are not able to scan for unethical code to determine a program's vulnerability.

"You really need to understand and trust the people who build your artificial intelligence," Swann said.

Additionally, he discussed nationwide security concerns that should be addressed, like the creation of passports.

"We allow people to provide their own photos. What's wrong with that?" Swann asked, before explaining that AI can take images of two different people and merge them together (called morphing) to create one image that resembles both people. This makes it hard for security officers to determine if a person is who they say they are via photo id.

"This is where it kinda gets a little bit concerning," Swann continued. He told committee members to think about the state's systems, like DMV services, when it comes to security concerns with AI.

He explained that countries like China and Russia are leading the way in AI development, and local leaders need to put "provisions" in place when considering where an AI program originates.

Even though there are concerns surrounding AI, Swann said there are many positives, as well.

AI can provide weapons detection, license plate recognition and badgeless ID systems to create safer communities, especially in schools. Although he did note that leaders should be transparent with the public on how that data is used.

In response to a question from Sen. Jay Taylor, R-Taylor, who inquired if it is a good idea to implement a six-month pause in American AI development until the Three Laws of Robotics, developed by writer Isaac Asimov and discussed in the media, can be incorporated, Swann responded that those guardrails are most likely being broadly considered.

The next speaker, Ted Kwartler, Field CTO for Boston based DataRobot, discussed Chat GPT.

Kwartler said that Chat GPT technology is "now becoming mainstream."

A Chat GPT user can type in any question, and get an

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# WV Legislative Interims: Drug Court and Home Confinement reviewed

By Matt Young  
WV Press Association

Presentations regarding Drug Court and Home Confinement were among the business before the West Virginia Legislature's Oversight Committee on Regional Jail and Correctional Facility Authority during the final day of the May Interim Sessions last Tuesday.

First to present was the honorable Gregory Howard, judge of West Virginia's Sixth Circuit Court, who spoke about the state's Adult Drug Court program.

Howard began his presentation by telling committee members, "I had the honor of serving in the House (of Delegates) from 2002 to 2006, so I know what you folks got through - it's a lot," before providing a brief overview of the Drug Court program.

"This is one tool you have in your tool box to try to get people out of incarceration, and into the court system in a different avenue to reduce the number of people who are actually incarcerated," Howard said.

"The First Drug Court in West Virginia was here in Cabell County. Since then, they've blossomed out all over the state. We have Juvenile Drug Courts all over the state, and the Adult Drug Courts."

According to Howard, Adult Drug Court is an "intense supervision program," that differs from traditional probation.

"Make no mistake about it - these are people who would be headed to prison," Howard noted. "By agreement of the prosecutor, myself, the defense attorney, and the rest of our team, we decide to pull that person from a track headed to prison, and put them into Drug Court."

Howard further explained that violent offenders are ineligible for Drug Court,

adding, "But if you have a substance abuse problem and you're not violent, it seems to me that the best course of action, rather than housing these people in a jail cell for a year or two and then letting them back out where they're going to go right back to substance abuse, is to seriously work on the root cause of the problem. Then try to rehabilitate them and get them back out into society."

As stated on courtswv.gov, "An adult drug court is a specially designed court program. The purpose is to achieve a reduction in recidivism and substance abuse among offenders and to increase the likelihood of successful rehabilitation through early, continuous, and intense treatment; mandatory periodic drug testing; community supervision; appropriate sanctions and incentives; and other rehabilitation services, all of which is supervised by a judicial officer."

"I can't emphasize enough how powerful Drug Court is, and how effective it is," Howard added. "I think it is really our most important tool with battling addiction."

At the conclusion of Howard's presentation, Del. John Paul Hott, R-Grant, said, "I've had the privilege of attending some Drug Court graduations, and I'll tell you it's powerful. It's a very emotional experience. To say that it was an intense process would be an understatement."

"To your knowledge, how many active Drug Courts are in West Virginia?" Hott asked, to which Howard replied, "I think it's approximately 30."

Next before the committee was Cabell County Prosecut-

ing Attorney Sean Hammers, who spoke to the use of home confinement and day reporting centers as alternatives to traditional incarceration.

"Last year, in Cabell County, we had 828 felony arrestees," Hammers began. "We had 5,703 misdemeanor arrestees. When we look at pre-conviction and the bond can't be made, our options are probation under bond supervision, and home confinement. In out alternatives post-conviction, home confinement makes the most sense."

Hammers explained that Cabell County's home confinement office employs 10 full-time, and two part-time certified officers. Hammer further stated that, unlike any other home confinement office in the state, Cabell County's office is manned 24 hours a day, seven days per week.

"If anybody escapes, leaves their exclusion zone or leaves their home, we know about it," Hammer noted.

According to Hammer, candidates for home confinement must be non-violent, and have no active warrants from other jurisdictions. Hammer added that convictions can range from shoplifting, to drug-related offenses.

"In addition to monitoring of the inmates who are on home confinement, the inmates are required to do community service," Hammer said. Inmates are also required to maintain payment schedules for fines and court costs.

With regard to offenders sentenced to day reporting

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## Magistrate Court

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

In Magistrate Cynthia Broce-Kelley's court:

James Patrick Calvert, 41, of Williamsburg, pleaded guilty May 4 to a charge of driving too fast for roadway conditions. Calvert was assessed \$195.25 in court costs and fines.

Taylor Matthew Cook, 36, of Marlinton, pleaded no contest April 18 to a charge of battery - making physical contact of insulting/provoking nature/causing physical harm to another. Cook was sentenced to 11 days in jail and ordered to have no contact with the victim for a six-month period. Cook was assessed \$175.25 in court costs and fines.

Michael Andrew Stewart, 43, of Marlinton, pleaded guilty May 5 to charges of knowingly or intentionally possessing a controlled substance without a valid prescription and driving while license suspended or revoked. Stewart was sentenced to 90 days suspended jail and placed on six months' unsupervised probation. Stewart was assessed \$450.50 in court costs and fines.

Stewart also pleaded guilty April 7 to a charge of driving while license suspended or revoked. He was assessed \$275.25 in court costs and fines.

Nichole Tressie Thomp-

son, 26, of Chesterfield, Virginia, pleaded guilty April 18 to a charge of child passenger safety devices required. Thompson was assessed \$199.64 in court costs and fines.

Larry A. Johnson, 53, of Marlinton, pleaded guilty April 20 to charges of improper use of evidence of registration, no vehicle insurance and operation without certificate of inspection or failure to produce certificate. Johnson was assessed \$765.75 in court costs and fines.

Angela G. Turner, 48, of Marlinton, pleaded guilty

April 5 to a charge of driving while license revoked for DUI. Turner was sentenced to 30 days suspended jail and placed on 30 days of unsupervised probation. Turner was assessed \$275.25 in court costs and fines.

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# Opera House to host another Summer Theater Camp

The Pocahontas County Opera House warmly invites parents to sign up their children for an unforgettable theatrical journey at our week-long Summer Theater Camp, in partnership with the renowned Missoula Children's Theater's Touring Program. Open to children entering first through eighth grades, the camp will take place from June 26 to July 1, offering a unique opportunity to learn, grow and create lasting memories.

To register your child, please visit [www.pocahontasoperahouse.org](http://www.pocahontasoperahouse.org), where you can fill out the digital sign-up form or print a registration packet. Complete the form and return it to your child's school, the Community Wellness Center, the Opera House, or email it to [events@pocahontascountyoperahouse.org](mailto:events@pocahontascountyoperahouse.org) by June 1. Act quickly, as registration is limited to 60 participants.

velop essential life skills such as confidence, empathy, communication, self-discipline, cooperation, creativity and dedication in a fun, safe and supportive environment.

In addition to rehearsals and the final performances, the camp will also include acting and movement lessons, behind-the-scenes insights on costumes, sets and props and themed storytelling and craft projects. This immersive experience is a fantastic way to ignite your child's imagination, foster personal growth, and instill a love for the performing arts.

The registration fee is \$25 for the first child and \$15 for each sibling, with scholarships available for those in need. Each participant will receive lunch, a snack, a camp T-shirt and a water bottle. To ensure every child gets the most out of this exceptional experience, we ask that they commit to attending all days of the camp.

Don't miss this opportunity to provide your child with a summer experience they'll cherish for years to come.

Register today and let their creativity shine on stage at the Pocahontas County Opera House.

The Summer Theater Camp offers children the chance to participate in a full theatrical production of "The Princess and the Pea." Under the expert guidance of the Missoula Children's Theater's Tour Actor/Directors, children will de-



JULIA CHILD'S ACTUAL kitchen resides at the Smithsonian, where it is one of the most popular exhibits. Public Domain



Ken Springer  
**Julia Child May her ghost haunt my kitchen**

*Ni chi fan le ma?*

If you have traveled to China or plan to, you may be familiar with the phrase, Ni chi fan le ma, it means, "Have you eaten yet?"

And though the greeting initially arose in the language due to intermittent periods of food scarcity, it demonstrates the importance placed on nourishment i.e., foodstuffs.

You'll find a similar phrase in Cambodia, Vietnam, Myanmar, Korea, the Philippines, Thailand, Laos and India.

Whether you use chopsticks, silverware or your dominant hand, dining well is an excellent way to have fun while embracing a necessity at the same time.

*"A party without cake is just a meeting."* — Julia Child

Unless you've been living under a rock or getting all of your three squares at McDonald's, you have probably heard of Julia Child.

While Julia and her husband, Paul, were living in post-war France, she found herself with a lot of time on her hands and a newly found passion for food and its preparation.

Although being a chef was generally the province of men then, Julia ignored the apparent challenges. She insinuated herself into the most

celebrated cooking school in the world, Le Cordon Bleu.

As expected, she was treated as an outcast at first. But her enthusiastic personality soon won over the men, and she graduated from the prestigious cooking school in 1951.

Interestingly, as generally believed, Julia Child was not the first female chef. That honor goes to Dione Lucas, who also had a TV cooking series.

But Julia is the first female to attend Le Cordon Bleu on the GI Bill.

*"I enjoy cooking with wine, sometimes I even put it in the food."* — Julia Child

There is no doubt that Julia Child was responsible for changing how we cook and think about food. Unfortunately, the food industry in the U.S. was going in the opposite direction of Julia's sentiments about food — convenience at all cost was, and still is, its unwavering motto.

And America eats it up, so to speak.

Slow food, like the proverbial racing turtle, has yet to overtake the fast food rabbit, much to the detriment of the nation's health.

