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Opera House unveils 22nd season

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

Guests walking through the doors of the Pocahontas County Opera House Saturday evening were transported to 1940s French Morocco for the Performance Series Preview Party themed “Midnight at the Oasis.”

It was like a scene from the classic film *Casablanca*, but instead of Sam tickling the ivories, Raymond Godwin performed a selection of tunes from the 1940s to entertain the crowd as they nibbled on hors d’oeuvres. There was a small reserved table with two seats at the front of the stage, possibly for Rick Blaine and Ilsa Lund.

While the theme was specific to one musical genre and era, the performance series lineup for 2023-2024 features a collection of musicians and performers from all around the world.

Facilities operation manager Brynn Kusic enthusiastically shared the list of performers who will grace the stage between September 2023 and May 2024.

“As all of you know, we’ve got a lot going on in Pocahontas County – there are First Fridays and there are festivals,” she said.



POCAHONTAS COUNTY OPERA House facilities operation manager Brynn Kusic welcomes the crowd to the annual Performance Series Preview Party Saturday. The theme for the evening was “Midnight at the Oasis.” S. Stewart photo

“There are so many things happening, so we’re going to start our season this year in September.”

Before the official season begins, Kusic said there will be a performance September 15 and 16 by the Pocahontas County Drama Workshop. Its first performance since the COVID-19 pandemic. The troupe will be performing “The Cocktail Hour.”

One of the highlights of the season will be Dom Flemons, an old-time music, Piedmont blues singer and songwriter. Kusic said Flemons recently performed in West Virginia and loved it so much, he wanted to return.

pop-up performances,” she said. “There was this very special dinner that happened where he performed with Kathy Mattea, Dom Flemons and Crystal Good, who is a great poet from the coalfields.”

As it would happen, county resident Jake Hyer has a connection to Flemons and helped connect him with the Opera House.

Along with special guests such as Flemons, there are several favorites returning to the stage, including the Greenbrier Valley Theater, Mike and Mary Sue Burns and the Black Mountain Bluegrass Boys.

“Yo-Yo Ma had all these

of us really, truly get the fact that there are performances that come from Los Angeles and New York City to Lewisburg to be part of those productions, and the fact that they’re willing to pack it up, put it on the road and bring it to our stage, is a huge deal,” Kusic said of GVT.

“For our Opry Night this year, Mary Sue and Mike Burns have been involved in an amazing project during the pandemic where they made recordings with all kinds of beautiful musicians from other places and they will be bringing them to the stage for Opry Night,” she

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Felton retains mayor’s seat, Clendenen is recorder

Jaynell Graham
Editor

Marlinton held its Municipal Election Tuesday, and the unofficial results are:

Mayor: Sam Felton – 100 votes

Recorder: Mary K. Clendenen – 107 votes

Councilmembers:

Roger Trusler – 76 votes

Tom Miller – 76 votes

Olivia Ashton Dean – 66 votes

Scott D. Gibb – 62 votes

Joseph “Joe” Smith – 54 votes

The Canvass

The canvass of the election results will be conducted by the Marlinton Town Council with a quorum present. It is to be held on the fifth day following the election, not counting Sundays and holidays.

Ballots are not required to be re-tallied, and allegations of fraud or improprieties are not heard during canvass. The steps of a canvass are designed to create a record verifying that the ballots are properly accounted for, and to decide whether provisional ballots are to be counted based on law.

When the canvass is completed, the results of the election are declared, and the canvass is recessed for at least 48 hours (excluding any Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday which may fall within that period). After the 48 hours have passed, the board of canvassers convenes to certify the results of the election for any office or issue for which no recount request has been filed. If no office or issue is the subject of a recount request, all results are certified.

Forever Wild Freestyle Team has successful season of shredding

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

With skiers and snowboarders who have been shredding the snow since they were toddlers, it’s no wonder the Forever Wild Freestyle Team had an exceptional year of competition this past winter and spring.

Led by ski coaches Seth Ruckle and Bradin Baum, and snowboard coaches Clay Edwards, Ben Marshall and Kody May, the team traveled to four competitions and hosted three events at Snowshoe Mountain Resort.

“For skiers, they have skier cross, half pipe, slope style and rail jam,” Ruckle said. “Snowboard has those four disciplines plus giant slalom and slalom.”

“In the Appalachian series, we had a lot of series champions which means they finished first in their discipline in their age group for that event. We had a lot of high placing people. I think everybody on the team qualified for nationals.”

The team has 12 skiers and



THE FOREVER WILD Freestyle Team at Snowshoe, led by coaches Seth Ruckle, Bradin Baum, Clay Edwards, Ben Marshall and Kody May, has members ages eight to 16. During the winter season, the team travels to competitions to participate in skiing and snowboarding events. Photo courtesy of Shawn Cassell

12 snowboarders. Of those, 10 skiers and 10 snowboarders moved on to compete in nationals.

Members of the team range in age from eight to 16, and although they have different skill levels and styles, they all have one thing in common – a zeal for

adventure.

Nolan Street, 15, ended the season placing seventh overall at nationals.

“That means I placed high enough in each category to get a combined score to get me to seventh overall out of everyone that came,” he said.

Street’s age category is

very competitive and has the most participants at each event. He has been skiing for eight years and has been on both the Snow Tracks and Forever Wild team.

Why does Street love to ski so much?

“Freedom,” he said. “You’re free to do whatever

you want. Obviously, we’re competing with specific rules, but there’s so few rules that you’re still free to do whatever you want. I like the adrenaline.”

To some, 14 is a late age to begin skiing, but Keenan Joyner has really enjoyed his first year on skis, as well as

the team.

“It’s a great time,” he said. “Going to different places was a nice experience.”

Joyner competed in ski cross and came in 29th out of 57, which he is happy with, considering it’s his first year.

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Broadband Council discusses BEAD funding

Tim Walker
AMR Reporter

The June 8 Pocahontas County Broadband Council meeting opened with a discussion of the Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment Program (BEAD) funding. Amy Truesdale of the Greenbrier Valley Economic Development Corporation (GVEDC) said that there have been about 305 BEAD Survey responses received in the Region 4 Planning and Development Council counties – Nicholas, Fayette, Greenbrier, Webster and Pocahontas - but it is not possible to be able to determine how many of those were sent in from Pocahontas County. Mike Holstine said that only a thousand or so responses were received in the entire state.

Holstine added that BEAD is coming out with a

new survey, and the council voted to partner with them to help them distribute the survey. Holstine added, however, this should not be a high priority since the BEAD funding is unlikely to be of much or any help to bring broadband into this county, because the Rural Development Opportunity Funding (RDOF) awarded areas of the county (which cover the majority of the county) have been deemed off-limits to BEAD or any other federal broadband funding.

He suggested that one way BEAD might help is with BEAD's Community Anchor Program. That program provides broadband to critical institutions in the county, such as the hospital, EMS facilities and fire stations. The suggestion was made to see if they can influence BEAD to add additional institutions such as food banks, medical

clinics and senior centers to their list of Community Anchor Institutions, because broadband service to those institutions will also bring broadband to the areas surrounding them. These might be exceptions to the RDOF restrictions.

Regarding those RDOF restrictions, Holstine said Frontier's obligation to build in their reserved areas was only to provide – within eight years – broadband service to a total of 175,000 customer locations statewide. So, even though Frontier bid on and won RDOF control over most of Pocahontas County, it is possible that few if any of those 175,000 will be located in the county.

Brian Tew of Thompson and Litton suggested the council try to find out from Frontier how many of those

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Commission reduces future contributions to non-profits by half

Tim Walker
AMR Report

At the June 6 Pocahontas County Commission meeting, Commissioner John Rebinski proposed that, starting in the new fiscal year on July 1, 2023, the commission should reduce the amount of money it budgets to contribute to non-profit organizations from the present \$50,000 to

\$25,000 per year.

Rebinski made a motion to reduce the total annual contributions to \$25,000 and that the maximum any one organization can receive be reduced from the current \$5,000 to \$2,500.

The motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Wilfong, appearing on behalf of the County Health Department, informed the commission that they just recently learned

that the state DHHR General Sanitation Rule requires that short-term rental units, such as AirBNB and Vrbo rentals, are required to obtain a health permit, which requires they be inspected annually by the local health department and are required to pay an annual fee of \$125. She said they have been inspecting only long-term rentals – hotels, motels and B&Bs – in

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Motor Vehicle Property Tax Adjustment Credit

Johnny Pritt
Pocahontas County Assessor

You may have heard of the Motor Vehicle Property Tax Adjustment Credit, and as your Assessor I would like to help you better understand the process.

This new credit goes into effect January 1, 2024.

The first rebates will be issued in 2025, after your 2024 WV Income Tax form is filed.

The first thing to know is, that in order to qualify for any rebate (credit), you must pay your property taxes on time.

Payment for the first half of the 2023 Personal Prop-

erty tax will not qualify for the credit.

The second half 2023 Personal Property Tax payment will qualify for an income tax credit if paid between January 1, 2024 and March 31, 2024.

If you plan to file for this rebate (credit), you should wait until after January 1, 2024 to pay the second half of the 2023 Personal Property taxes.

Refunds are not issued through the county tax office.

Credits and rebates are calculated with your WV State Income Tax Filing.

If you owe state income tax, the rebate will be applied first to the tax that is owed. You will receive any

remaining balance.

Who Qualifies?

Individuals, Partnerships, S-Corporations, LLCs and C-Corporations.

Which Motor Vehicle Classifications Qualify?

Class A – Cars and Trucks, 10,000 pounds or less

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BOE bids farewell to Beam

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

The Pocahontas County Board of Education held a short meeting June 6 in which it handled usual business and bid farewell to superintendent Terrence Beam, who is taking the superintendent job in Nicholas County.

Two board members were absent – Becky Campbell and Jarrett McLaughlin – but the remaining members thanked Beam for his efforts during his time in Pocahontas County. Beam shared his appreciation with the board and community, stating he couldn't have asked for a better use of the past 14 years.

Beam added that his move is bittersweet because he has made such strong connections in Pocahontas County, but said, in the end, he knew it was time to go home and do something for his home county.

"I was thinking, we've got board members who all feel

loyalty to try to do something positive for their home county," he said. "That's why you guys get on the board, to try to make things better for your own county. I guess that's what I'm doing."

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Free Amateur Radio License test session

Testing for Amateur Radio licenses including upgrades will be held Tuesday, July 11, at 7 p.m. in the Cass firehouse.

All test levels will be offered – Technician, General and Extra – and will be provided free of charge.

The test session is sponsored by the Laurel VEC's (Volunteer Examiner Coordinators) and facilitated by the 8 Rivers Amateur Radio Club. Attendees may take more than one exam during this testing session.

You must bring the following in order to sit for the exam(s):

1. A photo ID such as a driver's license or passport. Children without a photo ID may take the exam provided they can prove their identity to the satisfaction of the Laurel VEC Team Leader.

2. If currently licensed, an official copy of your current, signed amateur radio operator's license.

To take an exam, you are required to have an FRN (FCC Registration Number) which is available at the following website: <https://www.fcc.gov/wireless/sup>

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Various practice tests are available online.

Contact Rudy Marrojo at 304-456-3057 with questions and to reserve your space.

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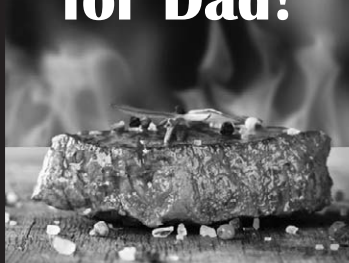
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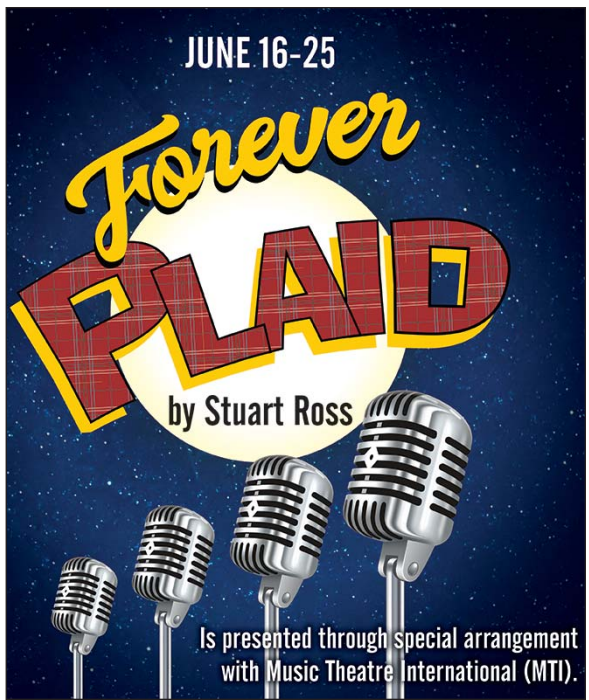
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GVT channels feel-good nostalgia ~ 'Forever Plaid' takes a trip down Memory Lane

Greenbrier Valley Theatre will look to transport audiences back to the 1950s and 60s with its upcoming production of *Forever Plaid*. Featuring songs such as "Crazy 'Bout Ya Baby," "Papa Loves to Mambo," "Three Coins in the Fountain," and many others, this show will have audience members reminiscing of a simpler time. *Forever Plaid*, written by Stuart Ross, tells the story of four men known as the Plaids who are ready to perform their final concert together in an upbeat nostalgia trip that is sure to delight audiences of all ages.

