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Garth Newel Music Center – from a home built on creativity to a center for sharing music

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

Deep in the Alleghany Mountains, in Warm Springs, Virginia, on a 116-acre homestead, there is a rich history steeped in a love for horses, art and music.

The homestead is now known as Garth Newel Music Center, and it is celebrating its 50th anniversary of providing programs and education in classical and chamber music. But that's just part of its history.

The homestead was founded in 1923 by William Sergeant Kendall and his wife, Christine Herter Kendall. Both of the Kendalls were artists.

"He was an American painter of some repute," Garth Newel executive director Shawn Puller said. "The portraits he did – mostly of women and children – hang in museums all over the United States. He moved here with his young wife, Christine Herter Kendall. She was of the line of the Herter Furniture Brothers. They were interior designers and furniture mak-



THE GARTH NEWEL Music Center is celebrating its 50th anniversary of providing opportunities for students to hone their chamber music skills at the 116-acre homestead in Warm Springs, Virginia. It also hosts concerts performed by the resident piano quartet and guest musicians. Photo courtesy of Garth Newel Music Center

ers that had quite a reputation in New York City."

Sergeant was the dean of the fine arts department at Yale University and first met Christine through her uncle, Albert. At 14, Christine took painting lessons from Sergeant who was 22 years her senior.

"She was from a family with immense means," Puller said. "They lived in a large mansion on Madison

Avenue in New York City, and the girls learned how to ride horses in Central Park. They were not eking out an existence."

Christine and her sister were homeschooled, and she continued her path to become a painter. She traveled to Paris, France, and studied with Mary Cassatt, before returning to America, where she enrolled at Yale Univer-

sity. "She was allowed to enroll in Yale University and earned a baccalaureate degree in 1915, which would have been incredibly unusual," Puller said.

Sergeant and Christine grew close – leading to a scandalous marriage of which high society did not approve. Sergeant divorced his wife to marry the much

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NATHAN DAMERON AND Rachel Fanning will perform as the "kids" in the Pocahontas Drama Workshop production of "The Cocktail Hour."

Meet the 'Kids'

Barbara Elliott
Contributing Writer

The plot of the upcoming Pocahontas Drama Workshop production of A. R. Gurney's *The Cocktail Hour* revolves around the family crisis created when the son of a wealthy couple from upstate New York asks them to give their blessing to a play he has written about the family. The parents are appalled at the idea of being portrayed on stage. Their daughter, on

the other hand, is ticked off because her part is so small.

Director Margaret Baker cast Nathan Dameron and Rachel Fanning in the roles of the troublesome "kids," John and Nina, and they are having fun getting to know these squabbling siblings and exploring the family dynamics that drive the story.

Fanning's only previous acting role in a Drama Workshop production was

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Watoga Art in the Park



YOU COULDN'T HAVE asked for a better day than Saturday and Sunday for the annual Art in the Park event at Watoga State Park. Vendors sold their artwork, crafts and cuisine to visitors, who had an opportunity to create their own works of art.

Visitors learned how to do woodturning, printmaking, Suminagashi – Japanese paper marbling and Gyotaku – Japanese fish printing.

Above, the view from Cheryl Beverage's tent shows Peggy Owens lending a hand to visitors who are making collages.

In addition to arts and crafts, there was live entertainment by Jim Snyder, Pocahontas County native Shawn Owen, Matt Mullins and The Bringdowns, Mud Hole Control, Seldom Free and the Black Mountain Bluegrass Boys. S. Stewart photo



It was another great day ~ Treasure on the Mountain

The Snowshoe Foundation hosted its 14th annual Treasure on the Mountain raffle Saturday, August 5, at Snowshoe Mountain Resort with 5,000 ticket holders hoping to win a share of more than \$350,000 in cash and prizes. The event was a complete sell out once again, and more than 3,000 attendees enjoyed

a day of beautiful sunshine, delicious local food and numerous side raffles - in addition to a main prize pool that included trucks, SUVs, ATVs and a top cash prize of \$30,000.

Voras Haynes, President of the Board of the Snowshoe Foundation, was pleased with the turnout.

"This was an incredible

day, not only for the Snowshoe Foundation, but the entire community," he said. "I also want to give a big shout out to all the local businesses that helped with our event. We had great volunteers and tons of food provided by local civic organizations,

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September 11 remembrance – a day that changed America

Sam Felton
Marlinton Mayor

Patriot Day stands as a stark reminder of the most horrific and senseless act of pure evil, ever committed on United States soil. Patriot Day should remind us of the lives lost that day and the others that had their lives shortened as a result of the after-effects.

Patriot Day commemorates the lives of those who died in the 2001 terrorist at-

tacks on the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon in Virginia and those who perished when the hijacked United Airlines Flight 93 crashed in Pennsylvania.

The day should remind us of a younger generation that does not remember that day. Anyone born since the turn of this century does not remember how it felt to those of us living at that time. The events of 9/11 were so staggering it was hard to take in, yet we can tell you where

we were when we first heard the news.

Patriot Day remembrance must continue for the youth of our day to know of the resilience and unity that emerged from the tragic events of September 11, 2001.

Do you remember our Congressional representatives coming outside to the capitol steps and singing God Bless America?

I do.
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WVU announces final recommendations for academic programs under review

On August 29, WVU announced final recommendations for the following four programs as part of the ongoing Academic Transformation portfolio review process: Department of World Languages, Literatures and Linguistics, Division of Forestry and Natural Resources, Department of Computer Science and Electrical Engineering, the School of Public Health. (WVU Graphic)

The West Virginia University Office of the Provost announced final recommendations from the first four appeals hearings held as part of the Academic Transformation program portfolio review process.

Department of World Languages, Literatures and Linguistics

In 2021, several programs in the Department of World Languages, Literatures and Linguistics were put on notice because of low and declining enrollments. A letter outlined the need for an im-

provement plan and specific steps that should be taken, including a recommendation that the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences develop options to consolidate majors and eliminate the requirement of a foreign language for its Bachelor of Arts majors.

Those same concerns served as the basis for putting the Department under formal review in July and issuing a preliminary recommendation under the academic program portfolio review process on August 10.

An appeal presented during an August 25 hearing has resulted in a final recommendation to eliminate foreign language majors and master's degree programs but to continue to provide face-to-face instruction in two languages. It is recommended the Department reduce the number of faculty positions to five and move them into another unit yet to be determined.

The number of foreign language degrees awarded

has been on the decline both nationally and in WVU's main recruiting market over the past 12 years. Despite this trend, the final recommendation addresses many of the concerns brought forward in the past two weeks including the importance of offering language instruction at a land-grant institution.

"We listened to our students' feedback and have provided an option for face-to-face language instruction," Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Marianne Reed said. "This final recommendation will allow students to take language courses as electives and potentially as minors. This will also support our students pursuing prestigious scholarships and membership in honorary organizations such as Phi Beta Kappa. We feel this recommendation addresses the continued enrollment decline while serving the needs of our students."

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Honaker is new DHS Inspector General – resigns from House of Delegates

Governor Jim Justice announced Wednesday that he has appointed Mike Honaker as Inspector General of the West Virginia Department of Homeland Security.

"Delegate Honaker has dedicated his life to public service, and I am thrilled to announce he will be West Virginia's new Inspector General," Justice said. "With his extensive law enforcement background and passion for public safety, I am confident he will continue to serve our great state with honor and integrity."

The Office of the Inspector General in the Department of Homeland Security was created during the 2023 Legislative Session following the passage and signing of House Bill 3360. The purpose of the office is to conduct and supervise investigations among other tasks, including the authority to oversee and direct existing investigations and units within the department.

Honaker, a West Virginia native, served in the United States Marine Corps before a 28-year career as a Virginia State Trooper. During his career with the State Police, he served as a Trooper, Ser-

geant, First Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Special Agent in Charge of the First Division of the Bureau of Criminal Investigation in Richmond, Virginia. Following his retirement, Honaker returned to West Virginia and was appointed to serve as the Greenbrier County Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and Director of the Greenbrier County 911 Center.

In December 2021, Justice appointed Honaker to fill the vacant 42nd District House of Delegates seat in the West Virginia House of Delegates. He was then elected to the 46th District, encompassing Greenbrier and Pocahontas

counties following West Virginia's redistricting.

Honaker formally resigned from the House of Delegates effective Wednesday.

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Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) faced with issues

Tim Walker
AMR Reporter

The Pocahontas County Broadband Council called off its scheduled August 24 meeting because of scheduling issues among its members, however Ruthana Beasley and Amy Truesdale provided an update on the broadband projects in the county.