Food preservation in the form of cooking goes back at least 250,000 years, long before the exuberant kid on the Shake 'n Bake commercials exclaimed, "And I helped." That irritating kid represented one of those now-dated commercials that only a grandmother could love after hearing it ad nauseam.

Cooking food was a help-

ful preservation method, making our mastodon roast more digestible and flavorful, significantly reducing the potential for food poisoning.

Cooked food and a portable form of fire-making made it more mobile, allowing humans to spread throughout the globe.

It shaped us in ways we might not consider. It freed us up to think more, and all of those new neural pathways required a larger brain; hence our abilities to reason and create became more expansive.

Sapiens began developing language, art, and writing, exponentially advancing our technologies.

Many early food preservation methods are still in use today — salted and dried foods could be kept palatable for extended periods, particularly for those living in the higher and colder latitudes.

Canning debuted in the early 1800s when the lead used in sealing the cans was

not recognized as a health hazard. Then came pasteurization, home canning, freezers, freeze-drying and TV dinners.

War and space exploration changed food science, including MREs and instant soups. (MRE = Meals Ready to Eat)

Remember Tang, the product that NASA made famous and is still around? Tang is a powdered orange drink that tastes vaguely like real orange juice. Tang does deliver a good dose of vitamin C and calcium, so it was onboard many space flights.

Now, please don't draw back when you hear the word "processing," it is not all bad, folks.

Some processing is necessary to make our food edible — think of making bread without grinding the wheat; this is called primary processing.

It's the tertiary processing we need to be wary of. In

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## TRIVIA – a little something to think about

Courtesy of Chuck Cornell

1. Promises. Promises. Promises! But, she begs your pardon, she never promised you "this" back in 1970. What didn't she promise, and who was "she"?
2. Here's a dandy political quote: "I love those hockey moms." What's the difference between a hockey mom and a pit bull and who said it?
3. This self-help book was first published in 1936 and 30 million copies have sold. The title is "How to Win Friends and Influence People." Who wrote it?
4. The U. S. has Congress. Great Britain has Parliament. Russia has its Politburo. What is the legislative branch of Israel called?

## Burma-Shave

## A Blast from the Past

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### Summertime in the Country

In the back porch shaded kitchen from the sweltering summer heat  
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 Underneath the checkered tablecloth that measured two by two  
 Grandma kept the jams and jellies and her homemade butter too.  
 She had fried some crispy chicken, put some dumplings in the broth,  
 Took out the fresh tomatoes from underneath the tablecloth.  
 Lunchtime in the country filled with the best that Grandma had  
 Was served with love and laughter to every lass and lad.  
 After the pies and cakes were cut and the kids went out to play  
 Many lingered round the table for the gossip of the day.  
 The berries were ripe for pickin', the new spring had done gone dry.  
 There was talk of building a new school and squash large enough to fry.  
 The iced tea was flowing freely from Granny's summer brew  
 And the left over pot roast would be saved for Sunday's pot of stew.  
 Grandpa and the menfolk were sitting in the shade  
 Checking out the haystacks that the younger men had made.  
 The rain crows were calling, bidding their family to come in  
 They wanted their brood together before the storms would begin.  
 The roses were climbing the arbor, the maples were making shade  
 Granny was in the kitchen now making lemonade.  
 Kids were gathering up the mallets, getting ready for Croquet  
 Hoping that before the rains came they would get a chance to play.  
 And beneath the checkered tablecloth that measured 2 x 2  
 Set a crock of iced tea and the jams and jellies too.  
 There were dried beans beneath there soaking, baked beans are hard to beat.  
 With tomorrow's fried potatoes and a banana pudding treat,  
 Cause summer in the country is filled with memories galore  
 And beneath that checked tablecloth is Granny's little store.

Patricia J. Triplett ~ April 29, 2023



## Marlinton Mayor's Corner

By Sam Felton

**O**f all the events of last week, none was as big a hit as the second annual Knapps Creek Fishing Derby for Kids. This event was sponsored by Parks and Rec, DNR, Rivers Coalition and the Town of Marlinton. Noah Alderman was the star with the largest catch of the day. Congratulations Noah. Also, the Water Plant offered an Open House to the public.

Beginning last Monday, the public restrooms at the Depot and Discovery Junction will be available during daylight hours.

The CVB sponsored a Tourism Summit at the Opera House Tuesday. The same afternoon, Downstream Strategies representative Sara Cottingham assisted with a Sidewalk Survey. The information will be used for a Marlinton sidewalk project.

MFT Grants planning meetings are paying off. On Wednesday, Destination By Design (DbD), came to Town for a site visit to gather readily-available GIS data, including parcel data, utilities, etc. This information will be used to develop the

conceptual site master plan (note: DbD can provide survey specifications (if selected) to pursue a design-level survey, necessary for future engineering services.

The kick-off meeting and site visit was to discuss opportunities and constraints. The size and dimensions of the trailhead study area were gathered to determine opportunities for maximizing the property. Consultants will review all existing plans or trailhead features that have implications for the trailhead site and signage plan.

Trailhead parking design will consider (parking; landscape areas; signage location), Signage Conceptual Design (gateway/ entry sign and kiosk); Furnishings (benches, bike racks, trash receptacles). Streetscape ele-

ments (paver band, lighting, trees and tree grates).

To finalize Conceptual Plans and provide an estimate of probable cost, DbD will utilize drone imagery of the current study area to develop a hand illustrated perspective 3-D rendering of the site in accordance with the approved site plan.

Support from the Conservation Fund will allow the Mon Forest Towns Partnership to develop this trailhead master plan. DbD is a professional firm specializing in outdoor recreation planning and will set the design standards which the Partnership will seek to implement across the 12 Mon Forest Towns.

It is time for Marlinton to become a "Destination by Design."

## 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 Morrisey'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.

**The Smith/Moore descendants** are seeking to connect with folks whose relatives are buried in the Smith family cemetery

(Edray Road) so that they can plan for future care of the grounds. If you are a relative, or are able to provide information, please contact jlthomasa@gmail.com

**Farmers Markets** – Green Bank: Wednesdays, 2:30 to 5:30 p.m., 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** Sundays from 1 to 6 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### EVENTS

**FREE Community Dinner**, Thursday, May 25, 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Marlinton Presbyterian Church. Sponsored by area churches and com-

munity volunteers.

**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.

**In honor of our veterans, the Pocahontas County Veterans Honor Corps** will perform at the annual Memorial Day Services – with rifle volley and Taps – at Mountain View Cemetery at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, May 28, and at 2:30 p.m. at Arbovale Cemetery following the service at the 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 Glades in Marlinton and at ParMar in Green Bank.

### LIBRARY NEWS

**Ukulele in the Library.** Learn the basics at Green Bank Library Wednesdays, May 24 to June 28, 5 to 6 p.m. Free and open to kids ages 10 and older. Instruments will be provided. Space is limited. Call to reserve your spot.

see Calendar pg 17



## What's Cookin'?

With Sally Cobb

### Shrimp Etouffee

1 1/2 sticks butter  
 1/2 cup flour  
 2 cup chopped onion  
 1 cup chopped green pepper  
 1 cup diced celery  
 1 Tbsp. finely minced garlic  
 3 cups medium shrimp  
 2 tsp. salt  
 1/2 tsp. finely ground black pepper  
 1/2 tsp. cayenne pepper  
 2 tsp. lemon juice  
 2/3 cup thinly sliced green onion tops  
 2 Tbsp. finely minced parsley  
 3 cups cold water or shrimp stock  
 Melt the butter over low heat in a heavy 6 to 8 quart pot.  
 Add the flour, stirring constantly. Cook and stir over low-medium heat until a medium brown roux is formed (15 to 20 minutes). Do not burn.  
 Quickly add the vegetables and continue to cook, stirring frequently, until the

vegetables are glazed and tender (about 15 to 20 minutes). Add the shrimp and seasonings including green onion tops and parsley and mix well. Add the water or stock and heat to boiling. Turn heat down and let simmer for 5 minutes.  
 Serve over cooked rice.  
 This will feed 6 to 8 and reheats well. Option: I do not use the black pepper or cayenne. Instead I add one small to medium jalapeno pepper in with the vegetables.

see Cookin' pg 17

## Sign language class planned through NRCTC

**N**ew River Community and Technical College will offer a six-week basic sign language class on Thursday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. starting June 8. The class will be offered at the Nicholas County Campus in Summersville and through Zoom video conferencing.

Students in the class will learn sign language vocabulary, phrases and sentences, including grammatical features, and students will have interactive practice during the class. Students will also learn about Deaf Culture and history.

Tuition is \$100 for the six-week class, and registration is required by May 29. Par-

ticipants interested in the Zoom option will be emailed the link and log-in information after registering and paying for the class.

Visit [www.newriver.edu/community](http://www.newriver.edu/community) for information on upcoming classes or register for the course or contact Gloria Kincaid at 304-793-6101 or [gkincaid@newriver.edu](mailto:gkincaid@newriver.edu)

