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Mugging it up for Tamarack

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

When Arbovale resident Sue Hevener first touched clay in a class taught by Kay Gillispie in 2010, she had no idea she would one day become a Tamarack artist. She was content with learning the art of using a pottery wheel and hand-building creations.

"The first thing I ever made wasn't even a mug," she said. "I made a birdhouse and that inspired me. I was so proud of that birdhouse. The next week, I made another birdhouse, and I put a face on it. You can tell from 2010 to 2023 – I've come a long way, baby – because it is not very pretty, but it's my son's favorite."

That birdhouse with a face – which holds a place of pride in a curio cabinet with many of Hevener's creations – is what inspired her to further explore her passion. She bought 50 pounds of clay from Gillispie and kept it in the basement.

One rainy day, she went down and started to hand-build – her preferable mode of modeling clay – and learned several lessons from the piece she'd made.

"I pulled out a box, and I just started molding it," she said. "Again, I was trying to



LOCAL POTTER SUE Hevener attaches a nose to one of her many face mugs. Hevener was juried into the Tamarack last year and has been hard at work making one-of-a-kind mugs and soap dishes to sell at the state's biggest art gallery. *S. Stewart photo*

make something big, and I did. I thought he was beautiful. I left it uncovered and when I went back down a couple days later, it was hard and it rough-handed me. I picked it up and broke it. That's what started my hand-building."

Although that piece did not survive, Hevener was not deterred. She enrolled in a class in Charleston with a friend. She liked learning about pottery, but disliked the atmosphere of the class.

"To me, a class should be very social and very laid back," she said. "This class was not."

Despite that, she returned a year later and enrolled in a class that had more laid back participants who were there for the same reason as Hevener – to learn and enjoy.

"I met so many nice people," she said. "The instructor was right when he said it was a good class because you had people that were so advanced and then there

were beginners like me and there were intermediates. You didn't feel like you were intruding or in their space."

After the second class, Hevener found her niche in hand-building, and through trial and error, began making her now famous face mugs.

"I started putting faces on them – and why a face, I don't know," she said. "It just intrigued me. I've had many people say, 'do you

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Pocahontas County receives Build WV Designation

Incentives created to encourage development of housing are now available in Pocahontas County after last week's designation as a certified BUILD WV district by the West Virginia Departments of Commerce, Tourism and Economic Development.

The application for designation was submitted jointly by Greenbrier Valley Economic Development Corporation and the Pocahontas County Convention and Visitor's Bureau (PCCVB), in conjunction with efforts of the Pocahontas County Housing Task Force, formed in March 2022.

The qualifying projects within the district are eligi-

ble to receive a sales and use tax exemption for building materials as well as a 10-year property value adjustment refundable tax credit to offset building costs. BUILD WV Act was passed by Legislature in 2022 and expanded in 2023.

"This designation is a key tool to incentivize investment into housing solutions for our county's current employers and residents and will support all efforts to grow the economy and replenish our population," said Cara Rose former PCCVB Executive Director who worked on this application just before retiring.

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Out for a stroll



SHARE THE ROAD. Share the path. There's room for everyone. It appears this "tourist" stopped for a nibble after visiting the museum at Droop Mountain Battlefield State Park. Cooler temperatures are headed our way next week. Why not make plans for your own picnic in the park? *S. Stewart photo*



BEEKEEPERS MUST STAY alert and be ready to harvest rapeseed honey within 24 hours of it being capped to prevent it from crystallizing in the comb. *Photo courtesy of flickr*

As Sweet as Honey

Melody Phillips
Staff Writer

Different types
Continued...

Manuka honey is from the nectar of manuka flowers which mainly grow in New Zealand as well as South-eastern Australia. Re-

searchers in the 1980s found that the New Zealand Manuka honey is significantly higher in enzymes and beneficial compounds than regular honey. This honey contains: carbohydrates/sugar (more 90 percent of honey's weight); compounds such as methylglyoxal (MGO) and hydrogen peroxide; enzymes like diastase,

invertases and glucose oxidase; amino acids, the "building blocks" of protein; B vitamins (B6, thiamine, niacin, riboflavin, pantothenic acid); organic acids; trace minerals and electrolytes, such as calcium, potassium, folate, phosphorus and others; flavonoids

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Commission discusses proposed annex project

Tim Walker
AMR Reporter

At the August 15 Pocahontas County Commission meeting, Commission President Walt Helmick spoke about the proposal to build a courthouse annex on the site of the old county jail.

He said he has been consulting with Historical Architect Bryson VanNostrand about the possibility of renovating the existing jail building and converting it into an annex, however the jail building is just too small for what is needed.

Helmick said he is considering the possibility of demolishing the existing jail and building a modern and larger courthouse annex on that site behind the court-

house. He likes the idea of designing the exterior of the annex to keep the same historical look as the existing jail building. Doing this, Helmick believes, might make tearing down the old jail more palatable to the people who run the National Registry of Historic Places. The entire courthouse complex, including the old jail, are currently listed on that registry.

Commissioner John Rebinski said he believes it was never the intention of the previous commission, when they placed the courthouse on the registry years ago, to include the jail building on the National Registry of Historic Places.

Both Helmick and Rebinski agree they can come up with the necessary money to

demolish the jail and replace it with a new annex building on the same site, since they have not spent much of the American Rescue Plan money on wasteful projects, and Helmick believes they can also tap into the Hotel/Motel Tax revenues to help finance the project. Helmick said he would like to invite VanNostrand as well as Susan Pierce, the Director of the West Virginia State Historic Preservation Office, to the commission meeting in September to hear their thoughts on all of this. He said the commission "needs to make a decision one way or the other" about the annex Helmick insists is badly needed because of over-

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Anniversary of the Inflation Reduction Act

U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) released the following statement on the one-year anniversary of the signing of the Inflation Reduction Act.

"The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) is one of the most historic pieces of legislation passed in decades for working and middle class families, and we are already seeing real results across West Virginia.

"While some across both parties and the Administration have chosen to play political games with this important legislation, the IRA included \$238 billion in debt reduction, lowered the cost of prescription drug prices for millions of seniors - including more than 400,000 West Virginians on Medicare, capped insulin at \$35 for seniors, and secured permanent funding for the

Black Lung Disability Trust Fund.

"With respect to energy security, and contrary to those in the Biden Administration who seek to undermine this goal, this law re-established an all-of-the-above energy policy and empowered the growth of fossil fuels and renewables. If implemented as designed, the IRA will ensure that all Americans have more reliable and more affordable power for years to come. Just in West Virginia, the groundbreaking for Form Energy in Weirton and BHE Renewables in Jackson County will not only create hundreds of good-paying jobs, it will help spark a new era of American manufacturing and innovation.

"Make no mistake, the IRA is exactly the kind of legislation that in normal political times both political parties would proudly em-

brace because it is about putting the interests of Americans and West Virginians first. Going forward, I will push back on those who seek to undermine this significant legislation for their respective political agenda, and that begins with my unrelenting fight against the Biden Administration's efforts to implement the IRA as a radical climate agenda instead of implementing the IRA that was passed into law.

"This country needs leadership and my hope is that elected leaders in both parties and in the White House put down their political swords, stop playing to the ideological extremes and focus on the very goal of this legislation - to help our hard working families and build a better, stronger and more secure nation for this generation and the next."

Governor signs bill to resolve vehicle property tax credit confusion

HB 125 allows taxpayers to pay their entire vehicle property tax this year and receive full credit on their 2024 income tax return

On August 16, Governor Jim Justice signed into law HB 125, an update to the West Virginia Motor Vehicle Property Tax Adjustment Credit. This bill resolves some confusion among taxpayers who choose to pay their property tax bill as soon as they receive it. Now, all motor vehicle property taxes due in 2024 but paid in 2023 may be claimed as a credit on a taxpayer's 2024 income tax return.

"This is an example of good government," Justice said. "We recognized a problem and fixed it as fast as we could. This bill

brings clarity and relief to West Virginia taxpayers and allows everyone to pay their full vehicle property tax this year without being penalized. We should never punish someone for paying their taxes on time, and this bill ensures that we are treating all taxpayers fairly."

What are the key takeaways taxpayers need to remember in order to get the dollar-for-dollar credit now?

Pay your personal property taxes timely. To be timely, taxpayers can pay the full ticket now or pay half in 2023 and half by April 1, 2024. Either way - every dollar of tax due in 2024 that is paid timely will be given back to the taxpayer as a rebate on their 2024 income tax return, even if the second half was

paid in 2023.

File your income tax returns every year in order to receive the credit.

As a reminder, everyone is eligible for this credit except for motor vehicle dealers. If an individual leases their car, they should know that leasing companies are eligible for the credit and are required to pass the savings on to the consumer.

Any taxpayers that do not owe West Virginia income taxes and are not required to file a West Virginia income tax return will be able to file a claim for rebate in early 2025 of their motor vehicle property taxes paid without having to file a full return.

Continue to check tax.wv.gov for more information and form requirements as they become available.

Upcoming changes to SNAP benefits

The USDA's Food and Nutrition Service has announced several changes to SNAP benefits beginning September 1.

Small changes to eligibility will take effect over the next year as a result of the debt ceiling bill, the Fiscal Responsibility Act, signed by President Joe Biden in June.

The changes only affect one group of SNAP recipients: able-bodied adults without dependents (or ABAWDs, as the agency calls them), ages 50 to 54.

ABAWDs between the ages of 18 and 49 already need to prove they are working at least 80 hours a month, pursuing an education or in a training program to qualify for SNAP for more than three months.

Beginning September 1, able-bodied, childless workers who are 50 years old will also need to meet those work requirements to receive SNAP benefits.

Beginning October 1, the age requirements will be expanded up to 52. Next year, October 1, 2024, the age requirement will expand again

to 54.

There are three new exemptions to the ABAWD work requirements: homeless people, veterans or youth ages 18 to 24 who aged out of foster care are all exempt from these requirements.

People who cannot work due to a physical or mental limitation, are pregnant, or have a child 18 or younger living in their home will also be exempt.

While more groups of people are now considered exempt from work require-

ments, state agencies that administer SNAP benefits will not be allowed to grant exemptions as frequently.

State agencies' annual allotment of individual ABAWD discretionary exemptions will be reduced from 12 percent to eight percent of the caseload subject to the ABAWD time limit as of October 1, 2023.

If you don't meet the work requirements, you will only be eligible for SNAP for three months of benefits in a three-year period.

Circuit Court

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

A status hearing was held in the case the State vs Joshua Ray VanReenen, 36, of Hillsboro, wherein defense counsel advised the court that discussions are ongoing, and they believe the matter will soon be resolved by a plea agreement. VanReenen was indicted on one count, malicious assault; one count, wanton endangerment involving a firearm; and one count, use or presentation of a firearm during the commission of a felony.

