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PMH holds grand opening of Joe and Peg Greenlee Health Clinic

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

It was a beautiful day last Wednesday when, just a little over a year after the groundbreaking ceremony, Pocahontas Memorial Hospital celebrated the grand opening of the Joe and Peg Greenlee Health Clinic.

Unlike the day of the groundbreaking – where it poured the rain – the sun shone brightly on Wednesday’s momentous occasion where all involved in the creation of the new addition were recognized for their efforts.

PMH CFO and former interim CEO Becky Hammer greeted the crowd and thanked them for attending the dedication and ribbon cutting.

“It has been quite a journey,” she said. “It really has. I am elated to be here for the grand opening of our 7,600 square foot addition to our facility – the Rural Health Clinic, the physical therapy and the occupational therapy program. I can’t believe the last year has passed so quickly.”

Hammer mentioned Joe Greenlee, who, with his wife, Peg, made a \$1 million contribution to the project.



POCAHONTAS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL CEO Michelle Deeds and CFO Becky Hammer, center, are joined by dignitaries and supporters for the ribbon cutting last Wednesday at the new Joe and Peg Greenlee Health Clinic at PMH. S. Stewart photo

Peg passed away February 1, 2022, but Joe was able to attend the groundbreaking ceremony July 26, 2022. He passed away August 18, 2022.

“This was his dream that we could improve upon our facility and see it change and remodel, and focus on the future,” Hammer said. “I can’t thank him enough for his contributions to this hospital and what he and Peg did for us. We will be eternally grateful.”

The Greenlees were from Charleston, but had a cabin on the Greenbrier River.

Their first experience with PMH left such a lasting impression that Joe made it his goal to ensure the hospital could always provide care and compassion to patients in need.

Hammer introduced Kathy Lester, who was the Greenlee’s financial advisor. Lester explained that during one of their visits to the cabin, Peg had a respiratory issue and was taken to PMH.

“From the moment they got here until the moment she walked out on her own, she was met with nothing but love and compassion,” she

said. “Nurses and aides and everyone who came into her room – you have no idea the kindness that you show people, how important it is. Her life was changed as a result of that.”

Soon after, Joe contacted then PMH CEO Mary Beth Barr and asked her to “make a list” of what the hospital needed. The donations started with two breathing machines with humidity and the Hospice room and continued with the generous donation to the new addition.

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FROSTMORE FARMS CO-OWNER Rachel Taylor was honored last Sunday at the West Virginia State Fair with the Women in Agriculture Award. Taylor was joined at the award ceremony by her family: husband, Adam, and children, Bryce and Camryn. S. Stewart photo

Taylor receives Women in Agriculture award

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Staff Writer

Since 2010, the West Virginia Department of Agriculture has honored women who are in the agriculture field – as farm owners or those who make a career in agriculture businesses and organizations.

Those selected as honorees are named Women in Agriculture and are honored at a ceremony at the West Virginia State Fair in Lewisburg.

Frostmore Farms co-owner Rachel Taylor was one of three women to receive the award this year.

At Sunday’s ceremony, West Virginia Agriculture Commissioner Kent Leonhardt congratulated the women and spoke about how the agriculture industry continues to grow and prosper in the state.

“I’m proud to report that agriculture in West Virginia is growing,” he said. “We’re opposite the trends. This week was Farmers Market Week, and they talked about how farmers markets have grown nationally, but West Virginia has outpaced the national growth.”

Part of the reason agriculture is growing is the

number of women who are making careers in the industry.

“I’ve said it every year, thirty percent of the agriculture workforce in West Virginia is women,” Leonhardt said. “That’s significant, and it’s very important. We know the men that are in the workforce – a lot of times – there’s a woman behind them, and they don’t get the same recognition.”

“Women play a lot bigger role than people really realize in our agriculture.”

Department of Agriculture deputy director of communications Jennifer Smith Poling introduced each honoree and shared that, while Taylor was not born and raised on a farm, her love of agriculture has led her, and her husband, Adam, to found and grow their own called Frostmore Farms.

“In 2009, she became co-owner of Frostmore Farms,” Poling said. “The farms are split between Dunmore, where she operates a 267-acre maple operation and a forty acre farm in Arbovale that includes you-pick blueberries, raspberries, pumpkins and sunflower patches.”

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As Sweet as Honey

Melody Phillips
Staff Writer

Different types

Different types of honey not only have different tastes, textures, colors and aromas, but also contain different nutritional compounds. There are more than 300, that’s far too many to list in an article so here are some of the more common ones, with, perhaps, a few unusual ones thrown in.

Acacia honey comes from black locust trees (known as false acacia), which produces an almost clear honey, considered one of the purest tasting honeys with a mild yet sweet flavor. This is one of the clearest honeys in the world and, due to its high fructose content, it is unlikely to crystallize. Rich in nutrients and antioxidants, acacia honey is sought after for its taste as well as its impressive health benefits for skin care, immune and en-



IT TAKES 20 years for the leatherwood tree to start producing nectar – which this honeybee is eagerly collecting. Photo courtesy of change.org

ergy boosting properties, wound healing and many others.

Buckwheat Honey

Buckwheat honey appears almost like molasses in color and has a strong/ bold flavor that makes it good to use for baking. The dark honey has more antioxidants than lighter colored products, making it good for sore throats. The boldness of this honey also makes it useful for marinades and meat dishes.

Clover Honey

Clover, thought of as a weed for a long time, is an easy-care, drought-tolerant grass alternative that may be harvested to use as forage, hay or silage. This means it is a common plant across much of North America resulting in clover honey being one of the most common honeys sold in the United States.

Eucalyptus Honey

Originally from Australia, eucalyptus honey is now also produced in California and

tropical to temperate locations around the world. This honey has a unique yet distinctive flavor with a bit of a menthol aroma and medicinal ambience. Along with other health benefits common to honey, eucalyptus honey may help with insomnia and inhibit the growth of bacteria such as Staphylococcus aureus and Escherichia coli.

The presence of cineol, which produces the aromatic characteristics of eucalyptus,

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Two summer programs prepared students for school

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

At the August 8 Pocahontas County Board of Education meeting, English/language arts coach Stephanie Burns gave a report on the two reading programs that took place this summer.

The first was a four-session summer literacy camp held at Marlinton Elementary, Green Bank Elementary-Middle and Hillsboro Elementary schools.

"We focused toward ages three through six," Burns said. "Our main goals were to introduce nursery rhymes, to show them, physically, nursery rhymes, to provide Read Aloud activities and craft and art activities that also connected to Read Aloud and nursery rhymes. They each received a book related to what they addressed each day. If the child came all four days, they received four books."

The second program was Battle of the Books, which was open to elementary and middle school students. There are six books for each grade level and all five county libraries will receive the books so the students can have access to them.

"We chose the same list as Greenbrier County because, in the spring, we're hoping to also compete with Greenbrier County," Burns said. "We tried to do this during the year of COVID and everything kind of fell apart. We've never competed outside our county level. This year is the first year we're going to try to carry through with that plan."

The board thanked Burns for the update and for organizing the summer programs.

In updates:
• Superintendent Lynne Bostic provided several pieces of information to the board, including the updated dress code for all schools

and an update on the number of homeschooled students in the county.

At the time of the meeting, Bostic said there were 75 students being homeschooled. She added that she is working with the staff to reach out to families of homeschooled children to let them know about the virtual school option offered through Pocahontas County Schools at no charge to the families.

Bostic said the school system is working with Proximity to provide virtual school and is in its third year of the collaboration between the program and Pocahontas County Schools. In addition to sending out postcards to families about Proximity, Bostic said she plans to follow up with phone calls to ensure the families know about their options.

In financial management, the board approved the following:

- Payment of vendor listing, payment of local government purchasing card, employee payroll, bank reconciliation of the month of June 2023 and grant awards.
- School support organizations for fundraisers and school based fundraisers for 2023-2024.
- To allow parents an opportunity to purchase insurance through School Device Coverage (SDC) a division of U-PIC Insurance Services to cover the Surface GO2 or Surface GO 3 devices at \$34 per year, effective for the 2023-2024 school year.

In miscellaneous management, the board approved the following:

- Memorandum of Understanding between Pocahontas County Board of Education and Community Care of West Virginia, Inc., to provide healthcare services in the School Based Health Care Center facilities at Green Bank Elementary-Middle School, Marlinton

Elementary School, Marlinton Middle School and Pocahontas County High School for the 2023-2024 school year.

- Memorandum of Understanding between West Virginia Department of Education Office of Child Nutrition and Pocahontas County Schools, effective for the 2023-2024 school year.
- WVDE National School Lunch Program (NSLP) – Snack Agreement Addendum with Pocahontas County Schools for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Memorandum of Understanding between Pocahontas County Schools and West Virginia's Family Nutrition Program to provide nutrition and physical activity programs for low-income families and/or children for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Accepted the bid from United Dairy, for purchasing dairy products for the schools, per the terms of the contract for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Accepted the bid from Tri-County Wholesale Produce, for purchasing produce products for the schools, per the terms of the contract for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Accepted the bid from Flowers Bakery Co. of Jamestown, LLC., for purchasing bakery products for the schools, per the terms of the contract for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Contract between Pocahontas County Schools and Diana Smith, Certified School Psychologist, effective for the 2023-2024 school year, per the terms of the contract.
- Contract between Pocahontas County Board of Education and Melanie Mason, Physical Therapy, effective August 16 through December 31, per the terms of the contract.

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Manchin secures funding for county projects

U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV), member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, secured \$312,452,233 in Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) for local West Virginia projects in the Senate Appropriations Committee's fiscal year 2024 funding bills. The Senate Appropriations Committee, under regular order and on a bipartisan basis, reported all 12 annual appropriations bills to the full Senate for the first time since 2018. Seven of the bills, more than half, were reported

with unanimous support. The Senate Appropriations Committee allows members of Congress to submit CDS requests, which provide opportunities for state and local governments, non-profits and other public entities to receive targeted federal funding for projects that bolster their communities.

Included in the funding was \$6,000,000 for Pocahontas Memorial Hospital for its recent expansion project.

In addition, Manchin announced \$4,043,000 from the U.S. Department of Jus-

tice (DOJ) for eight projects to promote public safety and support law enforcement across West Virginia. These federal awards are from the Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) requests.

Among those projects, \$54,000 was awarded to Region 4 Planning and Development Council to support purchasing an emergency services vehicle for the Snowshoe Resort Community District's Ranger Department to address long wait times for emergency service.

Ginseng permits available on national forest

Monongahela National Forest will begin selling ginseng permits for the 2023 harvest season Monday, August 28. In addition to following all state laws, a Forest Service permit is required to dig ginseng on National Forest System lands.

You can purchase a permit at the ranger stations in Parsons, Petersburg, Richwood, Bartow, Marlinton or White Sulphur Springs, or the Supervisor's Office in Elkins, Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Forest ginseng permits cost \$20 each. A separate permit is required for each district on the Forest. This year, you may only buy one permit per district at a time. Each permit allows you to collect up to 95 plants from one ranger district during the West Virginia ginseng season, Sept. 1 through Nov. 30. You can purchase an additional permit for the same district after you return each completed permit, as supplies allow.

Ginseng plants must have three or more prongs and have produced fruit this year to be legal for harvest. When

harvesting, plant the fruit on-site and then keep the rest of the plant intact. Harvest no more than 24 plants per day and have no more than 24 plants in your possession while on national forest land.

For more information about state laws concerning ginseng harvest, refer to <https://wvforestry.com/laws-regulations/ginseng/>

For more information about Monongahela National Forest ginseng permits, visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/mnf/passes-permits/forestproducts/?cid=FS-EPRD597459>

Circuit Court

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

David Mace, 37, of Marlinton, appeared by video from the Tygart Valley Regional Jail for a status hearing, wherein the court granted a defense motion for a continuance in the matter. Mace was indicted on three counts, strangulation; and two counts, wanton endangerment involving a firearm.

