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Allegheny Echoes students wow crowd with their skills

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

After a week – technically four days – of instruction with local and world renowned musicians, the students of the annual Allegheny Echoes old-time and bluegrass music workshops tamped down their nerves and took the stage at the Pocahontas County Opera House Thursday evening for the student concert.

It was a night of Appalachian appreciation, with music and the spoken word inspired by the traditions and people of the region.

Pete Kosky – beginner guitar instructor – acted as MC, except when he joined his class on stage to perform “Cripple Creek.”

Several classes were led by Allegheny Echoes alumni who had fun coming up with names for their classes. Ben Davis’ beginning fiddle class was named “The Jake Haters” and Tessa Dillon’s was the “Super Extremely Very Advanced Fiddle Class.”

Abigail Blackner sang “Country Roads,” accompanied by guitarist Robin Kessinger. They were followed by Gwyneth Cox, who took one of the creative writing classes. She read a poem she wrote after speaking to other participants about their experience during the workshops.

Bluegrass guitar instructor Dustin Benson was joined by



ACCOMPANIED BY HER bluegrass guitar classmates and instructor Dustin Benson, Hazel Riley sings, “Sitting on Top of the World,” at the Allegheny Echoes student concert last Thursday evening. Students of all ages shared the skills they learned in guitar, fiddle, banjo, mandolin, stand up bass, creative writing and vocal classes during the week-long workshop. S. Stewart photo

his three children – Sawyer, Elijah and Isabella – in performing “Talk Back Trembling Lips,” by George Jones.

Isaac Butcher showed off his finger picking skills performing “Mountain Dew,” accompanied by Kessinger.

The bass class, led by Tim Corbett, was joined by Todd Sams on banjo for its performance of “Ruben’s Train.”

Pat Shields, who calls himself the Georgia Mudcat, shared a story and song he wrote. It was apparent it was going to be good, what with the little pink rubber ducky attached to the bill of his baseball cap.

Shields said that about 50 or 60 years ago, he was substitute teaching at a school in West Virginia. He always

played his guitar for the kids and, on one particular day, he broke a string. A little girl said “well that’s bad luck, life ain’t no ride on no pink duck.”

Shields said he asked the girl where she heard that and she said she just made it up. That saying stuck with him all these years and he finally wrote a song about that little girl and her saying.

He added that the audience could also have a little pink duck for a donation that would go toward the Allegheny Echoes scholarships.

Jake Kracks’ fiddle class, “The Brushog Beaters,” played “Yew Piney Mountain,” an old Hammons Family tune.

Writing student Mel Bar-

rett, performed a piece she wrote called “South of the North,” followed by Patrick Whitten, who performed “Home Sweet West Virginia,” on his guitar.

Other performances were given by: Dave Bing’s intermediate fiddle class, Steven Casto’s beginning banjo class, Liam and Philip Farley, Ben Davis’ beginning fiddle class, Dustin Benson’s bluegrass guitar class, Tessa Dillon’s advanced fiddle class, Brandon Shuping’s bluegrass mandolin class, Danny Authur’s intermediate guitar class, Tim Bing’s old-time advanced banjo class, Isaac McAllister and Charlie Jo Breece, Hunter Berry’s advanced fiddle class, Robin

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HOLDEN SHARP, A senior at Pocahontas County High School, will join the West Virginia National High School Rodeo Team July 16-22 for competition in Gillette, Wyoming. Photo courtesy of Sharp Shooting Photography

Sharp to compete at annual NHSFR

Pocahontas County High School senior Holden Sharp has earned a position on West Virginia’s National High School Rodeo Team. He and his teammates will travel to Gillette, Wyoming July 16 – 22, to compete at the 75th Annual National High School Finals Rodeo (NHSFR).

Holden, who placed Reserve Champion in the

West Virginia High School Rodeo competition, will compete in the Bull Riding Division at nationals. This will be his second trip to the national competition.

Featuring more than 1,700 contestants from 44 states, five Canadian Provinces, Australia, Mexico and New Zealand, the NHSFR is the world’s largest rodeo.

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Little Levels Heritage Fair ~ small town fun

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

It’s true, there was some rain off and on Saturday, but that didn’t stop the Little Levels Heritage Fair from providing entertainment, fellowship and good eats in Hillsboro. It was the 25th anniversary of the fair and nothing was going to stop the community from enjoying the festivities.

The athletic field behind Hillsboro Elementary School was filled with tents – for vendors, face painting, kids crafts and musical entertainment. Beyond the tents were rows of classic and antique cars that glimmered in the sun – when it finally made an appearance.

Fairgoers could take a



POCAHONTAS COUNTY HISTORIAN Bill McNeel, above, served as the Parade Marshal at the 25th Little Levels Heritage Fair last Saturday. At right, taking top prizes in the pie contests were married couple Christine and Mike Smith, Christine won first in the fruit and berry category and Mike won in the cream pie category and Best in Show. D. McNeel and S. Stewart photos



wagon ride from the athletic field to the Mill Point Mill, which was open for tours.

Musical entertainment was provided by Juanita Fireball

and the Continental Drifters; Richard Hefner and Joanna Burt-Kinderman who were

joined by several instructors from Allegheny Echoes;

Viney Mountain Boys; and the Porch Pickers.

The sun shone bright just in time for the Little Level’s little parade, which was led by the Pocahontas County Veterans Honor Corps.

Winners of the parade were announced by Andy Rice. In the float category, second place went to the Mosesso Agency for its covered wagon; and first place went to Ken Beezley, owner of Little Levels Lumber Company, for his display of old-time saws and tools used in timber cutting.

Roland Cutlip was recognized for his classic John Deere tractor, which was driven through the parade by Dana Cutlip.

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Manchin announces \$1.2 billion in federal funding for West Virginia broadband projects

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U.S. Senator Joe Manchin, D-WV, has announced \$1,210,800,969.85 in federal funding through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law's Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program within the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA).

This funding was allocated based on the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) broadband coverage maps that Manchin has been challenging since 2016 when he brought then-FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler to West Virginia to see first-hand why his agency's maps were wrong. At the time, the FCC

maps indicated that 99.9 percent of West Virginia will finally receive our fair share of resources to build out the reliable service we need. I will continue doing everything possible to ensure West Virginia has the means to compete in a 21st-century economy."

"This is a historic announcement for the Mountain State and will benefit every West Virginian," Manchin said. "As the only member of Congress to formally challenge the FCC coverage maps and prove them wrong, I know firsthand how much work went into this announcement, and I want to thank the thousands of West Virginians that submitted their own speed tests. The maps now show what we knew all along – that West Virginia is one of the least-served states in the country. As a direct result of my efforts to correct the FCC maps and ensure the funding in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is distributed according to these maps,

West Virginia will finally receive our fair share of resources to build out the reliable service we need. I will continue doing everything possible to ensure West Virginia has the means to compete in a 21st-century economy."

"Affordable, high-speed internet is essential for West Virginians to fully participate in the 21st century economy," Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo said. "This historic \$1.2 billion investment in West Virginia, made possible by the leadership of Senator Manchin and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, will help create good paying jobs, boost the economy and ensure that everyone in the state has the opportunity to succeed."...

Cave Rescue ~ a result of technology and old-fashioned manpower

Jaynell Graham Editor

According to Pocahontas County Emergency Management Director Mike O'Brien, at approximately 1:30 p.m. Monday, June, Pocahontas County 911 received a call from the Garmin GPS company reporting they had received an emergency notification of an injured caver in the Mace area of Pocahontas County.

Shavers Fork Fire Rescue along with the Valley

Head Fire Department were initially dispatched to the scene. Units arrived to find members of the National Speleological Society who were attending a nearby conference. It was reported that a male individual fell approximately 30 feet while exploring the cave.

Patient extrication took approximately seven hours. The patient was safely removed around 9:30 p.m. and was transported by Aeromedical ambulance to a trauma center for evaluation.

Manchin: MVP final permit is great news

Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV), Chairman of the U.S. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, released the following statement following the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' issuance of a Department of the Army water crossing permit authorizing

the Mountain Valley Pipeline:

"This announcement that the Mountain Valley pipeline finally has all permits needed to resume construction is great news for not only West Virginia, but the entire nation. The Mountain Valley Pipeline is essential to

ensuring our nation's energy and national security and providing affordable, reliable natural gas to hundreds of thousands of Americans. I am proud to have secured Mountain Valley's approval in the recent debt ceiling legislation and am pleased to see the Administration fol-

lowing the law and approving this vital project. The construction of this pipeline has been caught up in America's broken permitting process for far too long, and I look forward to the day this important piece of energy infrastructure is up-and-running."

Increased lake, river patrols during July 4 weekend

As part of a nationwide campaign to promote safe and sober boating, West Virginia Division of Natural Resources Police officers will increase their patrols of the state's waterways during the July 4 weekend.

Because the Fourth of July holiday is one of the busiest times of year for boating recreation in West Virginia, WVDNR Police are also reminding boaters to perform safety checks on their boats

to make sure horns and lights are operational and that personal flotation devices are accessible and available for all passengers.

"A lot of people will be taking their boats out this weekend to celebrate our country's independence and we just want to make sure everyone is enjoying themselves in a way that is safe and responsible," said WVDNR Police Captain Warren Goodson.

During the weekend,

WVDNR Police officers will be patrolling the state's waters for boaters whose blood alcohol concentration meets or exceeds 0.08, the legal limit in West Virginia. The increased patrols and boating safety reminders are part of Operation Dry Water, an annual partnership between the West Virginia Natural Resources Police, the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators and the U.S. Coast Guard to raise awareness about the dangers

of boating under the influence and reduce the number of accidents and deaths attributed to impaired boating.

Boating under the influence of alcohol or drugs impairs a boater's judgment, balance, vision and reaction time and is illegal in every state and territory. Even some prescription medications can make operating a boat unsafe. For more information about boating under the influence, visit nasbl.org/operationdrywater

Circuit Court

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

Frances Darlene Fisher, 29, of Marlinton, has accepted a plea offer from the State and defense counsel asked that a plea hearing be set. Fisher was indicted on one count, grand larceny.

Jerry Schoolcraft, 61, of Renick, failed to appear for a hearing on a motion for bond modification. The court denied the motion to modify Schoolcraft's bond and found that not appearing for the hearing is a violation of bond.

Steven Kelley Bennett, 48, of Green Bank, has reached a plea agreement on one charge and a jury trial is scheduled for September 20 with regard to a second charge. Bennett was indicted on one count, grand larceny; one count, destruction of property; and one count, conspiracy.

In person sentencing was held in the case the State vs Kevin Withers, 39, of Marlinton, wherein the court sentenced the defendant to not less than one year nor more than five years in the state penitentiary. Withers was given 378 days' credit for time served, fined \$1,000 and court costs were assessed. He was remanded to the custody of the West Virginia Department of Corrections.

Christopher Michael Waybright, 38, of Arbovale, ad-

mitted to the charges in the petition to revoke his bond. Defense asked for reinstatement of bond on monitored home confinement. The State did not object but asked that the defendant be placed on day report, as well. Court reinstated bond to \$5,000 cash/surety, with the added conditions of Pocahontas Day Report and random drug screens.

