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### Rose retiring from CVB

Suzanne Stewart  
 Staff Writer

There's one name that is synonymous with the tourism industry in Pocahontas County – Cara Rose. For the past 12 years, she has served as the executive director of the Pocahontas County Convention and Visitors Bureau, but that's far from the beginning of her tourism career.

"About forty years, including my high school years," she said of her time in the industry. "I was a switchboard operator at Snowshoe. I was sixteen. It was just a winter-time job. It was my first job."

Rose worked for the late Dorothy Coleman, who ran the mailroom and switchboard at that time. After graduating from high school, Rose went to Salem College and earned a degree in marketing and management. On winter and summer breaks, she came back to Pocahontas County to work small jobs at local attractions.

"During my summer stints in college, I worked at Watoga," she said. "One winter – I think it was the winter of '86 – I worked just briefly at Snowshoe in the Burger Slope. That was in the old Shavers Centre. It

was a fast food joint. I figured out real quick that wasn't for me."

She worked in the tax office at the courthouse one summer.

After earning her degree, Rose began her job search. While she threw out a wide net in her search, she found herself returning to Pocahontas County and getting a job at Snowshoe.

"Honestly, I did think I would leave like everybody and then my dad was definitely encouraging me to get a job here. Of course, by that time, my mother had passed away. It was my dad and brother. My sister got a job in Pittsburgh in computer programming, so it just happened that I was the one who stayed home."

"I went to work at Snowshoe, initially," she continued. "I worked a winter in the group sales and marketing department for Alice Poore and Bill Wagner. I worked with Sue and Marty McGreal and that's where I got my connection to the CVB. Marty was the president of the newly formed CVB."

After her seasonal position ended, McGreal offered Rose the job of executive director for the CVB, which was located in the Marlinton



**POCAHONTAS COUNTY CONVENTION and Visitors Bureau executive director Cara Rose has retired after nearly 40 years in the tourism industry. She is shown here with a retirement gift she received from *The Pocahontas Times* – a book filled with articles and photos from the Pocahontas County Bicentennial celebration. S. Stewart photo**

Depot at that time. "I worked at the depot – nine years – through my getting married and having my first child [Lorena]," she said. "Then I took a brief break and then went to work

at the Observatory. I also worked temporarily for the Pocahontas County Development Authority which is now defunct."

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### On the Badge ~ Huntersville Presbyterian Church

Joe Smith  
 Contributing Writer

Huntersville was the name given to the sedate, scenic and historic village in the foothills of the Allegheny Mountains as a compliment to the hunters that swarmed there each season.

Three historic buildings still stand in Huntersville: the brick jail, built in 1823 after Huntersville became a county seat of Pocahontas County by an Act of the Virginia Assembly in 1822; the old schoolhouse, built in the 1800s; and the Presbyterian Church, which was completed in 1854. The church and jail withstood the fire set by the Federal troops during the Civil War to prevent Huntersville from becoming a Confederate depot for military supplies.

In 1836, religious needs of the community were at least partially met when a Presbyterian congregation was organized and became part of the expanding Greenbrier Presbytery. Religious services were held in the courthouse for many years; then the academy, built in 1842, was used as a place of worship. The Presbyterian Church was constructed in 1854, it was used by all denominations.

Mr. George E. Craig donated the land where the church was built. Mr. Craig was a prominent businessman of Huntersville. It was on this land his home stood in 1852, when it was consumed by fire along with his two hotels and a store.

The Huntersville Presbyterian Church is an example of vernacular architecture adapted to a small rural community in the late nineteenth century. The building is eclectic in that it combines features that may be attributed to several different styles (i.e., Greek Revival sim-

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## Richardson's is now Rivertown

Suzanne Stewart  
 Staff Writer

The C.J. Richardson building in Marlinton is one of the most iconic pieces of architecture in Pocahontas County. The four-story aqua building has seen a lot since it first opened in 1905. It remained a constant in the county seat as businesses, residents and disasters came and went.

When C. J. Richardson Hardware closed in early 2020, there was a fear the building would never see customers enter it again, or worse, the building would be torn down or fall into disrepair.

Fortunately, those fears were put to rest when the building was bought by Revitalize Marlinton, a business owned by Bob Safrit and Daniel McKee. The business partners have purchased several buildings in Marlinton and have transformed them into shops for local businesses like Green-

brier Bikes and Handmade WV Market. They also had several buildings demolished to make way for new businesses in the future.

As for the Richardson building, it has been transformed into a home for several new businesses – artist studios, a yoga studio, music venue and cafés.

One business owner is Safrit's wife, Alison, who helped develop the second floor studio space for her pottery and other local artists and retailers.

"As far as upstairs, it really lends itself to a yoga studio, gallery and also having a chance to have artists work," she said. "It seemed that was what it was supposed to be."

The upstairs has Little Mountain Yoga studio, with classes led by Alison and Laurel Dille. Next to the studio is Alison Pottery Gallery. There are five artist studios where visitors can watch the artists create as well as purchase their artwork. Artists in residence in-

clude Alison, Katie Workman, Cyla Allison, Cris Bartlett, Makinsey Poepel and Peggy Owens.

Another studio will be open soon for artists Bret and Lori Doolittle.

Across from the studio spaces is Mountain Echo Souvenir and Gift Shop, owned and operated by Poepel, as well as the soon to be open candy shop owned by Lauren Bennett.

"It definitely takes a village," Alison said, of the list of people involved. "We're happy with everybody that's here now. The building has a good vibe."

And that's just the second floor.

On the first floor, there is a stage to the immediate left of the front entrance and there are plans for lots of live music and entertainment. To the rear of the first floor, Stacy Sith is opening a coffee shop and cafe.

There is plenty more space in the building, but Alison said they are taking their time organizing ideas and



**ON THE SECOND floor of the newly renovated C.J. Richardson building – now known as Rivertown – there are artist studios, a gift shop, a gallery and yoga studio. Shown above is the Alison Pottery Gallery with the Little Mountain Yoga Studio behind the curtains. S. Stewart photo**

working on possibly opening more space for small businesses and artists.

"We are always taking applications for spaces," she said. "It's on a month-to-month lease agreement, so if somebody leaves, we can bring somebody else in. We're also thinking about

possibly the third floor being artist studio spaces as well in the future, depending on how many interested people we find.

"There's room – not this year, but in the future."

While the building will always be lovingly referred to as Richardson's, Alison said

they have named the building Rivertown and invite everyone to visit The Shops at Rivertown.

Rivertown officially kicked off the summer season July 5 with a performance by Juanita Fireball and

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# Commission approves new assistant prosecuting attorney

Tim Walker  
ARM Reporter

At its June 27 regular meeting, the Pocahontas County Commission approved a request from County Prosecutor Terri Helmick to authorize the hiring of Joni Nichols as full-time Assistant Prosecuting Attorney. That position has been vacant since Ryan Jackson passed away in a traffic accident April 10.

Nichols is currently a Law Clerk for Judge Richardson in Greenbrier County.

The commission also authorized County Clerk Melissa Bennett to hire Carrie Dean as a full-time Deputy Clerk.

It was also announced at this meeting that the U.S. Department of the Interior awarded \$980,052 to Pocahontas County under their

Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program, which reimburses the county for property taxes not collected on the Mon Forest and other federal land in the county. This is the most PILT money received by any county in the state.

The commission made the following board appointments:

- Ira Turner to a five-year term on the County Building Commission.
- Herb Barlow to a four-year term on the County Civil Service Commission.
- Josh Hardy to a three-year term on the County Libraries and Visitor Information Board.
- Donald McNeel to a five-year term on the County Board of Health.
- Jesse Groseclose to fill an unexpired term on the

Pital Board.  
• Sam Gibson and Roger Trusler to three-year terms on the Parks and Recreation Board.

• Melissa Price to a three-year term on the County Criminal Justice Board.

On behalf of the Day Report Program, they approved a Memorandum of Understanding for the Adult Drug Court, and approved a contract with MindEase Solutions to provide classes at Day Report.

In addition, the commission:

- Renewed its annual support contract with Global Science Technologies to maintain the computer systems at the courthouse, at a monthly cost of \$1,830.
- Designated all the local banks as county depositories

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# Proposed courthouse annex topic of special commission meeting

Tim Walker  
AMR Reporter

At a Special Session of the Pocahontas County Commission, held at 3:30 p.m. June 27, the commissioners discussed the proposed new courthouse annex, but took no action on it.

Commission President Walt Helmick referred to it as being a "Judicial Annex," saying he wants it to house

Magistrate Court, the Prosecutor's Office, law enforcement offices, and the Family Court. He said the Circuit Court would remain in the main courthouse. Helmick said he also envisions moving the commission's office as well as records storage areas into the new annex. He would like to see the new annex, which would consist of two stories and no basement, to contain at least 10,000

square feet of usable space. Regarding the plans to construct it, Helmick said they considered all alternatives to demolishing the old jail and building the new annex on that site.

Helmick said one of the explored options was to add an addition to the present courthouse building. He said he dismissed that option because such an addition

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# AG praises U. S. Supreme Court rulings

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey on Thursday said the U.S. Supreme Court was correct in ruling that race-based college admissions are unconstitutional, a decision that will effectively end affirmative action in college admissions.

"However you look at it, discrimination is wrong and has no place in our society," Morrisey said. "Race-conscious admissions practices at many public colleges foster division and stereotypes, not unity."

Morrisey joined a 19-state coalition led by Oklahoma that argued federal law prohibits universities from discriminating against Asian-

American applicants in their admissions processes, and that discrimination on the basis of race in higher education admissions at public colleges is unlawful.

Patrick Morrisey is also lauding the U.S. Supreme Court decision that gives Americans a broader right to religious accommodations in the workplace.

"The Supreme Court made the right decision reiterating the fundamental right of every citizen to freely exercise their religious freedom," Morrisey said. "Many spend most of their time at work and people should not be expected to choose between their jobs and their faith."

"No one should be forced

to sacrifice their dedication to their religion in order to keep a job."

The Attorney General co-lead a 22-state coalition in an amicus brief in February which supported the case involving Gerald Groff, an evangelical Christian who faithfully observes Sunday Sabbath.

He was a mail carrier in Pennsylvania when the United States Postal Service signed an agreement with Amazon in 2013 to deliver packages on Sundays and holidays.

Groff resigned in 2019 after USPS refused to grant him a blanket exemption from Sunday shifts.