An in-person hearing was held in the case the State vs Steven K. Bennett, 48, of Green Bank, wherein defense counsel advised the court that she had confirmed that day, with the Department of Motor Vehicles, that Bennett never had a driver's license. The State noted that the matter has not been reviewed at this point and asked that it be continued. Bennett had previously tendered a written plea agree-

ment to the court wherein he pleaded guilty to the lesser included misdemeanor offense of driving while license revoked for driving under the influence of alcohol, second offense. In the process of the court proceeding with normal plea inquiries, the defendant related that he has never had a driver's license.

Shawn Barb, 34, of Marlinton, appeared by video from the Southwestern Regional Jail for a status hearing. Defense counsel asked for a further status hearing to

allow him time to discuss the matter with the defendant. That hearing is set for October 5. Barb was indicted by the December 2022 Grand Jury on one count grand larceny; two counts, receiving or transferring stolen property; one count, obtaining property by false pretenses; one count, receiving or transferring stolen property; one count, petit larceny; and one count, destruction of property.

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More scary stuff to keep you awake at night
Fungal Zombies

A friend who shares an interest in mushrooms suggested I watch a popular TV series based on a video game of the same name. *The Last of Us* is an apocalyptic science fiction story about a pandemic caused by a mushroom called cordyceps. Cordyceps is a genus of fungi numbering over 400 species, most of which parasitize a wide range of insect species.

We'll dive deeper into this bizarre fungus a bit later, but suffice it to say, the lifecycle of this little club-shaped mushroom is creepy. What the cordyceps are capable of is much worse than just weird – it is horrific. But, if you are a human, you don't have to worry about it – at least for now.

Certain world-altering events have happened in the past, others are happening as you read this article. Yet, still others may occur in the future. These things may be seemingly unrelated and unconnected by time and distance. However, if nature sees fit to bring these disparate factors together, humans, as a species, may be in big trouble.

The first event came right out of the sky

To put the pieces of this horror story together, we must go back some 65 million years to an event that killed off more than 70 percent of life on Earth in a relatively short period.

The Cretaceous – Paleogene mass extinction event, or K-T event, was precipitated by a nearly nine-mile-wide asteroid slamming into the submerged Yucatan Peninsula in the Gulf of Mexico.

The impact energy consolidated into massive tsunami waves nearly three miles in height. However, that was just the immediate effect. Extinction would soon come

to most life on our planet, including all non-avian dinosaurs.

Author's note: I am reminded of a Gary Larson cartoon depicting several dinosaurs standing around smoking cigarettes. The caption says, "The real reason dinosaurs became extinct."

When the asteroid plunged into the Gulf of Mexico, the intense heat vaporized the plentiful gypsum and sulfur in the matrix of the seabed. The resulting aerosol quickly expanded into the atmosphere, prompting an impact winter.

The dust-saturated atmosphere blocked most of the sunlight for years, possibly decades. Temperatures on Earth plunged as much as 55 degrees Fahrenheit within weeks.

Conditions resulting from the "impact winter" quickly began killing off the larger four-legged mammals. Photosynthesis of plants and plankton came to a screeching halt, causing further devastation to most herbivores and the predators that depended on them as a food source.

The impact winter began to subside when the atmosphere cleared, and the sun's rays restored a warmer climate. But in the wake of the cold period, the Earth had lost millions of years in evolution and was devoid of dinosaurs, most birds, insects and many fish and shellfish.

Some of the cold-blooded (ectotherms) creatures survived. Crocodiles and sea turtles still share the planet with us because of their lower body temperatures and the physiological need to eat less frequently to maintain homeostasis.

The real winners of this catastrophe were the small warm-blooded (endotherms) mammals and fungi. This was particularly so among the subterranean mammals. The age of mammals was getting a solid foothold as the dominant animal on

Earth.

The fungi had a different survival and expansion strategy. And it was delivered in the form of decomposing creatures and plants on a global scale. In the aftermath of the mass extinction event, Earth was temporarily nothing more than a chilly compost heap. The rotting mammals, fish, plants and dinosaurs, created a colossal windfall of nutrients for a lifeform specializing in breaking down organic material. Fungi would rise right alongside mammals to dominate planet Earth.

One can only imagine the stench during this transition from the age of dinosaurs to that of mammals. Likewise, the massive fungal bloom set the stage for rapid evolutionary growth and diversity of mushrooms. Yet, many sources focus only on the rise of mammals after the dinosaur's total and absolute demise, often ignoring the tremendous opportunities that fungi exploited post mass extinction.

Fungi do not require light and prefer cool temperatures; their Achilles' Heel is higher temperatures, which is a fact that will come into play later in this article.

As one mycologist said, "If there are any other habitable planets in this universe, you can bet that there are fungi there."

And that brings us to a discussion of one specific genus of fungi, the cordyceps.

It is a better human survival strategy to eat mushrooms rather than them eating us.

I have been collecting and eating edible mushrooms for nearly 70 years and never thought much about fungal pathogens. Of course, some mushrooms are deadly when consumed, and people mistakenly pick and eat them occasionally.

For example, Amanita phalloides, the fabled Deathcap, is responsible for 90 percent of deaths from poisonous mushrooms. Still, few mushrooms offer this level of toxicity, and there are less than 20 known mushrooms worldwide that can cause death.

Our forests here in the Appalachian Mountains offer a plethora of edible and delicious mushrooms, including the Chanterelle, Boletus, Lactarius, Oyster, Morel, Chicken of the Woods and many more.



ANT INFECTED BY a species of cordyceps depicts the fruiting phase of the mushrooms protruding from the ant's body prior to releasing its spore. Photo courtesy of USDA Forest Service

But then, there's the psychopath of mushrooms, the cordyceps.

In his landmark book on Fungi, *Mycelium Running – How Mushrooms Can Help Save the World*, Paul Stamets describes how mushrooms can be used to clean up pollution such as oil spills, treat smallpox and flu viruses, restore damaged ecosystems, treat mental conditions such as an excessive fear of death when facing a fatal prognosis, and create novel and effective pesticides. And this is only a fraction of the potential uses of mushrooms.

It is fungal parasites we will now direct our attention to. Stamets has harnessed the power of one species of cordyceps to control carpenter ants as a successful pest control method.

How this works is one of the most fascinating stories in nature. The ants are infected by the microscopic spore of the cordyceps, penetrating the exoskeleton and gaining entry into the insect.

Once inside the host, the spores release compounds that exert muscular control over the ant, forcing it to do and act as the spore intends. And its intentions are clear; make the zombie ant leave its comfy nest for a humid and cooler location that favors fungal growth.

The spores continue rewiring the muscular system of the ant. After several days the ant is directed zombie-like to climb to the tip-top of a plant, where the muscles are further controlled to grasp the plant in a

death grip, literally. The fruit bodies we call mushrooms devour the internal organs of the ant, killing it. Then the mushrooms erupt out of the now-depleted body to disperse its spores.

Of course, the ant is now dead, which makes the parasitic cordyceps a lethal predator, as the outcome of the infected insect is always

fatal. Remember, mushrooms are in a category of their own; they are not plants nor animals, but rather, something in-between and having some aspects of both.

Several species of fungi function similarly to cordyceps. One species attacks

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TRIVIA
– a little something to think about

Courtesy of Chuck Cornell

1. In 1998, at the age of 77, he became the oldest person to go into space. He was onboard the space shuttle Discovery. Who was he?
2. This American abolitionist was tried and convicted of treason in the State of Virginia. His body lies "a molderin' in the grave." Who was he?
3. Ivan Pavlov, the Russian physiologist, used a certain animal to demonstrate his classical conditioning theory. What animal did he use?
4. Al Capone was convicted and sentenced to 11 years in federal prison in 1931. What federal crime did he commit?

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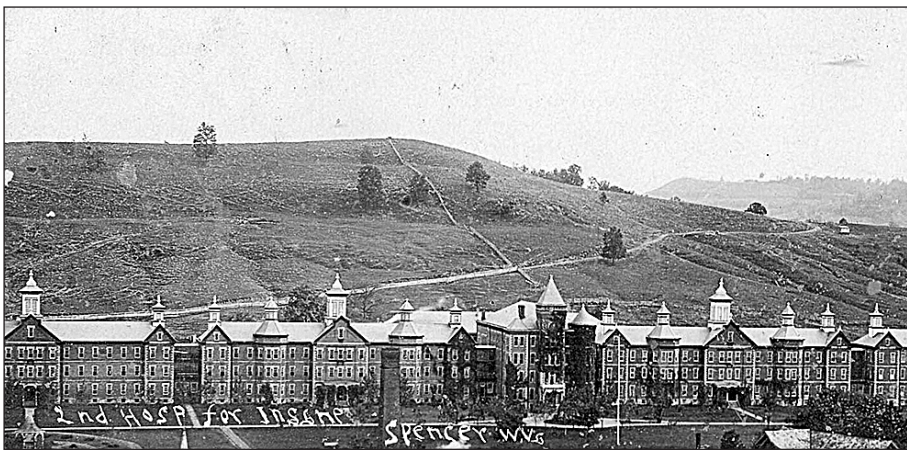
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SPENCER STATE HOSPITAL opened July 18, 1893. With its connected brick buildings, a quarter-mile in length, the hospital was sometimes referred to as the longest continuous brick building in America. It remained in operation until June 1989.

Spencer State Hospital

West Virginia Encyclopedia

Authorized by the legislature in 1887 to relieve overcrowding at Weston State Hospital, Spencer State Hospital was opened July 18, 1893. Its connected brick buildings, a quarter-mile in length, were sometimes referred to as the longest continuous brick building in America. Situated west of U.S. 33 on 184 acres donated to the state by Roane County, Spencer State Hospital remained in operation until June 1989. Spencer's original charter was to care for people with mental illnesses, although

its mission broadened at times to include diseases such as typhoid fever, tuberculosis and pneumonia. The hospital's farms were used for a dairy herd, hogs, chickens, vegetable gardens and woodlands, providing food for patients and staff. The hospital also had its own water and power supplies. An additional 295 acres west of the facility were used for patient recreation and the hospital dam's watershed. The institution maintained an open-door policy within the hospital grounds, with patients free to come and go, but a fence was erected around the hospital to separate patients from the town.