Nickolas Dale Bragg, 36, of Marlinton, appeared by video from Pruntytown Correctional Center for a bond hearing. The court granted a motion to modify his bond and reduced it from \$30,000 to \$8,000 cash/surety/property with the added condition that he is to reside in Raleigh County. Bragg waived his right to a speedy trial and the matter is set for the next term of court. Bragg was indicted on two counts, possession of stolen goods;

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No doubt you’ve heard talk about the gut microbiota, gut microbiome, or gut flora. We use these terms interchangeably to describe microorganisms that call our digestive tract home, a residence they have covertly maintained through millions of years of evolution.

If you know of this intriguing discovery, it has likely been within the last decade.

A Dutch merchant first discovered microbes in the early 1680s while using his microscope to examine microbiota in his mouth. He then compared the mouth microbiota to that found in his stool; the results were very different. He could only wonder why with the limited technology of that time.

Over 300 years later, science finally began studying and understanding how our microbiota affects us and why we should care. This article will examine what we now know about this still nascent field of research.

In the last couple of decades, the study of our resident flora has exploded. More than 3,600 academic papers on the gut microbiome were published between 2010 and 2015, with new findings coming out regularly. The findings to date are, or should be, groundbreaking in how we must now think about our bodies. As is often said of the universe, “We are not alone,” can aptly be said about the garden we maintain in our large intestines and colon.

The bottom line is we need the vast majority of these tiny critters to maintain our health and immunities. Otherwise, things will go wrong, sometimes devastatingly wrong.

Until recently, we have thought of our body as only skin, muscle, brain, connective tissue, bone and organs. We did not regard bacteria (aka germs to most of us) as part of our body; we thought of all bacteria as being bad. And, given the choice at the time, we would have preferred being bacteria-free, but that would likely result

in many health risks and possibly death.

Yet, research overwhelmingly suggests we should finally appreciate our relationship with our four to six pounds of microbes. The trillions of microbes in our gut are not only a physical part of our body but an essential one.

When I first started reading about the human microbiome, I had a hard time wrapping my head around the composite model of human biology; yet the facts speak for themselves.

The 1970s TV series, *The Six Million Dollar Man*, introduced a character named Steve Austin. He is a severely injured astronaut who receives a “bionic” eye, one arm, and both legs and subsequently has superpowers. This series started a conversation about the possibilities of directly integrating our bodies and technology.

A decade later, in the late 1980s, we were well into the digital age; home computers were common, and the first cell phone weighed in at a whopping 11 pounds.

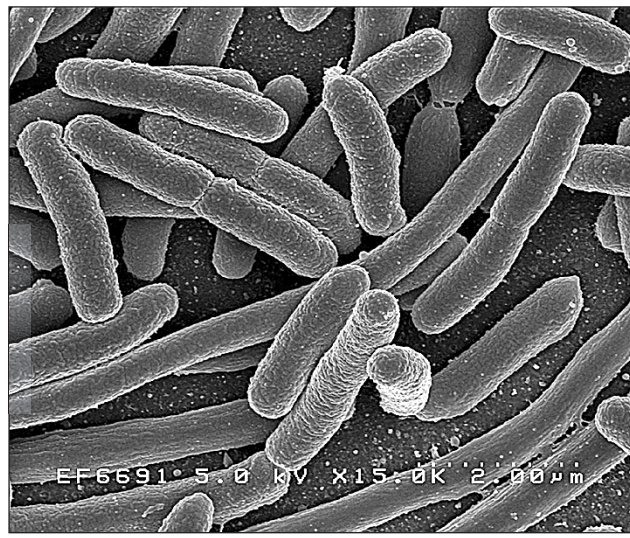
Then we started anticipating the “coming singularity,” a future where technology far exceeds the cognitive abilities of the human brain. Extrapolating from the notion of singularity, it follows that we began imagining a future in which humans biologically interface with technology.

With the recent chatter about implanting microchips, it may not be far off. Although, the idea of implants cast a dark shadow on humankind, one that may hasten our sense of irrelevance and increase our vulnerability to being controlled and monitored without our permission or knowledge. Think of the People’s Republic of China and be wary!

We have considered the notion of being a composite organism, not realizing that we are already a complex biological composite. Humans have unwittingly attained a form of singularity with our microbiome. We are inextricably connected to microorganisms, more numerous than our total number of human cells.

What makes up the human microbiome?

Our gut flora is made up primarily of bacteria, but the biome consists of viruses, archaea (single-celled life



ESCHERICHIA COLI, ONE of the many species of bacteria present in the human gut. Courtesy - Wiki, Rocky Mountain Laboratories, NIH

forms), and even fungi.

Humans adapted to various environments and spread worldwide over millions of years, so our gut microbes adapted and changed accordingly. As the gut biome passed down through untold generations of people, some microbes began acting as part of our genome. Therefore, our human DNA is linked to many of these microorganisms. In essence, we are one with these tiny organisms that originally just came along for the ride.

How do we get our microbiome?

Before birth, infants are nearly sterile.

We get our initial dose of gut biome from our mothers at birth as the infant passes through the birth canal. The infant’s gut biome is further fortified by breastfeeding and other contact with the mother. These babies will have gut flora in their stool, similar to the mother. Infants born through c-section are more likely to get their microbiota from contact with the mother’s skin. You may remember our discussion about facial mites in last week’s column.

What are the benefits of having a microbiome?

The benefits of a healthy gut biome are staggering in number. Conversely, not maintaining a balanced microbiome can have devastating effects. Irritable Bowel Syndrome, for example, can be improved by changing one’s diet to foods that stimulate or add to the biome, such as probiotics and prebiotics. The benefits from a healthy gut includes proper

digestion of food, improved cognitive functioning, and a vastly improved immune system.

The following is a laundry list of other health benefits that gets longer and longer as we continue to understand the complex relationship between human biology and the world of microorganisms:

- Reduces the risk of developing irritable bowel syndrome and other gut issues
- Better sleep
- Mood enhancement
- Stronger bones – good for those with osteopenia and osteoporosis
- Gut bacteria metabolize vitamins and minerals, making them available to us.
- Manufacture natural antibiotics
- Reduces fatigue, muscle, and joint pain.
- Mitigation of acne and eczema
- Reduction of heart disease, diabetes, and many infections.
- Improved immune system to fight allergies like asthma.

We have yet to understand the implications of a healthy gut biome fully, but the previous list will likely get longer with further research. We must acknowledge our microbiome, appreciate it, and do what we can to keep it healthy.

In the next issue of *For Your Consideration*, we’ll discuss how to ensure that our gut is healthy and stays that way. We will also see why some scientists regard the gut biome as our original brain. Only in *The Pocahontas Times*.

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Children’s Theater
Camp ~ ‘The Princess and the Pea’

Friday, June 30, at 5 p.m. and Saturday, July 1, at 2 p.m.

privilege of hosting these remarkable performances at the Opera House, adding an extra touch of grandeur and enchantment to the entire experience.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming shows of “The Princess and the Pea” performed by the talented young actors and actresses from the Marlinton community!

The countdown has begun, and we can’t wait to witness their incredible performance.

We owe a tremendous amount of gratitude to our amazing community for their unwavering support in making this theater camp a reality. The generosity of the WV Neighborhood Investment Program, Pocahontas County Parks and Recreations, local businesses, and organizations has allowed us to provide scholarships to children in need, ensuring that everyone has the chance to shine on stage.

We’re thrilled to have the

So, gather your friends, family and loved ones.

Join us on Friday, June 30, at 5 p.m. and Saturday, July 1, at 2 p.m. to witness the magic unfold on stage. Let’s come together as a community and show our support for these talented young stars as they take us on a captivating journey with “The Princess and the Pea.”

Spread the word, share the excitement, and let’s fill every seat in the house. These young actors and actresses have poured their hearts and souls into their performances, and they can’t wait to share their passion with all of you.

Don’t miss out on this incredible opportunity to celebrate our community’s vibrant theater scene and the remarkable talents of our local youth.

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

1. Let’s go to Rio. Rio De Janeiro. What is the official language of Brazil?
2. The rest of the story. This hit song was written by Solomon Linda in 1939. The title was “Mbube,” a Swahili Zulu word. In 1952, the title was changed to “Wimoweh.” It was changed again in 1961 when The Tokens took it to #1 on the charts. Name this big hit.
3. In the original board

game of Monopoly, all the streets and properties were named after locations in what U. S. town?

4. This parliamentary procedure is called “talking a bill to death.” Defenders of this practice, in the U. S. Senate, call it the “Soul of the Senate.” What is it?

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Obituaries



Judith Baker

Judith “Judy” Ann Starks McCoy Baker, 76, of Droop, quietly departed this life Saturday, June 24, 2023, at home with her daughters by her side.

Judy’s daughters learned from her that there really are angels on this earth, because their mom was one of them.

Judy was a kind, strong, and generous lady who would go out of her way to help others. She loved gardening and the outdoors. Her greatest joy on earth was being a grandmother. She loved all children, and they knew they were always loved when they were in her company. Her nieces and nephews loved going to visit Aunt Judy where they could have bonfires, play in the dirt, and just be themselves. She has been described as a favorite sister, favorite aunt, and, absolutely, the best mom.

Judy was born February 4, 1947, at Droop, and was a daughter of the late Woodrow Wilson Starks and Neva Mae Cutlip Starks.

She attended the one room West Droop School and graduated from Hillsboro High School. She was a retired Hairstylist and Cosmetologist, receiving her education from Beckley Beauty Academy. Judy was a member of Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, Don McCoy; second husband Doug Baker; three brothers, Gail Cutlip, Jerry Starks, Doug Starks; and one sister, Brenda Rohrer.

Her kindness and compassion will be cherished by her daughters, Stephanie Burns (husband, Doug), of Marlinton, and Heather Barton (husband, Jason), of Parsonsburg, Maryland; three grandchildren, who were her world, Chad Burns of Bridgeport, Alexandria “Allie” Burns, of Raleigh, North Carolina, and Rachel Burns, of Marlinton; three sisters, Sharon Reid, Linda

Dean and June Sura; and one brother, Charles Starks; as well as many nieces and nephews whom she dearly loved.

Funeral service will be held Saturday, July 1, 2023, at 3 p.m. at Lantz Funeral Home in Buckeye, with Pastor Pete Scott officiating.

The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. until time of service.

Online condolences may be shared at lantzfuneralhome.com



Ralph Beckwith

Our husband, father, grandfather, friend and forest products industry icon Ralph Watson Beckwith, of Slaty Fork, graduated to forever be in our hearts with Jesus, Thursday evening, June 22, 2023.

Born June 27, 1934, in Taylor County, Ralph was a son of the late Watson and Lola Beckwith.

He is survived by his wife, Glenda, whom he fell in love with on the school bus and married in the summer of 1952 in Bennettsville, South Carolina.