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# Gov. Justice: West Virginia shatters all-time financial records

Fiscal Year 2023 closes at \$1.8 billion over estimate

WV Press Association

Gov. Jim Justice announced Friday that West Virginia's cumulative revenue collections for Fiscal Year 2023 will come in at \$1.8 billion over estimate – shattering the all-time record for biggest single-year revenue surplus in state history for the second straight year in a row.

"This is an unbelievable accomplishment, and is un-

deniable proof that the days of West Virginia being known as poor, backward, and behind-the-times are over once and for all," Justice said. "West Virginia is growing, our people are employed and raising their families here, companies from all over the world are investing in us, and we've changed the image of our state to the outside world in a major way."

"All West Virginians should take a lot of pride in this historic announcement, because, at the end of the day, this money belongs to them. The records we've

shattered with the close of this fiscal year are all-time historic and will be written into the history books forevermore.

"I'm going to work with the Legislature to take what's left unappropriated and continue to make wise investments in what we know will bring us more goodness, like infrastructure, federal matches, and tourism, because the more we tell the world about West Virginia, the more people will want to live, work and raise their families here."

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# AG pushes back against scrapping AM radios from EVs

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey joined a multistate effort pushing back against some manufacturers' decisions to scrap AM radios from new electric vehicles.

"This is absurd, to say the least," Morrisey said. "The public warning system relies on AM stations to warn people of an impending emergency – as we all know, when nearly everything else quits working, you can rely on AM radio to function when it's needed the most."

The Attorney General joined 15 other states in a letter to trade associations – Electric Drive Transportation Association and the Zero Emission Transportation Association – representing electric car manufacturers, raising concerns

that some of their members' business decisions are detrimental to the safety and wellbeing of the public.

The coalition also noted that AM radio provides free sports broadcasts, local news and weather reports, as well as important political commentary to large swaths of America.

This especially holds true for those who live in rural communities where broad-

band or cellular access is sparse or unreliable.

According to the National Association of Broadcasters, approximately 47 million Americans listen to AM radio every week – signals still travel farther than FM, making it a vital lifeline for people during natural disasters such as hurricanes and fires.

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# Magistrate Court

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

In Magistrate Cynthia Broce-Kelley's court:

Keith Allen Burnside, 28, of Huntington, pleaded no contest June 2 to a charge of unlawful taking of vehicle. Burnside was sentenced to 30 days suspended jail, placed on 90 days of unsupervised probation and assessed \$225.25 in court costs and fines.

Joshua J. Faler, 46, of Marlinton, pleaded guilty June 14 to a charge of registration card to be signed, carried and exhibited on demand. Faler was assessed \$195.25 in court costs and fines.

Kevin Scott Lambert, 27, of Durbin, pleaded no contest June 16 to a charge of passing in a no passing zone. Lambert was assessed \$195.25 in court costs and fines.

Richard Douglas McMillion, 49, of Marlinton, pleaded guilty June 15 to a charge of driving while license suspended or revoked. McMillion was assessed \$275.25 in court costs and fines.

Branson J. Meadows, 23,

of Ocoee, Florida, pleaded guilty June 28 to charges of unauthorized acts with regard to wildlife without license or permit, hunting wildlife from a motorized vehicle and unlawful methods of hunting – out of season. Meadows was assessed \$665.75 in court costs and fines.

Ignatius George Paulson, 23, of Tampa, Florida, pleaded guilty June 26 to

charges of unauthorized acts with regard to wildlife without license or permit, possession of wildlife, no hunting in state parks, shooting within 25 yards, shooting or discharging firearm within five hundred feet of a dwelling and hunting wildlife from a motorized vehicle. Paulson was assessed \$1,882.93 in court costs and fines.

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# ‘The Cocktail Hour’ ~ The Drama Workshop is back

After a two-year hiatus, A. R. Gurney’s *The Cocktail Hour* will be performed on the stage of the Pocahontas County Opera House Friday and Saturday, September 15 and 16, at 7:30 p.m.

*The Cocktail Hour*, both funny and poignant, centers around a playwright in the mid 70s who is on the verge of producing a new work in the modern blunt style. This form of gritty reality is at odds with his parents’ vision of the light and amusing entertainments of their era.

To make matters worse, John has written a play about them.

He’d like their blessing to go forward but, as the martini flows, resentments and revelations bubble to the surface.

Ann, his mother, wants him to write a book – hopefully one that will quickly be forgotten.

His sister, Nina, is miffed that her character in the play has such a minor role.

His father fears that he’ll be the play’s villain, and John begins to doubt his own origins.

*The Cocktail Hour* is full of humor, bile, warmth and a splash of that secret ingredient that unites even the most contentious of families.



CAST MEMBERS TOAST the beginning of *The Cocktail Hour* rehearsals. Nathan Dameron, Rachel Fanning, Janet Ghigo and Craig Goheen.



## Second Annual Hammons Family Fiddle and Banjo Contest and World Class Jam

Ryan Krofchek  
Contributing Writer

cluding special recognition for youth participants.

Get ready for an electrifying day of music as the Second Annual Hammons Family Fiddle and Banjo Contest and World Class Jam returns to Discovery Saturday, July 8.

This highly anticipated event promises to be even bigger and better than before, featuring jams with music giants throughout the town, leading up to unforgettable concerts.

The contest will showcase the extraordinary talent of fiddle and banjo players from near and far, with participants competing for prestigious prizes. The first-place winner will receive an impressive \$500 cash prize, the second-place winner will be awarded \$200, and the third-place winner will receive \$100. Ribbons will be awarded through fifth place in each category, in-

Masters of Ceremony for the event will be Bobby Taylor and Kirk Judd, both highly respected figures in the traditional arts community. Their expertise and passion for the craft will add extra excitement to the festivities.

A panel of esteemed judges will lend their expertise to the contest, ensuring a fair and insightful evaluation of the participant’s performances.

Judges include Blaine Sprouse, Bobby Lundy, Dave Bing, Hunter Berry, Tim Bing and TJ Lundy.

To top off the day of incredible music, a not-to-be-missed free concert will be held after the contest. The concert will feature captivating performances by renowned artists such as Danny Paisley and The Southern Grass, The Black Mountain Bluegrass Boys, and The Bing Brothers and Jake Krack.

# ‘Goldenseal’ never fails to deliver

Jaynell Graham  
Editor

*Goldenseal* magazine never fails to educate, entertain and take you back in time.

The Summer 2023 edition does all that and more.

There are numerous articles of interest from around the state, and four about Pocahontas County and her people.

It begins with a photo of world-renowned claw-hammer banjo player and instructor Dwight Diller on the cover.

In “From the Editor,” Laiken Blankenship begins with this quote attributed to Diller:

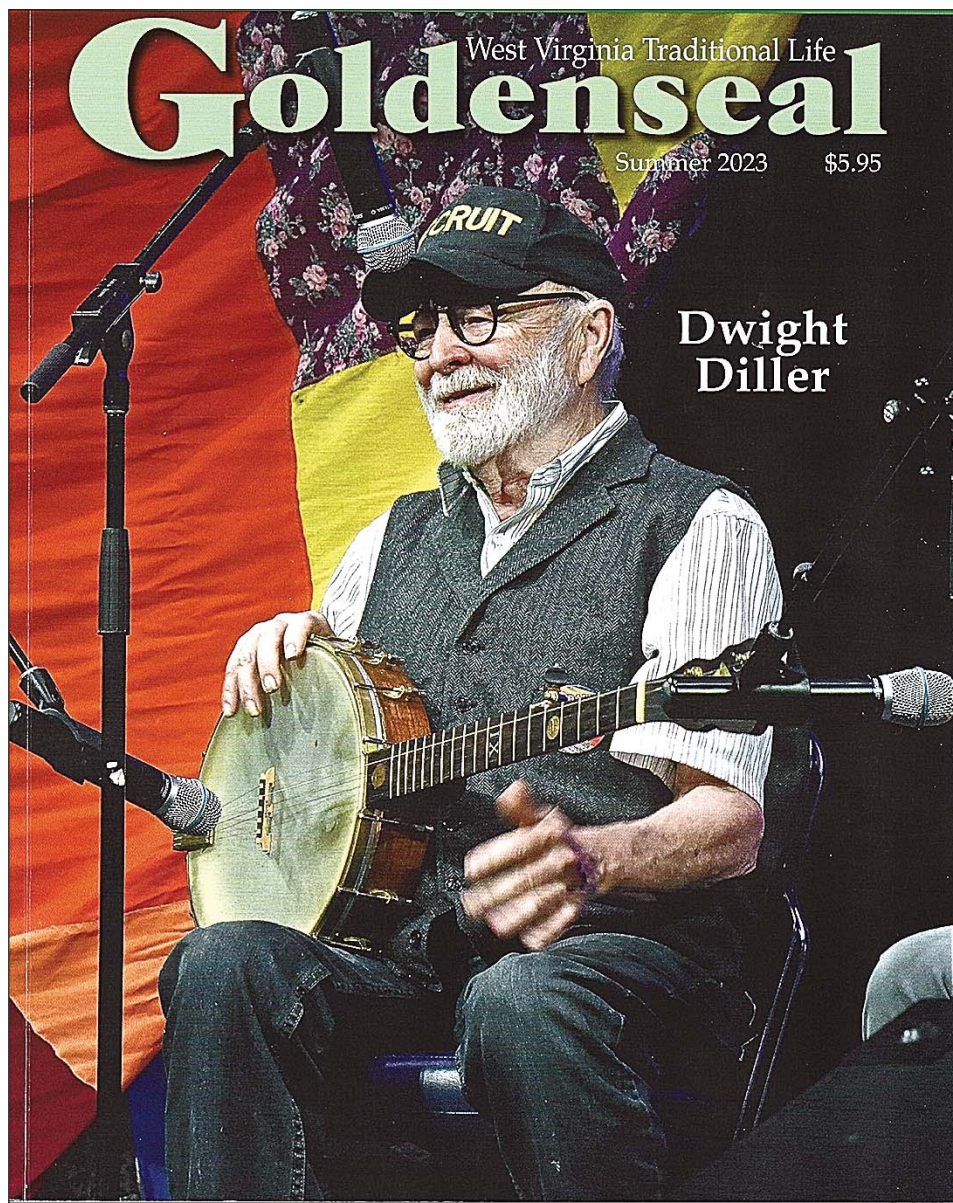
“It’s just simple music played by simple folks,” OR “Deceptively simple but extremely complex music played from the human spirit, not the mind, which contains the fragile, but powerful, cultural messages and heritage of a people who were/are just as complex as all other humans on the face of this Earth.”

Diller passed away February 14, 2023, and several pages of this issue of *Goldenseal* are dedicated to tributes from some of those he taught and inspired.