Forever Plaid opens at GVT Friday, June 16, and runs through the Sunday, June 25. Saturday, June 17, includes a 2:30 matinee.

Tickets are \$32 for general seating, \$29 for senior citizens age 60 and above, and \$20 for students.

Now in its 56th season, Greenbrier Valley Theatre is a mainstay and theatre destination located in Lewisburg. The arts organization has been further recognized as a "West Virginia Jewel of the Hills," awarded the Living the Dream Service Organization Honor Roll by The Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission, and is a multi-year recipient of Non-Profit Business of the Year. GVT boasts a robust series of year-round programming and educational offers with the goal to enlighten, enrich, and enliven throughout the region.

For more information on tickets visit the theatre's website: www.gvtheatre.org or call the box office at 304-645-3838.



When and why did humans begin kissing? The Conclusion

Oxford Dictionary defines kissing as simply, "Touch with the lips as a sign of love, sexual desire, reverence or greeting."

Distillation should be reserved for good scotch because the above definition does not do justice to the complexity and variety of kissing. Many are the forms and connotations of placing one's lips upon darn near anything from the Blarney Stone to the romantic kiss as a prelude to further demonstrations of love.

Although Dooley Wilson proclaims in a rich baritone that "A kiss is just a kiss" in the classic film, *Casablanca*, it fails to encompass the myriad emotions involving human lips.

There is a first time for everything regardless of how simple or intentioned; the first flint tool, first spoken word, first marriage ceremony; the list is endless.

Sometime back in the murky past, the very first kiss transpired among early humans. Was it an impulsive romantic gesture, a learned behavior, or an evolved instinct?

Did a paleolithic young man have his eye on one of the fetching young women in his tribe?

Perhaps this ardent suitor brought her some fresh fruit to share out in the savannah beyond the prying eyes of his tribe. He noticed her full lips as they dined on the sweet berries, bringing an unfamiliar desire. He drew close to her, and at that moment, he gave in to the urge to press his fruit-sweetened lips against hers.

Very romantic indeed. However, kissing began as something more pragmatic. What we know as a kiss may have to do with choosing the best mate, a significant principle of natural selection.

We discussed pre-mastication in last week's column as a candidate for the progenitor of kissing. Pre-chewing or pre-mastication involves chewing food and passing it on by mouth to infants or adults who cannot physically chew their food.

The theory has one flaw; not all human cultures kiss, nor is there any evidence that these human groups ever began kissing. The fact that at least 10 percent of all human cultures do not practice kissing suggests to some that kissing is not an evolutionary factor, but rather, a learned behavior.

A Kiss for Every Occasion

Like Hallmark greeting cards, there is a kiss for every season and every reason. The emotions involved include but are not limited to romance, passion, love, affection, respect, sexual attraction and activity, peace, reward and consoling one another.

One type of kiss is not on the above list; the Kiss of Death. Made famous in movies such as *The Godfather* and *Valachi Papers*, the American version of *Il Bacio Della Morte* (Kiss of Death in Italian) is a standard film meme going back to 1947.

But did, or does, the kiss of death happen in real life?

Most sources point to Sicily, the Sicilian mob to be specific, as the source of the Kiss of Death, but its meaning varies considerably between the Italian and American versions.

In America, at least in the movies, the Mafioso boss gives the actual kiss to a member thought to have betrayed the family, thereby marking him for death.

In the Sicilian mob, the assassin, or hit-man, receives the kiss as a pact to seal the betrayer's fate. This Mafioso tradition is thought to originate from the biblical kiss of Judas, who betrayed Jesus by kissing him in the pres-



KISSING IRELAND'S BLARNEY Stone is harder than it sounds. Six years ago, Suzanne Stewart, of Green Bank, held on tight as she was assisted in kissing the famous stone.

ence of Roman soldiers.

You would do well to avoid this type of kiss.

Back in the days when young people played kissing games like post office and spin the bottle, young women would often demand a caveat that the kiss was not the famous or infamous French kiss. The French kiss had its detractors.

The French are indeed quite inventive with the art of kissing, claiming some 20 forms of the act, while Germany boasts no fewer than 30 forms of kissing.

As stated earlier, there is some evidence that paleolithic males would court a female by pre-chewing a sweet food item and using their tongue to push the delicacy into the intended's mouth.

Ooh La La! The French kiss may have been born in the Stone Age; who would have thought?
This custom may have

arisen from an earlier form of pre-mastication or a method of determining the suitability of a mate based on the taste of saliva. Early humans are believed to have practiced both.

The kiss' humble and practical beginnings may not seem to modern humans as anything remotely romantic. Yet, we must appreciate the innumerable reasons and types of kissing that have developed worldwide since the Paleolithic era.

Take religion and societal class distinctions, for example. Some Catholics kiss their bishop's or cardinal's ring, while other forms of Christianity kiss the cross.

Believers in many religions around the world kiss holy relics and objects. Other devotees kiss the statues of deities, while Jews kiss the mezuzah whenever and wherever it is encountered.

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TRIVIA – a little something to think about
Courtesy of Chuck Cornell

1. If the doctor says he needs to replace your patella, what body part is he talking about?
2. Just binge-watched a documentary, "Three Mile Island." In 1979, this nuclear power plant had a partial core meltdown. In what state would you find it? Near what river?
3. What was Roy and Walt Disney's first full-length, animated feature film? It was the first with sound and color – in 1937.
4. Emmett "Doc" Brown, an eccentric scientist, built a time machine powered by plutonium. The time machine was built out of a modified auto. What was it?

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June 16 - 18

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Marlinton Mayor's Corner

By Sam Felton

Last Friday, Saturday and Sunday were the best three days I have experienced for a while. Except for the midnight call about brush growing behind a residence, it was a near perfect weekend.

On Friday, I took the afternoon off and rode my motorcycle to my brother's house. We visited on his porch for about an hour, and I returned home. At home was an old friend I had not seen in a couple of years. Also, a cousin from Colorado came to spend a couple of nights.

He came to play in the Snowshoe Foundation Charity Golf Tournament and had never been to Marlinton or my home.

John moved from Barbour County to the Atlanta, Georgia, area more than 30 years ago. He moved on from there with companies that have kept him busy around the world working on various and sundry projects. We toured the county on Saturday, a beautiful day. We were at Cass to hear the train return to the station.

On Sunday, our church

had an uplifting gospel music concert, that I wish everyone could have attended. At the close of the song service, we crossed the parking lot to the old Campbelltown Schoolhouse, where we joined together for a dinner fit for a king. What a great day. Family and church family. Food and fellowship.

The scripture says in Deuteronomy 30:19, "I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live."

The answer seems so obvious: Choose life. Choose blessing.

Then, the first thing Monday morning comes the report of another tragic death in our community. Someone

I had invited to church many times. At one point, I watched for him on Sunday mornings to be standing on Main Street, waiting for a ride to church.

Choices. Points to ponder in future days.

The joy of The Lord is our strength. The difference a Sunday song service and dinner with friends can make in every situation cannot be denied. Nor can it be overstated.

Thinking for a change will mean more to some than others. Life is more than working toward a recreational economy.

All else means little when compared to the personal struggles around us.

We have to choose to make a difference.



Museum Piece

By Dr. Denise McNeel

The Pocahontas County Historical Society celebrated the 60th anniversary of the opening of its museum last Monday. The Society itself was formed two years earlier in November 1961 at the Pocahontas County Courthouse with 16 people present.

At the second meeting in March 1962 with more members, one of the subjects was how they might celebrate the Centennial of the formation of the State of

West Virginia in 1963.

It was decided in early April 1962 that they would open a museum. Hearing of its possible availability, members toured Mrs. Anna Hunter's home, River Place, on Seneca Trail, facing the Greenbrier River in Marlinton, and voted to purchase it.

Chisel Sheets and Bill McNeel worked on changing a home into a museum, and showcases from stores all across the county were donated to be used to hold the displays. At the same time, a

large number of members were donating and collecting historical items, and doing countless jobs to make house and grounds ready for the June deadline.

If you had a relative living in Pocahontas County at that time, they were almost certainly working on this incredible community project, in one way or another.

The goal, at first, was to fill the ground floor, but due to the generosity of the communities, the exhibits spilled over to the upstairs rooms

On June 5 1963, Pearl S. Buck and West Virginia Governor and Mrs. Wallace Barron were treated to luncheon, the ribbon was cut and, from the River Porch,

Mrs. Buck addressed a large group seated on the lawn on a sunny day.

Sixty years later, we need that unity and county pride to restore this Pocahontas County gem. Over the years the collection has grown considerably. People continue to give of their best and historical items, but the building and grounds need the touch of willing volunteers to restore them.

If you can work, please volunteer.

If not, please consider becoming a member of the Historical Society. The dues are \$20 a year. The dues and other donations may be mailed to PCHS, P. O. Box 453, Marlinton, WV 24954.

Community Calendar

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Marlinton Town Office will be closed Monday, June 19, in observance of Juneteenth and Tuesday, June 20, in observance of West Virginia Day. Commercial garbage pickup for these days will be Wednesday, June 21. Household garbage may carry over into Thursday.

Pocahontas County Landfill and the Solid Waste Office will be closed Monday, June 19, for the Juneteenth holiday, and Tuesday, June 20, for West Virginia Day.

The Pocahontas County Solid Waste Authority reminds county residential property owners that the 2022 Green Box Fee must be paid or postmarked by June 30, 2023 to avoid the \$150 civil penalty.

Hear the reason for the season at the 22nd Annual Public Reading of our 1776 Declaration of Independence at noon on the Fourth of July in front of the Pocahontas County Courthouse in Marlinton. Free watermelon, and information will be available about how to secure, for ourselves and our posterity, the rights we asserted in that document.

Justin Arvon, a consumer outreach and compliance specialist with the office of the West Virginia

Attorney General, will be at Marlinton Town Hall, 709 Second Avenue, Thursday, June 22, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to meet with residents who have consumer-related issues

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.

EVENTS
Yew Mountain Center – Hike with Adrienne, scheduled for June 14 has been cancelled.

FREE Community Dinner, Thursday, June 22, 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Marlinton Presbyterian Church. Sponsored by area churches and community volunteers. Menu: Cookout – Hotdogs, salads, etc.

Cranberry Mountain Nature Center – Annual Native Orchid Tour Saturday, June 24, 10 a.m. to 1

p.m. The program is free and takes place rain or shine. Wear appropriate footwear for hiking.

Square Dance at Boyer Station Campground, Saturday, June 24, 7 to 9 p.m. Music by Mudhole Control. Caller: Andrew Carroll. Bring a chair and enjoy an evening of music and dancing.

LIBRARY NEWS
Registration for the annual Summer Reading Program at the Pocahontas County Libraries is now open. You may register and inquire about dates and locations by calling your local branch, scanning the QR

code on a Summer Reading flyer, following us on Facebook and Instagram, or by going to our website at www.pocahontaslibrary.org

Ukulele in the Library. Learn the basics at Green Bank Library Wednesdays through 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.

Pocahontas County Libraries now offers a Tech Help hour to assist you with your computer, smart phone, printer, email or general help and guidance. AmeriCorps see Calendar pg 11

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One of ten million men, or more,
Plodding along in the daily strife
Bearing the whips and scorns of life,
With never a whimper of pain or hate
For the sake of those who at home do wait.

Only a dad, neither rich nor proud,
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Toiling, striving, from day to day,
Facing whatever may come his ay,
Silent whenever the harsh condemn,
And bearing it all for the love of them.

Only a dad, but he gives his all
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~ Edgar Guest, 1881-1959

What's Cookin'?