Kevin Ray Curry, 35, an inmate at Mt. Olive Correctional Center, appearing by video, pleaded guilty to Count III of his indictment, the felony offense of grand larceny. The court granted the state's motion to dismiss Counts I and II. Curry waived his right to a presentence investigation and

asked to be sentenced that day. The court sentenced him to not less than one year nor more than 10 years in the state penitentiary with credit for time served since February 21, 2023. Costs were assessed as judgment. Any restitution will be assessed at a later date.

A change of plea is set for September 28 in the case the State vs Angela Turner. Turner is being referred to the Drug Court Program and agreed to plead according to the State's agreement with regard to two cases against her. Turner was indicted by the December 2022 Grand Jury on one count, driving while license revoked for

driving under the influence of alcohol, third offense; and by the August 2023 Grand Jury on two counts, driving revoked for driving under the influence of alcohol. At her August 10 arraignment hearing, Turner pleaded not guilty to the latest charges and remains on previous \$6,500 bond.

Motions hearing was held in the case the State vs Ross George Benedict, 36, of Marlinton, wherein the court granted the defendant's motion requesting Grand Jury transcript. The motion for access to Mr. Benedict's

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911 Center Report

Pocahontas County Homeland Security and Emergency Management Director Michael O'Brien provided the following report of calls received by the 911 center during the month of July:

The 681 calls were as follows:

- Nature of Call/
Total Calls Received**
- 911 ABD, open, hang-up – 26
 - Abandoned vehicle – 6
 - Accidental dial – 4
 - Law, animal control – 20
 - Assault/battery – 3
 - Accident with injuries – 19
 - Auto accident – 9
 - Law, breaking and entering – 6
 - DNR Bear Damage – 3
 - Law, BOLO [Be on the Lookout] – 1
 - Law, Citizen assist/non-emergency – 25
 - Controlled burn – 2
 - Destruction of property – 1
 - DNR, violation complaint – 4
 - DOA/unattended death – 1
 - Law, domestic – 8
 - Law, drug complaint – 2
 - DVP violation – 1
 - Fire, alarm – elevator – 28
 - Alarm, fire – 6

- Fire, non-emergency – 5
- Law, general alarm – 23
- Law, shots fired – 2
- Fire, Hazmat incident – 2
- Highway traffic hazard – 52
- Information/notice – 34
- Law, criminal investigation – 6
- Theft of property – 9
- Law, general complaint – 75
- Law, lost/found property – 2
- EMS, medical – 80
- Fire, medical alarm – 1
- Law, mental hygiene – 1
- Missing/overdue person – 6
- General notice – 3

- Law, paper service – 10
- EMS, patient transfer – 39
- Fire, secure landing zone – 12
- Law, sex crime – 2
- Theft of vehicle – 2
- Fire, structure – 2
- Fire, suspicious odor – 2
- System test – 5
- Law, traffic stop – 60
- Law, transport person – 7
- EMS, trauma – 29
- Law, trespassing – 2
- VIN verification – 1
- Law, warrant service – 6
- Law, welfare check – 15
- DNR, wildlife management – 11

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AN ARCHITECTURAL CONCEPT design by Destination by Design in Boone, North Carolina, shows the plan for a trailhead on Third Avenue and Ninth Street in Marlinton. The trailhead will include signage, a pump track, picnic shelters, restrooms and parking for locals and visitors when they use the Greenbrier River Trail or mountain bike.

New trailhead proposal gaining momentum

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

At the August 7 Marlinton Town Council meeting, Tim Johnson, director of outdoor recreation planning at Destination by Design in Boone, North Carolina, gave a presentation on the proposed trailhead for the corner of Third Avenue and Ninth Street in downtown Marlinton.

The trailhead is to provide information and a starting point for people using the Greenbrier River Trail in Marlinton. In his proposal, Johnson explained the layout of the trailhead and how it will not only act as a place for information, but a place for additional recreation for visitors and locals.

“Our goal was to create something special for Marlinton,” he said. “Something that people would remember. It would serve as a trailhead, but it would also serve as a place for folks to come – locals, as well as visitors.”

Johnson presented two concepts, with only one difference – the first has a removable pump track and the second has a permanent pump track.

“We’ve provided two options, because we know this site is in the floodplain, so one of these, we feel would be less expensive in the floodplain – you would have to do less to make this happen – versus the second concept,” he said.

The layout includes 36 parking spots and signage at two entrances – one on Third Avenue and one on Ninth



INCLUDED IN THE design is a pump track which can be used by children and adults. In the presentation to Marlinton Town Council, Destination by Design director of outdoor recreation planning Tim Johnson explained that the town could choose either to build a modular pump track, above, which can be removed, or a paved pump track which would be permanent.

Street. Facing Third Avenue, beside the Frontier parcel, will be a picnic shelter and pump track – whether it be the removable or permanent track. Behind the Frontier parcel on Ninth Street will be a food truck plaza, picnic shelter and public restrooms.

Next to the Greenbrier River Trail will be sign kiosk and bike repair stations.

Johnson went into detail explaining the two types of pump tracks and why Destination by Design suggested the use of a removable track.

“Pump tracks are a bike specific amenity that you see a lot now in various places and the design of these pump tracks allows the rider to ride the track, ride in a circle or the shape of the track, simply by pumping their bike,” he said. “So they pedal to get started, but once they get their momentum going, they’re not pedaling at all.”

“This is something that little kids enjoy,” he continued. “This is something that adults enjoy. In Concept A, we are showing a modular pump track. This would be

on a concrete pad and could be removed if a flood was coming or there was a concern about the water getting up, so this would be a removable item, albeit not easily movable.”

If the town chose to go the route of a permanent pump track, Johnson said the track would be paved.

In creating the concept for the trailhead, the design team chose an industrial theme to go with the town’s railroad

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Unclaimed Property Auctions at the West Virginia State Fair

State Treasurer Riley Moore’s Office will host live, in-person Unclaimed Property Auctions during the 2023 State Fair of West Virginia in Fairlea.

The auctions will take place Friday, August 18; and Saturday, August 19, beginning at 5 p.m. each day.

The items up for bid include rare coins, currency, jewelry and other collectibles that have been turned over to the Office’s

Unclaimed Property Division by banks or law enforcement. The items will be on display at the State Treasurer’s Office booth, located in the West Virginia Building, throughout the fair.

In addition to conducting the auctions, State Treasurer’s Office staff will be available throughout the fair to conduct unclaimed property searches for anyone who visits the Office’s booth in the West Virginia Building.



TRIVIA – a little something to think about

Courtesy of Chuck Cornell

1. She was Walter Mondale’s VP running mate in the 1984 presidential election. She was the first female VP on a major political ticket. Who was she?

2. Which sporting goods manufacturer sells a white volleyball with a reproduction of a bloodied handprint face on it?

3. What were the two food items you took in 1814 on your trip with Colonel Jackson down the mighty Mississippi?

4. This American artist was known for her paintings of enlarged flowers and New Mexico landscapes. She has often been called “The Mother of American Modernism.”



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Marlinton Mayor's Corner

By Sam Felton

Last Wednesday was a beautiful day for the Ribbon Cutting for the Joe and Peg Greenlee Rural Health Clinic. This addition will provide space for new and improved services at Pocahontas Memorial Hospital. This beautiful addition is a tremendous asset for our area. A new and updated workspace will be a treat for staff to work in and all employees seemed anxious to get to work. They have been waiting to utilize personal talents with new equipment, and in a modern facility. By now, it should be known that this Rural Health Care facility is way past being referred to as a band aid station. That is my two cents on the new hospital addition itself, and the following is the reason why.

What I wanted to share with our readers and hospital staff is an ongoing story that goes back more than 15 years. As an Associate Pastor, I started visiting patients at PMH every Sunday after church. After becoming mayor, I continued the habit of "making my rounds" until

visits were stopped during the first quarter of 2020. Sometimes, if there was only one or two patients, I would greet the staff at the nurses' station, and be headed for home within 20 to 30 minutes. Other times, it would be hours, depending on what was going on. I will always remember hearing that first primal scream that echoed through the halls after a husband passed away upon arrival at the ER. I hope you can understand when I say that it was one of those days I wished I hadn't gone, but was glad I was there. This was all pre-COVID.

Nevertheless, there have been hundreds of times I visited with patients who were from out-of-state. They were in the county visiting, sometimes camping, or in most cases vacationing at Snowshoe, when an accident or sudden health episode would require hospitalization.

Often, the EMS and first responders who provided the transport would be commended for friendly and professional care, from start to finish. Without exception, I

would hear nothing but positive remarks upon arriving at the ER. Most patients would share experiences about their home hospitals. The theme was common, whether it was Atlanta, Baltimore or Charlotte. A two hour wait in the hallway or waiting area was not uncommon. When they arrived at PMH, someone was waiting there for them. Most were surprised that we had such a facility in such a rural area.

Always, patients staying overnight were surprised about the personal and continuous care. A pleasant staff member attending to every need was a pleasant surprise. This was what touched the Greenlees. They recognized something special in the care they received in Pocahontas County and wanted to do something special in return—and my goodness, did they!

So, to all the doctors, nurses and support staff at Pocahontas Memorial Hospital and the Joe and Peg Greenlee Rural Health Clinic, we love you and are glad you are here. I believe the moral to the story is this: It is a lot like home and family. We are prone to fuss about those that are closest and dearest to us. Keep up the good work. You are making a difference in our world and our community.

Poetry Corner

THE SONG OF THE GOLFER

I met a sad-eyed golfer
Who sang this song to me;
"I never make a hole in par,
I'm never trouble free.
The game is torment to my soul
I curse it like a Turk
It sore perplexeth me, and yet
I'd rather golf than work.

"My game is rotten all the time,
I never get a drive,
I'm lucky on a three-par hole
If I get down in five.
I never get a follow through,
My swing is mostly jerk,
I hate the game and yet somehow
I'd rather golf than work.

"It angers me to dub a shot
It's torture when I top,
It's punishment to stand and see
A putt that will not drop.
Consumed with rage, I tramp the rough

And feign a pleasant smirk,
A suffering soul I am, and yet
I'd rather golf than work.

"I do not play the game for fun,
It is not fun to me;
All that I get upon the links
Is bitter misery.
I am a victim of despair,
Rage, hate and sorrow lurk
Within my breast, and yet, somehow
I'd rather golf than work."

The above was sent to us by a friend. We think that he did it on purpose. We continue...
I'm old and much the kind of man
Described above in song,
I putter round the prescribed course,
And mostly do it wrong;
I do not play games for fun,
That day has long gone by,
I walk the agonizing miles,
I'd rather golf than die.
~ The Pocahontas Times 1923

Community Calendar

PUBLIC NOTICE
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
FREE Community Dinner Thursday, August 24, 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Marlinton Presbyterian Church. Sponsored by area churches and community volunteers. On the menu: Spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert.
Pocahontas County 4-H and FFA Livestock Show and Sale Saturday, August 26, at the Pocahontas Producers Stockyards in Marlinton. Livestock Show at noon; Livestock Show at 7 p.m. For more information, call the WVU-Pocahontas County Extension Office at 304-799-4852.

Comedy, Poetry, Short Story Reading and Potluck Saturday, September 9, 6 p.m. at Hillsboro Library. The event is free and open to the public. Performers – please RSVP to 304-653-4936.

