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PICTURED WITH THE Dark Sky sign at Watoga State Park – on left: Watoga Superintendent Jody Spencer, John Dean, Louanne Fatora, John Goodwin, Wayne Pollard and Maureen Conley. Right side: Frank Hammons, Mary Dawson, Ann Workman; back row: Paul Speysy, Joe Kaffi and Watoga Assistant Superintendent Josh Feather.

## Superintendent has deep ties to battlefield

Suzanne Stewart  
Staff Writer

Jim Weber officially joined the West Virginia State Park System in June when he was hired as the Droop Mountain Battlefield State Park superintendent. Although he is new to the park system, he is no stranger to the area.

A native of Richwood, Weber has ties to the battlefield through his ancestry. “I had two great-great grandparents that fought in this battle for the West Virginia Calvary,” he said.

Weber hasn’t technically started his full-time position at Droop – that will happen November 16 – but he has been learning the ropes all summer with the help of Watoga State Park superintendent Jody Spencer and assistant superintendent Josh Feather.

“They let me work here

in the summer,” he said. “They had an apprentice program for someone who wanted to be superintendent in the state park system.”

Weber has also been working at Marlinton Elementary School as a special education teacher. He was on the cusp of retiring after 32 years in the West Virginia education system when he was informed he needed a few more months before he could officially retire.

He taught in Nicholas County for 24 years, worked for the state department of education in Charleston and Huntington, was principal at Independence High School in Raleigh County and principal at Glade Elementary School in Webster County before he set his sights on Droop.

**see Ties pg 6**

## Dark Sky sign installed

Louanne Fatora  
Watoga State Park  
Foundation

The Watoga State Park Foundation Board is happy to present its Dark Sky Park Information sign, designed by Lens Creek Studios. The sign explains that Watoga State Park is in the darkest region in the mid-Atlantic states and is certified by the In-

ternational Dark Sky Association.

The images and messages are superimposed over a dark sky photo taken at the Watoga dam at night by J. Perez, a local volunteer amateur astronomer.

As the sign notes the importance of the preservation of our unique wildlife, birds and insects, it also mentions what you can do to help preserve the dark skies in this area. Lighting that glares upwards into the sky does nothing to

help with security or lessen crime as it is wasted. Only use lighting where and when it is needed. Install fully shielded light fixtures with low-intensity bulbs that direct light downward to the ground or use motion or timed lighting.

This beautiful sign was made possible by a grant from the Snowshoe Foundation and donations from the public to the Watoga Foundation.

## As Sweet as Honey

Melondy Philips  
Staff Writer

Different types  
Continued

**Sage Honey**  
Sage honey is a monofloral honey that has a low crystallization rate and moisture content. California’s sage honey, which is light to golden in color, is predominately White Sage and Black Button Sage; whereas Purple Sage is more common in Texas and produces a darker to almost black looking honey.

The largest source for Sage honey throughout the world comes from the United States, with the highest percentage being produced in California. Sage is normally harvested for the leaves to use as an herb for cooking; however, to produce sage honey, the plants are not harvested for the leaves but are instead left to develop flowers.

Be sure to get “raw” unprocessed honey to receive the multifaceted health benefits from honey.

**Sourwood Honey**

Sourwood honey is pro-

duced from the nectar of the sourwood tree. Sourwood honey is not sour. Some describe it as having a slight hint of anise and spice with a buttery aftertaste.

This type of honey is very popular in the Appalachian region and is the only type that some folks there will eat.

Sourwood honey is a light amber but may be a bit “muddied” with the reddish nectar from neighboring sumac trees in some regions. This is because the nectar of the sourwood flowers is not available for harvest until the afternoon, so the busy bees do not collect the available sumac nectar until then.

Elevation affects the volume of nectar produced by the sourwood trees; the higher the elevation, the more nectar that is produced. The best altitude for producing sourwood honey is above the 1,000-foot above sea level line. These trees also have a short blooming season, making the honey in short supply.

Sourwood honey is a good source of minerals and antioxidants and, as with other honeys, it has anti-bacterial properties. Applying raw honey to wounds and burns may speed the healing

process. This honey has a unique flavor of its own and blends well with hot teas for soothing a sore throat.

**Tupelo Honey**

Who would know more about Tupelo honey than a five-generation producer of it; in business since 1898. So far, this rare honey has only been commercially produced from one location – in the swamps of Florida – where the tupelo gum trees flourish. The common name tupelo is formed from the Creek words ito meaning “tree” and opilwa for “swamp.” This tree is native to eastern North America from southern Ontario down through parts of Florida and extends into regions of Texas and parts of New Mexico, but to produce tupelo honey, there must be a large area of densely populated tree growth.

Tupelo trees thrive in swamps where seasonal flooding and damp soil conditions can make it difficult for beekeepers. In these areas hives are placed on elevated platforms.

L.L. Tupelo Honey states, “Real Tupelo honey is a light gold amber color with a greenish cast and has a



THE MARSHY GROWING conditions of the native tupelo trees makes beekeeping in this environment, for the sought after tupelo honey, a bit of a challenge. Photo courtesy of Pinterest

unique floral fragrance. The flavor is delicious, delicate and distinctive. Tupelo is a delightful sensation to the taste buds. Good, white tupelo unmixed with other honeys will not granulate, due to its high fructose low glucose ratio.”

In a sensory study conducted by the National Honey Board, findings revealed that Tupelo Honey had a high spicy, cinnamon aroma and flavor (Rtech laboratories, 2001).

Tupelo honey possesses several aromatic compounds unique to it alone, and other compounds not commonly found in other honeys. An analysis of tupelo honey found 51 aromatic compounds with three particularly prominent.

The Northern Irish singer-songwriter Van Morrison sang about this precious honey, which is produced in southeastern United States, in his 1971 song, “Tupelo Honey.”

**Honeycomb**

Honeycomb is a natural product from young worker bees and is safe to eat. The wax comb contains antioxidants and other nutrients that have been associated with lowering the risk of heart disease and some types of cancers.