Between 1973 and 1976, the administrative building was torn down and replaced. In October 1993, the city of Spencer held an auction to dispose of most of the equipment left behind when the hospital closed. A local employer, Monarch Rubber Company (later Armacell), agreed to take possession of the Spencer State Hospital whistle so that residents could continue hearing its regular blasts morning, noon and night. *This Article was written by Larry Sonis Last Revised on January 04, 2023*



EACH OF SUE Hevener's face mugs has its own personality and expression which attracts the eye and imagination of shoppers. Photo courtesy of PCAC

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Hevener said. "As I was putting them on the shelf, a woman came in and bought two of them. I couldn't wait to get home to tell Bill." A year later, Hevener finally took the plunge and submitted an application to Tamarack and, almost immediately, was selected to be juried, and her work was accepted. "I really did not anticipate ever A) being accepted; and B) having an order that day," Hevener said. "[My buyer] said she wanted 42. I nearly fell over." Now that she had an inventory list to fill and more on the horizon, Hevener said it was time to move out of the basement. Bill had a studio built for her and she quickly went to work on her one-of-a-kind face mugs. Since she was selected, Hevener has received four orders from Tamarack and she has managed to keep up with the demand, and to add a few new items to her inventory. She began making soap dishes in two shapes – one that looks like a bathtub with

a head on one side and two large feet on the other. The second is a rainbow trout. In addition to selling at Tamarack, Hevener also has items at Cedar Lakes and The Snowshoe Hare at Slaty Fork. She also hopes to soon be selling in some West Virginia State Parks. Because of demand and the time it takes to hand build so many pieces, Hevener said she is no longer a member of the Pocahontas County Artisans Co-op. It's been 13 years since she first picked up clay and hand-built that first birdhouse, and Hevener said she is still surprised that so many people buy and enjoy her work, but she is happy to continue to make her unique creations until she can't anymore. "It's still hard for me to believe, that I could be at Tamarack and my work would sell," she said. "I do enjoy it. I don't know where it will take me. I don't know how long I'll be doing this, but I do enjoy it."

Honey, from page 1

and polyphenols; alkaloids and glycosides; and volatile compounds.

Research studies have shown that the combination of methylglyoxal, dihydroxyacetone and hydrogen peroxide, which are in abundance in Manuka honey, can be an effective antibacterial agent, having more antibacterial properties than any other honey, possibly even towards bacteria resistant to antibiotics. Manuka honey may help with digestion issues, infections, burns and wounds, sore throat, allergies, to reduce symptoms of Cystic Fibrosis, prevent tooth decay, and improve skin health.

Real New Zealand Manuka honey contains more than 2,000 unique components that contribute to its texture, complex flavor and health food status. Before exporting Manuka honey, New Zealand's Ministry for Primary Industries requires testing and labeling. All honey is laboratory tested for four chemicals from the nectar and 1 DNA marker from the Manuka pollen. The term "Monofloral" means the honey is mainly from the manuka plant while "Multifloral" refers to a variety of plant sources, even though a significant amount comes from the manuka plant. To check the potency of this honey, check the UMF rating.

The Unique Manuka Factor (UMF) is a global standard used to identify and

measure the antibacterial strength of Manuka. UMF5 is the lowest recognized rating; however, the honey is not considered beneficial unless it has a rating of at least UMF 10+. A rating of UMF 15+ is considered highly therapeutic and intake should not exceed one tablespoon at a time.

Manuka honey is antifungal, antiviral, antibacterial and anti-inflammatory.

The glycemic index for Manuka honey falls around 57, which is lower than sugar coming in at 65. So, although this may cause a spike in blood glucose for diabetics, it is a better alternative to refined white sugar in small amounts.

Orange Blossom

Orange blossom honey is a lighter amber color and one of the most common monofloral honeys. The hint of citrus is due to, as the name states, the nectar coming from orange blossoms. This honey is produced in the United States, Spain, Italy, France, Mexico and Israel.

Beekeepers must place their hives in highly dense orange grooves to ensure the honey produced is limited to the orange blossoms. If there are not enough orange blossoms near the hives, the eager bees will source nectar from other sources which will produce a mixed honey.

Citrus oils have been used throughout history for killing bacteria and as a cleanser. Many of the chemical compounds within these potent oils can pass on into the honey produced. Beeswax says, "Studies have tested

the flavonoid content of Orange Blossom honey and found that it contains quercetin, hesperetin, luteolin, kaempferol, galangin, naringenin and isorhamnetin. These antioxidants can potentially provide anti-inflammatory, anti-allergy, anti-cancer and immunosupporting effects. They may also help to combat free radicals and reduce the risk of chronic illness."

Rapeseed Honey

Rapeseed, Brassica napus, is mainly cultivated for its oil-rich seed, which is the third largest source of vegetable oil and second largest source of protein meal in the world. The oil can contain up to 54% of erucic acid which is harmful to the heart muscle of animals, but the flowers are a main forage crop for honeybees. The majority of the North American Rapeseed crops are genetically modified. The quick growing rapeseed plant can be planted in the spring and in the fall and produces a high nectar flow, this results in a bumper crop of honey throughout the year.

A monofloral rapeseed honey has a peppery flavor and a milky yellow color. This honey must be collected with 24 hours of being capped due to its low fructose-to-glucose ratio, which causes it to crystallize very quickly, even in the comb. Beekeepers must keep vigilant watch over their hives during this time. The honey is sold immediately after harvesting. If it is not stored properly, this type of honey may ferment.

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Build, from page 1

The district was established with Clover Lick as the center point and includes areas within a 20-mile radius. This point was chosen to encompass as much of Pocahontas County as possible, particularly to include areas where there is developer interest. Letters of support for the project were provided by both the CVB and the EDC as well as the Pocahontas County Commission, Inter-State Hardwoods, Snowshoe Mountain Resort, Green Bank Observatory, Safe Homes, Fort Warwick, Homeownership Center and First Tracts Realty.

"We understand that housing is an issue in the region – for residents who want to move here and for employers who want to recruit employees," Ruthana Beezley, Executive Director of the GVEDC, added. "We are continuing to work on solutions, but feel this designation is an important piece of the puzzle."

According to the Build WV Code (WV §5B-2L-16), projects eligible for the BUILD WV Act will be located in a certified district, and will include at least six residential units or houses or generate approved costs in excess of \$3,000,000; create a significant and positive economic impact on the state; improve opportunities for commercial businesses and provide additional employment opportunities.

Interested housing developers are encouraged to contact Ruthana Beezley at GVEDC at rbeezley@gvedc.com or 304-497-4300 for additional information on applying. There is an application fee of \$5,000, and the State and GVEDC are working to make sure applications are viable before submitting.

The Greenbrier Valley EDC is the local economic development authority for Pocahontas, Greenbrier and Monroe Counties whose mission is to strategically facilitate economic growth and higher wages through collaborative partnerships, while preserving the natural beauty and quality of life in the Greenbrier Valley region.

The Pocahontas County Convention and Visitors Bureau [PCCVB] is an independent, nonprofit corporation dedicated to marketing and promoting Pocahontas County as a destination. Their mission is to promote tourism which strengthens our community through job creation and education, while protecting the environment, sharing our culture and preserving our history.

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Obituaries

Steven Adkison

Steven Lee Adkison, 49, of Marlinton, passed away Sunday, June 11, 2023.

He was born September 1, 1973, and was the husband and best friend to Samantha Ann Adkison for 14 years.

He graduated from Greenbrier East High School, served in the U. S. Army, and was a logger.

Steve was very strong willed and a bit stubborn at times, but had the biggest heart and a great sense of humor. He loved being outdoors, riding his bike or taking walks with his wife. He loved to play any kind of sport with all the kids.

He will always be remembered and will be greatly missed.

He was preceded in death by his father, Palmer "Buddy" Adkison; and grandparents, Bob and Virginia Ruth Herndon.

He is survived by his wife and best friend, Samantha Ann Adkison (Garrett and Jera); mother, Debra Windon; sisters, Tina Davis and Brandy Baldwin; Elizabeth, Hunter, Hydie and Debbie Kay; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

In keeping with his wishes, the body was cremated and he didn't want any service.

You will forever be in my heart.

Love always, your wife.

Debra Church

Debra Naomi Wilfong Church, 69, of Cass, passed away Tuesday, August 15, 2023, at her residence.

Born July 30, 1954, in Pocahontas County, she was a daughter of the late Delbert Wilfong, Sr. and Hazel Virginia Dilley Wilfong.

Debra retired as a cook from French's Diner.

She was a loving mother and grandmother. She loved reading, doing puzzle books and spending time with her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Rusty Sharp and Steven Tincher; and a sister, Rita Kerr.

She is survived by her husband, James "Jimmy" Finley

Church, of Cass; three children, Jessica Tincher, and fiancé, Mathew Anderson, of Marlinton, Bobby Tincher, of Parkersburg, and Dale Tincher, of Belington; eight grandchildren; and a brother, David Wilfong, of North Carolina.

A funeral service will be conducted at 2 p.m., Wednesday, August 23, 2023, at VanReenen Funeral Home in Marlinton with David Ritzenhouse officiating.

The family will receive friends following the service.

Arrangements are being handled by VanReenen Funeral Home.



Henly Cook

Henly Albert "Joe" Cook, 82, of Renick, passed away Wednesday, August 16, 2023, at home following an extended battle with cancer.

Born September 22, 1940, in Seebert, he was a son of the late Hampton and Pearl Alberts Cook.

Henly was a devoted Christian, husband, father, grandfather and friend to so many. He was a member of Gethsemane Baptist Church in Frankford and loved bluegrass gospel music.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife of 33 years, Judith Smith Cook; and several brothers and sisters.

He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Sylvia Vass Cook; daughter, Cynthia Cook Pritt (Robert); sons, Hampton Wade Cook and Wesley Cook (Wendy); stepchildren, Eddie Harvey, Melanie Wills (Ray), and Leanna Sluss (Arlas); grandchildren, Jacob Cook (Emerald), Andy Cook and Ariel Collins; step-grandchildren, Crystal Callison (Will), Don-

ovan Harvey (Rhonda), Justin Sluss, Emily Graham, Alyssa Seigler (Michael), and Ian Wills; seven great-grandchildren, Bella, Mason, Adley, Lennon, Gabe, Paisley and Ashton; sister, Juanita Cutlip; and brother, Richard Cook.

Funeral service was held Sunday, August 20, 2023, at the Gethsemane Baptist Church in Frankford, with Pastor Marshall Cochran officiating. Burial was in Ellis Chapel Cemetery at Brushy Flats.

Online guestbook can be signed at www.morganfh.net

Arrangements by Morgan Funeral Home, Lewisburg, WV.



Jamie Gibson

Jamie Allen Gibson, 52, of Marlinton, passed away at his home Saturday, August 19, 2023.

Born July 24, 1971, in Marlinton, he was a son of Sally Kay Ray Gibson, of Stamping Creek, and the late James Allen Gibson.

Jamie worked as a laborer at Beckwith Lumber Company.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by a sister, Shelia Ray Sharp; and a nephew, James Michael Cassell.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by a son, Dustin Gibson, of Raleigh, North Carolina; brother, John Gibson, and wife, Niska, of Buckhannon, and Chris Gibson, and wife, Melonie, of Marlinton; sister, Viole "Sissy" Weatherholt, and husband, Kevin, of Marlinton; many nieces and

nephews; and several great-nieces-and-nephews.

Funeral service will be held Thursday, August 24, 2023, at 1 p.m. at Lantz Funeral Home in Buckeye with Pastor Sam Felton officiating. Burial will follow in Gibson Cemetery at Slaty Fork.