Ralph has a loving family. He and Glenda have four children, Ralphie (Nanette), Vicki (Charles), Ronnie (Sandra) and Ricky (Tina); seven grandchildren, Juli (Sam), Danny (Elaina), Kenny (Jaclyn), Bradley, Jessica, Dustin and Whitney; nine great grandchildren, Makayla, Wyatt, Adrienne, Kynleigh, Kiera, Brittany, Dawson, Brady and Dax; special friend whom he treated like a son, John Combs; brother, Ray; and sister, Marguerite; and very special caregivers, George and Wilma Thomas, Trisha Jackson, Melinda Moore, Stacy Friel, Brenda Cagle, and Penny Cosner.

Ralph is with his mom and dad, Lola and Watson; his Grandpa Sines; his sister, Marguerite; and his special grandson, Bradley, whom he lost in a farm accident. If you know any of Ralph’s family, you know Ralph, because there is a lot of him in each and every one of them.

Ralph’s life and accom-

plishments are so immense that they could not all be remembered by any one person nor recorded in just one article.

He grew up in Barton, and loved to play baseball and softball in the area with his friends. He learned at an early age to be a good salesman and trader, selling *Grit* magazines door-to-door as well as selling and trading hogs.

His mother passed away when he was young, so he grew up fast. His father was also an amazing man. He raised Ralph and his brother and sister to be good and successful in their own ways. Ralph followed his father’s footsteps and worked in the coal mines on Sharp’s Knob, which brought him to Pocahontas County where he bought the farm he lived on nearly all of his adult life. These experiences prepared him for what he was to do for the rest of his life, as a sawmill and a steward of some of the most beautiful land in West Virginia.

In 1961, Ralph and his wife founded Beckwith Lumber Company. Through the years he endured hardships, but never gave up. Independent by nature, he grew a land base for his business that encompassed more than 60,000 acres. The farmer in him made him an environmentalist and conservationist that brought stewardship management to his land and business. He also, in his independent business mind, had a trucking company – that grew to 15 trucks – to support his operations.

Ralph and his business received countless awards that are too numerous to list.

Family was what it was all about, as most of his family worked toward the vision he and Glenda grew from a small Frick Mill in front of their house to the operation it is today.

Ralph loved to farm. He raised sheep and cattle nearly all his life and rode his show horses. With one special horse, Glory, he won many trophies and lead-lined his grandchildren on, as well. Ralph was a people person who could sell anything, and a born leader to his family and his business, outspoken even with just a look. Ralph, no matter what, always had time to talk to a family member or a friend and give the best advice he had.

Ralph went to church, starting as a kid at Barton and later in life attended Big Springs Presbyterian

Church, leading the services for several years. *Amazing Grace* was his favorite song and was a regular on his song list.

The word amazing describes Ralph’s life from the very beginning to the last days with his family at his farm.

The family will receive friends at Ralph’s graduation celebration (his words) at the Beckwith Sawmill building from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, June 30, 2023.

Celebratory flowers may be sent to VanReenen Funeral Home.

The immediate family will have their own special service later and would hope that would be respected as they send off their loved one.



Nancy Currence

Nancy Ward Currence was born May 29, 1937, in Marlinton, the second of four daughters of the late Richard F. Currence and Nancy McNeel Currence.

Known as the “Currence Girls,” the four sisters, Jarve, Nancy, Louise and Sara, remained close throughout their lives, celebrating holidays and family reunions during Pioneer Days in Marlinton and later at various beaches and mountain cabins.

Nancy was valedictorian of the Marlinton High Class of 1954 and went on to study at Duke University where she met her future husband, John Kopf. Active in the United States Air Force, John’s career took them around the country and the world. Their family grew to include daughter Anne and son Carlo.

Known as Nan, she settled in Tallahassee, Florida, where she earned a degree in Art History at Florida State University and worked at the State Library. Nan was an active member of Unity Eastside Church, baking and delivering a chocolate cake every Monday for several years. Nan enjoyed an active lifestyle as a tennis player and through water aerobics. She taught Scottish Country Dancing, played bridge at

the Senior Center and crocheted red, white and blue blankets for Veterans and others who needed the special comfort of a handmade gift. Nan was also active at Westminster Oaks where she was a longtime resident.

In addition to her parents, Nan was preceded in death by her sister, Louise Currence Christensen.

Nan is survived by daughter, Anne Kopf-Sill, and husband, Al Sill, and their children, Jarvis Sill and Forrest Sill; and son, Carlo Kopf, and his children, Sarina Kopf and Sienna Kopf; as well as her sisters, Mary Jarvis Currence and Sara Currence Emery; former husband, John R. Kopf; brother-in-law, David J. Christensen; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, July 8, at 11 a.m. at Unity Eastside Church at 8551 Buck Lake Road, Tallahassee, Florida

There will be a reception following the service.

Jane Kirk

Jane Kay Kirk, 80, of Florence, South Carolina, died peacefully Sunday, June 18, 2023. Born in Marlinton, March 14, 1943, she was the daughter of the late James and Isabelle Michael.

Jane earned a bachelor’s degree in Education from West Virginia University. After relocating to Anne Arundel County, Maryland, for a teaching position, she met and married a fellow educator, Eugene Kirk. After 10 years as a stay at home mom, Jane went back to college for a degree in accounting and also earned her license as a Certified Public Accountant. She worked for many years at Hughes, Wilson and Associates in Severna Park, Maryland. She retired from accounting in 2010 and moved to Florence, South Carolina, to be near family.

In her free time, she enjoyed adventure sports including long distance road biking and sailing. Some of

her accomplishments include bicycling across Maryland and Spain as well as sailing a sailboat from Maryland to her new home in Port Charlotte, Florida, in the early 2000s. She also enjoyed quieter, more artistic activities such as knitting, quilting, glazing stained glass, cooking, baking, gardening and solving jigsaw and sudoku puzzles. She leaves many beautiful knitted items and quilts to her descendants.

Jane was preceded in death by her parents and her oldest child, Christopher Kirk.

She is survived by her daughter, Laura Kirk, of Bishopville, South Carolina; daughter-in-law and two grandchildren, Heather, Chloe and Isabelle Kirk, of Cape Saint Claire, Maryland; and her brother, Thomas Michael, of St. Clairsville, Ohio.

At Jane’s request, there was no formal service.

Her body was committed to the Earth Monday, June 26, 2023, at Kings Mountain Preserve, in Blacksburg, South Carolina.

In memory of Jane’s lifelong love of animals and in lieu of flowers, the family would greatly appreciate that donations be made in her name to any animal shelter or animal welfare organization of your choosing.

Daisey Wright

Daisey Lee Wright, 90, of Durbin, passed away Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at home, with family by her side.

Funeral service was held Friday, June 23, 2023, at Wallace and Wallace Funeral Home in Arbovale with Pastor Julian Rittenhouse and Pastor Donnie Curry officiating.

Burial was in Arbovale Cemetery.

Online condolences may be shared at www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com

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Note of Thanks

The family of Daisy Wright would like to extend our deepest gratitude for the cards, calls, food and prayers during our time of loss.

Special thanks to Bartow-Frank-Durbin Rescue Squad; Jennifer Lambert and staff at Community Care; Linda Curry; Julian Rittenhouse and Donnie Curry for the beautiful service; Pine Grove Church of the Brethren for the meal provided for the family; and Wallace & Wallace Funeral Chapel.

We send our deepest appreciation to each and every one of you.

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Wanless Cemetery – Margaret Cassell, 4232 Back Mountain Road, Cass, WV 24927.

Wesley Chapel Cemetery on Galford Run Road – Nancy Rexrode, 4949 Wesley Chapel Road, Green Bank, WV 24944.

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The family of Franklin “Buck” Carpenter would like to thank our many friends, family and neighbors for the food, flowers, cards, phone calls, donations and other acts of kindness at the time of Buck’s illness and passing.

Thank you to the staff at Pocahontas Memorial Hospital and Greenbrier Valley Medical Center; Marlinton and PMH Ambulance services; Peyton Hospice House in Fairlea; Doug Lantz and the staff at Lantz Funeral Home; and Pastor Sam Felton.

The expressions of sympathy were too numerous to count, and we acknowledge and appreciate each and every one.

If you knew Gina like we knew Gina...



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Saturday, July 1

Join us for the Sternwheel Regatta Funeral Parade and walk with Gina’s friends up Capitol Street behind a fine brass band and a handcrafted coffin filled with wildflowers.

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Shelter News



MICKEY AND HER babies will soon be ready to go home with their new family.



SMOKEY, AN ATTRACTIVE and active male grey tabby, loves giving head bumps of affection.

Fair, from page 1

The overall parade winner was Miss Pocahontas Hannah Burks and her horse, Slider.

Rice also announced the winners in the pie contests. He explained that there are two categories – fruit and berry pies and cream pies, and that there were a lot of

tasty entries this year.

In the fruit and berry category, third place went to Joyce Mullens with a strawberry pie; second place went to Merrily Taylor for her apple cranberry pie; and first place was won by Christine Smith for her sweet cherry pie.

In the cream category, third place went to Suzanne Stewart with a Depression Era water pie; second place

went to Barbara Birchfield for her lemon pie; and first place was won by Mike Smith for his chocolate cream pie.

Mike was thrilled to hear he won and raced to the tent to get his prize.

“Are you kidding me?” he exclaimed. “Really? Yay!”

Mike and Christine, husband and wife, entered the separate categories so that they would not be competing

against each other, but ended up going head-to-head for the Best in Show award – which went to Mike.

It was the first time both had entered the contest and they were very excited to take home two first place finishes, and best in show.

Saturday evening culminated with a lively square dance with music by Juanita Fireball and the Continental Drifters.

Court, from page 2

and one count, possession of a Schedule II controlled narcotic substance.

A change of plea hearing was held in the case the State vs Daniel C. Good, 32, of Durbin, wherein the defendant pleaded guilty to the felony offense of Grand Larceny, and the parties recommended that he be entered into the Southeastern Drug Court Program. Adjudication was delayed to allow Good time to complete the drug court program. The state asked for dismissal with prejudice of Count II, destruction of property, and Count III, receiving stolen property.

A hearing to revoke alternative sentence was held in the case the State vs Phillip Dean, 50, of Marlinton, wherein the defendant waived his right to an evidentiary hearing and stipulated to charges in the

petition to revoke. The court heard testimony of witnesses on behalf of the defendant’s motion for home confinement. After a review of the testimony, the court noted that Dean was earlier sentenced to home confinement on five counts of wanton endangerment regarding a firearm and this is the third violation of the alternative sentence. Dean was given the opportunity to obtain treatment through drug rehab and appeared in court again for the use of illegal drugs. The court denied the state’s motion to revoke alternative sentence and the defendant is given one more chance to return to home confinement. He is sanctioned to 120 days in the regional jail with credit for time served of 48 hours. Upon completion of sanction he will return to the county’s home confinement program with strict additional requirements. Dean was remanded to the custody of the sheriff for return to

Tygart Valley Regional Jail.

Dean was indicted by the December 2018 Grand Jury.

Clarence Irvine, 49, of Marlinton, appeared by video from the Tygart Valley Jail for a status hearing. He was picked up on a capias for not completing a drug rehab program and not returning to Tygart Valley Jail. Irvine is to complete the sanction ordered earlier by the court for a violation of home incarceration. Upon completing of the sanction, he will return to home confinement.