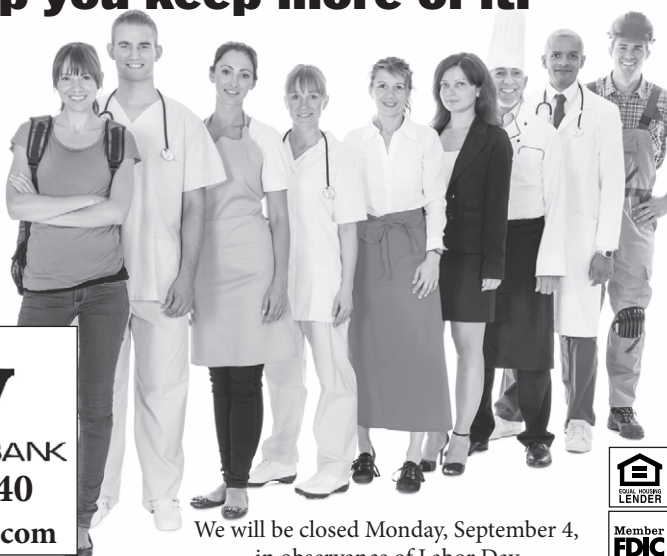
Due to so many food allergies when they were young, my boys hardly ever

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## MFD receives AFG funding

U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV), member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, announced \$2,384,746 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to strengthen fire safety across West Virginia. The funding will provide critical resources to seven emergency services organi-

zations as well as support two cities in their efforts to train personnel, improve efficiency, promote public safety and advance research into firefighter health and well-being.

The funding is made possible through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program and the Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Program, which are two of three grant programs under FEMA that focus on en-

hancing firefighter safety and public safety as they relate to fire hazards.

As a result of this program, Marlinton Fire Department received \$256,000 FP&G awards help fire departments and non-profit organizations strengthen community fire prevention programs and support scientific research on improving firefighter safety, health and well-being.

## DHHR and WVDE launch Anti-Vaping Campaign in West Virginia schools

WV Press Sharing

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources' (DHHR) Bureau for Public Health and West Virginia Department of Education are partnering to launch an anti-vaping campaign in West Virginia schools. Governor Jim Justice has announced the West Virginia's Clear Future: Don't Let Vaping Cloud It initiative, which will offer the evidence-based, peer-led CATCH My Breath vaping prevention curriculum to every county in the state over the next three years.

"Vaping is a huge problem all over the country, and now we're setting out to actively educate our students about the extreme dangers associated with e-cigarettes," Justice said. "Vaping is very harmful for all users, but especially kids, making it a massive issue for our schools. Our goal is to educate our students early and prevent them from falling into this dangerous vaping trap. This proactive approach will move the needle, and I'm very proud to see it come to fruition."

"The use of e-cigarettes is a significant issue facing West Virginia youth, with approximately half of all high school students reported using e-cigarettes in



2021," said Dr. Matthew Christiansen, State Health Officer and Commissioner for DHHR's Bureau for Public Health. "This curriculum has been shown to effectively increase knowledge of the dangers of e-cigarettes and reduce nicotine vaping and overall tobacco use among students."

The primary focus in year one is West Virginia middle schools, as data indicates the optimal time to prevent e-cigarette experimentation is by the age of 14 when most e-cigarette initiation occurs.

"E-cigarette use in West Virginia schools can have profound impacts on the future of young people," said State Superintendent of Schools Michele L. Blatt. "Together with our partners, including school teachers and counselors, we aim to decrease vaping among our students, and empower them to make informed decisions so they can lead healthier

lives." Teachers and counselors who agree to serve as facilitators of the CATCH My Breath program will receive a free two-day, six-hour, on-line professional learning course to prepare them to effectively present the CATCH My Breath curriculum. These individuals will then act as facilitators to deliver four 40-minute sessions to students over a four-week period.

DHHR's Division of Tobacco Prevention is working in collaboration with the American Lung Association and Partners in Health Network to identify and contact schools. Other partners include the Pallottine Foundation of Huntington, West Virginia, and the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation.

To learn more about CATCH My Breath, visit <https://catch.org/program/vaping-prevention/>

## Gee reaffirms WVU transformation work

WVU Today

West Virginia University President Gordon Gee issued the following statement after speaking to members of the University's Faculty Senate about ongoing Transformation efforts during an August 28 meeting at the College of Law.

The meeting followed an announcement that the Faculty Senate Office has received a petition to convene a meeting of the University Assembly next month for consideration of a no-confidence resolution for President Gee and a resolution calling for a freeze of the University's Academic Transformation process.

"I realize this is a stressful time for everyone on our campus, and I understand that change is very difficult. But as I have stated before, though difficult, change is necessary within higher education.

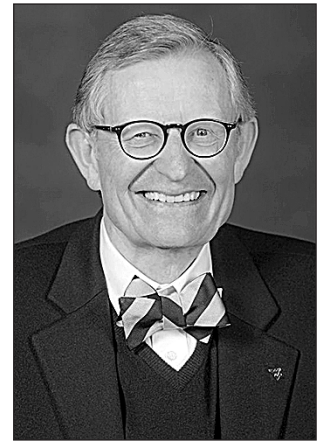
"I want to be clear that West Virginia University is

not dismantling higher education – but we are disrupting it. I have seen numerous stories and posts about how we are 'gutting' or 'eviscerating' our University. That is simply not factual.

"What is factual is that we have majors that have low student enrollment and are not cost effective to operate. That is why we have made the recommendations for reduction or discontinuance.

Over the course of Academic Transformation, which began at the start of 2021, many of these programs were notified that they were not operating at an optimum level, including declining enrollments. They were provided then with specific recommendations for improvement.

"This does not mean the University does not value those programs or the people involved in those programs. But we must balance that value with the real student demand and the actual costs of delivery. That is what we are doing within the pro-



Dr. Gordon Gee

cesses as outlined in the Board of Governors rules.

"I understand we are making very hard decisions that will affect people's lives and careers. I also understand there is frustration and anger regarding the process, and I am a logical choice for those feelings. I accept that criticism as it comes with the job.

"And while I know this is difficult, I also believe very deeply in what we are doing. And we must move forward."