“Remembering Dwight Diller”

Friends and musicians such as Sam Linkous, Jamie Loneloy, Bob Heyer, Richard Hefner, Ron Mullenex, John Morris, Paul Gartner and Mike Burns tell about their experiences meeting and learning from the “master.”

“Dwight was stubborn sometimes, but most times he laid it out simply, felt deeply, loved West Virginia, the Hammons Family and, above all, was completely



THE COVER OF the Summer 2023 *Goldenseal* magazine features a photo, taken by Steve Brightwell, of the late Dwight Diller. The occasion of the performance and photo was the 2022 Vandalia Gathering.

‘sold out to Jesus.’ – Jamie Loneloy, Randolph County.

“The inspiration from Dwight’s playing to pursue old-time music was not only a turning point for me, musically, but life changing. The friendships formed out of the old-time community have been invaluable.” – Mike Burns, Pocahontas County

Also in this issue are “Goldenseal Good-Byes,”

which includes tributes by Alan Byer to two Pocahontas County talents who are gone too soon: Well-respected and well-traveled photographer Doug Chad-

wick, 1952-2023, known for his panoramic photos, documentaries and more; and his assistant, Gina Marie Cruise

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TRIVIA – a little something to think about

Courtesy of Chuck Cornell

1. Going to the dentist? How about that “laughing gas”? What is the proper chemical compound name for it?
2. This album title, released in 1967, was the eighth studio album by The Beatles. It was #1 on the charts for 27 weeks, and *Rolling Stone* magazine ranked it #1 on its 500 Greatest Albums of All Time. What was the name?
3. Most of us are familiar with Agatha Christie’s “Murder on the Orient Express.” This luxury train ran between two cities from 1883 to 1962. Name them.
4. This Pentecostal televangelist and multi-millionaire got caught in the late 80s with a “lady of the evening.” You might remember him saying, “I have sinned.” Who was he?



A Blast from the Past

Courtesy of the Ruth Friel Estate

Within this vale...  
Of toil and sin...  
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Grunt and grumble...  
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## Letters to the Editor

Open Letter;

Watoga State Park was declared an International Dark Sky Park. In line with this, residents are encouraged to reduce light pollution to maintain and enhance this status.

So, what's the big deal? I have a dusk-to-dawn light, and it's my property so I can run as many lights at night as I want to.

Yup, you sure can, and I respect your right to do so, it is your property and your choice, but let me ask you a question. Would you pour used motor oil into your favorite fishing hole? My guess is probably not. In addition to living in an area with many freedoms includ-

ing great hunting, property rights and fishing opportunities. We are also blessed with something that city slickers do not have and that is dark skies.

The average person living in a big east coast city or suburb can barely see a few bright stars and the moon, forget the Milky Way.

On a clear night we can experience sights from our own back yards that they never will. Their streams, like their degraded skies, are open drainage ditches and have not had fish in them for decades.

I grew up in Baltimore near a stream called Herring Run. It has not seen a herring in generations and the night

sky was completely washed-out years ago.

I moved here, after being a regular visitor since the 80s, to get away from that mess and because I like the people and freedom.

So, I ask you to consider enhancing our dark skies by reducing outdoor lighting and using motion detector lights instead of dusk-to-dawn and other always on lighting. In addition to helping preserve our dark skies, you will also save money, which these days is something most of us want to do.

When you get a chance, look up one dark and clear night and enjoy our unique skies. All you need is a lawn

chair or blanket and your eyes or a pair of binoculars to get started. It takes the human eyes about 15 minutes of darkness to fully adapt. A lot of online info, to include smart phone apps, will show the location of the planets and when meteor showers take place.

One of the nice things is the price of admission to this ever-changing show is free.

If you want to run bright lights at night on your property, it's your property, and your right, but please consider the other options.

Joe Kaffl  
Hillsboro

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## Poetry Corner

### The Home of the Briefless Barrister

My friend, have you heard of the town of Nogood,  
On the banks of the river Slow,  
Where blossoms the Waitawhile flower fair;  
Where the Sometimeorother scents the air,  
And the soft Goeasys grow?

It lies in the valley of Whatstheuse  
In the province of Leterslide;  
And That-tired-feeling is native there,  
It's the home of the reckless I don'tcare  
Where the Giveitups abide.

It stands at the bottom of Lazy Hill  
And it's easy to reach, I declare;  
You've only to fold up your hands and glide  
Down the slope of Weakwill's toboggan slide  
To be landed quickly there.

The town is as old as the human race,  
And it grows with the flight of years,  
It is wrapped in the fog of idler's dreams,  
It's streets are paved with discarded schemes  
And sprinkled with useless tears.

~ The Bar



## Marlinton Mayor's Corner

By Sam Felton

The Monday Lick Trail project is still on schedule for a mid-July award date.

The project area is located approximately 0.3 miles south of Marlinton.

The proposed trail system

extends south and east of the town and includes 27 miles of single-track trail.

The Monongahela National Forest has actively participated with the Snowshoe-Highlands Area Recreation Collaborative

(SHARC) to document trails, amenities and recreational assets to become the first International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA) Ride Center in West Virginia.

This three-year process has been an important part of the collaborative work aimed at turning the ride-center to the only Gold status ride center in the east. Ultimately, Gold status will enhance communities through a sus-

tainable recreation economy on public lands.

The collaborative development of a strategic plan for achieving the Gold-level designation by 2025, was largely dependent on the creation of bike-optimized, multiple-use single track trails which are currently absent on the Marlinton-White Sulphur Ranger District. The Monday Lick Trail System adds that dimension.

Sam

## Community Calendar

### OPERA HOUSE

**Second Annual Hammons Family Fiddle and Banjo Contest and World Class Jam** Saturday, July 8, beginning at 1 p.m. at Discovery Junction and all around town, followed by a free concert with the Black Mountain Bluegrass Boys, Danny Paisley and the Southern Grass and The Bing Brothers and Jake Krack.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**Testing for Amateur Radio licenses** including upgrades will be held Tuesday, July 11, at 7 p.m. at the Cass firehouse. Contact Rudy Marrojo at 304-456-3057 with questions and to reserve your space.

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

### EVENTS

**Vacation Bible School** – Classes for all ages. July 10 – 13 at Marlinton United Methodist Church, 6 to 8 p.m. Food served at 6 p.m.

### LIBRARY NEWS

**Cards and Coffee at Green Bank Public Library**, Thursdays beginning July 6, 10:30 a.m. to noon. A casual get together for adults to share conversation over cards and hot drinks. Coffee, tea and cards provided.

### Pocahontas County Libraries now offers a Tech Help hour

to assist you with your computer, smart phone, printer, email or general help and guidance. AmeriCorps member Chris Baber will be at the following locations from 2 to 3 p.m.: Mondays, McClintic Library; Tuesdays, Hillsboro Library; Wednesdays, Green Bank Library; Thursdays, Linwood Library; and Fridays at Durbin Library.

### MEETINGS

**Allegheny Post 117 annual picnic** at Donnie Waybright's Saturday, August 12, beginning at noon. Members are asked to bring a side dish.

**Pocahontas County Vietnam Veterans of America** meets the fourth Wednesday of each month, 7 p.m. at Mc-

Clintic Library.

**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.

**Skateboard Clinic** – Tuesday, July 11, noon, at Stillwell Skate Park. Hands-on instruction. Call 304-799-7386 to register. Space is limited.

**Swim lessons** – Four-day series, July 11, 12, 18 and 19, Green Bank Observatory pool, ages four and older. \$10 charge.

**Tie dye activity** Tuesday, July 11, at the Linwood Center, beginning at 4:30 p.m. Space is limited. Call to reserve your spot.

### Trillium Taekwondo

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

**Circuit Training** – Time efficient way to enhance cardiovascular fitness, muscle strengthening and stretching, Mondays and Wednesdays, 5 to 6 p.m.

**Zumba with Kelly**, Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 5 p.m.

### REUNIONS

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

**PCHS Class of 1988** – Saturday, July 8, 6 p.m. at Locust Hill. For info and cost, contact Shannon

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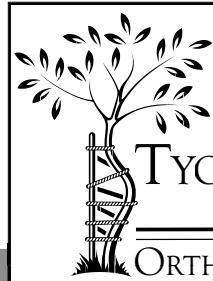


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# The backyard throne room

Melody Phillips  
Staff Writer

Going camping today comes with many conveniences which the early settlers did not have. Many people like the adventure of popping a tent in the wilderness as they hike a trail, or pulling a camper into a parking spot, or pitching a pre-made tent not far from a camp store, shower and bathroom. That seems to be the norm for “roughing it.”

What if there were no rest-rooms? You gotta go when you gotta go, right? Taking a shovel with you as you scour the forest for a recessed secluded area, and hoping you are the first to find it, can be a daunting task at times.

When the early settlers came to the new world, there was no plumbing or public restrooms. Outhouses were built not only for privacy but for dealing with sanitation problems. Not being able to properly deal with this necessity of life could be a life-or-death situation, as diseases such as cholera, hepatitis and typhoid are linked to this issue.

It is not known if there was a single inventor or if many people came up with the same idea; most likely the latter.

Outhouses were typically built about 50 to 100 yards away from the house and were called “necessaries.” Quite often, they were built near the woodshed so that every time someone went to the “facility,” they could bring back an armload of firewood. At night, settlers commonly used camber pots which were emptied into the outhouse the following morning.

The first outhouses had buckets that sat down inside a small hole in the ground which would need to be emptied daily. As they developed, large holes or pits were dug, and the building would be constructed over the pit, so emptying the bucket as a daily chore was no longer necessary.

In a tireless effort to battle the stench – especially during the summer months – lye or lime would be sprinkled in the pit.

In addition to the times when nature called, outhouses were commonly used to dispose of household waste, such as broken bottles, cans, etc. since there were no landfills or public trash drop-off locations. Because of this, archaeologists are often excited to come across old outhouses. Digging through the remnants can reveal a lot information about the everyday lives of the people of the past. Even their excrement could give insight into their diets.

Before toilet paper became commercialized, items such as newspaper, corn cobs and Lamb’s ear were used. Until *Sears Roebuck* catalogs went to using the glossy paper in the 1930s, this yearly mailing was a favorite in the outhouse. The hole in the *Farmer’s Almanac* has become a tradition to its design, but it began in 1919 as it was hung on a nail on the outhouse – for reading and then finishing up business.