LIBRARY NEWS
Ukulele Club Mondays at McClintic Library and Wednesdays at Green Bank Library Times: 4:30 p.m. for ages 10-14; 5 p.m. for ages 15-18; 5:30 p.m. for adults age 19 and older. Space is limited. Call 304-799-6000 or 304-456-4507 to reserve

your spot.
Cards and Coffee at Green Bank Public Library, Thursdays, 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 Tech Support 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 4 p.m.: Mondays, McClintic Library; Tuesdays, Hillsboro Library; Wednesdays, Green Bank Library; Thursdays, Linwood Library; and Fridays at Durbin Library.

MEETINGS
Vietnam Veterans of America meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 23,

has been cancelled.
Pocahontas County Local Emergency Planning Committee Thursday, August 24, 2 p.m. in the Hillsboro Mayor's Office. For additional information call 304-799-3985. The agenda for the meeting will be posted August 18 on the door of the Office of Emergency Management at 1008 Jury Street in Marlinton.

Pocahontas County Democratic Executive Committee Monday, August 28, 6 p.m. at McClintic Library. Open to the public. Available via Zoom. Contact Jay Miller at jvmiller2008@gmail.com for the Zoom connection.
PCARSE Wednesday, August 30, at noon at Hillsboro Public House Restaurant, Hillsboro.

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The Pocahontas County 4-H and FFA Livestock Show and Sale will be held Saturday, August 26, at the Marlinton Stockyards. Animal weighing from 8 to 10 a.m. Hot dog and hamburger sale, by Brushy Flat 4-H Club, 11 a.m. to noon. Livestock

Show at noon. Dinner from 5 to 6:30 p.m.: Livestock Sale begins at 7 p.m. Youth will be selling market steers, pigs, lambs and goats. The public is invited to attend any or all of the day's activities. For more information, please call the WVU Pocahontas County Extension Office at 304-799-4852.

What's Cookin'?
With Sally Cobb

Cream Cheese Flan
3/4 cup sugar
14 oz. can evaporated milk
12 oz. can sweetened condensed milk
8 oz. pkg. cream cheese, softened
5 eggs
1 tsp. vanilla
Directions:
Preheat oven to 350°. Heat sugar in a small, heavy-duty saucepan over medium-low heat. Stir constantly for 3 to 4 minutes or until sugar is dis-

solved and caramel colored. Quickly pour into the bottom of a 2-quart casserole dish. Place evaporated milk and sweetened condensed milk, cream cheese, eggs and vanilla in a blender. Blend until smooth. Pour mixture over sugar in

the prepared casserole dish. Place casserole in a 13x9-inch baking dish; fill baking dish with warm water to an inch depth. Bake 1 hour and 20 to 30 minutes or until a knife inserted comes out clean. Remove Flan from hot water. Cool at room temperature in casserole on wire rack. Refrigerate for several hours or overnight. Run knife around rim; gently shake to loosen. Invert onto serving dish.

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14 Seizes the attention of
19 Follow behind
20 First half of an album
21 Salada drink
22 Roll back to 0
23 "Hitchin' —"
24 U.S. version of a cue sport
27 Argonauts' quest
29 Screening airport gp.
30 Lead-in for Rooter or tiller
31 Israel's main airline
32 Motorist's 180, slangily
33 Common seabird with black wingtips
36 Doc wielding a penlight
38 Chou En- —
40 "— la vista!"
41 — Aviv
42 Chess piece four squares from the king at the start of the game
47 Alternatives to inns
49 Wife's father, e.g.
50 Left on the dinner table
52 Arid African
56 Small drinks
57 Keep — profile
58 Egypt's Anwar
61 Experts
62 Mooing herd
64 Cars move up and down in it
68 Fleur-de- —
69 "Yes, yes!" in Spain
71 Land in the ocean, to Yvette
72 Iraq's locale
73 Group of two
74 Certain injury from an arachnid
78 Gives 10% to the church
80 See 96-Down
81 Dragster fuel
82 Guesses at JFK or SFO
84 Iowa city
86 Printed notice with no pictures
89 Newly capped tire
91 Makes a sock, say
92 Old buddies
95 Inmate who's broken out
97 African cobra
100 Staples Center, e.g.
101 "Aw, shucks!"
102 Pantry pest
103 Baby who doesn't need a pacifier, perhaps
106 Actor Mineo
108 Spoken
112 Sorvino of "Mimic"
113 I love, to Livia
114 It connects to a car engine's water pump
118 People who do what's at the ends of nine answers in this puzzle
121 Barbera's collaborator in cartoons
122 Borden's "spokescow"
123 Actor Romero
124 Common bellybutton
125 Rear- — (car accident)
126 Banana oil or benzoate
127 Secret U.S. gov't. group
128 Big name in insurance
129 Deck out
130 Lerner's collaborator in musicals
131 Wanted-poster abbr.
132 Gratton's "— for Quarry"
133 Single-wheeled circus prop
134 U.S.-Mex. border city
135 Gives a judgment about
136 "Dogtown" singer Yoko
137 Paradise
138 Persian king
139 "The Hollow Men" poet
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142 Apropos of
143 Et — (and others)
144 Week- — -glance
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152 "Here Comes the Hotstepper" singer — Kamoze
153 Campus mil. group
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• Contract between Pocahontas County Board of Education and Leslie Goodall, Occupational Therapy, effective August 16 through June 30, 2024, per the terms of the contract.

• Memorandum of Understanding between Pocahontas County Board of Education and North Central West Virginia Community Action Association, Inc. – Head Start Program, (NCWVCAA HS), retroactive to July 1 through June 30, 2024.

• Memorandum of Understanding between Southern Educational Services Cooperative (SESC) and Pocahontas County Schools for bus operator/examining services retroactive to July 1 through June 30, 2024, trainers being Donald McNeel, Charles McQuain and Jimmie Ryder, Jr.

• Enter into an independent contract with Jeff Wayne as Water Operator at Green Bank Elementary-Middle School at \$50 per hour, one hour per week, or as needed, retroactive to July 1 until June 30, 2024.

• Contract between Pocahontas County Board of Education and Diamond J. Heating and Cooling, LLC to provide HVAC repair services to school buildings, as needed, at \$65 per hour, up to \$5,000, retroactive to July 1 until June 30, 2024.

• Dr. Sue E. Hollandsworth to continue as the Pocahontas County Board of Education representative on the Southern Educational Services Cooperative (SESC) Committee for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

• H. Samuel Gibson to continue as the Pocahontas County Board of Education representative on the West Virginia Extension Office Committee for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

• Rebecca Campbell to continue as the Pocahontas County Board of Education representative on the Day Report Committee for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

• The following AP courses offered at Pocahontas County High School for the 2023-2024 school year: AP Calculus, AP Computer Science Applications, AP Computer Science Principles, AP Language and Composition, AP Physics and AP Spanish.

• The following Dual Credit courses offered at Pocahontas County High School for the 2023-2024 school year: College Algebra, College Statistics, College English 101, College English 201, Introduction to Surveying, College Communications, College Psychology, College Micro Economics, College Sociology, Anatomy, Computer Applications 1 and 2, Digital Imaging and Desktop Publishing.

• The following 2023-2024 sports gender classifications, per West Virginia Department of Education: Boys Sports – baseball, basketball, soccer and track and

field. Girls Sports – softball, basketball, soccer and track and field. Co-ed Sports – band, cheerleading, football and golf.

In personnel management, the board approved the following:

• Unpaid medical leave of Amanda Buzzard as teacher of multi-subjects at Hillsboro Elementary School, effective August 10, or upon exhaustion of personal leave, for a period of up to 12 weeks, as needed.

• Employment of Trista Robinson, as cafeteria manager at Hillsboro Elementary School, at state minimum service personnel salary, effective for the 2023-2024 school year. Term of employment is 200 days, pending certification.

• Employment of Tiffany Wayne as special education classroom aide/bus aide at Hillsboro Elementary School, at state minimum service personnel salary, effective for the 2023-2024 school year. Term of employment is 200 days pending certification.

• Requested transfer of Charlie M. Hughes as teacher of mathematics at Marlinton Middle School to teacher of English/language arts at Marlinton Middle School, at state minimum salary based on degree and experience plus equity, effective for the 2023-2024 school year. Term of employment is 200 days.

• Abolishment of [one] position teacher of mathematics at Marlinton Middle School, effective August 10.

• Employment of Jonathan Taylor as teacher of carpentry at Pocahontas County High School, at state minimum salary based on degree and experience plus equity, effective for the 2023-2024 school year. Term of employment is 200 days, pending certification.

• Abolishment of position librarian/media specialist at Pocahontas County High School, effective for the 2023-2024 school year.

• Abolishment of position teacher of alternative education at Pocahontas County High School, effective for the 2023-2024 school year.

• Creation of position teacher of alternative education/virtual program at Pocahontas County High School, at state minimum salary based on degree and experience plus equity, effective for the 2023-2024 school year. Term of employment is 200 days.

• Requested transfer of Ollie C. Barkley as executive secretary/accountant III to executive secretary/coordinator of personnel, at state minimum service personnel salary, retroactive to July 18, for the 2023-2024 school year. Term of employment is 248 days. Term of employment shall be 261 days each year thereafter.

• Abolishment of position executive secretary/accountant III for Pocahontas County Schools, effective August 10.

• Creation of position of itinerant teacher of gifted program for Pocahontas County Schools, extracurricular, at \$25 per hour based

on gifted hour requirements, anticipated no more than eight hours per week, subject to change based on needs, effective for the 2023-2024 school year.

• Requested transfer of Cory L. Rexrode as school bus operator for Pocahontas County Schools from his current run to a new run, at state minimum service personnel salary, effective for the 2023-2024 school year. Term of employment is 200 days.

• Requested transfer of Joseph M. Judy as school bus operator for Pocahontas County Schools from his current run to a new run, at state minimum service personnel salary, effective for the 2023-2024 school year. Term of employment is 200 days.

• Annual classification of the following as supervisory aides, effective for the 2023-2024 school year, in alphabetical order: Amber R. Arbogast, Susan M. Armstrong, Tonja S. Armstrong, Kimberly Beverage, Katie Broce, Dottie Chestnut, Sarah Cover, Haley Cummins, Rebecca A. Davis, Tabatha Ellis, Carrie L. Hickman, Renee Hill, Karrie B. Jack, Tomma Johnson, Cynthia Landis, TaBeatha McCoy, Jessica Oxier, Carolyn Pennington, Tammy Rider, Heather D. Simmons, Felicia L. Smith and Tina M. Tracy.

• Employment of the following as substitute aide for Pocahontas County Schools, at state basic service personnel salary, for the 2023-2024 school year, as needed, in order of seniority: Sommer Hickman, Elizabeth Hefner, Rebecca Peteete, Whitney Beverage, Dawn Brewster, Billie Haymond, Priscilla Shoemaker, Deborah Miller, Maxine Solliday and Sharon Owens.

• Employment of the following as substitute cook for Pocahontas County Schools, at state basic service personnel salary, for the 2023-2024 school year, as needed, in order of seniority: Laurie Corbin, Sandra McCarty, Holly Beverage, Billie Haymond, Pippi Miller and Rebecca Evans.

• Employment of the following as substitute custodian for Pocahontas County Schools, at state basic service personnel salary, for the 2023-2024 school year, as needed, in order of seniority: Roger D. Irvine, Timothy Wade, Greg Rich, Holly Beverage and Billie Haymond.

• Employment of the following as substitute school bus operator for Pocahontas County Schools, at state basic service personnel salary, for the 2023-2024 school year, as needed, in order of seniority: Daryl Shinberry, Shawn Ervine, Kevin Thompson, Donald McNeel, Kenneth “Buster” Varner, Jimmie Ryder, Jr. and Michael Murphy. Emergency use only: Jamie Walker, Justin Taylor and James Chaney.