One of the more interesting comments in this update cited an article in the August 3, 2023 *PC Magazine* as saying that the FCC's Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) is facing trouble from a number of the Internet providers who bid on and won the broadband service

installation rights to exclusive areas of the country. The FCC will be awarding \$20 billion nationwide to those companies to build and provide broadband inside the areas they were awarded by the FCC. The federal government has restricted the use of any other federal funding to build broadband in those areas by other Internet service providers. However, according to *PC Magazine*, a large coalition of Internet service providers, who call themselves the "Coalition of RDOF Winners," are now asking for additional RDOF money because inflation has increased the cost of construct-

ing the broadband service

that they committed to build in their bid areas. Some companies are also asking for the right to get out of their RDOF commitments altogether without suffering financial penalties from the FCC. Unless the FCC allows these bailouts, those companies would face tens of thousands of dollars in penalties if they default on their bids. It is unknown at this time how the FCC will respond to these challenges.

In Pocahontas County, two Internet service providers bid on and won portions of the county under RDOF. Frontier Communications and Citynet, with

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HVAC projects in schools near completion

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

The Pocahontas County Board of Education had a relatively short meeting August 29 and discussed the ongoing construction projects at the schools.

Superintendent Lynne Bostic reported that the HVAC systems at Green Bank Elementary-Middle School and Marlinton Middle School are nearly complete, and the crew is waiting on parts for the electrical

panels to complete both projects.

Bostic said it is estimated the projects will both be completed by November.

She added that the Title I teachers, Community in Schools coordinators, academic coaches and family engagement coordinators are working with the Family Resource Network to create a countywide family advisory committee.

In financial management, the board approved the following:

- Payment of vendor listing, local government purchasing card, employee payroll, extra duty pay for the month of August 2023, grant award and journal adjustment.

In miscellaneous management, the board approved the following:

- Groundwater Protection Plan for small business.
- Crisis Management Plan for the 2023-2024 school year.

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Ginseng harvest season open

The ginseng 2023 harvest season is now open and will continue through Wednesday, November 30, The West Virginia Division of Forestry (WV DOF) announced.

Observing the legal season and regulations helps preserve Appalachia's threatened and endangered wild ginseng.

Harvesting pulls up the ginseng root, ending the plant's ability to replace itself with new generations. To help the herb's seeds grow, the hunter must, by law, plant them at the site where the root was taken.

Before the plant can be legally harvested, ginseng

must be at least five years old and its seed-bearing berries bright red. The slow-growing plant needs to mature for at least five years to reproduce. The plant's age can be determined by looking at the base of the plant stem, where bud scars occur. A five-year-old ginseng root

will have at least four scars.

No ginseng may be taken from West Virginia state forests, state parks or other state-owned land and harvesters must have written permission to dig on private property.

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Hosted by the Pocahontas County Family Resource Network and the Pocahontas County Arts Council.

Poetry Corner

HEARTWOOD

Oak on the hill blew down last night.
Heartwood rotten. It had to go.
A thousand years... it was there at dusk,
But this morning...no.

Went to the barn to feed the stock,
Noticed the wind was chill.
But I never thought; then I looked up there,
And there was the...hill.

Stopped and set my fork in the snow,
Opened the gate; threw Prince his hay;
Put my hand on his neck and said,
"Gone with the old men ... gone away."

Went back into the house to warm,
Said to Mary, "There's been a blow.
Old oak tree on the hill is down.
Heartwood rotten. It had to go."

By Louise McNeill
(Published in The Saturday Evening Post,
August 21, 1948.)

September is Suicide Prevention Month

Everyone Has a Role in Suicide Prevention

West Virginia's 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline wants to spread the message that everyone has a role in suicide prevention. In 2021, there were 375 deaths by suicide in West Virginia.

Rozanna Bracken, Program Director for WV988, urges everyone in West Virginia to work together to reduce that number. She says being aware of the signs someone is considering sui-

cide and approaching them to have an honest conversation about it is essential.

"It's a myth that if you mention suicide, you may prompt the person to do it," she said. "Many people have thoughts of suicide, and being able to talk about it is helpful."

Signs that a loved one may need intervention include

- Talking about wanting to die or to kill themselves.
- Looking for a way to kill themselves, such as searching online or buying a gun.
- Talking about feeling hopeless or having no reason

to live.

- Talking about feeling trapped or in unbearable pain.
- Talking about being a burden to others.
- Increasing their use of alcohol or drugs.
- Acting anxious or agitated; behaving recklessly.
- Sleeping too little or too much.
- Withdrawing or isolating themselves.
- Showing rage or talking about seeking revenge.
- Displaying extreme mood swings.

Bracken further explained that while many people are overwhelmed by the thought

of talking to someone about suicide, professional assistance is available.

"Our crisis counselors can give you tips on how to help your loved one or can be available to talk directly to them."

A recent survey from Pew indicated only 13 percent of respondents had heard of 988 and understood its purpose. Though many said they hesitated to use the service due to concerns that they would be forced to enter a hospital or arrested, Bracken says these fears are unfounded.

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Community Calendar

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

EVENTS

Droop Mountain Studio Tour – Saturday and Sunday, September 9 – 10, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wander the back roads to find artists at work in southern Pocahontas County and at the Renick Community Center. Visit the Droop Artisans Facebook page for detailed information.

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

The Freshwater Folk Festival at the White Sulphur Springs National Fish Hatchery Saturday, Septem-

ber 9, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. **Patriot Day**, 9-11 Remembrance Ceremony, Monday, September 11, 5 p.m. at Gazebo Park on Main Street in Marlinton.

Big Shots: A Billy Joel Tribute Ivy Terrace Concert Thursday, September 14, 6:30 p.m. at Carnegie Hall in Lewisburg. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Free, open to the public and alcohol free.

Free Movie Night. "Breakthrough," based on a true story. First Church of the Nazarene, Rt. 219 Edray, Saturday, September 16, 6:30 p.m. Pizza, popcorn and drinks. Everyone invited.

Walk for Water 6K on the Greenbrier River Trail Sunday, September 17, at 2 p.m. to raise money and awareness for the communities where clean water is scarce. Meet at the Cass Pavilion. Hosted by New Hope Church of the Brethren.

Seventh Annual Empty Bowls, Thursday, October 19, 6 to 8 p.m. at the Pocahontas County Opera House. Sponsored by Family Re-

source Network and Pocahontas County Arts Council. Advance tickets, \$25, are available at the FRN office. At the door, \$30.

MEETINGS

Pocahontas County Senior/Junior Marksmanship Program (PCS/JMP) organizational meeting Saturday, September 9, at 7 p.m. at McClintic Library in Marlinton. The minimum requirement to organize for membership is 10 adults and 10 Juniors ages 10-17.

Marlinton Town Council regular meeting Monday, September 11, at 7 p.m. in the Municipal Building auditorium.

Pocahontas County Vietnam Veterans of America meets the fourth Wednesday of each month, 7 p.m. at McClintic Library.

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

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Letter to the Editor

Editor;

Let me ask this of your readers: Were you or your friends, kids, parents or grandparents ever bullied? When victims of bullying complained, did they themselves get in trouble?

Well, the West Virginia legislature has set up a system that ultimately punishes victims of bullying and glorifies the bullies. It is hard on 75 year olds to be mercilessly bullied.

Is there no relief? Please, let the Governor and the legislature know that you heard it from me that old ladies are being bullied right here in this county. Please ask them why the legislature stops law enforcement from protecting old people from bullies. Tell them it is time to

take a serious look at balancing bullies' rights vs. old people's rights.

Old people living in Charleston don't have this problem. Our senior citizen Governor and numerous aged legislators and others with the power to stop the bullying here might care more about us if they had to live like we do. But they don't have to live like we do, of course. They have the power to live in peace without fear – so they live in peace without fear.

Is there to be no justice for us? No inalienable right to pursue happiness and live in tranquility, or at least to live without fear in our own homes?

Agnes Doyle
Marlinton



Weather Recap August

by Jason Bauserman

For the first time in 2023, precipitation was above normal last month. Temperatures were very close to normal.

Rainfall for the month measured 4.28 inches. Normal rain in August is 3.54 inches. On August 29 and 30 a thunderstorm produced 1.02 inches to push the month above normal.

Precipitation for the year is now 23.50 inches. Normal precipitation at the end of August is 31.04 inches. There is still a lot of catching up to do this year. Unfortunately, October and November are two very dry months.

There were only three thunderstorms in the month, but they did add 2.56 inches of moisture. Thunderstorms are very important in the hot summer months.

August recorded 11 days with 80-degree temperatures. July had 17 days with 80-degree temperatures. That follows May and June with no 80-degree tempera-

tures.

The average high temperature was 76.8 degrees, and the average low temperature was a nice 55 degrees. The mean of 65.9 degrees was 0.2 degrees above average.

August was three degrees cooler than July.

The highest temperature was 85 degrees on August 7 and 20. The lowest temperature was 43 degrees on August 19. I had to check back 10 years to find a colder low temperature in August. On August 15, 2013, I recorded a 39.7-degree temperature.

With September weather comes cooler temperatures. The September mean temperature is 5.6 degrees cooler than August.

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Treasure, from page 1

school groups and local vendors.”

Treasure on the Mountain is Snowshoe Foundation’s largest annual fundraiser bringing in roughly \$300,000 for grants and scholarships the Foundation funds throughout the year in Pocahontas, Webster and Randolph counties. Since its inception, the Snowshoe Foundation has given more than \$4 million to organizations and students in support

of their mission of elevating the quality of life for all local residents.