## Resources for foster care families

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) reminds residents of support available for caregivers of children in foster care. Through programs administered by DHHR's Bureau for Family Assistance, foster families may be eligible to receive help meeting nutritional needs, child care, school clothing, and more.

"Foster care families provide critical support to West Virginia children and youth, and these resources can help them address potential financial concerns so that they can continue their important work," said Janie Cole, Commissioner of DHHR's Bureau for Family Assistance.

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) provides monthly benefits to qualifying families that can be used for the purchase of food.

Cash benefits are available for qualifying caretaker relatives through WV WORKS, West Virginia's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, which also provides supportive services to help with the cost of caring for a child.

Applications for SNAP and WV WORKS can be made at [wvpath.wv.gov](http://wvpath.wv.gov) or at a DHHR county office.

Foster families in which both parents are engaged in work or education may qual-

ify for assistance with child care costs.

Assistance is available for foster families with assets of less than \$1 million. Foster families are encouraged to contact their local Child Care Resource & Referral Agency to apply and for help with locating a high quality child care provider.

West Virginia is one of only three states nationwide that provides a School Clothing Allowance for qualifying families, including foster families.

This annual benefit of \$200 per eligible child is automatically provided to the parents or guardians of children in foster care and families with children receiving benefits under the WV WORKS program, as well as to families with school aged children receiving SNAP that qualify by income.

Foster families may find additional support through Family Support Centers, which are funded by DHHR's Bureau for Family

Assistance. Services at each center vary, but typically include support groups, play groups for children, parenting education classes, respite services, and more. Family Support Centers also can help with nutritional and hygiene needs.

Foster and kinship families can also utilize Mission WV for assistance with legal and financial resources, kinship navigators, and clothing assistance.

In addition to financial resources, DHHR's Bureau for Family Assistance coordinates with DHHR's Bureau for Public Health - Office of Maternal, Child, and Family Health and Bureau for Medical Services (WV Medicaid) to ensure high-quality comprehensive healthcare for children in foster care.

Mental and behavioral health support for West Virginia children is also available.

Those interested in foster care opportunities can contact Mission WV at 866-CALL-MWV.

## Circuit Court

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

A pre-trial status hearing was held in the case the State vs Brent Prouse, 35, of Huntington, wherein defense counsel indicated that they are in the process of receiving a recording from the facility where Prouse was incarcerated and other discovery from the State. Counsel has talked briefly with the defendant about an agreement and asked that the matter be continued to the next term of court. A three-day jury trial is set for October 21, 2023. Prouse was indicted to one count, attempted possession of a controlled substance by an inmate, a felony; one count, offense committed by an inmate, a felony; one count, conspiracy to commit a felony, a felony.

David W. Mace, 38, appeared by video from Tygart

Valley Regional Jail for a status hearing wherein defense counsel asked to sever counts and modify the defendant's bond. The court granted the motion and set a motions hearing for September 20. Mace was indicted on three counts, strangulation; and two counts, wanton endangerment involving a firearm.

In arraignment hearings:

Jacob Bing, 39, of Marlinton pleaded not guilty to one count, grand larceny, a felony; two counts, burglary, a felony; one count, entry of a building other than a dwelling, a felony; one count, destruction of property, a misdemeanor; and one count, trespassing, a misdemeanor. The court set bond in the amount of \$5,000, 10% cash/90% personal recognizance (PR) with the

added condition of no contact with or near property of the victims.

John Stull pleaded not guilty to one count, person prohibited from possessing a firearm, a misdemeanor; one count, negligent shooting, a misdemeanor. The court followed the State's recommendation and set bond in the amount of \$1,500, 10% cash/90% PR. The State asked that the defendant surrender all the firearms in his possession. Defense counsel related that Stull has no firearms.

Roger Teter, 48, of Dunmore, pleaded not guilty to one count, petit larceny, a misdemeanor. He remains on previously posted bond. The State is to correct the name on the indictment to reflect Roger Warren Teter.

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# Lady Warriors soccer kicks off

The Pocahontas County High School Lady Warriors soccer team's 2023 season has begun and summaries of the first four games are provided below:

## At Braxton County August 19

The Lady Warriors scored two goals in the first half and the Lady Eagles scored one for a halftime score of 2-1 Pocahontas. Both teams scored an additional goal in the second half for a final score of 3-2 Pocahontas.

Lady Warrior scorers were forwards Eden Smith and Mileya Bircher.

Assists on these goals were from forwards and midfielders Bircher, Ramona Hardy and Brianna Cochran.

Additional shots on goal were from forwards and midfielders Riley Pollack and Erin Rider.

Defenders and midfielders Andrea Alderman, Macken-

zie Taylor, Hardy, Elizabeth Friel and Ellena Bauserman stole and/or cleared the ball out of the defensive field 40 times.

Goalkeeper Shayla Bennett saved three goals and allowed two.

## At Philip Barbour August 22

The Philip Barbour Lady Colts led the Lady Warriors 8-0 at half-time. The Lady Colts scored another goal in the second half while the Lady Warriors remained scoreless for a final score of 9-0 Philip Barbour.

Lady Warrior shots on goal were from forwards and midfielders Eden Smith, Brianna Cochran and Riley Pollack.

Defenders and midfielders Kynlee Wilfong, Mileya Bircher, Mackenzie Taylor, Ellena Bauserman, Mallory McCoy, Jasey Kramer, Riley Cassell and Baylee Nelson stole and/or cleared the ball out of the defensive field 21

times. Goalkeeper Shayla Bennett saved nine goals and allowed nine.

## Elkins at PCHS August 24

The Elkins Lady Tigers led the Lady Warriors 4-0 at half-time. The Lady Tigers scored two more goals in the second half while the Lady Warriors remained scoreless for a final score of 6-0 Elkins.

Lady Warrior shots on goal were from forwards Riley Pollack, Eden Smith, Brianna Cochran and Erin Rider.

Defenders and midfielders Mackenzie Taylor, Andrea Alderman, Smith, Ramona Hardy and Leeann Green stole and/or cleared the ball out of the defensive field 27 times.