Shawn Barb, 34, of Hillsboro, appeared by video from the Southern Regional Jail for a status conference. The State related that the matter has not moved forward due to the defendant being unavailable because of preliminary hearings and other charges elsewhere. Defense counsel related that they had reached out to the State for a possible global plea agreement on multiple

charges in Pocahontas County.

Phyllis J. McCray, 44, of Belington, waived her right to a speedy trial and the matter is moved to the next term of court. McCray was indicted on one count, grand larceny; one count, destruction of property; and one count, conspiracy.

A hearing was held on a motion for reconsideration of sentence in the case the State vs Michael Turner, 46, of Marlinton, wherein defense counsel asked for home confinement. The court has taken the matter under advisement and will rule.

A jury trial is set for November 27 in the case the State vs Tanner Moore. Moore was indicted on one count, first degree murder; and one count, use or presentation of a firearm during the commission of a felony.

Echoes, from page 1

Kessinger and Doug Heppler’s advanced guitar class; and Scott Rucker’s old-time mandolin class.

The concert ended with a performance by the vocal class, singing “West Virginia, My Home” and “Country Roads.”

Kosky announced that the Dwight Diller Memorial Scholarship for banjo was won by Brayden Diller.

Allegheny Echoes is an annual, week-long workshop held the last week of June at the Marlinton Motor Inn. Classes are taught in fiddle, banjo, guitar, upright bass, mandolin, vocals and creative writing, in venues in and around Marlinton.

Sharp, from page 1

In addition to competing for more than \$150,000 in prizes and more than \$150,000 in added money, NHSFR contestants will also be competing for more than \$375,000 in college scholarships and a chance to be named an NHSFR World Champion.

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Members MUST complete their review to keep their Medicaid/WVCHIP benefits open.


Here's what you need to do:

1. Make sure your address is correct so you will receive your DHHR packet. The DHHR will let you know when your review is scheduled. Even if you don't think you're still eligible, complete the review process anyway. Let DHHR decide if you're eligible so there are no breaks in your coverage.
2. Complete the review by filling out paperwork and mailing back; online through your WV PATH account at wvpath.org; or visiting your local DHHR office.

For direct access to the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, visit www.wvpath.org or call 1-877-716-1212.

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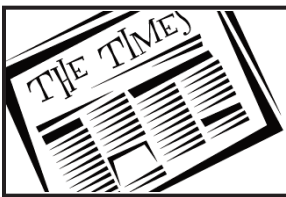
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Fifty Years Ago

Jane Price Sharp, Editor

Thursday, June 21, 1973

Allen Wayne McKeever, who just turned 18, was the last young man to be registered by Mrs. Ruby Moses. He was registered Wednesday, June 20, 1973, before the closing of the Marlinton Selective Service Office. Mrs. Moses began work as the Executive Secretary of the Local Board of Selective Service November 19, 1940; she has a little over 30 years' service in this office and her work will be officially terminated June 28.

McKeever is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray McKeever, of Hillsboro. He graduated from PCHS this year and will enter Potomac State in the fall...

RETIRES

Elton O. Wade was honored Friday, June 8, at the Pocahontas bus garage with a surprise presentation of a reclining chair.

Completing 36 years of service, with three years away from the job serving in the United States Army during World War II, and transporting Pocahontas County school children nearly half a million miles without injury is an enviable record.

As a tribute to his many years of faithful service and their friendship for him personally, Charles Moore, Superintendent, Whitman Hull, Assistant Superintendent, and Mr. Wade's fellow bus drivers and mechanics participated in the presentation.

Most of the years, Mr. Wade drove the bus from Douthat Creek to Marlinton. In the years before the secondary road was improved, his bus had to ford the creek many times on its way to school. Despite floods, icy roads and snow, Mr. Wade never failed to get his children safely home. Once, he recalled, he and neighbors had to use a sled to deliver the children to their homes after an unexpected blizzard.

Asked about his retirement plans, Mr. Wade replied that he was going to continue farming and practice his set-back game so that he can continue to keep the boys at the bus garage honest.

HOSPITAL NEWS

By S. E. Drumm

The Hospital Auxiliary is a very important part of the function of this hospital. This group of dedicated ladies has been in existence less than one year and in this

short space of time they have purchased and presented to this hospital one complete oxygen tent, two complete hospital rooms of furniture, a number of beautiful colored bedspreads, a new floor covering for the reception room, new lamp shades and new drapes. They have purchased five additional pairs of drapes for other rooms.

We are talking about over \$2,500 these ladies have raised and improved this hospital within less than a year.

My dear readers, this is the result of the collective effort of a group of dedicated ladies who believe in doing instead of talking.

Jesus Christ said it first, "A house divided cannot stand." It has been said many times during and since our own Revolutionary War, "United we stand, divided we fall."

This group effort has been successful many times in our 200 year history...

Just imagine what could be accomplished with your hospital if the accomplishments of these ladies were magnified, say 500 times by others in this community. This is possible.

One more important point, you would be doing something for yourselves.

This is your hospital. Many of us seem to forget this.

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Preserving Pocahontas

B. J. Gudmundsson, Preservation Officer

Jane Price Sharp – circa 1970



JANE PRICE SHARP in pioneer dress at the Historical Society's museum in Marlinton, W.Va. during Pioneer Days. She is standing with a stuffed bear that is still in the museum today. Sharp was Editor of *The Pocahontas Times* and founding member of the Pocahontas County Historical Society. (Pocahontas County Historical Society Collection; ID: PHS004482)

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Seventy-Five Years Ago

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, July 1, 1948

New York – Loaded like Noah's ark, an airliner set out June 14 from La Guardia field for Milan, Italy.

Aboard were seven bulls, two heifers, fifty young pigs, sixteen white leghorns, two cocker spaniels, two Scottish terriers, and an English setter.

It took more than four hours to persuade some of the animals that they wanted to go to Italy to join cattle breeders near Milan.

The load was sent by the Carnation Milk Farms, of Carnation, Washington.

One day last week, down at the mouth of Knapps Creek, Rev. R. H. Skaggs caught himself one nice 10 pound snapping turtle. Upon cleaning it, he found her to be just larded up with fat. In her were no less than 31 fully developed eggs, and a number of other bunches of eggs in various stages of development. While this was

the final experience this creature was to have with man, there was sign this was not the first time this turtle had experienced a run-in with the master of creation. Comfortably embedded in gristle in the stomach was a number two bass hook. It had been a snelled hook. The leader was gone, but the waxed wrapping and the polish were both as good as ever.

The sign of the moon was an important matter to be taken into consideration when putting on a clapboard roof. If put on during the light of the moon, the boards were liable to turn up; in the dark of the moon the boards were liable to lie flat for a good lasting roof. The time of year to especially mind your eye when putting on a board roof was during the high tide period of spring when moon and sun combine to pull together. Fence posts then set have a tendency to pull out of the

ground. However, this is the time to lay up a rail fence – the bottom rail will ever stay on top of the ground.

THOSE THERE BEARS

Dear Cal;

The farmers of Elk, from Valley Branch to Crooked Fork, by way of Split Rock, have experienced and are experiencing their heaviest losses of sheep by bears the region has ever known. A number of bears have been killed and yet bears continue to kill sheep.

I have talked to farmers in the adjoining counties of Webster and Randolph, who say they have had to go out of the sheep business on account of the protection of bear as a game animal, for the pleasure of the big city sports. I think this is the biggest fool regulation ever imposed upon a long suffering people. The very idea of propagating, through protection for sport, of such a destructive, predatory animal. It would be just as sensible to pass a law not to allow a man to kill a sheep killing dog...

L. S.

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100-Bears-Ago in The Pocahontas Times

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, June 28, 1923

"Rimfire (Eli) Hamrick, chief game and fire protector for Webster county, came down from this lair between Gauley and Williams river Saturday to get some supplies. Hamrick informs that on Sunday evening, June 3, a furious and terrific hail-storm hit his section lasting more than two hours, and when it finally subsided, hail lay on the level ground to the depth of five inches, and on the slopes of the hills to a depth of two feet that for one week afterwards, it could be raked up by the handfuls behind logs and crevices.

He further stated that about two weeks ago, he caught a bear in an old-fashioned log pen that weighed about 250 pounds. He tried every kind of bait but nothing tempted old Mr. Bear to take a chance of his life until he prepared and roasted a fine ham, which was placed in the pen, and as the sly old fellow passed by, the aroma from the ham was too much for his better judgment. He walked quietly into the pen, only to be crushed to death.

W. T. Townsend, of Frost, was a visitor at this office on Tuesday. He told us that, while cleaning up a patch of new ground, he found an old time baker or Dutch oven.

While it had evidently laid in the woods for many years, it was not rusted to hurt and was still serviceable, top and all. Mr. Townsend also told us that in his house was a spinning wheel and many other things of the olden time which he expects to put on exhibition at the County Fair, now that a suitable building will be ready to take proper care of it.

Clyde Townsend, of Frost, was a business visitor in Marlinton Tuesday morning. He was a soldier with two years of service in the World War. A year or more of the time he served as a monotype operator in the army, printing machinery, and the man who masters the machine has a trade that commands a lucrative position in any of the larger cities.

Amos J. Sharp was down from Poage Lane Monday,

and he reported good progress on the new road around Slippery Hill. H. L. Kessler is in charge, and a good road on a good grade is being made. The new road leaves the old one at the top of the hill and follows a bench around to the head of Limestone hollow, thence across the ridge to Laurel Run near the residence of Amos J. Sharp, thence down the run to the old road near Elbert Hannah's gate, a total distance of a mile and a quarter. At no place is the grade steeper than four and a half percent, and not much of it is that steep. The new road cuts out three or four hills and many dangerous turns, and increases the distance less than two thousand feet.

Watch out about this fishing license business. If you don't have one, you are sure out of luck if the game protector comes along. Last week a young man took his lady friend a fishing, and the young fellow's fishing license was not good for two

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Footsteps through History

The Pocahontas Times
Andrew Price, Editor

Thursday, July 1, 1898

A gigging party saw two eels at the mouth of Knapps Creek last Friday night. They are very unusual in these waters, owing, no doubt, to the fact that our rivers flow to the southern seas. Just across in Virginia they are plentiful. It is authoritatively stated that eels only spawn in the ocean in temperate latitudes, and the number to be found in our rivers corresponds with the eels that are to be found in land-locked waters. It may be that migratory aquatic birds carry some of the spawn from the seas.

About ten years ago, the suckers of Greenbrier river died by the hundreds from a large sore on their head or sides. It was suggested then that it was caused by the bass "horning" them. It was undoubtedly a disease. Several suckers have been seen lately with the same kind of sores, and it may be this season will see an epidemic among them again...

COURT INCIDENTS

Aunt Betsy Clater was on hand bright and early to lay her case before the Judge before any of the lawyers could get at him, or so she informed a friend.

The Jonathan Cochran divorce case was dismissed at his costs. Clutter vs Clutter and Gay versus Lockridge, two chancery cases of long standing, reached a practical end this court.