“I’m just so thankful for everyone who gets involved with this event” said Dave Black, the Snowshoe Foundation’s Executive Director. “I can’t say enough about all the community support that makes this possible. The crew here at Snowshow, all of our volunteers, Davis Trust, our corporate sponsor, our Board of Directors – everyone is amazing. A lot of folks work tirelessly to make Treasure on the Mountain a success. I hope they feel as proud as I do about

the good things this event enables us to do in the community, because they are certainly a huge part of it.”

Next up on the Snowshoe Foundation’s event calendar will be their Autumn in the Alleghenies fall fundraising dinner on October 14. The Foundation’s Fall Grant Cycle kicks off September 5 and is open to non-profits and schools in the tri-county area who have funding needs.

To keep up to date on Foundation news or apply for a grant, visit their website at snowshoefoundation.org

Kids, from page 1

as M’Lynn, the mother of a dying daughter, in the 2017 production of *Steel Magnolias*. This time around, she is happy to provide comic relief rather than making people cry. She’s also not a bit upset that, like her character, she does not have as large a role as the three other cast members, who are having to memorize epic amounts of dialogue.

“As a working mother with two children, I definitely don’t share her concern about having the smallest part,” she laughs.

Fanning admits she doesn’t have a lot in common with her character, a privileged and spoiled do-gooder whose goal in life is to train seeing-eye dogs. Although she sometimes finds it hard to like the woman, she can also empathize with her situation.

“I wasn’t raised in that kind of wealth. She has a life experience I don’t identify with,” she says, noting that her character was middle aged in the 1970s. “That means she was part of the greatest generation. She was born in the 1920s, when the roles of women were very defined. She was raised to be a homemaker, then the 1960s happened. I can identify with her missing out on having her own life. She is a product of her generation, and it hard to blame her for that. She has her own ambitions.”

Fanning says her husband

and children, ages 10 and 12, are very supportive of her theatrical pursuits. As a senior revenue manager at Snowshoe Mountain, she says her job is about looking at spreadsheets all day.

“This is definitely an outlet from that. It is fun to come in and be loud,” she observes.

Being in a play is a whole new ballgame for Dameron, whose only prior brush with theater was a small role in last year’s Opera House production, “Murder at Marlinton Abbey.” Before that, he had only participated in the obligatory, primary school class plays. He has worked on Opera House productions as a volunteer since 2019, “but that’s more behind-the-scenes type work, like setting up chairs or changing light bulbs,” he adds.

He ruefully admits he got off to a rocky start because of his lack of previous acting experience.

“I committed a lot of ignorant audition and acting faux pas,” he says. “I accepted this role without reading my part, let alone the entire script, and I didn’t show up for practice one week because I was freaking out. Ultimately, I made a commitment to more people than myself by taking on this role, and missing rehearsals was not fair to them.”

Baker quickly recognized that, despite his lack of experience, Dameron is a born actor, and he has gradually become more comfortable playing the pivotal role of the son whose sparring with his father is at the heart of the play.

“I’m trying to embody him, and I’m starting to see him as more than a one-dimensional person,” he comments.

Dameron does identify with the teasing back and forth with Fanning’s character.

“I am a middle child, like John. I have older sisters and a younger brother. I can certainly relate to the ribbing which John seems to have mastered,” he laughs. Although he had not heard of Gurney before taking on the role, he has come to appreciate the compelling dialogue in the play.

Dameron’s day job is as a forestry tech with the U.S. Forest Service. He has gotten some mild ribbing from his co-workers, but he says that, overall, they have been very supportive and he expects to see some of them in the audience.

“This role is a huge challenge, but I think it’s a great practice to push oneself outside of your comfort norms,” he says.

The Cocktail Hour is full of humor, bile, warmth and a splash of that secret ingredient that unites even the most contentious of families. It will be performed at the Pocahontas County Opera House on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 15 and 16 at 7:30 p.m. Some language may not be suitable for all audiences. PG13

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Music, from page 1

younger Christine, a fact the *New York Times* reveled in when it ran the headline “Sergeant Kendall divorces wife, marries student.”

“It is a little bit disingenuous, but still it was scandalous, and doors shut in their face,” Puller said. “Her mother, as sort of a wedding present, gave her a large amount of money and said, ‘you’ll be happier somewhere else.’ And this – is the somewhere else.”

The couple made their way to Warm Springs, Virginia, and found their “Garth Newel” – a Welch phrase meaning New Home. There, they raised Arabian horses and continued painting. They were both musicians as well, and they played violin together.

In 1938, Sergeant died after a horse riding accident, leaving Christine a childless widow with a large property to keep up by herself.

After his death, Christine donated much of the property to the Girl Scouts of America to use as a summer camp, but by 1969, it returned to her due to the GSAs inability to maintain the property.

“She took the lease back and started despairing that anything good would come of it,” Puller said.

That is until she met Luca and Arlene Di Cecco, violinist and cellist in the Ciompi Quartet, which had a residency at Duke University. They visited the property and worked with Christine to turn it into the music center it is today.

“The three of them came up with the idea of turning it into a summer music program for students. Out of that grew Garth Newel, which now does fifty con-

certs a year and has a resident quartet, and amateur chamber music, and on and on,” Puller said.

It began with the Di Cecco’s hosting students and bringing their newly formed quartet, the Rowe String Quartet, to the property to perform and teach.

“Mrs. Kendall began putting money back into the property,” Puller said. “The entire campus had been let go to seed and was falling apart, but with the students here, she began investing in repairs to the house and what we call Herter Hall, which back then was a training rig for Arabian horses.

“She loved the students; just loved them,” he added.

When Christine passed away in 1981, she bequeathed the entire property and a nest egg to the Garth Newel Music Center Foundation to continue her vision of providing music in a rural area.

“It was tough going to begin with,” Puller said. “Luca and Arlene invested their entire lives into this place – blood, sweat and tears. He was a Fulbright Scholar in Italy. She, originally from South Africa, won scholarships to study at the Guild Hall in London. Both of them toured Italy, and that’s where they ended up meeting.”

The talented pair put their hands to work – putting down their bows and picking up yard tools and cooking utensils to make the center work.

“Luca would be out beating the weeds back and mowing the lawn, and then would get cleaned up and put on a concert,” Puller said. “Then Arlene would cook a dinner to serve the guests because she felt if they came all the way out here, they needed to be fed before you sent them home.”

The center now offers 11

fully-funded fellowships to string students from around the world. They come to Garth Newel for a month and learn classical and chamber music, as well as perform in the region, including providing a free concert at the Green Bank Observatory.

“It’s incredibly fulfilling for them – as they are on the cusp of starting their own professional careers – to see what it would be like to actually have to perform for a living,” Puller said.

Along with the fellowship program, the center also has the Alleghany Mountain String Project which is for students, kindergarten through 12th grade. It teaches students how to play violin, viola, cello or bass. Each year, more than 50 students take part in the program.

“We have some students forming string quartets or trios, which, it’s so easy to put people in pigeon holes,” Puller said. “The thing is, music is for everybody, and we know just from research that really young children don’t know what genres are. All they know is they like what they like, and they don’t care whether it’s what we call classical or rock n’ roll or jazz. They just groove on music.”

Not to leave out the adults, the center also has an amateur chamber music retreat, which is a long weekend for 30 to 35 adults who come to study, eat, drink and live chamber music.

Garth Newel Music Center also has an eclectic concert series that features musicians from all genres. In the fall, there are concerts every Friday, Saturday and Sunday, with special performances the week of Thanksgiving.