• Employment of the following as substitute secretary/accountant for Pocahontas County Schools, at state basic service personnel salary, for the 2023-2024

school year, as needed, in order of seniority: Staci Jo Keffer, Joann V. Estep, Susan Ray, Teresa Rhea, Lisa Rich, Billie Haymond, Sharon Owens and Deborah Miller.

• Employment of the following as substitute maintenance for Pocahontas County Schools, at state basic service personnel salary, for the 2023-2024 school year, as needed, in order of seniority: Roger D. Irvine, Timothy Wade, Greg Rich and Shawn Ervine.

• Employment of Jamie Walker, emergency use only, as substitute mechanic for Pocahontas County Schools, at state basic service personnel salary, for the 2023-2024 school year, as needed.

• Employment of the following as substitute teachers for Pocahontas County Schools, at state basic professional salary, based on degree and experience, for the 2023-2024 school year, as needed: Daniel Ahern, Susan M. Arbogast, Shannon G. Arbogast, Kenneth E. Beezley, P. Erwin Berry IV, Kay Blackshire, Thomas W. Boothe, Dawn G. Brewster, Staci Jo Keffer Dunn, Lisa M. Dennison, Patricia A. Heineman, David T. Holcomb, Deborah A. Irvine, Kathy M. Irvine, Jan R. Jones, Judith A. Kane, Summer R. Martin, Emily K. McLaughlin, Jay V. Miller, David L. Moore, Jr., Karen R. Murphy, Alyssa Nottingham, Susan Ray, Teresa Rhea, Lucy M. Ritzenhouse, Shannon L. Ritzenhouse, Nicole Rose-Taylor, Dottie Shamblyn, Virginia Shaw, Elaine Sheets, Robert A. Sheets, Sharla Sherman, Stephen T. Simmons, Shenda Smith, Maxine A. Solliday, Susan K. Streisel, Jessica N. Taylor, June A. Taylor, Tracey L. Valach, Alesia Wayne, Michelle D. Wilfong,

Katherine Workman and Christina O. Young. Emergency use only: Shannon Barkley-Bircher, Sarah E. Hamilton and Kristi A. Hamons.

• Resignation of Stephen T. Simmons as assistant boys basketball coach at Pocahontas County High School, effective for the 2023-2024 season.

• Resignation of Derek Taylor as assistant boys basketball coach at Green Bank Elementary-Middle School, retroactive to July 14.

• Resignation of Chasity Taylor as assistant boys basketball coach at Green Bank Elementary-Middle School, retroactive to July 14.

• Resignation of Kendra Taylor as volunteer coach for fourth and fifth grade basketball at Green Bank Elementary-Middle School, retroactive to July 27.

• Employment of the following coaches at Pocahontas County High School, effective for the 2023-2024 season, at the supplement indicated. Note: All positions are contingent upon proper certification and/or licensure and sufficient number of players to make a team.

– Kathy Mason, athletic director, \$5,000

– Bradley Carpenter, head football coach, \$3,000

– Nevin Lucabaugh, football coach, volunteer

– Douglas Lantz, athletic trainer, \$3,750

– Kyle Graae, seventh and eighth grade football coach, \$1,125

– Shannon Arbogast, head girls soccer coach, \$2,250

– Justin Dilley, head boys soccer coach, \$2,250

– J. Michael Kane, III, head girls basketball coach, \$2,475

– Scott Garber, head boys basketball coach, \$2,475

– Kathy Mason, head softball coach, \$1,125

– Shonda Carr, head base-

ball coach, \$1,125

– William Meehan, baseball coach, volunteer

– Stephen Simmons, assistant girls and boys track coach, \$1,125

– Aaron Pugh, assistant girls and boys track coach, volunteer

– Devan Gum, assistant girls and boys track coach, volunteer

– Darlene Arbogast, head cheerleading coach, \$1,500

– Devan Gum, assistant cheerleading coach, volunteer

– David Moore, Jr., head golf coach, volunteer

– E. Douglas Friel, assistant golf coach, volunteer

– Nebraska Scotchie, MMS athletic director, \$750

– Shannon Arbogast, MMS head girls basketball coach, \$1,125

– Nevin Lucabaugh, MMS assistant girls basketball coach, volunteer

– Kenneth Beezley, MMS assistant boys basketball coach, volunteer

– Rick McLaughlin, GBEMS band director, \$750

– Scott Kelley, athletic and extracurricular driver of northern activity run at a supplement based on daily rate of pay for actual days worked prior to the school calendar, plus \$60 per day, based on 180 days of operation for days that activity runs are required.

– Charles McQuain, III, athletic and extracurricular driver of southern activity run at a supplement based on daily rate of pay for actual days worked prior to the school calendar, plus \$60 per day, based on 180 days of operation for days that activity runs are required.

– Scott Kelley, enrichment run, daily rate of pay for actual days worked prior to the school calendar plus \$60 per day based on 180 days of operation for days that activity runs are required.

Highland County Fair

386 Myers-Moon Road., Monterey VA

Theme: “Country Nights and Neon Lights”

.....SCHEDULE OF EVENTS.....

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2023

9 a.m.....Horse Show

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2023

3-6 p.m..... Weigh-in & Entry of Livestock (4-H/FFA & Open)

4-8 p.m..... Enter Exhibits (Elementary School Gym)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2023

“Family Night” – Valley Amusement rides at reduced rates

8-9 a.m.....Accepting Flower Exhibit Entries

9-10 a.m.....Accepting Educational Exhibits, Ag-It-Up, Youth Posters

9 a.m.–7 p.m.....Judging Exhibits (Gym CLOSED)

Noon..... 4-H & FFA Sheep & Goats Livestock Show (Livestock Show Barn) Lamb & Goat Pet Contest, following Livestock Show

6 p.m.....Parade (Spruce St, Main St, Myers-Moon Rd.)

7:30 p.m.....Spencer Hatcher (Under Big Tent)

10 p.m.....Fireworks Display (Opening Night)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 2023

Noon 4-H & FFA Beef & Hogs Livestock Show (Livestock Show Barn) Calf Pet Contest, following Livestock Show

4-6 p.m..... The Crestmen, Gospel Music (Under the Big Tent)

7 p.m..... Demolition Derby, Thomas Motorsport (Grandstand) Stock Full Size and Stock Compact

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2023

10 a.m..... Kiddie Show (Under Big Tent)

12:30 p.m. & 3 p.m... Magician, Brandon Owen (Under Big Tent)

4:30 p.m..... Sheep Costume Contest & Obstacle Course (Livestock Show Barn)

7 p.m..... Demolition Derby, Thomas Motorsport (Grandstand) Modified Full Size and Modified Compact

7:30 p.m..... Little Switzerland Cloggers (High School Gym)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2023

9 a.m..... Dog Show (Livestock Show Barn)

11 a.m.–2 p.m..... Bluegrass Music (Under Big Tent)

2 p.m..... 4-H & FFA Livestock Sale (Livestock Show Barn)

2 p.m..... Corn Hole Tournament (High School Gym)

5 p.m..... Truck, Tractor & Diesel Truck Pull Contest (Grandstand)

10 p.m..... Fireworks Display (Finale)

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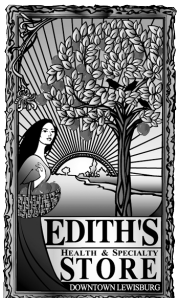
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Obituaries

Linda Cassell

Linda Jean Cassell, 67, of Cass, passed away Friday, August 11, 2023, at her residence.

Born May 30, 1956, in Marlinton, she was a daughter of the late Donald Ray and Gladys Mary Ryder Huff.

Mrs. Cassell was employed as a maid at Snowshoe Mountain Resort. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She loved the mountains and living by the river. She enjoyed cooking and spending time with family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Lee Cassell on February 19, 2023; brothers, Calvin Ray and Donald Ray, Jr.; sisters, Cathleen Ray and Shelby Ryder; and a special niece, Melissa Cassell.

She is survived by two children, Margaret Ellen Taylor and Christina Dawn Taylor, both of Cass; three grandchildren, Destiny Faith Varner, Xnobia Hope Varner and Thomas Edward Varner, and wife, Clara; great-grandchildren, Artreus and Valkyrie Varner.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, August 16, 2023, at 2 p.m. at VanReenen Funeral Home with Reverend David Rittenhouse officiating. Interment was in Ryder Cemetery.

Arrangements are being handled by VanReenen Funeral Home.



Bernice Johnston

Bernice Ellen Underwood Johnston, 88, of Frankford, passed away Friday, August 11, 2023, at Peyton Hospice House in Fairlea, surrounded by her family.

Born October 5, 1934, in Renick, she was a daughter of the late Delmer Underwood and Mary North Underwood.

Bernice loved gardening and anything that brought her closer to her family, including genealogy research, reunions and photos.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by sisters, Ethel Sipe, Lula Starrett and Eula Sharp; brother, Charles Underwood; son, Richard Dale Johnston; and grandson, Douglas Wayne Johnston.

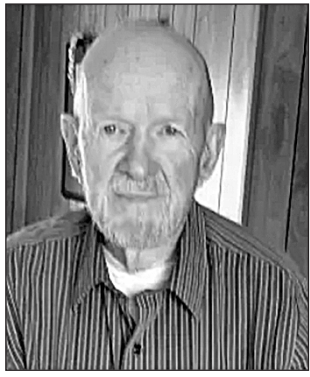
She is survived by sisters, Mildred Sharp (Don), of Berkeley Springs, and Norma Burke, of Bullhead City, Arizona; sons, David Johnston (Juanita), of Renick, and Michael Johnston, of Maxwelton; daughter, Carolyn Stringer (Michael), of Southport, North Carolina; grandchildren, Jessica Tatko (John), Stephanie Aouidat (Fattah), Emily Johnston, Rachel Johnston, Stacy Johnston and Nathaniel Johnston; 11 great-grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren.

In keeping with her wishes, the body will be cremated.

A graveside service will be held at Woodland Presbyterian Church in Auto at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Peyton Hospice House, 1265 Maplewood Avenue, Lewisburg, WV 24901. Condolences may be shared at www.morganfh.net

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Herbert Mace

Herbert "Herb" Dice Mace, 91, a resident of Blue Bell, Pennsylvania, for more than 55 years, passed away Sunday night, June 25, 2023. He was afflicted with Parkinson's Disease.

Born October 7, 1931, at the Mace farmhouse in Mace, he was the first of four children born to the late Herbert Troy and Jessie Aretta Jones Mace.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Keith Mace, the youngest of the family.

He is survived by two sisters, Mildred Naomi Mace Reed (Jim), of Barberton, Ohio, and their children, Kimberly, Deborah, Beverly and David; and the youngest sister, Shirley Louise Laraway (widow of the late Dick Laraway), of Temperance, Michigan, and their children, Erin, Kathy, Barry, Brian and Shawn; Keith's children, Pammy, Douglas and Donna; and many nieces, nephews and friends and relatives who are left behind to mourn and are asked to give thanks for the time they had with Herb.

Herb graduated from Marlinton High School in the class of 1950. He kept in touch with many of his classmates helping to organize class reunions and updating them on other high school related information. He also became a licensed private pilot.

In 1952, God arranged events that sent Herb to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he met his loving wife to be, Lucille Taviano. They fell in love and married on May 14, 1955. This union pleased God who provided a son and two daughters to complete the family. They all survive.

A daughter, Lois Ann, was born on the anniversary of their wedding. Lois married Mark Smith, and their son, Andrew, completed the family. Another daughter, Patricia Ann, married Jack Schmidt. A son, Brian, and daughters, Rachel and Hannah completed their family. Son, John Herbert, married Elizabeth Davis and they were blessed with two daughters. Amanda married Andrew Davis. Emily Anne married Matthew Scaglione: a son, Matthew Thomas Jr. and a daughter, Mia Elizabeth, completed their family.