In a time when the separation of men and women was culturally correct, “necessaries” were no exception. Outhouses built for public use in towns usually had either a moon or a sun cut into the front. Although there are many different thoughts about this subject, many records point to the same meaning regarding these symbols. A moon, for the Roman goddess Luna, symbolized the outhouse was dedicated for women. For the men’s outhouse, a sun or star, representing the Greek god Apollo, was displayed. Due to the high rate of illiteracy, using symbols ensured the right toilet would be selected. Over the years, the moon shape has become the more prevalent symbol for the outhouse. One theory is that it may be because the outhouses used by males were not as well-maintained and fell into disrepair.

Outhouses continued to be used in the country much longer than in the cities – and some are still in use today.

Some outhouses were built out of bricks but most of them were constructed of wood and designed so they could be moved. The wood

was often painted or treated to add durability and longevity. If a gong farmer was not hired to empty the pit when it filled up, then it would be covered with dirt and the structure moved over another hole.

Gong farmers had a job that was not only dangerous but also offensive to society. They could only work at night and were sometimes called “nightmen;” they were also only allowed to live in certain areas. Being a gong worker could result in illness or death due to asphyxiation from the fumes produced by human waste. Fortunately, the stigma of their job has dissipated over the years. Machinery, called vacuum trucks, now aid the modern-day gong workers, allowing them to perform their important job in a cleaner and safer manner.

“Necessaries” had several different names, such as privy, water closet, latrine, dunny (in Australia), little house and back house, but because of the Work Projects Administration (WPA), the following were eventually added to the list: Roosevelt Room, the White House, the Relief Office, Roosevelt toilets, or simply “The Eleanor.”

During Franklin D. Roosevelt’s presidency, in an effort to improve outhouses, the WPA was created and passionately pursued by the First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt.

Improved privacy, ventilation, toilet lids to prevent fly infestations, and even concrete flooring, were incorporated into the more than two million new outhouses built during the project’s run at a cost of \$5 to \$17 each.

The saying “I’m going to visit Miss Perkins” derived from the reference of FDR’s secretary of Labor, Frances Perkins.

Multi-holed outhouses, – one reported to have as many as 12 holes – and two-story outhouses also existed. Two-story outhouses, also called double-deckers or “sky-crappers,” were built near the side of stores, which had a second floor as the storekeeper’s home. This made it easier to access for store employees and owners



A TWO-STORY free-standing outhouse from days gone by. Wikimedia Commons photo

alike. The top section of the outhouse sat back slightly to allow the flow to drain behind the wall of the bottom level.

Detached two-level outhouses built near multi-level homes, especially apartments and boarding houses, had a footbridge reaching to the top level for easy passage. Occasionally, the outhouse was attached to the main house so people would not have to endure the harsh winter weather when needing to go. During the heavy winter snows, this second level could be utilized if the first level was buried under the snow.

One account about the use of the multilevel outhouse was the desire to provide a

landowner’s wife and daughters privacy from the male workers, who were only allowed to use the lower level.

Two-story outhouses could be constructed to separate classes, as well. For instance, at some coal mines, the bottom level could be used by the miners while the top level was used by the boss.

In Bryant Pond, Maine, a three-story outhouse attached to a Masonic lodge had the lower level updated to a flush toilet in the year 2000. The lower level displayed a sign which read “Maw and Paw” and “Upstairs closed ‘til we figure out plummin’.”

Elk Falls, Kansas, calls it-

self the outhouse capital and holds outhouse tours on the Friday and Saturday before Thanksgiving each year. Visitors can also enjoy live music, food, crafts and more.

I had the honor of meeting a very bright and determined 97-year-old lady who still had an active outhouse and I thought “you’re so much stronger than me.”

As much as I like doing things the old-fashioned way, I am happy to know that I am privileged to have an indoor bathroom, especially during the icy cold winter months. For now, I just need to be sure my husband doesn’t try to bring another outhouse home with him – but they do make nice chicken coops.

## Church, from page 1

plivity in the original rectangular block with smooth wall surfaces., Carpenters’ Gothic in the steep-gabled dormers that used to be at the fourth level of the stair tower-steeple, and simple Victorian era flourishes in such details as the attractive cornice brackets and circular light above the main entrance). Overall lines and construction techniques, however, are local interpretations by skilled craftsmen.

The interior consists of a large sanctuary with an associated vestibule on the first floor and balcony for slaves, (there is a gallery at the rear), a lodge hall with anteroom on the second floor and a stair tower with a small “Session Room” at the second level. The sanctuary is entered through either of two doors in the vestibule, and the pulpit area is approached along aisles between rows of pews. Although the furnishings are pleasing, function was the primary consideration, evident even in the two old wood-burning stoves placed about midway along the side row of pews. Four sets of supporting posts break the interior lines.

This basic floor design is repeated in the lodge hall except that ceremonial trappings of Free Masonry replace the religious symbols of the church. A raised floor, about four feet deep, is at either side, and there are elevated platforms or daises at each end.

Special features of the interior include the open-well, closed-string stair with its recessed panels, turned balusters and pendants and intricate newels with ball finials and the special embellishments in the lodge hall (such as the decorative

wooden arch in the center of the rear wall).

Huntersville Presbyterian Church was the 18th Presbyterian Church to be constructed in the Greenbrier Presbytery and one of three to be constructed in this Presbytery during 1854. The other two were Centerville Presbyterian Church in Greenville, Monroe County, and Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church in Sinks Gove, Monroe County.

In July of 1855, the women of Huntersville formed the Female Benevolent Society whose object was to raise funds for a bell for the church. They held a fair where pies, cakes, bread and other edibles were sold for a total of \$82.67. A bell, weighting 176 pounds with hangings, was purchased for \$73.25, there was an additional cost for the clapper. The bell was shipped by water and railroad to Goshen, Virginia, and hauled by horse and buggy from there to Huntersville. This bell still hangs in the Church’s bell tower.

The Civil War came soon after this colonial structure was completed. During the war, it was used as a garrison and hospital for Federal and Confederate troops. Names of soldiers were left inscribed on the walls of the church and could be seen until the church was redecorated in the 1950s and painted over. “Fox and Geese” game boards were carved in the pews, which are still visible.

Robert E. Lee was encamped within a stone’s throw of the church while it was being used as a hospital. The town was never captured but often occupied by both sides at different times.

After the Civil War, Huntersville, known as “The Little Place with Large Ways,” held a military celebration several years after

called the “Big Muster.” The “Big Muster” was held on and around the Presbyterian Church.

The Masonic Lodge of Huntersville was organized in 1875. In need of a Lodge Hall, arrangements were made with the trustees of the Presbyterian Church in 1895, to add a second story to the church building for to be used as a Lodge Hall.

Few alterations have been made to the building since the second floor (lodge hall) and stair/bell tower additions were completed in 1896.

The church interior was redecorated prior to its hundredth anniversary on August 12, 1954. The interior walls of the first floor were painted green and the pews were redone. The original organ is still there but it is not used.

Few people were attending the church in 1957 (it had only 12 active members). Shortly thereafter, in 1971, these members joined with the Westminster Church.

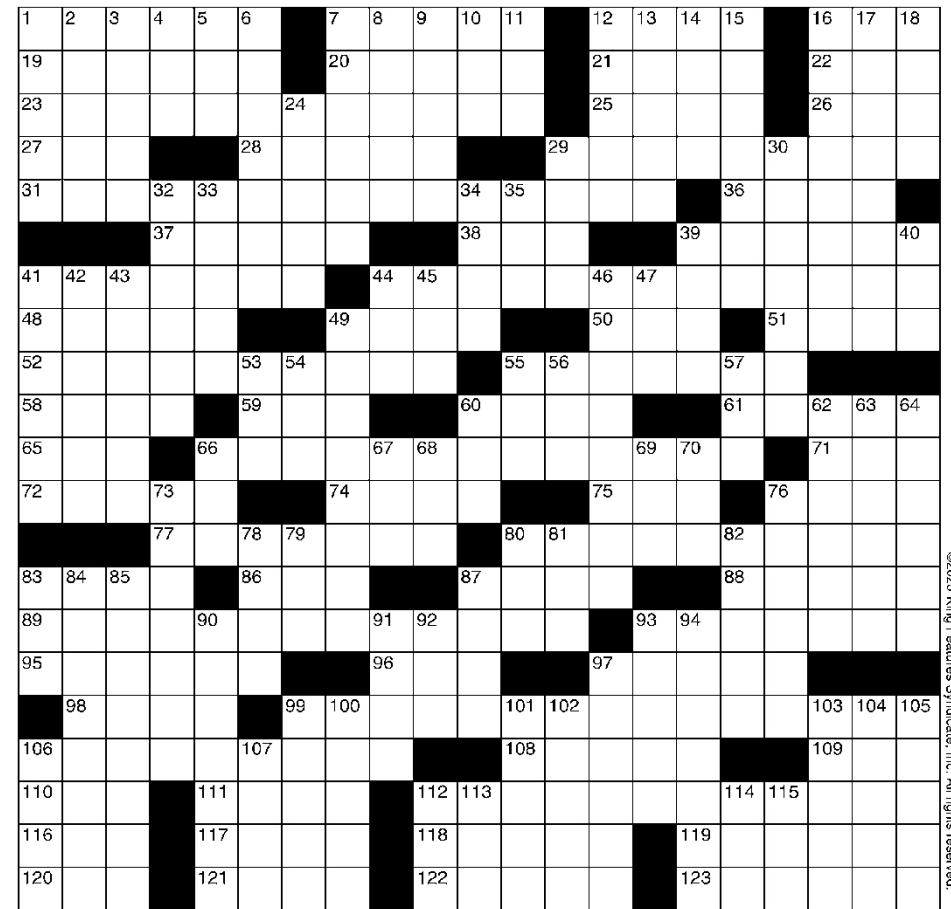
In 1978, the Huntersville Presbyterian Church was approved for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

The Huntersville Presbyterian Church never had a resident minister. A partial list of ministers that served the church are as follows: William T. Price, M.D. Dunlap, J. Newton Craig, J. S. Blair, David Cunningham, Joseph Brown, T. P. W. Margruder, J. C. Barr, R. P. Kennedy, G. L. Brown, H. H. Hamilton, J. H. McCrown, James D. Singletary and Willis V. Cornelius.