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## Super Crossword

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<b>ACROSS</b>	1 Salary limit	2 Reputation, on the street	3 Two-team wrestling competitions	4 Gave high praise to	5 Pesticide compound	6 The "A" of James A. Garfield	7 Aorta, for one	8 Study hard	9 Proportional relation	10 Supervise	11 Start of a riddle	12 Thing a doc prescribes	13 Yin and —	14 Suffix with hotel or cash	15 Riddle, part 2	16 Apple on a desk	17 Latin "that is"	18 "— So Fine"	19 French for "man"	20 Set into motion	21 Charles Chaplin's title	22 Eileen of "Clue"	23 In the vicinity	24 Riddle, part 3	25 Old-time actress Irene	26 She was Mrs. Gorbachev	27 German word before "geist"	28 Donkey Kong and others	29 Riddle, part 4	30 Lacerate	31 Dove shelter	32 Use all of	33 Afro-Brazilian dance	34 Riddle, part 5	35 Scrupulous insistence on traditional rules	36 Disturbs	37 Source of some bran	38 Havana natives, to Havana natives	39 Novelist George	40 Braying beast	41 Shooter of small balls	42 Barci's "before"	43 End of the riddle	44 Huge battle title	45 Bereft, poetically	46 Khaki color	47 Riddle's answer	48 Back-baring blouse	49 "— think so!"	50 Certain airport worker	51 "History repeats —"	52 Make a phony copy of	53 Hence	54 Hair colorer	55 "I love you," to Juanita	56 — Christian Andersen	57 Opposite of old, in Germany	58 Plummer of "Pulp Fiction"	59 How cards are sometimes dealt	60 Gasoline rating	61 Exalting verse	62 Lower leg part	63 Feudal toiler	64 Source of some bran	65 Slaughter of the Cardinals	66 1980s Dodge brand	67 Supermodel from Somalia	68 Hong Kong's Hang — Index	69 Catering coffeepots	70 Viggoda of "Fish"	71 Tries to hit, as an insect	72 Cat variety	73 Sluggers' stats	74 DJ Casey	75 Fall chill	76 Bear, in Baja	77 Gas in an atmospheric layer	78 Hayworth and Moreno	79 Certain garden worker	80 "The Simpsons" storekeeper	81 Sleuth, in old slang	82 Lipinski on ice	83 Rapper aka "Slim Shady"	84 Sop up	85 19th-dynasty pharaoh	86 Greek island	87 Deli hero	88 "Oh, ri-i-ight!"	89 — contendere	90 court	91 Slinger Phil (plea)	92 "Take — from me ..."	93 Take an marketing ax to	94 2010-19 Royals skipper Ned	95 Waist wear	96 Pokes a hole in	97 Chew the —	98 Helicopter rescue, say	99 Three	100 19th-century literary sisters	101 Arctic chunk	102 Subgenre of rap music	103 Friends of Snow White	104 Mart start	105 Like flashy jewelry, informally	106 Least frequent	107 Not fulfilled	108 — and that	109 Possesses, in Shakespeare	110 Bride of Lohengrin	111 Crockpot dish	112 Beehive unit	113 Scent	114 Sweet outlet	115 Slinger Phil (plea)	116 Blyton of kids' books	117 Prefix with marketing	118 Blvd., e.g.
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\_\_\_\_\_ **Miss Pocahontas** – Eligible contestants must be at least 16 years of age, but no older than 21 as of January 1, 2024, and must have never married nor borne a child.

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E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_

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|---|--|--|
| <b>Row 1</b><br>Emily Rimm<br>Melinda Beverage<br>Amanda Burns<br>Max O'Ganian<br>Haley Spencer<br>Jazzlyn Teter<br>Christy Casey<br>Grace Beverage<br>Emma Riffe | Ella Woodhouse<br>Elizabeth Smithson<br>Karly Van Meter<br>Madison Arbogast<br>Olivia Bickford   | Ryan Friel<br>Gabriel Arnold<br>Shameron Friel   |
| <b>Row 2</b><br>Sydney Puffenbarger<br>Robert Pritt<br>Mason Soliday<br>Brycen Carroll<br>Isabella Bauserman<br>Samuel Williams                                   | <b>Row 5</b><br>Randy Long<br>Braedan Hayhurst<br>Jax Osborne<br>Michael Kane<br>Connor Taylor<br>Ryan Halterman<br>Jesse Johnston<br>Austin Morgan<br>Nathan Boylen | <b>Not Pictured</b><br>Waylon Lucabaugh<br>Gabrielle Isom<br>Virginia Allen<br>Jake Osborne  |
| <b>Row 3</b><br>Lia Miner<br>TaLisa Arbogast<br>Christopher Price<br>Nacota Smith<br>Gage Wilson<br>Evan Hamrick<br>Traves Lewis                                  | <b>Row 6</b><br>Ryan Roy<br>Jacquelyn Osborne<br>Kelsi Taylor<br>Mackenzie Thomas<br>Sarah Cole<br>Mackenzie Moyers<br>Magic Dunz<br>Zachary Miller                  | <b>Honor Graduates</b><br>Emily Rimm<br>Melinda Beverage<br>Amanda Burns<br>Max O'Ganian<br>Haley Spencer<br>Jazzlyn Teter<br>Christy Casey<br>Grace Beverage<br>Emma Riffe<br>Sydney Puffenbarger<br>Robert Pritt<br>Mason Soliday<br>Brycen Carroll<br>Isabella Bauserman<br>Samuel Williams |
| <b>Row 4</b><br>Kaitlyn Simmons<br>Caitlyn Mallow   | <b>Row 7</b><br>Josten Moyers<br>Logan Wimer<br>Holden Sharp   | <b>Valedictorian</b><br>Max O'Ganian<br><br><b>Salutarian</b><br>Haley Spencer   |

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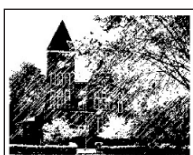
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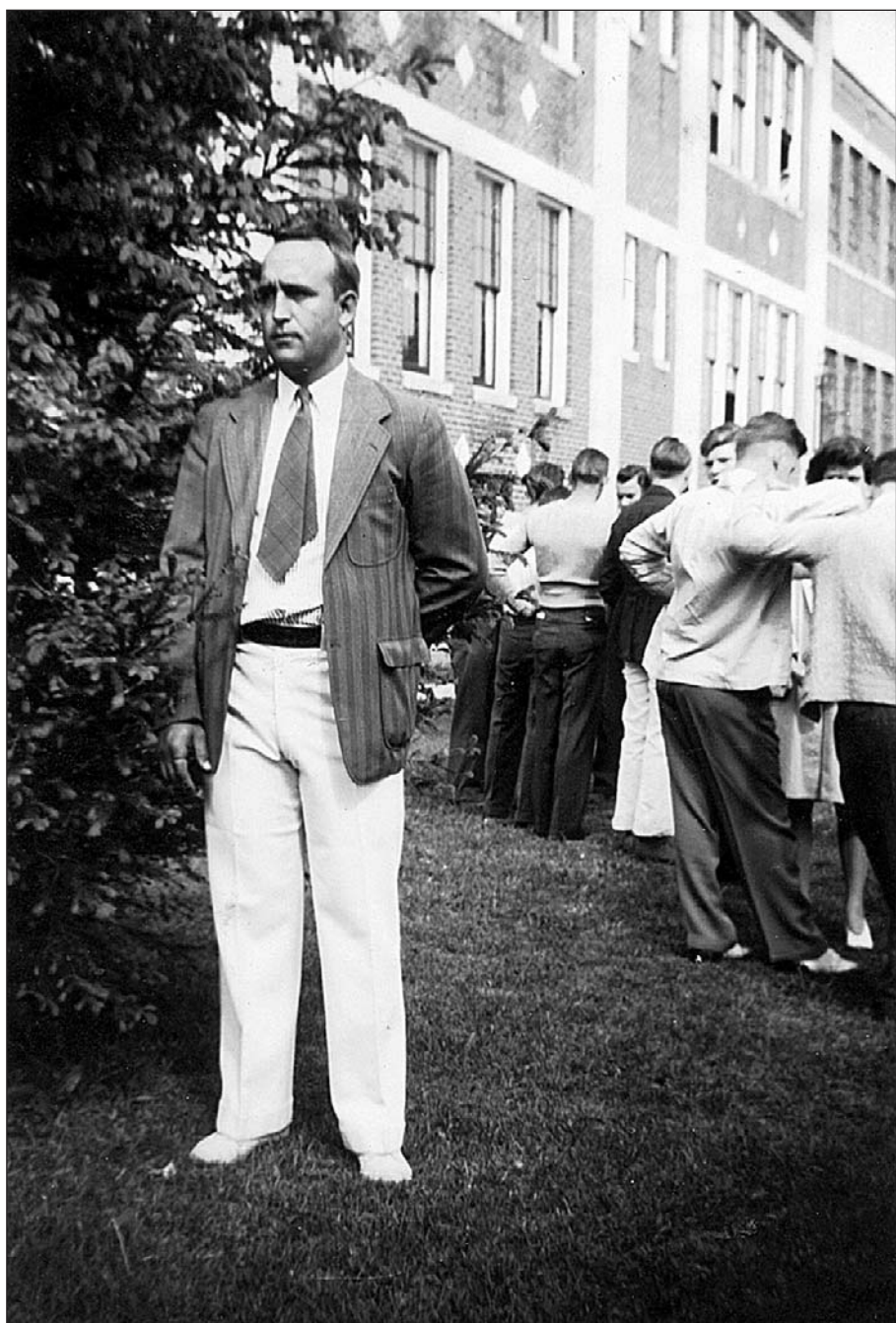
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## Preserving Pocahontas

B. J. Gudmundsson, Preservation Officer

# Coach Harper – Green Bank 1940



COACH BUCK HARPER standing on the lawn at Green Bank High School Graduation in May of 1940. The high school and a group of students are in the background. (The Kisner Collection, Courtesy of the Kisner Family; ID: PHP004821)

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## Footsteps through History

The Pocahontas Times  
Andrew Price, Editor

Thursday, May 20, 1898

MARLINTON should form a spectacle club. Only those who wear spectacles should be allowed to join.

COLONEL Eastham, who was serving a two-year sentence for manslaughter in the Tucker jail, escaped last week.

MISS Nora Boblett was thrown from her horse in front of Golden’s Store last Saturday, but was not hurt. She had nerve enough to mount it again and ride it home.

IN answer to the question, why is Marlinton like Mt. Zion in Palestine? We can think of no better answer than it now looks like a plowed field, so much plowing has been done this season.

ANDREW Moore found and killed six black snakes and two garter snakes in a hollow tree, which he had chopped down for wood. The aggregate length of the black snakes was 34 feet, string measure.

WHEN the boys dig fishing worms this year, make them dig around the fruit trees, young and old, and they will get some of the cultivation they need. The boy will also find that it is a good place to dig bait.

### SUDDEN DEATH

John L. Hannah, of Point Mountain, fell dead in his wagon on Point Mountain. He was driving a two-horse team and a man named Bambrick was sitting beside him. He reached forward to strike the horses and the lash, returning, struck him in the eye. He said, “I believe that nasty whip has put my eye out,” and fell dead. The deceased was a man

about 25 years old and married. He was a son of Sheldon Hannah, on Elk. From information gleaned from medical men, a blow in the eye might produce death from three causes, at least. The lash might reach the brain; a blood vessel of the brain might be burst; or death might result from a weak heart.

### CENTENARIAN DEAD

Joseph Sharp, commonly reputed to be 110 years old, died last week. His exact age is not known. There are two censuses in the Clerk’s office, one of 1850 and one of 1880. By the 1850 census he was 96 years at his death, and by the 1880 census 91 years. This discrepancy is not remarkable as he did not know his own age. He was a hard working man and a consistent user of tobacco all his life.