Herb grew up in a Christian family and was usually available to physically assist or supervise a church-related

project. He was a veteran having served in the United States Marine Corps during the Korean Conflict. He was employed by Philco Corp. during the development and growth period of television and other electronics-related projects. He later worked for Kimmel Lorah of Norristown, Pennsylvania, from 1966 until 1988.

Funeral Mass was held Thursday, June 29, 2023, at St. Helena Catholic Church in Blue Bell, Pennsylvania. Interment with military honors was in Limerick Garden of Memories.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to the church at 1489 Dekalb Pike, Blue Bell, PA, 19422 or to The Parkinson's Foundation at www.parkinson.org.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.RLWilliamsFuneralHome.com.

Dwayne McLaughlin

Dwayne Darin McLaughlin, 56, of Fairlea, passed away Sunday, August 6, 2023.

Born March 28, 1967, in Marlinton, he was a son of the late Roger Lee McLaughlin and Margaret Ann White McLaughlin.

Dwayne worked as an assembler for Four Jaks Manufacturing in Fairlea.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Kevin McLaughlin; and a sister, Sara Morgan.

He is survived by a sister, Denise Jones, of Hampton, Virginia; and a brother, Kevin White, of Renick.

There will be no service. Online condolences may be shared at www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com



Shiloh Finch January 15, 2016 – August 5, 2023

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved Shiloh, who departed this world Saturday, August 5, 2023.

Shiloh was born January 15, 2016, to Vegas Simmons, at the home of Eugene and Linda Simmons. Linda doted on the puppies for eight weeks, and they all found loving homes. Shiloh worked part-time at the Law Office of Laura M. Finch until her retirement last year.

As she grew, Shiloh enjoyed hiking with Laura at Droop Mountain Battlefield State Park and in the Cranberry Backcountry, and loved playing with her best friends, especially the children in her neighborhood at Clark Street.

In 2019, Laura and Shiloh hiked 160 miles of the 300-mile Allegheny Trail together, and spent

many nights in the rough on the way. Their journey was documented in *The Pocahontas Times*. In 2020, Laura and Shiloh took another incredible journey to complete another 80 miles of the trail. Without Shiloh, these trips would not have happened.

Shiloh met her "Dad," David Kershner, in 2022 and was very grateful for all the attention from him and his buddies. She especially loved pool night and had a penchant for fetching the balls from the table until she learned she shouldn't. While Shiloh's long-distance hiking days were behind her, she loved playing in the field atop Droop with her Grandma Susan.

She was preceded in death by her beloved coworker Kaylin, and her trail buddy Kevin, who no doubt welcomed her home.

Shiloh is survived by her adoring Mom, Dad, Gram, Pop-pop, Grandma and Grandpa; her cat Sadie; her best friend Remo; her Uncle Ziggy; and all the clients, kids and friends she met along the way.

Shiloh was honored in a private memorial at home August 6, 2023.

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Trailhead, from page 3

history. The gateway signs and kiosk signage will be made out of an I-beam design and have sides designed to look like a trestle.

Johnson shared photographs of design elements matching the industrial concept including street lamps, benches, tree grates, anti-bear trash receptacles and paver systems.

In addition to the proposed trailhead, there is also a proposed streetscape on Third Avenue which will include wider sidewalks, trees and parking.

"What we're trying to do with this proposed streetscape is to make it more comfortable for pedestrians as well as bikers," Johnson said. "The way that we've done that is we've created wide sidewalks, so we've got six-foot wide sidewalks on each side and a four foot paver strip on each side. That's going to provide you with ten feet of width for pedestrians and bikers to use."

The proposal also includes

"bumpouts" at the curbs to allow for planting trees.

The concept will require Third Avenue to become more narrow for traffic, and Johnson said the town would have to work with the West Virginia Division of Highways to get approval for that part of the project.

Johnson gave an estimate of \$1,390,498 for the total project and explained that it can be broken into three phases.

The project would begin with surveying and engineering which will cost and estimated \$213,902. The first phase of the project will include side prep, demolition and grading; hardscaping; site utilities; sidewalks; and signage for an estimated cost of \$356,454.

The second phase of construction will include the plaza areas, shelters and two-stall restroom for an estimated cost of \$449,644. The third phase of construction will include site furnishings and signage, the pump tracking and the landscaping at an estimated cost of \$370,498.

The next step is finding the funding, which council

said it will look into grant opportunities to help make the trailhead a reality.

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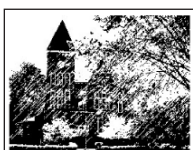
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Edith Hannah Callahan — Slaty Fork 1912



PORTRAIT OF EDITH Hannah Callahan from Elk Community near Slaty Fork, West Virginia. Born February 6, 1888, she was the daughter of George Luther and Emily Bell McClure Hannah. This is possibly her wedding portrait as she married Thomas Michael Callahan in 1912. Edith Callahan died October 2, 1965 at the age of 77. She is buried in the Old Droop Church Cemetery near Beard, West Virginia. (Preserving Pocahontas Archives, Pearl Carter Ward Collection; ID: PHP001661)

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Footsteps through History

The Pocahontas Times
Andrew Price, Editor

Thursday,
August 19, 1898

LETTER

From Lieut. Robert D. Kerr, U. S. A.
July 1, 1898

MY DEAR SISTER:

I received your letter after we were out to sea about two days, and I realize fully that it must be pretty hard for you all to have me go away, and I hated to go for that reason. But, as for myself, there is nothing hardly that could please me better. And what young man of my age could look at the situation otherwise? I am getting a voyage around the world free, and paid besides. We are not going to fight over there. There is not half as much danger as there is in Cuba...

LIEUT. ROBERT D. KERR

The impression produced in this county by the news of Bob Kerr's death was very profound. Everyone knew of his brilliant prospects and high standing in the army, and they also knew of the uncommonly strong ties that drew him to his home people. He had been gone for two years under the rules of West Point and was ordered into active service without a chance to come home. Ever since the war began, his father, mother and sisters have suffered as much out of apprehension for his safety as they could have done if they had known the time and manner of his death.

And then when the certain news of peace had come to relieve the tension, it was speedily followed by the

news that their boy had succumbed to the terrors of the tropical heat and lay buried in the depths of the Pacific Ocean.

The conditions of the journey in the steamship from Honolulu were terrible. The iron ship was crowded with soldiers and they steamed for a thousand miles on the 20th parallel, without the sign of a breeze with the temperature in the 90s. The heat was unbearable and this young soldier born and raised in this cool climate was one of the first victims...

He was the only soldier from Pocahontas County in the war, but owing to the fact that he was an honor man at West Point he was well and widely known.

INTERESTING BIBLE HISTORY

In Madrid there is an old prison at the locality named the Place of Skulls. It was here that an heir to the Spanish throne was imprisoned for 33 years by order of the crown for fear he would cause trouble by his aspirations for the throne. Death finally came and released him, and it was found that he had spent much of the time in searching the Scriptures. He had recorded what he had found out on the rough walls of his cell, using an old nail for a pencil. By these scribbles on the walls, we learn how the learned Prince of Granada was employed much of his time through the sad and weary years of his imprisonment...

SWAGO

George Douglas McNeill arrived home Friday last

from Texarkana, Texas, where he has been occupying a chair of penmanship in the Texarkana Business College for the last 12 months.

The farmers along the river are guarding their crops which were left unprotected by the flood.

One told me he had no rails and could not leave the field to make rails on account of his neighbor's hogs which were at large. The neighbor, he said, pleaded that as he had done nothing to bring on the flood, he was under no obligations to pen up his hogs.

The lack of formality and rigid adherence to many of the absurd and prescribed rules of propriety is one of the delights of a fishing trip down the Greenbrier. It was my pleasure to be the guest of the Buckeye Fishing Club on a trip of this kind last week...

For the first 24 hours, the fishing was excellent, a count of 127 being made, the small boy with one suspender coming in for the largest count. Colbert Duncan, who was with us in the capacity of "canvass boss," placed five hooks in the entrance to a slough arguing that the waters having been high and muddy for some days past that the catfish would move into the slough that night to feed, and that none could pass without taking the bait until all five of the hooks had a fish. When he went to examine the hooks next morning, he discovered that a two pound mud cat had gathered all five of the hooks into his bosom, thus allowing the entire school to pass through unharmed. As Mr. Duncan had wagered his last "bone" on the success of this venture, his rage and disappointment was unbounded.

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Fifty Years Ago

Jane Price Sharp, Editor

Thursday,
August 16, 1973

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Balister and family recently returned to Pocahontas County to camp on their Back Mountain property, accompanied by Miss June Mines, sister of Mrs. Balister. Miss Mines enjoyed riding the Cass train with her niece, Michelle, and seeing the scenery of Pocahontas County as a change from the city of Toronto, Canada, where she lives at present.

Sampson "Buzzy" Goldizen retired June 30, 1973, after more than 33 years with the Forest Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture. Goldizen began part-time work as Fire Towerman and Forest Guard in 1938. He later became a truck driver and tractor operator on the Monongahela National Forest. From June 1946, to re-

tirement, he was Foreman of a construction and maintenance crew.

Camp Minnehaha Boys Camp closed a successful season with an awards banquet Friday night. This is the fourth or fifth year Mr. and Mrs. Jim Worth, Jr. have had the camp. An interesting group of counselors this year came from England, Scotland and Sweden.

Boys and Girls in Service

Marine Lieutenant Colonel Dallas R. Walker, son of E. Walker, of Hillsboro, graduated from the Naval War College at Newport, Rhode Island.

Marine PFC Verlin L. Birchfield, son of Mrs. Russel North, of Beard, has reported for duty at the Marine Corps Base at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday,
August 19, 1948

PARKING MARKERS AGAIN

Dear Mr. Price;
Shame on you, Sir!

It was with a feeling of ineffable pain and sorrow that I read in The Times that Marlinton had joined the ranks of the towns determined to drink their cup from the River of Lethe, and sink into the eternal oblivion of sameness and drabness — an insane desire to achieve mediocrity.

You, Sir! Where is that power which is mightier than the sword? Who, now, is the guardian of the rights, uniqueness and independence of the great people of the Sovereign State of Poca-

hontas, and of Marlinton, its Capital?

Parking Meters? A five cent gouge to irritate the sensibilities of the weary traveler, who seeks only to pause, eat and rest mid the beauty and splendor of our mountains. The homefolk, interested in transacting their daily business and in friendly, leisurely intercourse with neighbors, now to be outraged for the sake of a few pennies used to pay foreigners for the installation of an "infernal machine."

Our town should not want to hurry people along, to actually insist that they leave. But, rather to stay, visit, trade and make friends. Our town should continue to hold out the welcoming, and not the restraining hand.

100-Years-Ago in The Pocahontas Times

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday,
August 16, 1923

Dog days ended August 11th and those of us who were awake Sunday morning at break of day saw a great exemplification of the golden exhalation of the dawn, and it was a right fearsome sight, too. The mist was about halfway down the mountainside and the yellow light showed a steaming earth. It was getting ready to rain some more. It was Mark Twain who said that people are forever talking about the weather and never seem to do anything about it.

We have had plenty of rain for the last month or so, for which we are duly thankful. This is the year that the nervous farmer who is not a good waiter scored on his more deliberate neighbor for that kind of farmer got his hay up without rain, a consummation greatly to be desired. Last year, as I had to depend on my neighbors, I put up my hay the first of July and when it was cut down, the sun seemed to have no power to cure it, and we had to fool and fiddle with it and put it up in small stacks, but it did not make good feed. And I got so tired of it that I determined then that this year, I would wait and it

looks now like it will be September before we get around to it. But anything is better than a dry summer. This is a favored country in regard to rains.