The family will receive friends from noon until time of service.

In lieu of flowers donations of sympathy may be made to the Lantz Funeral Home to offset the cost of the funeral bill.

Online condolences may be made at Lantzfuneralhome.com



Diana Shearer

Diana Sue Shearer, 66, of Buckeye, passed away Sunday, August 20, 2023, at the home of her sister.

Born December 25, 1956, in Marlinton, she was a daughter of the late James William "Buck" Sr. and Mildred Jane Harsh Shearer.

Diana was a 1977 graduate of Pocahontas County High School. She attended the Cummings Creek Victory Chapel on Beaver Creek.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Lois Jean Alderman; and three brothers, Tommy Wayne Harsh, James Wilmer Shearer Jr. and Ricky Allen Shearer.

Those left to cherish her memories are her sisters, Margaret Ann Burr, and husband, Henry, of Marlinton, Mildred Ann Myers, of St Augustine, Florida, Vickie Lynn Harbor, of Hurricane, Debra Kay Keatley, and husband, Roy, and Teresa Renee

Rhea, all of Marlinton, and Patricia Darlene Wilfong, and husband, Gene, of Buckeye; brothers, Robert Lee Shearer, of Marlinton, Kenneth Eugene Shearer, and wife, Donna, and Royal C. Shearer, all of Buckeye; several nieces and nephews, great-nieces-and-nephews, great-great-nieces-and-nephews; and her two fur babies, Molly and Myrtle.

Funeral service will be held 1 p.m. Saturday, August 26, 2023, at Lantz Funeral Home in Buckeye with Rev. Norman Alderman officiating. Burial will follow in Mountain View Cemetery in Marlinton.

The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. until time of service.

Online condolences may be shared at Lantzfuneralhome.com



Arthea Summerfield

Arthea Faye Summerfield, 83, of Cass, passed away after a long illness Monday, August 21, 2023.

Born August 14, 1940, in Cass, she was the eldest daughter of the late Paul Clayton Bradley and Garnett Marie Lambert Bradley.

Early in life, Arthea raised her children and spent summers working at the Cass Country Store. She was an active member of the Bethel United Methodist Church in Durbin and Hebron Baptist Church in Green Bank, and participated in activities at the Green Bank Senior Center.

She enjoyed flower gardening, singing in the church choir, attending square dances, working on puzzles

and feeding the birds that visited her yard. In the evenings, you could often find her on the front porch swing with her Jack Russell Terrier, Skippy, waving at locals and tourists alike as they passed by her house. Above all, her relationship with God and her family meant the most.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Thomas Clayton Bradley.

Arthea is survived by her children, Brenda Cassell and Joyce Boothe, both of Green Bank, and Kenny Summerfield, of Dunmore; sister, Patricia Foulks, of Parkersburg; four grandchildren, Andrew Cassell, of Green Bank, Bridget Martin (Boothe), of White Hall, James Boothe, of Timonium, Maryland, and Emily Boothe, of Hamtramck, Michigan; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Graveside service will be held Saturday, August 26, 2023, at 1 p.m. at Wanless Cemetery on Back Mountain Road near Cass, with Pastor Amy Paul officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Green Bank Library, PO Box 1, Green Bank, WV 24944 or to the Green Bank Senior Center, 4498 Potomac Highlands Trail, Green Bank, WV 24944.

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Gum Cemetery, Back Mountain Road – Alan Wright, 14640 Back Mountain Road, Durbin, WV 26264

Hill Top Cemetery, Cass – Richard Ryder, 707 Chert Lane, Beckley, WV 25801

Kee Cemetery – Tink Gum, 713 Spruce Flat Road, Buckeye, WV 24924; or Mike Hollandsworth, 26 Lonesome Hollow Lane, Marlinton, WV 24954.

Huntersville Cemetery – Samuel A. Sheets, 444 Sheets Lane, Marlinton, WV 24954; or Pendleton Community Bank, c/o Huntersville Cemetery Fund, PO Box 87, Marlinton, WV 24954.

Sharp Cemetery on Stamping Creek – Donald K. Sharp, 2703 Locust Creek Road, Hillsboro, WV 24946

Sunset Cemetery – Lyle Ware, 752 Jacox Road, Hillsboro, WV 24946

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

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

Wilfong Cemetery – Barbara Williams, 1726 Seebert Wilfong Road, Marlinton, WV 24954

William Sharp, Jr. Cemetery, Back Mountain Road near Fairview – Tommy D. Sharp, 2744 Brownsburg Road, Marlinton, WV 24954.

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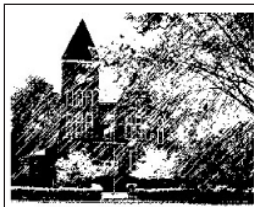
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Stulting Family – Hillsboro, 1906



MEMBERS OF THE Stulting Family stand in front of the Stulting House at Hillsboro, West Virginia, in this photograph taken around 1906. Pictured, left to right: Melvina Ann Stulting, Claude Stulting, Eva Stulting, Clifty Stulting, Mamie Stulting and Grace Stulting. The Stulting House was the family home of Caroline Stulting Sydenstricker, mother of Pulitzer and Nobel Prize winning author Pearl Sydenstricker Buck. (Pearl S. Buck Birthplace Collection; ID: PSB000229)

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Seventy-Five Years Ago

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, August 23, 1948

Good News in Hillsboro Groundbreaking for the New Methodist Parsonage

The Levelton Circuit and their pastor, Rev. A. J. Schrader, very proudly announce the special services to be held at the Wesley Chapel Methodist Church in Hillsboro. The entire program will start with a morning worship service at 11 a.m. with a special program of music and worship. At 12:30, a chicken dinner will be served on the grounds followed by an old fashioned sing and the Ground Breaking Service.

The friends, relatives and members of the entire county

and from the Emmanuel, Seebert, Marvin Chapel, Sharon, Trinity and Wesley Chapel churches are all invited...

Double Trouble

Green Bank – On last Monday, Brown, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Linn McCarty, got a badly broken leg in an accident with a heavy farm gate. He was brought to Pocahontas Memorial Hospital to have the bone set.

When Mr. McCarty had gotten home about dark, Mrs. McCarty was taken violently ill. She was brought to the hospital.

Her mother, Mrs. Mary J. McLaughlin, was notified, and she left her farm home to come and be with the chil-

dren while the parents were away.

The next morning a neighbor came to tell Mrs. McLaughlin that her house and all its contents had burned up during the night. Mrs. McLaughlin is the widow of the late Musto McLaughlin.

Accident

Darleigh Dair Shue, 18 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Emery E. Shue, of Droop Mountain, got a fractured right leg Friday when his service cycle (small motorcycle) collided with a car. Mr. Shue was on duty when the accident occurred. He had been employed by Western Union for some time. He lives with his sister, Mrs. Paul J. Atkins, at Richmond. He is in the Medical College Hospital.

FIELD NOTES

Friday, the 13th, was the day for Orville Riddle to see

wild things. Working on a log job over in Bath County, he went to straighten out some logs on a hillside, preparatory to skidding. Approaching a big log from the downhill side, he found himself looking smack in the faces of three big copperheads, coiled on top of the log, taking the morning sun. The nearest snake was barely a foot from the man's face. Orville never batted an eye; he eased back until he could bring his cant hook into the game with an overhand play. He smashed down on the snakes with hearty licks.

This was not enough snakes for one day. Later, Mr. Riddle came on a big yellow rattlesnake. He killed this one, too.

As Orville was coming into camp at the end of the day, a big chunk of a bear walked within a few rods of him.

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fair. Virginia's calf was turned over to her weighing 380 pounds, and she cared for it for 322 days and brought it to the judging when it weighed 855 pounds, having put on an average of about a pound and a half a day. It was fed molasses, apples, oats, bran, corn and cottonseed meal, ensilage, timothy and clover hay. Some small amount of salt was given each time it was fed...

She gave it as her opinion that care counted for more than food in fattening a head of stock. In her case, she had thought out some things, such as keeping the beast in a dark stall in daytime when the flies were bad and regulated the light by having a window cut in the box stall. She also invented a plan to fight flies. She hung burlap curtains down so that the calf could brush the flies off. In fly time, she let the calf graze at night. Virginia did not get a first, but the next time I saw her she had ribbons on a plenty, and she was towing her gigantic pet around the main track in the same

adequate way that a tug takes a great liner out of the harbor in New York.

Rev. H. W. McLaughlin's International Champion bull, Royal Choice Sultan, in all the pride and glory of his 2,500 pounds was present. They have well nigh bred all the legs and neck off of this great specimen. In addition to the pride of flesh, I believe he is intelligent. On the judging ground, he commences to talk in a dignified and self-contained way like the mutterings of thunder and keeps it up until the adjournment of the judging of his class, when he is led to his apartment and never utters a word until he comes again upon the stage for the next event... Royal Sultan is known all over the world and his calves are spreading the doctrine of polled shorthorns in all the foreign fields. In short, I think he is the best ox

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Fifty Years Ago

Jane Price Sharp, Editor

Thursday, August 23, 1973

The cornerstone of the new addition to the Pocahontas County Courthouse was laid Saturday afternoon, August 18, 1973, with appropriate ceremonies by the Grand Lodge of West Virginia A. F. & A. M.

Roger Lee Trusler is the new Director of the Elementary Preventive Guidance Program for Pocahontas County Schools. This federally funded program deals with parents and teachers as well as students in helping to prevent school dropouts.

4-H – FFA

Show and Sale

The first 4-H – FFA Junior Livestock Show to be held at the new Pocahontas Producers stockyards took place Saturday evening. Ronnie Mullens, of the Huntersville Jaguars, won Grand Champion Baby Beef, and Matt Myers, Pocahontas FFA, had Reserve Champion. In the market lamb class, a pen of three, owned by Price Barlow, was Champion, with Reserve honors going to Debbie Sharp. Price is a member of the Buckeye Winners 4-H Club, and Debbie is a member of the Poage

Lane Redskins Club.

In the individual market lamb class, Lynn Jordan, of the Edray Mustangs 4-H Club, was Champion, and Debbie Sharp was Reserve Champion.

STUDENTS

Jacob McNeel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Moffett McNeel, of Hillsboro, was awarded a four year \$1,300 scholarship from the Southern States Cooperative to attend West Virginia University.

Jacob was the one selected from a statewide group of applicants to receive this award. He will enter WVU this fall and will major in agriculture.

Miss Terri Butcher, daughter of Herman Butcher, of Green Bank, has been awarded a Turner-Benedum Scholarship to attend Shepherd College in the medical technology program.

Bill Beard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Beard, of Hillsboro, placed third in the State Tractor Driving Contest at Jackson's Mill... There were 21 contestants from various parts of West Virginia...