The Art of Cooking in Marlinton

Supper Saucy Meatloaf
Nellie Williams

1 can tomato soup
1/4 cup minced onion
1 egg, slightly beaten
1/8 tsp. pepper
1/4 cup water
1 cup bread crumbs
2 Tbsp. fine parsley
1 tsp. salt
1 1/2 lb. ground beef
Blend soup and water.
Mix 1/2 cup soup mixture with the rest of the ingredients.
Shape into firm loaf.
Bake at 350° for 1 1/4 hours.
Blend remaining soup mixture with 2 Tbsp. drippings to serve over loaf.
4 to 6 servings.

Elizabeth's Cake
Lib Faulkner

1 box Duncan Hines yellow cake mix
1 small can crushed pineapple
1 box instant vanilla pudding
4 eggs
Drain pineapple and add enough water to the juice to make 1 cup.
Put all the ingredients together, except the pudding, and mix for two minutes with a hand or stand mixer.
Add the pudding and beat for three minutes.
Fold in the pineapple.
Pour into a greased tube pan and bake at 350° for 1 hour.

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Artwork for jury must be submitted by July 10.
Applicants should contact Sarah Moss at 304-799-2360.
To learn more about the jury process consult our website: pocahontasartistry.com

Little Levels Heritage Fair PIE CONTEST

Saturday, June 24

Pie Categories:

- Fruit Pies:** Heritage Fruits and Berries.
- Heritage Cream Pies** (Pies containing dairy products must be delivered in a cooler) All pies must be covered when delivered.

Contest Rules:
Crust and pie filling must be made from scratch. (Pastry, crumb or any other homemade crust containing flour & shortening). No canned fillings, mixes, pre-made or graham cracker crusts, commercial whipped toppings or cheese cakes. List ingredients on one side of an index card and name, address and phone number on the back. Pies will be judged based on Presentation, Texture and Taste. Judge's decisions are final. Pies will be listed by number only. You should have your name on any plate you wish to pick up. Pies must be brought to the Hillsboro Senior Citizen's room at the south end of HES between 11 a.m. and noon. Judging will begin at 12:30 p.m. and winners announced following the parade. Winners in each of the two categories will be: First Place \$75; Second Place \$50; Third Place \$25. The Best of Show will be selected by a separate team of judges from the 1st. place winners of each of the two categories. The winner will receive a handmade, one-of-a-kind ceramic pie plate created by Tracy Walker.
For additional information call Ruth Taylor at 304 653-8563 or email bobandruthytaylor@yahoo.com

Bake a pie and come on down!

Tips for dealing with invasive spotted lanternfly

WVU Today

It is hatching season for the spotted lanternfly, an invasive insect from Asia that a West Virginia University expert describes as a “serious economic threat” to agricultural industries.

First detected in Pennsylvania in 2014, the spotted lanternfly has since been found in several other states, including multiple counties in West Virginia — Berkeley, Brooke, Mineral, Morgan, Hampshire and Jefferson.

Carlos Quesada, WVU Extension entomology specialist and assistant professor in the WVU Davis College of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Design, offers advice on how to best handle the invasive insects.

“Because it can feed on more than 70 different plant species, the spotted lanternfly is a serious economic threat to multiple agricultural industries,” Quesada said. “Spotted lanternflies do not bite, sting or transmit disease to humans or pets.

“The spotted lanternfly lays eggs from September to



December, eggs that are covered in a white, putty-like substance that looks like cracked mud to keep them through the winter. Egg masses are laid on hard surfaces, including trees, stones, patio furniture, plant containers and vehicles. These eggs hatch during May and June.

“Both adults and nymph spotted lanternflies feed by sucking sap from trees through a sharp, needle-like beak, which can result in leaf curl, wilt, tree dieback and death of the tree. Tree dieback caused by a high in-

festation of spotted lanternflies has been observed on black walnut, willow, staghorn sumac and maple trees.

“The spotted lanternfly also excretes honeydew, a sugary substance, which attracts wasps and produces sooty mold fungus. Sooty mold doesn’t affect plants directly but can reduce photosynthesis.

“Before you move material out of a place where spotted lanternflies are present, check for and remove all stages of the insect. Smash or scrape the eggs downward

into a bottle or bag filled with rubbing alcohol, using a stick, plastic card or putty knife. Trapping can be effective in managing the nymphal stage.

“Spotted lanternfly nymphs move up and down on the trunk of trees, making them easy to capture by wrapping the tree trunks with specialized bands that have an adhesive outer layer or by placing a spotted lanternfly circle trap.”

Report any stage of spotted lanternfly to bugbusters @wvda.us or call 681-313-9140.

Farmland Protection Board acquires two easements

The Pocahontas County Farmland Protection board (PCFPB) has acquired two conservation easements under the West Virginia Voluntary Farmland Protection Act §8A-12 (1-21).



On January 20, 2023, an easement was acquired from Traci Hickson. The easement protects 64 acres in the Green Bank District of Pocahontas County. Of specific importance to Traci was protecting the Mill Run trout stream watershed.

On March 31, 2023, an easement protecting 46 acres was acquired from Wesley Price. This parcel is in the Little Levels District. Mr. Price wants to ensure his property remains available as farmland.

The Deed of Conserva-

tion Easement, which outlines restrictions, offers protection to each of these landowners, helping to protect what is important to them. The restriction of future subdivision and soil disturbance will help these landowners in their protection efforts.

The purpose of the Farmland Protection Program is to preserve land for farm use. To learn more about this program call Amy at 304-667-4877 or email amy@saddlebackservices.org

Team, from page 1

While he may be late to the game, Joyner says it's never too late to take up a new sport and being on a team of old pros has helped him learn a lot.

“Just try it,” is his advice to those interested in skiing. “Just go for it and if you don’t think you can, don’t think that. Just go for it. Try your best. We’re helpful. Everybody is like that.”

Ten-year-old Jaxon Cassell joined the team two years ago, but has been skiing since he was four.

“I started off pretty miserable, but later on in the years of training, I really progressed,” he said.

His favorite event is slope style, in which he placed 23rd. Half pipe, his second favorite, is where he got 14th place. He also placed 38th in ski cross and ninth overall.

As to why slope style is his favorite event, Jaxon said it gives him a chance to express himself and his personal style.

“Off the jumps, you do just what you feel would be the coolest thing and on the rail features, it’s just whatever you want to do,” he said. “You don’t have to copy whatever anybody else does. You just do what you want to do.”

Jaxon was on the Snow Tracks team before joining Forever Wild.

“In Snow Tracks, I was one of the highest people, and I decided I wanted more,” he said. “I wanted more time training and that’s when I asked my dad if there is anything other than Snow Tracks. Immediately when I heard the word freestyle, I was all in.”

Jaxon’s brother, Boone, age eight, is also a skier and joined the team two years ago, as well. Boone began skiing when he was eight months old. He’s honed his

skills and has become quite the competitor. He got seventh place at nationals in skier cross and plans to continue growing as a skier.

Boone puts it simply when asked what he likes about being on the team.

“Having fun skiing,” he said.

Another teammate who got an early start is Tyler Pace, age nine, who strapped on the skis when he was two years old.

“This is my first year on the team,” he said. “I was just skiing with my dad, but I didn’t get enough skiing in, so I joined the team. That’s every weekend.”

Although he didn’t place at competition, Pace said he really enjoyed the experience of seeing so many skiers compete.

“There are so many skiers from other countries coming here to do the races,” he said. “It was really cool seeing them.”

The team isn’t just for boys. There are several girls

who compete as skiers and snowboarders, one of whom is eight-year-old Isla Zollars.

She took up skiing at the age of four and is a force to be reckoned with on the slopes.

“I loved it,” she said of competing. “I love skier cross. I’m really good at it. In skier cross, I placed third and then in half pipe, I placed second.”

Skier cross is Zollars’ favorite because she can express her personal style and speed down the mountain.

“You can go as fast as you want,” she said. “You can do tricks and it’s just really fun.”

Not one to sit on the sidelines in warmer weather, Zollars said she can’t wait to get on her mountain bike and feed her need for speed in another sport.

An older member on the team, Egan Phillips, 16, is a snowboarder who has been hitting the slopes since he was 18 months old. The son

of former pros who have trained other pro snowboarders, Phillips took to the sport like a fish to water.

“This is my first year on this freestyle team up here,” he said. “I joined mainly because I was looking to improve my riding. I wanted to get more comfortable spinning and hitting bigger features and having people to ride with.”

For his first year competing, Phillips said he struggled with slope style due to the size of the jumps. He placed 58th in slope style and 21st in rail jam.

Phillips said he prefers to compete in boarder cross because he is racing down the slope against three other boarders.

“I like it with three other people because it gives me something to chase down if they do get in front of me,” he said. “It’s just fun. With riding with other people, it’s just really nice to be able to see other people’s style and try to make it.”

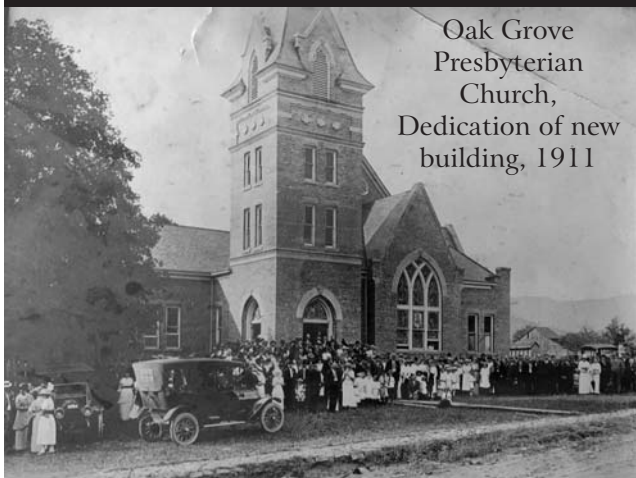
Phillips said he is looking forward to improving his skills and is even considering a career as a snowboarding trainer like his parents.

Team members who competed at nationals were:

Egan Phillips; Ali Gregory; Payton Moyer – third in giant slalom, third in slalom; Evelyn Simmons, Isla Zollars – second in half pipe, third in ski cross, second overall; Boone Cassell – seventh in ski cross; Ari Gavrillets – seventh overall; Cuyler Spencer; Declan Strong; Evelyn Prandi – 10th overall; Mia Valach – second in slalom; Jaxon Cassell – ninth overall; Ryder Wilfong; Bridget Moyer; Riley Denkers; Wyatt Denker; Keenan Joyner; Nolan Street – seventh overall; Julianna Black; Mitchell Post; Tucker Dinwiddie; and Tyler Pace.

Other team members are: Zara Fanning, Ayla Fanning, Linus Heroy, Meredith Minter, Ahna Valach, Arthur Heroy and Tristan O’Steen.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

- 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tours of Pearl S. Buck Birthplace
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- 7 p.m. Firemen’s Parade Around Hillsboro, Rt. 219, Lobelia Road and Payne Street.
Presented by Hillsboro VFD and Rescue Squad

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

Activities at Hillsboro Elementary School, unless otherwise noted.

- 7:30 a.m. Sausage Biscuits at Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Department (until sold out)
- 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tours of Historic McNeel Mill, Mill Point
- 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tours of Pearl S. Buck Birthplace
\$10 family donation appreciated.
- 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Arts & Crafts
- 10 a.m. Music by Bill Hefner Family Band
- 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Book, Baked Goods and Homemade Ice Cream Sale, Hillsboro Public Library
Friends of the Library
- 10 a.m. Kids Crafts
- 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Car Show • Hillsboro Car Club
Sponsored by the Town of Hillsboro
- 11 a.m. Music by Juanita Fireball & the Continental Drifters
- 11 a.m. - noon Heritage Homemade Pie Contest
Registration/Drop Off
Hillsboro Senior Center
- 11 a.m. Pork Tenderloin Sandwiches
Community Club (until sold out)
- Hot Dog Sale
Little Levels 4-H Club (until sold out)
- Lemonade Stand
Hillsboro Girl Scouts (until sold out)
- Noon Field Games

- Noon Music by Richard Hefner and the Black Mountain Bluegrass Boys
- Noon - 2 p.m. Heritage Parade Registration
Payne Street
- 12:30 p.m. Heritage Homemade Pie Contest Judging
Hillsboro Senior Center
- 1 p.m. Music by Viney Mountain Boys
- 2 p.m. Music by The Porch Pickers
- 2:30 p.m. Winners of Parade, Pie Contest and Car Show Judging announced
Under the Tent
- 3 p.m. Heritage Parade
Rt. 219, Lobelia Road and Payne Street
- 6 - 8 p.m. 25TH ANNIVERSARY SATURDAY NIGHT SQUARE DANCE
with Juanita Fireball & the Continental Drifters
Under the Tent

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

- Noon - 5 p.m. Tours of Pearl S. Buck Birthplace
\$10 family donation appreciated.
- 2 p.m. Log Race at Seebert Bridge
PCHS Athletics
- 3:30 p.m. Cemetery Tours
Oak Grove and McNeel cemeteries
Meet at Oak Grove Church, weather permitting.
- 8:15 p.m. Vespers at McNeel Cemetery
(Inclement weather location: Pleasant Green Church on Seebert Lane.)