Goalkeeper Shayla Bennett saved 15 goals and allowed six.

## At Bluefield August 26

The Lady Warriors and the Bluefield Lady Beavers each scored one goal in the first half for a 1-1 tie at half-time. Neither team scored in the second half for a final score of 1-1.

Lady Warrior scorer was Eden Smith, assisted by Ramona Hardy.

Additional shots on goal were from forwards Mileya Bircher, Riley Pollack and Brianna Cochran.

Defenders and midfielders Ellena Bauserman, Mackenzie Taylor, Kynlee Wilfong, Hardy, Alexis Arbogast and Allyson Taylor stole and/or cleared the ball out of the defensive field 27 times.

Goalkeeper Shayla Bennett saved eight goals and allowed one.

The Lady Warriors' record is 1 win, 1 tie, 2 losses.

Please see MaxPreps.com for upcoming games.

# Walk for Water 6K

"Every step you take is one they won't have to."



Join us Sunday, September 17, at 2 p.m. at the Cass Pavilion where we will begin our 6K walk on the Greenbrier River Trail.

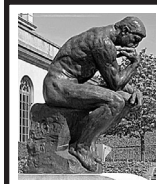
We hope to raise money and awareness for the communities where clean water is scarce.

Please join us as we honor those who make this journey daily for their basic

needs, and consider helping us raise funds to build wells so that, someday soon, they won't have to make that journey again.

Light refreshments and fellowship to follow.

Hosted by New Hope Church of the Brethren.



## TRIVIA – a little something to think about

Courtesy of Chuck Cornell

1. Here's a political quote: "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many, to so few." Who said these words?

2. His company manufactured railroad cars from the 1850s to the 1908s. The company's trademark phrase is: "Travel and Sleep in Safety and Comfort."

3. He shuns human patients in favor of animals. After all, he can speak to them in their own language.

What is his name? Who portrayed him in the 1998 hit fantasy comedy film?

4. Ko-nich-chi-wa means "hi or welcome;" Moshi-Moshi is "hello on the phone;" Ichi-ban, "No 1. The best" What is the Japanese word that means or translates to "empty orchestra"?

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### Honey, from page 1

had chewing gum. As a substitute for that, one of them preferred to chew honeycomb and would get a small piece of it about once a day. The wax that makes up honeycomb is very sticky and hard to remove from

surfaces. Do not pour honeycomb wax down the drain as it can quickly cause clogged pipes. To remove the wax from counters and utensils, use a soft scrubbing pad and cool soapy water. Hot water will melt the wax just long enough for it to quickly re-deposit onto a nearby surface. Keeping the water cool will help the soap coat the small, but intact, wax balls

as they are scrubbed off. Raw honey may contain clostridium botulinum and should not be given to children under one year old. While this bacterium is harmless to older children and adults, the immature digestive system of a baby has not had time to become immune to it. Part 6 of 6

### Ties, from page 1

"I was trying to get the job at Droop Mountain, and the retirement board called and said I couldn't retire until October," Weber explained. "I thought I'd get a job in Marlinton, so if I got the Droop Mountain job, I could swing both. I applied for the special education job at Marlinton Elementary and was hired there. About a week later, I got hired at Droop Mountain."

Weber worked it out with the Pocahontas County Board of Education to work until October 31 so he could retire, and he will start full-time at Droop in November. While most retirees dream of relaxing on the beach or traveling, Weber wanted to find a job in a different field to work a little longer before fully retiring.

"I just thought it would be a fun job to have," he said. "For me, I like the outside. I want something different. I'm not going to retire from teaching and sit at home, so I thought I'd start a new career. I'm fifty-five - fifty-five is the new thirty-five they say. So I figured I'd worked another twenty years, so this would be a good job."

Weber resides in Richwood and is happy to have a job close to home and family.

With his teaching background, Weber fits in well at Droop Mountain, one of the most historic places in Pocahontas County. He said he enjoys welcoming guests and teaching them about the rich history, as well as sharing stories from their past visits and his own experiences at the battlefield.

"I just talk to them about the museum and all the artifacts that were all locally found and collected, except for one or two guns that were donated," he said. "I talk about the tower, the five trails we have. Most people just want to do the museum and see the tower, and walk through the areas with monuments."

Weber also likes to share ghost stories, which have been experienced by many visitors over the years. He's had a couple encounters himself.

"I have a picture of the ghost up here in the cemetery right behind the residence," he said. "I show them that picture and they think that's so awesome. Most people believe, some people do not."

The picture Weber shares shows a figure who looks like he is walking past the

cemetery, behind a tree, and has a lantern in one hand.

The photo is similar to a photo taken by a student who visited the park in 2015. During a school trip, the student was taking pictures with his phone and when he reviewed them with a chaperone, they noticed a figure carrying a lantern, running through a tree.

"I actually saw that thing two weeks ago," Weber said. "I was standing at the cemetery and it was probably 80 degrees, almost 11 a.m. The temperature dropped twenty degrees in two seconds and then this gray object just flashed in front of me. Then the temperature went right back up in about ten seconds."

Weber has seen and heard many ghost stories since he started at Droop, and there surely will be more in the coming years.

In addition to offering a glimpse into the past at the museum, tower and on the trails, the park is also a place for re-enactment groups to do a living history of the battle itself.

The Bryan's Battery re-enactment group will return to the park October 13 through 15.

Visit [Battleofdrycreek.org/battle-droop-mountain](http://Battleofdrycreek.org/battle-droop-mountain) for a full schedule of events.

### Letters, from page 4

where in the world would disrupt the global climate and agricultural production so severely that the lives of more than two billion people would be in jeopardy from mass starvation?"

Smoke from massive fires after a nuclear war would inject massive amounts of soot into the Earth's upper atmosphere. Solar radiated heat and plant photosynthesizing

energy would be abruptly reduced for a decade. Immediate human deaths from the explosions and radiation would be followed by sharply reduced food for many years. Starvation and violent civil unrest would ensue.