Andy Sheets, of Back Alleghany, was tried for disturbing religious worship. He is a one-legged man and looks very pugnacious. The

evidence unfolded a tale of great slaughter at the McGlaughlin Church one night during a revival in the fall of '96. Not only were the church people disturbed in their religious meditations but also by fears of bodily harm. The jury found him guilty, and he left the place on his horse. A capias was awarded, and he will be sentenced when he can be got.

The trial of Jim Ratliff for selling cider on court days resulted in a hung jury. A number of witnesses testified that they had got very drunk off his cider, while others swore that they had drunk considerable quantities of the same vintage and had not felt the least bit tight. We do not care to see the old man get into trouble, but wish he would take his unsightly old cider barrel from right square in front of our handsome courthouse. On the day of his trial he was doing business at the old stand.

The taxpayers were glad to see Charles Beverage, the recalcitrant witness who would not answer questions before the grand jury, turned loose. They were begrudging him the 50 cents a day that it took to keep him. The Judge gave him a talking to and made him tell who sold him the liquor. He said it was Barnes. It is too late to indict him in this court. The Judge then told him to go.

Jim Sizemore confessed with bitter tears that he had taken the polecat skin from Pullin & Co., but was inclined to throw the blame on a younger boy whom he accused of tempting him to take the treasure. The Judge

considered the 19 1/2 days that Jim said he had been in prison, and gave him five days more on Jim's solemnly promising to never take anything which did not belong to him.

PINE GROVE

The writer's attention has been called (by an old citizen) to the grave of one Henry Brock, the first person buried in the Duffield graveyard, whose initials were cut on a mulberry headboard in 1801. Although Mr. Brock was buried 97 years ago, yet the headboard is but little decayed and the initials and date are plain.

The county Normal closed June 16. This has been one of the most interesting schools ever taught in the county. One old gentleman who spent an evening in the school, said, "The young man at the head of the Normal keeps up with the times. His teaching surpasses anything I have ever seen." Mr. Barlow has had calls to higher positions, yet he says he will remain in the school work of Pocahontas for one more year...

HUNTERSVILLE

A fine son was born to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Ginger last week.

H. M. Lockridge has about completed his road work from Huntersville to Rimel's.

Mrs. Agnes Loury, who was alarmingly ill some weeks since, has rallied from her prostration and is able to visit the neighbors.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Warwick returned from Warwickton last week and report Mrs. Frazier as being still prostrated by illness.

Mrs. Doyle and Miss Lucy Kincaid were at Marlinton Saturday afternoon, and were three hours in passing from Marlinton to Huntersville, being delayed by the fallen timber.

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The Pocahontas Times will be closed in observance of Independence Day, Tuesday, July 4.
 Early deadline for the July 6 edition is Friday, June 30, at 3 p.m.

Wedding

Laura M. Finch and David W. Kershner announce their upcoming marriage on Thursday, July 6, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, at Marvin Chapel United Methodist Church in Mill Point.

Ms. Finch is the daughter of Cathy D. Neilson, of Point Pleasant, and M. John Finch, of London, England. Ms. Finch holds a J.D. from University of Kentucky College of Law and graduated from Christopher Newport University with a B.A. in Government and Public Affairs. She is employed as the Assistant Public Defender in Marlinton.

Mr. Kershner is the son of Wayne and Susan Kershner, of Droop Mountain, and graduated from Bluefield State College. He is employed at Droop Mountain Battlefield State Park.

The couple will honeymoon in Staunton, Virginia.



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Library; Thursdays, Linwood Library; and Fridays at Durbin Library.

MEETINGS

Allegheny Post 117 will meet not meet Tuesday, July 4, due to Independence Day celebrations. The next scheduled meeting will be the annual picnic at Donnie Waybright's Saturday, August 12, beginning at noon. Members are asked to bring a side dish.

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

PARKS AND REC

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

Tumbling Classes – Every Friday at Linwood Center - \$45 for nine-week series. Ages 4 and younger, 10 a.m.; ages 5 to 10, 11:15 a.m.; and advanced tumblers ages 8 to 17 meet at 1 p.m. Registration is required.

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

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Zumba with Kelly, Tuesday at 5:30 and Thursday at 5 p.m. Call 304-799-7386 with questions.

REUNIONS

51st Gibson Reunion – Sunday, July 2, 2 p.m. at the homestead, Grandpa Willy's house. Covered dish. Bring an auction item. Proceeds go to the Gibson Cemetery.

Noah and Rebecca Teter Warner Families – Sunday, July 2, noon to 4 p.m. at the

Clinton-Hedrick Community Building in Riverton. Bring a covered dish.

McLaughlin Family – Saturday, July 8, 4 p.m. Luster Shradler Road in Huntersville. Food provided.

PCHS Class of 1988 – Saturday, July 8, 6 p.m. at Locust Hill. For info and cost, contact Shannon McKenney Mallion, 704-604-6207.

Buzzard/Darnell Families – Sunday, July 9, 11 a.m. second shelter at Stillwell Park. Potluck.

46th annual Rogers-Kelison Reunion – at the Rec Center at Watoga State Park. Saturday, July 15, meet at noon. Picnic at 4 p.m. Sunday, July 16, meet at noon, covered dish at 1 p.m. Bring sides and desserts.

CHURCH NOTICES

Marlinton Presbyterian Church – Sunday School, 9 a.m. Worship 10 a.m.

Arbovale United Methodist – Worship 11:15 a.m. Sundays; Bible Study 6 p.m. Thursdays.

New Hope Lutheran – Minnehaha Springs – Worship 8:45 a.m.

First Baptist Church – Huntersville – Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday night service 7 p.m.

Seebert United Methodist Church – Sunday School every Sunday 9:20 a.m.; Worship second and fourth Sundays at 10 a.m.

Catholic Mass: St. John, Marlinton – Sunday 9 a.m.; **St. Mark, Bartow** – Sunday 11:30 a.m.

Liberty Presbyterian, Green Bank – Worship at 11 a.m.

Dunmore United Methodist Church – Worship 10 a.m. Adult Bible Study via Zoom 8 a.m.

Marlinton First Church of the Nazarene – Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.; Wednesday night Bible Study 7 p.m.

Marlinton United Methodist Church – Worship at 11 a.m.

New Hope Church of the Brethren, Worship at 9:30 a.m. and Bible Study Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Pine Grove Church of the Brethren, Arbovale – Sunday School 10 a.m., Worship 11 a.m.; Bible Study, Thursday, 7 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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LISTINGS



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



6540 – Dunmore. 2BR/1BA cottage on 2.02 acres in a small community. Near Seneca State Forest and Lake, national forest, Cass Scenic Railroad, Greenbrier River and Trail. – \$83,500



6340 – Mill Point. 8.79 acres of mountain woodland. Home site offers excellent views. Electric, phone and septic in place. Close to the Cranberry Wilderness, rivers and national forest. – \$49,900



6517 – White Sulphur Springs. Comfortable, 3BR/2BA, 1,620 sq.ft., beautifully updated home within walking distance of the elementary school and downtown. – \$145,000



6468 – Bartow. Little River Retreat. 2BR/1BA cabin on two acres. Close to national forest, Little River, Buffalo Mt. Lake, Cass Scenic Railroad and Snowshoe Resort. – \$105,000



6531 – Rimel. Small 3BR/1BA farm house/camp on 4.21 acres bordering and easy access to national forest. Spring and feeder stream runs through the property. – \$110,000



6545 – Marlinton. 3BR/2BA brick ranch with attached carport on 0.33 acres. Features living room with gas fireplace, built-in bookshelves and hardwood floors. – \$195,000



6466 – Rimel. 3BR/1BA cabin on 0.46 level acre. Just steps from national forest. Near Anthony and Knapps creeks, Greenbrier River and Watoga and Seneca State parks. – \$79,000



6467 – Caldwell. 0.72 acre with house in need of significant repairs. City water available. Great location just outside of Lewisburg. Near Greenbrier River and Trail. – \$16,500



6213 – Bartow. 1970s style service station with two-bay garage and office on US Rt. 250. Great investment. Needs a little TLC to get it up and running. – \$69,900



6441 – Hillsboro. Home with great potential located in town. Excellent large lot with garage. – \$150,000



6544 – Huttonsville. Dilapidated trailer on 0.43 acre bordering Riffle Creek. Property has well and small shed. – \$14,900



6487 – Sutton, Braxton County. Older home that needs repairs, with garage and large lot. Near lake. – \$27,500



6215 – Mill Point. 13.37 rolling acres. Private location. Nicely wooded ridge top building site. – \$52,000



6214 – Mill Point. 3.3 wooded acres with fantastic views. Comes with one-year hunting lease on 400 acres. – \$21,000

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Salsa Cook-off ~ July 1

A Salsa Cook-off to benefit Challenged Athletes of West Virginia will be part of the Independence Day weekend Celebration at Snowshoe Mountain Saturday, July 1. Salsa submissions are due by 12:30 p.m. Salsa Tasting from 1 to 4 p.m. and awards announced at 4:30 p.m. This is a fun event – not too serious and lots of room for creativity. Come out and enjoy the afternoon. Compete as a Salsa Chef. Come for the free tastings and vote for your favorite with a monetary donation. Take a chance in the 50/50 drawing. Enjoy live music all afternoon – and into the evening.

Pioneer Days ~ July 6 - 8

Pioneer Days returns to Marlinton Thursday, July 6, with the Flea Market opening at 8 a.m. on Third Avenue. The Pocahontas County Historical Society Museum on Rt. 219 will open for tours at 10 a.m.

Artisans, photographers, gardeners and assorted crafters are to drop off their work Thursday afternoon for the various contests that have been a part of this festival since its inception.

The annual Arts and Craft Show and Sale will take place from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the opera house – along with a lovely quilt display.

Be sure to visit the Rivertown Shops, upstairs in the C. J. Richardson building. There is something for everyone.

Music, Music and More Music on the Discovery Junction stage, featuring Half-Step Down Friday night, and Black Mountain Bluegrass Boys, Bing Brothers, Danny Paisley and the Southern Grass Band, beginning at 5 p.m. Saturday.

Friday night square dance – 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. – at Southern States with music by Mudhole Control.

Children and Pet Parade Thursday evening at 7 p.m.; Fireman's Parade Friday evening at 7 p.m.; and the Grand Parade Saturday beginning at 2 p.m. with Dotty Kellison serving as Parade Marshal. Line-up at the upper end of Second Avenue.

Antique Car Show begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, and joins in the parade in the afternoon.

Horseshoe Pitching competitions at the Mini Park beginning at 8:30 a.m. Saturday morning.

For those who have a taste for such things, there is even



PIONEER DAYS BADGES, featuring the Huntersville Presbyterian Church, are available at *The Pocahontas Times* office.

a Hotdog Eating Contest Saturday at 11 a.m. at 4th Avenue Sweet Scoops.

And... there's more. So much more. See you there.

Wings of Wonder ~ Birds of Prey ~ July 2

7 to 8:30 p.m.

Live Birds of Prey at Watoga State Park will be presented by the Three Rivers Avian Center (TRAC) Sunday, July 2, at 7 p.m.

Programs such as Wings of Wonder are part of the Dark Sky certification requirements to maintain national status. We hope you enjoy these nature-based, evening programs that keep

us looking up into the night sky.