Live Music • Saturday, June 24
Elementary School: Under the Tent

- 10 a.m. Bill Hefner Family Band
- 11 a.m. Juanita Fireball and the Continental Drifters
- Noon: Richard Hefner and the Black Mountain Bluegrass Boys
- 1 p.m. Viney Mountain Boys
- 2 p.m. The Porch Pickers
- 6 p.m. Square Dance with Juanita Fireball and the Continental Drifters

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Calmness in the moment

Melondy Phillips
Staff Writer

As I share about my childhood memories, I have started thinking about how I have lost so much of that childhood wonder and joy; overwhelmed by the chores and duties to perform in the here and now.

Life is so frantic these days, do we really take the time to just sit and be still? I ponder this question as my husband attempts to teach me how to do this very thing. It is not an easy task, especially for long-term caregivers.

If we do try to sit or be still, are the thoughts in our mind flooding over with responsibilities of the day or is it allowed to be at peace in the moment?

We all need time to recharge but instead of it being a natural part of life it must be a deliberate act of choice.

Is there a place you can go to be alone, listen to the birds, "smell the flowers?" This seems like an impossible task for many.

From a mom's perspective, I've experienced the difficulty of finding time to go to the bathroom in peace. I've also learned how to get a full shower in less than five minutes because I was lucky to have that much free time.

It is good for the body to do physical work, but our work suffers when the body is physically tired. When the mind is not allowed proper rest it negatively affects our thoughts, imagination and creativity and, in turn, depression can set in. In 2021, according to the CDC, 12.3

million adults seriously thought about suicide. This is a stressful world.

Being overwhelmed with daily responsibilities can make one feel like they are thrown to the wolves of forgotten innocence.

If you only have one minute during the day, then try something like the following and ask yourself some questions:

- Observe a flower: How is it growing? Does it stretch for the sunlight? What variations of colors does it display? Watch the way it moves in the gentle breeze. How many leaves does it have and how are they shaped? What does it smell like? Try to describe its smell without using another flower or a perfume as an example. How is the light reflected off of it and what shadows are produced from it?
- Scrutinize a bug crawling across the ground: Is it tarrying or in a hurry? How many legs does it have? Is it soft or hard-bodied? What subtle colors does it have; any spots or stripes? Can you hear it crawling?
- Close your eyes: What can you "see" with your eyes closed? What smells fill the air that you didn't notice before? What sounds are now more detectable? Is there a buzz from the lights inside? Does the sound of a distant bird tickle your ears?
- Close your eyes and put your hand on the counter or ground: Can you feel a vibration? Can you hear its source? How does the surface feel; it is warm or cold, hard or soft, smooth or rough, can you feel any



A GRACEFUL BUTTERFLY floats in for a soft landing on a delicate flower petal. Photo courtesy of pixabay.com

grains of dirt or something wet on it?

If you have five minutes or more, maybe try some of these:

- Take your shoes and socks off and walk in the grass: Is the grass soft or rigid? Is it cool from the breeze or warmed by the sun?
- Run your fingers over the grass: Do you see anything else growing with it, like plantain or dandelion? How does it smell? Has it been freshly mowed or left uncut?
- Look at the sky: What color is it; deep blue, sky blue, orange-ish red, pink, or a sea of black filled with twinkling lights from something much larger?
- Look at the clouds: What do they look like; are there bunnies hopping in a field, pirate ships out at sea, a flying dragon soaring over head? Do any have a "silver lining" or a glow from behind? Do some look like cotton candy good enough to eat?
- Do you see a butterfly? What colors does it show-

looking for an office of their own, because their space in the courthouse will be needed for storage. He noted that the Health Department has a reserve fund which can finance them to operate for almost two years.

In other matters, 911 Director Mike O'Brien told the commission that the 911 Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) system and their Records Management System need an annual maintenance agreement which costs \$32,232.82. The commission passed a motion by Rebinski to transfer that money from the general fund to pay for this. Helmick said the money for this is available in the general fund because recently more than \$300,000 of ARP (American Rescue Plan) funds were transferred into the account.

In addition, the commission:

- Approved a Memorandum of Understanding (or

MOU) between the county Emergency Management and Cass State Park, for the installation of a camera at the park to monitor the Greenbrier River levels and give advance warning downstream of any pending flooding.

- Wrote a letter of support for the Town of Marlinton's Sidewalk Project Grant application.

- Approved and provided a resolution in support of the \$51,000 Community Corrections Grant Award.

- Rescheduled their regular June 20 meeting to Tuesday, June 27, because of the West Virginia Day holiday, and moved their July 4 meeting to Wednesday, July 5.

- Certified the delinquent real estate and property tax lists.

- Approved end of year Budget Revisions and Resolutions.

- Authorized an MOU with WYK Associates, the

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the county, but will now need to hire two additional certified sanitarians to inspect the 1,000 to 1,500 AirBNBs and Vrbs in the county.

Commission President Walt Helmick said he considers that fee to be an additional tax, however Wilfong said it is a state mandated fee, not a tax. Helmick said he wants to make it clear that this is not imposed by the commission, but by the Health Department.

Rebinski pointed out that last year the commission reduced its annual funding for the local Health Department from \$33,000 to \$27,000.

"I just wanted to give you a heads up," Rebinski told Wilfong, "...it is already budgeted for this year, but in the future, I wouldn't hold too close to that money - to that \$27,000."

"Are you looking at cutting us completely out?" Wilfong asked

"That's going to be my proposal," Rebinski replied.

Helmick added that the commission has provided the Health Department a free office in the courthouse for years, but they need to start

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The winner of the Stihl chainsaw was Eli White.

The winner of the toy Stihl chainsaw was Aire Carpenter.

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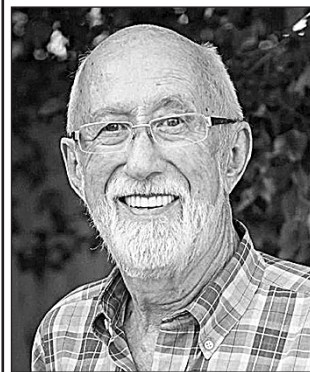
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Obituary



John Coyner

On Saturday, May 27, at 4:45 a.m., John Ligon Coyner peacefully passed away of natural causes in Chester, Virginia

He was 88 years young. Born in Clover Lick, he was a son of the late Rosemary Crawford and Jacob Coyner.

John attended West Virginia University where he was voted the WVU Mountaineer mascot in 1954. He was very proud to be the first Mountaineer from Marlinton. During a game against rivals Pittsburg, John chased the Pittsburg Panther up the goal post and goosed him with his flintlock rifle, sending the crowd into a frenzy. WVU won the game.

John married Sandra Jo Boyd, of Fairmont, (Miss West Virginia '59), in 1961 and had three children with her: John Coyner Jr., Boyd "Bo" Coyner and David "Kam" Coyner. John's second wife was Angie Mclung. His third wife was Laurie Cox whom he married in 1993 and was happily married until she passed away three years ago.

He had a very long career in radiology, working for more than 60 years until he was 85 years old. He worked at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Washington, D.C.; followed by a stint as a radiologist in the US Army stationed in Heidelberg, Germany, where he reached the rank of Lt. Colonel. He later worked in Fairmont, Ponca City, Oklahoma, and Wichita Kansas.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, David Kammert "Kam" Coyner (2022); and a sister, Margret Ann Chambers.

John is survived by his two children, John Ligon Coyner, Jr. of Midlothian, Virginia, and Boyd "Bo" Coyner, of Amsterdam, Holland; and five grandchildren, John Ligon Coyner III, Theodore Scott, Mila, Leo and Ever Coyner.

Our father lived life the same way you ride a rented scooter when you are a teenager on vacation - full throttle with occasional moments of slamming on the brakes. The main lesson he taught by his way of doing things was to squeeze as much out of life as you can; and never give up. Our father had plans to come to Holland next month and go to Machu Picchu this summer. So, for the record, Dad never gave up. Unfortunately, his body finally did.

May our father's memories live on in our hearts, our minds and the echoes of our deep laughter.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to Traditions Health Hospice Care, 10128 W Broad St #J, Glen Allen, Virginia 23060

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Boggs Run Students – circa 1938



THE STUDENTS AT Boggs Run School in a photo taken between 1938 and 1940. This school was located on Droop Mountain at the edge of Pocahontas County on the Greenbrier County line. The school closed in 1956. (The Beard-Dysard Collection, Courtesy of David A. Rei; ID: PHP007820)

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Footsteps through History

The Pocahontas Times
Andrew Price, Editor

Thursday, June 17, 1898

The American battle cry, "Remember the Maine!" follows at least two similar war cries. In the Mexican War, the cry was "Remember the Alamo!" in memory of the massacre of the Americans in the monastery of Alamo by Santa Anna, in which Davy Crockett, James Bowie, and other heroes perished. The other was that of the Crusaders, who gave the cry, "Remember the Holy Sepulcher!" This alarm was echoed through the camp every night and morning by the sentinels.

Two brothers named Boyd, of Monroe county, died last week from drinking essence of cinnamon and Jamaica ginger. Wood alcohol entered into the composition of these adulterated drugs and is what killed them. The physiology classes in the public schools should be thoroughly instructed in the subject of wood alcohol, for it has killed hundreds of men in West Virginia in the last few years. It should be called by another name, and anyone using it in a preparation in place of grain-alcohol should be declared guilty of a felony.

Captain C. B. Swecker, the Silver Tongued Auctioneer, will attend court and will make land sales, sell horses, goods and many other things, too tedious to mention.

Loop Bill Sheets and George Hoover returned Saturday from Beverly with picnic goods such as hay forks, horse shoes, nails, umbrellas, snuff and tobacco. These men, with four or five others, will return to Beverly this week to work on the railroad.

There will be a big picnic at the Big Spring July 4. The platform has been built and

reaches from Blankenship's to Slanker's, and a big merry go round after 'em. C. W. Showalter, chief cook and bottle washer.

Miss Mittie Kee, daughter of Aaron Kee, fell and dislocated her right arm at the elbow a few days since. She was alone and nearly a mile from home when it happened, but she managed to get back, bringing the refractory cows with her.

John E. Bright moves from Buck's mountain and settles on his purchase in the Flat Woods near Edray. His youngest son makes a very neat and good violin. Such mechanical talent should be improved and developed. This is the first installment of Pocahontas fiddles we have ever heard of.

About 2 o'clock Sabbath afternoon, a large tree, five or six hundred yards from Wallace McLaughlin's residence, was shattered by a terrific stroke of lightning. Some of the family was dazed for several minutes by the shock, and Mr. McLaughlin's hearing was affected for some hours.

Owing to the recent improvements, supervised by H. M. Lockridge, the road from Barlow's store to the Curry fording looks like a boulevard. The bridging of Browns Creek is in contemplation at an early day. This will be done by personal subscription.

John Loury and Lanty Cole have undertaken a large job of hacking and brushing for Amos Barlow on Browns Mountain. They have built a camp and are going at it in Klondike fashion. It is pleasant to hear of volunteers going into a service like that.

Those who have to buy grain for bread are having a hard time in being supplied this year. A good many families are on short rations. Mr. Uriah Hevener says there is more destitution in his section than there was during the Civil War. He has been issuing rations for some of his tenants at the rate of one pound a day for each person.

SOMETHING ABOUT CRADLE-ROCKING

One of the singular things that appear in the study of biographical history is the slight attention which professional historians give to influences exerted by the mothers of the heroes whose exploits are recorded. The history of the United States as a nation has been molded and fashioned under the auspices of twenty-five presidents...

Dr. Talcott Williams, of Philadelphia, has been giving the Presidential infant industry some special attention, and a few of his findings are hereby rehearsed.