### ACADEMY

Plenty of rain and mud, but good growing weather. Everybody around here is wagoning.

Shooting black birds and crows seems to be an important industry at this time.

Shearing sheep is the order of the day. S. H. Clark has over five hundred sheep and is nearly done shearing them. He has over four hundred lambs.

### BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

THE third group of the McLaughlin relationship in our county are the descendants of Squire Hugh McLaughlin, late of Marlinton. His early life was spent in part on Jackson’s River, Bath County.

His wife was Nancy Gwinn, daughter of John Gwinn, Sr., and granddaughter of John Bradshaw, the founder of Huntersville.

Squire Hugh McLaughlin and Hugh McLaughlin, Esq., late of Huntersville, were cousins and were intimately associated when young men. They were married about the same time, jointly leased a piece of land on Jackson’s River, built a cabin and went to housekeeping. There was but one room. This they divided between them and kept separate establishments. Squire McLaughlin would often tell how an axe, maul and wedge made up his original business capital, and how his housekeeping effects were carried by his young wife on a horse the day they went to themselves in their cabin home on leased land.

Upon the expiration of the lease early in the twenties, Squire McLaughlin settled in the woods on Thomas Creek and opened up lands now owned by his son, Geo. H. McLaughlin.

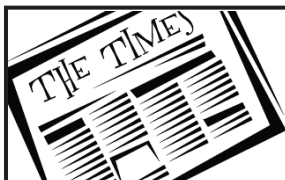
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## Fifty Years Ago

Jane Price Sharp, Editor

Thursday, May 17, 1973

### Congratulations, Again

The Pocahontas County High School “Kwiz Kids” did it again, topping William Fleming 180 to 120. Next Monday, they meet Andrew Lewis High School of Salem Virginia. That will be their last appearance as seven is the limit. If they win, they retire undefeated.

### STUDENTS

Marshall University conferred degrees on 1,750 students May 13: graduating cum laude was Anne Winters Mallow, of Marlinton, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John M. Mallow.

Others from Pocahontas receiving degrees were Michael Sheets, of Huntersville, Glen Wade, of Marlinton, Nancy Anderson Allman, formerly of Marlinton, and Ronald Wooddell, formerly of Bartow.

Robin Griffith, of Bluefield, graduated with honors from Marshall and will teach in Marlinton Elementary

School next year.

Betsy Dilley Whitman graduated from Armstrong State College in Savannah, Georgia.

Robert Rose completed work for his degree at Concord College and graduated with a B. S. Degree in Biology and Chemistry in Secondary Education.

Tom Michael will graduate magna cum laude from West Virginia University School of Forestry and Agriculture.

Herbert Griffin, of Dunmore, received an Associate in Arts degree in Commerce from Potomac State College of WVU.

### PCHS Top Ten

The top ten percent of the graduating class of Pocahontas County High School has been selected. They were selected on the basis of grade point average. This system of selecting the top ten was initiated for the purpose of recognizing more students. The top ten students are as follows:

Karen Simmons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Simmons, of Hillsboro.

Charlene Hogan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Hogan, of Dunmore.

Barbara Wade, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Wade, of Hillsboro.

Susan Crews, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Crews, of Arbovale.

Evelyn Pritt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hill H. Pritt, of Droop.

Sandra VanReenen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert H. VanReenen, of Hillsboro.

Debbie Corbin, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sherbs, of Huntersville.

Randall Hevener, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hevener, of Durbin.

June Starks, daughter of Mrs. Neva Starks, of Droop.

Vonnie Myers, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Billie Myers, of Marlinton.

Theresa Akers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Akers, of Marlinton.

Teri Butcher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Butcher, of Green Bank.

Vicki Beckwith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Beckwith of Slaty Fork.

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## Seventy-Five Years Ago

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, May 20, 1948

### FIELD NOTES

For several years now, Harry Whiting, of the Spruce Flat, has had a most unwelcome near neighbor. He is one powerful big old wildcat – Canada Lynx to be exact. The varmint lives in the big cliffs, the rimrock of Bridger Mountain. All spring long, he has been catching lambs over a radius of several miles – on Bridger, Bucks and Swago mountains. Recently he has changed his diet, and is going in strong for poultry and eggs. To date, Mr. Whiting is short three turkey hens and their settings of eggs. The old wildcat came right to the house to get them, too.

A pitiful tale of a trophy won and lost comes to me from the trout water of the North Fork of Deer Creek. For several seasons, a big trout has been known to keep in a nice deep chuck, where the water breaks over a rock, to surge under a wreck heap. He has been known to rise to a fly, only to tear loose on the first surge of his strength against the tackle. If the hook was not torn from the lip, the leader had to give way. One day last week, a lady fished the North Fork. The big trout took the fly with a rush. The pull of the line caught him off balance and with the momentum of his charge the great trout popped out of the water like a bat from a pit. He landed on dry ground, too

surprised and stunned to wiggle. The lady gathered in her prize, laid it out on her lap, all gleaming in scarlet and silver, purple and gold. She proceeded to measure it with the six-inch scale printed on the back of the little rule book. Three lengths she laid the measure page on that trout and, yet, there was an inch or more for good measure. As the lady moved the rule to check this last inch, her trout came to for a last big wiggle. The surge took him smack back into the creek, the water closing over him, to leave no sign, disappearing like an arrow shot into the night. I know, gentle lady, I know. I, too, oft have been made to realize this cold world is naught else than a wilderness of woe. However, it is better to have fished and lost than never to have fished at all.

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## 100-Years-Ago in The Pocahontas Times

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, May 17, 1923

A big snowstorm came to Pocahontas last Wednesday and Thursday, with unusually low temperatures. With the exception of places along Greenbrier River, peaches, plums and cherries were killed and apples, too, except late blooming trees. An inch or two of snow at Marlinton but on Cheat and Elk there was eight and ten inches. On Gauley, there was sixteen inches of snow. A party of bear hunters was caught in camp on Gauley, and times were only tolerable for them.

county astronomer who will ride around with a portable telescope and a Jacob staff and figure on the time to plant, reap and sow...

All winter long the farmer prayed for snow. It was with feelings of anguish that he watched his wheat fields lying exposed to the freezing and the thawing and he knew full well that when the days lengthened that a wheat field would look like old Tige with mange, and it was even so. But on Wednesday, May 9th, came a snow. Thunder the day before and snow the next day and a frost the next day. Tuesday night about nine o'clock there came a chill in the air. In some of the gardens there were tomato plants in bloom. The gardeners got busy. Some lifted the tomato crop and brought it into the kitchen. Some put boxes over them and bed clothes on top of the boxes. And others, of the kismet class, went to bed and covered themselves up and left the tomatoes to their fate. Wednesday there was a high wind and a driving snow. By one o'clock p.m. the storm had got so bad that I could not stay in the house any longer, and I got my old

I sometimes think that it would be well for us farmers to junk the calendars and almanacks about the house and take to watching the moon. And we could do it, too, if it were not for the notes that we are carrying in the bank that have to be renewed promptly.

What we want is to get some official whose business it is to watch the moon and the signs of the zodiac. You hear a lot about new fangled officials such as prohibition officers, sealers of weights and measure, truant cops and the like. What we need is a

### SOME HISTORY

A friend writes us the following facts about the late James E. A. Gibbs, inventor of the sewing machine, and at one time a resident of Pocahontas County. Some weeks ago a paper, which had been read before the Woman’s Club, was published in the Times. Exceptions were taken to some statements therein concerning Mr. Gibbs.

Mr. Gibbs did not have a large family, only four daughters. Only one child was born when he left Marlins Bottom in 1854. He was 25 years old when he lived at Marlins Bottom, staying there but 18 months...

As for the place he lived at the time he invented the sewing machine, Mr. Gibbs in a published interview in the Staunton Vindicator, said he lived at what is now Seebert on a farm owned by Col. John H. Ruckman. The post office was Millpoint...

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# Wilfong Farms – expanding on a family tradition

Suzanne Stewart  
Staff Writer

Charles and Michelle Wilfong are both third generation farmers – Charles was raised on the Wilfong family farm in Dunmore; and Michelle was raised on her family's farm in Moorefield.

After the couple married in 2014, they started their own farm in Dunmore, where they raise cattle, sheep and – since 2018 – their son, CW.

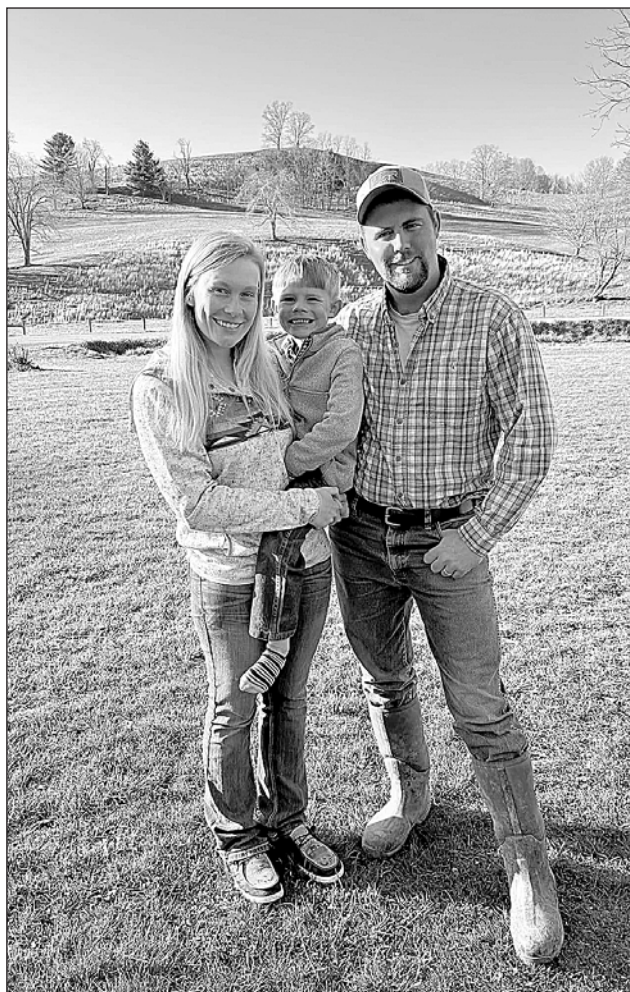
With Charles a cattle farmer and Michelle a sheep farmer, it seemed a natural step to get into meat production and sales. In 2020, the Wilfongs started selling their beef and lamb locally – through the Pocahontas County Farmers Market and local businesses – after a rigorous licensing and inspection from the USDA.