The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) is a legally binding international agreement, effective January 2021, on all 160 signatory nations pledging to prohibit nuclear weapons in their territories. The goal of TPMW is global

nuclear weapon elimination. Current nuclear-armed nations are the United States, Russia, France, China, the United Kingdom, Pakistan, India, Israel, and North Korea, with a cumulative total of 13,000 nuclear weapons.

"It is no longer a choice, my friends, between violence and nonviolence. It is either nonviolence or nonexistence." (Martin Luther King, Jr.)

Respectfully,  
Allen Johnson  
Frost

### Calendar, from page 4

printer, email or general help and guidance. AmeriCorps member Chris Baber will be at the following locations from 2 to 4 p.m.: Mondays, McClintic Library; Tuesdays, Hillsboro Library; Wednesdays, Green Bank Library; Thursdays, Linwood Library; and Fridays at Durbin Library.

**REUNIONS**  
**Alderman Reunion** - Saturday, September 2, 11 a.m. at New Hope Lutheran Church Shelter, Minnehaha Springs. Covered Dish  
**Annual Picnic for Mar-**

**linton High School Class of 1961** Saturday, September 9, at the first shelter in Stillwell Park. Lunch at 12:30 p.m. Call 304-799-4177 for more information.

**HOMECOMING**  
**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.

**MEETINGS**  
**Allegheny Post 117** Tuesday, September 5, 6 p.m. at the Arbovale Community Center. All members are encouraged to attend.

**Pocahontas County Senior/Junior Marksmanship Program** is now forming. An organizational meeting will be held Saturday, September 9, at 7 p.m. at McClintic Library. The minimum requirement to organize for membership is 10 adults and 10 Juniors ages 10-17.

**PARKS AND REC**  
All activities are at the Community Wellness Center, unless otherwise noted.

**Free movie at Stillwell Park**, dusk, Saturday, September 9, showing *ET, The Extra-Terrestrial*. Bring the family, blankets, chairs and enjoy a movie under the stars.

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

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### DEATHS

Mrs. Corena Bussard Shinaberry, aged 80 years, daughter of the late Morgan and Rhoda Syms Bussard and widow of the late W. T. Shinaberry, died Friday, July 30, at 8 o'clock p.m.... Funeral service was held at Alexander Memorial Church. Burial was in the family cemetery near Dunmore. Although an invalid, this saintly woman will be missed in her community. She was a lifelong member of the Presbyterian church.

Claude Lesley Cornell,

aged 74 years, died August 25, 1948. On Saturday afternoon his body was buried in the family plot in Mt. View Cemetery. The funeral was held from the Methodist Church... He married Miss Luberta Scott... Their children are Norman and Cecil Cornell and Mrs. Frank Gass.

Dale Bernard Phillips, aged 26 years died August 24, 1948. On Friday, the funeral was held from the Slaty Fork Church with burial at Bergoo. The deceased was a woodsman, the son of Lake and Phoebe Phillips, of Webster County...

Mrs. Maude Reed Ware,

aged 70 years, widow of the late P. T. Ward, died Monday morning, August 30, 1948. On Wednesday morning, her body was laid to rest beside the grave of her husband in St. Brendons Cemetery near Elkins, the service requiem high mass being held from the St. Brendon's Catholic Church in Elkins... More than 40 years since Mr. and Mrs. Ward came to Pocahontas County to make their home. They were good people and good neighbors. Until laid aside by failing health, Mrs. Ward was a bookkeeper in the Bank of Marlinton...

Mrs. Georgia Ann Doyle, wife of Gilbert Doyle, died

at Marlinton, August 12, 1948, at the age of 76 years, one month and 25 days... She was the daughter of William and Margaret Mace...

A precious one from us is gone  
A voice we loved is still.  
A place is vacant in our home  
That never can be filled.

**TRIVIA ANSWERS:**  
(1). Winston Churchill  
(2). George Pullman  
(3). Doctor Dolittle  
(4). Karaoke  
Murphy

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### BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Gordon, of Green Bank, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Blankenship, of Marlinton, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Dhari Sharp, of Marlinton, a

daughter, named Donna Carol.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Reigel, of Arbovale, a daughter, named Tina Marie.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Oliver, a baby girl, named Brenda Elizabeth.

Mrs. Susie Rogers, of Buckeye, is announcing the arrival of her twenty-third grandchild and seventh granddaughter, Julie Ann,

born to Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Barnett, of Medina, Ohio...

### DEATH

Omer E. Davis, 74, of Frank, died Monday, August 27, 1973... He was a retired employee of the Howes Leather Company and lived most of his life in Pocahontas County... Funeral service was held at the Frank Church of the Nazarene...

months ago he suffered a stroke of paralysis and since that time, his strength has been gradually failing. He was near 80 years of age. He was never married.

George W. Callison died at his home in Dayton, Virginia, Sunday night, August 26, 1923. For many months he has been in poor health. His age was 70 years. His body was buried at the Mc-Neel graveyard near Hillsboro Wednesday morning.

Mr. Callison was a native

of Pocahontas County. He raised his family and spent the greater portion of his life at Hillsboro... He was a good man and prominent in the affairs of this county. He was a lifelong member of the Southern Methodist church.

About five months ago, Mrs. Callison preceded her husband to the grave. A large family of children survive their parents. Among them are Mrs. Carl G. Beard, Mrs. J. K. Marshall, Mrs. Geo P. Edgar, Richard, Homer and Glenn Callison.

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luncheon was then served in picnic style to all the guests. The bride and groom were accompanied by most of the guests to Cass where they took the afternoon train for points south...

### DIED

Hugh Sharp, an aged and respected citizen, died at the home of his nephew, L. D. Sharp, at Slaty Fork. Some

Henry McClure and Squire Curry issued a warrant for Petts and Milam; the latter is now in jail. Petts could not be found.

Colley says that there was a regularly organized band for the purpose of robbery, and is prepared to make a large and healthy lot of indictments.

### DIED

John C. Warwick died at his home at MacDonald, Fayette county, aged about 30 years. At the time of his death he was in the employ of the Turkey Knob Coal Company as its buyer and seller. He leaves surviving him his wife, who was Miss Maybelle Feamster, and a little son named George.