It is still raining. I wonder how the Coolidges up in Vermont are getting along with their hay now, since one of their best hands has had to go and be President. I do not know when I was more deeply touched in a dramatic sense than when I visualized President Coolidge helping his father put up hay, and it was more than that. I felt about the Coolidges as I do about my neighbors, who are living useful and God fearing lives on the farms around here. It is kind of strange to get chummy with the Coolidges, is it not?

Calvin Coolidge had been in the hayfield. The Presi-

Army Sergeant John R. Sparks, son of Mr. and Mrs. David W. Sparks, of Marlinton, is assigned to the 38th Air Defense Artillery Brigade in Kwan Cheon, Korea.

Major Raymond J. Schultz, Adjutant General's Corps, United States Army, has been selected to attend the Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He has just departed from assignment in Washington, D. C., where he completed a Master's Degree in Business Administration at George Washington University... A ceremony was held July 9, 1973, where he was presented the Meritorious Service Medal for outstanding performance of duty...

Major Schultz's military career includes assignments at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana; Fort Williams, Maine; Fort Richardson, Alaska; the office of Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Washington, D. C.; and with the 101st Airborne Division, Vietnam...

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And, you, Sir! That great mantle of responsibility which was your privilege to carry for so long has been allowed to drag in the dust. Shame on you, Sir.

Sadly,
Alfred Edgar
Columbus, Ohio

WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Wilfong, of Huntersville, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Mary Lou Calhoun, to Gordon Dilley, son of Hevener Dilley, of Huntersville...

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan L. Sharp, of Nitro, announce the engagement of their daughter, Ramona Irene, to Thomas Shipley, late of Severon Park, Maryland. The bride is the granddaughter of L. D. Sharp, of Slaty Fork, and J. B. Orndorff, of Arbovale.

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dency being suddenly and unexpectedly cast upon him, it was necessary for him to be notified and there was no phone. Two officials got a car and reached the place about two in the morning. It seems that they either did not have a phone or that there was no night service. They knocked on the door and woke the Colonel, who called up the stairs to Cal. The lamp was brought out into the sitting room, but it was pretty dim, so Mrs. Calvin Coolidge brought the lamp down the steps from their room, and the President was able to read the message and one of them was the form of oath, with the request that he take the oath of office. The Colonel was a notary and the family bible was on the center table, and so the oath was administered there and then and by morning the place was alive with reporters, officials and friends and the President left for Washington...

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MARGARET WORTH AND Geoff Hamill take water quality meter readings as Margaret's granddaughter, Iris Krack, makes her observations of stream quality. L. Fatora photo

Water quality check on the Greenbrier

Louanne Fatora
GRWA Coordinator

The Greenbrier River Watershed Association has begun its water quality monitoring project in collaboration with the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine. The Greenbrier River is a multi-use watershed with lots of

people enjoying contact by boating, fishing and swimming. The goal is to gain a view of the overall health of the river by long-term monitoring and offer assistance if any problems are detected. Volunteers are assisting by teaming up in various sections of the river and taking samples once each month, on the same

day of the month, all year long. The samples are taken to the lab at the Osteopathic School for testing. The monitoring begins at Durbin and ends at Hinton on the main stem of the river.

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"They came here to visit often when they were at the cabin," Lester said. "So those tiny, short-lived moments of kindness that you showed her is the reason they wanted to fund this hospital because it is very unique. You do not get that kind of service everywhere, but you get that service consistently here."

New CEO Michelle Deeds spoke about how the hospital has always been dedicated to its patients and with the growth of the facility, it will be able to serve the county and surrounding areas even better in the future.

"As everyone knows, we have always been dedicated and committed to providing compassionate, quality healthcare to meet our community needs, as well as the communities around us that we serve," she said. "Just as Joe and Peg Greenlee came to know, it's the people of

Pocahontas County and also the people at Pocahontas Memorial Hospital that make us different.

"We are very excited about the growth of Pocahontas Memorial Hospital as this expansion is just one of the ways that we continue to meet the needs of our community, as we continue to build on our past while building for our future," she continued. "Pocahontas County and Pocahontas Memorial Hospital – we may be small, we may be rural, but we are very mighty. As was once said, 'never believe that a few caring people can't change the world for, indeed, that's all who ever have.'"

While the new addition is something to celebrate, Hammer said it's just the beginning.

"Today we open this part of the facility, but I would like for you to know that we're not done," she said. "The other piece of it is going to be the front entrance to our patient access and the front end of the hospital, as well as remodeling of our core departments, ra-

diology and respiratory therapy. We're about to get started on that in a couple of weeks."

Hammer recognized all those involved in helping with the expansion – from staff, to donors, to organizations and businesses – it was truly a community effort to get to the grand opening.

Also speaking at the dedication were: Brian Aluise, representative from Senator Joe Manchin's office; Todd Gunter, representative from Senator Shelley Moore Capito's office; Ryan Thorn, state director of the USDA Rural Development in West Virginia; Congresswoman Carol Miller; Pocahontas County commission president Walt Helmick; Senator Vince Deeds; and Senator Bill Hamilton.

After the dedication, Deeds and Hammer were joined by members of the PMH board of directors and dignitaries in cutting the ribbon at the front entrance of the new health clinic, officially opening it for business.

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The doors at Marlinton Elementary School will open at 7:40 a.m. each morning. Dismissal will begin at 3:20 p.m. for walkers and pick-

ups. All students will exit out the front door, we will no longer have car pickups at the old board office. Students being picked up will need a parent or guardian to meet them at the front door if they are in second grade or younger. If your student is older and walking to a specific destination, they will need a specific note stating where they are going. Students in second grade and younger are not allowed to walk alone after being dismissed.

Marlinton Elementary School will have a Sneak-A-

Peek/Open House Tuesday, August 15, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Families may tour the school and meet their student's teacher and other staff members at Marlinton Elementary School.

If you have any questions, please call the school at 304-799-6551 to talk to someone in the office. Marlinton Elementary School is dedicated to your child's success in education. With us all working together, we will make a significant difference in preparing students for the future.

Phillip Anderson
MES Principal



Marlinton Middle School

Dear Parents and School Community:

I look forward to this school year and am anxious to continue to watch our students grow academically and as their own individual person. We, as a staff, anticipate a wonderful school year and are really looking forward to it beginning.

The hiring committee and Marlinton Middle School staff are excited to welcome Kim Ballance as Head Custodian, Kim Jordan as Secretary and Accountant, Charlie Hughes as English/Language Arts and Math 1, Jeanette Wagner as Community in Schools, and Wendy Kirk as Art and Career and Technical Education. Marlinton Middle School and Pocahontas County High School also have an available position for middle school and high school band/music.

I would like to thank our custodial staff – Ollie Barkley, Kim Ballance and Loretta Irvine for the appearance of Marlinton Middle School. It is shiny and so clean, wait-

ing for everyone to arrive. Staff returned August 10, and students will begin classes August 16.

We are continuing to use LiveGrades this school year, so please communicate with teachers using this tool. It is very useful, as you can see all your child's grades which allows for continuous monitoring. The staff at MMS will continue to check this and have grades posted weekly. If you have any trouble logging in, please contact us at any point in time to get required information.

We also encourage all students to familiarize themselves with the Microsoft products available through their school email. We will be utilizing these tools throughout the school year. Students will be using these products in and out of the school building and teachers will explain the procedures, so students become fluent and are able to log on at any point in time.

All students at MMS will

have a one-to-one device that will allow them to maximize the technology within classrooms. Parents/Guardians will be required to come to MMS to sign the device agreement and will also sign it back in at the end of the school year.

Marlinton Middle School will have Open House Thursday, August 24, from 5 to 7 p.m. This will give opportunity for you to meet staff and ask any questions you may have. We also will provide chaperone training for \$10.

The safety and education of the students is the priority of the staff at Marlinton Middle School. Please know that their future is being molded daily, and we are so thankful that you allow us to be a small part of their lives.

We are all looking forward to this school year.

Please reach out to me at 304-799-6773 if you have any questions or concerns.

I appreciate you all!
Nebraska Scotchie,
Principal

Hillsboro Elementary School

Dear students, parents and community members;

Welcome back to school! I am very excited to begin a new year with the wonderful students and families of Hillsboro Elementary School. The students' first day of school is August 16 and Pre-school begins August 23. We invite everyone to join us for Open House Monday, August 21, from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

Students from buses and parent drop off will enter the school building through the cafeteria doors between 8:20 and 8:30 a.m. Breakfast will

be served first thing in the morning.

Evening pick up will begin at 3:55 p.m. for Pre-school and 4 p.m. for all other students. Buses will load from the front door starting at 4:05 p.m. Please remember, DO NOT drive around the buses.

I would like to welcome new staff to our school. William Brown will teach Special Education, Trista Robinson is our new cafeteria manager, and Tiffany Wayne is joining us as a teacher's aide.

You are able to keep informed of upcoming events on our school website as well as the school Facebook site.

<https://pocahontascountyschools.wv.sites.thrillshare.com/o/hes>

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I am looking forward to a great school year. Please call me at the school with any questions you may have, 304-653-4221.

Sincerely yours,
Rebecca A. Spencer
Principal

Green Bank Elementary-Middle School

Dear Green Bank School Families,

We are so excited that little voices are about to fill our hallways and classrooms again. I hope all of you have enjoyed your summer break and are anticipating the 2023-24 school as much as us.

Green Bank has a new administrative team: Chloe Bland Schaffner is the assistant principal and Melissa Jordan is the principal. Both administrators are former Green Bank students who have returned to the place it all started for us. Having this opportunity at our childhood school feels like a blessing, and we are thankful to be able to serve your child.

Our doors are always open, and all questions, suggestions or topics are welcomed. As the building principals, we ask that you contact your child's teacher first, then if you still have concerns, we are happy to work together for a solution.

Every decision we make will be the one that has the best outcome for students. Together we can achieve and succeed.

Many teachers have been in the building preparing their classrooms and prepping for students to return. The building is sparkly and clean thanks to the hard work of our custodians.

All staff returned August 10, and the first day for students is August 16.

The back-to-school Open House was August 14.

Our hiring committee has been busy and would like to

announce the employment of our new staff members: Rick McLaughlin (music/band), Julian Rittenhouse (part-time Communities in Schools Coordinator), Sally Logan (art/CTE), Devan Gum (4th grade), and Julie Markley (aide). We are very excited and feel fortunate to have each of them on our team.

We currently have two positions that are not filled.

Many things will be the same as last year, such as the use of LiveGrades so you can check them at your convenience. If you have difficulty getting your account set up, please reach out to our office staff. Students will be able to use the one-to-one devices to take full advantage of our programs. Parents/guardians will need to sign the device agreement for them to have one assigned for at-home use.

Communication and parent involvement are very important to us. We have a Green Bank Elementary Middle School Facebook page that we use to share information so please join the group. All updates, current events and parent involvement opportunities will be posted there. We will also utilize the phone system to call with reminders of upcoming events so please make sure we have your most updated contact information. We will also be updating our website and it will have links to important documents, as well.

There will be some changes such as a new

county dress code and discipline policy. We are also being trained in a new bullying prevention program. This will be included in your back-to-school information and families will be a huge part of their success.

Last year, we were notified that Green Bank Elementary-Middle School was identified as a Comprehensive Support and Improvement school. We have a coordinator that we work with closely from the WV Department of Education. She has been to Green Bank several times over the last few months and a portion of our leadership team spent a week in Charleston in training. She will continue to visit and offer her support for the next three years. Let us say this openly and for all to hear: GBEMS is a great school with awesome students and staff! We have some things to work on, but this staff is resilient, focused and determined.