Eleven Presidential mothers were reared in easy circumstances as daughters of families of education and of refined, gentle ancestry. The others had to struggle with poverty and hardships more or less severe. The mothers of Lincoln and Jackson were about the hardest of any, as these venerated women were

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Fifty Years Ago

Jane Price Sharp, Editor

Thursday, June 14, 1973

May Weather, 1973
J. P. Schaffner
Minimum Temperature – 24 degrees on the 6th
Maximum Temperature – 80 degrees on the 28th
Rainfall – 4.76 inches.
Snowfall in May – .2 inch
Total snowfall from October 1, 1972 to May 31, 1973 – 57.2 inches

THANKS BOBBY
It takes a unique person to be UMPIRE for Little League games. It not only takes a lot of time, but it takes knowledge of and application of all the Rules. It takes courage and endless patience to call at least four games each week and not

talk back to the parents and the other spectators, who always seem to be able to call the game better than the UMPIRE.

We, in Marlinton, are fortunate in having Bobby Dunz as our UMPIRE. He does an outstanding job. He not only devotes at least four evenings a week in umpiring the games, he also keeps the field in condition to play. All of our Little Leaguers look up to Bob and respect his calls even though they don't always agree with him. We could not have a successful league without him because I don't think we could ever find anyone to replace him. He doesn't get any compensation for the work and time he devotes to Little League

and seldom does he even get a much-deserved word of encouragement or "well done, Bobby" from the spectators.

He volunteers his service without any thought of compensation. If we had more people like him, we certainly would have a better community.

So, we want to THANK YOU, BOBBY, and let you know that you are appreciated by Little League Officers, Managers, Coaches and Players.

WEDDING

On Friday evening, April 27, 1973, at seven o'clock in the First Baptist Chapel at Huntersville, Sharon Weatherholt, of Marlinton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Weatherholt, became the bride of Alfred Dilley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Dilley, of Huntersville...

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Seventy-Five Years Ago

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, June 17, 1948

Henry Galford killed a big bear on Red Lick Mountain last Saturday. This was the second bear killed that day on this mountain. These bears had been killing sheep for George Gay on Crooked Fork. The word had come that there was sign of a gang of no less than seven bears, big and little, on Red Lick.

Word also comes of bear sign on the head of Indian Draft, above and around the big turn in the old road on Elk Mountain.

Word comes in of a movement of deer in force from the Black Forest on the west toward the Alleghenies on the east. A herd of fifteen or more deer came down Swago Creek, heading toward Buckley Mountain. There was sign that one of the herd stopped off on Cave Creek for several weeks.

The Huntington Herald publishes the picture of the football team of the year 1906 of Marshall College. Two outstanding players on the team are George W. Sharp and Summers H.

Sharp, of Marlinton. Summers was captain of the team and played left tackle, while his twin brother, George, was right tackle...The Herald says the team played six games – five wins and one tie.

DEATHS

Paul Warwick Sharp, aged 73 years, died at his home on Jerico Road Thursday, June 10, 1948. He had been in failing health for several years... He was a son of the late Ewing and Ann Malcomb Sharp. On Saturday, his body was laid in the Sharp family cemetery, the service was held from the new church on Stony Creek... He is survived by his wife, Mary, and their 11 children... The deceased was a solid, substantial citizen.

Coe Beverage, aged 73 years, died Thursday, June 10, 1948. On Saturday afternoon, his body was laid to rest in the family plot in Mountain View Cemetery... He was a son of the late W. A. and Virginia Alice Trimble Beverage... He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Sadie

Lightner Beverage, and their five children... In religion, the deceased was a Presbyterian and, for many years, a ruling Elder in this church. Thus is noted the passing of an outstanding citizen.

Wardell H. Arbogast, aged 72 years, died June 8, 1948. On Thursday afternoon, the funeral service was held from the Marlinton Methodist Church... His body was laid to rest in the family plot in Mt. View Cemetery, with Masonic honors. The deceased was a son of the late J. C. and Sallie Beard Arbogast... The deceased was a veteran employee of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway. He worked in the Marlinton station for many years. He was a kindly man; who made and kept friends.

William Puffenbarger, aged 46 years, was fatally injured Friday afternoon, June 11, 1948, when run down by a big road scraper. The accident happened near Hillsboro... On Monday afternoon, the funeral was held from Marvin Chapel and his body was buried in Ruckman Cemetery.

The deceased was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Puffenbarger. He is survived by his wife and eight children. Mr. Puffenbarger was a faithful employee of the State Road Commission.

110 Years Ago

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, June 12, 1913

Maj. W. J. Cackley has returned from the Confederate Veterans Reunion at Chattanooga, and reports a most delightful trip. He tried the old soldier way of tenting on the old campground, but it got too cold and he had to hunt the hotel.

On Tuesday morning, a young horse driven by Charles McNeil, of Swago, scared at an automobile standing on Main Street, ran down the alley to Smith's livery, tore the buggy up on a fence, threw Mr. McNeil out, and raced madly through the streets and alleys of the business section until stopped. Fortunately, Mr. McNeil was but slightly injured.

The Minnehaha bathing pool will be open next week, but the date for the formal opening for the season will be advertised later. The furniture will be put out this week, and on regular days, a maid will attend to wait upon the ladies.

FORMATION DAY TO BE OBSERVED

The Fiftieth Anniversary of the formation of the State of West Virginia, Friday, June 20, will be observed at Marlinton by fitting service and ceremony. The occasion will be under the auspices of the Marlinton Concert Bank in the Opera House, commencing at 2 o'clock.

PROGRAMME

Invocation – The Rev. Geo. P. Moore
Music – Band
Governor's Proclamation, read by Miss Pearl Darnell
Music – Band
President Lincoln's Proclamation, read by Miss Marjorie Moore
Address – Speaker not yet secured
Music – Band
Benediction – The Rev. Dr. Price.

THE BIG FROST

Tuesday and Wednesday morning, heavy frosts fell in many parts of Pocahontas, doing great damage to gardens and growing crops, especially potatoes. Corn is

hurt, but in most places it is thought it will grow again. Along water courses, the fog protected vegetation. On Thorny Creek, the thermometer was 26 above zero, and at Marlinton 34 above.

DUNMORE

The Dunmore roller mill is now grinding corn, buckwheat and oats – grinds 20 bushels of buckwheat per hour.

Auctioneer Swecker had a good sale at Durbin Saturday – sold everything and sold well – sold candy enough to sweeten all the boys and girls in two counties.

Undertaker C. B. Swecker has just received a fine line of up-to-date children's burial outfits, coffins, caskets, robes, suits, also a stock of homemade split bottom chairs.

Gypsies in town this week.

We thought the law required the dirt to be put in the middle of the road. Three ditches don't do much good when the center of the road ditch carries most of the

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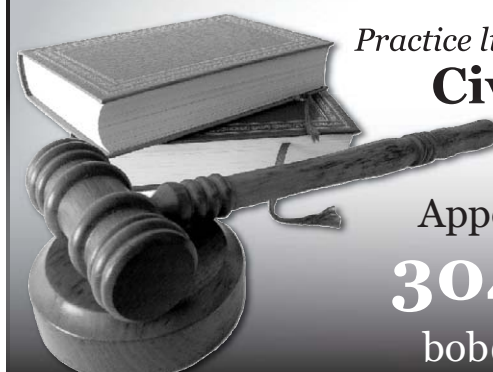
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ADMINISTRATION TO CREDITORS, DISTRIBUTEES & LEGATEES

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, June 8, 2023
Claim Deadline: Monday, August 7, 2023

ESTATE NUMBER: 14509
ESTATE OF: EDNA M. SMITH
EXECUTOR: James L. Smith
398 Greenbrier Hill
Marlinton, WV 24954-1246

ESTATE NUMBER: 14515
ESTATE OF: OTIS E. UNDERWOOD
EXECUTOR: Barry Searle Legg
3320 W. 98th Street
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ESTATE NUMBER: 14533
ESTATE OF: MARIANNE C. WOODDELL
EXECUTOR: James Frederick Wooddell
P. O. Box 176
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ESTATE NUMBER: 14536
ESTATE OF: FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT CARPENTER
EXECUTRIX: Clara Gum
713 Spruce Flat Road
Buckeye, WV 24924-9007

Subscribed and sworn to before me on June 5, 2023.
Melissa L. Bennett
Clerk of the Pocahontas County Commission
6/8/2c

NOTICE OF ANCILLARY FILING WITHOUT ANY ADMINISTRATION TO CREDITORS, DISTRIBUTEES AND LEGATEES

Notice is hereby given that the following foreign will or affidavit of heirs has been filed in the Pocahontas County Clerk's Office at 900 Tenth Avenue Suite C; P. O. Box 209, Marlinton, WV 24954-0209.

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 ad-

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES WITH PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATES

NOTICE is hereby given that MONONGAHELA POWER COMPANY and THE POTOMAC EDISON COMPANY, public utilities, have filed with the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA, a tariff containing increased rates, tolls and charges for furnishing electric service to approximately 550,000 customers in northern, central, eastern and northwestern portions of West Virginia in all or portions of the following counties: Barbour, Berkeley, Braxton, Brooke, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Fayette, Gilmer, Grant, Greenbrier, Hampshire, Hancock, Hardy, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Lewis, Marion, Mineral, Monongalia, Monroe, Morgan, Nicholas, Pendleton, Pleasants, Pocahontas, Preston, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Summers, Taylor, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Webster, Wetzel, Wirt, and Wood.

The proposed increased rates and charges will become effective June 30, 2023 unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission and will produce a \$207,452,687 increase in base rates, which is an increase of approximately 13.0%. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

	Base Rate Increase	
	(\$) INCREASE	(%) INCREASE
Residential	\$18.07	15.0%
Commercial	\$55.16	12.5%
Industrial	\$478.70	9.4%
Street Lighting	\$155.13	17.2%

There are no resale customers of Monongahela Power Company and The Potomac Edison Company. The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or lesser than the average shown. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. Any increase in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission. (If a hearing is scheduled, notice will be given of the time and place of hearing.)

Anyone desiring to protest or intervene should file a written protest or petition to intervene prior to September 30, 2023 unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Failure to timely protest or intervene can affect your rights to protest any rate increases and to participate in future proceedings. All protests or requests to intervene should briefly state the reason for the protest or intervention and refer to Case No 23-0460-E-42T. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission's rules on intervention. **All protests and interventions should be addressed to The Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323.**

A complete copy of this tariff, as well as a representative of the Company to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at the following offices of the Company: 5001 NASA Blvd., Fairmont, WV 26554.

A copy of this tariff is also available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25301.
Monongahela Power Company
The Potomac Edison Company
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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON

**CASE NO. 23-0030-E-D
MONONGAHELA POWER COMPANY AND THE POTOMAC EDISON COMPANY**

Request to approve new depreciation rates for the Companies' existing and future capital assets pursuant to Rule 20 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure, 150 C.S.R. 1

NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING

On January 13, 2023, Monongahela Power Company and The Potomac Edison Company (Companies) requested that the Public Service Commission of West Virginia (Commission) approve new depreciation rates for their existing and future capital assets pursuant to its rules and statutory authority. The new depreciation rates have been suspended by the Commission until further notice with the intent to place any new depreciation rates into effect at the same time as any rates stemming from a base rate case filing. The base rate case was filed on May 31, 2023, Case No. 23-0460-E-42T. The requested net change in the annual depreciation charges is an increase of \$75,472,059 per year and is principally due to an increase in generation depreciation rates.

Should the total depreciation rate increase be granted in full and incorporated into base rates, the average monthly bill for their various classes of customers would be changed as follows:

Customer Class	Average Increase/month	Net% Increase
Residential	\$6.14	5.1%
Commercial	\$19.92	5.2%
Industrial	\$7,387.48	4.0%
Streetlighting	\$8.53	2.1%

The Companies estimate that for an average residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours per month, the net rate impact of the requested increase will represent a monthly increase of \$6.14 to a total bill of \$126.34. The rate impacts shown above are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Each class may receive a net increase greater or less than stated here. Individual customers may receive net increases that are greater or less than average. Additionally, these proposed increases are based on a Class Cost of Service Study that will be updated in the Companies' upcoming base rate proceeding which will alter these proposed rate increases among the Customer Classes.

By Order dated March 3, 2023, the Commission set an evidentiary hearing that will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 23, 2023, and continue (if necessary) through Friday, August 25 in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room at the Commission's offices at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

Anyone desiring to intervene in the proceeding should file a written petition to intervene not later than June 30, 2023. All petitions to intervene should briefly state the reason for the request to intervene and comply with the rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

The Commission will receive public comments until the beginning of the hearing. All written comments and petitions to intervene should state the case name and number and be addressed to Ms. Karen Buckley, Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323.