John Craig Warwick was born at Clover Lick, which estate his father owned at that time. A good portion of his life was passed at the farm on Stony Creek near Marlinton. He was educated

at the Fishburn school at Waynesboro...

He was a born gentleman, and no one ever came in reach of his strong personality but was won by his geniality and loved and admired him. His life was full of promise and he had a host of friends. His sister, Miss Emma Warwick, who was more than a mother to him, was with him at his death. Within the past five years, this devoted family has buried five of its members. The father, mother, sister and two brothers.

## History, from page 7

presence of his friends," and they delivered him to the justice and were released.

Constable Wooddell brought him up Tuesday, and the case was involved in a maze of legal difficulties, the authorities being divided in the opinion as to whether his bondsmen could be released. The sureties complained that Colley threatened to become violent. It was suggested that they get out an injunction against him. The county finally accepted him and if he gets no other bond, he will cool his heels in jail for a year.

Harvey Petts, who swore out the peace warrant, has decamped. Colley fell out with the gang and was prepared to indict a dozen or so. He swore that Milam and Petts had killed a sheep for

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# Fall Events



## First Friday ~ Friday, September 1

Bring yourself on down to Discovery Junction for another fun and entertainment-filled First Friday event Saturday, September 1, 5:30 to 7 p.m. Music by Dark Matters on the Discovery Junction stage. Activities in and around Third Avenue, including the Farmers Market, FRN bounce house, visit with Pikachu, children's mural project, Board of Education book giveaway, Fill the Bus School Supplies project and more.

## Watoga Art in the Park ~ Saturday and Sunday, September 2 and 3

Spend part of your Labor Day Weekend in the beauty of Watoga State Park surrounded by music, art and food. Demonstrations, handmade works of art for sale, activities for kids, food vendors and more. Music on Saturday by Jim Snyder from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., followed by Shawn

Owen 1 to 3 p.m.; Matt Mullins and the Bringdowns from 3 to 6 p.m. The music continues Sunday with Mud Hole Control, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Seldom Free 1 to 3 p.m. and the Black Mountain Bluegrass Boys wrapping up the weekend as they play from 3 to 6 p.m.

## 2023 Droop Mountain Studio Tours ~ Saturday and Sunday, September 9 – 10

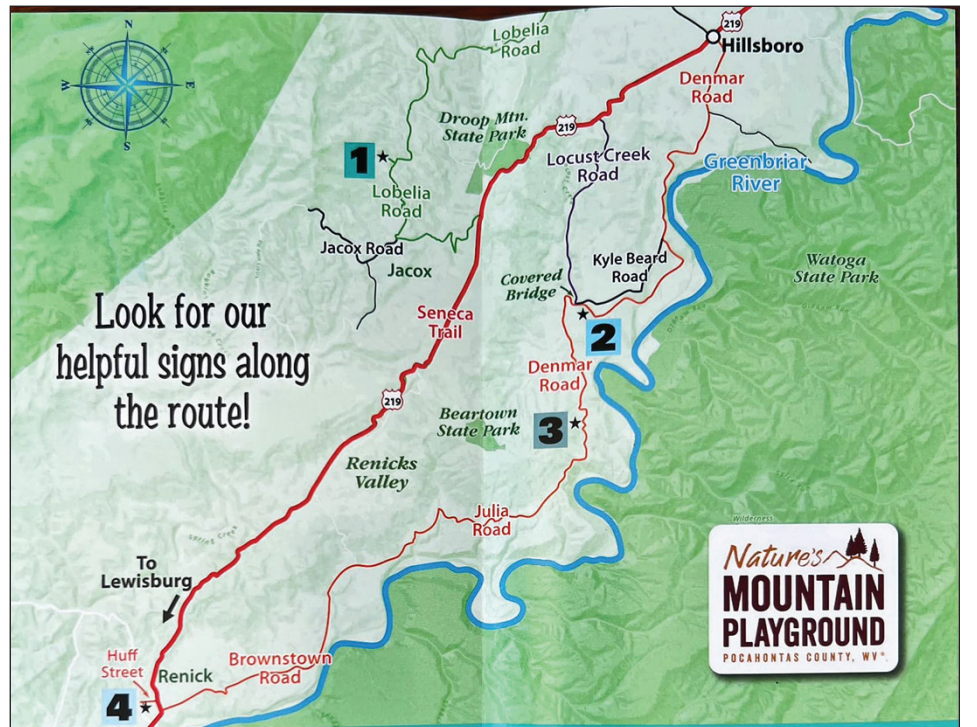
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Wander the back roads and find artists at work. This tour will take you to multiple studios off of Route 219 in southern Pocahontas County and to the Renick Community Center in neighboring Greenbrier County. The weekend will offer demonstrations, a chance to purchase fine arts and crafts as well as make-and-take projects for children and adults.

Mark your calendar, hit the road and find the treasures off the beaten path – fused and stained glass, watercolors, pottery, handmade brooms and brushes, embroidered landscapes, quilts, altered and embellished clothing and more. Refreshments will be available.

Visit the Droop Artisans Facebook page for detailed information.

**THE MAP SHOWN at right helps visitors find their way to the four locations in Pocahontas and Greenbrier counties that are participating in the Droop Mountain Studio Tours.**



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|----------|---|---|
| <b>1</b> | <b>Yew Mountain Center</b>  | 9494 Lobelia Road, Hillsboro, WV 24946 304-653-4079 |
|          | Take Lobelia Rd. from 219 (between Beartown State Park and Droop Mtn. State Park.) Stay to the right at the intersection with Jacox Rd. YMC is on the left, 3 miles from 219. |   |
| <b>2</b> | <b>Wannabe Farm Artists</b>   | 5687 Denmar Road Hillsboro, WV 24946                |
|          | Take Locust Creek Rd. from 219 (between Droop Mt. State Park and Hillsboro.) Turn left on Denmar Rd. and travel ¼ mile. Wannabe Farm is on the right.                         |   |
| <b>3</b> | <b>BrenWood Forge &amp; Broom</b>   | 8798 Denmar Rd. Hillsboro, WV 24946 304-653-8550    |
|          | Take Locust Creek Rd. from 219 (between Droop Mt. State Park and Hillsboro.) Turn right on Denmar Rd. and travel 2.5 miles. BrenWood is on the right.                         |   |
| <b>4</b> | <b>Renick Community Center</b>  | 217 Huff St Renick WV 24966 304-497-2722            |
|          | 15 miles South of Hillsboro on Rt. 219 just 1/4 mile North of the Renick Post Office then West on Huff St. 217 Huff St. is on the left.                                       |   |