"Whenever we first began, people had been asking me if they could buy meat – just individual cuts," Michelle said. "I decided if there's a demand, we'll try it. I had to get certified. They had to do the inspection. I had to pay my permit fee, all the regulations."

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, the business continued to thrive and the demand for locally sourced meat continued to grow.

"Now we've expanded to pork and poultry, as well," Michelle said. "We work with two different producers – close friends of ours – that we get both of those from." At times, the Wilfongs raise their own hogs, but they prefer to stick to cattle and sheep and, while they do have chickens, they are not meat birds, but instead are layers.

Currently, the Wilfongs have 1,200 head of sheep – 1,150 ewes and 50 rams – and they had more than 1,000 lambs during spring lambing season.



**THE WILFONGS ARE both third generation farmers and are raising the fourth on their farm in Dunmore. From left: Michelle, CW and Charles. Photos courtesy of Michelle Wilfong**

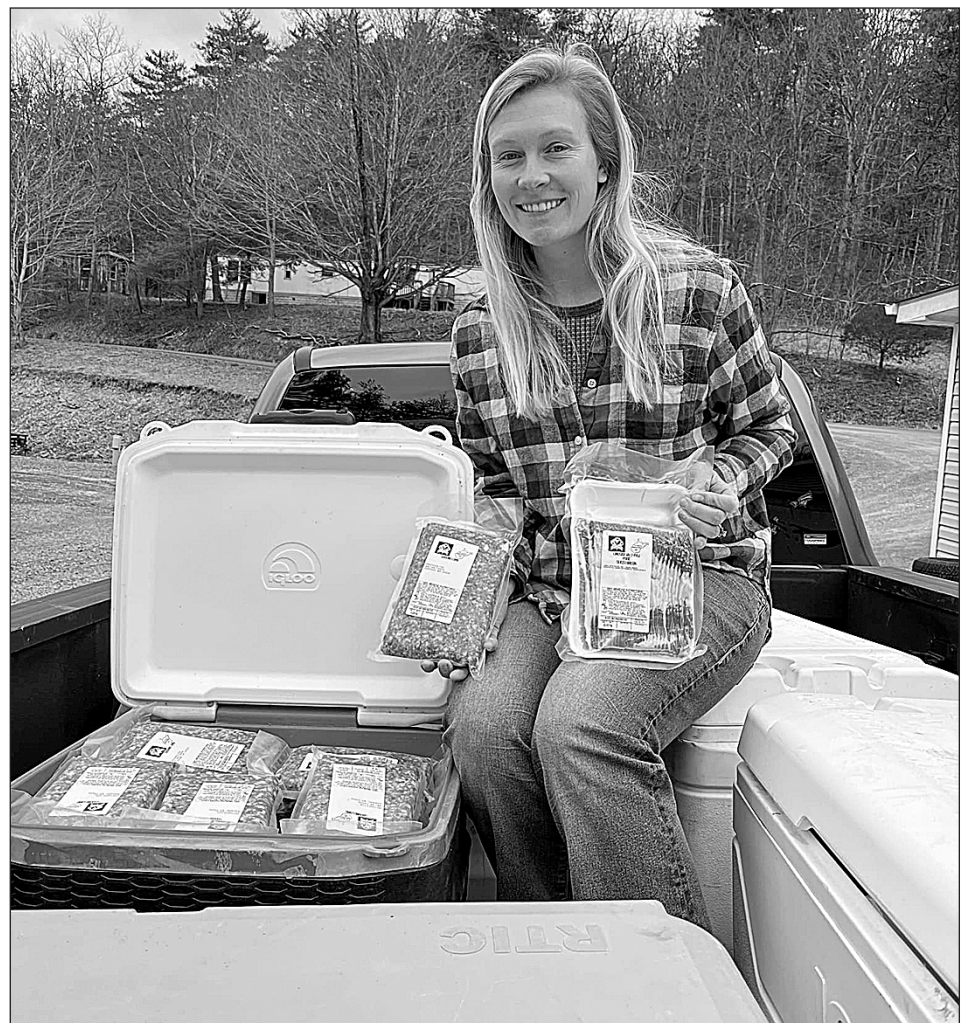
"Our goal is to eventually lamb half of them in the spring and half of them in the fall, but it's just so hard," Michelle explained. "Once they're on a cycle where they lamb in the spring, it's hard to get them to sync back and lamb in the fall."

The Wilfongs will take care of the farming and processing, the rest of us just need to choose our favorite cut of meat.

Wilfong Farms meat is available at Homegrown Harvest in Green Bank, Linwood Market in the Linwood Center at the base of Snowshoe and at Levels Depot in Hillsboro.

Along with the individual cuts available at stores, the Wilfongs also offer half and

quarter beef throughout the year. To make an inquiry, customers are asked to contact the farm directly at 304-456-4652.



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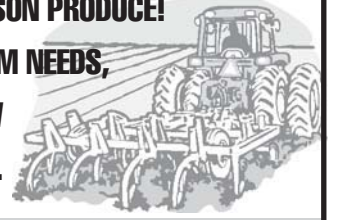
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# Springtime rejuvenation

Meloney Phillips  
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Late into the heart of winter, while the trees and flowers are still sleeping and the northern winds bring with it a white blanket falling all around, my mind begins to mull over the possibilities of the approaching spring.

Spring is my favorite time of year. I love watching new buds and green leaves stretching out from their long winter's nap, waking up to the cheerful melody of spring song birds chirping, and seeing all of nature coming back to life.

As I sit on the couch by the fire, curled up in a blanket while sipping hot chocolate, my mind is focused on an array of seeds and plants. Which ones do I want? When should I start each kind? Where do I need to plant them and with which companion crops to put them with?

For anyone new to gardening this can be an overwhelming task, even experienced gardeners contemplate the possibilities. Everyone has different needs, abilities, space allowances, etc., so every experience will be unique. I listed several tips on how to get a garden started in the January 18 edition of *The Pocahontas Times*.

## Background

Granddaddy was the kind of old-time farmer who grew a garden to keep food on the table year-round.

We had three large garden plots in the back yard, two were about 25x75 foot and one was 50x100. The largest plot was for field crops like corn. One of the small plots, close to the house, would be the kitchen garden and the other small plot would be a combination, or overflow, for the other two but all three would be filled.

Granny kept the kitchen garden while granddaddy, always wanting to be outside, was inevitably back and forth between all three.

Granddaddy planted by the seasons and the moon. He didn't have a book to go by; he merely stepped outside at night and looked up.

Above ground crops went into the ground in the light of the moon; from the new moon until the full moon as it's getting "lighter." Below ground crops were planted in the dark of the moon; from the full moon until the new moon as it was getting "darker."

## The Three Sisters

Although planting "the three sisters" is a practical and common method used in times past as well as today, based on native knowledge, our fields were never done this way.

The "three sisters" consists of corn, beans and squash, and are companion crops planted in succession to support one another. The corn stalks provide support for the pole beans, the beans provide much needed nitrogen for the corn, and the squash keep the weeds and critters at bay.

Corn is a field crop. This means it produces better in a large plot or field. Corn has male tassels containing the pollen and the female part produces silk to catch the pollen. Since wind pollination is not as concentrated around the perimeter, these rows generally have a smaller yield. Having a larger planted area helps insure better pollination. An old tradition says to leave the outside three or four rows,

weeds that grow in a garden that are edible, like Lamb's Quarters, but most steal precious nutrients from the soil. Planting pumpkins and other large leaf squash throughout the garden helps reduce weeds by blocking sunlight.

## Preparing

Our garden started in the early spring when a family friend, who owned a tractor, came over to turn the soil. Where we lived, everything was red clay. Turning this hardpan was necessary for the plants to grow. The tractor left rows of hard red clay lumps in its wake. Granny and I, using hands and hoes, set about pulling out rocks and breaking up each lump into something that vaguely resembled garden soil.

Our tools were simple. We used rakes, hoes, push plows and a mattock. These tools were constructed of heavy solid metal – which was built to last. Other than replacing the wooden handles, I was still using the same tools up until only a few years ago.



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around all four sides, for the animals. Corn is also a heavy nitrogen feeder.

Beans are a nitrogen fixer, actually adding nitrogen to the soil. This makes it an excellent companion crop for corn and other heavy nitrogen feeders, such as tomatoes, broccoli and other cabbage family crops.

There are many types of

## Planting

Potatoes and onion were among the first crops to be planted since they were more cold tolerant. Lettuce, turnips and peas also went in early. Granny always said

that a little frost made the peas taste sweeter.

Corn and beans needed warmer soil for the seeds to germinate so they had to wait six or eight weeks after the peas went in before they were planted.

We did not have any form of greenhouse so they purchased tomato and pepper plants each spring for an earlier harvest. They would also buy onion sets for spring planting but everything else we planted started with seeds.

## Working the Gardens

All three gardens were cared for full-time by Granny and Granddaddy. If I didn't have homework or other pressing chores, I was expected to help, as well. I never thought about it being a chore or a burden; it was just a part of life and everyone helped where they could. The feelings wrapped around those childhood memories of growing a garden are still with me. I love getting my hands in the soil – no gloves – and seeing the things grow that I have planted. To have something you put energy and time into, flourish and give back, creates a sense of joy and accomplishment that you cannot get from picking up a piece of produce from a store.

After all the hard work of the fall harvest, everyone got together to monitor the burning of the fields. Burning the remnants of the year's crops had several benefits. Burning

off the gardens killed bacteria, fungus, weeds and other harmful microorganisms. It also helped prevent plant diseases from increasing and spreading from year to year. The ash returned trace minerals back into the soil while increasing the soil's pH levels. Due to the poor quality of the soil where we lived, Granddaddy still added lime every fall.

## Coming to a Close

The only freezer we had was the small one in the top of a 1970s refrigerator. It was not uncommon for the freezer to be less than half full. Very little of our preservation was done by freezing the produce. We did, however, enjoy homegrown vegetables throughout the winter months from the canning and other means of preserving that we accomplished during the growing season.

Then, the day comes when the golden glow of the orange and pink hues of the sunset amplify the leaves as they display their grand finale of the year and the winter wind lulls them back to sleep.