Public Comments may also be filed online at <http://www.psc.state.wv.us/scripts/onlinecomments/defaultcfm> until the date of hearing by clicking the "Formal Case" link.
Monongahela Power Company and
The Potomac Edison Company
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dress listed above within 60 days after the date of first publication or 30 days of service of the notice, whichever is later. If an objection is not timely filed, the objection is forever barred. The Pocahontas County Commission, upon receiving any timely objection thereto, shall schedule a hearing or hearings thereon and order relief, if any, it considers proper including, but not limited to, an order directing that full and complete ancillary administration of the estate of the nonresident decedent be made in this state.

First Publication Date: Thursday, June 8, 2023

ESTATE NAME: LELIA MOORE MCCORMICK
1604 Hawthorne Ridge
Blacksburg, VA 24060-6143
EXECUTOR: Alan F. McCormick
10175 Sienna Loop
Missoula, MT 59808-5824
EXECUTRIX: Amy McCormick Diduch
23 Orchard Road
Staunton, VA 24401-2440

Subscribed and sworn to before me on May 30, 2023.
Melissa L. Bennett
Clerk of the Pocahontas County Commission
6/8/2c

**IN THE FAMILY COURT
OF POCAHONTAS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA**

**IN RE:
CHANGE OF NAME
FROM: Matthew Ryan Wollenhaupt
TO: Sage Arden Wollenhaupt**

**LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
CHANGE OF NAME PROCEEDING**

Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of July, 2023, at 12:45 o'clock p.m. at Family Court, 818 10th Avenue, Marlinton, WV, on said day or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, before the Honorable Joyce H. Carpenter, the Petitioner, Matthew Wollenhaupt, will apply by petition to the Family Court of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, for the entry of an order by said court, changing their name from Matthew Ryan Wollenhaupt to Sage Arden Wollenhaupt at which time and place any interested party may appear and be heard if they so desire.

You are hereby notified that this matter may be rescheduled without further notice or publication.

A copy of said petition can be obtained from the Clerk of the Circuit/Family Court, Connie M. Carr, at her office at 900 D 10th Avenue, Marlinton, West Virginia 24954.
Dated this 31st day of May, 2023.

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Matthew Ryan Wollenhaupt
Pro se Petitioner
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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE SALE
OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE**

Pursuant to the authority vested in the undersigned by deed of trust dated the 28th day of July, 2003, signed by Brian E. Friel, unmarried, to Michael C. Doss, Trustee, which said deed of trust is of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book 228, at page 607, and Golden & Amos, PLLC, Trustee having been requested so to do by the Secured Creditor, and default having been made under the terms and conditions of said deed of trust, and the provisions in said deed of trust concerning acceleration having been complied with by the Secured Creditor and present holder of the note, **said Trustee will sell at public auction at 11:30 o'clock a.m. on the 21st day of June 2023 at the front doors of the Courthouse in Pocahontas County in Marlinton, West Virginia, the following described real estate:**

All of that certain tract or parcel of real estate known as Tract B, including improvements, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, all of that certain tract or parcel of real estate situate in the Huntersville District of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, situated on the waters of Cochran's Creek and on State Route 92, and on State Route 92, and being more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING at a ½ inch iron pipe found on the east Right of Way of State Route 92, and being a corner to Tract A, thence leaving said Right of Way and with Tract A for 1 line S 84-27-43 E 827.24 feet to a ½ inch iron pipe set on the line of the U. S. Government, thence leaving Tract A and with the U.S. Government for the next 2 lines S 48-45-35 W 1,755.87 feet to a 3" Brass capped pipe, on the hill just above an open field, being corner #1 of Tract 399, thence running along the field N 30-42-01 W 738.85 feet to a ½ inch iron pipe found on the East Right of Way of State Route 92, from which a 3-inch Brass capped iron pipe bears N 30-42-01 W 92.80 feet, thence leaving the U.S. Government and with the East Right of Way of State Route 92 for the next 7 lines; N 60-38-45 E 467.83 feet to a point on said R/W, thence N 58-39-40 E 106.06 feet to a point on said R/W, thence N 55-36-20 E 103.84 feet to a point on said R/W, thence N 52-48-27 E 97.34 feet to a point on said R/W, thence N 49-38-04 E 101.12 feet to a point on said R/W, thence N 46-01-47 E 102.18 feet to a point on said R/W, thence N 4-23-32 E 88.74 feet to the point of beginning and containing 20.41 acres, more or less, as surveyed by William E. Dilley, L.L.S. of Dunmore, West Virginia in March 2001, and being Tract B, as shown on a plat and attached hereto, and made a part of this Deed.

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**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
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Partial Reconstruction
Old County Clerk's Office Huntersville**

Sealed Bids for the partial reconstruction of the Old County Clerk's Office in Huntersville, Pocahontas County, West Virginia:

Furnishing all materials, labor, and necessary items for the partial reconstruction of the former County Clerk's Office located at Barlow Road, Huntersville, WV, as indicated on the Plans.

Sealed Bids for the construction will be received at the office of the Pocahontas County Commission, Pocahontas County Courthouse, 900 10th Ave, Marlinton, WV 24954, 304-799-4549 until 4:30 p.m. local time Thursday, July 6, 2023.

The bids will be opened on July 18, 2023, at the Pocahontas County Commission meeting at 6:00 p.m., at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.

An optional pre-bid conference will be conducted at the former County Clerk's Office at Barlow Road, Huntersville, WV, at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, June 29, 2023.

Bidders may examine and/or obtain the Bidding Documents electronically by emailing: Michael Gioulis at mike@michaelgioulis.com. Please note subject of mail as "Huntersville County Clerk Office". Bidders must be registered with Michael Gioulis in order to receive addenda, notifications etc.

Prospective Bidders should note that these contracts will include the following critical requirements:

- 1. WV Contract Licensing Act - All bidders are required to have a West Virginia Contractor's License per Section §21-11-11 of the West Virginia Code.**
- 2. Proof of Liability Insurance**
- 3. WV Drug Free Workplace**

NONDISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT

Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246. The requirements for bidders and contractors under this order are explained in the specifications.

WV Alcohol and Drug Free Workplace Act

WEST VIRGINIA CODE 21-1D-5 PROVIDES THAT ANY SOLICITATION FOR A PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT REQUIRES EACH VENDOR THAT SUBMITS A BID FOR THE WORK TO SUBMIT AT THE SAME TIME AN AFFIDAVIT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE BID. THE ENCLOSED DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE AFFIDAVIT MUST BE SIGNED AND SUBMITTED AS EVIDENCE OF THE VENDOR'S COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1D, CHAPTER 21 OF THE WEST VIRGINIA CODE. FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE SIGNED DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE AFFIDAVIT SHALL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION OF SUCH BID.

All bidders are required to have a WV contractor's license in accordance with Section 21-11-11 of the WV State Code and liability insurance.

The Pocahontas County Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
No Bidder may withdraw his bid within 90 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Pocahontas County Commission
6/15/2c

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
DIVISION OF WATER AND WASTE MANAGEMENT**

PUBLIC NOTICE

**WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE
601 57TH STREET, CHARLESTON SE, WEST VIRGINIA 25304-2345
TELEPHONE: (304) 926-0440.**

**APPLICATION FOR A WEST VIRGINIA NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE
ELIMINATION SYSTEM WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PERMIT**

Public Notice No.: L-68-23 **Public Notice Date:** June 15, 2023

Paper: The Pocahontas Times

The following has applied for a WV NPDES Water Pollution Control Permit for this facility or activity:

Appl. No.: WV0082210
Applicant: WV DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES
P.E.M.
324 4TH AVENUE
SOUTH CHARLESTON, WV 25303

Location: CASS, POCAHONTAS COUNTY

Latitude: 38:23:30 **Longitude:** 79:55:15

Receiving Stream: GREENBRIER RIVER

Activity:
Operate and maintain an existing 62,800 gallon per day sewage collection and treatment system and discharge treated wastewater. The facility is designed to serve approximately 786 persons in the Town of Cass and discharge treated wastewater to the Greenbrier River via Outlet 001 approximately 136 miles from its mouth of the New River. An anti-degradation review has been conducted.
Tier 1 protection is provided for the uses specified in Title 47, Series 2, Section 6 for Outlet 001.

Business conducted: Municipality

Implementation: N/A
On the basis of review of the application, the "Water Pollution Control Act (Chapter 22, Article 11-8(a))," and the "West Virginia Legislative Rules," the State of West Virginia will act on the above application.

Any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit and may request a public hearing by addressing such to the Director of the Division of Water and Waste Management within 30 days of the date of the public notice. Such comments or requests should be addressed to:

Director, Division of Water and Waste Management, DEP
ATTN: Lori Devereux, Permitting Section
601 57th Street SE
Charleston, WV 25304-2345

The public comment period begins June 15, 2023 and ends July 15, 2023.

Comments received within this period will be considered prior to acting on the permit application. Correspondence should include the name, address and the telephone number of the writer and a concise statement of the nature of the issues raised. The Director shall hold a public hearing whenever a finding is made, on the basis of requests, that there is a significant degree of public interest on issues relevant to the Draft Permit(s). Interested persons may contact the public information office to obtain further information.

The application, draft permit and any required fact sheet may be inspected, by appointment, at the Division of Water and Waste Management Public Information Office, at 601 57th Street SE, Charleston, WV 25304-2345, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on business days.

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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS

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It is the intention of this notice to sell the secured property by proper description as was intended to be transferred and conveyed in the aforesaid deed of trust.

The above described real estate is reported to have a mailing address of:

**HC 82 Box 186F, Marlinton, WV 24954 nka
1563 Anthony Creek Road, Marlinton, WV 24954**

TERMS OF SALE: Cash in hand on day of sale or within 30 days of date of sale upon terms to be agreed upon between Trustee and successful bidder, time being of the essence; payment for unpaid real estate taxes to be assumed by the purchaser. The Trustee does not warrant title or fitness to this property; it is being purchased as is; this is a buyer beware sale and any buyer is advised to retain counsel before the sale. If there is any part of the process of sale which is found to be objectionable, the Trustee reserves the right to cancel the sale. No purchaser should take possession or make improvements in the premises until the Trustee deed is delivered or recorded. A third party purchaser at sale will be required to pay the purchase price plus all recording and transfer fees.

Trustee at sale is under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property.

FEDERAL TAX LIEN: In the event that there are Federal Tax Liens against the property, the United States would have the right to redeem the property within a period of 120 days from the date of such sale or the period allowable for redemption under local law, whichever is longer.

The party(ies) secured by the Deed of Trust reserve the right to purchase the property at such sale. If the purchaser at sale is unable to complete the terms of purchase within 30 days, the Trustee reserves the right to transfer the property to the next highest bidder.

Any sale hereunder may be adjourned from time to time without any notice other than oral proclamation at the time and place appointed for this sale or by posting of a notice of same. Should the Trustee not appear at the time appointed for the sale and there is no notice posted of a continuance please contact the office of the Trustee to make further inquiry. Any sale may be conducted or adjourned by the designated agent or attorney of the Trustee. The undersigned is fully vested with the authority to sell said property as Trustee by instrument of record. Some Trustee sales may be conducted by a servicer required Auction Company. In that event, the auctioneer will be acting under an "Auction Services Agreement."

Should any party have any inquires, objections to the sale or protests regarding the sale, or requests regarding the sale, please notify the trustee below by one of the means of communications set forth below.

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543 Fifth Street, P.O. Box 81
Parkersburg, WV 26102
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Fax (304) 485-0261
E-mail: vgolden@goldenamos.com
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on weekdays – not including holidays
Lender: Fifth Third
Processor: Kristi / Ext 27
(Friel, Brian nts/foreclosures/2023foreclosures/mb)
6/8/2c

Certificate of Need application when submitted, is on the Authority's website at www.hca.wv.gov

West Virginia Health Care Authority
Charleston
6/15/1c

INVITATION TO BID

Bath County School Board is accepting sealed bids from qualified General Contractors for ditch re-grading along U.S. 220 in front of Bath County High School, located at 464 Charger Lane, Hot Springs, Virginia.

Bids will be received at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools until 3:00 p.m. local time on Thursday, June 22, 2023. The selected contractor must have a license and insurance to proceed. Bids will be opened publicly at 3:15 p.m. local time and any/all contractors submitting bids are encouraged to attend but attendance is not mandatory.

The planned construction generally consists of re-grading the ditch in front of the high school baseball and football fields to minimize the depth of the ditch area and stabilize the hillside adjoining the fields. The rock drainage ditch constructed will be 450 feet in length.