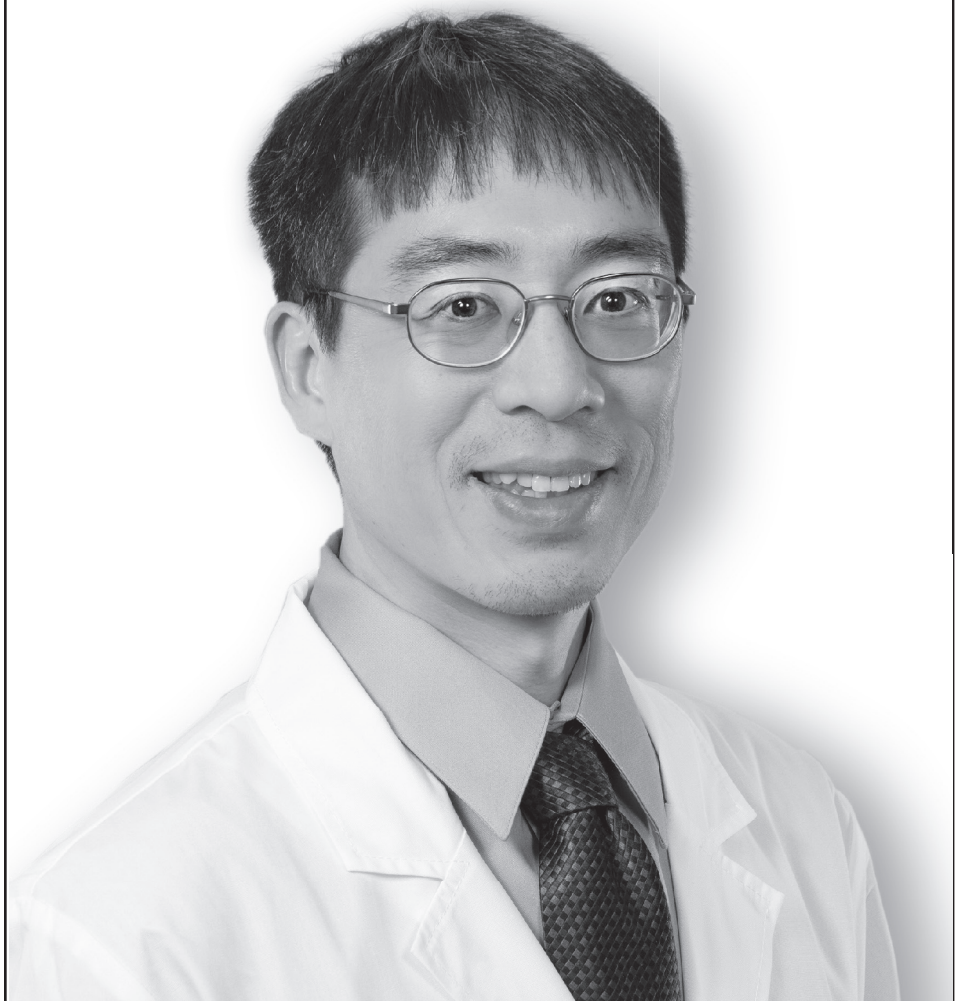
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Obituaries



Jean Cornell

It pains me to admit it, but apparently, I have passed away. Everyone told me it would happen one day but that's simply not something I wanted to hear, much less experience. Don't get me wrong, I knew it was coming, and I was ready. I just needed more notice. I didn't get the chance to re-fix my hair or put on my favorite shoes.

Once again, I didn't get things my way. That's been the story of my life, all my life.

I was born July 20, 1947, and was overjoyed when I joined my daddy, my mom, my sister and my beloved Stephanie on Friday, August 25, 2023.

I will spend much of my next adventure visiting my family. Having morning talks on the back deck with my soulmate of 47 years, Charlie.

Rearranging the decorations, pots, pans (you name it) for my children, Brande, Jamie and Kenny. Sitting with Caitlin watching movies and asking ALL of the questions. Sitting with Billy and Doug listening to our favorite songs. Sitting with Andrea and making faces at Charlie's trivia questions.

To all of my family and cherished friends, please don't weep for me, I am free, and I will forever be with you.

I won't be far, look for me in the people I've known and loved.

And, if all else fails, have a glass of wine.



Sandra Johnson

On Thursday, August 31, in the year of our Lord 2023, Sandra Naylor Johnson, age 69, of Mechanicsville, Virginia, and Pocahontas County, was received into her eternal home to be with the LORD.

At the age of seven, she accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Saviour, led by her father Ralph Naylor, as a member of Tabernacle Baptist Church in Greensboro, North Carolina. Upon her salvation, she followed in believer's baptism.

Born January 7, 1954, she was a daughter of the late Ralph Armon Naylor and Elizabeth Mason Naylor.

Sandra was a loving wife and mother first. She worked as a Quality Assurance Inspector at Western Electric and as a floral designer at various florists. Her utmost priority was her love for the Lord Jesus Christ and this was evident throughout her

life. Her generosity and compassion for others was portrayed through her love of hosting parties and gifting floral arrangements for special occasions to those around her. She was a dedicated member of Truth Baptist Church in Mechanicsville, Virginia. Sandra served the Lord by using her many talents to make the church floral arrangements and decorations and by providing encouragement to others with her God-given abilities. Sandy was always willing to help where needed and to serve the church ministry. Sandra enjoyed family and church gatherings and being with her friends and family. Hosting parties brought her much joy, especially around the holidays. One of her greatest loves was doting on her many nieces and nephews and spending as much time with them as possible. Her lively spirit, talents and selfless love for others will be greatly missed.

The legacy of her life and her testimony of Jesus will forever impact others for generations to come.

She is survived by her husband, Richard Johnson; daughter, Bethany Ann Johnson; sisters Cyndi Carter, and husband, David, and Karen Clemons, and husband, Jamie; brother Stephen Naylor, and wife, Tonya; nieces and nephews, Nathan Carter, and wife, Anne Elizabeth, and Christy Baker, and husband, TJ Baker, Lauren and Jacob Clemons, Matthew and Anna Naylor; great-nieces, Ava Baker, Chloe Baker, Ella Grace Carter, Adelynn Baker, Brooke Carter and Claire Carter; and great-nephew, Levi Baker.

The family will receive friends Saturday, September 9, 2023, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Truth Baptist Church, Mechanicsville, Virginia, fol-

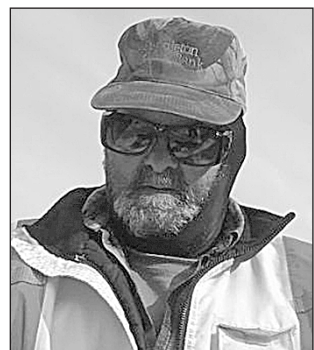
lowed by a service at 4 p.m. with Pastor Erik Hastings officiating. A time of reflection will be in the Truth Baptist Church fellowship hall.

Interment in West Virginia Saturday, September 16, 2023:

Family will receive friends Saturday, September 16, 2023, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Lantz Funeral Home in Buckeye. The funeral service will be conducted at 1 p.m. with Pastor Caleb Barkley officiating.

Interment will be in Mountain View Cemetery in Marlinton.

Following the graveside service, a time of reflection will be held at Grace Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 512 Third Avenue in Marlinton.



Douglas Underwood

Douglas Cecil Underwood, of Huntersville, went to his heavenly home Monday, August 7, 2023.

Born June 1, 1948, he was a son of the late Watson and Grace Underwood.

He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Adele Underwood; sister, Marietta Harrison; and two children, Traci Gardener and Duane Underwood.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, September 9, 2023, at Cummings Creek Victory Chapel.

Thank you to Mountain Hospice for taking such

great care of our loved one. Online condolences may be shared at Lantzfuneralhome.com



Hallie Sharp

Hallie L. Thompson Sharp, 82, of Medina, Ohio, passed away Wednesday, August 30, 2023.

Born March 1, 1941, at Thornwood, she was a daughter of the late John S. Rexrode and Mary A. Thompson.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, John Sharp; sisters, Linda Sheets, Loretta Blankenship and Thelma Mauer; brothers, John

Thompson and Arthur "Keester" Rexrode.

She is survived by her daughters, Mary Weyandt, and husband, Chris, of Medina, Ohio, and Genita Turner, and husband, Jack, of Deerfield, Ohio; grandchildren, Brandon Weyandt, of Medina, Ohio, Elizabeth Lopez Garcia, of Canton, Ohio, and Angela Holona, of Stow, Ohio; great-grandchildren, Joseph Heeter, of Alliance, Ohio, Isiah Lopez-Garcia and Elijah Lopez-Garcia, both of Canton, Ohio, Trevor Holona, of Hartville, Ohio, and Tearsa Woodhouse, of Akron, Ohio; sisters, Wilma Warner, Maxine Warner and Barbara Taylor; brothers, Charlie Rexrode, Jefferson "Pete" Rexrode, Terry Rexrode and Kenneth Rexrode.

A graveside service was held Sunday, September 3, 2023, at Wilmoth Cemetery on Old Pike Road in Bartow with Pastor Julian Rittenhouse officiating.

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Children at Thornwood School - circa 1914



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Seventy-Five Years Ago

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday,
September 9, 1948

VAUGHAN FAMILY REUNION

Fully a thousand people were in attendance at the annual reunion of the Burrell Vaughan family relationship at Droop Mountain State Park Sunday, September 5, 1948. They were there from West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Illinois.

Social intercourse was most pleasant and profitable; there was a wonderful basket dinner; Rev. Dr. Callahan led the service; while Dr. Calvin W. Price spoke round about the Vaughan family...

The head of the clan is Henry Morgan Vaughan, born April 20, 1856. He was present in spite of his 92 years, and signed the register with firm and legible hand. He is the son of Burrell Vaughan, who came from Brunswick county Virginia and married Mary Jane Anderson of the Greenbrier

Valley. Their other surviving son is Joseph Organ Lovie Vaughan, aged 83 years. He was also present...

FIELD NOTES

Oley W. Jackson brings in a cross section of a sumac bush or rather, tree. It measures 26 inches in circumference and better than eight inches in diameter. It was cut on Mr. Jackson's farm near the airport. As near as I could count, the annual ring growth is a full half inch, while others measure barely an eighth of an inch. As a usual thing, a sumac when it reaches a diameter of four inches is about ready to call it a lifetime.