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# Colonial-Style Food Preservation

Melondy Phillips  
Staff Writer

Many of you will remember that there was a shortage of canning jars a few years ago. Canning jars are extremely useful in food preservation, but how does someone preserve foods when glass is hard to come by?

In 1795, after observing the toll that poor nutrition from mere salted meat and hardtack was having on his army, Napoleon launched the Preservation Prize – to find a way to preserve food longer. In 1810, French chef Nicolas François Appert came up with a way to seal glass jars with a cork, wire, wax and boiling water. As a scientist and confectioner and the inventor of bouillon cubes, among other things, Appert was awarded 12,000 francs for the Preservation Prize.

Because glass at the time had a tendency to explode, in 1811 Philippe de Girard invented the method of storing food in cans made of tin. Peter Durand patented the method and sold the patent to Bryan Donkin who served King George III; this allowed the cans to be loaded onto British ships. The ship's doctor gave a very favorable report back about the new food storage method and the positive effects it had on the crew.

The first canned foods – oysters, fruits, meats and vegetables – arrived in New York in 1825 from Thomas Kensett and Ezra Daggert. The tin cans had to be opened with a hammer and a knife or chisel. This form of food preservation was not common in America until 1856 when Gail Borden invented condensed milk.

In November 1858, John Landis Mason invented the Mason Jar. A few years later, in 1884, Ball began manufacturing home canning glass jars. Even with this new invention, home canning didn't take off right away. The USDA's first publication referring to the canning

process came out in 1909. During WWII, when food rations were cut, households were offered extra rations of sugar if they home canned foods. This greatly increased the popularity of canning, but only for a time.

Colonial America didn't have the luxury of tins or glass jars, but they did have several other ways to preserve their food.

## Drying

The easiest method was drying. Fruits, vegetables and herbs could be easily dried and stored for later use. Some items, such as onions and garlic, could be braided together in long ropes while peppers and herbs were tied up on strings and hung in the rafters of the cabin.

Beans and corn were left to dry on the plant. Beans were shelled and stored in barrels or cloth bags, while corn, still in the husk, would be stored in corn cribs.

To dry sliced apples, pumpkin, etc., the fruit was laid out on a clean surface in the sun and covered with a light cloth to keep insects away.

Lean meat, usually venison, could be laid on, or pierced through with sticks and hung near a fire to make jerky. A covering placed strategically over the fire directed the smoke toward the meat while allowing the heat to vent out the other way. This slow-dried the meat and imparted a smoky flavor to it. The smoke also repelled insects as the meat dried.

## Smoked

Another method to preserve meat was smoking. Fresh cuts of meat were packed into coarse salt for about six weeks. During this time, the salt pulled moisture out of the meat. The moisture could drain out of the barrel through small holes in the bottom. Then the meat would be hung in a smokehouse. The smokehouse was designed in a way that a slow burning hardwood fire could release a steady stream of smoke while keeping the

temperature on the cooler side. The smoke permeated the meat over the course of several weeks. The meat was hung high up in the rafters to help keep it away from vermin.

Coating the meat with hickory ashes or pepper helped deter insects.

Knowing your molds, when smoking meat, was very important. Bright mold, such as bright greens and purples, spelled disaster, but creosote and duller molds could be scraped off.

## Pickling

Pickling vegetables and eggs was an easy process of placing the food into vinegar (an acidic brine) inside glazed pots and using a pig bladder, piece of leather or layer of ghee to cover it.

## Water Glassing

Submerging clean unwashed eggs into a mixture of limewater sealed and preserved eggs for up to a year.

## Fermenting

Fermentation happens as a result of a chemical reaction between naturally present sugars and bacteria. Chopping cabbage, adding a small amount of salt to get the juices flowing, then placing a weight on it to keep the cabbage submerged in its own juices allows a process called lacto-fermentation. This is an anaerobic fermentation since it does not require oxygen to process. Not only does this extend the life of the food but it also increases the nutritional value, such as vitamin C that is important to prevent scurvy, and increases good bacteria for gut health and digestion.

## Sugaring

Fruit covered with heavy syrup stored in a barrel made a pleasant winter treat when fresh fruits could not be found. This form of preservation happened mainly among the wealthy since sugar was too expensive for



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most people.

## Salting

Fresh meat would be tightly packed into coarse salt. Unlike the salting before smoking the meat, the barrel for this would not have holes in the bottom. A small amount of water could be added to fill in any gaps and to be sure the meat is completely covered. A cover was then placed over the container to seal it. More salt or brine would be added as needed throughout the first six days. The brine kept the

meat more moist and palatable than drying while preventing the growth of bacteria.

## Cold storage

Placing some crops in root cellars, springhouses, or an attic during the winter extended the life of many foods. Root crops such as potatoes, cabbage, pumpkins, carrots, beets, rutabagas and turnips all do well in root cellars. Placing pickled and fermented foods into cold

storage slows the fermentation process, which keeps the taste from becoming too sour.

Springhouses were good for items such as milk, eggs and butter that had been placed into barrels or crocks. Fruits sealed in crocks could also be stored there.

When properly done, food preservation can extend the edibility of food for a long time, even without fancy equipment.

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# Rosemary ~ more than just a culinary herb

Melody Phillips  
Staff Writer

About 10 years ago, I came down with a very bad case of strep throat; so bad that it dropped into my lungs. The strep throat eventually went away, as well as most of the cough, but not all. The mornings were the worst with the cough fading in the afternoon.

Having a cough like that in 2020 wasn't easy. I could only go grocery shopping in the evenings, after the cough had calmed down. Every time I did cough and after receiving many looks that could kill, people would bolt from the scene of the crime.

During this time, and due to a different issue, I started doing in depth research on rosemary. I started occasionally drinking rosemary tea. After about a week of drinking the tea off and on, I started to realize that my cough wasn't as bad. Some days I hardly coughed at all. Because of this, I started experimenting. I drank a cup of tea one day then none for a day or two. Then I drank a cup each day for a few days before stopping again. I discovered that every day I drank the rosemary tea my cough was minimal or completely gone.

Rosemary has traditionally been used to help ease muscle pain and indigestion, boost the immune and circulatory system, help with nervous disorders, promote hair growth and improve memory. Rosemary has also been used as an antispasmodic, diuretic, expectorant, antimicrobial, anti-depressant, anti-rheumatic and antiepileptic.

Many studies have been completed on rosemary.

In a paper published online at the National Library of Medicine, June 10, 2020, about the Anticancer Activ-

ity of Rosemary (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7352773/>), rosemary showed a significant action on preventing the development of or stimulating programmed cytotoxic (cell death of tumor cells) in the following cancers: colon, liver, lung, ovarian, cervical, oral, kidney, prostate, breast, pancreatic, gastric and esophageal.

The research paper stated, "Rosemary has been primarily recognized as a possible anticancer drug mainly for its antioxidant activity," and "A study performed on leukemia ... human cell lines, ... demonstrated significant growth reduction." In their paper about the therapeutic potential of rosemary for Alzheimer's disease, published online January 28, 2016, (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4749867/>) findings reported "These very mechanisms do also appear to be involved in the potential therapeutic effect of the compounds for AD" (Alzheimer's disease) and "...some of the rosemary diterpenes such as carnosic acid have been shown to have beneficial effect in Parkinson's disease model." In *Medical News Today, Everything You Need to Know about Rosemary*, by Joseph Nordqvist, December 13, 2017, ([https://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/266370#\\_no-HeaderPrefixedContent](https://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/266370#_no-HeaderPrefixedContent))

"Studies done on rats showed that Carnosic acid, a natural benzenediol abietan diterpene found in rosemary and common sage, may help the brain by fighting off damage done by free radicals and may help improve recovery in people who have experienced a stroke.

In other studies, improvements in speed, accuracy, concentration and performance were observed follow-



ROSEMARY WAS TRADITIONALLY used to help boost the immune and circulatory system, alleviate muscle pain, improve memory and promote hair growth. Photo courtesy of Pixabay

ing exposure to rosemary essential oil aroma, as the small size of the active compounds may be absorbed through the nasal or lung mucosa and cross the blood-brain barrier producing effects at the neuronal level.

Rosemary isn't just a pleasant herb for cooking, but can easily be added to many dishes, breads, oils and teas. A sachet filled with rosemary can be hung in the closet or placed in clothes drawers to give clothes a fresh smell, or hung in baths and showers for a pleasant scent and possible mood lifter.

Rosemary is a perennial shrub that likes a lot of sun and rich well-drained soil. Plant rosemary in the spring after all danger of frost has past. Once rosemary is es-

tablished, harvest often to avoid trimming more than 1/3 at a time; cutting back more than 1/3 of the bush can stress the plant. Rosemary is easily dried and saved for later use by placing on a rack, in a dehydrator or tying in bundles and hanging in a cool dark location. After fully dried, remove the rosemary from the branches and store in an airtight glass jar.

Winter care for rosemary in zone 5 is important. After the first hard frost, trim the shrub back to a few inches from the ground. Cover the

plant completely with four to six inches of mulch. Watch for new growth in the spring and remove all but about two inches of the mulch as it starts to re-grow.

Rosemary shouldn't be used medicinally by those who are pregnant, as higher doses of it may cause miscarriage. Rosemary may have potential drug interactions, some of which are anticoagulants, ACE inhibitors, diuretics and lithium. Exercise caution and consult a medical professional before using rosemary or any other

herbal supplements. Harvesting rosemary [https://youtu.be/cp2GJ\\_BJPv4](https://youtu.be/cp2GJ_BJPv4)

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An interested person(s) objecting to the filing of the foreign will or affidavit or objecting to the absence of appointment or administration being made in this state must file a statement with the Pocahontas County Commission through the County Clerk's Office at the address listed above within 60 days after the date of first publication or 30 days of service of the notice, whichever is later.

First Publication Date: Thursday, May 18, 2023

ESTATE NAME: THOMAS DELL HANWAY 85 Kelleys Trail Oldsmar, FL 34677-1924 EXECUTRIX: Keleen McDevitt 85 Kelleys Trail Oldsmar, FL 34677-1924

Subscribed and sworn to before me on May 9, 2023.

Melissa L. Bennett Clerk of the Pocahontas County Commission 5/18/23

ADMINISTRATION TO CREDITORS, DISTRIBUTEES & LEGATEES

Notice is hereby given that the following estate(s) have been opened for probate in the Pocahontas County Clerk's Office at P. O. Box 209, 900 Tenth Avenue, Suite C, Marlinton, WV 24954-0209.