In addition, the contractor would reestablish a ditch line (275 feet) to the other side of Charger Lane including reseeded and straw.

The contractor would furnish all labor, materials and equipment necessary to complete the scope of the project. The contractor would use 450 feet of Class 1 Rip Rap for the rock ditch area or some suitable alternative.

For additional information, please contact the Office of the Superintendent at 12145 Sam Snead Hwy, Warm Springs, Va. 24484. Phone: 540-839-2722. Bids can be mailed to P. O. Box 67, Warm Springs, Va. 24484 or emailed to rickyb@bath.k12.va.us

The Bath County School Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any informalities in any bid, and to award the contract to some other than the lowest bidder if in its best interest.

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MEETING NOTICE

Region 4 Planning and Development Council will have an Executive Committee Meeting Friday, June 16, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom Meeting.

The Region 4 PDC Office is located at 885 Broad Street, Suite 100, Summersville, WV 26651. Please call 304-872-4970 ext.314 for further information regarding attending this meeting online.

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**ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR
POCAHONTAS COUNTY SCHOOLS**

The 2022-2023 Asbestos Management Plan for Pocahontas County Schools is available for review at each school and the Central Office. The Asbestos Management Plan includes inspections that were conducted by EPA accredited personnel and a management plan established for each building as needed.

Pocahontas County Schools does not have a friable asbestos material within any facility. Friable asbestos is asbestos material that can allow particles of asbestos fibers to become airborne. Thus, our schools are free of this type of asbestos material that may cause a health hazard.

The types of material found within Pocahontas County Schools are in the form of floor tile, transite board and vinyl floor covering. These products are non-friable asbestos materials and can easily be managed through proper planning without creating any health hazards. All buildings which contain these non-friable products will be assessed every six months and inspected on a three year cycle by an accredited inspector.

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact Pocahontas County High School and speak with Darin McKenney, Maintenance Supervisor, at 304-799-6564 extension 5237 or by email at dmckenney@k12.wv.us.

Pocahontas County Schools
Terrance Beam, Superintendent
6/15/1c

NOTICE

The West Virginia Health Care Authority announced that it has received a Letter of Intent from Hometown Care, LLC, CON File #23-4/7-12703-PC, to provide personal care services in Lewis, Upshur, Randolph, Braxton, Webster, Pocahontas, Nicholas and Greenbrier counties in West Virginia.

The Capital Expenditure is \$1,500.
Further information regarding the Letter of Intent, including the

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Advertising deadline is Monday at noon.
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FOR SALE
FOR SALE - John Deere 672 Roller Bar hay rake. \$2,000. 301-268-6279. 6/8/2p

FOR SALE - 2004 Harley Davidson Electric Glide, \$7,000. 2022 CM Moto Side by Side, \$8,200. Call 843-222-3195. 6/15/4p

FOR SALE - 750 Taylor outside wood burner. Can be seen in operation. 304-456-5412. 6/15/1p

FOR RENT
ROOM FOR RENT - Non-smoker, single person in Dunmore. \$600/month plus propane heat. Call 681-206-7138 or 309-608-6838. 6/15/2p

REAL ESTATE
FOR SALE - 2.03 acres on Beaver Creek Road, Huntersville, next to old Zendik Farm. \$24,500. Price negotiable. Owner very motivated to sell. All reasonable offers will be considered. Call 304-229-5936. 5/25/6p

HELP WANTED
HELP WANTED - Housekeeper and gardener for tilling soil \$17/hour. Tree cutter and handyman \$20/hour plus \$10 gas for a fixer-upper in Dunmore. Call 681-206-7138 or 305-608-6838. 6/15/4p

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

WANTED
WANTED - Coffee cups, mugs, glassware, plates, bowls, etc. for the Annual Dime Toss for the Order of the Eastern Star, during Pioneer Days (July 6, 7 and 8). You can drop off your donations at Back Mountain Services, 202 Fairground Road, Monday - Thursday between the hours of noon - 3 p.m. 6/15/4p

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POSITIONS AVAILABLE - Pocahontas County PSD is seeking Water and Wastewater Operators. These positions are based in the operation and maintenance of the District's water and wastewater treatment, distribution, and collection systems. Occasional overtime and/or weekend work will be required. Existing or previous WV Certified Water and/or Wastewater License is preferred. Certification assistance is available for qualified applicants. Please email résumé and cover letter to ndean@pcpsd.org. 6/8/2c

SERVICES
SERVICES - Lawn Care/Landscaping, brush hogging, ditch digging, any and all grounds keeping and household repairs. Licensed and insured. 304-992-9866. Call or text. 6/15/2p

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

FREE

FREE - Newspaper for your garden or pets. *The Pocahontas Times*. Call 304-799-4973. 4/6/tfn

YARD SALES

YARD SALE - Friday, June 16, and Saturday, June 17, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Janice Miller and Jennifer Barlow at 1107 First Avenue, Marlinton. Turn towards the Greenbrier River at the intersection of 2nd Avenue and 11th Street. Men's, women's and boy's clothing, toys, household and miscellaneous items. Cancelled if raining. 6/15/1p

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**SEASONAL INFORMATION
SPECIALIST WANTED**
The Pocahontas County Convention and Visitor's Bureau is seeking a seasonal Information Specialist to staff the Durbin Visitor Center. The position is seasonal for the summer and fall. The successful candidate will staff the Durbin Visitor Center/Art Council Studio in conjunction with the train schedule, beginning early June through October. Weekend work is required, schedule to be determined. The ideal candidate will possess excellent hospitality skills and be knowledgeable about Pocahontas County. \$15/hour.
Please call Linda Adams at 304-799-4636 for more information and to apply.

Nature's MOUNTAIN PLAYGROUND
POCAHONTAS COUNTY, WV

**Season,
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our favorites, the oldest bluegrass band in West Virginia - the Black Mountain Bluegrass Boys - we will be back, as well."

There will be plenty of acts that will entice the audience to get to their feet and dance. From blues, funk and soul, to traditional New Orleans Jazz, there's some spicy rhythms that will bring out the dance moves of all in attendance.

The season will conclude with Irish contemporary vocalist and visual artist Ceara Conway, in the second part of her artist residency at the Opera House.

"She has had so many accolades and awards in Ireland and it's so incredible to bring the old world to the new world," Kusic said.

"She will be making original compositions during that artist residency, so that is something also that we look forward to."

The 2023-2024 performance series is as follows

September 29 - Vanessa Collier.

October 13 - The Rustic Mechanicals - The Age of Rebels and Revels.

October 20 - Dom Flemons.

November 4 - Mike Gillespie Jazz Flute Quartet.

November 18 - Black Mountain Bluegrass Boys.

November 25 - Greenbrier Valley Theater "A

Christmas Carol."
February 17 - Opry Night featuring Mary Sue and Mike Burns with old-time festival friends.

March 2 - The Bing Brothers featuring Jake Krack.

March 16 - The Dark Matters.

March 30 - Charlie Chaplin Silent Film Night (with live musical score by Tom Roberts).

April 13 - Garth Newel Classical String Trio.

April 27 - Zuzu's Hot 5.

May 25-31 - Ceara Conway, International Artist Residency.

For more information on the performance series, visit www.pocahontasoperahouse.org

Nature's MOUNTAIN PLAYGROUND
POCAHONTAS COUNTY, WV

**POSITION AVAILABLE:
Executive Director,
Pocahontas County Convention & Visitors Bureau**

We are searching for a dynamic marketer and tourism professional to lead the Pocahontas County Convention and Visitors Bureau. Our mission is to promote the county as a tourism destination by attracting visitors and bolstering the tourism environment within the county. We believe that promoting and developing a strong tourism economy strengthens our community. We are looking for someone to share our culture and the unique offerings that Pocahontas County provides.

The must-have skillset includes a proven track record of building relationships, developing teams and creating strategic marketing plans. Strong written and oral skills, comfortable with public speaking, and a knack for community organization are also important.

JOB DUTIES:

- Operation of the PCCVB Offices and County Visitor Centers
- Communication and collaboration with PCCVB Board of Directors
- Management of PCCVB staff
- Developing strong brand identity and increasing overnight stays
- Plan and execute PCCVB marketing plan
- Facilitating community tourism initiatives
- Represent County and PCCVB locally and nationally

Tasks Include, But Are Not Limited To:

- Manage personnel (recruitment, onboarding/training, scheduling, staff meetings, performance reviews, etc.)
- Board Relations (preparation and attendance of monthly board meetings, monthly director's report updates, attendance/participation in board committees.)
- Manage marketing efforts (creative agency relations, direct advertising budget/planning, public relations, direct content for various channels, build and track strategic marketing plan, etc.)
- Office and finance management (prepare annual budget, monthly hotel/motel tax tracking, manage monthly expenses, consult with board on finances)
- Attend professional and community meetings as representative of PCCVB (WVHTA, WV Legislative Session, Broadband Council, etc.)
- Facilitate tourism initiatives (Make it Shine, Tourism Club, Housing Task Force, etc.)
- TRAVEL IS REQUIRED IN AND OUT OF STATE

EDUCATION:
Degree in Travel and Tourism or related field is preferred. Five years' experience is acceptable with comparable credentials.
Interested candidates should submit a letter and résumé by June 30, 2023 to Attention: CVB Board President, Pocahontas County Convention and Visitors Bureau, P.O. Box 275, Marlinton, WV 24954.

NOTICE TO MON POWER CUSTOMERS WITH RIGHTS-OF-WAY ACROSS THEIR PROPERTY

Mon Power has contracted to maintain portions of its rights-of-way with an aerial saw consisting of approximately ten 24-inch rotary blades powered by a motor and suspended on a vertical boom beneath a helicopter. This maintenance method allows for the quick, safe, and efficient trimming of trees along our transmission lines. The aerial saw will be operating March through October 2023 in the following county in West Virginia:

Pocahontas County (TMU-166B Durbin-Monterey 69 kV)

Beginning at the Durbin Substation off US Rt 250 and SR 92 north of Durbin, WV. The line runs south in a common corridor with the Durbin-Linwood 69 kV line for approximately 1.2 miles, then leaves the common corridor and turns in a southeasterly direction crossing CR 1 Back Mountain Rd, CR 250/11 Grant Vandevender Rd, US Rt 250, SR 92, Dogwood Ln, Babich Rd, CR 250/3 Greathouse Rd, CR 250/4 Johns Run Rd, the East Fork of the Greenbrier River, US Rt 250 and SR 28, Old Pike Rd and terminating at the Virginia state line.

For more information about Mon Power's Transmission Aerial Saw Program, call 1-800-686-0022. When contacting, please alert our Representatives that your call is pertaining to our Transmission Aerial Saw Program.



It was a wild Rumpus at GBO

Whether you were there to race or just to enjoy the rumpus, fun was had by all at the first Space Race Rumpus since the COVID-19 pandemic.

Cyclists of all ages gathered at the Green Bank Observatory June 9-11 to enjoy leisurely bike rides around the county, as well as races on the rough terrain behind the Science Center.

Results from the races are as follows:

Time Trial

Kids, 10 and younger, male – first place, Rufus Morgan; and second place, Henry Riddle.

Kids, 10 and younger, female – first place, Hallie Riddle; and second place: Cora Baldwin.

Youth, 11-17, male – first place, Willie O’Ganian; and second place, Brock Lewis.

Youth, 11-17, female – first place, Ahna Valach.

Adult, 18-49, male – first place, Joey Riddle; second place, Max O’Ganian; and third place, Walter Kla-hold.

Adult, 18-49, female – first place, Adele Plunkett; second place, Mandi Riddle; and third place, Tracy Valach

Masters, 50+, male –



PARTICIPATING IN THE short track race, followed by “chaperone” Mandi Riddle, are from right: Hallie Riddle, Cora Baldwin, Henry Riddle, Crosby Ford and Rufus Morgan. S. Stewart photo

first place, Anthony Sallo; and second place, Paul Marganian.

Short Track

Kids, 10 and younger, male – first place, Rufus Morgan; second place, Henry Riddle; and third place, Crosby Ford.

Kids, 10 and younger, female – first place, Hallie Riddle; second place, Cora Baldwin.

Youth, 11-17, male –

first place, Brock Lewis; second place, Willie O’Ganian.

Youth, 11-17, female – first place, Ahna Valach.

Adult, 18-49, male – first place, Joey Riddle; second place, JJ Ford.; and third place, Max O’Ganian.