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New superintendent ready for a new school year

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

Since taking the position of Superintendent of Pocahontas County Schools in June, Lynne Bostic has been busy getting ready for the new school year and working with board office staff, principals and school staff to ensure that 2023-2024 is a successful year.

Along with staff changes at the board office and in the schools, there have been several additions to the curriculum and school environment to help students make the most of their education.

"We have, for instance, learning.com," Bostic said. "It has free programs that the students and teachers can use to reinforce their skills."

Learning.com has programs for digital literacy, problem-solving and programming skills that prepare the students for the ever changing digital world. It is for kindergarten through 12th grade and can be used by students on their own time or in the classroom.

Now that all students have devices through the school system, they are able to log on to learning.com to enhance their skills.

Speaking of devices, the school system is offering a Device Insurance Proposal through School Device Coverage. Bostic explained that for \$34 a year, parents can buy an insurance policy for the devices and if there is any damage or if the device gets lost, it is covered. The insurance policy will pay for fixing or replacing the device and the parents or guardians will not have to pay anything.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic, Pocahontas County Schools has offered virtual

school and will continue to do so this year.

"It will be for middle and high school," Bostic said. "It's actually in state code, as well, that we have to provide a virtual option to those students. If they stay with us [enroll in virtual school], they will get a device from us. They are considered a Pocahontas County student if they take the virtual option that we offer, which is Proximity."

"Proximity offers a live teacher, so they get on a regular school schedule," she continued. "You're sitting there on your device with a teacher. Last year, that program didn't have class time on Wednesdays, but it was time for intervention. The teacher was available and had office hours."

Students who are enrolled in virtual school are allowed to participate in sports and band at the schools if they so choose.

Unlike virtual school students, homeschool students are not considered Pocahontas County students and do not have access to devices or other options provided through virtual school. Bostic said she plans to reach out to homeschool families to let them know what options they have through the school system.

"A lot of parents and families decided to go to homeschool during COVID," she said. "I understand that. When we started back, they weren't comfortable yet, but I want them to realize the options that we can provide. If it's an elementary child, we can hopefully get them back in to a classroom if that works for them. We all have different scenarios or situations we're working with."

"That's one of my goals, to reach out and see if they'd like to come back to the

brick and mortar building, or they could still do virtual with us and it will not cost those families anything," Bostic added.

In the elementary department, Bostic said there are now aides in the first grade classrooms, another requirement through the West Virginia Department of Education as part of the Third Grade Success Act.

The Act was passed by the House of Delegates to address early literacy and numeracy development in kindergarten through third grade by establishing a "holistic statewide approach."

Early elementary teachers and aides will go through training to learn how to identify students who may need to be screened for dyslexia and dysgraphia.

Dyslexia is a learning disorder that involves difficulty reading. Symptoms include late talking, learning new words slowly and a delay in learning how to read.

Dysgraphia is a neurological disorder which is characterized by writing disabilities. Symptoms include difficulty in learning how to

write and distorted or incorrect writing.

The state is also working on training for teachers and aides for identifying dyscalculia, a learning disorder that affects a person's ability to do math.

With the new programs and ongoing training in place, Bostic said she is enthusiastic about the new school year and is happy to not only serve the students and staff of Pocahontas County Schools, but the communities that support the schools.

"I'm very excited to serve as the superintendent for not only the staff, but the students and the communities, as well," she said. "I still want to reach out to the communities about who we are with Pocahontas County Schools and what we want to do in the future. I also want to get feedback from them about what they would like from the school system; how we can work together. That's an important piece."

"I'm just one person, so working with a team is important," she added. "You're only as strong as your team."

PCS provides meals to students at no cost

Students in Pocahontas County will have the opportunity to eat a no-cost breakfast and lunch at school through the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) program. The CEP was enacted as a result of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act and provides universal meal service to children in high-poverty areas. This is the fourth year for the option.

The CEP serves as an alternative to collecting, approving and verifying household eligibility applications for free-and reduced-price eligible students in high-poverty Local Education Agencies.

If at least 40 percent of a school's student population is directly certified for free meal benefits, the entire school qualifies for the option.

"I am proud that Pocahontas County Schools will be participating in the CEP program to help meet a crucial need for many students in our county," said Lynne

Bostic, Pocahontas County Schools Superintendent.

"We know academic achievement increases when our students are well-fed and ready to learn, and we must provide secure and reliable access to nutritious meals, so all students have a chance to achieve at the highest level possible."

Pocahontas County expects to have five schools participate in the CEP. The program allows the school system to feed nearly 909 students each day.

The 2017 Feeding America: Map the Meal Gap data reports high levels of food insecurity and hunger across the country. In West Virginia, more than 14 percent of residents, and more than 79,000 children live in food insecure households.

For more information, contact Julie Shiflet, jshiflet@k12.wv.us or 304-799-4505 ext. 2223.

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School Menus

August 21 – 25

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Tuesday – Breakfast: strawberry Boli, fruit cup and milk.

Lunch: cheeseburger on whole grain bun, lettuce, tomato, sweet potato fries, baked beans, strawberry cup and milk.

Wednesday – Breakfast: pizza, fresh fruit and milk;

Lunch: pepperoni roll with marinara dipping sauce, garden salad, tomato, cucumber, Italian vegetable blend, pears and milk.

Thursday – Breakfast: smoothie, fruit cup and milk.

Lunch: diced chicken nachos with corn tortilla rounds, sour cream, salsa, seasoned black beans, car-

rots, sherbet, fruit and milk.

Friday – Breakfast: whole grain blueberry donut, fruit and milk.

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Green Bank – October 10 and February 13, 8:30 to 11:50 a.m.

Hillsboro – September 26 and February 20, 9:30 to 11:50 a.m.

All kindergartens and first grades to Snowshoe – May 17

Adventure Pocahontas – Second through Fifth grades – 9:15 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

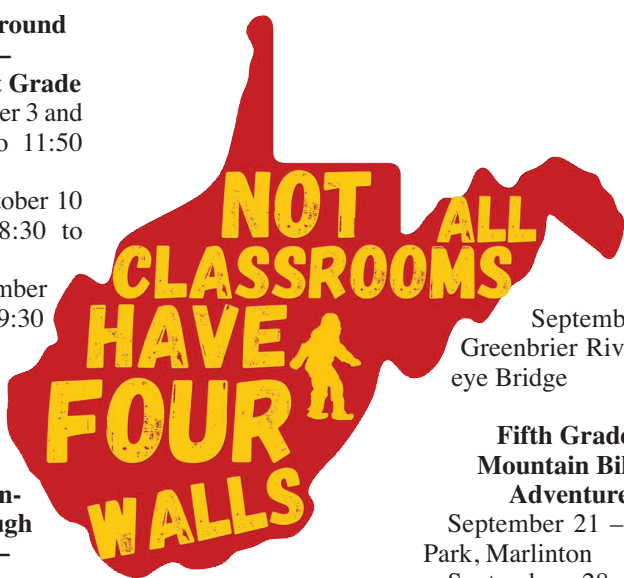
Third through Fifth grade – Ski Day – December 7, Snowshoe Mountain Resort

Second Grade – Skiing Adventures – all at Snowshoe Mountain Resort

February 29, March 7, March 14 and March 21

Third Grade – Hiking Adventures

April 25 – Yew Mountain Center
May 2 – 4-H Camp Thornwood, Bartow



September 14 – Greenbrier River, Buckeye Bridge

Fifth Grade – Mountain Biking Adventures

September 21 – Stillwell Park, Marlinton

September 28 – Green Bank Observatory

October 5 – To Be Determined

October 12 – Bike Park at Snowshoe Mountain Resort

Pocahontas Explorers – Overnight Adventures

August 29 through September 1 – Sixth and Eighth Grade – Science Adventure School at Boy Scouts of America, The Summit Bechtel Reserve, Glen Jean

September 11-13 – Seventh Grade – Camping at 4-H Camp Thornwood

Fourth Grade – Kayaking and Snorkeling Adventures

August 24 – Watoga State Park

August 31 – Cass Scenic Railroad State Park

September 7 – Shavers Lake at Snowshoe Mountain Resort

Second Grade – Skiing Adventures – all at Snowshoe Mountain Resort

February 29, March 7, March 14 and March 21

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Award, from page 1

In 2013, the Taylors turned their hobby of making maple syrup into a small business and have become one of the most successful maple producers in the state. The Taylors attended Cornell University Maple Camp to learn more about the industry, and Rachel also serves as secretary of the West Virginia Maple Producers Association.

“Rachel’s recipe for success – equal parts hard work, education and research, good mentors and support system, and a dash of good luck,”

Poling said. Taylor received a plaque shaped like the state of West Virginia, a barn quilt square of a maple leaf and an invitation from the West Virginia University Extension Service to attend the West Virginia Women in Ag Conference.

“When you think about farming and agriculture, you think about basic things like cows and pigs and animals – and just learning all the different things that agriculture is has been amazing and so vast,” Taylor said. “Just so much to learn and all of it is super interesting.”

“It’s been a really wonderful journey getting into agriculture and the friends that

we’ve met, and the mentors – everybody has been so helpful,” she continued. “It’s been a wonderful experience thus far, and I’m really glad to be able to raise my family and bring up my children in an agriculture environment.”

Taylor was joined at the ceremony by her husband, Adam, children, Bryce and Camryn, and parents, John and Alesia Wayne.

Also receiving the honor were Cristy L. Jones, of the USDA Farm Service Agency in Raleigh County, and Marsha Waybright, of Laurel Fork Farm, Laurel River Club Bed and Breakfast and West Virginia School of Traditional Skills in Tucker and Randolph counties.

Honey, from page 1

is known to have toxic effects when consumed in large amounts.

Fireweed Honey

Nectar from the Chamenerion angustifolium, or fireweed plant, produces a light colored and delicate flavored honey that can destroy bacteria.

Fireweed prefers cooler climates and is often the first foliage to emerge after a disaster, such as wildfires. Beekeepers trying to produce

fireweed honey will often scout regions where fires just raged through. This can be a difficult process as hives are moved further north and into remote areas, which may or may not always produce enough honey for a decent crop. Due to the difficulties is producing fireweed honey, the price for this crop may be higher than other honeys.

Fireweed honey is highly effective at inhibiting the growth of staph infections, such as streptococcal pneumonia, so the higher price may be worth it.

Leatherwood Honey
Leatherwood, also called

Tasmanian honey, is an exotic honey with a silky smooth, yet thick and creamy texture. Native to Tasmania, the leatherwood tree produces a lot of sweet nectar and the honey made from it is very rare. Since the trees only bloom about six to eight weeks per year, great effort is made to ensure the fresh honey is collected in a timely manner. A flavor description of this unique honey is as follows: pungent, somewhat smoky, subtle spicy undertones, and mildly sweet with a strong floral savor.

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Pocahontas County Schools Dress Code

Tops

Acceptable tops include button-downs, polos, T-shirts, blouses, etc.

Crop tops, tube tops and halter tops are unacceptable.

Transparent or see through material is also unacceptable.

Shirts or blouses must cover the entire torso at all times and should meet the standard waistline of clothing bottoms.

Bottoms

Shorts, dresses and skirts must extend to at least the student’s mid-thigh. Holes, tears, rips or cuts in pants or other bottoms must be below mid-thigh.

Attire Content

Students may not wear clothing, jewelry, accessories, or carry personal belongings that contain messages related to drugs, alcohol, weapons, tobacco, vulgarity or that adversely affect persons because of their race, sex, color, creed, national origin ancestry or religion.

This limitation includes items with pictures, decorations, etc., that show profane/obscene content or carry a “double meaning.”

Miscellaneous

Hats, caps or any other head covering may be worn in the school building or classroom only for religious or health reasons or by ap-

proved administration for themed school activities. These items must be kept in lockers upon entering the building.