The program is all about raptors native to West Virginia: hawks, eagles, falcons and owls. You'll learn about the habitat, diet and behavior of each bird presented, the most common causes of injury to each species and the laws protecting these special birds.

The event is free and open to the public.



57th Annual Pioneer Days in Marlinton ~ July 6 ~ 8

Purchase a Pioneer Days Badge – commemorating Huntersville Presbyterian Church – for just \$3. Your purchase supports the festival entertainment, pageant scholarships, exhibits and more.



Thursday, July 6

8 a.m. - Dark Flea Market - 3rd Avenue
 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Museum opens for tours - Rt. 219
 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Pocahontas Co. Arts Council Adult Art Show, McClintic Library
 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Rivertown Shops - 2nd floor, CJ Richardson Building
 1 - 5 p.m. Drop off entries for Food, Flowers and Vegetables Contest, Wellness Center
 1 - 5 p.m. Drop off entries for Photography and Children's Art, Wellness Center
 1 - 5 p.m. Drop off entries for Christmas Ornament Contest, Wellness Center
 2:30 - 5 p.m. Drop off Quilts for display, Opera House
 5 - 7 p.m. Craft Vendors set up, Opera House
 5:30 - 7 p.m. Youth Block Party - (17 and younger) - Gazebo
 5:30 - 7 p.m. Youth Bike Decorating (17 and younger) Gazebo
 7 - 7:15 p.m. Children & Pet parade registration and line up at Mini Park - Judging at 7:15 p.m.
 7:30 p.m. Children & Pet Parade, Main Street
 7:45 p.m. Bubbles, Balloons and Street Fun, 3rd Avenue
 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Live Music: Dark Matters, Discovery Junction

Friday, July 7

8 a.m. - Dark Flea Market - 3rd Avenue
 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. Arts & Craft Show, Opera House
 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. Quilt Display, Opera House
 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Museum Tours - Rt. 219
 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Rivertown Shops - 2nd floor, CJ Richardson Building
 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Food, Flowers and Vegetable exhibits, Wellness Center
 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Photography and Children's Art Show, Wellness Center
 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Christmas Ornament Contest, Wellness Center
 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Pocahontas Co. Arts Council Adult Art Show, McClintic Library
 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Artist Demonstrations - Rivertown Shops - 2nd floor, CJ Richardson Building
 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Youth Cupcake Decorating, Wellness Center
 2 p.m. Old-Time Spelling Bee and WV History Contest, Historical Society Museum, Rt. 219
 7 p.m. Fireman's Parade - Main Street
 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Square Dance with Mud Hole Control, Southern States
 8 p.m. - 11 p.m. Live Music: Half Step Down, Discovery Junction

Saturday, July 8

All Day Old-Time and Bluegrass Jams, Discovery Junction
 8 a.m. - Dark Flea Market - 3rd Avenue
 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Yin Yoga - 2nd floor, CJ Richardson Building
 8:30 - 9 a.m. Horseshoe Pitching Competitions registration begins, Mini Park
 9 a.m. Horseshoe Pitching Competitions, Mini Park
 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. Arts and Craft Show, Opera House
 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. Quilt Display, Opera House
 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Pioneer Days Annual Antique Car Show, Marlinton Elementary School
 10:30 a.m. - Noon 10th Anniversary Re-dedication of Pocahontas County Community Wellness Center, Wellness Center
 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Good Morning Flow Yoga - Rivertown Shops, 2nd floor, CJ Richardson Building
 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Photography and Children's Art Show, Wellness Center
 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Christmas Ornament Contest, Wellness Center
 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Museum Tours - Rt. 219
 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Artist at the Depot, 4th Avenue
 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Food, Flowers and Vegetable exhibits, Wellness Center
 11 a.m. Hot Dog Eating Contest - 4th Avenue. Sweet Scoops
 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Artist Demonstrations - Rivertown Shops, 2nd floor, CJ Richardson Building
 Noon-1:30 p.m. Grand Parade Registration and Line-up, 2nd Avenue in front of Frankford Vet Office. Horses must show paper work for Coggins.
 2 p.m. Antique Car Parade and Grand Parade, 2nd Avenue to Main Street
 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. Contest Judge Jam, Discovery Junction
 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. Live Music: Black Mountain Bluegrass Boys, Discovery Junction
 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. Live Music: Bing Brothers, Discovery Junction
 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Danny Paisley and the Southern Grass, Discovery Junction
 9 p.m. - 11 p.m. Live Music: Cold Ethyl - Southern States

ON THE BADGE: HUNTERSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. The Ancient, Free and Accepted Mason's Lodge #65. The church was built in 1853, and was the first Presbyterian Church in the county. It was used as a hospital and a garrison by both the Union and Confederate troops during the Civil War. The second story was built as a lodge room by and for the Masons in 1895 and is still used as their meeting place. In 1978, the church and lodge room were placed on the National Register of Historic Places. The church and grounds were purchased from the Presbytery on May 15, 1987 by the Huntersville Lodge #65, A.F. & A.M.

Annual History Contest and Spelling Bee ~ July 7

Test your knowledge of West Virginia and Pocahontas County History and orthography at the Pocahontas County Historical Society's old-time History Quiz and Spelling Bee Friday, July 7, at 2 p.m.

at the Historical Society Museum on Rt. 219. Juanita Fireball and the Continental Drifters will be playing music to calm your nerves. No need to register, just show up.

Second Annual Hammons Family Fiddle & Banjo ~ July 8

Old-time and Bluegrass Jams all day Saturday at Discovery Junction on Third Avenue in Marlinton. The Hammons Family Fiddle and Banjo Contest is a highly anticipated musical event. The contest features skilled musicians from across the region who compete for the state's largest cash prize. The event also showcases the unique musical heritage of the area, promoting it as a tourist destination while fostering a sense of community spirit among local residents and visitors alike.



Watoga State Park Old-Growth Forest Hike ~ July 9

Enjoy a round trip hike through Watoga State Park to visit a stand of old-growth forest with ecologist Doug Wood, Sunday, July 9, from 1 to 4 p.m. Wood will lead the moderately difficult three-to-four-mile round-trip hike to the old-growth tract. The mixed hardwood forest stand consists of white oak, red oak and chestnut oak, as well as some 100+ year-old black oak, yellow poplar, black gum, pitch pine, white pine, mockernut hickory and cucumber trees. Many oaks in the 300-

500 year range have been found and the forest is a part of the Old-Growth Forest Network. The hike will begin from the Ann Bailey Overlook Trailhead at Watoga. This is a free event. For more information, contact wvhighlands.org



Durbin Days Heritage Festival Pageant ~ July 9

The annual Durbin Days Heritage Festival Pageant will be held Sunday, July 9, at 2 p.m. in the Pocahontas County High School Auditorium. The theme is "Boots and Bling."

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July/August Classes
Info and registration: **hillsboroclassroom.com**

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

ORIGAMI BOXES, ENVELOPES AND WALLETS
Instructor Colleen Anderson • Sat., July 8, 1 - 4 p.m.

HATHA YOGA
Mindful Mondays Meditation and Yoga. Instructor Jacque Minarik
July 10, 17, 24, 31, 2 - 3 p.m.

BLOCK PRINTING NOTE CARDS
Instructor Jacque Minarik • Mon., July 24, 4 - 5:30 p.m.

COLORFUL INTUITIVE WATERCOLOR CARDS
Instructor Cyla Allison • Sat., August 5, 1 - 4 p.m.

JEWEL BOX: USING FABRIC SCRAPS TO CREATE A QUILT
Instructor Lisa Gandy • Wed., August 16 - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

HOT TAMALE COOKING CLASS
Instructor Sally Cobb • Sat., August 19, 3 - 5 p.m.

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THE BIG DAM Art Show is held in a beautiful setting on the Locust Hill property in Marlinton. Artists and musicians will provide entertainment, demonstrations and handmade wares. Locust Hill Restaurant will provide food. S. Stewart photos



Big Dam Art Show ~ July 15 – 16

Second annual Big Dam Art Show at the dam on the Locust Hill property. Arts, crafts, food and more. Music Saturday 11 to 1 p.m. by Jim Snyder and from 2 to 5 p.m. by Rampson Roux – Trevor Swan, Ken Beezley and Jake Hyer. Music Sunday afternoon from 2 to 5 p.m. by Uncle Gary and the Porch Pickers.

Save the dates - October 6 and 7: Huntersville Traditions Days

Spend a weekend back in time and enjoy demonstrations of traditional cultural arts of bygone days!

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Durbin Days Heritage Festival ~ July 12 – 15

July is festival time, and Durbin is gearing up for a grand time. Every day of the festival will feature R&D Amusements Carnival, food, vendors and bingo.

Catch Karaoke with Brandon Kerr Wednesday evening from 7 to 10 p.m.

Take a break from singing and try your hand at catching a greased pig in the annual Greased Pig Contest. Sign up at 7 p.m. Contest begins at 8 p.m.

The Pet Show is scheduled for Thursday evening at 6 p.m. Donations will be accepted for the Humane Society.

Live music Friday night with Soda Pop Gypsies from 7 to 11 p.m.

Saturday's events kick off at 9 a.m. and continue until the fireworks at 10 p.m.

There will be plenty of activities, competitions, games and food. The Grand Parade will begin at 2 p.m. Saturday.

Durbin Days Heritage Festival July 12 - 15 Durbin, WV

SUNDAY, July 9 Durbin Days Heri **SATURDAY, July 15:**

Durbin Days Heritage Festival Pageant: "Boots and Bling," 2 p.m., PCHS Auditorium.	9 a.m. - Noon 9:30 a.m.	Car Show, Entry fee \$15 5k Run/Walk, Starting at Rinehart Rd., Bartow. Register at 9 a.m. Entry fee \$20.
EVERY DAY: R&D Amusements, Food, Vendors, and Bingo in addition to special events.	10 a.m. - Noon 10 a.m. 10 a.m.	Old-Time Music Jam with Cheat Mtn. Express, large tent, carnival grounds BFD VFD Barbecued Chicken, Main Street Cornhole Tournament. Sign up 9 a.m.; \$20 per team
WEDNESDAY, July 12: 5 p.m. Opening Ceremony, Carnival Grounds Stage 7 - 10 p.m. Karaoke with Brandon Kerr 8 p.m. Greased Pig Contest -sign up at 7 p.m. \$5 Fee	11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Noon 12:30 p.m. 1 p.m.	History of Durbin with Jason Bauserman, Durbin Library, Main Street Little Switzerland Cloggers, carnival grounds stage Parade Line up - at Durbin Firehouse Antique Car Parade - lineup across from firehouse
THURSDAY, July 13: 6 - 10 p.m. Live Music: TBD 6 p.m. Pet Show -sign up at 5:30 p.m. Free; donations for Humane Society appreciated	2 p.m. 3 p.m. 4 p.m. 5 p.m. 6 - 11 p.m. 10 p.m.	Grand Feature Parade Parade Awards, Carnival Grounds Stage Lumberjack Competition Tug of War Live Music with Nite Phix FIREWORKS!
FRIDAY, July 14: 5 - 7 p.m. Durbin Jail Tours with Jason Bauserman 7 p.m. Fireman's Parade 7 - 11 p.m. Live Music: Soda Pop Gypsies		NO PETS ALLOWED ON CARNIVAL GROUNDS EXCEPT FOR PET SHOW Natures MOUNTAIN PLAYGROUND POCAHONTAS COUNTY, WV