Adult, 18-49, female – first place, Mandi Riddle; second place, Adele Plunkett; and third place, Tracy Valach.

Masters, 50+, male – first place, Paul Marganian; and second place, Anthony Sallo.

Kids Race, 10 and younger in order of finish Hallie Riddle, Rufus Morgan, Cora Baldwin, Henry Riddle, Crosby Ford and Luna Morgan.

Toddler Race, no pedal bikes, in order of finish

Rhett Sheets and Thatcher Nottingham.

Birthday Celebration



Pearl Rexrode Clark-son, of Arbovale, celebrated her 99th birthday Sunday, June 4.

Pearl was born in 1924 and is a daughter of the late Arlie and Media Rexrode.

Through her faith in God, and family and friends, alike, she says she has lived a blessed, wonderful and happy life.

Her birthday was spent with her beloved daughter,

Jeannie, and family and friends. She also received a host of phone calls and cards.

Pearl credits her longevity to her faith, kind heart, laughter – and a good eye for four leaf clovers.

She remains grateful every day for all of her many blessings, including the community of Arbovale and her lifelong, loving husband, Russell.

Disc golf course installed at Watoga

The Watoga State Park Foundation has been busy supporting the state park by helping complete the disc golf course. This Johnny Sias designed, 18-tee course will be a great asset to the park and communities and worthy of many challenging tournaments.

This was made possible by: Appalachian Aggregates at Mill Point that donated gravel; and community volunteers Lester Waugh, Tony Kelly, Matt Turner, C.J. Peterson, Brad Lay, Hunter Betrus, Sollie Workman, Tom Fatora and Lora Morgan.

Foundation board members Wayne Pollard, Dave Elliott, Frank Hammons, Anne Workman, Joe Kaffl, Mary Dawson and Louanne




Fatora organized, participated and provided lunch for volunteers.

The Watoga State Park Foundation supports the park in many different ways, from International Dark Sky Park certification to trail clearing and building a disc golf course. Want to volunteer?

Send us an email at info@watogafoundation.org


DISC GOLF IS similar to regular golf, but instead of using clubs and putters to get a ball into a hole in the ground, golfers follow a course and toss Frisbees into baskets like the one shown at left. Photo courtesy of Watoga State Park Foundation



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175,000 customers will be in Pocahontas County. He said Frontier has to have developed a plan which would contain that information. Holstine, however, doubted Frontier will provide that information, and the council might have to wait the full eight years to find out what areas of the county will be freed up from RDOF because Frontier decided not to provide service to them.

Another suggestion was made to seek additional Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Power Grants, since these are not

federal funding so they might be allowed in RDOF reserved areas. Council might be able to convince ARC to concentrate their money into those RDOF reserved areas. According to Holstine, the group should get in touch with ARC about future Power Grants and ask when they will be announcing them. Sarah Riley said we will set up a meeting with our ARC contacts about this.

As far as the current ARC Grant Project, the broadband council is still waiting to complete the pole agreement with Frontier, but the agreement with Mon Power has been completed.

Tax, from page 2

Class B – Trucks, in excess of 10,001 pounds

Class G – Motorcycles

Class H – Buses

Class T – Trailers with a gross weight of less than 2,000 pounds, and designed to be drawn by Class A vehicles.

Class V – Antique Motor Vehicles, at least 25 years old.

Class X – Farm Trucks, used exclusively for the transportation of farm products and supplies

W.Va § 20-15-2 – All-Ter-

rain Vehicles, any motor vehicle designed for off-highway use, used by a single operator or by an operator and no more than one passenger.

For more information you can call a taxpayer Services Representative at 304-558-

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 "Bluff City Law" network</p> <p>4 Mandible site</p> <p>7 Talks lovingly</p> <p>11 One painting with dots</p> <p>19 Long-popular ISP</p> <p>20 Mythical horses</p> <p>22 Indy 500, e.g.</p> <p>23 Outdoor food party for 11- and 12-year-olds?</p> <p>25 Some very valuable violins</p> <p>26 Old Texas siege site</p> <p>27 Saddlery tool</p> <p>28 Meyers of "Kate & Allie"</p> <p>29 Not adorned 30 Type</p> <p>31 Identical sibling near some falling rocks?</p> <p>37 Caesar's 106</p> <p>38 Neighbor of Vietnam</p> <p>39 Fiver through Orsk</p> <p>40 "Norma —"</p> <p>41 "Happy Days" star with gleaming eyes?</p> <p>45 Ingredient in Nutella</p> | <p>49 A noble gas</p> <p>50 Wedding page word</p> <p>51 Top-notch</p> <p>52 Genetic stuff</p> <p>53 Major exhibition</p> <p>56 Perform gastric bypasses?</p> <p>61 Coastal inlet</p> <p>64 Roof overhang</p> <p>66 Musical sign</p> <p>67 "Say again?"</p> <p>68 One working to promote high-quality serge and denim?</p> <p>75 Fuzzy picture</p> <p>76 Tilted type: Abbr.</p> <p>77 Imitate a lion</p> <p>78 Susan of "L.A. Law"</p> <p>79 Contest to see who has the cleverest taunts?</p> <p>85 Have too much of, for short</p> <p>87 Lance of the O.J. trial</p> <p>88 Paris hub</p> <p>89 Negatives</p> <p>91 "Wonder Woman" star Gal</p> <p>95 CBer's lingo system</p> | <p>97 Time of day for muscle spasms?</p> <p>102 That, in Lima</p> <p>103 Any day now</p> <p>104 "I goofed!"</p> <p>105 K-12 org.</p> <p>106 Expert at recognizing the finest strong string?</p> <p>112 Lacking spice</p> <p>113 "— it grand?"</p> <p>114 Tofu source</p> <p>115 Call to squad cars, for short</p> <p>116 Lamp dweller</p> <p>117 Arbitrator</p> <p>120 Super-itchy wool cloth?</p> <p>124 Coveted part for an actor</p> <p>125 Big Apple animal attraction</p> <p>126 — Lanka</p> <p>127 It provides product plugs to websites</p> <p>128 Skin malady</p> <p>129 Passports et al.</p> <p>130 IRS form fig.</p> | <p>4 Mother of Mars, in myth</p> <p>5 Singer DiFranco</p> <p>6 Goller Michelle</p> <p>7 Possess jointly with someone else</p> <p>8 Big name in toothbrushes</p> <p>9 Come- (temptations)</p> <p>10 Old JFK flier</p> <p>11 Of a pelvic bone</p> <p>12 City northwest of Genoa</p> <p>13 Ending for krypton</p> <p>14 Yappy lap dog, in brief</p> <p>15 Precipitation</p> <p>16 Oahu porch</p> <p>17 Virtual b'day greeting, e.g.</p> <p>18 Look at again</p> <p>21 Certain dried berry</p> <p>24 911 VIP</p> <p>26 Banned apple spray</p> <p>31 Body pic</p> <p>32 "Amazing!"</p> <p>33 Brynner on Broadway</p> <p>34 Plural "is"</p> <p>35 Brand of clog remover</p> | <p>36 Oregon's capital</p> <p>38 Wildcats with ear tufts</p> <p>42 Caviar eggs</p> <p>43 Seine, for one</p> <p>44 Royal Botanic Gardens site</p> <p>45 Pan's cousin</p> <p>46 Corsage flower</p> <p>47 Get a whiff of</p> <p>48 In conclusion</p> <p>51 In regard to</p> <p>54 Fathers</p> <p>55 Eggs</p> <p>57 Bacterium in the gut</p> <p>58 Furry TV ET</p> <p>59 Small cask</p> <p>60 "So cute!"</p> <p>61 Easter animal</p> <p>62 Hurrier's cry</p> <p>63 Share a border with</p> <p>65 Give moral guidance</p> <p>69 Part of MoMA</p> <p>70 Ballplayer</p> <p>71 Not cooked</p> <p>72 Hugs, in a love letter</p> <p>73 Father</p> <p>74 "Wild Thing" singers, with "The"</p> <p>80 Not rigid</p> <p>81 Triage physician, for short</p> | <p>82 Corrida cheer</p> <p>83 Blasting stuff</p> <p>84 Part of 130-Across: Abbr.</p> <p>86 Slangy denial</p> <p>90 Container for flats or heels</p> <p>92 Stupidity</p> <p>93 Things unlike all the others</p> <p>94 Exchanged, as an older model</p> <p>96 Franc division</p> <p>97 Stage award</p> <p>98 Go after romantically</p> <p>99 Ending of some pasta names</p> <p>100 Debtor's slip</p> <p>101 "Says 'You!' aier</p> <p>103 Noisy sleeper</p> <p>106 Florida city</p> <p>107 Use, as a tool</p> <p>108 Pakistan's longest river</p> <p>109 "— Mio"</p> <p>110 Anglo- —</p> <p>111 Back column</p> <p>112 Kitten's cry</p> <p>116 Old Pontiacs</p> <p>118 Opp. of departure</p> <p>119 "Mazel —"</p> <p>120 Pacers' org.</p> <p>121 Foe of Frodo</p> <p>122 Rambo's gun</p> <p>123 Grassy turf</p> |
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JANET BARKER ADOPTED the Hillsboro Elementary School staff this past year. She delivered gifts to the staff with inspirational sayings each week. The year culminated with Janet and Terry Robbins inviting the staff to a picnic lunch at their house. The staff really appreciated the thoughtfulness and positive pick me ups.

Picture: First row, l to r: Krystal Sharek, Vada Boback, Carrie Hickman, Dana Cutlip, Janet Barker and Terry Robbins. Second row: Kristin Kinnison, Jenny Friel, Becky Spencer, Maria Hall, Shannon Alderman, Nicole Mitchell and Tabby McCoy.

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BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. David Corcoran, of Hillsboro, a daughter, named Catherine Ailene. Mr. Cochran is the Executive Director of the Pearl S. Buck Birthplace Foundation.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Pryor, of Manassas, Virginia, a daughter, named Gail Marie.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Stephen J. Lane, of Radford, Virginia, a son, named Matthew Joseph.

DEATHS

Lois L. Coyner, of Clover

Lick; services are tentatively set for Saturday morning at Clover Lick.

Mrs. Mamie J. Pifer, 81, of Marlinton; born at Warwick, a daughter of the late James and Hannah Sharp Johnson. Burial in Mountain View Cemetery.

Hayes Jefferson Marshall, 78, of Palm Harbor, Florida, former resident and mayor of Durbin. Burial in Arbovale Cemetery.

David Lee Vandevander, 23, of Durbin; born at Cherry Grove, a son of Virgil and Halcie Mullenax Vandevander. Funeral service was conducted at the Circleville Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Bessie E. Hudson, 87, died at the home of her

daughter in Meadville, Pennsylvania. Born at Green Bank, a daughter of the late Henry and Rachael Gillispie Sheets. Burial in Kiser Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Mae Long Campbell, 59, of Covington, Virginia; born in Pocahontas County, a daughter of Mrs. Clemmie Tracy Long and the late Vernal S. Long. Burial in Rosewood Cemetery in Lewisburg.

Mary Lynn Arbuckle, 90, of Lewisburg, burial in the Clifton Cemetery.

Mrs. Eva T. Phillips, of Poquoson, Virginia, a daughter of the late John S. and Rachel Jane Cochran Taylor. Burial in the Parklawn Memorial Park at Poquoson, Virginia.

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water. The road to Sitlington cannot get much worse than it is.

WEDDINGS

The Rev. R. E. Fultz and Miss M. Grace Hevener were married at the home of the bride's brother, Uriah Hevener, at noon Wednesday, June 11, 1913... The bride is the daughter of the late Uriah Hevener, and the groom is a minister of the Presbyterian church... After the ceremony, a sumptuous dinner was served to a host of friends...

DIED

Floyd Moore died at a sanitarium at Battle Creek, Michigan, Monday night, June 16, of cancer of the stomach, after a long illness. His body arrived here Wednesday morning and will be buried at Huntersville

today. The deceased was the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Moore, of Browns Creek, and was 41 years of age. About 16 years ago, he left home to join the army, saw extensive service in Cuba during the Spanish-American War, and has traveled extensively. At the time of his death, his brother, Fred, was with him. Besides his parents, he is survived by his twelve sisters and brothers.

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pioneers in the west and literally struggled for the necessities of life for years and years.

Some of the Presidential mothers "could scarcely read or write, and, perhaps, narrow, hysterical and bigoted in their characters," while others were the best examples of American culture and refined, civilizing manners. There is one momentous fact, however, and may it not

be overlooked, but ever remembered, that all the Presidential mothers, without exception, "were godly and devout women.

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