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Footsteps through History

The Pocahontas Times
Andrew Price, Editor

Thursday, August 26, 1898

A LONG WAY ROUND

According to a paragraph in the New York Sun, there is a post office in Minnesota from which it takes a letter eight days – and more than 1,200 miles of travel – to reach another office only half a mile away.

"The second office is in Canada, on the other shore of Rainy River. The mail used to be carried across in a bark canoe by a half-breed who made a living by the work. Now it goes 150 miles by rail to Duluth, 600 miles west and north to Winnipeg, 200 miles east by rail, and 200 miles more by steamer and canoe to get to the village that can almost be reached with a shout by a good pair of lungs."

We can furnish a similar tale in Pocahontas. Take Gillispie and Wanless, two towns of the Greenbrier about eight miles apart. Under recent mail regulations, a man might start a letter Monday at Gillispie to a man at Wanless. It would go four miles to Travelers Rest; Tuesday, 30 miles to Huntersville; Wednesday, six miles to Marlinton; Thursday, four miles to Edray. Then waiting over a day a Edray, it would go 12 miles to Driftwood on Saturday, and be carried to Wanless the next Tuesday, requiring nine days to make the circuit.

KILLED BY LIGHTNING

Thomas Bain, of Upper Kerrs Creek, Rockbridge County, was struck by lightning Sunday afternoon and

instantly killed. He, with two young men – "Buz" and Charles Reynolds – went to a wheat stack in a nearby field, and on their return, while crossing a field, Bain was struck by the bolt, which tore the crown out of his hat, singed his hair and passed out his feet, tearing his shoes to pieces. Both of his companions were knocked down and rendered senseless. Upon reviving, one of them saw Bain's shoes smoking. Both eventually recovered enough to go to the house. Bain was about 65 years old.

Last Thursday evening, nine head of cattle, owned by John Hulver, of Clarke County, were killed by lightning. The cattle were standing near a wire fence, when a post some distance from the animals was struck by lightning, and the wire, acting as a conductor, carried the electrical current down by the cattle. So terrific was the bolt that several of the steers were thrown over the fence into an adjoining field. – Rockingham Register.

THE BIBLE RELATIONSHIP

Jacob Bible, Esq., the progenitor of the Bible relationship in our county, was born and reared on the South Branch of the Potomac near Franklin, Pendleton County. His father was Jacob Bible, Senior, a native of Pennsylvania, and one of the early settlers of Pendleton County.

Upon his marriage with Sally Lightner, daughter of Adam Lightner, Senior, on Back Creek, Mr. Bible located at Hightown, thence he

see History pg 12

100-Years-Ago in The Pocahontas Times

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday, August 23, 1923

Last week was fair. The county fair was held and a great number of thousands came in cars and beheld many curious things. The farmers turned out in great force, and they brought fine examples of the art of husbandry and that impressed me more than anything else for the great herds of stock that come from afar have discouraged the local herder and the prizes for registered stock went mostly to men from other counties and states...

I am always interested in the Four-H calf club, and the usual bunch of tenderly cared for heifers were in the competition each with the young owner. The calf and the youngster become violently attached to each other and do not like to be parted as they generally are at these

yearly stock sales. Like the time our family sold Marie Antoinette to the local butcher shop and were afraid to eat beef for a month.

I stood looking at these Four-H calves and remarked that they had been coddled and kept like babies, when an old gal about my age said, "humph, bettern babies."

After being considerably interested in the manner of caring for a beast that could get to be as big as these heifers in a year, I scraped up an acquaintance with Miss Virginia Hayes, of Mill Point, eleven years old, and student of the fourth grade. Her father and mother were with her, and I interviewed her as one of the successful calf project owners.

Each year, the Hereford Association puts out a certain number of Hereford-white faced calves and the youngsters keep them a year and sell them at the annual

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DELINQUENT AND UNPROGRESSED ESTATES IN POCAHONTAS COUNTY WEST VIRGINIA Before the Pocahontas County Commission, West Virginia In Re: Delinquent and Unprogressed Estates **NOTICE OF NO RESPONSE TO ORDER**

According to the Code of West Virginia, §44-3A-24, the County Clerk gives notice that the personal representatives in the following list of estates have failed to file properly the delinquent documents or failed to file a verified statement or file a verified statement which the County Clerk upon review finds and determines does not present good cause.

The County Clerk advises that the personal representatives shall be removed from office and such other appropriate person appointed as personal representative as the County Commission may determine or that the estate shall be administratively closed 30 days following the date of such notice at a hearing thereon to be held before the County Commission on Tuesday, September 19, 2023.

ESTATE NUMBER: **12654**
APPOINTMENT DATE: 12/18/2006 Delinquent
ESTATE NAME: **LARRY N. MCLAUGHIN**

ESTATE NUMBER: **12795**
APPOINTMENT DATE: 01/25/2008 Delinquent Referred
ESTATE NAME: **LILA FAYE PRITT**

ESTATE NUMBER: **13045**
APPOINTMENT DATE: 04-26-2010 Delinquent
ESTATE NAME: **WARREN SAMUEL THARP**

ESTATE NUMBER: **13067**
APPOINTMENT DATE: 08/05/2010 Delinquent
ESTATE NAME: **BERLIN S. FITZGERALD**

ESTATE NUMBER: **13345**
APPOINTMENT DATE: 06/09/2013 Delinquent
ESTATE NAME: **MARY SIBYL BURKS**

ESTATE NUMBER: **13703**
APPOINTMENT DATE: 05/23/2016 Delinquent Referred
ESTATE NAME: **TERRY W. REYNOLDS**

ESTATE NUMBER: **13954**
APPOINTMENT DATE: 11/09/2018 Delinquent
ESTATE NAME: **DORIS JEAN WILLIAMS**

ESTATE NUMBER: **14133**
APPOINTMENT DATE: 05/27/2020 Delinquent
ESTATE NAME: **EARL LONIS VANCE, JR.**

ESTATE NUMBER: **14138**
APPOINTMENT DATE: 06/04/2020 Delinquent
ESTATE NAME: **PAUL EDWARD ENNIS**

ESTATE NUMBER **14143**
APPOINTMENT DATE: 06/26/2020 Delinquent
ESTATE NAME: **GEORGE DANIEL GLADWELL II**

Given under my hand on this the 15th day of August, 2023.
Melissa L. Bennett
Clerk of the Pocahontas County Commission
8/24/23

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 24, 2023

ESTATE NAME: **STEPHEN A MARDOSA (North Carolina)**
6918 Kemp Road
Raleigh, NC 27613-5961
EXECUTRIX: MARGARET HARRIS MARDOSA
6918 Kemp Road
Raleigh, NC 27613-5961

Subscribed and sworn to before me on August 15, 2023.
Melissa Bennett
Clerk of the Pocahontas County Commission
8/24/23

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First Publication Date: Thursday, August 17, 2023

ESTATE NAME: **JENNIFER L. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI**
1806 S. Dearborn St
Seattle WA 98144-2904
ANCILLARY ADMINISTRATOR:
Jacek M. Cameron-Rulkowski
1806 S. Dearborn Street
Seattle WA 98144-2904

Subscribed and sworn to before me on August 10, 2023.
Melissa L. Bennett
Clerk of the Pocahontas County Commission
8/17/23

ADMINISTRATION TO CREDITORS, DISTRIBUTEES & LEGATEES

Notice is hereby given that the following estate(s) have been opened for probate in the Pocahontas County Clerk's Office at P. O. Box 209, 900 Tenth Avenue, Suite C, Marlinton, WV 24954-0209. Any person seeking to impeach or establish a will must make a complaint in accordance with the provisions of West Virginia Code 41-5-11 through 13. Any interested person objecting to the qualifications of the personal representative or the venue or jurisdiction of the court, shall file written notice of an objection with the County Commission within 60 days after the date of the first publication or within 30 days of the service of the notice, whichever is later.

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

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

First Publication Date: Thursday, 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
8/17/23

NOTICE OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE'S SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT:

By virtue of that certain Deed of Trust and Security Agreement dated August 1, 2008, made, executed, and granted by SKAT

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS

CHARLESTON, LLC to CARL H. CATHER, III AND WARD D. STONE, JR., as Trustees (collectively the "Trustee") for the benefit of 84 LUMBER COMPANY and recorded in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pocahontas County, West Virginia (the "Clerk's Office"), in Deed of Trust Book 310, at Page 475, and recorded in the Clerk's Office, in Deed of Trust Book 311, at Page 177(as modified, the "Deed of Trust"), which Deed of Trust and promissory note secured thereby were assigned, granted, conveyed, and transferred by 84 LUMBER COMPANY to TCB FOUNDATION LEGACY, LLC (the "Secured Party"), by that Assignment of Deeds of Trust dated February 8, 2022 and recorded in the Clerk's Office in Assignment Book 17, at page 516, and by that corrective assignment dated February 22, 2023, and recorded in the Clerk's Office in Assignment Book 19, at page 220, default in the performance of the obligations thereby secured having occurred, and pursuant to the terms thereof and to the written request of the holder of the indebtedness thereby secured, and further pursuant to the authority granted to the undersigned by said Deed of Trust, **Trustee will sell the following described real estate, which is located in Snowshoe, Pocahontas County, West Virginia, (the "Property"), at public auction to the highest bidder on THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2023 AT 11:30 A.M. at the main entrance of the Pocahontas County Courthouse, located at 900 C Tenth Avenue, Marlinton, WV 24954:**

The Property secured by and sold under Deed of Trust Book 310, at Page 475 is described as follows:

That certain parcel of land situate in Edray District, Pocahontas County, West Virginia, said lot or parcel of real estate being more particularly designated and described as follows:

Commencing at a 5/8" rebar with aluminum cap set in concrete, said rebar designated as corner "A" and being corner to Top of the World, LLC in Deed Book 292 at page 477, and corner to Summit IV, LLC in Deed Book 302 at page 638, and corner to Summit III, LLC in Deed Book 302 at page 635; thence with a tie line S 33° 07' 48" E 539.27' to a 5/8" rebar with cap set in the original line between said Summit IV, LLC and the SKAT Charleston, LLC, (Deed Book 309 page 295), and being east of Lot M-30, said rebar also being the true point of beginning; thence leaving said original line and with four new interior lines of the SKAT property S 02° 29' 49" E 68.32' to a 5/8" rebar with cap set on the southerly edge of a 40' wide right of way known as Sawmill Village Drive; thence with said Sawmill Village Drive, S 66° 30' 03" E. 52.33' to a 5/8" rebar with cap set, corner to Lot G-11; thence leaving said Sawmill Village Drive and with Lot G-11 S 16° 43' 26" W 11.74' to a 5/8" rebar with cap set; thence S 19° 45' 56" W 74.18' to a 5/8" rebar with cap set in the original line of the SKAT property; thence with said SKAT property for the next five courses N 75° 26' 00" W 27.19' to a 5/8" rebar with cap set; thence N 67° 56' 50" W 70.46' to a 5/8" rebar with cap set; thence N 60° 21' 30" W 74.00' to a 5/8" rebar with cap set; thence N 52° 05' 30" W 69.20' to a 5/8" rebar with cap set; thence N 51° 19' 10" W 30.35' to a 5/8" rebar with cap set in the said original line between SKAT and Summit IV, LLC; thence with said line N 79° 37' 03" E 215.25' to the place of beginning, containing 23,005 square feet (0.53 acres) more or less, as shown on Plat dated July 17, 2008, and prepared by Robert F. Thaw, LLS No. 965, of Terradon Engineering, attached hereto and made a part hereof by this reference.