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- Beartown State Park
- Droop Mountain Battlefield State Park
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- Seneca State Forest
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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 22, 2023
Claim Deadline: Monday, August 21, 2023

ESTATE NUMBER: 14485
ESTATE OF: **JANET LYNN MAY**
EXECUTOR: Philip W. Cain
2757 Brush Country Road
Marlinton, WV 24954-6637
FIDUCIARY COMMISSIONER:
Michael Anderson
474 Main Street
Rainelle, WV 25962-1239

ESTATE NUMBER: 14526
ESTATE OF: **CAROL M. RHODES**
ADMINISTRATOR: Jason Rhodes
930 Guyandotte Avenue
Mullens, WV 25882-1008

ESTATE NUMBER: 14531
ESTATE OF: **CHARLES A. TAYLOR**
EXECUTRIX: Juanita Taylor
P. O. Box 54
Green Bank, WV 24944-0054

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ESTATE NUMBER: 14537
ESTATE OF: **DEBRA ROSE GALFORD**
EXECUTRIX: SHALYN ARBOGAST
726 Curry Road
Dunmore, WV 24934-9150

ESTATE NUMBER: 14538
ESTATE OF: **BOYD HOBERT WILFONG**
EXECUTRIX: Erma Jane Wilfong
1282 Douthards Creek Road
Marlinton, WV 24954-5875

ESTATE NUMBER: 14539
ESTATE OF: **WILLIAM JACOB BLAKE**
ADMINISTRATRIX: Nancy Propst
1105 Brattons Run
Goshen, VA 24439-2608
Subscribed and sworn to before me on June 16, 2023.
Melissa L. Bennett
Clerk of the Pocahontas County Commission
6/22/2c

UNKNOWN ADDRESS

To: Tori Lynn Sheets
Address Unknown
Notice is hereby given that the Final Settlement for the following estate has been filed in the office of the Clerk of the Pocahontas County Commission on the 14th day of June 2023.
If no objections or exceptions are filed with the Clerk of the Pocahontas County Commission, the Final Settlement will be presented to the Pocahontas County Commission on July 5, 2023 for approval.

ESTATE NUMBER: 14475
ESTATE NAME: **CHARLES EDWARD SHEETS**
ADMINISTRATRIX: Melinda Shay Moore
1105 Second Avenue
Marlinton, WV 24954-1011
Subscribed and sworn to before me on June 14, 2023.
Melissa L. Bennett
Clerk of the Pocahontas County Commission
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LEGAL NOTICE

The West Virginia Health Care Authority announced that it has received a Letter of Intent from Village Caregiving, LLC, to

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provide In-Home Personal Care Services in Berkeley, Boone, Braxton, Brooke, Cabell, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Fayette, Gilmer, Grant, Greenbrier, Hampshire, Hancock, Hardy, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mineral, Monongalia, Monroe, Morgan, Nicholas, Ohio, Pleasants, Pocahontas, Preston, Putnam, Raleigh, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Summers, Taylor, Tyler, Upshur, Wayne, Webster, Wetzel, Wirt, Wood and Wyoming counties in West Virginia.

Village Caregiving, LLC, CON File #23-12-12717-PC.
The capital expenditure is \$1,500.
Further information regarding the Letter of Intent, including the Certificate of Need application when submitted, is on the Authority's website at www.hca.wv.gov
West Virginia Health Care Authority
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POCAHONTAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
NOTICE OF CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION

The Pocahontas County Deputy Sheriff's Civil Service Commission will be conducting competitive examination testing for entry level Deputy Sheriff position(s).

The written test will be given at the Pocahontas County Courthouse Monday, July 24, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

Applicants must be citizens of the United States and be between age 18 and 45. Applicants must have a high school diploma or GED. Successful applicants shall become a resident of Pocahontas County within (6) months of their hire date.

Deputy Sheriffs are full-time benefited positions, including retirement, medical insurance, vacation, and sick leave. Initial annual uncertified officer salary is \$40,000, increased to \$42,500 upon completion of Academy and increased to \$45,000 after 12 months of Academy Certification. WV Certified Officers in good standing start at \$42,500 and increased to \$45,000 upon completion of a 12-month probationary period.

Applications may be obtained from the Pocahontas County Clerk's Office or the Pocahontas County Sheriff's Office.

Applications must be received by the County Clerk's Office no later than the close of business Friday, July 7, 2023. The applications may be dropped off or mailed to 900C Tenth Avenue Marlinton WV 24954.

Pocahontas County is an Equal Opportunity Employer
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This week in West Virginia History

June 29, 2012: A violent storm called a derecho raced across West Virginia, leaving downed trees and damaged homes in its wake. About 688,000 homes and businesses lost power for a week during a widespread heat wave.

June 30, 1914: Statewide prohibition of alcohol sales became law years before it was enacted for the whole nation.

July 1, 1937: Watoga State Park was opened to the public. The Pocahontas County park is the largest of

the state parks and among the oldest.

July 4, 1928: West Virginia dedicated Droop Mountain Battlefield State Park. Droop Mountain was one of the most important Civil War battles fought on West Virginia soil.

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TOWN OF HILLSBORO
PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES BY NON-LRR MUNI UTILITY

NOTICE is hereby given that THE TOWN OF HILLSBORO public utility, has adopted by ordinance on TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2023, a tariff containing increased rates, tolls and charges for furnishing SEWER service to 125 customers at HILLSBORO in the County of POCAHONTAS.

The proposed increased rates and charges will become effective AUGUST 1, 2023, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission and will produce approximately \$4,500 annually in additional revenue, an increase of 6%. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

	(\$) INCREASE	INCREASE (%)
Residential	\$3	6%
Commercial	\$3	6%

The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. 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. The Commission shall review and approve or modify the increased rates only upon the filing of a petition within thirty (30) days of the adoption of the ordinance changing said rates or charges, by:

(1) Any customer aggrieved by the changed rates or charges who presents to the Commission a petition signed by not less than twenty-five percent of the customers served by such municipally operated public utility; or

(2) Any customer who is served by a municipally operated natural gas public utility and who resides outside the corporate limits and who is affected by the change in said rates or charges and who presents to the Commission a petition alleging discrimination between customers within and without the municipal boundaries. Said petition shall be accompanied by evidence of discrimination; or

(3) Any customer or group of customers of a municipally operated natural gas utility who are affected by said change in rates who reside within the municipal boundaries and who present a petition to the Commission alleging discrimination between said customer or group of customers and other customers of the municipal utility. Said petition shall be accompanied by evidence of discrimination.

All petitions should be addressed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, 201 Brooks Street, P. O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323.

A complete copy of the proposed rates, as well as a representative of the utility to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at any of the following offices of the utility.

A copy of the proposed rates is available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the Public Service Commission at 201 Brooks Street, P. O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323.

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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:

	(\$) 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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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE POCAHONTAS COUNTY ASSESSOR
2023 ASSESSMENT

July 1, 2023 is the beginning of the new assessment year. This assessment will make up the 2024 taxes (tax ticket).

Real estate – Real estate is valued by three methods; farmland, managed timberland and market value.

Farmland – Farm land value is based on the income it produces. In order to have your land valued as farm, you or someone else, must qualify it as a farm or part of a farm operation. If claimed by someone else, you need to ensure that they have your property listed on their farm application. We must have a completed form signed and on file before we can qualify your real estate as a farm. This form must be completed on a yearly basis and is due no later than September 1, 2023. Any applications received after this date will be denied in accordance with West Virginia Legislative Rule 110 C.S.R. 1A. In an effort to expedite the return of the farm form, we will mail an advance copy to those who qualified last year. If you have any questions or need assistance, please call or stop by the office and someone here will assist you. Failure to meet the September 1, 2023 deadline will cause your property to be valued at market value which is a drastic increase over farm value. If you are a new applicant, please contact us prior to this date. If you purchased new land or rented new farm property, make sure it is added to your farm form. If you have been approved/qualified for the farm rate and plan to timber/log your property, please contact our office. Land that is timbered/logged and is part of a qualified farm, can result in your property being appraised at market value and increasing your taxes on the property. If you contact this office, we can provide information and other options that may save you money.

Managed Timberland – The initial contract for Managed Timberland property must be applied for by July 1. Once approved, you must submit an application annually, between March 1st and September 1 every year in order to remain in the program. The Assessor does not approve or deny any Managed Timberland applications. All approvals or denials are done by the West Virginia Division of Forestry. If you have any questions, please call (304) 558-2788 option 2, or write the West Virginia Division of Forestry, 7 Players Club Dr. Charleston, WV 25311. To ensure your application was received, I recommend you call the West Virginia Division of Forestry prior to the deadlines shown above. Applications for this program are available at the West Virginia Division of Forestry website at www.wvforestry.com. Applications can also be obtained at the Assessor's office.

Market Value – Market Value of real estate is the value your property would expect to bring, if sold.
Homestead Exemption – If you are 65 years of age or permanently and totally disabled and have been a resident of West Virginia for two full calendar years, you can qualify. This exemption will give you \$20,000 assessed value exemption on your real estate. This exemption will save you at least \$135.00 or as much as \$185.00 for those who live within corporations. In order to receive this exemption, you must complete the application no later than December 1, 2023. This exemption once approved, will remain in effect. To qualify for disability exemption, you must provide proof of disability in addition to completing the application. This office has the application and will assist you in completing the required form.

Personal Property – The assessment of personal property, will be the same as last year. Vehicles will be assessed at 60% of NADA loan value. The value is based on vehicle identification numbers. Big trucks with non-apportioned license are to be reported on your assessment form. Trucks with apportioned license plates will still be reported to the Public Service Commission. All other property will be assessed at 60% of market value. We charge a \$25.00 fee on all supplemental tax tickets. These supplemental tax tickets are charges made because of incorrect information or lack thereof. To avoid the additional charge, please help us make sure you are assessed correctly. This can be done by contacting our office if you have not already been contacted by the Assessor, or a Deputy Assessor.

Dogs – State law requires that a tax be collected on all dogs in the county, which are at least six months old on July 1, or within ten days of the dog becoming six months of age during the assessment year. The dog tax is \$3.00 per dog for those who reside outside of corporations. If you reside within the corporations of Marlinton, Hillsboro or Durbin the dog tax is \$6.00 per dog. Dog tags can also be paid/purchased on-line at our website pocahontascountyassessor.com.

Sheep & Goats – There is also a \$1.00 per head assessment on all sheep and goats of breeding age, for those electing to participate in this program. This assessment is to be collected by the Assessor or deputies and submitted to the Department of Agriculture for the Coyote Control Program.

If you have any questions, need assistance, or just feel more comfortable in person, please call or stop by our office. The assessor and/or the deputy assessors, will attempt to contact everyone at their residence, please understand this is not always possible. We strive for accurate and fair assessments and appreciate your support. If you have any questions, or need assistance, please call or stop by our office.