Note: No undergarments – bras, underwear including thongs, boxer, briefs – may be visible, nor may body parts of a personal or private nature – buttocks, breasts – be exposed.

Please Note: Pocahontas administration will have complete and final judgment on all matters concerning the interpretation of the Student Dress code. Students in violation of the dress code will be disciplined under the consequences of the Pocahontas County School District Student Code of Conduct.

Pocahontas County High School Football season kicks off Friday, August 25, at 7 p.m. vs. Tucker County.



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First Publication Date: Thursday, August 17, 2023

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

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

First Publication Date: Thursday, August 17, 2023
Claim Deadline: Monday, October 16, 2023

ESTATE NUMBER: **14553**
 ESTATE OF: **NAOMI RUTH MCQUAIN**
 EXECUTRIX: Shelia Pasternak
 688 St. Francis Way
 Bridgeport, WV 26330-7944

Subscribed and sworn to before me on August 11, 2023.
 Melissa L. Bennett
 Clerk of the Pocahontas County Commission
 8/17/2c

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

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

An interested person(s) objecting to the filing of the foreign will or affidavit or objecting to the absence of appointment or administration being made in this state must file a statement with the Pocahontas County Commission through the County Clerk's Office at the address listed above within 60 days after the date of first publication or 30 days of service of the notice, whichever is later. If an objection is not timely filed, the objection is forever barred. The Pocahontas County Commission, upon receiving any timely objection thereto, shall schedule a hearing or hearings thereon and order relief, if any, it considers proper including, but not limited to, an order directing that full and complete ancillary administration of the estate of the nonresident decedent be made in this state.

First Publication Date: Thursday, August 10, 2023

ESTATE NAME: **DONNA FAYE HIGH**
 ANCILLARY ADMINISTRATRIX: CTA:
 Rita Jeanene Norton
 4505 US HWY 1175
 Burgaw, NC 28425

Subscribed and sworn to before me on August 2, 2023.
 8/10/2c

ORDER OF PUBLICATION IN THE FAMILY COURT OF POCAHONTAS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

TERESA ANN JOHNSON, Petitioner
 vs
WALLACE EUGENE JOHNSON, Respondent

Civil Action No. 23-D-40

THE OBJECT OF THIS SUIT IS TO OBTAIN A DIVORCE
 To the Above Named Respondent: **WALLACE EUGENE JOHNSON**

It appearing by affidavit filed in this action that the address of **WALLACE EUGENE JOHNSON** is unknown.

The Court orders the parties to appear on the 12th day of September, 2023, at 12:30 p.m. at the location of Family Court, 818 10th Avenue, Marlinton, WV, where a hearing will be held on the Petition for Divorce, at which time you may appear to protect your interests.

A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her office.
 Entered by the Clerk of said Court August 7, 2023.
 Connie M. Carr
 Circuit Clerk of Pocahontas County
 8/10/2c

WIC Public Hearing Notice

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Public Health, Office of Nutrition Services, Women, Infants and Children's (WIC) Program is seeking public comment on its 2024 State Plan, in accordance with Federal

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Regulations 246.4 (23) (b). The plan outlines the program's goals, priorities and objectives for the upcoming fiscal year.

A public hearing will be held to receive public comment on the plan on Friday, August 11, 2023, in Room 507 at 350 Capitol Street, Charleston, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

A copy of the State Plan may be viewed on the Office of Nutrition Services website at <https://dhhr.wv.gov/WIC/policyprocedure/Pages/default.aspx>

Written comments about the plan may be sent to: WV WIC Program, Room 515, 350 Capitol Street, Charleston, WV 25301-3717, Attention: Public Comment. **The deadline for submitting written comments is August 25, 2023.** Those comments will be made available for public review at the above address beginning Wednesday, August 30, 2023, through Wednesday, September 6, 2023, on regular business days between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For more information contact:
 Heidi Staats
 WV WIC Program Director
 304-558-0030
 E-mail: Heidi.E.Staats@wv.gov
 8/10/2c

ACCEPTING BIDS FOR COMMUNICATION TRAILER
The Pocahontas County Commission is accepting bids for a Communications Trailer to be used by the Emergency Management /911 Office.

All bids should be submitted in writing and placed in a sealed envelope marked "Sealed Bid – Pocahontas County Communications Trailer" and delivered by mail or in person to the Pocahontas County Commission, 900 Tenth Ave, Marlinton, WV 24954 **no later than September 1, at 4:00 p.m.**

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Denmar Correctional Center is accepting bids for a ten (10) year Lease Agreement for approximately 58.41 acres of farmland to be used for hay harvesting or crop production.

The property is located at the Denmar Correctional Center and Jail, 4319 Denmar Road, Hillsboro, WV 24946.

If you are interested in placing a bid on this lease agreement, please contact Sylvia Haney at the above address, email Sylvia.J.Haney@wv.gov or call the facility at 304-653-4201 for additional information.
 8/17/2c

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 Marlinton, WV 24954

Deadline for accepting bids is Monday, August 28, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.
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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.

Pocahontas County Youth Soccer League will accept registrations for fall soccer through August 30. Registration forms are available by calling the Parks and Rec office at 304-799-7386 or emailing parksandrec@frontiernet.net On-site registration will take place at Hillsboro School August 21; Linwood Pavilion August 22; and the Community Wellness Center in Marlinton August 23; 4:30 to 6 p.m. at all locations.

The GBO pool will close for the season Sunday, August 20. Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, August 19; and noon to 6:30 p.m. Sunday, August 20, which will include an "end-of-season pool party" from 2 to 5 p.m.

Zumba – Dance and enjoy a fun, high-energy workout with Instructor Kelly Shifflett, Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 5 p.m.

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Yoga – Let's gather and enjoy the rest of the summer season with some relaxing yoga at Durbin Library, Tuesdays at 5 p.m., Linwood Center, Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. and Cass Community Center Fridays at 5:30 p.m.

REUNIONS

Alderman Reunion – Saturday, September 2, 11 a.m. at New Hope Lutheran Church Shelter, Minnehaha Springs. Covered Dish

CHURCH NOTICES

Marlinton Presbyterian Church – Sunday School, 9 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. Worship at Stillwell Pavilion Sunday, August 27, 10 a.m.

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

Thursdays.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Marlinton United Methodist Church – Worship at 11 a.m. Parking lot service on 90.3 FM radio, or join us on Facebook.

New Hope Church of the Brethren, Worship at 9:30 a.m. and Bible Study Wed-

nesdays at 7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

Marlinton Church of God, Beard Heights – Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m. Wednesday Night Bible Study 6 p.m. Evangelistic Service Sunday, August 27, at 6 p.m.

Marlinton Church of Christ, Lakeview – Sunday School 9:45 a.m.; Worship 10:45 a.m. and 6 pm. Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

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

burglary; and one count, destruction of property.

Erick Romanello, 43, of Marlinton, waived his right to an evidentiary hearing and admitted to violating his diversion agreement by drinking. He was sanctioned to 60 days on home confinement and is required to attend Day Report with substance abuse counseling.

Court, from page 2

Family Court file is withdrawn. Defendant's motion to suppress DNA evidence will be heard at the next hearing. Benedict was indicted by the August 2022 Grand Jury on one count,

History, from page 7

LOBELIA ITEMS

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School Calendar

2023	2024
Aug. 10 First Day of School for staff	Jan. 3 Students return from Christmas Break
Aug. 16 First Day of School for Students	Jan. 15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No school for students
Aug. 16 First Day for Kindergarteners	Feb. 26 Professional Learning - No school for students
Aug. 23 First Day for Preschool	Mar. 29 Professional Learning - No school for students
Sept. 5 Labor Day - No school for students	April 1 - 5 Spring Break - No school for students
Oct. 18 Faculty Senate - No school for students	May 12 - Professional Learning - No school for students
Nov. 10 Veterans Day - No school for students	May 14 Election Day - No school for students
Nov. 20 - 24 Thanksgiving Holiday - No school for students	May 19 Graduation at PCHS
Dec. 19 Professional Learning - No school for students	May 23 Last day of school for students
Dec. 20 - Jan. 2 - Christmas Break - No school for students	May 24 Curriculum Development Day
	May 28 - June 4 Outside School Environment/Make-up Days
	June 5 Last Day of School for staff

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Immunization Information

The Pocahontas County Health Department has all required West Virginia school immunizations. Everything is being handled by appointment only. Please call 304-799-4154 to make an appointment or if you have questions.

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Mr. and Mrs. General Triplett, of Mill Point, celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary Saturday, August 12, at

Mt. Kinnison Church of God picnic shelter on Raintown Road. There was a lot of food, and lots of family and friends in attendance.

Gen and Evalena were married August 9, 1953, shortly before Gen shipped overseas to fight in the Korean Conflict.

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REUNION

The Marlinton High School Class of 1947 held its first reunion celebrating its 26th anniversary at the Allegheny Lodge June 30, 1973... Those attending were: Nellie Lee Malcomb Fleet, Grace Rogers Workman, Trudie Hively Underwood, Helen Armstrong Gillian, Hazel Jackson McPeak, Sue Brooks Holstein, Elton Underwood, Billy Joe Wilson, Helen Simmons Barbaro, Nada Underwood Carpenter, Delma Kennedy

Eriks, Mary Lou Calhoun Dilley, Anna Lee Dean, Virginia Lantz Hill, Garth VanReenen, Darius Moore, Robert Carpenter, Max White, Gene Beale, Henry David Hively and Robert McLaughlin.

in Oak Grove Cemetery. Summers Hedrick Sharp, 74, of Marlinton, burial in Cochran Cemetery near Marlinton.

Charles Delbert Leon Gordon, 52, of Baltimore, Maryland; born at Stony Bottom, a son of Henry and Cornelia McLaughlin Gordon.

DEATHS

James H. "Ratty" Thomas, 53, of Marlinton, a son of Mrs. Opal Weiford Thomas and the late Guy Thomas, and a Veteran of World War II. Burial in Mountain View Cemetery.

Graham Hugart LaRue, 81, of Hillsboro; born at Millboro Springs, Virginia, a son of the late Francis T. and Agnes Burns LaRue. Burial

Mrs. Lynn Eye, 64, of Franklin, a daughter of the late Camden and Merle Bodkin Calhoun. Burial in Pine Hill Cemetery at Brandywine.

Dr. Cecil B. Collins, 82, of White Sulphur Springs; born at Cass, a son of the late Charles Peter and Sarah Bagby Collins.

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BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Winfred Foe, of Cass, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Haskel M. Copenhaver, of Millpoint, a son.

DEATHS

Ms. Martha Ann Lambert, aged 62 years, wife of Otha Lambert, of Bartow, died Saturday, August 7, 1948. On Monday, her body was laid to rest in the Mullenax family cemetery at Cherry Grove in Pendleton County. The deceased is survived by

her husband, their son, Harlan, and their daughter, Mrs. Halcy Vandevender.

Mrs. Irene Callison Beard, aged 64 years, wife of Carl G. Beard, of Hillsboro, died Wednesday, August 11, 1948. She was at the home of a neighbor, Mrs. Clark Gum, for religious service when stricken. On Friday afternoon, the service was held from the home... Her body was laid to rest in the McNeel Cemetery. The deceased was the daughter of the late George W. and Maude McNeel Callison... She is survived by her husband and two daughters, Martha and Janet.

Mrs. Florence Austin Campbell, wife of Guy Campbell, died at her home in South Charleston Monday afternoon August 9. On Thursday afternoon, her body was laid to rest in the family plot in Dunmore cemetery. The service was held from the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Moore.

She is survived by her husband, Guy Campbell, and their children... She was a daughter of the late Dr. C. L. and Mrs. Florence Moore Austin...

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THE TANNERY

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