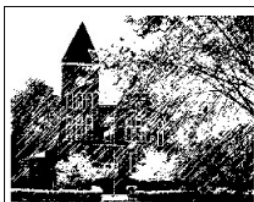
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## Super Crossword IT’S MEANINGLESS

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| <b>ACROSS</b>                              | 49 Evict                                     | 93 Novelist Sidney                     | <b>DOWN</b>                      | 40 College-level H.S. courses | 80 Stinging flier                                |
| 1 Carter-era FBI sting                     | 50 Raw resource                              | 95 “Good Times” actor Walker           | 1 James A. Garfield’s “A”        | 41 Some vipers                | 81 Wall creeper                                  |
| 7 “It costs — and a leg”                   | 52 Furniture with four sleeping units        | 96 12, on some clocks                  | 2 — Seltzer                      | 42 “Skyfall” actress Harris   | 82 Hold and use                                  |
| 12 “Likely story!”                         | 55 Trachea-tong tubes                        | 97 Speedskater Ohno                    | 3 Occupy, as a desk              | 43 Writer Capote              | 83 Part of many a kid’s lunchbox meal, for short |
| 16 Learning inst.                          | 58 TV trophy                                 | 98 Celine of pop                       | 4 USN VIP                        | 44 Holster item               | 84 Shimmer, as an opal                           |
| 19 Spanning structure                      | 59 Partake of                                | 99 Part of many a kid’s lunchbox meal  | 5 Become older                   | 45 Invite (to)                | 85 It’s stuffed into an olive                    |
| 20 Gorme with Grammys                      | 60 French for “good”                         | 106 Cow stomach, on a menu             | 6 See 72-Across                  | 46 Get reduced in price       | 87 Potato cover                                  |
| 21 Mag online                              | 61 Winfrey of “Selma”                        | 108 Fix, as a knot                     | 7 — Fables                       | 47 Suffix with north          | 88 After point number eight                      |
| 22 Boxer Clay, renamed                     | 65 Small inlet                               | 109 Xbox competitor                    | 8 Somninx competitor             | 48 Surpass in competition     | 89 After point number eight                      |
| 23 Withstanding decay                      | 66 Medieval stronghold near Cork, Ireland    | 110 AOL competitor                     | 9 Have — with destiny            | 49 Sheep’s cry                | 90 Bar on a car                                  |
| 25 Dak., in the 1800s                      | 71 “— had it!”                               | 111 Yoo- — (chocolate drinks)          | 10 — Tin Tin                     | 55 Razor brand                | 91 Bar on a car                                  |
| 26 Sawmill item                            | 72 With 6-Down, relay some information       | 112 10 answers in this puzzle have one | 11 Got together                  | 56 Stephen of films           | 92 2016 Summer Olympics locale                   |
| 27 Org. for drs.                           | 74 Rustic hotels                             | 116 Tenth mo.                          | 12 Old Mexican                   | 57 Weeding aid                | 93 1992 Summer Olympics locale                   |
| 28 Haughty type                            | 75 Eighth mo.                                | 117 Guitar relative                    | 13 Seven, in Seville             | 60 Fly- — (pilots’ stunts)    | 94 Frankness                                     |
| 29 Fleggae                                 | 76 Like both-sex dorms                       | 118 Prickly shrub                      | 14 As to                         | 62 Ran amok                   | 97 Fall flowers                                  |
| singer with the Waiters                    | 77 Experienced again                         | 119 State of hypnosis                  | 15 Luxury Italian car            | 63 Brand of bath additives    | 99 Regional life                                 |
| 31 Pured fruit product since the mid-1800s | 80 Seepage in a boat’s bottom                | 120 Co. top dog                        | 16 Second-largest city in Greece | 64 Actress                    | 100 Church parts                                 |
| 36 Top-drawer                              | 83 Exhaust conduit, e.g.                     | 121 Pro votes                          | 17 Tall                          | 66 Slangy “sweetie”           | 101 Bert’s bestie                                |
| 37 Is storming                             | 86 Cavity-fighting org.                      | 122 Pungent salad green                | 18 Shut entirely                 | 67 Denver-to-Bismarck dir.    | 102 Some RSVPs                                   |
| 38 Antonym: Abbr.                          | 87 Golf great Ballesteros                    | 123 Gossipy meddlers                   | 19 Stage after larva             | 68 Call a halt to             | 103 Defiant kid’s declaration                    |
| 39 Maker of Tater Tots                     | 88 Actress Graff                             |  | 30 Bicycle pedal attachment      | 69 Pull a snarly              | 104 About, timewise                              |
| 41 It induces an immune response           | 89 Chef who was a judge on ABC’s “The Taste” |  | 32 Soft felt hat                 | 70 Size bigger than med.      | 105 Masks  |
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# Preserving Pocahontas

B. J. Gudmundsson, Preservation Officer

## Pocahontas County Pioneer Days - 1970



A WAGON LOADED with Pioneer Days visitors arrives in the parking lot at the Pocahontas County Historical Society Museum in Marlinton, W.Va. on July 11, 1970. Pocahontas County Pioneer Days was started in 1967 by the Historical Society upon the suggestion by then president Johnnie B. Hill. He and Robert Jacobson served as co-chairmen during the early years. The purpose of the celebration, as stated in *History of Pocahontas County, West Virginia 1981*, is "to make history come alive and to recapture the pioneer spirit of our forefathers, who first settled the wild and beautiful area we know as Pocahontas County today." (Pocahontas County Historical Society Collection, ID: PHS004365)

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## Seventy-Five Years Ago

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, July 8, 1948

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8; Martha Nelson 8; Margaret Shiflett 8; Fay Collins 8; Florence Nottingham 8. Frank Colored: Leonard Harris 6.

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7; Ivan Sutton 7; Ellen Gragg 7; Shirley Murphy 7; Naomi Wenger 7; Shirley Brubaker 8; Mary Ellen Cassell 8; Doris Eller 8; Bonnie Mullenax 8; Louise Taylor 8; Fay Varner 8. Greenbrier Hill: Gene Stewart.

### BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Orville Sheets, of Greenbank, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lester Cook, of Cass, a daughter, named Annette Leona.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mullenax, of Boyer, twin daughters, Paula M. and Janice Lee.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Mofett Williams, a son, named Roger Francis.

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## 100-Years-Ago in The Pocahontas Times

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, July 5, 1923

Deputy Sheriff Elmer Moore, Special Officer L. S. Cochran and Constables Charles K. Butler and Upton Sharp made a raid on the home of William Nelson, near Frost, Tuesday, and arrested Nelson, his son, Harry Nelson, and Clyde Carpenter. They found over a hundred gallons of corn mash and other things used in the manufacture of moonshine.

The prisoners were brought to jail, and will be given a hearing before Squire Smith. Nelson is a native of Tennessee, and works as a woodsman. His home is in Kelley Hollow, of Alleghany mountain, near the Wise Herold place. The mash was found in the hollow above his house.

man labor and team labor, it only means a small cash outlay where a few farmers join hands.

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The Price Hill road was opened Tuesday, and the steam shovel is now going through the Kee Lane. The Echols Construction Company has also gone over the top of Swago Hill, and the road is now open.

### CHAUTAQUA

Chautauqua opened in all its glory Tuesday afternoon. The program promised to be exceptionally good, and the opening number was well attended. The lecturer Tuesday night was Dr. Grove Herbert, and he established a high level for the lectures of the week. The superintendent is

Mr. Shumaker, a master hand at his job. The junior leader is Miss La Feur. The children are taking a great interest in Junior Chautauqua.

### ALLEGHENY CLUB

Mrs. W. A. Bratton, Miss Guy Bratton and Master Bob Bratton, of Marlinton, spent the week at the Allegheny Club.

L. C. Hetrick and J. C. Gray, of Clarksburg, visited the Club last week and were much pleased to find the

road from Cheat Club to the Allegheny Club in fine condition.

Dr. and Mrs. H. A. Rosenthal, of Clarksburg, entertained at the Club their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Hamilton, of Wellington, New Zealand. Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton are making a tour through the United States and expressed themselves as greatly pleased with this part of West Virginia.

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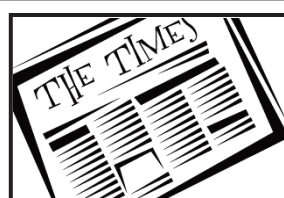
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G. C. Beard and D. M. Callison report that between four and five hundred head of cattle and six hundred head of sheep had been dipped for the second time in a livestock dipping vat located at Mr. Callison's farm. The cattle have quit rubbing the fence posts out of line, and their hair presents a slick appearance.

Mr. Callison stated that, figuring all costs, the construction of one of these vats will cost \$250. The cost of material used is a little over \$100 and if farmers furnish



## Fifty Years Ago

Jane Price Sharp, Editor

Thursday, July 5, 1973

### National Science Camp

Bartow - Amidst a true West Virginia frog-strangler, shouts of drenched young men playing soccer rose from the misty playing fields at the National Youth Science Camp.

Delegates to the 11th National Youth Science Camp have been at the Pocahontas County location for over a week. The pace of activity has appealed to the interests of 100 of the top 1973 high school graduates in the country.

The nation's top young scientists, two from each of the 50 states, learn in the camp's unique atmosphere from men like Dr. Isidore Adler of NASA; Dr. Don White, of Bell Labs; and Dr. Oleg Jefimenko, of West Virginia University...

Dr. Sabastian von Hoerner, of the Green Bank Observatory, discussed the possibilities of life in space with the campers. He said, "It would be a clear case of megalomania to believe that we are the only humans in

the universe."

Two percent of all solar systems in the universe are believed to have some form of life, the astronomer said...

### Approaching Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Arch G. Wooddell are announcing the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Teresa Lee (Terry) to Delmos Franklin Barb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard J. Barb, all of Marlinton.

The open church wedding will take place August 17 in the Marlinton United Methodist Church...

### WEDDING

Miss Nancy Rebecca Harper, of Kings Row in Charleston, became the bride of Wayne Glenn Pottmeyer, of Loudon Heights in Charleston, Saturday, June 23, 1973, in Marlinton United Methodist Church with Rev. Maynard Crawford officiating. Music was provided by Mrs. Willard Eskridge, organist...

see 50 pg 11

## Footsteps through History

The Pocahontas Times  
Andrew Price, Editor

Thursday, June 8, 1898

### THE FOURTH

The glorious Fourth of July was celebrated in Pocahontas. In every "grove and under each green tree," the dancing platform and the "refreshment" booth supported one and the other, alternated by giddy whirls in the festive swing.

These professional "picnics" were generally enlivened by bloody ring fights. A riot was precipitated on Back Alleghany when a tough from Highland proffered a lady whiskey when only lemonade was desired, and her escort dared him to "do that again."

Rumors of a general engagement on Elk have reached us. A conscription officer should attend picnics in Pocahontas and impress the combative element...