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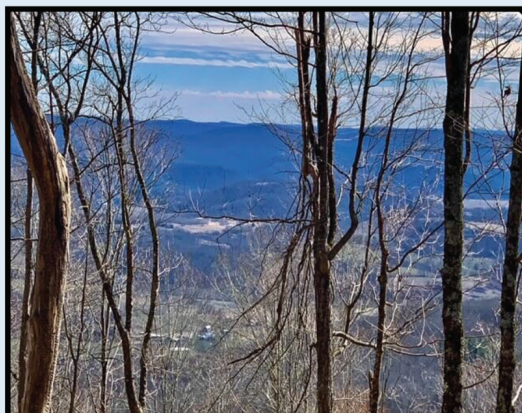
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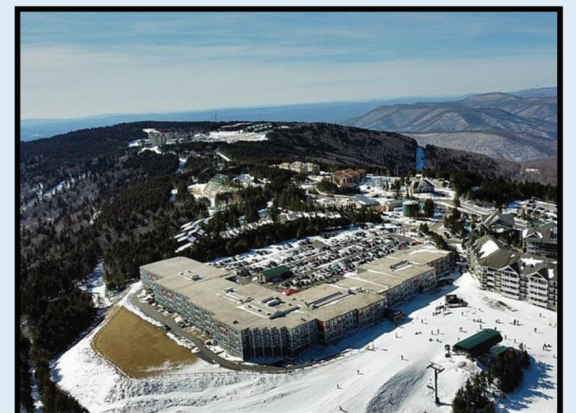
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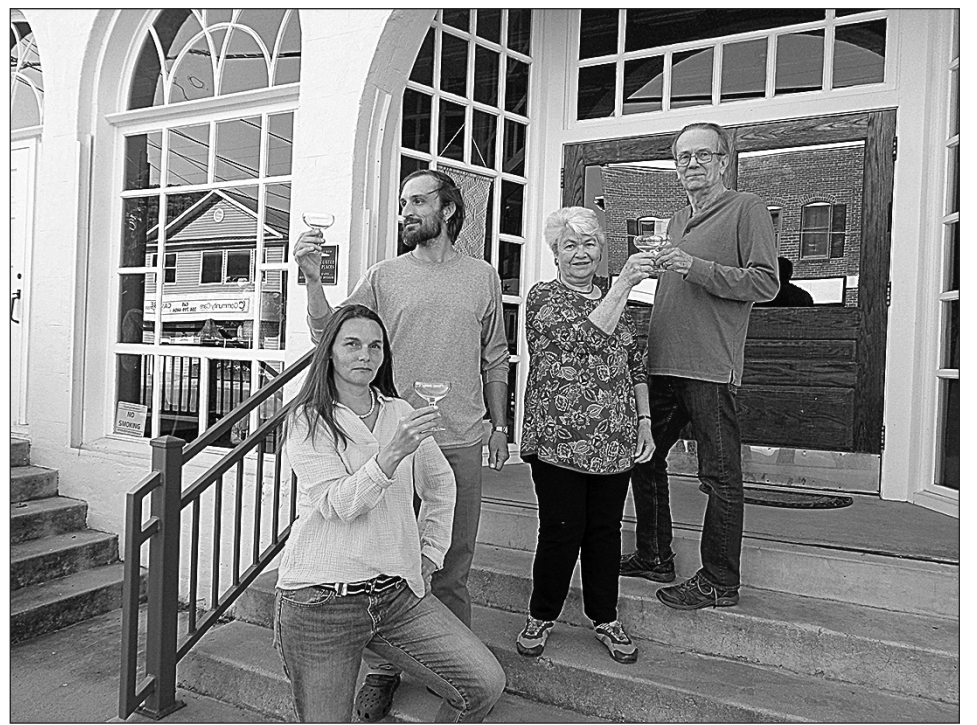
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CAST MEMBERS TOAST the beginning of "The Cocktail Hour" rehearsals. Pictured l-r: Rachel Fanning, Nathan Dameron, Janet Ghigo and Craig Goheen.

## Freshwater Folk Festival ~ Saturday, September 9

The Freshwater Folk Festival will take place at the White Sulphur Springs National Fish Hatchery Saturday, September 9, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. It'll be a fantastic fun-filled day for the whole family with live music by Billy Jonas, Beaucoup Blue, The Elk River Ramblers, The MacArthur Inn Gang and local young artists in the Young Musicians Showcase. There will be food and crafts, a bounce house and pony rides, and a big tent full of demonstrations, educational exhibits and hands-on activities. It is also a celebration of the rich culture and natural history of West Virginia. Admission is free. For more info about the festival call 304-646-0602 or visit Freshwater Folk Festival on Facebook.

## Wings of Wonder – Birds of Prey: Cass Scenic Railroad ~ Saturday, September 16

Live birds of prey at Cass Scenic Railroad State Park will be presented by the Three Rivers Avian Center Saturday, September 16, at 2:30 p.m. The educational bird program is a great opportunity to learn what birds say "who cooks for me, who cooks for you all?" as well as meeting other raptors. The afternoon program is all about raptors native to West Virginia: hawks, eagles, falcons and owls. You'll learn about the habitat, diet and behavior of each bird presented, the most common causes of injury to each species and the laws protecting these special birds. Free and open to the public, this program lasts about an hour and is staged in the Cass Community Center. Questions are welcomed. This is a family friendly event. An excellent presentation for all ages and in particular youth interested in wildlife conservation and education. Join us for an afternoon with the raptors and your host Superintendent Marshall Markley and park guests Three Rivers Avian Center and the educational raptors.