My friend, John Lee, of Beaver Creek, has just been in to report a snake killing. It was a big rattler. He has a little dog which knows about rattlesnakes and locates them, but is most too small to kill them.

Smith Hammonds, when building fence for Fred W.

Ruckman, of Blue Lick, Stamping Creek, cleaned up on five big rattlesnakes one day last week.

Dharl Dever, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dever, of Huntersville.

WEDDING

Barlow-Blackhurst

The marriage of Miss Zoe Eloise Blackhurst, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Blackhurst, of Rand, to James Elliott Barlow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence L. Barlow, of Edray, took place at the Rand Methodist church Tuesday evening, August 31, 1948.

Dilley-Calhoun

The wedding of Miss Mary Lou Calhoun and William Gordon Dilley, son of Hevener Dilley and the late Mrs. Dilley, of Huntersville, took place Wednesday afternoon, August 25, at Marlinton Methodist Church. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Wilfong, also of Huntersville.

Sours-Dever

On Tuesday, August 24, in the Craigsville Presbyterian Church, Miss Mary Elizabeth Sours, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Sours, of Craigsville, Virginia, became the bride of Dennis

BIRTH

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ward Smith, of Marlinton, a son, Albert Ward, Friday, September 3, 1948.

DEATHS

E. E. Gaylor died at his home near Houston, Texas, September 4, 1948. His body will be brought here for burial in the family plot at Mt. View Cemetery. The funeral will be held from the home of I. B. Bumgardner, Jr. Thursday afternoon.

Henry Walter Adams, aged 38, died September 4, 1948, from injuries received in a highway accident. He was found in the road near Campbelltown about one o'clock in the morning. The presumption is he had been run down by a hit and run driver. On Monday afternoon, his body was laid in the Hosterman Cemetery... He was a son of William and Virginia Bell Adams... He is survived by his wife, Neva. He was a farmer by occupation. For some time he had lived at Huntersville, but recently had moved to Elk.

100-Years-Ago in The Pocahontas Times

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday,
September 6, 1923

COUNTY RACE DAY

Arrangements are being made to have a day or two of racing at the Pocahontas County Fairgrounds, probably on September 28 and 29. Among the things proposed to be done are horse races in which only horses from Pocahontas County are eligible for entry. There will be a riding tournament, and a regular honest to goodness fox chase. A live fox will be started at the grandstand and the only dogs to be entered are regular long-eared fox hounds. Persons with horses and mules to race, and hounds to chase, get in quick communication with E. M. Richardson at Marlinton.

ROAD MEETING

Pocahontas County was well represented at the road meeting at Monterey last Thursday. The road commission of the State of Virginia sat at Monterey to consider the route it would take from Monterey with the State road to the West Virginia line. Two routes are proposed - the old Staunton and Parkersburg Pike to Durbin, and the other is by way of the

Vanderpool Gap, Mill Gap and Townsend Draft to Frost. There were advocates for both routes...

CHEAT MT. CLUB

The Cheat Mountain Club entertained a party of 40 over Labor Day. Squirrel hunting and bass fishing were enjoyed by a number of guests...

MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER

On Saturday afternoon, August 18, from 3 to 5 o'clock, Miss Virginia Dare Moomau gave, at her home in Greenbank, in honor of Miss Lucille Oliver, a miscellaneous shower. When the 40 guests had assembled, each was presented with a needle and thread with which to make into towels the 16 yards of linen which was presented to the bride-to-be. After Miss Oliver had cut the linen, the towels were hemmed and embroidered with the initials of the makers. A clothes line was stretched across the reception hall on which these, along with many beautiful linen gifts, were hung... Two large parcel post bags filled with many other gifts were piled high on the library

table. When the bride opened these she found many lovely pieces of cut glass, china, silver and aluminum... Delicious refreshments were served... At this point two preachers and an elder came in, finished the refreshments, and broke up the party.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Clendenen, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ira D. Brill, a daughter, September 1, 1923.

DEATHS

On Monday morning, August 13, 1923, the death angel came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Galford, and claimed their darling baby, Neva Virginia, aged 20 months. She was sick only a few days. Everything was done for the little sufferer that loving hands could do, but God had called her and our loss is heaven's gain... Little Neva was a bright, affectionate child, and was loved by all who knew her.

A small child of D. F. Hull's died August 31, 1923. Burial at Wesley Chapel Saturday.

Mrs. Martha Sutton, wife of W. R. Sutton, died at her home at Hosterman Wednesday, August 29, 1923. She

had been in poor health for several years. Her age was 70 years. Mrs. Sutton is survived by her husband and a number of children. She was a sister of the late William Cassell.

FARM FOR SALE

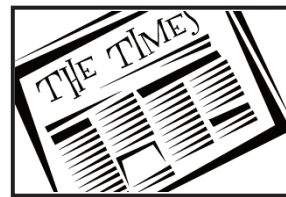
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Fifty Years Ago

Jane Price Sharp, Editor

Thursday,
September 6, 1973

OFF TO COLLEGE

West Virginia University: Mark Wagner, Teresa Akers, James K. Nottingham. Allen McNeel, Donald McNeel, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Callison, Karen Howsare, Beth Jacobson, Zed Steve Weatherholt, William White, Pamela Wooddell, Victoria Barlow, Donny McElwee, Scott McNeil, Edwin White, John Mallow, Lori Rose Mallow, Tom Michael, Robert Hockenberry, Wanda Wimer, Darrell Friel, James Dilley, Susan Crews, Terry Richardson, Vonnie Myers, Arnie Hungerbuhler, Norris Long, Charles Cover, Frank Griffin, Dawnita Pugh, David Waybright, Jane Arbogast, Susan Waslo, Edward Tallman, Marie Waybright, Rick Wooddell, Jo Debra Galford, Dwight Diller.

Frankie Long went back to Marshall University this week, starting his junior year. He was honored with one of the highest awards ROTC has to offer. Out of 45 boys taking the test, three passed...

Two Pocahontas County boys are expected to see lots of action for the Shepherd College Rams during the 1973 football campaign. In fact, the two players will account for 430 pounds of the Rams' defense.

STUDENTS

Marshall University: Linda Snyder, Walter William Weiford, Karen Carr, Charles Moore, Tommy Workman, Deborah Jackson, Frank Long, Pam Weaver, Dana Lee Moyers, Irene Montgomery, Ramona Orndorff, Ann Powell, Robert Crist, Denise Wilmore, Barbara Greathouse, Wilma Vannoy.

Concord College: Robert Welder, Susan Chappell, Thomas Rose, Debbie Faulkner.

West Virginia Tech: Dennis Hunter, Larry Plyler, Sidney Jack, Gray Kershner.

Virginia Tech Graduate School: Daniel Horne.

Virginia Tech: David Horne.

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Footsteps through History

The Pocahontas Times
Andrew Price, Editor

Thursday,
September 9, 1898

The Marlinton people are sorry to lose old man Andy Kincaid from this part of the route, as he was one of the best mail carriers we have ever had. He was careful to keep the mail dry and never forgot or neglected a commission.

He was not fond of bicycles which scared his mule. He was an old Confederate soldier, and at one time was thought to be killed, and his funeral sermon was preached. The remains must have belonged to someone else, however, as he turned up again and at present is as lively as a cricket.

Reginal Tuke, of Mingo, drove over to Marlinton and sold a horse. He hired one here and it kicked his buggy to pieces in front of the courthouse. He secured another and got home all right.

A seven pound catfish was taken from the Buckley hole last week. Two very large catfish had been seen there and after several days' work on the part of some boys, the smaller one was killed with a spear. It was a mud cat.

Some terrors took the town last Saturday night about midnight; yelling and racing a lot of horses up and down the plank walk. The people hated to have them do this but were too sleepy to get up and turn the cattle out of town. Let them but come here in daylight and try such capers and we will remonstrate with them.

THE FISH FRY

Misses Gertrude Bird and Emma King organized a fishing party Tuesday. They prepared a big supper and invited Misses Susie Price and

Elva Bird, Senator McNeil, John and Lew Yeager, John Pullin, Norman and Calvin Price, and promised the Editor his supper if he would help fish. Now he don't like to fish, but in a case of necessity, he can do it. And, too, the offer of supper was a big inducement to a man exiled in that desert island known as Bachelor's Hall. They selected a camping place on the shore of the river opposite the mouth of Knapps creek.

They fished and caught 17 fine bass, including one 16-inches long, weighing two pounds. A big square limestone rock known to raftsmen, located in the river, was convenient, and they spread the supper on it. A fire was kindled and the fish cooked and eaten.

It proved to be a very enjoyable occasion, to use a stereotype phrase, and goes to show what pleasant outings may be had by our young people with very little trouble.

DUNMORE

D. B. McElwee has returned from Hot Springs and is now at work in Swecker's shop, where they are turning out a first-class line of furniture. They furnish coffins on short notice.