### WAR NOTES

The news so anxiously anticipated by the American people concerning the attack of the fleet and army on Santiago is to the effect that there have been two days spent in severe fighting, July 1st and 2nd. On Saturday,

the Spaniards were driven back with great loss, and pushed back inch by inch toward Santiago. The fleet joined in and Morro and the other forts were well nigh knocked to pieces.

This terrible conflict lasted from Friday break of day until Saturday afternoon. On Saturday, the Spanish made desperate efforts to retake San Jan Hill, but were repulsed with fearful loss.

Lieutenant Maxfield, from the balloon, guided the Americans to the Spanish outworks. Colonel Roosevelt's horse was shot under him and half of the Rough Riders were wounded.

The first or opening shot of the battle was fired by Captain Capron whose son had been killed a few days before.

The American loss is estimated at 800 wounded and killed, and the Spanish about five times greater...

### A FREE BRIDGE

At last, for the first time since the war, the Greenbrier Bridge has been thrown

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# MTC holds swearing-in ceremony

Suzanne Stewart  
Staff Writer

Last Thursday, the recently elected Marlinton Town Council members, mayor and town recorder were sworn into office by Pocahontas County Clerk Missy Bennett.

Mayor Sam Felton, recorder Mary Kay Clendenin and councilmembers Scott Gibb, Olivia Dean, Tom Miller, Roger Trusler and Joe Smith took the oath of office to serve the town of Marlinton to the best of their abilities for the next four years.

After the ceremony, Felton addressed the newly configured council, welcoming returning and new members to the job.

“This is serious business that we agreed to enter into together, and I’ve got high hopes for this council; I really do,” he said. “We have so many good things that are going on and others that are just ready to turn.”

Felton said that while it may not always be easy to make tough decisions, he feels secure in knowing that each member has joined the council to make the Town of Marlinton a haven for its residents and visitors.

“I don’t guess it’s ever been easy, some of these things,” he said. “I know that we can accomplish some good things together,” he said. “We don’t enter into this lightly. Everybody wants to see our town succeed, and we all want what is best.”

Felton shared information with the council in regard to several ongoing projects in the town, as well as programs that have benefitted the town, including the Mon Forest Towns cooperative.

He welcomed the new members and said he and the remaining members of the previous council will help get them situated into their new roles.

“Those of us who remained – Scott, Joe and myself, I think I can speak for



THE NEWLY ELECTED Marlinton Town Council after taking the oath of office last week. From left: Roger Trusler and Koda, Joe Smith, Recorder Mary Kay Clendenin, Mayor Sam Felton, Scott Gibb, Olivia Dean and Tom Miller. S. Stewart photo

the other two – we’re here to help so far as we can, but the fact of the matter is, I anticipate we’ll learn as much

from you as what we’ll be able to help you with,” he said.

Marlinton Town Council

meets the first Monday of each month, excluding holidays, at 7 p.m. in the municipal building auditorium.

The public is welcome to attend in person or online through a Zoom link.

## Pocahontas County Library Summer Reading Program

Children younger than eight must be accompanied by an adult.

**McClintic Library** – Monday, July 10, Choose Your Own Adventure Club, kids of all ages, from 2 to 3 p.m.

**Hillsboro Library** – Tuesday, July 11, Finger Painting, all ages, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Friendship Bracelets, all ages, 2 to 4 p.m.

**Green Bank Library** – Wednesday, July 12, Budding Bookworms, ages six

and younger, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Choose Your Own Adventure Club, ages seven to 11, from 1 to 3 p.m. Teen Time, ages 12 to 18, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Evening Event, all ages, from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

**Durbin Library** – Thursday, July 13, Tye Dye, all day, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., along with Durbin Days events and activities.

**Linwood Library** – Friday, July 14, Science Collaboration, all day, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.



## What's Cookin'?

With Sally Cobb

### Mike Smith's 'Best of Show' Chocolate Cream Pie

1 homemade 9" pastry crust, pre-baked  
4 Tbsp. cornstarch  
1 cup sugar  
1/2 tsp salt  
1/2 cup plus 1 Tbsp. cocoa, sifted  
3 Tbsp. butter  
2 1/2 cups whole milk  
3 lg. egg yolks, slightly beaten

1 Tbsp. butter  
2 tsp. vanilla  
Combine cornstarch, sugar, salt and sifted cocoa in medium saucepan. Whisk dry ingredients together. Gradually add milk stirring to blend well. Add 3 Tbsp. butter and bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring constantly until mixture thickens and begins to boil. Boil 45 seconds to 1 minute. Remove from heat.

Blend 1/2 of chocolate mixture into the slightly beaten eggs to temper the eggs. Return the egg mixture to saucepan. Cook 45 seconds to 1 minute over medium heat, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and add 1 Tbsp. butter and vanilla. Mix well. Pour into pie shell. Cool slightly.

May top with meringue and bake in oven until meringue is done, or refrigerate until cold and top with slightly sweetened whipping cream.

Mike's tip: have all ingredients ready, egg yolks

beaten, butter measured so that when the pudding is cooking you can stir it constantly.

My tip: cover pudding mix with plastic wrap so a film does not form on top. Remove after filling is cold and add whipped cream.

**Sweetened Whipped Cream**  
1 cup heavy whipping cream  
1 Tbsp. sugar  
1/2 tsp. vanilla

Using a mixer, whip until soft peaks appear. Do not over whip or you will have sweet butter.

**Meringue**  
3 egg whites  
3 Tbsp. sugar  
1/4 tsp. cream of tartar  
1/2 tsp. vanilla  
Blend sugar and cream of tartar together.

Using mixer, beat egg whites until soft peaks appear. Add sugar mix, 1 Tbsp. at a time until sugar is well incorporated and stiff peaks begin to appear. Add vanilla. Beat well.

When adding meringue to pie filling begin at the edge of the pie, making sure meringue attaches to crust to prevent it from shrinking. Continue adding meringue until pie is fully covered. Use the back of a spoon to make peaks. Bake in 325° oven until meringue is browned.

Let cool completely before cutting.



Edith McKinley with her painting, "Night Fishing."

## McKinley, guest instructor for next Art Guild project

Ever watch those oil painters on TV? Have you tried it yourself? Join us at Pocahontas County Art Guild for a day with oils, easels, canvas – the whole shebang Friday, July 14.

The day long program, presented by Edith McKinley, will cover all you need to know to kick start yourself or pick up some new techniques, or just remind yourself how to get it done.

We meet from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Bring a bag lunch; we will have coffee and tea.

Call or email Rose Driver at 304-799-6486 or email rodr53@frontiernet.net for more information or to register.

We asked Edith how she became an oil painter and she explained, “My grandmother was a hobby oil painter, and my mother got her Master’s in Textile Design when I was quite young, so my earliest memories are of the smell of turpentine,

and playing with color charts and fabric swatches.

“As I grew up, I had some really great art teachers in public schools, and had intended to be a professional artist, but life intervened in the form of children and then work.”

“I moved to West Virginia in 1979 and opened Edith’s Health Store in 1986. That was my main focus for 32 years.

“Around the year 2000, I found some of my grandmother’s art supplies and a value study on canvas board that she had started. Using her brushes and oil paints, I finished it, and fell back in love with art and oil painting.

“I took an art class from Michael Christie for several years, and gained a good foundation of knowledge and techniques from him. During that time, I also took a portrait workshop from Marvin Matelson and learned another palette of colors suited to skin

tones and some interesting underpainting techniques which made portraiture come alive.

“I took a landscape workshop from another artist whose works were featured in Walls Fine Art at the Greenbrier Hotel and from him learned more about composition and perspective.

“My favorite techniques include glazing, using multiple separate layers of color and letting the viewer’s eye do the blending, and underpainting to give added dimension. I continue to be in love with color, and look forward to sharing with like minded artists.”

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# Watch for ghost pipes

Melondy Phillips  
Staff Writer

*The time is drawing nigh.*

I started researching herbal remedies when my children were young, but when one of them kept getting more and more ill, I really dug my heels into the research.

I read a lot of books on the subject of herbs and pulled up what I could on the young Internet. I eventually, at the encouragement of family and friends, enrolled in a Master Herbalist class through a college. Boy, was there a ton more to learn! Books, and books and more books...

Some herbs are common backyard “weeds,” but others are a lot more obscure.

While my husband was walking through the woods one day last year, he happened across an unlikely sight. Something reportedly “rare” and “hard to find” for most of the country. It spends most of its life underground and only blooms for about one week per year, and only then under specific conditions. Sometime between early summer to early fall, when the air is warm after a rain, they stretch toward the sky with their ghostly presence.