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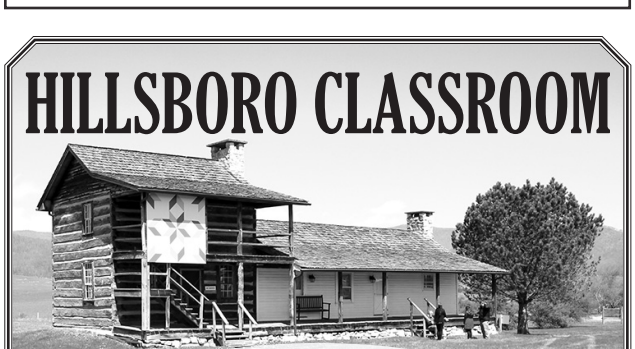
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# Autumn Harvest and RoadKill Cook-Off ~ Saturday, September 23

Marlinton celebrates the arrival of fall each year with its traditional Autumn Harvest Festival and the famous West Virginia RoadKill Cook-Off. The town will be filled with locally handcrafted items for sale, harvest games, non-profit vendors dishing out great food, while various bands play music to entertain the crowd. And don't forget the best part – the taste test of wild game in the RoadKill arena. It is up to you to select the Best of Show.

# Cranberry Shindig ~ Sunday, September 24

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. One-day celebration of Appalachian culture, featuring live traditional music, artisans and demonstrations. Offerings will include apple cider, maple syrup, woodworking, handcrafted items, jellies and fudge and so much more. Music by the Bing Brothers and Jake Krack, and an old-fashioned square dance with music by Juanita Fireball and the Continental Drifters; caller Lou Maiuri. Square dance instruction begins at 1:30 p.m. For more information, contact the Nature Center at 304-653-4826.

# Star Party at Droop Mountain Battlefield ~ Friday, September 22

Watoaga State Park Foundation will host a Dark Sky Star Party at Droop Mountain Battlefield State Park Friday, September 22, from 8 to 11 p.m. Meet at the Droop Mountain Tower. Amateur astronomers will be on hand to answer questions and discuss various aspects of the night sky. In the event of rain, the star party will move to September 24. Droop Mountain Battlefield State Park provides a great opportunity for open sky viewing. Telescopes will be stationed at the Droop Mountain Tower area. Feel free to bring your telescope or binoculars. The event is free.

# Pollinator Workshop ~ Sunday, September 24

Pollinator Habitat Workshop, Sunday, September 24, 1:30 to 4 p.m. at Yew Mountain Center. Build and take home a bee BnB for native bees, make an origami bee, identify regional pollinators and more. All ages welcome. Visit yewmountain.org for more information.

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## Full Harvest Moon Hike ~ Saturday, September 30

The September full moon is known as the Full Harvest Moon. Most often, the September full moon occurs closest to the Fall Equinox. At the peak of harvest, farmers can work late into the night by the light of this moon. Other names for the September

Full Moon are the Autumn Moon, Corn Harvest Moon, Falling Leaves Moon and Child Moon.

Hike by the light of a full harvest moon at Cass Scenic State Park Saturday, September 30, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The hike will begin at the

visitor's center at the Cass Company Store. This evening walk, led by Park Superintendent Marshall Markley or designee, is about three miles, round trip, with a slight grade, but mostly flat.

The hike is free and open to the public.



## Huntersville Traditions Days ~ October 5 – 7

This fall event has become a favorite for locals and visitors alike. The HTD committee works year-round to ensure that the Tradition Days are authentic and memorable.

This year's festival begins Thursday, October 5, with an Education Day – tours of the Huntersville School, Jail, Civil War Cemetery as well as demonstrations and a little time spent in the classroom to learn about the

history of Huntersville.

Friday evening, there will be a free traditional picnic at the Huntersville School along with a Pie Auction and Old-Time Cakewalk. Entertainment for the evening will be provided by The Bing Brothers with Jake Krack.

Things heat up and pick up Saturday – all day long – with live music throughout the town, horse and wagon rides, demonstrations, cloggers, the quilt show, an old-fashioned bean pot meal,

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## Women's Weekend ~ October 6 – 8

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The Marathon starts at Cass Scenic Railroad State Park and runs south on the trail, finishing at Stillwell Park in Marlinton. This is a USATF-certified course.

The Half Marathon (not-certified) will start and finish at Stillwell Park in Marlinton. The Half Marathon will exit Stillwell Park, turning right onto the trail, heading south; hitting the turnaround at 6.55 miles and head back

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GRT Marathon and Half Marathon is part of the Wild and Wonderful Race Series. All proceeds from this marathon go to maintaining and improving the Greenbrier River Trail – through the Greenbrier River Trail Association (501(C) 3) - non-profit organization.

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# Re-enactment at Droop Mountain Battlefield State Park ~ October 13 -15

The reenactment is held on the actual battlefield of the 1864 Battle of Droop Mountain located at the Droop Mountain Battlefield State Park. The park is located on Rt. 219 about 29 miles North of I-64 and just a couple of miles south of Hillsboro.

There will be a skirmish at 1 p.m. Satur-

day afternoon.

There will be an 8:30 p.m. night firing of the cannons Saturday evening.

The re-enactment of the Battle of Droop Mountain will be held at 1:30 p.m. Sunday. There is no charge for spectators.

For a full schedule of activities visit [Batleofdrycreek.org/battle-droop-mountain](http://Batleofdrycreek.org/battle-droop-mountain)

# Hoot and Holler – Birds of Prey Saturday, October 21

In October with dark skies and night sounds, Wato-ga State Park will host Hoot and Holler at the activity building Saturday, October 21, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The program is presented by the Three Rivers Avian Cen-

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## Full Hunter's Moon Hike ~ Saturday, October 28

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Hike by the light of a Hunter's full moon at Cass Scenic Railroad State Park Saturday, October 28. The hike will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the visitor's center at the Cass Company Store area and will be led by Park Superintendent Marshall Markley or designee. The hike is about three miles round trip with a slight grade, but mostly flat. Free and open to the public.

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