The first thing we heard Monday morning was Orndorff's threshing machine whistle. The next thing was Jeard's horn blowing coming in with the mail on the new schedule. Jeard got there, but said he had to drive like the d-d-d-devil to make it. When Jeard has on a full head of steam, he says he can go as far as the road is cut out and back the same day. It will take good horses and better roads to bring the mail from Marlinton to Dunmore each day by 12 o'clock.

John Eilers, D.O.
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HVAC, from page 2

- Memorandum of Understanding between PERTS – Project for Education Research and Scales – and the Pocahontas County Board of Education for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Memorandum of Understanding between West Virginia Extension Service Family Nutrition Program and the Pocahontas County Board of Education for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Out-of-state travel request for Anita Workman, Wanda Hrabina and Aaron Pugh – teachers of social studies – and a group of up to 40 students to travel by bus on a day trip September 27 to James Madison Montpelier, Montpelier Station, Virginia, to tour the Montpelier facility.

In personnel management, the board approved the following:

- Employment of Shannon Rittenhouse and Michelle Wilfong as academic interventionists at Green Bank Elementary-Middle School, at \$25 per hour, three and a half hours per day, up to five days per week, as needed, a shared position, not to exceed \$15,000, effective for the 2023-2024 school year. Holidays are not part of this contract.
- Requested transfer of Haley Cummins as special education classroom aide/bus aid at Hillsboro

Elementary School, at state minimum service personnel salary, effective for the 2023-2024 school year. Term of employment is 200 days.

- Resignation of Kathy Mason as option pathway teacher at Pocahontas County High School, effective August 31.
- Abolishment of position option pathway teacher at Pocahontas County High School, effective August 31.
- Requested transfer of Tiffany Wayne as special education classroom aide/bus aide at Pocahontas County High School, at state minimum service personnel salary, effective for the 2023-2024 school year. Term of employment is 200 days.
- Resignation of Amy Robertson as director of CTE, secondary education, CIS, virtual school for Pocahontas County Schools, retroactive to August 18.
- Abolishment of position director of CTE, secondary education, CIS, virtual school for Pocahontas County Schools, effective August 18.
- Employment of James B. Chaney as technology coordinator for Pocahontas County Schools, effective August 30. Term of employment is 219 days for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year and shall be 261 days each year thereafter.
- Requested transfer of Joseph

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

- Requested transfer of Dan Ahern as school bus operator for Pocahontas County Schools from his current run to a new run, at state minimum service personnel salary, effective for 2023-2024 school year. Term of employment is 200 days.
- Requested transfer of Forrest Mullenax as school bus operator for Pocahontas County Schools from his current run to a new run, at state minimum service personnel salary, effective for the 2023-2024 school year. Term of employment is 200 days.
- Requested transfer of Daryl Shinabery as school bus operator for Pocahontas County Schools from his current run a new run, at state minimum service personnel salary, effective for the 2023-2024 school year. Term of employment is 200 days.
- Employment of Ross Boss and Earl D. Friel as substitute teachers for Pocahontas County Schools, at state basic professional salary, based on degree and experience, for the 2023-2024 school year, as needed.
- Creation of position technology coordinator – focus on in-

structional technology, budgeting, testing and professional development – at state minimum salary based on degree and experience plus equity, effective the 2023-2024 school year. Term of employment is 261 days.

- Creation of position district lead for Project for Education Research That Scores (PERTS) at \$25 per hour, not to exceed \$2,840. Funding provided by PERTS.
- Creation of position for three communities of practice facilitators for Project for Education Research That Scores (PERTS). One facilitator at each of the following locations: Marlinton Middle School, Green Bank Middle School and Pocahontas County High School. Pay at \$25 per hour, not to exceed \$2,340 per facilitator. Funding provided by PERTS.
- Creation of position data lead for Project for Education Research That Scores (PERTS), at \$25 per hour not to exceed \$1,590. Funding provided by PERTS.
- Resignation of Kathy Mason as athletic director and head softball coach at Pocahontas County High School, effective August 31.
- Resignation of Shannon Arbogast as girls basketball coach for Marlinton Middle School, effective August 6.

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, September 19, at 6 p.m., at the Linwood Library in Linwood.

America, from page 2

I do.

Isn't it a shame that we don't see such unity of Republicans and Democrats coming together again today.

There is a reason our motto is: United We Stand. By engaging in official commemorations, we can all play a vital role in honoring the lives of the more than 2,900 people who lost their lives that day, including 343 firemen, 23 New York Police Department officers, and 37 port-authority officers, who ran into the twin towers while others were running out.

The Town of Marlinton, Pocahontas County Honor Corps and Marlinton Fire Department invite you to attend this annual ceremony at 5 p.m. Monday, September 11, at the Main Street Gazebo Park, to express our sincere thoughts for all those lost, and prayers for the family members left behind.

By this ceremony, we can exhibit a grateful appreciation for those who continue to serve and show solidarity with the brave military personnel and all first responders who selflessly gave their lives following 9/11 and the 20+ years of war that followed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

May God bless America.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS

ADMINISTRATION TO CREDITORS, DISTRIBUTIBLES & 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 31, 2023
Claim Deadline: Monday, October 30, 2023

ESTATE NUMBER: 14341
ESTATE OF: **CAROL LEE GREATHOUSE**
ADMINISTRATOR: Johnny Raymond Greathouse
10198 Potomac Highlands Trail
Arbovale, WV 24915-5468

ESTATE NUMBER: 14554
ESTATE OF: **MILDRED VIRGINIA JOHNSTON**
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851 Johnson Road
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ESTATE NUMBER: 14555
ESTATE OF: **BRIAN SHAWN KEATING**
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ESTATE OF: **WENDY CARTER REESE**
ADMINISTRATOR CTA: Michael C. Doss
921 10th Avenue
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ESTATE NUMBER: 14557
ESTATE OF: **BEVERLY ANN NOTTINGHAM**
ADMINISTRATRIX: Teresa Nottingham
2366 Edray Road
Marlinton, WV 24954-6691

ESTATE NUMBER: 14558
ESTATE OF: **JAMIE A. GIBSON**
ADMINISTRATOR: Dustin Gibson
6313 Southern Charm Lane
Raleigh, NC 27603-9466

Subscribed and sworn to before me on August 25, 2023.
Melissa L. Bennett
Clerk of the Pocahontas County Commission
8/31/2c

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FAMILY COURT OF POCAHONTAS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: T. Z. B.
PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME Civil Action NO. 23-D-44

NOTICE OF PETITION AND HEARING
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on the 25th day of August 2023, a

PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME was filed relating to the above-named Petition, T. Z. B.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a hearing on this Petition is scheduled for **October 10, 2023, at 12:30 p.m. at the Pocahontas County Courthouse** in Marlinton West Virginia, before the Honorable Joyce H. Carpenter, at which time and place you may appear and made any objection known or to otherwise protect your interest.

Connie M. Carr
Circuit Clerk of Pocahontas County
By Cindy D. Beverage, Deputy
9/7/2c

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF POCAHONTAS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME
From: PRC
To: PRK

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLICATION CHANGE OF NAME PROCEEDING

Notice is hereby given that on the 19th day of September, 2023, at 1:30 o'clock p.m. at Family Court, 818 C 10th Avenue, Marlinton, WV, on said day or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard before the Honorable Joyce H. Carpenter, the Petitioner, Heather Kellison, will apply by petition to the Family Court of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, for the entry of an order by said Court, changing minor's name from PRC to PRK at which time and place any interested party may appear and be heard if they so desire.

You are hereby notified that this matter may be rescheduled without further notice or publication.

A copy of said petition can be obtained from the Clerk of the Circuit/Family Court, Connie M. Carr, at her office at 900 D 10th Avenue, Marlinton, West Virginia 24954.

Dated this 25th day of August, 2023.

Heather Kellison
Pro se Petitioner
8/31/2c

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Pocahontas County Commission is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

Pocahontas Memorial Hospital – HVAC and Roof Replacement

Sealed bids will be received by the Pocahontas County Commission, County of Pocahontas, West Virginia, at Pocahontas Memorial Hospital, 150 Duncan Road, Buckeye, West Virginia, 24924 until the **bid time and date of Tuesday, October 3, 2023, at 2:00 p. m. local time**, at which time, all sealed bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud for the Pocahontas Memorial Hospital – HVAC and Roof Replacement project.

The Project includes the following work:
Replacement of the existing HVAC Units and associated work as well as the replacement of the existing roof.

This CDBG-CV Block Grant project is to be financed in part by a grant from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the West Virginia Development Office and will be referred to as Pocahontas Memorial Hospital – HVAC and Roof Replacement.

Bids shall be on a lump sum and unit price basis as indicated in the Bid Form.