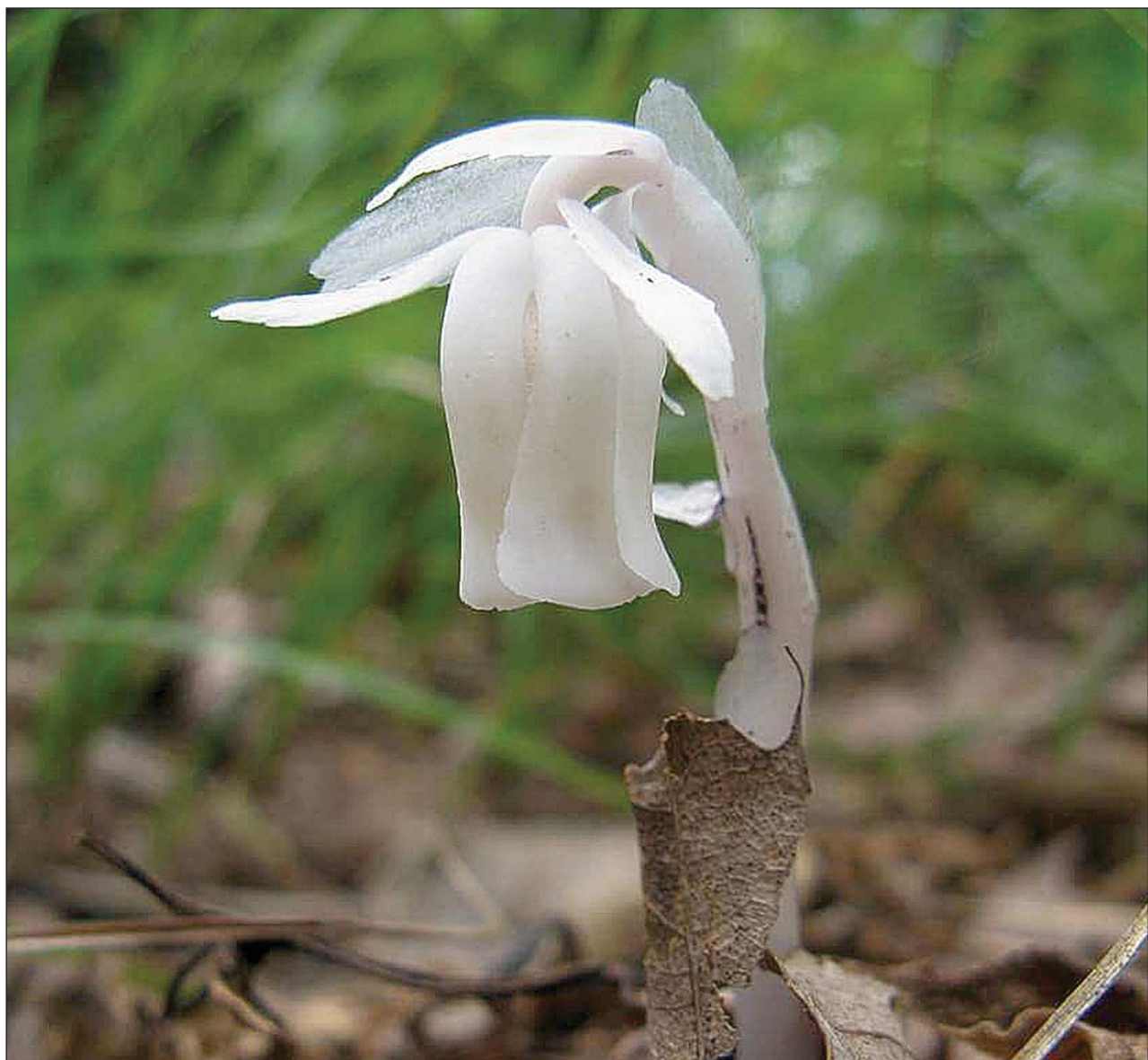
Ghost pipe (*Monotropa uniflora* L.), also called Indian pipe, Corpse plant, Ice plant, Death plant, Ghost flower, and Bird’s nest, is a perennial woodland flower in the Ericaceae family (which includes blueberries); however, recent evidence suggests they should be regarded separately from this category. The lack of chlorophyll causes its translucent ghostly white-to-pale pinkish color. Rare species may showcase a dark red tinge. The stems can stretch up from two to 12 inches high. The singular bell-shaped flower heads have very little to no smell, and the plant can bruise easily or melt when touched.

This interesting plant has an unusual parasitic relationship with its tree host. Tom Volk’s *Fungus of the Month* for October 2002 explains this relationship very well.

Inside the leaves of the tree, “the radioactive carbon dioxide is photosynthesized into radioactive sucrose, which is transported to the roots of the tree. The mycorrhizal fungus takes the radioactive sucrose and transforms it into radioactive trehalose or sugar alcohols, which are transported to the rest of the fungal mycelium. (In return the fungus aids the tree in absorption of water and essential minerals, especially phosphorous, but that’s a whole ‘nother story.) The *Monotropa* (ghost pipe) absorbs the sugars from the fungus by “fooling” the fungus into thinking it’s forming a mycorrhizal relationship – but, in fact, the *Monotropa* is really parasitizing the fungus! Thus, the radiolabeled carbohydrates pass from the tree to *Monotropa* via their common mycorrhizal partner, in what is termed a source-sink relationship. In other words, the sugars flow from where they are made to where they are being used. Thus, this is a three-way relationship between a photosynthetic tree, a mycorrhizal fungus, and a parasitic plant!”

In other words, even though the ghost pipe is not directly connected to the tree roots, but is instead connected to the fungus on the tree roots, it feeds off of the sugars from the tree and mycorrhizal fungi, primarily *Russula* fungi, as opposed to receiving its nutrients via photosynthesis of sunlight. Ghost pipe could not survive without this host relationship, which is one reason it is very difficult to cultivate. Since they are not dependent on sunlight, ghost pipes can live in dark or shaded areas of the forest and it likes its feet wet.

This unusual flower is very difficult if not impossible to cultivate. Seeds for sale, if real to begin with, are most often a waste of money. The circumstances under which ghost pipe grows is complex. A research lab, using complicated methods, was able to germinate a root cluster after about a year under specific conditions in the lab. If you are able to cultivate any, that’s great!



**THIS DELICATE AND unusual flower lives a secluded life and can only be observed for about one week a year.** Photo courtesy of foragingguru.com

Please share with others how you did it.

Don’t confuse ghost pipe, *Monotropa uniflora*, with pinesap, *Monotropa hypopitys*. Pinesap is a ghost pipe look alike; although, unlike ghost pipe’s single flower head, pinesap produces several flowers clustered close together which may appear as a single flower head and can have colors from creamy white or yellow to shades of red.

Emily Dickinson’s first book of poetry pictured ghost pipe as its cover photo. She referred to ghost pipe as “the preferred flower of life.”

In the past, ghost pipe has been used for conditions such as convulsions and epilepsies, eye infections, chlorea, toothache, sores that wouldn’t heal, menstrual cramps, stress or anxiety, migraines, nerve pain, bunions and warts, colds, severe mental and emotional pain due to PTSD or panic attacks, and for general pain.

Ghost pipe is an antinociceptive and works as a sedative; which means, it elevates pain thresholds or tolerance levels by reducing

sensitivity. Some of the compounds found in ghost pipe are considered toxic in large doses.

West Virginia is one of only five states where ghost pipe is considered “secure” with an S5 subnational conservation status rating. These plants are rare and should be left to grow; however, if there is a need for some, only a few, about three or four, can go a long way. Never harvest more than 10% of a patch and none at all if the colony is less than 20 flowers; give the area a few more years to populate before trying again.

You cannot harvest ghost pipe like you can most other herbs and you must go prepared. These tender plants should be tinctured immediately while in the field.

Items needed:

- Jar with clean water
- Jar with enough 100-proof vodka to cover three or four ghost pipe stems
- Clean scissors
- A pair of tweezers
- Paper towels

Once this elusive plant is discovered, clip the tops off (roots are not needed but may produce a slightly stronger tincture if included). Choose stems that have a flower head bent over, still facing the ground. If they are pointing up, it is too late to harvest them as they have already been pollinated and will start to dissolve quickly.

Use tweezers to carefully dip each stem/flower head into the clean water to lightly rinse off dirt, place on a paper towel to remove the excess water, then quickly

drop it into the vodka so that it is fully covered. If needed, the stems may be cut into smaller pieces to stay submerged in the alcohol and flower heads may need a little shaking, with the tweezers, to remove air pockets which may cause them to float.

Allow the flowers to marinate in the menstruum for several weeks, gently shaking the jar daily to ensure each piece is covered by the alcohol. The liquid will turn a beautiful hue of violet to dark purple. After a few weeks, the tincture may be strained and decanted, or the ghost pipes may be left in it until finished off.

Ghost pipe is not to be used for every day common pains or while nursing or pregnant.



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Housing, Building Regulations and Life Safety Ordinance

Chapter 2: Housing, Building Regulations and Life Safety Ordinance

Section 2-1 (a) Amendments for the Purpose of the Adoption of the International Property Maintenance Building Code, 2012 Edition.

There is hereby adopted by the Town of Durbin, for the purpose of establishing rules and regulations for the removal, demolition, equipment, use and occupancy, location and maintenance of buildings and structures, including permits and penalties that certain building code known as the International Property Maintenance Code, being particularly the 2012 edition, thereof and the whole thereof, save and except such portions as are hereinafter deleted, modified or amended, of which not less than three copies have been and now are filed in the office of the Recorder of the Town of Durbin, and filed with the WV State Fire Marshall's Office the same are hereby adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out at length herein, and from the date on which this ordinance shall take effect, the provisions thereof shall be controlling in the construction of all buildings and structures therein contained within the corporate limits of the Town of Durbin.

Section 2-1 (b) Amendments for the Purpose of Absorbing Regulations Formerly Under Separate Ordinance.

For the purpose of aligning all former ordinances and regulations as pertaining to housing, particularly "Trailer and Building Regulations" and the previous building ordinance dated September 7, 2007, it is hereby accepted that those former ordinances and regulations be absorbed, or replaced, if amended, by this new document upon its proper passing.

Section 2-1 (b) Amendments for the Purpose of Absorbing Regulations Formerly Under Separate Ordinance.

- Section 2-2 Definitions for the purposes of this document as they relate specifically to the Housing, Building, and Life Safety Ordinance for The Town of Durbin.
Section 2-3 Establishment of Office of Building Code Official and Related Duties.
Section 2-4 Fire Limits Established.
Section 2-5 Building Permit Required.
Section 2-6 Fees.
Section 2-7 Applications for Permits.
Section 2-8 Construction Regulations.
Section 2-9a Nuisance.
Section 2-9b Nuisance-Expounded.
Section 2-10 Notice of Violation.
Section 2-11 Repairs and Other Corrective Action.
Section 2-12 Buildings, Condemned.
Section 2-13 Saving Clause.
Section 2-14 Validity.
Section 2-15 Inconsistent Ordinances, Repeal.
Section 2-16 Plenary Power Given.

First Reading: 6/21/2023
Second Reading: 6/28/23
Adopted on: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor, John Osborne
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Water & Waste Management
Office of Waste Management
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APPLICATION FOR WEST VIRGINIA SOLID WASTE LANDFILL PERMIT RENEWAL/ NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT RENEWAL

Permit notice no.: SW-04-23 Paper: The Pocahontas Times
Public notice dates: July 6, 2023 206 Eighth Street
July 13, 2023 Marlinton, WV 24954

The following has applied to the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection for a solid waste landfill permit renewal.