Being part of the same real estate conveyed to SKAT Charleston, L.L.C. a South Carolina limited liability company, misidentified as SKAT Charleston, L.L.L.C. a South Carolina limited liability company, by deed from Mountaintop Development L.L.C., a South Carolina limited liability company, dated April 5, 2007, recorded June 28, 2007, in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, in Deed Book No. 309, at Page 295.

The Property secured by and sold under Deed of Trust Book 311, at Page 177 is described as follows:

DESCRIPTION FOR LOTS SS-24, SS-25, SS-26

COMMENCING AT A 5/8" REBAR WITH ALUMINUM CAP SET IN CONCRETE, SAID REBAR DESIGNATED AS CORNER "A", COMMON CORNER TO TOP OF THE WORLD, LLC. (DEED BOOK 292 AT PAGE 477), SUMMIT IV, LLC. (DEED BOOK 302 AT PAGE 638), AND SUMMIT III, LLC. (DEED BOOK 302 AT PAGE 635), THENCE WITH A TIE LINE, S29°07'05"E 721.84' TO A POINT, SAID POINT BEING A COMMON CORNER TO SNOWSHOE SUMMIT DEVELOPMENT L.L.C. AS RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 291 PAGE 620, AND SKAT CHARLESTON L.L.C. AS RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 309 PAGE 295, AND ALSO BEING THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE LEAVING SAID SNOWSHOE SUMMIT DEV. L.L.C. AND WITH THE EASTERN SIDE OF A 35' WIDE PUBLIC ACCESS RIGHT OF WAY N19°45'56"E 71.92' TO A POINT; THENCE N16°43'26"E 10.65' TO A POINT ON THE SOUTHERN SIDE OF A 40' WIDE RIGHT OF WAY KNOWN AS SAWMILL VILLAGE DRIVE; THENCE LEAVING SAID 35' WIDE PUBLIC ACCESS RIGHT OF WAY AND WITH SAID 40' RIGHT WAY, AND A CURVE TO THE LEFT SAID CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 285.00' AND AN ARC LENGTH OF 110.30' AND A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF S83°25'49"E 109.62' TO POINT; THENCE WITH A CURVE TO THE RIGHT SAID CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 32.00' AND AN ARC LENGTH OF 37.95', AND A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF S60°32'29"E 35.77' TO A POINT ON THE WESTERN SIDE OF A 40' WIDE RIGHT OF WAY KNOWN AS BEAR RUN ROAD; THENCE WITH SAID BEAR RUN ROAD S30°04'01"E 124.62' TO A POINT SAID POINT BEING A COMMON CORNER TO SAID SNOWSHOE SUMMIT DEV. L.L.C.; THENCE WITH SAID SNOWSHOE SUMMIT DEV. L.L.C. FOR THE NEXT FOUR COURSES S62°56'55"W 103.37' TO A POINT; THENCE S52°56'10"W 43.77' TO A 5/8" REBAR SET; THENCE N35°11'00"W 159.92' TO A POINT; THENCE N75°26'00"W 11.08' TO PLACE OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.65 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

BEING PART OF THE SAME PROPERTY OWNED BY SKAT CHARLESTON L.L.C. AS RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 309 PAGE 295, AND BEING DESIGNATED AS ALL OF LOTS SS-24, SS-25, SS-26, AS SHOWN ON A MORTGAGE [SIC] PLAT BY TERRADON CORP.

DESCRIPTION FOR LOT B-1

COMMENCING AT A 5/8" REBAR WITH ALUMINUM CAP SET IN CONCRETE, SAID REBAR DESIGNATED AS CORNER "A", COMMON CORNER TO TOP OF THE WORLD, LLC. (DEED BOOK 292 AT PAGE 477), SUMMIT IV, LLC. (DEED BOOK 302 AT PAGE 638), AND SUMMIT III, LLC. (DEED BOOK 302 AT PAGE 635), THENCE WITH A TIE LINE, S40°22'28"E 609.14' TO A POINT, SAID POINT BEING ON THE EAST SIDE OF A 35' WIDE PUBLIC ACCESS RIGHT OF WAY, AND BEING THE NORTHWEST CORNER TO LOT B-1, AND THE SOUTHWEST CORNER TO LOT B-2, AND ALSO BEING THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE LEAVING SAID 35' WIDE RIGHT OF WAY AND WITH A COMMON LINE BETWEEN LOTS B-1 AND B-2 N78°03'49"E 70.36' TO A POINT ON THE WESTERN SIDE OF A 40' WIDE RIGHT OF WAY KNOWN AS BEAR RUN ROAD THENCE LEAVING LOT B-2 AND WITH SAID 40' RIGHT WAY, AND A CURVE TO THE LEFT SAID CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 1020.00' AND AN ARC LENGTH OF 49.57' AND A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF S19°50'30"E 49.56' TO POINT; THENCE WITH A CURVE TO THE RIGHT SAID CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 22.00' AND AN ARC LENGTH OF 43.24', AND A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF S35°04'13"W 36.61' TO A POINT ON THE NORTHERN SIDE OF A 40' WIDE RIGHT OF WAY KNOWN AS SAWMILL VILLAGE DRIVE; THENCE LEAVING SAID BEAR RUN ROAD AND WITH SAWMILL VILLAGE DRIVE AND A CURVE TO THE RIGHT SAID CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 248.88' AND AN ARC LENGTH OF 70.28' AND A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF N80°28'20"W 70.05' TO A POINT ON THE EASTERLY SIDE OF SAID 35' WIDE PUBLIC ACCESS RIGHT OF WAY; THENCE LEAVING SAID SAWMILL VILLAGE DRIVE, AND WITH SAID 35' WIDE PUBLIC ACCESS RIGHT OF WAY, N16°43'26"E 11.53' TO A POINT; THENCE WITH A CURVE TO THE LEFT SAID CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 248.27' AND AN ARC LENGTH OF 39.45' AND A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF N01°39'20"E 39.41' TO PLACE OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.12 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

BEING PART OF THE SAME PROPERTY OWNED BY SKAT CHARLESTON L.L.C. AS RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 309 PAGE 295, AND BEING DESIGNATED AS ALL OF LOT B-1, AS SHOWN ON A MORTGAGE [SIC] PLAT BY TERRADON CORP.

DESCRIPTION FOR LOTS B-23, B-24, B-25, B-26, B-27, B-28, AND B-29

COMMENCING AT A 5/8" REBAR WITH ALUMINUM CAP SET IN CONCRETE, SAID REBAR DESIGNATED AS CORNER "A",

COMMON CORNER TO TOP OF THE WORLD, LLC. (DEED BOOK 292 AT PAGE 477), SUMMIT IV, LLC. (DEED BOOK 302 AT PAGE 638), AND SUMMIT III, LLC. (DEED BOOK 302 AT PAGE 635), THENCE WITH A TIE LINE, N83°16'49"E 471.25' TO A POINT, SAID POINT BEING ON THE EAST SIDE OF A 40' WIDE RIGHT OF WAY KNOWN AS BEAR RUN ROAD, AND BEING THE NORTHWEST CORNER TO LOT B-23, AND THE SOUTHWEST CORNER TO LOT B-22, AND ALSO BEING THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE LEAVING SAID 40' WIDE RIGHT OF WAY AND WITH A COMMON LINE BETWEEN LOTS B-22 AND B-23 N67°54'55" E 89.17' TO A POINT ON THE WESTERN SIDE OF A 35' WIDE PUBLIC ACCESS RIGHT OF WAY THENCE LEAVING LOT B-22 AND WITH SAID PUBLIC RIGHT WAY, AND A CURVE TO THE LEFT SAID CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 717.50' AND AN ARC LENGTH OF 250.48' AND A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF S01°56'44"E 249.21' TO POINT; THENCE WITH A CURVE TO THE RIGHT SAID CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 592.61' AND AN ARC LENGTH OF 226.27', AND A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF S01°10'33"E 224.89' TO A POINT; THENCE LEAVING SAID PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY AND WITH LOT B-29 S73°39'00"W 75.01' TO A POINT ON THE EASTERLY SIDE OF SAID 40' WIDE RIGHT-OF-WAY; THENCE WITH SAID 40' WIDE RIGHT-OF-WAY, AND A CURVE TO THE RIGHT SAID CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 980.00' AND AN ARC LENGTH OF 466.50' AND A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF N02°56'35"W 462.11' TO PLACE OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 1.04 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

BEING PART OF THE SAME PROPERTY OWNED BY SKAT CHARLESTON L.L.C. AS RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 309 PAGE 295, AND BEING DESIGNATED AS ALL OF LOTS B-23, B-24, B-25, B-26, B-27, B-28, AND B-29 AS SHOWN ON A MORTGAGE [SIC] PLAT BY TERRADON CORP.

The sale shall be made subject to any and all easements, rights-of-way, exceptions, reservations, restrictions, covenants, conditions, leases, liens or encumbrances affecting title to the Property, and further to any state of facts that would be disclosed by or apparent upon an inspection or an accurate survey of the Property; provided, however, that any such restriction, covenant or condition indicating a preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, marital status, ancestry, disability, handicap, familial status or national origin is hereby deleted to the extent such restriction, covenant or condition violates 42 U.S.C. § 3604(c). The sale shall further be made subject to accrued and unpaid ad valorem real property taxes upon the Property, for which the purchaser will be responsible. The Successor Trustee makes no representations or warranties as to the validity or priority of such liens, taxes, encumbrances and other matters, if any.

TERMS OF SALE:

1. Cash in hand on the day of sale. The successful bidder shall tender a NON-REFUNDABLE deposit equal to ten percent (10%) of the successful bid amount (the "Contract Sale Price") to the Trustee by certified or cashier's check or electronic fund transfer payable to the Trustee at the time of sale. Such deposit shall be NONREFUNDABLE, except as expressly provided by these Terms of Sale. The remaining balance of the Contract Sale Price must be paid to the Trustee by certified or cashier's check or electronic fund transfer no later than thirty (30) days after the date of sale. Time is of the essence.

2. Upon conclusion of the sale, a Memorandum of Sale will be executed reflecting the sale of the Property, the Contract Sale Price, and the purchaser's agreement to comply fully with its terms.