Bids shall be submitted on the furnished Bid Forms. Bids shall be on a unit price basis as indicated on the Bid Form. **The bids shall be submitted using the two (2) envelope system. Envelope #1 will contain the required bid documents. Envelope #2 will contain only the bid form and bid schedule.**

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is:
Becker Morgan Group, Inc.
312 West Main Street, Suite 300, Salisbury Maryland 21801
Project Manager: Brenden Frederick, AIA,
Office: 410-546-9100
Email: bfrederick@beckermorgan.com

Bidding Documents
Online Procurement and Contracting Documents: Obtain access on or after August 30, 2023, by contacting Architect, Becker Morgan Group, Inc. – Brenden D. Frederick, AIA, LEED AP by email, bfrederick@beckermorgan.com. Online access will be provided to prime bidders only.
The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Pre-bid Conference
A pre-bid meeting for all bidders will be held at Pocahontas Memorial Hospital – Board Room on Friday, September 8, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., local time. Prospective prime bidders are required to attend.

Bidder Requirements
Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246 entitled "Equal Employment Opportunity" as amended by Executive Order No. 11375 which prohibits discrimination in employment regarding race, creed, color, sex, or national origin.
Bidders must comply with the requirements for Affirmative Action and Minority Business Enterprises participation as described in the Federal Specifications insert to the Contract Documents. Bidders must comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Copeland Anti-Kickback Act, the Contract Work Hours and Safety Act, and the Drug-Free Workplace Provisions pursuant to West Virginia Code § 21-1D-5.
Contractors are required to comply with all laws pertaining to the federal wage rates issued in accordance with the Davis Bacon Act.
All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Guarantee Bond payable to the Owner for five percent (5%) of the total amount of the Bid or a Certified Check, Cashier's Check, or Letter of Credit in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the Bid.
The work to be performed under this contract is subject to the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701 u (Section 3). The purpose of Section 3 is to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by HUD assistance or HUD-assisted projects covered by Section 3, shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be directed to low- and very low-income persons, particularly persons who are recipients of HUD assistance for housing.
No Bidder may withdraw their bid for a period of ninety (90) days after the time of the opening of the Bids.
All bidders are required to have a West Virginia contractor's license per Section 21-11-11 of the West Virginia Code. A Contractor's License Number is to be included in the bid submission.

DBE Requirements
Each Bidder must fully Comply with the Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, and Affirmative Action Requirements, as identified in the contract documents. The Bidder agrees to make "positive efforts" to subcontract a portion of the total value of the contract to Disadvantaged Business Enterprises. This shall be done in compliance with the six (6) affirmative steps as outlined in 40 CFR 33.240. Failure to demonstrate positive efforts to do so may lead to rejection of bids. For this program, the term "subcontract" includes all construction, modification, and service work contracted for by the bidder in the execution of the work under this contract.
Pursuant to West Virginia Code § 5-22-2, requirements stated in the advertisement for bids and the bid form may not be waived by any public entity.

Pocahontas County Commission
Walt Helmick, President
8/31/2c

Greenbrier Valley Economic Development Corporation
Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023
Receipts and Disbursements

In accordance with WV Code 7-12-12, provided below is the organization's receipts and disbursements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023

Receipts	
Federal Sources	21,000.00
State Sources	68,181.00
Pass Through State Funds	33,750.00
Local Government Sources	66,527.50
Pass Through Local Government Funds	33,750.00
Interest Income Earned on Loans	327.50
Program Income	20,874.61
Rental Income	590,244.68
	834,655.29
Disbursements	
Bank Fees	4,341.99
WVCoRP Insurance	22,467.00
Accounting Fees	17,132.25
Legal Services	919.26
Office IT / Computer repair	165.00
Consulting-Strategic Planning	21,506.00
Consulting-Engineering Services	5,000.00
Facility Maintenance	30,415.34
Utilities	111,220.09
Pass Through Expenses	67,500.00
Marketing	2,743.34
Membership & Dues	1,610.00
Events	11,580.17
Staff Development	2,572.19
Salaries & Wages	209,559.96
Insurance - Workman's Comp	1,391.92
Payroll Taxes	14,957.60
State Unemployment	540.00
Mountaineer Flex Benefits	5,434.22
PEIA Health Insurance	32,713.28
WV Public Employees Retirement System	18,860.40
Payroll Expenses - Other	733.52
Travel and Meetings	7,398.50
Interest Expense	21,835.56
	612,597.59

9/7/1c

Prepping for power outages

Melody Phillips
Staff Writer

With the recent tornado warnings near our home, I quickly went to work prepping for a power outage. This was an automatic response as it has been a way of life since my youth. About halfway through my normal prep, I began thinking about how many people I know who, for the most part, react differently than I do when a power outage threatens their daily routine. Yes, I may be strange, but for me, the possibility of an outage is a little exciting and strangely comforting; a forced break from the mundane business of everyday life to focus on the basics: water, food, shelter. Even my children, when they were young, were excited whenever we had a power outage. We played board games and drew pictures, and I used an old wood cookstove to cook all our meals and bake cookies and other goodies. I miss that old stove.

Sometimes the possibility of a power outage gives a warning - hurricane or tornado season or a bad thunderstorm approaching, just to name a few. However, there are random times when there is no warning at all, such as a car accident or tree falling on a power line, or what about a mud slide? A landslide can take out a huge section of power lines that may take weeks to clean up and reconnect.

Once, when I was little,

my dad and I were walking through our back field to the woods to cut firewood. This was in the heart of winter with about three feet of snow on the ground. Out of the corner of our eyes we noticed a bright blue flash dance upon the snow-covered horizon. It was too far away to hear anything, but we stopped dead in our tracks to try and figure out what we had seen. The only homes within our view were ours and one neighbor. The lights that had been illuminating from within were no longer on. He turned around and headed back to our home to verify what he suspected. No power. He surmised that the blue flash had been a transformer explosion. His assumptions turned out to be accurate. This wasn't a little one either, but a main transformer. For more than two weeks, in the dead of winter, under a thick blanket of snow, in a little trailer out in the country, we had no power. No power, no generator, no water pump. I learned a lot that winter, and it has stuck with me ever since.

In preparation for power outages, my dad built a room onto the back of our trailer so we could have a wood stove. When this disaster happened, we opened the spigots to help relieve any pressure off the pipes as they froze, in hopes of preventing them from bursting. The only water line that did bust was the one coming from the pumphouse. Where it came out was close to ground level. Another minor



POWER OUTAGES CAN happen at any time and are rarely convenient. Know how to plan ahead. Photo courtesy of foodsafetytrainingcertification.com

thing we did was to leave the door in between the trailer and room open with a blanket hanging in its place. This kept the warmth of the wood stove in the room where we were "camping out," but made it more convenient to go through when carrying stuff. Meals were easy. Since this was before the time when manufacturers started putting in power outage detection shut-off valves in gas stoves, we still had a working cook stove. And with the abundance of snow outside, we had as much water as we needed. A pot was always left on the wood stove, to help with humidity and for melting snow.

Follow along in this multi-

part article to see some things I normally do to prepare for mild to moderate power outages or disasters - and a few things to consider about them. Some disasters cannot be prepared for while others are so bad that almost no advanced planning will help. Those situations are a different can of worms and won't be covered here.

Things to remember

1. There is a difference between needs (to sustain life), comforts (helps with morale for longer outages), and not necessary (self-explained). Each person's situation can be different, so these three categories need to be decided individually.

2. The items under each of these categories should be considered before a disaster strikes. A lot of things can be easily done well in advance, ranging in price from free to thousands of dollars.

3. Everyone older than two years of age should have a job to do. Delegate age-appropriate tasks. Little kids can sense something is happening even when they are not told. Giving them a task to do can help focus their mind, put them more at ease, and give them a feeling of accomplishment in helping others. Let them know they are a part of the team and not a burden. This will also start preparing and training them to be able to

care for themselves when you are no longer around.

4. Generators are great, but if fuel cannot be obtained for a long time, alternate plans should be considered in advance.

Don't think that a generator is the "save all" during a disaster. If the generator is not damaged by the event causing the outage, the fuel can be stretched longer if it is only run off and on instead of constantly. Running a generator for about two hours twice per day will give freezers and refrigerators time to stay cold and allow the well water to run for refilling containers. Use this tool wisely, for needs only, in order to sustain it for a longer timeframe.

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Under the recommendation, instruction in Spanish (a high demand language) and Chinese (a critical need language) would be offered based upon student demand and instructional capacity.

With only one first-time undergraduate student enrolled as a primary major in languages this fall, the Department did not appeal recommendations to discontinue the programs below:

- BA Chinese Studies: Discontinuance
- BA French: Discontinuance
- BA German Studies: Discontinuance
- BA Russian Studies: Discontinuance
- BA Spanish: Discontinuance
- MA Linguistics: Discontinuance
- MA TESOL: Discontinuance

"While we are committed to providing some language instruction on campus, we will continue to explore additional language learning opportunities, such as establishing curriculum partnerships with other universities," said Provost Reed. "Further, we will seek to create greater access to study abroad opportunities, where students can gain language proficiency through immersive experiences."

Additionally, the Provost's Office will pursue the elimination of the language requirement currently self-imposed on Bachelor of Arts majors in the Eberly College and a few other majors across the University. More details will be available by September 15.