Sincerely,
Johnny A. Pritt
Pocahontas County Assessor
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\$4.99 **Tender Boneless Beef Top Round Roast**

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Peach Crisp

Adjust oven rack to lower-middle position and heat oven to 375°.

6 Tbsp. all-purpose flour
1/4 cup packed brown sugar

1/4 cup granulated sugar
1/4 tsp ground cinnamon
1/4 tsp ground nutmeg
1/4 tsp salt
5 Tbsp. chilled, unsalted butter, cut into 1/2 inch pieces
3/4 cup coarsely chopped nuts

Pulse dry ingredients in work bowl of food processor. Add butter and pulse 10

times, about 4 seconds each pulse. When mix looks like coarse cornmeal, add nuts, then pulse again, 4-5 times, about 1 second each pulse. Do not over mix. Refrigerate topping while preparing fruit, at least 15 minutes.

To do by hand: Allow butter to sit at room temperature for 5 minutes. Blend dry ingredients in medium bowl.

Add butter; toss to coat. Pinch butter chunks and dry mix between fingertips until mix looks like wet crumbly sand. Add finely chopped nuts and toss to evenly distribute. Refrigerate.

Filling
2 1/2 to 3 pounds peaches peeled, pitted and cut into 1/3

inch wedges
1/4 cup sugar
1 1/2 Tbsp. lemon juice
1/2 tsp. grated lemon zest
Mix all together and scrape into 8 inch square baking dish or 9 inch deep dish pie plate. Distribute chilled topping evenly over fruit. Bake 40 minutes. Increase

oven temperature to 400° and continue baking until fruit is bubbling and topping turns deep golden brown, about 5 minutes more.

Serve warm with ice cream or whipped cream.

I like a handful of blueberries thrown in with peaches.

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TOP NOTCHERS

The list of "Top Notchers" for the last six weeks of school has been announced as follows:

Beaver Creek: Mildred Burr 4; Barbara Burr 4; Charlotte McKeever 4; Bessie Underwood 6; Della Underwood 6; Freda Underwood 6;

Brownsburg: Carl Boggs 5; Hazel McChesney 5.

Brushy Flat: Yvonne Friel 6; Everette Friel 6.

Buckeye: Phyllis Rogers 5; Gladys Fitzgerald 6; Patricia Landis 6.

Burnside: Arberta Shields 8.

Caesar Mt.: Jerilene Dean 5; Clarice Rose 6.

Campbelltown: Tommy Beale 4; Dewey Ross 5; Phyllis Schumaker 6; Madeline Sparks 6.

Cass Colored: Paul Stewart 7.

Cass Graded: Mary Frances Gum 4; Jerry Long 4; Teddy Nelson 4; Ella Mae Shields 4; Vernon Sturgill 4; Kenneth Tallman 4; Colleen Dill 5; Wayne Foe 5; Doris Mae Hamrick 5; Marvin Lee Moss 5; Harold Neighbors 5; Barbara Slaven 5; Lorene Thomas 5; Carol Wright 5; Barbara Blackhurst 6; Gary McPherson 6; Bernice Ryals

6; Sue White 6; Jesse Elza 6; Howard Slaven 7; Billy Terry 8; Judith Cassell 8; Mary Frances Chestnut 8; Mary Dare Doyle 8; Helen Jackson 8; Betty Lou Sheets 8; Eva Varner 8.

Clover Lick: Donald Ervin 4; William Earl Ervin 5; Rose Mary Ware 5; Wilma Hamrick 6; Robert Shields 6. Cummings Creek: Marilee Hamilton 4; Carlos Schoolcraft 4; Thelma Alderman 6; Letcher Pyles 6.

To be continued...

DEATHS

John S. Hannah, aged 56 years, died at his home at Greenbank, Sunday morning, June 27, 1948... On Tuesday morning, the funeral was held from the home... Interment was in Arbovale Cemetery.

Thus is noted the passing of one of the leading and one of the best citizens of Pocahontas County.

John S. Hannah was a son of the late Captain S. B. and Elizabeth Mathews Hannah... In his large business affairs, he was a merchant and stockman.

Mrs. Daisy Rucker Robertson, aged 61 years, wife of Edward H. Robertson, of Edray, died Friday, June 25, 1948. On Sunday afternoon, the funeral was held from the Edray Church... Her body was laid

to rest in the family plot in Mountain View Cemetery. The deceased was a daughter of the late James L. and Sarah Rucker... She was the mother of 13 children, 10 of whom survive... The deceased performed well her part in the home and other walks of life and she will be greatly missed.

Eula Dilley Hefner, aged 34 years, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Dilley, died Sunday, June 20, 1948, in Raleigh, North Carolina... On Friday afternoon her body was laid to rest in the family plot in Mountain View Cemetery... In 1937, she was united in marriage to Fred Hefner...

John Meadows, aged 83 years, a former resident of Marlinton, died Saturday, June 26, 1948, in a Hinton hospital of injuries received when he was struck by an automobile. Among his children are Beecher, Aubrey and Robert, of Marlinton, and Floyd, of Hinton; also three daughters.

Samuel Lester Mann, aged 57 years, died at his home in South Charleston Saturday, June 26, 1948. On Tuesday afternoon his body was laid in the Gibson cemetery on Elk... Born at Edray, the deceased was a son of the late Clark and Phoebe Mann...

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AUTHOR

The Rev. Vernie L. Bolden, of Seebert, and the former interim minister of the First Baptist Church in Huntington, has recently published a textbook titled, Psychology and Human Development. The book is being used in college Psychology classes at Springfield Technical Community College in Springfield, Massachusetts, where Mr. Bolden is an assistant professor of Psychology... His second textbook, Psychology and Society, is sched-

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like another kind of licenses the County Clerk sells. He paid his lady friend's fine to the squire the next day.

Epidemics of rabies which have resulted in the quarantining of several West Virginia counties and communities during the past eight months is not confined to the state according to reports and figures. California recently passed emergency laws to effect the control and spread of hydrophobia, and 2,476 persons were given the Pasteur treatment in Georgia during 1922, this being the greatest number in the his-

uled for publication in August of this year.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Greathouse, of Durbin, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Dan Gilmore, of Marlinton, a son, named William Joseph.

DEATHS

Robert Lee Auldrige, 58, of New York City, formerly of Mill Point; a son of Mrs. Belvesta Gutshall Auldrige and the late Rube H. Auldrige. A graduate of Hillsboro High School and the University of Virginia.

He served three years in the Navy during World War II, and was an architect for 37 years and a member of The American Institute of Architects. Burial in Oak Grove Cemetery at Hillsboro.

Mrs. Mary L. Bobbitt, 67, of Geneva, Ohio, formerly of Greenbrier County; burial in the Morningside Cemetery at Renick.

Miss Jackie Lea Biggs, 15, of Neola; a daughter of Jack Biggs, of Weston, and Mrs. Agnes G. Trainer, of Neola. Burial in Trainer Cemetery near Neola.

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NEW HOTEL COMPANY

The Marlinton Hotel Company, Inc. has been organized with F. C. Allen, president; M. R. Waugh, vice president; W. C. Householder, treasurer; and C. C. Clendenen, Secretary...

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Strickler Arbogast, aged 27 years, died at his home near Boyer Thursday, June 7, 1923; all his life he had been an invalid. Burial at the Kerr graveyard, the services being conducted by Rev. Don M. Nicholas, of Arbovale.

The deceased was the eldest son of Charles Arbogast. He was a consistent Christian, and for the past five years had been a member of the Methodist church. He was of a kind and affectionate disposition and he will be greatly missed by the family and the community. Surviving him are his parents, two sisters and a brother. We sorrow not as those who have

no hope. - D.

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VISTA Recreation Economy Coordinator

The Town of Marlinton is accepting online applications for a VISTA Recreation Economy Coordinator. This position will serve as a liaison between the town and multiple community partners to build a sustainable recreation economy by promoting Marlinton as a top-tier recreation destination within the Snowshoe Highlands Area IMBA Ride Center.

Complete job description, skill set, duties, benefits and application process can be found online at: <https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?fromSearch=true&id=110593> or on the Hub job board: <https://wvhub.org/job-board/>

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Full Moon Hike at Cass ~ July 29

The "Full Sturgeon Moon" hike at Cass Scenic Railroad State Park will begin from the visitor's center at 8:30 p.m. The evening walk, led by Park Superintendent Marshall Markley or designee, is about three miles round trip with a slight grade, but mostly flat hiking.



The hike is free and open to the public.

The August full moon is known as the Full Sturgeon Moon. Named so since the Sturgeon, a large fish, was most readily caught during

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History Alive! at Cass ~ August 5

Two noted individuals of American History will be portrayed at Cass Scenic Railroad State Park Saturday, August 5 – Stonewall Jackson and Mark Twain.

9:30 a.m.

History Alive! presents Stonewall Jackson

Born in Clarksburg, West Virginia (then Virginia) Jackson was an orphan who became a renowned name in military history. He is regarded as a tactical genius and a relentless battlefield commander. General Jackson was a devoutly religious man whose death by friendly fire was a crushing blow to Confederate hopes for victory. Stonewall Jackson is portrayed by Doug Riley. This 9:30 a.m. presentation is open to the public and free to attend. You do not have to be taking a train ride to take advantage of this History Alive! program. Hope to see you at the Depot.



12:30 p.m.

History Alive! presents Mark Twain

The West Virginia Humanities Council presents Mark Twain portrayed by Doug Riley as one of many History Alive! programs in West Virginia. Mark Twain, the pen name of Samuel Clemens, arrives at 12:30 p.m. at the depot. Twain will also be a passenger on the Whitaker Train trip. Trains and boats were transportation that Twain often mentions in quips and stories.

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STONEWALL JACKSON, ABOVE, and Mark Twain, at right, both as portrayed by Doug Riley, will be at Cass Scenic Railroad State Park August 5 as part of the History Alive! program.

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1) Miss Photogenic – Taiylor Hoke, daughter of Michael and Amanda Hoke, of Buckeye; second runner-up – Rachel Felton, daughter of Rusty and Patty Felton, of Marlinton; Miss Pocahontas 2023 – Hannah Burks, daughter of John Paul and Cindy Burks, of Buckeye; and first runner-up – Haley Spencer, daughter of Jody and Rebecca Spencer, of Marlinton.

2) Second runner-up and Miss Teen Photogenic – Cloe Woody, daughter of Denver Woody, of Marlinton; first runner-up – Camden Lambert, daughter of Josh and Callie Lambert of Durbin; and Miss Teen Pocahontas 2023 – Hailley Hoke, daughter of Michael and Amanda Hoke, of Buckeye.

3) Second runner-up – Avery Smith, daughter of Chuck and Kayla Smith, of Marlinton; Little Miss Pocahontas 2023 and Little Miss Photogenic – Raegan Nelson, daughter of Robert and Madeline Nelson, of Marlinton; and first runner-up – Charley Beverage, daughter of Cole and Whitney Beverage, of Cass. Photos courtesy of Jennifer Barlow



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