3. If the purchaser fails to deliver the Contract Sale Price within the prescribed time, at the Trustee's sole discretion, the Trustee may either (a) file suit to enforce specific performance or seek breach of contract or other applicable damages, (b) convey the Property to the next highest bidder if such bidder will honor his, her or its bid, or (c) declare the sale void and proceed to resell the Property pursuant

see Legal Advertisements pg 9

TOWN OF DURBIN Ordinance Number 1:21 Ordinance Pertaining to the Structure and Functions of Durbin Days Heritage Festival

SECTION 1 Purpose

The Durbin Days Heritage Festival is meant for the community to come together bringing former residents back to Durbin and encourages new people to visit. The festival will offer a variety of events, activities and entertainment for all ages to enjoy. The festival will bring to light the natural resources, history and recreational opportunities available in the area.

To develop a committee that will oversee the organization of the Durbin Days Heritage Festival each year and to establish parameters under which this committee functions.

SECTION 2 Creation, Term, Vacancies, and Compensation

There is hereby created a Committee which shall be known as "The Durbin Days Heritage Festival Committee." The committee shall consist of not less than seven (7) members: A Coordinator and two members of the town council must be of the seven (7) members. The other members can consist of all interested parties. No member shall be removed from the committee without council's approval.

The committee shall be appointed by the Durbin Town Council at the regular August town meeting. The term of office for the coordinator shall run from September 01 through August 31 of the following year. Letters of interest to be received by July 31 of current year.

The Durbin Days Heritage Festival Committee shall meet the first Thursday of each month open to the public, and the coordinator shall keep a record of its official proceedings. The coordinator must also post an agenda stating the time and place and proceedings at local establishments including: The Durbin Town Office, Durbin Post Office, Station II and Durbin Library.

The coordinator shall be paid a fee for his/her duties of \$500.00 established during the budgeting process and with approval of the Durbin Town Council (subject to change).

The Committee members shall be reimbursed for items purchased for the Durbin Days Heritage Festival through a receipt clearly showing what the expense was for and with approval of the coordinator up to \$500.00. Anything over \$500.00 shall be approved by three (3) members of the council and only if those items were used for the festival.

Unexpected expenditures should be presented, by the coordinator, in a timely manner to the council for approval.

SECTION 3 Powers and Duties

The Durbin Days Heritage Festival Coordinator shall have the power to plan and execute all events for the Durbin Days Heritage Festival with the cooperation of the Committee. This includes other events held throughout the year in order to raise funds.

The coordinator shall provide a written monthly report to the Durbin Town Council at their regularly scheduled monthly meetings. Dates for the festival must be submitted to the council by April 15 each year to compare for schedule conflicts.

The Committee may receive funds from individuals, corporations, associations, foundations or other charitable organizations and may apply for and receive grants from Federal, State, or County organizations for the purposes established in Section 1 a. Any and all revenues received for Durbin Days Heritage Festival shall be deposited into the Durbin Days Heritage Festival checking account by the Durbin Town Treasurer as part of the Durbin Town finances; and all expenditures made by the Coordinator or Committee shall be handled and accounted for in the same manner as other town fund expenditures.

All vendors for DDHF shall apply for a Town of Durbin business license and will not be allowed to operate without said business license. Vendors with active town business licenses shall not be required to purchase an additional license. The discounted fee of \$20.00 shall be added to the vendor's set-up fee. Durbin Days Heritage Festival Coordinator will remit the business license fee to the Durbin Treasurer for deposit with records of who paid the funds. Business permit holders are excluded.

Items bought with Durbin Days Heritage Festival funds shall be stored on town property when not in use and shall be available for rent under the discretion of the Durbin Town Council. A Deposit will be set for any such item/items to be rented ranging from \$100.00 to \$1,000.00 (Exceptions may apply). If items are returned in good shape and on time, the renter's deposit will be refunded in its entirety.

Failure to comply with said set forth ordinance will result in immediate removal.

PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE UPON APPROVAL AND PROPER PROCEDURES OF THE DURBIN TOWN COUNCIL.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, ____ and is effective upon passage.

First Reading: August 8, 2023, 8/8/23
Second Reading: August 15, 2023

John Osborne, Mayor
Jennifer Samples, Recorder
8/24/23

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The Town of Marlinton is seeking bids for the installation of chain link fence around the Town Garage located on Fourth Avenue in Marlinton, with the following specifications:

- 500 feet; 6 foot high; 9 gauge chain link fence
- 1,500 feet of barbed wire
- (2) Walk Through Gates
- (1) Double Drive Through Gate
- 500' feet of Bottom Lock Slats
- Installed

Bids should be submitted to:

The Town of Marlinton
709 Second Avenue
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Deadline for accepting bids is Monday, August 28, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

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to the aforesaid Deed of Trust. In the event of such a default the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Secured Party for the payment of any deficiency in the purchase price resulting therefrom, all costs and expenses of any subsequent sale, reasonable attorneys' fees, all other charges due, and incidental damages. In the event a resale of the Property results in a sale in excess of the amount originally bid by the defaulting purchaser, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to return of his, her or its deposit, and waives any and all claims, rights and interest to any such excess amount and shall not be entitled to any distribution whatsoever from the resale proceeds.

4. The Secured Party reserves the right to bid on the Property at the sale, which bid may be in the form of a credit bid.

5. The Property may be sold either as a whole or in parcels in the Trustee's sole discretion.

6. The Trustee reserves the right to accept or reject any bids.

7. The Property will be sold subject to any and all assessments and taxes against said Property; all prior liens and encumbrances of any nature whatsoever; and the Internal Revenue Service's right of redemption, if any.

8. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of any accrued and unpaid ad valorem real property taxes against the Property.

9. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the transfer taxes imposed by West Virginia Code § 11-22-2 and all other settlement costs and costs incidental to transfer of the Property. Taxes and all other public charges and assessments outstanding against the Property shall be paid by purchaser at settlement.

10. The Property is sold in "AS IS" condition. The Trustee makes no representations or warranties of any kind or character including, but not limited to, the condition or zoning of the real estate, fitness of the Property for any particular purpose, or the title to the real estate to be conveyed. Prospective purchasers must perform such independent investigations with respect to the Property as they deem necessary prior to bidding on the Property.

11. The purchaser is responsible for, and the Property is sold subject to, any environmental matter or condition, whether latent or observable, if any, that may exist at or affect or relate to the Property and to any governmental requirements affecting the same. The Property will be sold subject to any building or housing violations, easements, agreements, restrictions, terms, rights of way, filed and unfiled mechanics' and materialmen's liens, covenants, conditions, rights of redemption, liens and all other encumbrances having priority over the aforesaid Deed of Trust, if any, lawfully affecting the Property, whether or not of record, including but not limited to envi-

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ronmental conditions (including without limitation possible wetlands, riparian rights, critical or protected areas, and the presence of protected or endangered species) and all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances and regulations lawfully affecting the Property.

12. The Trustee will deliver a trustee's deed to the purchaser without any covenant or warranty (express or implied) in the form prescribed by West Virginia Code § 38-1-6 upon receipt of the Contract Sale Price in good and available funds.

13. If the Trustee fails, refuses or for any reason is unable to convey title to the Property, the sole remedy of the purchaser is the return of any deposit actually paid by the purchaser to the Trustee. Reasons of such inability to convey include, but are not limited to, the filing of a bankruptcy petition by the grantor prior to the sale or reinstatement or payoff of the loan without the knowledge of the Trustee. If the validity of the sale is challenged by a party in interest, the Trustee, in his sole discretion, may declare the sale to be void and return the deposit. Purchaser shall have no further remedy.

14. The Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the Property to vacate. Prospective purchasers are hereby advised that the rights of any existing tenants or persons occupying the Property may be covered by the provisions of the federal Protecting Tenants at Foreclosure Act and West Virginia Code § 38-1-16.

15. The Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any items of personal property remaining at the Property following the sale to be removed therefrom. The purchaser shall be responsible for compliance with all applicable laws in the disposal of any such items of personal property, including West Virginia Code § 38-1-17, to the extent such statute applies.

16. The Trustee reserves the right to adjourn the sale, for a time, or from time to time, without further notice, by announcement made at the time and place of the sale described herein.

17. Announcements made on the day of sale take precedence over all prior communications, both verbal and written, concerning the sale of the Property, including, but not limited to, these Terms of Sale.

Given under my hand this 14th day of August 2023.

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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.**

Bid Specifications are listed below:

2022 or newer, 8.5'x 20', 84" interior height, 2-3500 lb. axles, 2 5/16" coupler, 16" on center cross members, LED exterior lighting, rear fold down stabilizer jacks, minimum 13,000 BTU AC w/heat, power awning, rear spoiler w/lights, 5,000 lb. front electric jack, generator box w/exterior door w/sliding tray, 24" stone guard, 15" wheels. Finished interior w/lighting and outlets, adequate cabinet and counter space for a minimum of two (2) workstations.

Bids will be opened in the Office of the County Commission located in the Pocahontas County Courthouse, on Tuesday September 5, 2023, at 8:40 a.m.

For more information, please inquire at the Pocahontas County 911 Office, 304-799-3985, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

The Pocahontas County Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to continue this matter from time to time as may be necessary.

Walt Helmick, President
Pocahontas County Commission
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ACCEPTING BIDS FOR LEASE AGREEMENT

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.

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crowding in the main courthouse.

The commission also agreed to send letters to Frontier Communications and Citynet, who were awarded areas in the county to develop broadband service by the FCC's Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF). These letters would request that both of these Internet service provider companies update the county on how they are meeting their deadlines for providing Internet service in the awarded areas. Ruthana Beasley told the commissioners that companies that received RDOF awards must complete 80% of their builds in their areas by 2026, and 100% by 2027, or face penalties. She said

those percentages are based on the entire state, so it is very possible that a company like Frontier could build their entire 80% in other counties by 2026, yet not any in their Pocahontas County areas. These letters will ask the companies to provide specific updates about their RDOF progress in this county.

Tim Wade, of the Huntersville Historical Traditions, and Historic Architect Michael Giolus briefed the commission on the status of the reconstruction of the original Pocahontas County Clerk's Office in Huntersville. He said that, unlike the bids they sent out last year, the new bids yielded a very reasonable bid of \$54,170 to do a partial restoration on the exterior walls of the building. Because the bid was so reasonable, Wade asked the commission to authorize him

to obtain an estimate from the construction company who won the bid on how much extra would be needed to finish the restoration on the interior of the building, which would include hanging dry wall which would resemble the original plaster, wood flooring and trim. Wade said he is thinking that could be done for about an additional \$17,000, and between the \$50,000 the commission has pledged, and the money Huntersville Historical Traditions has raised, that would be doable. The commission authorized Wade to ask for the estimate.

In other matters, the commission:

- approved the \$24,979.00 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG.)
- approved an \$11,673.00 Budget Revision and Resolution for the Sheriff's Department.