Division of Forestry and Natural Resources

In the Division of Forestry and Natural Resources, the BSR in Recreation, Parks and Tourism Resources will be recommended for discontinuance in line with the preliminary recommendation.

A 2021 letter to the Davis College of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Design suggested a new cooperative Wood Science and Technology major within the existing BSF in Forest Resources and Management for increased curriculum efficiencies. That and other aspects of the preliminary recommendation were not appealed during an August 24 hearing and will be presented in the final recommendation to the Board of Governors as originally suggested.

Department of Computer Science and Electrical Engineering

Similarly, the final recommendation for the Department of Computer Science and Electrical Engineering is unchanged from the preliminary recommendation after its August 24 appeal.

Key components that led to the committee's decision to ultimately recommend discontinuing the BSBSE Biometric Systems Engineering program included it has nine students this fall, seven of which are seniors and would be unaffected. Additional factors were not addressing faculty workload and not refocusing curricular offerings, among others.

Other programs would continue with specific actions required, including reducing the number of faculty positions.

School of Public Health

A self-study from the

School of Public Health and the preliminary recommendation proposed a plan to reduce the number of faculty positions by 14, and its appeal on August 25 adjusted that reduction to 11.

"We have been careful to consider every aspect, from the quality of our programs and the innovative ways we serve students to nurturing talented faculty and balancing the cost of delivery realities," said Dr. Clay Marsh, chancellor and executive dean of Health Sciences.

The adjustment reflected in the final recommendation will permit the School to maintain the accreditation

for and operation of its current academic programs. Several other aspects of the preliminary recommendations were not appealed.

Programs that did not appeal, next steps

The School of Medicine, School of Pharmacy, Center for Women's and Gender Studies, Department of Philosophy, Management Department and Department of Mining Engineering did not file a notice of appeal to the preliminary recommendations announced August 11.

The Board of Governors will hear public comments from those who have signed

up or submitted their comments in writing in advance of September 14 before a planned vote on the final recommendations during its regular meeting on September 15.

The University will announce final recommendations through September 5 as additional appeals are heard.

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EQUIPMENT AND MORE: 1953 Ford 800 Tractor (totally rebuilt), 2008 Can Am Outlander XT 650 BRP 4-Wheeler, 256 Ground Drive New Holland Hay Rake, New Holland 848 Round Baler, 1998 Dodge 2-Door Ram 1500 Gas Truck (168K miles), International 2WD Backhoe, Ford F-600 Dump Truck, TYM T394 4x4 Tractor with TX 39H Loader (like new), 1986 Chevrolet 4x4 Truck, Yanmar 4x4 YM 1500 Tractor, 4-ft. Scraper Blade, 3-pt. Post Hole Digger, Single Turn Plow, Grapple Bucket, 4-ft. Brush Hog, 6-ft. Brush Hog, 2018 Honda Pioneer 1000-5 Side by Side, 4 Bar Stools (heavy duty), Corner Cabinet (beautiful, handmade), Antique Glass Knob Dresser, Skeet Thrower, 12V Generator, Old Paintings, including George Washington, Old Flat Irons and Stands, Utility Trailers, Box Scraper Blade. Many items too numerous to mention.

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Fund, from page 2

Frontier winning the majority of the populated areas of the county. It is not known if either of these companies is part of the "Coalition of RDOF Winners."

The broadband update also provided a timeline for the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Project in the county. Because Citynet is still working to get the pole connections with First Energy wrapped up in

the next 30 days, the new schedule has actual construction now starting in the summer of 2024.

Regarding the NTIA's Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) Program, the state Broadband Council's Digital Equity Plan's comment period is over, and those comments will go to the feds for review as the next step in this process.

The FCC's Affordable Connectivity Program, which provides vouchers for low-income households to get Internet service is set to

run out of funds in 2024. It was suggested that people reach out to their legislators to have this program refunded. The council will discuss sending letters to legislators about this at its September 7 meeting.

The Pocahontas County commission signed letters to Frontier and Citynet asking them to provide updates on the progress of their RDOF projects in the county.

The fiber map on the Broadband Council's webpage has been updated - see: <https://pocahontascounty-broadband.com/>

Your, from page 3

Sensory substitution
Humans who lack one sense can sometimes replace it with another.

A very few people who are born blind and have no concept of vision have learned to use echolocation to navigate their world, much like bats and porpoises. One such person, Daniel Kish, has mastered echolocation using rapid clicking sounds to the extent that he can ride a bike and even make accurate drawings of a location he has never visited.

Daniel and those he mentored in this technique have moved beyond braille and a white cane as a sensory substitute.

Autistic savants
Another example of sensory perception far beyond the normal range is the autistic musical savant Derek Paravicini. Not only does he possess "perfect pitch," but this genius can play, by ear, any piece of music he hears and, what's more, he only has to listen to it once.

Derek, blind since birth, never touched a piano key until he was five years old. One day, he sat at the piano and started playing flawlessly any musical composition he had previously heard. His remarkable brain is the repository for thousands of music pieces, all

without being able to read a single note of music.

(It is estimated that only one in 10,000 people possess perfect pitch.)

We will continue in the second part of this piece to explore the length and breadth of human senses while delving into the mystery of places throughout the world where some people can hear "the hum." The intended takeaway from this article is that our experiential reality is only sometimes the objective reality. Therefore, we shouldn't be too hasty in ridiculing those who claim to be sensing something we cannot personally sense.

We employ science to explore the potentiality and validity of such claims. And even then, many phenomena remain a mystery.

In the next edition of *For Your Consideration*, we'll visit, among other locations, the enchanting town of Taos, New Mexico. A recent survey revealed that at least two percent of the residents have reported an irritating hum that started in the early 1990s and continues today. It is variously described as the constant sound of an idling

diesel engine, while others think it sounds more like cicadas, and still others describe the hum as like a swarm of bees.

Furthermore, the Taos Hum is only one of many areas scattered around the globe that is home to a persistent and mysterious noise that causes an inability to sleep and focus for those who are plagued by it. We'll also visit some locations where the mystery has been solved and put to bed. Likewise, we'll examine and look at some intriguing and sometimes fanciful theories to explain the enigma of the hum.

Although we humans think of ourselves as being at the proverbial top of the food chain, in truth, our sensory abilities are puny compared to many other creatures that share our planet.

What do they know about the reality that surrounds us that we don't?

Until the next time, only eat real food, get a little exercise, and be kind to yourself and others.

Ken Springer
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Calendar, from page 4

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.

Taekwondo - Korean martial arts focusing on non-aggressive self-defense. All levels welcome. \$3/per class, Wednesdays at 6 p.m. with Instructor Nathaniel Sizemore.

Yoga - Enjoy relaxing yoga at Durbin Library, Tuesdays at 5 p.m., Linwood Center, Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. and Cass Community Center Fridays at 5:30 p.m.

REUNIONS

Annual Picnic for Marlinton 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 Dilley Road Sunday, September 10. Worship at 11 a.m. followed by a potluck picnic. Bring a chair or blanket. Everyone welcome.

Homecoming at Pine Grove Church of the Brethren in Arbovale Sunday, September 10. Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship, 11

a.m.; dinner at 12:30 p.m. Special music by Scott Lowe at 2 p.m.

CHURCH NOTICES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Marlinton United Methodist Church - Worship at 11 a.m. 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 Sundays, September 10 and 24, at 6 p.m.

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

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

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Pictured, front, l to r: Sharon, Phil and Susie; center: Eula and Claude Sr.; back: Jane and Claude.

Pyne graduates Magna Cum Laude

Kelly Pyne, of Marlinton, graduated Magna Cum Laude from Berea College August 15, where she received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

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Tuesday: Mini waffles with syrup.
 Lunch – Hot ham and cheese, macaroni salad, wa-

termelon, red bell pepper slices, fruit and milk.
Wednesday: Blueberry muffin and fruit.
 Lunch – Pepperoni roll with marinara sauce, tossed salad, corn, apple and milk.
Thursday: Breakfast bowl with egg, hashbrown, ham, fruit.

Lunch – Cheeseburger, French fries, broccoli bites, pineapple, popcorn and milk.
Friday: Biscuit and gravy and fruit.
 Lunch – Philly steak sub, baked beans, sweet potato fries, mixed fruit cup and milk.

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DEATHS
 Scott W. Stone, 88, of Bartow, a retired railroad engineer. Burial in Arbovale Cemetery.
 Brice A. Sawyers, 57, of Smoot, a son of the late A. L. and Susie Matics Sawyers. He was a retired assistant supervisor of the State Department of Highways. Burial at Clintonville with Masonic rites.

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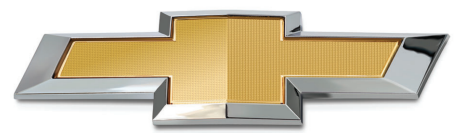
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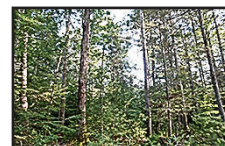
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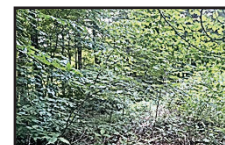
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