Any person seeking to impeach or establish a will must make a complaint in accordance with the provisions of West Virginia Code 41-5-11 through 13. Any interested person objecting to the qualifications of the personal representative or the venue or jurisdiction of the court, shall file written notice of an objection with the County Commission within 60 days after the date of the first publication or within 30 days of the service of the notice, whichever is later.

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 5/11/23

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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 5/11/23

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Answers

Grid of crossword puzzle answers with letters and black squares.

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 CLEVINGER, ESTATE OF W.E. SINGLETON, ESTATE OF E. HATCHER CRENSHAW, JR., and POCAHONTAS 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 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

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Bid Packets may be obtained by contacting Jamie Baker, Project Assistant, Region 4 Planning & Development Council, 885 Broad Street, Suite 100, Summersville, WV 26651, Phone 304-872-4970.

All bidders will be required to certify, indicate, and acknowledge that Contractor has all appropriate licenses and meets all qualifications required by the statutes of the State of West Virginia, Pocahontas County, and the Town of Hillsboro.

The following will be required for the faithful performance of the contract: a Performance Bond in the amount of 100 percent of the contract price, with a corporate surety approved by the Town of Hillsboro, OR an irrevocable letter of credit in the amount of 100 percent of the contract price.

Asbestos abatement requirements for this structure will be included as part of the demolition contract.

Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the Presidents executive order No. 11246 and HUD Section 109, which prohibits discrimination in employment regarding race, creed, color, sex, or national origin.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at the Hillsboro Town Hall, located at 21 Firehouse Street in Hillsboro, Pocahontas County, WV, on June 12, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

This work is being funded by the US Housing & Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

Bidders must comply with the requirements for Affirmative Action and Minority Business Enterprises participation as described in the Federal Specifications insert to the Contract Documents.

The Town of Hillsboro reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities therein.

No bid may be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days after the time of opening of the bids.

Any contractor submitting a bid on this project hereby certifies, indicates, and acknowledges that he/she has a license and meets all qualifications required by the statutes of the state and subdivision in which the work is to be performed.

Lesley Taylor, Senior Project Specialist Region 4 Planning & Development Council 885 Broad Street, Suite 100 Summersville, WV 26651 5/18/2c

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

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE is hereby given pursuant to and by virtue of the authority vested in the Substitute Trustee, Pill & Pill, PLLC, by that certain Deed of Trust dated October 26, 2004, executed by the Borrower, Gillian McGinn, to Richard A. Pill or David D. Pill, either of whom may act, the Trustee, of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, in Book 252, at Page 212. At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of Hillside #2 Slatyfork Farms, Slatyfork, WV 26291. Pill & Pill, PLLC was appointed as Substitute Trustee by an APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE dated July 7, 2017, of record in the Clerk's Office in Book 371, at Page 65. The Borrower defaulted under the Note and Deed of Trust and the Substitute Trustee has been instructed to foreclose under the Deed of Trust. Accordingly, the Substitute Trustee will sell the following described property to the highest bidder at the front door of the Courthouse of Pocahontas County, in Marlinton, West Virginia, on the following date: May 31, 2023, at 10:45 a.m.

All that certain lot, tract or parcel of real estate including the improvements thereon and appurtenances thereto belonging and appertaining, and being situate in Edray District, Pocahontas County, West Virginia, lying approximately 0.5 miles north of US

see Legal Advertisements pg 15

OFFICIAL BALLOT MUNICIPAL ELECTION Town of Marlinton, West Virginia June 13, 2023. To vote for a candidate mark an "X" in the square opposite to and at the left of the name. Includes candidates for Mayor, Recorder, Council, and various offices.



# Do you have any purple flowering plants in your yard and fields?

Many folks in Hardy County are noticing a purple flowering plant appearing in yards, gardens, and fields. These are most likely Purple Deadnettle or its cousin, Henbit. These are winter annuals and part of the mint family that are present in normal years. Being winter annuals, they have a shallow root system, and typically complete their life cycle before growing season. There is a belief that they are most noticeable this year due to the moderate weather conditions that we have had this past winter.

According to WVU Extension Weed Specialist Dr. Rakesh Chandran, "this past mild winter season has allowed these weeds to get a head-start on the grass and other species." He has indicated there are several options to consider to address these "weeds" depending on the situation.

For lawns the Purple Deadnettle and Henbit can compete for space with desired grass species. Bare

spots left behind may allow summer annuals such as crabgrass to take over. The options here include hand-weeding or mowing for small areas and chemical treatment for larger areas. Q4 is an effective herbicide that controls actively growing winter annuals in lawns. Since most of these winter annuals germinate during the preceding fall, application of a pre-emergence herbicide (such as Gallery) in September/October could result in a lawn relatively weed-free during the following spring. Applying Q4 or Turflon during that time could help control other pesky summer weeds such as dandelions, white clovers, plantains, and trigger germination of crabgrass etc., during the following year. So, this fall will be the best time for homeowners to consider a treatment for these unwanted plants and the results will be noticed next year.

Homeowners may consider reseeding any bare spots with desirable grass species. Again fall (September) is a good time of the

year to do so, followed by spring (April). A soil test is recommended and the WVU Extension Service or WV Department of Agriculture can assist with soil testing.

These flowering plants do provide an early feed source for our pollinators. Bees that are getting active at this time of year are attracted to the flowers on these plants for nourishment. It is important that we protect our pollinators as they do important work in the field and garden.

In small home gardens, tillage will likely offer the best control measure. Tilling or cultivation will reduce the production of seeds, facilitate the warming up of soils and trigger germination of other weed seeds. After leaving such areas stale for a few weeks a light secondary cultivation will control additional weeds after which the crop can be planted and mulched to prevent further weed competition. It may not be necessary to apply herbicide products home garden settings due to plant sensitivity.



A BEE COLLECTS pollen from the flowers of a Purple Deadnettle plant.

In fields that are cultivated or prepared for field crops, Purple Deadnettle and Henbit are not generally a concern. Since most herbicide packages for field crops employed in either burndown or post emergent treatments

should be sufficient to control these unwanted plants. As is always recommended READ THE LABEL and follow all directions for use of any products applied to lawns, gardens or fields for control of un-

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AI response, Kwartler said. It will write scripts and email responses, generate photos and much more. "We have to be aware and think ahead of this technology," he stated, adding that the technology looks at pattern recognition and does have limitations. For example, it cannot predict the future. It can also be "tricked into bad behavior" — like giving a detailed response on how to break into a person's house. For regulation purposes, Kwartler said that "an adaptive policy framework" is needed, especially when it comes to issues such as a company using AI resume scanning to find their next employee, or to protect them from "inviting risk" into

their organization. "We have to think about how these things really do impact our society," Kwartler said. Del. Evan Hansen, D-Monongalia, stated that as he has learned more about Chat GPT, he has discovered that the program can write a "C-level" governmental proposal. "It raises the question for me — a policy question, I guess, for us as legislators — is that okay to have state employees . . . use Chat GPT to write a proposal or write a report? Or, is it okay for vendors for the state of West Virginia to do that? Where is the line?" Kwartler responded that this is something that should be discussed by all state leaders, noting that, "It's gonna happen." "It's going to get more sophisticated," Swartler said of AI and programs like Chat

GPT. "I think it's for you to think about." The last speaker, Pooja Tolani, associate corporate counsel for Microsoft, told committee members that Microsoft is looking at various "guardrails" to create responsible AI. She explained that responsible AI should have fairness, reliability and safety; privacy and security as a fundamental right; inclusiveness; transparency; and accountability. "It's a very exciting time to be in tech," Tolani said. "At Microsoft, we believe that AI holds a lot of potential and promise, and that it will enhance virtually every sector of our economy in very meaningful ways." She concluded by stating that Microsoft will work with West Virginia's leaders, if they wish, as they develop any potential AI regulation.

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sentences, Hammer said that most have been convicted of misdemeanors. Day reporting centers also serve as parole and probation centers. "I was surprised to learn that Family Court refers a lot of people to the day reporting center because they do drug testing," Hammer noted. Once Hammer's presenta-

tion was complete, Del. Joey Garcia, D-Marion, asked, "When does home confinement present itself as an option [during the court process]?" "Offenders don't get on home confinement until they're approved," Hammer replied, after explaining that the initial conversation in a felony case occurs between the prosecutor and defense attorney. "As a prosecutor, I can agree to it, but that only starts the process. The home

confinement office has to do a home check, and we have to make sure they don't have a violent past. We don't want home confinement officers going out to a home visit to find some violent offender." "As far as misdemeanor cases, it can come up at their first hearing," Hammer added. The Legislative Oversight Committee on Regional Jail and Correctional Facility Authority will meet next during the August Interim Legislative Session.

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## WEDDING

On Saturday, April 21, 1973, at two o'clock in the afternoon in the Arbovale United Methodist Church, Miss Sonya Ellen Mullenax, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Mullenax, of Boyer, became the bride of Raymond Edward Hess, son of Mrs. Villa Beck, of Soud-

erton, Pennsylvania, and the late James Hess...

Wilborn Miller, of Marlinton a daughter, named Pamela Lea.

## BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Galford, of Marlinton, a daughter, named Debra Kay. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard G. King, of Marlinton, a son, named Mark Guy. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roach, of Marlinton, a daughter, named Pamela Dawn. Born to Mr. and Mrs.

Acy Issac Montgomery Wilfong, 83, of Marlinton, a son of the late Noah Ervin and Nancy A. Wilfong. Burial in the Wilfong Cemetery. Dr. Albert Cecil VanReenen, 76, of Bluefield; born at Marlinton, a son of the late William and Naomi McCoy VanReenen. Burial in the Monte Vista Park Cemetery.

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## BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Angus Irvine, a daughter, May 14. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. G. Malcomb, of Arbovale, a son, May 16. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Moore, Jr. received on Monday, May 10 1948, one shipment of sweetness labeled Kenneth Douglas Moore. "Dougy" signed for in perfect condition by Dr. K. J. Hamrick...