Applicant: Pocahontas County Solid Waste Authority
900-H 10th Avenue
Marlinton, WV 24954
Application no.: SWF-2001/WV0109436
Location: County Route 28 approximately 2 miles north of Dilleys Mill and approximately 3000 feet south of the intersection of Routes 28 and 13
Activity: Class B Municipal Solid Waste Landfill

This permit allows a permitted acreage of 23 acres, with a permitted disposal area of 3.3 acres. The applicant may receive a maximum of 1,400 tons monthly of the following types of waste: solid waste as defined in W. Va. Code Chapter 22, Article 15, Section 2(27) and as listed in 33CSR1 Section 2.114. Wastewater treatment plant solids, non-hazardous industrial process solid wastes, and non-hazardous sludge will only be accepted after approval by the Division of Water and Waste Management. Tires may be used in the landfill in accordance with W. Va. Code and 33CSR5. The waste will originate from the 48 contiguous states, the District of Columbia, and Canada. The facility is located on an unnamed tributary of Thorny Creek of the Greenbrier River in Pocahontas County. The center of the site is 38° 16' 45" N latitude, and 79° 56' 15" W longitude. The leachate discharge point is (001) 38° 16' 49" N latitude and 79° 56' 10" W longitude. The storm water discharge points are the following: (002) 38° 16' 51" N latitude and 79° 56' 11" W longitude; (003) 38° 16' 42" N latitude and 79° 56' 07" W longitude; (004) 38° 16' 42" N latitude and 79° 56' 15" W longitude. On the basis of review of the application, the Solid Waste Management Act, Chapter 22, Article 15, Sections 5(b) and 5(c); and the West Virginia Solid Waste Management Rule 33CSR1, the state of West Virginia will act on the above application. Interested persons may submit written comments during the 30-day public comment period, which begins on July 6, 2023 and ends on August 7, 2023 to the following address:

West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Water & Waste Management
Office of Waste Management
601 57th Street SE
Charleston, WV 25304
Attention: Hiral Kukkillaya

Comments received within this time period will be considered prior to any state action on the subject application. Correspondence should include the name, address, and telephone number of the writer and a concise statement of the nature of the issues addressed. To receive a copy of the permit application or draft permit, please contact Hiral Kukkillaya at the Division of Water and Waste Management, Office of Waste Management, 601 57th Street SE, Charleston, WV 25304, (304) 926-0499, ext. 43880; between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. A public hearing may be held if the state identifies a significant degree of public interest on issues relevant to the permit application. To obtain further information concerning the subject application or to request a public hearing, you may contact the Division of Waste Management during the public comment period at the above address.



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NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES
TOWN OF HILLSBORO

The Town of Hillsboro located in Pocahontas County, West Virginia, is in the process of obtaining the services of a consulting engineer that may include evaluation, rehabilitation and extension of segments of the Town's existing sidewalk system.

- The consultant will be required to:
(1) prepare a preliminary engineering report,
(2) design and prepare construction drawings, bid specifications, and bid documents,
(3) evaluate bids received and make recommendation of award,
(4) monitor and inspect construction activities to ensure compliance with plans and specifications,
(5) review and approve contractor's pay estimates and
(6) any other services required by the Town for the implementation of this project.

All consultants interested in being considered for this project must submit a proposal detailing qualifications, technical expertise, management, and staffing capabilities, related prior experience, and explanation of firm's current errors and omissions insurance coverage.

The purpose of the competitive process is to objectively select the consultant who will provide the highest quality of service at a realistic fee. Accordingly, technical qualifications and experience will be weighed heavily.

Please submit three (3) copies of all requested information prior to 4:00 p.m. Friday, July 28, 2023 to:

Town of Hillsboro
Attention: Mayor Siers
PO Box 88
Hillsboro, WV 24946

Please also forward a copy of your proposal via e-mail to jbak@reg4wv.org
For questions or additional information, please contact Mayor, Gail Siers, 304-653-4005. It is the responsibility of the respondent to ensure the receipt of the proposal by the date specified.

Attention is directed to the fact that the project may be undertaken with a combination of State and/Federal funds and all work must be performed in accordance with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

The selected firm will be required to comply with the Uniform Relocation Act, Title VI of the Civil Rights Acts of 1964, President's Executive Order No. 11246, Section 109 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1974, Section 3 of the House and Urban Development Act of 1968, Conflict of Interest Statement and Access to Records provisions. The selected firm must also fully comply with the Minority/Women-Owned Business Enterprise and Affirmative Action requirements. If a portion of the contract is subcontracted, then "positive efforts" must be made to subcontract to Minority/Women-Owned Businesses. This shall be done in compliance with the six (6) affirmative steps as outlined in 40 CFR 33.240.

The Town will afford full opportunity to women-owned and minority business enterprises that submit a show of interest in response to this request and will not discriminate against any interested firm or individual on the grounds of race, creed, color, sex, age, handicap, or national origin in the award of this contract.

This contract will be awarded to the responsible offeror whose proposal is within the competitive range and determined to be the most advantageous to the Town, price and other factors considered. 7/6/1c

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

PUBLIC NOTICE
WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE, 601 57TH STREET SE, CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA
25304-2345 TELEPHONE: (304) 926-0440, TDD:(304) 926-0493, and VOICE-TO-TDD RELAY: 1-800-422-5700

APPLICATION FOR A CLASS 5 UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL PERMIT

Public Notice No.: JKL-32-23 Public Notice Date: July 6, 2023
Paper: Pocahontas Times

The following has applied for a Class 5 Underground Injection Control Permit for this facility or activity:

Application No.: 0840-04-075
Applicant: Pocahontas County Board of Education
404 Old Buckeye Rd
Buckeye, WV 24924

Facility: Green Bank Elementary School,
5917 Potomac Highlands Trail,
Green Bank, WV 24944
Latitude 38:25:29 Longitude 79:49:41
Business conducted: Elementary School

Activity: Discharge solely sanitary waste to an underground on-site disposal system. The State of West Virginia will act on the above application in accordance with the West Virginia Legislative Rules, Title 47, Series 13, Section 14.24 issued pursuant to Chapter 22, Article 11 and Article 12.

Any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit and may request a public hearing in writing within thirty (30) days of the date of this public notice. Comments or requests should be addressed to:

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

The public comment period begins July 6, 2023 and ends August 5, 2023

Comments received within this period will be considered prior to issuance of the permit. Correspondence should include the name, address, and telephone number of the writer and a concise statement of the nature of the issues raised. A public hearing may be held if the Director determines there is significant public interest in one or more issues relevant to the draft permit. Interested persons may contact the public information office to obtain further information.

The application, draft permit or factsheet may be inspected by appointment at the Division of Water and Waste Management, 601 57th St SE, Charleston, WV 25304 between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on business days. Copies of documents may be obtained upon request. Individuals requiring Telecommunication Device (TDD) may contact our agency by calling 800-422-5700 between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For further information contact the person identified above at (304) 926-0495, or judy.k.lupson@wv.gov 7/6/1c

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.

Farm land - 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 changes 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
6/29/2c





TREY WELLINGTON

# New Skyline Bluegrass Festival returns to Ronceverte

New Skyline Productions, Inc. is pleased to announce the second annual "New Skyline Bluegrass Festival on the River" which will take place Friday, July 14, and Saturday, July 15, beginning with welcoming remarks at 5 p.m. in the Island Park Amphitheatre in Ronceverte. The original "Skyline Bluegrass Festival" took place on a mountaintop farm overlooking the Greenbrier River above the town of Ronceverte from 1976 – 1985.

Through the years, it featured many of the greats in bluegrass music and was comprised of local West Virginia and regional musicians. Its purpose was to preserve and advance the tradition of Bluegrass and Newgrass music in Greenbrier County and beyond. New Skyline Productions, Inc. is committed to embracing and continuing this tradition. The schedule for Friday,

July 14, beginning at 5:15 p.m. features: After Jack Band; Troubadour Blue; Mud Hole Control; A Tribute to John Prine from Jim Snyder and His Prime Prine Band; and Trey Wellington. Saturday, July 15, will kick off at 5:15 p.m. with Richard Hefner and The Black Mountain Bluegrass Boys; Blue Steel; Greenbrier Grass; and The Gibson Brothers. Admission is free.



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(1). Nitrous oxide (2). Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band (3). Paris and Istanbul (4). Jimmy Swagart

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### LISTINGS

<p><b>6546 - Mill Point.</b> Little Mountain Retreat, Lot D-6. Offering approximately 4.5 wooded acres in restricted development. Easy access, nice building site and great views. Owner financing available. - \$15,000</p>	<p><b>6548 - Hillsboro.</b> Lot C-1. Offering 2 wooded acres in Little Mountain Retreat with easy access. Protective Covenants apply. Near national forest and fishing. Owner financing available. - \$15,000</p>	<p><b>4886 - Lewisburg.</b> Lamplighter Subdivision. Lot 14. Voted the "Coolest Small Town in America!" Property is close to all the best the Greenbrier Valley has to offer! Title insurance available. - \$10,000</p>	<p><b>6415 - Huntersville.</b> This property offers a unique 4BR/1BA home and 5BR/2BA lodge on 1.5 acres bordering national forest. Great recreational business opportunity. close to hiking, fishing and hunting. - \$159,900</p>	<p><b>6557 - Green Bank.</b> 5BR/4BA mountain retreat with log home, manufactured home, cabin, picnic pavilion, outbuildings and serene views. Just steps to national forest. Near the Greenbrier River and Trail. - \$349,500</p>
<p><b>5942 - Snowshoe.</b> Beautiful 2.13 acre building lot just 1.5 miles from the back entrance to Snowshoe. 4,000 ft. elevation. Minutes from Cass Scenic Railroad, the Greenbrier River Trail and national forest. - \$36,900</p>	<p><b>6547 - Mill Point.</b> Little Mountain Retreat, Lot B-10. Four +/- wooded acres with private access and underground electric in the center of a restricted development. Will divide. Veterans discount/owner financing. - \$22,000</p>	<p><b>6457 - Auto.</b> 4.7 precious, private acres just waiting for you to bring your camper or build your dream home. No HOA. No covenants or restrictions. Great building site with wooded boundary and deeded access. - \$55,000</p>	<p><b>5469 - Woodrow.</b> 27 acres with gorgeous, long distance mountain views. Close to Williams River, national forest, Highland Scenic Highway and Handley Wildlife Area. - \$125,000</p>	<p><b>6532 - Rimel.</b> Well-maintained 2BR/1.5BA camp on 2.91 acres bordering national forest. Middle Fork Anthony's Creek runs through the property. Close to fishing, hiking and hunting. - \$95,000</p>
<p><b>6045 - Edray/Cass.</b> 87.55 mostly wooded acres with small clearing and spring bordering national forest. Private. Near Marlinton and the Greenbrier River and Trail. - \$250,000</p>	<p><b>6495 - Rainelle.</b> 2BR/1BA home on a level lot. Home needs work. - \$9,900</p>	<p><b>4600 - Edray.</b> 2+/- acres with city water and sewer. - \$89,900</p>	<p><b>5946 - Boyer.</b> Two acres on an old country road. Private. In the Quiet Zone. Good price. - \$14,990</p>	<p><b>4495 - Dunmore.</b> 12 acres with long frontage on Rt. 28. Property has easy access and a small building site. - \$32,500</p>

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