Court, from page 2

In arraignment hearings:

Shawn Barb, 34, of Marlinton, appearing by video from the Southwestern Regional Jail, pleaded not guilty to all counts in his indictment. The August 2023 Grand Jury indicted Barb on one count, entry of a building other than a dwelling, a felony. He remains on previously set bond.

Greg Charles Sharp, 38, of Cass, pleaded not guilty to one count, attempted sexual abuse, first degree, a felony. Within seven days following his arraignment, the State shall file mandatory discovery. Within 14 days of the hearing, the defendant will notify the court if additional discovery is needed. If so, the State shall provide additional discovery to the defendant within 14 days thereafter. Within 40 days of the arraignment, counsel shall file a mandatory joint status report. The issue of bond will be discussed between counsel and defendant. Sharp was to be processed on charges in the indictment at the Tygart Valley Regional Jail.

Virginia Hall, 41, of Hillsboro, pleaded not guilty to one count, grand larceny, a felony. She remains on

\$5,000 surety bond with bondsman.

Brian Michael Mason, 35, of Hillsboro, pleaded not guilty to one count, entry of a building other than a dwelling, a felony; one count, grand larceny, a felony; one count, conspiracy, a felony; one count, child neglect creating risk of serious bodily injury, a felony. Mason remains on present bond with the added condition that he attend a substance abuse program, and is to enroll in said program within 10 days. He will be allowed to travel outside the county to attend a program.

Stephanie Michelle Eads Sharp, 38, of Hillsboro, pleaded not guilty to one

count, grand larceny, a felony; one count, conspiracy, a felony; one count, child neglect creating risk of serious bodily injury, a felony. She remains on previously posted \$6,000 surety bond.

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The Pocahontas County Family Resource Network located in Marlinton is accepting applications for a Case Manager. This is a full-time position with benefits. Evening hours and occasional weekends will be required. This position will assist the Family Center Director in day-to-day operations and work with people with disabilities to develop job readiness skills across Pocahontas County.

Two years' job-related experience is preferred but not required. Knowledge of child development and/or experience working with youth with disabilities is preferred. This position is a mandated reporter regarding child abuse/neglect and must pass a background check and drug screening. Annual Salary \$31,600.

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**The Pocahontas Times will be closed Monday, September 4,
in observance of Labor Day.
Early deadline for the September 7 edition is Friday, September 1, at 3 p.m.**

The fugitive who kept knocking

By R.A. Tea Mathews

They prayed for the impossible—the release of a man who had been arrested and was scheduled for trial and execution.

This is a true story. It didn't happen in the United States. There was no Constitution, and prisoners had no rights—their future was determined by the king. And the king wanted this man dead. The year was 44 A.D., and King Herod Agrippa ruled Judea, having been appointed in 41 A.D. The new king served at the will and pleasure of Rome, and Rome wanted someone who could appease the stubborn Jews and their religion.

Herod decided to target the young church and executed James, one of Jesus' closest disciples. When Herod saw that it pleased the Jews, Herod arrested another follower of Christ—Peter. This occurred at the Passover when Jews from all over the world would have come to Jerusalem. A city suddenly bulging at the seams. And Herod had big plans for Peter. He knew a trial and execution of this outspoken follower of Christ would curry even more favor with the Jews. Here's the passage:

"Now about that time Herod the king laid hands on some who belonged to the church ... And he had James ... executed with a sword. When he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter as well ... intending only after the Passover to bring him before the people. So Peter was kept in the prison..." (Acts 12:1-5)

Herod wasn't taking any chances—he was precise about the guards he wanted with Peter. "When (Herod) had arrested (Peter), he put him in prison, turning him over to four squads of soldiers..." (Acts 12:4) Scripture then tells us the dramatic story of Peter's escape. The apostle was chained to guards on either side of him as he slept. Moreover, there were guards at the doors to the prison.

Here's the passage: "On the very night when Herod was about to bring him forward, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and guards in front of the door were watching over the prison. And behold, an angel of the Lord suddenly stood near Peter... and he struck Peter's side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.'" (Acts 12:6-7)

Scripture tells us the chains fell off and the angel led him past the guards and along the street. "And his chains fell off his hands... Now when (Peter and the angel) had passed the first and second guard, they came to the iron gate that leads into the city, which opened for them by itself; and they ... went along one street, and immediately the angel departed from him." (Acts 12:7-10) Peter then went to the house of Mary, the mother of Mark. These people were praying for Peter.

Here's my question: Did they believe God would answer their prayers? Put a "yes" or a "no" right here, and I'll show you the rest of the story: "... Peter went to the house of Mary, the

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THE REV. R. A. Tea Mathews, Theologian, Faith Columnist, Author

mother of John (Mark) ... where many were gathered together and were praying." (Acts 12:12-13) Scripture tells us Peter stood outside, knocking, and a slave woman came to the door. Hearing Peter's voice, she was so excited that she forgot to let him in.

"When (Peter) knocked at the door of the gate, a slave woman named Rhoda came to answer. When she recognized Peter's voice, because of her joy she did not open the gate, but ran in and announced that Peter was standing in front of the gate. "They said to her, 'You are out of your mind!' But she kept insisting that it was so. They said, 'It is his angel.' But Peter continued knock-

ing; and when they had opened the door, they saw him and were amazed." (Acts 12:13-16) They were amazed. Did they believe God would answer their prayers? They did not.

The correct answer is "no." Rhoda told them, and they called her crazy. She insisted, and they said, "It is his angel." Peter couldn't have possibly escaped the Roman guard. What they wanted from the Lord was too big. They didn't believe.

When you want a great thing, it's easy to think it won't happen. Your doubts may say, "It's not possible." Unless God tells you to stop asking, keep praying. Re-

member the fugitive who kept knocking. Do not limit God as those interceding for Peter did. Believe.

God answers prayer with a "yes" every day, even for wildly big things.

Get right with Him, talk to Him, and believe.

The Rev. Mathews, BA, MDiv, JD, is a newspaper faith columnist and the author of "Emerald Coast."

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HOMECOMING
Homecoming at Fairview Church on Fairview Road Sunday, August 27. Covered dish dinner beginning at 12:30 p.m. Come and see the church renovations.
Homecoming at Mt. Zion Church in the Hill Country on Gordon Dille Road Sunday, September 10. Worship at 11 a.m. followed by a potluck picnic. Bring a chair or blanket. Everyone welcome.

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 Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Pine Grove Church of the Brethren, Arbovale –

Sunday School 10 a.m., Worship 11 a.m.; Bible Study, Thursday, 7 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Marlinton Church of God, Beard Heights – Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m. Wednesday Night Bible Study 6 p.m. Evangelistic 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 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

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flies in much the same way as cordyceps, including programming the fly to climb a plant. When the fly arrives at the precise location dictated by the fungus, it glues its mouth to the plant and turns “belly-up,” releasing plumes of spore from the fruiting mushrooms.

Another parasitic fungus, *Massospora*, specializes in infecting cicadas by invading the abdomen as the insect makes its way up to the ground’s surface to mate. Once inside the cicada, the fungus gains control of its motor functions, directing it to crawl and releasing spores as it does so.

The mere thought of a fungus taking control of our body and forcing us to do its will is abhorrent to most of us. It is even more repugnant to imagine bizarre-looking mushrooms sprouting from our skulls, as depicted in *The Last of Us*.

Imagine the horror and shock of waking up one morning to see that your spouse has club-shaped mushrooms protruding from their eye sockets. “Yuck! See you later, honey; I’m heading for work, and please don’t keep dinner warm for me; I’ll be late,

real late!”

After the release of the TV series, one of the most frequent questions posed to Google was, “Can cordyceps infect humans?”

Well, can they?

No, cordyceps cannot infect humans or other mammals – but why, you ask?

It all has to do with the fact that we are warm-blooded creatures and, as such, are protected by a high core body temperature. The core temperature is the aggregate temperature of our internal organs, such as the brain, heart, liver and blood.

For humans, the core temperature falls in the range of 97.7 and 99.32 degrees Fahrenheit. Fungus thrives on high humidity and moderate temperatures, and the highest tolerable range is 77 to 86 degrees Fahrenheit. Our body temperatures are too high to support most fungal pathogens including cordyceps.

However, medical conditions can make humans more susceptible to several fungal pathogens.

According to the Yale School of Medicine, there is a “rising threat of fungal pathogens.” Other than fungal infections of the skin such as athlete’s foot (tinea pedis), severe fungal infections are becoming more frequent. Immunocompro-

mised individuals from diseases like HIV, or transplant patients, are at greater risk from fungal infections like Aspergillosis, Histoplasma, Blastomycosis and Coccidioides.

An April 2023 article in National Geographic warns about a fungal pathogen of mysterious origin. According to the article, *Candida auris* is quickly spreading around the world. It is difficult to detect in humans and even harder to treat.

Although fungal pathogens rarely get past our immune system or survive our high core temperature, they are among the most challenging conditions to treat and can be fatal.

The alarm in the medical community rests in the fact that fungal pathogens have jumped from just infecting those creatures with little resistance, to humans whose higher body temperature may have evolved to resist fungal infections. The wall of protection from lethal fungal infections, in at least some cases, has been breached.

I prefer to close on a positive note. I urge you not to worry about weird mushrooms bursting out from your body like the creature in the film *Alien*. In fact, the species of cordyceps that infects one type of insect, say the carpenter ant, cannot infect another insect species.

Besides, the length of time it would take cordyceps to undergo the evolutionary changes required to infect humans would be many years away. By then, humans will have found another way to eradicate ourselves; we’re exceptionally good at that.

Postscript: I know that you are not really awake at night worrying about potential threats from mushrooms, nor do you have an abject fear of the next big asteroid heading our way from far out in our solar system.

Yet, we also acknowledge that there is an existential threat from a multitude of potentialities, both within and outside our planet. We just went through a trying global pandemic resulting from a disease that has jumped from animal to human with devastating results.

At the same time, we are facing a global climate change that has the potential for rewriting the history of our existence on this fragile ecosystem we call Mother Earth.

We have lost to extinction 99 percent of all creatures that have ever lived upon this Earth. Yet, we are the only life-form on Earth with the capability of changing our destiny. What we do now will determine whether we use our intelligence to

mitigate and adapt to climate change, or go the way of the dinosaurs.

I implore you to think of our children and their children; they will pay the cost of our inaction.

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A big thanks to Dr. J for

his invaluable insight into the complexities of the human thermo-regulatory system.

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DEATHS

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Mayo Brooks Burgess, 65, of Seebert; burial in Oak Grove Cemetery at Hillsboro.

Mrs. Opal Julia Mallory, 70, of South Charleston; burial in the Childress Cemetery... The Mallorys have a camp at Seebert.

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came to Rosin Run, near Green Bank, where he made ample improvements. This was about seventy years ago. Their children were Susan Elizabeth, Mary Margaret, John Adam, William Franklin and Rachel Jane...

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DEATHS

Ralph James Griffin, beloved son of Josephine

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