Gum was held from the Methodist Church by Rev. Quade R. Arbogast. The young man died in Germany March 31, 1948. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Gum, of Stony Bottom; brothers, Frank and Orville Gum; and sisters, Mrs. Edith Taylor, Mrs. Anna Mae Tallman, Mrs. Usa Galford and Mrs. Martha Hise. Mrs. Sarah M. Roark, aged 62 years, wife of Dr. J. L. Roark, of Cass. Funeral service was held in Lewisburg. She is survived by her husband, and their two sons, Jesse and Richard, and daughter, Ann. Mrs. Mary Caroline Tacy was born June 28, 1856, and passed away May 3, 1948 at the home of her son, G. Dallas Tacy at Cass... Her body was laid to rest in the family cemetery, the service being held at the home. Mrs. Tacy was a daughter of the late Allen and Nancy Jane Cassell Galford, who lived on Deer Creek. In 1874 she was united in marriage to George N. Tacy. He preceded her to the grave 25 years ago. Eight children were born to his union, but only three survive, Dallas and Charles, of Cass and Mrs. G. P. Moore,

of Edray... She is survived by 28 grandchildren and 66 great-grandchildren. H. H. Schofield died at his home in Kerryville, Texas, May 3, 1948. He made his home in this county for many years and was very active in civic and religious affairs of the county and a member of the Masonic Order. Funeral service was conducted from the Methodist Church in Marlinton and his body was laid to rest in the Mountain View Cemetery. Thus we note the passing of a noble man. We here now quote from Longfellow: "Lives of great men all remind us We can make our lives sublime, And departing leave behind us Footprints on the sands of time. Footprints that perhaps another Sailing o'er life's solemn main A forlorn and shipwrecked brother, Seeing, shall take heart again."

# Cookin', from page 4

## Fresh Strawberry Pie

1 baked 9" pie crust  
1 cup whipping cream, whipped with 1 Tbsp. sugar and 1/2 tsp. vanilla  
Filling:  
8 oz. cream cheese, room temp  
2 Tbsp. lemon juice  
1/2 cup sugar  
1 to 2 tsps. grated lemon rind

2 Tbsp. milk  
Cream cream cheese until smooth.  
Add lemon juice, sugar and rind. Spread on pie shell.  
Glaze:  
3/4 cup sugar  
1/4 cup cornstarch  
1/8 tsp. salt  
2 Tbsp. water  
1 cup strawberries  
1/2 cup water  
1 Tbsp. lemon juice  
3 cups sliced strawberries  
Mix sugar, cornstarch, salt

and 2 Tbsp. water in a medium saucepan. Mix to a paste. Blend 1/2 cup strawberries with 1/2 cup water in blender or food processor. Add blended strawberries to saucepan and heat until thickened. Remove from heat. Add lemon juice and stir well. When cool, stir in the sliced berries, reserving some for garnish. Pour over cream cheese mixture. Top with whipped cream and garnish with berries.

# Your, from page 3

this processing stage, other ingredients enter our food that may adversely affect our health, such as nitrates. When we eat vegetables like beets and celery that contain nitrates, there are no problems.

When nitrates or nitrites are used to preserve meat, a completely new compound results, which can be carcinogenic. Then there are the problems associated with overloading food with sugar, salt and fat. We know, without a doubt, that we are a country where life expectancy is decreasing while diseases such as high blood pressure, obesity and diabetes are rising. At least part of the blame can be placed right at the doorstep of fast food, soft drinks and many highly-processed foods.

We are also sedentary people compared to our ancestors. The physical effects of hard work are reflected in many photographs Preservation Officer B.J. Gudmundson contributes to *The Pocahontas Times*.

Although we may not get our apoplectic government in its current state of paralysis to serve our needs as promised, we can change our own health on an individual basis — it's a choice!

"The only time to eat diet food is while you're waiting for the steak to cook." — Julia Child

When WW II began, Julia, true to her character, tried to join the Women's Army Corp, but, believe it or not, at 6'2" she was too tall. It must have been a uniform issue because men did not have the same standard.

Undaunted in demonstrating her patriotism, Julia joined the Office of Strategic Services in 1941 as a typist. The OSS was a forerunner of the Central Intelligence Agency.

But a woman as sharp as Julia Child was not destined to stay a typist for long. She was quickly promoted to the highest levels of the OSS.

In 1944, Julia was posted to Ceylon, modern-day Sri Lanka. There she met Paul Child another OSS employee. Shortly afterward, they were married.

Ceylon is where the military asked Julia to make a particular type of recipe, a recipe she referred to as "The first recipe in my cooking career."

It was a secret recipe that took many trials and errors before she got it right. Julia

Child made the first known effective shark repellent, which was used for covering the life vests of sailors and naval mines.

What a novel way to begin a long career in cooking.

Four years later, Julia and Paul moved to Paris for Paul's job, leaving Julia with time to consider what she should do after leaving OSS. Her first dining experience at a superb restaurant suggested by her husband set Julia on the path to cooking stardom.

After graduating from Le Cordon Bleu, Julia and her French friends, Simone Beck and Louise Bertholle, started a cooking school for American women living in Paris. They named their culinary endeavor *L'ecole des trois Gourmandes*, meaning *The School of the Three Food Lovers*.

Julia's relationship with Simone and Louise set the stage for writing a cookbook masterpiece, *Mastering the Art of French Cooking*, still in print today.

After being rejected by one publisher who felt it too "encyclopedic" in content, it was recognized by Alfred Knopf for the treasure it is, and they published it.

(Author's Note: Although *Mastering the Art of French Cooking* is still popular, the *Joy of Cooking* by Irma Rombauer has outsold Child's book many times over. When the movie *Julie and Julia* came out in 2009, *Mastering the Art of French Cooking* was flying off the shelves; 20,000 sold in one week. There is a timeless quality to this delicious book written by three women many years ago.)

Another period of Julia's career came when she and Paul returned to the States. In 1962, she appeared on a show about books on WBGH (NPR) in Boston.

Much to the producer's chagrin, she insisted that a cooking demonstration was much more suited to her presentation than a dry discussion of her book. She demanded they bring a hot plate into the studio.

She was right on in her assessment of the audience. She whipped up a French omelet on the hot plate and signed on to 10 full seasons of the wildly popular *The French Chef*, where we all got to know, love and mimic her.

Come on — you're all alone reading this; no one can hear you. Say it out loud in Julia's unmistakable voice — "Bon Appetit."

Was Julia a spy? We may never know for sure, as real spies usually

deny their involvement in tradecraft. That said, Julia worked at the highest levels of intelligence gathering. And, who in the world would ever suspect that the tall dame with the breathy voice holding a spatula was a spy?

"The only real stumbling block is fear of failure. In cooking you've got to have a 'What the hell' attitude."

Take Julia's advice *Madams and Sirs*: If you want to up your game in the kitchen, don't be intimidated by French, Italian, Vietnamese or Ethiopian recipes. Fetch the right ingredients, march into your kitchen, make a big mess, and give your taste buds a real treat.

Julia Child left us on August 13, 2004, but not before being awarded, among her many awards, the U.S. Presidential Medal of Freedom and the French Legion of Honor.

Wherever you are, Julia, we are among the legions who are grateful for your service to our country and the appreciation for better food your efforts have engendered.

In closing, I want to share something a dear friend sent me that I found pretty funny and pertinent to the topic at hand. I hope you enjoy it, as well.

The Japanese eat very little fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.

The French eat a lot of fat and also suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.

The Japanese drink very little red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.

The Italians drink excessive amounts of red wine and also suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.

The Germans drink a lot of beer and eat lots of sausages and fats and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.

Conclusion: Eat and drink what you like. Speaking English is apparently what kills you.

Bon Appetit, Ken Springer Ken1949bongo@gmail.com



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FRONT ROW, FROM left: Emmett McLaughlin, Titus Rittenhouse and Carson Propst. Second row, from left: James Cook, Jenifer Taylor and Joseph Rittenhouse. Third row, from left: Allyson Taylor, Coleton Taylor, Trey Sattler and Aidan Wilmer.

## GBEMS Students of the Month

Carson Propst is the preschool Student of the Month. He is the son of Phillip and Brittany Propst. Cade's hobbies are dirt bike racing and watching TV. His favorite food is tacos and the best part of his school day is recess. Cade wants to be a cop when he grows up.

Emmett McLaughlin is the kindergarten Student of the Month. He is the son of Jarrett and Emily McLaughlin. Emmett says his hobbies are rodeoing and rodeoing some more! His favorite foods are strawberries and salad. He likes computer lab time and recess at school. When Emmett grows up, he wants to be a farmer and a roper.

Titus Rittenhouse is the first grade Student of the Month. He is the son of Ben and Shannon Rittenhouse. Titus likes to fish and swim. His favorite foods are pizza, tacos and burgers. Titus likes recess and wants to be a policeman when he grows up.

Joseph Rittenhouse is the second grade Student of the Month. He is the son of Nathan and Erin Rittenhouse. He likes fishing and annoying his sister. His fa-

vorite foods are French toast and ice cream sandwiches. When Joseph grows up, he wants to be an electrician.

Jenifer Taylor is the third grade Student of the Month. She is the daughter of Jonathan and Jessica Taylor. Jenifer likes pageants and playing soccer. Her favorite food is ranch chicken. Jenifer enjoys science in school and wants to be a service dog trainer when she grows up.

James Cook is the fourth grade Student of the Month. He is the son of Matt and Katherine Cook. He likes to play tag and eat pizza. His favorite part of school is math class. James wants to be a paleontologist when he grows up.

Aidan Wimer is the fifth grade Student of the Month. Aidan is the son of Scottie and Anna Wimer. He enjoys swimming and his favorite foods are pepperoni rolls and cookies. His favorite parts of school are reading and science. Aidan would like to be an artist when he grows up.

Trey Sattler is the sixth grade Student of the Month. He is the son of Silas and Nicole Sattler. Trey enjoys showing cattle

and sheep, farming, basketball, baseball and auctioneering. He likes to eat steak, mashed potatoes and wild turkey meat. His favorite part of school is recess. They would like to be a veterinarian with his own office, a farmer and also a bus driver.

Coleton Taylor is the seventh grade Student of the Month. He is the son of Mathew and Debbie Taylor. He enjoys riding his dirt bike in his free time. His favorite foods are deer meat, mashed potatoes and green beans. His favorite part of school is recess. Coleton would like to be a welder when he grows up.

Allyson Taylor is the eighth grade Student of the Month. She is the daughter of Chris and Melissa Taylor. Allyson enjoys basketball, recess and eating her favorite foods, dirt cake and steak. Allyson wants to be a teacher when she grows up.

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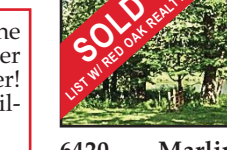
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